

strated that we can produce all these products, when the war is ended, what will happen?

The millions that have been expended in the building of the plant and organization, will count for naught against the renewed German competition. We all know that the lowest class of American workmen receive a wage two, three, four times beyond that of the foreign workman, whether he be German or of any other nationality, and it is foolish to ignore the fact that, in certain chemical industries, we cannot compete, until our government protects our chemical industries as does Germany and some other countries.

It is true that Germany has some natural advantages, as for instance, she has some deposits of mineral containing potash, which we do not possess or which, if we do possess, have not yet been exploited, but the real reason for her commanding position in the chemical industry is the government support which these industries receive.

We see in the public press, the chemical, pharmaceutical and other journals, arguments and statements with regard to our ability to take care of ourselves in the matter of chemical products, but we will not do it until our government protects this industry, as is done in foreign countries, and with consideration for the diverse standards of living between American and foreign workmen.

GEORGE B. KAUFFMAN.

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### THE NEW PHARMACEUTICAL SYLLABUS.

THE attention of the members is especially called to the criticisms of the Syllabus, which appear on P. 1495.

As this work is one intended to powerfully and definitely influence the course of Pharmaceutical education in this country and to provide uniform, definite and certain courses of education for its coming pharmacists, our readers are earnestly requested to transmit to the Journal any succinct and informing comment upon the Syllabus which they may think desirable to make, with the purpose of determining its true value in pharmaceutical education.

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Just as we go to press, the following announcement is made by the Board of Canvassers of the result of the election for officers of the Association,

*President*, Dr. William C. Alpers, of Cleveland, Ohio.

*First Vice President*, Charles H. LaWall, Ph. M., of Philadelphia, Pa.

*Second Vice President*, E. A. Ruddiman, M. D., of Nashville, Tenn.

*Third Vice President*, Linwood A. Brown, Phar. D., of Lexington, Ky.

*Members of the Council*, Caswell A. Mayo, Ph. G., of New York, F. M. Apple, P. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., Harry V. Arny, Ph. D., of New York, N. Y.

The Board of Canvassers comprised the following members:—Clyde M. Snow, Chairman, Irwin A. Becker, William Gray, Henry W. Colson, Mrs. M. M. Gray, all of Chicago, Ill.

The Journal extends to the newly-elected officers its sincere congratulations, and also those of every member of the Association.