

ROOSEVELT'S NEW WORD.

**Pacifists, if Not All Poltroons,
Teach Poltroonism.**

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Denunciation of the men behind the so-called Collegiate Anti-Militaristic League, members of which, he said, preached a doctrine of cowardice and "emasculated morality," and were unfit citizens and a discredit and a disgrace to the nation and to the educational institutions they represent," was the feature of an address by Colonel Roosevelt today at the Presidio to the men attending the War Department student instruction camp and soldiers and officers stationed at the post.

"I find on this letter," said Colonel Roosevelt, waving the league's protest against student camps, "the signatures of eight men, presumably Americans, and one Chinaman, and this is right and proper, for it is an appropriate thing for the eight who are trying to Chinify the United States to associate themselves with a Chinaman in this effort.

"It is merely another of these peace-at-any-price efforts—efforts that prove that, if the pacifists are not all poltroons, they teach 'poltroonism,' and if they had their own way would breed a nation of poltroons.

"The motto of this Collegiate League is: 'Above All Nations is Humanity.' These eight Americans who ought to be Chinamen do not take into consideration the fact that an anti-military nation that is powerless to help itself is powerless to further the cause of humanity."

FELL DOWN WENDEL STAIRS.

**Servant, Hurt in "Mystery House,"
May Die—Policeman Barred.**

Loungers in the Union League Club windows were startled last night when they saw an ambulance draw up in front of the old Wendel home, called the "mystery house," opposite the club at Thirty-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue, and the surgeon step briskly through the door that is said to have admitted not one stranger since the house was built in 1856. An emissary from the club learned that the ambulance had been summoned by the housekeeper when Margaret Moriarity, 22 years old, one of the Wendel servants, had fallen downstairs and was unconscious with probable concussion of the brain. She was taken to Bellevue in a dangerous condition.

The housekeeper had to run into the street for a policeman after the accident, because the three sisters of the late John Gottlieb Wendel will not have a telephone in the house. They are said to be worth between \$60,000,000 and \$80,000,000. The sisters, Mary E., Ella E., and Georgiana, are at their Summer home at Irvington-on-the-Hudson and the Fifth Avenue house is in charge of servants. When Patrolman Hunter entered the basement and started upstairs he was waved back sternly by the housekeeper. It is said no person not a member of the family or a servant has ever seen the interior of the house.