

hour to an hour and a half practice every day, with every one of the men in their proper positions.

For these reasons the Advisory Council have not looked favorably on baseball playing in the spring, and as I stated before, they cannot, without being inconsistent, favor giving numerals to teams.

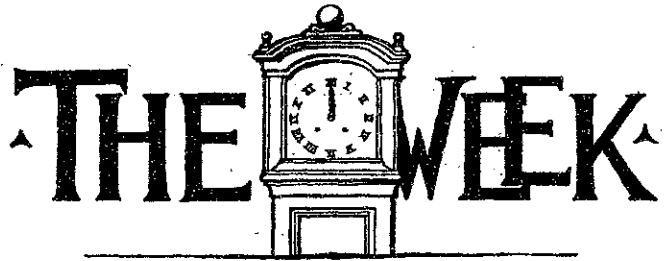
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Alumni Dinner.

The ninth annual dinner of the Technology Club of New York was held at the University Club in that city on Friday evening, Feb. 5. The feature of the dinner was the "liquid sunshine" which was quaffed by the seventy-five alumni present. The toastmaster was Mr. Charles Neave, '90. The first speaker was President Pritchett, who spoke of the progress being made by the Institute, in research work especially, saying that the Germans recognized us as their most formidable competitors in electrical research. In the course of his speech Dr. Pritchett paid a glowing tribute to the Hon. Elihu Root, who has just resigned from the cabinet. After Dr. Pritchett's address the alumni gave a rousing M. I. T. cheer. Dr. William J. Morton then spoke on "Science and Medicine," and he was followed by Rev. J. Minot Savage, who made a brief address.

Mr. Lester D. Gardner, '98, showed some interesting radium phenomena. Skeletons, balloons, and other articles coated with radium paint were exhibited, and attention was called to the practical use to which a highly luminous radium paint might be put. Professor G. B. Pegram of Columbia exhibited and explained a perpetual motion device which he has designed, and which depends in principal upon the seeming ability of radium to emit luminous energy indefinitely. A luminous baton was then used to lead a number of college songs.

The dinner was by far the most novel and interesting that the New York alumni have ever given, even surpassing the famous "telephone dinner" of four years ago.



NATIONAL.

The Panama treaty has been the chief topic in Congress during the last few weeks. The treaty was reported with three amendments, relating to sanitation, limitation of cities and control of harbors, but it has been practically decided to drop them, as being unnecessary. Many speeches have been made, attacking and defending the President's policy. The Democrats are not united in opposing the treaty, so it seems probable that the treaty will be ratified as soon as it comes to a vote.

Another topic which has been before the Senate is the question of the "Constructive Recess," on which hang the appointments of Gen. Leonard Wood, Collector Crum at Charleston, and over 160 others.

A recent explosion in a coal mine near Cheswick, Pa., resulted in the death of 184 miners. The mine had been a gaseous one from the start, and the explosion was probably due to a defective shot.

At the United States consulate in Cienfuegos, some rioters vented their ill-feelings by throwing mud on the United States escutcheon hanging over the entrance. Consul Baehr protested to the local authorities, and notified Minister Squiers, and the latter made a protest to President Palma. The prosecution of those who were responsible for the defacing of the escutcheon has been ordered.

Gov. William H. Taft took the oath of office as Secretary of War on Feb. 1, and at once entered upon his new duties. The retiring secretary, Elihu Root, desires to resume the practice of law in New York.