A Technology Hero.

On Jan. 2 last the steamship "Walla Walla" was wrecked off Cape Mendocino, California. On board at the time was Assistant Engineer Hermann Kotzschmar, of the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service, who was a Technology graduate, Course II, '95. Following is an extract from a letter by Captain Hamlet, R.C.S., at San Francisco, to the department at Washington, calling attention to the gallant conduct of Mr. Kotzschmar, and giving an account of the heroic and pathetic incident:

"In connection with the services performed by this officer as acknowledged by the steamship company, it may be stated that he personally unhooked both of the boat-falls and put the plug in the boat when she was lowered, and stood for thirty-one hours at the steering oar, with absolutely no assistance from any one of the other occupants of the boat. It is not so stated, but it is a fact that there was not a single seaman from the lost steamer in the boat with Kotzschmar, and no one who could or would relieve him for a moment in the work of guiding the boat to the shore. When a landing was finally made, the boat was upset because no attention was paid to his directions, the men even refusing to pull an oar. It was evidently a case of every one for himself at this juncture, and Kotzschmar was left to save his wife alone. Three times he succeeded in swimming with her through the surf to the beach, and each time was borne back again by the receding waves, from lack of assistance from those who had succeeded in maintaining their foothold. At the third attempt he was thrown upon the beach stunned and senseless, and his wife was swept out to sea and drowned almost under his eyes.

Comment on the cowardly conduct of the other occupants of the boat is unnecessary, but I hope that some public recognition of the bravery of Mr. Kotzschmar at the hands of the department may be accorded.

Respectfully yours,

O. C. HAMLET, Captain, R.C.S.

P.S.—The boat contained nine passengers, all men, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. K."

Athletic Meet.

On Saturday, the 29th of March, an athletic meet is to be held at the gymnasium, in the afternoon. The meet is for the purpose of bringing out men in those events wherein Tech is especially weak, and is the idea of Mr. Mahan, the coach. Prizes are to be given, there will be no entry fees, and admission to the gymnasium will be entirely free. There are three handicap events: the high jump, the pole vault and the shot put; and one scratch event: the two-mile run, which will start and finish in front of the gymnasium. Everybody should turn out.

Junior Class Smoker.

On Friday, March 7, the Junior Class held another smoker at 71 Newbury Street. Dr. Pritchett, Professor Bates, Professor Wendell and Mr. Blachstein were present, together with between fifty and seventy-five students. Professor Bates told some very amusing stories, and Dr. Pritchett made a short address, stating the purpose of these student gatherings and looking forward to the time when the Walker Memorial Building and the new Technology Chambers will add greatly to the spirit of good fellowship among Tech men. Dr. Wendell gave a very interesting talk on his experiences while studying in Germany, and gave a graphic account of taking his examinations for Doctor of Philosophy. Mr. Blachstein made a short address, and among other things defined the word "Kommers," and gave its derivation.