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RUMANIA AT WAR

The Rumanians are a people who pride themselves as being descendants of the famous Romans. During the time when the Roman Empire comprised the whole of Europe, a colony of Romans settled down where Rumania is now, which in time was known as Moldavia and Wallachia, under the protectorate of Turkey.

Rumania won her independence from Turkey in 1877, and her population was increased in 1913 by 273,090, mostly Turks obtained by the treaty of Bucharest as the result of the defeat of Bulgaria. Rumania is a country of several different races, but the majority are Latin speaking. It comprises 53,489 square miles, with a population of 7,508,009. The standing army in the field in time of peace is 290,000, but now Rumania has been able to mobilize between six and eight hundred thousand soldiers. The navy is small. The present king, Ferdinand I, is a nephew of King Carol I, who reigned as prince from 1866 to 1881 and as king until 1914.

The recent entrance of Rumania into the war, was not a surprise. The Rumanians, because they are of Latin race, were much in sympathy with the French people. The only cause which kept the Rumanians from joining the Allies at the beginning of the war was not that they wanted to be on the winning side but that the country is so small and of such small resources that it could not go to war for a long time.

Rumania took a long time, not to decide its position on the side of the Allies, but to go to war. This decision was finally made public, and the world knew that Rumania would be faithful to the Latin tradition. The position which Rumania has taken now is clear; she has gone to war in order that it might have a quicker ending and at the same time that the king may gather all the kindred people of his sovereignty. Bessarabia which will be returned by Russia. Transylvania also is an objective.

DOES PROHIBITION PROHIBIT?

Does prohibition prohibit and if not, why not? Like many other sudden changes in the social and economic structure prohibition has been slow to gain followers because of its apparent lack of success wherever tried. Has this condition been due to the change or to an inherent defect in the nature of the prohibition?

In this country the movement for prohibition started more than fifty years ago, but it was not until six or eight years ago that the campaign had any real success. Prohibition in European countries was not seriously considered until the present war brought the different nations to a realization that drink was sapping their vital energy.

If prohibition had been a real success when it was tried in Maine in the 60's, would it not have been adopted soon afterwards by other states? In Russia even now with all the excitement of the war and other serious interests the government is having a hard time to enforce prohibition. Vodka had such a place in the lives of the people that no mere legislation could do away with it.

What is true of Russia is true in a similar sense of other prohibition territory. People's habits cannot be changed overnight and an efficient substitute for them must be found before they can be really changed.

So it is with the prohibition movement. Now when sociologists, psychologists and other scientists are beginning to give their attention to the problem of a real substitute for the saloon, prohibition is beginning to prohibit and to be a success.

Last year the government reported that 15,000,000 gallons less of distill-

ed liquors and 6,000,000 barrels less of beer were consumed by Americans than in the previous year. Does not this show that prohibition is really beginning to prohibit and that this is the real reason why the movement is gaining adherents?

The Open Column

The Stewart Road Bridge.

Editor the Missouriian: The Stewart Road bridge is a source of constant danger to all people who pass over it. A single person walking over the structure is sufficient to set it to rattling. The passage of an automobile over the bridge makes a pedestrian think the bridge is starting to collapse. Bolts have sprung as much as an inch in the iron structure, while cracks and holes in the board flooring suggest annoyance and danger to the pedestrian.

This structure is a violation of the "safety first" idea. The city, as a mere matter of affording its people the protection the working men and women now get in factory and shop, should remedy this evil.

CITIZEN.

A Suggestion.

Editor the Missouriian: Through the columns of the Missouriian, I should like to make a little suggestion to the students and alumni of the University. The recent death of James Whitcomb Riley in Indiana, which drew out such a flood of kindly comment throughout the country, has served to direct the attention of many a Missouriian to the geniuses which our own state has produced in days gone by—and yet who, in the busy fight and strife of life, we are too proud to forget. In Eugene Field, who was a former student of the University, Missouri produced a genius who had much in common with the "Hoosier Poet"—and why would it not be a good idea to ask every student and alumnus to contribute a dollar toward a \$5,000 fund and then erect a splendid bronze statue of Field somewhere on the campus? Would it not be a fitting tribute to this rare character and would it not prove a splendid inspiration to the students of the University for years to come? A dollar per student and per alumni would not be an onerous contribution on the part of anyone, and a \$5,000 fund should be raised in this manner without serious difficulty and in a little while. Then there is Mark Twain and Captain Rollins—"Father of the University"—and others who do not occur to me on the spur of the moment. The University campus is one of the most beautiful in the entire country—and it would be so much more inspiring to the student body if here and there were handsome bronze tributes to some of the great men who, in other days, reflected undying credit upon the commonwealth. Before long the University should have 5,000 students. An average of a dollar per year from each student would, in a few years, place

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WILLIAM HIRTH,
Publisher Missouri Farmer.

An Equivalent for Hazing.

Editor The Missouriian: Formerly the attitude toward new students was one either of open hostility or of warm friendliness—the former to the average student and the latter to the fraternity prospect. The freshman then was made to feel either like an outcast or a prince. Now we have abandoned the former attitude, and the latter class is the only one to get attention.

This leaves us with more of a problem than before. The freshman must be noticed—must be taken care of in some way. If we are not to have hazing, which at least formed a means of social contact for new students, we must have its moral equivalent.

Those students who come up here with friends awaiting them do not need our attention; it is the average student who comes here to learn, to

form friendships, to study, to observe—in short, to make the most out of his chance for an education—that demands notice. The Y. M. C. A. tries to fill that place, but it can never by the nature of case prove an adequate substitute for a welcome by the entire student body.

The freshmen never did object strenuously to hazing; in fact, most of them liked it, because it noticed them, gave them some idea of University life, made them feel responsible for themselves and altogether gave them what was needed to start them off right under the new surroundings.

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sumed by the student body must be stimulated in some way so as to give the freshman a proper welcome. Some of these methods of stimulation and substitutes for the old-fashioned hazing are an efficient student union, provision for normal physical exercise, an adequate dormitory system and a more Democratic and informal social atmosphere. These are a few of the moral equivalents for hazing—let's hurry them along.—J. H. E.

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