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PRIDE

Germany is now a member of the League of

The United States is not a member of the League of Nations.

We thrill with pride for the Senate Irreconcilables. For Germany is a member of the League of Nations.

the League of Nations.

LUCKY

in one's own columns, but The Illini has ended lost no news editors nor other executive by scholastic difficulties. At last reports, all the juniors were eligible to continue their good offices and Mr. Morrow was in a position to bunk more line. That happy fortune has not been The Illini's for at least four years, and is therefore doubly welcome now. It proves nothing that we see except that The Illini is

We read with resignation that the Montrosses are about to write another college novel. We have inveighed against the college Montross novel and its prototypes, supposedly to society that there were once open saloonsthe gratification of the authors of the college Montross novel and its prototypes; we can ebullitions were justified on face value as what they are, there would be little complaint, but youth of the nation. instead they are set forward as accurate portrayals of normal college existence, and drinking wrong. It seems to the Illim that any more than "Town and Gown" is.

Innumerable crimes are committed in the name of realism, but realism can be applied to good things just as well as bad, and when year. With the Durkin trial, that makes two industry that is fatal to the independence; it is employed to depict college life as one great attractions secured by the windy city. continuous round of aphrodisiac sprees, it isn't realism. It's just pot boiling, and boiling of a none too savory pot

A LA COMSTOCK

Mr. Rudolph H. Kagey has taken over the hypochondriac Siren, and promises an issue on registration days. The Illini trusts that Mr. Kagey will find it possible to do what Sigma Delta Chi apparently found impossibleto edit a college humor magazine without more than seventy-five per cent pornography. The lllini some weeks ago looked through enough E Siren exchanges to establish that college humor, which seems to be a variety apart from other humor, is chiefly different in its social level. Ordinary public humor is usually of the parlor order: Ordinary college humor is usually of the smoking car order. The configurations & of the female figure are interesting to most men, but with the present modes of women's dress it isn't necessary to draw a funny magazine full of the nude and semi-nude for popular consumption every month.

We look forward with interest to Mr. Kagey's adventures in homor. We should be interested some time to see a college magazine that didn't have to be lewd to be funny.

SAINT JOAN

Mask and Bauble on Mothers day will present Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan," which penny. offers a variety of opportunity for comment. "Saint Joan," of course, is better Shawian philosophy than drams, and as such probably all the policeman's wife got was a copper.

THE DAILY ILLINI the choice of a cast won't be as important as it would be for some other plays. At least we hope it won't, because we can't for the life of us think of students who could satisfactorily portray the Maid and some of the others.

Then there is that matter of the senseless epilogue, from which heaven deliver the campus. It is to be supposed that Mask and Bauble will have to produce the epilogue. New College representatives: Collegiate Special Adv. Ag., Inc., 503 Fifth Ave., New York City. 37 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Roy Barnhill. Inc., 23 E. 26th St., New York City. back the laconic Mr. Shaw. We trust that the Short line won't have to change its schedule for Mr. Shaw.

Mechanically the play is a little ludicrous. Every act, as we recall it, ends in a Garrison finish that is designed to bring the audience to the verge of hysteria. That sort of thing Finally the time came to register for his has been called good theatre. It has also been

Nationalism expounded by Joan and Warwick,

who talk like Martin Luther and Napoleon III. The play is witty, if not downright brilliant, the lines are excellent, and the view which Shaw takes of Joan is original, as of course it would be. The motivation is frightfully inadequate, depending almost altogether on miracles, which, as the Bishop says, are a bishop's business, but motivation is naught to Mr. Shaw when he starts out to write him a play. Which those who will hear the play to read the

SAVING THE YOUTH OF THE NATION

The stand taken by the Episcopal church's Temperance Society to work for light wines and beers The Illini looks upon with disappointment and some impatience. The chief reason and of running a shoë store. Perforce, he took for the new policy is reported to have been a little English, and also Spanish "because it's "to save the young people of the nation." Now easier than any other language." After the the information upon which this stand was first year, he was told, these odious courses based is alleged to be far reaching and comprehensive, but it led to just one concrete con- keeping and business cycles. clusion—that Prohibition is failing to cut down the consumption of liquor by young people. Conceding for the sake of argument that pro- about the same schedule. He also learned how hibition has failed yet to accomplish what it to kid the co-eds and the place to get rent-aset about to accomplish, we believe the fords. Philosophy, history, politics, and society's logic from that premise was entirely literature he shunned religiously, for he hat fallacious. The Society reasons evidently that heard they were hard. He took enough history because there is apparently more drinking to fulfill his requirement and managed to among young people now than there was be- scrape by with a 65. Likewise with science, fore Prohibition, that we had better do away where he learned the names of a rew varieties with Prohibition. There probably is more of plants, but failed to understand the But Germany is a member of the League drinking, and what is worse, drunkenness scientific method or grasp the importance of among high school students now than there science in modern life. He cut as many was 10 years ago, but that drinking is in spite classes as he dared and studied enough to get of Prohibition, not because of it, and the very by. situation which makes that drinking and And the United States is not a member of drunkenness possible now are being gradually eliminated by Prohibition.

stamp out a vice, and vices are not stamped knew nothing of the wisdom of the philosophers, out in one year, nor yet two or three, and of the discoveries of science, or the beauties It is had newspaper etiquete to talk shop drinking hasn't been stamped out by the of literature and art. Eighteenth amendment. The first policy under second under the felicitous auspices of having drinking through the drinkers. That policy has been demonstrated as unsatisfactory, and the policy has been changed to one of going after the producers of liquor. The federal agencies for enforcement are henceforth to be distillers. With such a policy, progress may be expected where progress was not to be found before.

But whether or not the new policy progresses, and whether on not liquor continues to flow as it has is flowing now, it absolutely ridiculous to say that Prohibition has endangered the welfare of the youth of the nation. We should like to remind the Episcopal "Kansas Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa: which is the only way that liquors can be sold. as far as we can see. And we should like feel when I say I am declining the honor of only sit back and hope for the worst. If these to ask the Episcopal society how they think membership in Phi Beta Kappa. I appreciate open sale of liquors is going to help save the deeply the honor that has been extended to

By its own statement, the society considers sented in the following paragraph:

The old-time fish liar has given way to the scholar and scientist. fellow who brags about how many miles he gets from a gallon of gas.

The trouble with a good many family trees s that they refuse to bear anything but nuts.

No immigration quota ever stands in the way of folks who want to get into trouble.

The hold-up man has his little faults, but he doesn't call it an open-door policy.

The milk of human kindness too often is ynthetic.

and more humane nature.

Should the soprano resent it if the alto also

The armless wonder doesn't need to put up sign. "Hands Off."

The divorce lawyer usually takes it all in good part.

The counterfeiter seldom makes an honest

Our Contemporaries

THE GRIM COMEDY

Once there was a Small Town Boy whose parents decided that he should go to college. They bought him a new trunk and a traveling bag, some new clothes and a good supply of heavy underwear, and sent him off to the college town. When he arrived there he was met by slick-looking young men who carried him off to a fraternity house. After a seemingly endless string of "frat" men who came up and said "I don't believe I've met you. My —" he was pledged. He had some other date cards but these he disregarded on the assurance of the new brothers that he was satisfied where he was.

courses and the upperclassmen of Hotsey Totsey Pi called all the freshmen together to But the mechanics isn't the biggest thing give them expert advice on courses. "What in a play, and the ideas which Shaw scatters do you want to take?" they asked the Small with a prodigal hand through the piece are Town Boy. "Why, I don't know. I liked history worth listening to. Here in fifteenth century and English in high school. I thought I'd take France we listen to Protestantism and a course under Professor Blank in history, because our history teacher told me he was very famous." "What, under old Blank!" cried the upperclassmen. "Why he has the hardest course in school. You can't take anything under him or you won't make your hours." "Well," said the Small Town Boy, "maybe that's right. How about Professor Zipp? He wrote the English book we used and I've heard he's very good." But the upperclassmen replied, "Oh, Zipp's all right but he gives dull is usually an epilogue to a preface. We entreat | lectures about poetry and things like that. You'd better forget him. We'll just register you for thirteen hours in the Bizard college. We'll cut out Ec 17 because it's pretty tough. You've got to make all your hours your first semester so you can be initiated."

So the Small Town Boy was duly registered for thirteen hours of pipe courses in which he was instructed in the manner of keeping books could be dropped and he could revel in book-

The Small Town Boy made his hours and continued through his second semester with

The Small Town Boy continued on until he got a certain degree of culture. But, unfortunately, he was still a Small Town Boy, The Eighteenth amendment set about to though he now knew the Charleston. For he

the grim comedy of the college graduate.

Those who are interested in encouraging devoted to stopping up the bootleggers and big intellectual interest among undergraduates and to make the appeal of the library somewhere nearly equivalent to the appeal of the gridiron may have observed with considerable interest the recent case of a student at the University of Kansas who refused membership in Phi Beta Kappa. We admire his honesty and courage as well as his judgment. He wrote this refusal:

> "I wrote this letter with hesitating fingers, fearing that I may not make clear just how I me. My reasons for not accepting it are pre-

"I do not subscribe to the ideal of the high that they certainly are not. We know enough with such a conviction the logical thing to do grade which I understand is the ideal of Phi scandal to fill The Illini two days a week, and is to bend every effort to enforce the law Beta Kappa. I honestly believe that in the most of it about students of whom people like which tries to do away with drinking, rether circumstances of our state universities today, to read, but that scandal isn't real college life than to tear down that law and frankly and with their large classes and individualized legally sell the stuff to the youth of the nation. treatment, to strive for grades is detrimental to the best interests of scholarship. To get Chicago gets the army-navy game this an 'A' requires a degree of docility and useless initiative, and spirit of adventure which are the very life blood, it seems to me, of the true

"In short I feel that the grade system of our schools is a false criterion of scholarship and is a dangerous foundation for intellectual idealism and achievement.

"I recall, as I write, my own experience with grades, for I sadly admit that many of the 'A's' came through the path of 'grinding,' 'cramming,' 'doing what the 'prof' expects' and working for grades.' I feel that I have sacrificed my own development for the empty honor of a grade. I feel that this is the price of our honoring of high grades. Of course if high grades, and high scholarship were synonymous there would be no point in what say. But in our academic system where so much of the educational process is formal I do What the world needs is less human nature not see how it is possible for a student to be a 'straight A man' without wasting much of his energies on the forms and husks which are inevitable in courses which are taught, not to individuals, but to classes of 30, 50, 100 and

". . . I do not believe that I would be honest and fair to the organization if I joined it when I have so little confidence in the efficiency of its high grade measure of scholarship (I do not agree with those who say, 'Well, it is the best we can have under the circumstances'). I do not see that it would be playing square with the scholastic standing of Phi Beta Kappa if I accepted membership upon the basis of my past records and then proceeded to ignore, as if she married for money, it seems about I am trying to do, grades for the rest of my

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