

# TERM OPENS WITH BEST OF PROSPECTS

College Established Record for 1921.

Mercer's winter term for 1922 opened with encouraging prospects as the hundreds of students registered Tuesday and Wednesday. As the Cluster goes to press the registration is not complete, but the enrollment will lack but few names of reaching the mark set in the fall term, according to an announcement by J. Henry Burnett, registrar. Several new men were already enrolled and others expected.

Incidentally it became known that Mercer had established what may be a record for Southern colleges during the fall of 1921. For during the fall term only nine students were compelled to drop out from financial difficulties and other causes. In the light of the present economic situation this is regarded as rather remarkable, showing among other things the determination and resourcefulness of Mercer students.

The general situation at Mercer at the term's opening is pronounced favorable by the officials of the University. Satisfaction was expressed that Mercer would continue to make progress with her plans for expansion. New students are coming in, improvements in the financial situation is expected, and the new buildings are nearing completion. The new dining hall will shortly be finished, giving Mercer a Men's Commons second to none in the South.

## MERCER MAY LOSE BURNETT, BUS. MGR.

Matriculation for Hobo College Begins in Chicago.

Opening of the fall term of the Hobo college, with a record breaking attendance scheduled, has been announced by Patrick ("Paddy") Carroll, president of the famous Chicago institution, says the Chicago News. "Matriculation has begun," said Mr. Carroll. "Or, in other words, the old dump is open for any of the stiffies that feel like droppin' in."

"Regarding the impending term, have this to say: There are more hobos lying around without jobs than at any time in the history of the college. That means a lot of students. We are arranging some special courses on 'How to Live Without Eating,' which we expect to interest them all. It's going to be a banner year for the institution or my name ain't Paddy Carroll!"

The new president is prominent in the best hobo circles of Brooklyn, N. Y., and used to be sergeant at arms at the Dill Pickle Club. He says, however, that he has quit fighting.



SETH WEEKLY

Football player, basketball captain, minister, professional wrestler, gas meter inspector, pre-lim boxer, and now on the way to the Pacific Coast seeking local color for writing moving picture scenarios.



CHARLIE BUTLER

Former Mercer student and now one of the greatest singers and entertainers in America. He has for years toured America and Europe as the vocal singer for Alexander and Torrey and other great ministers. Mr. Butler is now singing at the Macon Civic Conference.

## ALL-TIME TEAM TO PLAY REGULARS

Lineup Would Include Many Famous Stars.

Macon basketball fans are urging that the present Mercer team be matched with what would be called an All-time Orange and Black team which would be composed of the basketball stars of former years at Mercer.

It is a matter of history that Mercer has in the past turned out some of the fastest court cavorters in the realm of basketball in the South. On these fast teams of the past were many outstanding stars. Some of the former scintillators suggested to meet the present phenomenal quintet are Johnny Westmoreland, Charlie Morgan, Walter Grace, "Skipper" Cochran, "Stuck" Rodenberry.

The sport editor of the Macon Telegraph in discussing the proposed game suggests the following lineup: Grace, center, and Cochran and Rodenberry, guards. The sport writer also urges that the proceeds of the game be used to buy sweaters for Mercer athletes. It is believed that such a game, if arranged, would be a great drawing card, and give the Macon fans a rare treat in basketball.

## PEACE CONFERENCE

The problems of the Disarmament Conference may be stated in the order of their importance and difficulty as follows: First, China; second, limitation of navies; third, reduction of armies.

Under the short term "China" may be grouped the problems that primarily concern the United States, Japan and Great Britain in the Far East. Questions of naval limitations concern chiefly the same three powers, while with the reduction of land forces or armies, France appears to have the greatest cause for concern. Then, the goal sought in the present conference is the solution of Far Eastern problems, and following such solution, if reached, the less difficult adjustment of naval limitation, both problems being of fundamental importance at present to only three leading powers.

Now, all will admit that for the conference at Washington to terminate successfully the main problems before it must first be solved for the best interest of world peace. If we admit that the conference may attain degrees of success, then such partial success must include at least the most important question or questions before the delegates. For the conference to begin even to succeed the Far Eastern problems must be settled on a basis of justice for China, Japan, the United States and Great Britain.

The question now arises, would the permanently amicable adjustment of the Far Eastern problem between the United States, Japan and Great Britain constitute success, for the conference, if such settlement involved a sacrifice of the rights of China? To this question the answer is, No. At this juncture in the world's history the denial to any nation of its right to work out its destiny unhampered by foreign domina-

tion can not constitute successful diplomacy.

Therefore, the first factor in success for the conference must be the full recognition by the three powers concerned of China's right to national entity and sovereignty among modern states. Any bargaining or swapping of favors by the powers at the expense of China will be prima facie evidence of failure, judging from the results of such maneuvers in the past.

China has put forth certain demands, supposedly at the suggestion of the United States, which if granted, would be the beginning of success for the conference. The powers, including Japan, have agreed "in principle" to the requests of China. But they balk at the actual fulfillment. And here lies failure. When once China is accorded her rightful privileges, the other problems of the conference will seem simple, barring perhaps the question of the reduction of land forces. Reduction of armies is made difficult by the peculiar position of France as regards the German menace, very real to France at least.

Let Japan, Great Britain and the United States guarantee to China her rights as a nation, all nations ceasing their exploitation of China and allowing her to work out her destiny unfettered by foreign yokes; let the nations limit their navies in proportion to their present strength; let the nations agree upon a maximum strength allowable for land forces, approaching this problem with an open eye to the Franco-German situation—these accomplishments would constitute success for the Washington conference.

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