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BOSTON, MASS., FEBRUARY 24, 1910.

Is it not about time that the sophomore class were aroused from the peaceful sleep which they have been enjoying this term? Class spirit is a strange thing and it takes time for it to develop. However, the splendid spirit and co-operation so marked last year is decidedly on the wane. The list of names published on the Union bulletin board representing unpaid dues is much too large. Non-support of student activities is in some cases excusable; but there seems to be no plausible reason why one should not pay his class dues. In the next two months the class of 1912 must act. Ballots for the election of the Technique 1912 Electoral Committee are soon to be mailed, and it should be remembered that in order to be "a member of the class of 1912 and vote" all dues must be paid. If you have not paid your dues do so at once. You can perform this duty to say the least. Think this over from all standpoints. If your name is posted on that list at the Union, get it off now.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Another cold wave is on the way, according to Weather Forecaster Smith, and is due to reach Boston tonight. Just how low the temperature will go is problematical, but it will surely touch 8 above mark, says Mr. Smith.

At 8 o'clock today it was 26 above in Boston, and gradually colder going west, as far as Kansas, all of which is in the zero zone. At Bismarck, N. D., 26 below zero is registered.

At Palm Beach, Fla., where Mayor Fitzgerald is basking in the sun and zephyrs, the day started off at 72, with good prospects of reaching 90.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Attacks were renewed yesterday by strike sympathizers on the street cars. Two policemen accompanied every car and mounted police constantly patrolled the streets on which the cars were run. Three have already been killed and more than a thousand persons been injured as a result of the strike which has lasted in this city for three days.

Boston, Feb. 24.—John H. Bickford, engineer and promoter of the proposed Boston & Eastern electric railroad and a recognized authority on transportation matters, in an interview today expressed his convction that J. Pierpont Morgan is at the head of a powerful financial coterie which has planned the capture of all New England railroads, both steam and electric.

That President Mellen of the New Haven road does not intend to give the people of Boston the kind of electrification they expect, and that the proposed tunnel between the North and South stations can never solve Boston's traffic needs, is the firm belief of Engineer Bickford.

Cambridge, Feb. 24.—National Bank Examiner Ellis S. Pepper has discovered a shortage of $144,000, or more, in the affairs of the National City Bank of Cambridge, and in one of the telegrams which he sent yesterday to Comptroller of the Currency Murray at Washington he named George W. Coleman, the bookkeeper, as the defaulter. The bank has been closed because of this shortage in the individual deposits. Coleman is sought by the Cambridge police. The amount said to be missing is more than the combined capital and surplus of the bank by about $5,000, making the bank obviously insolvent.

New Haven, Feb. 24.—The freshmen and sopohomores at Yale fought out their annual Washington's Birthday fence rush after chapel yesterday in a downpour of rain and upon a muddy campus. The "Y" men of the senior class, headed by Captain Edward H. Coy, had charge of the affair, giving the signal to start and stop, and later the decision as to the winner. The freshmen won by the decision, although after the rush stopped the hatless and caneless sophomores did the cheering under the idea that they had held the fence. The crowd of spectators was the largest in years. Aside from many bloody noses and torn clothing, there were few features.

Reykjavik, Iceland, Feb. 22.—An avalanche has overwhelmed Huipsdal on Dsa Fiord, and twenty-three persons were killed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Blood poisoning, hitherto considered an almost invariably fatal disease, and one whose onset is dreaded by every surgeon, can be cured by diphtheria anti-toxin, according to a report to the Philadelphia medical profession by Edward M. Deacon.

The discovery of this new and unlooked for power of diphtheria antitoxin was made accidentally.

Central City, Ky., Feb. 24.—An explosion of gas in the mine of the Iron Mountain Coal Co. yesterday, fatally burned one miner and injured several others. Most of the men, however, escaped with slight burns. The woodwork in the mine caught fire and the mine is still burning.

Beaufort, N. C., Feb. 24.—The entire crew of 30 men of the British steamer Srroyo, which went aground Tuesday off North Carolina coast near Diamond Shoal, was taken off safely by the lifesavers from Portsmouth Island Station.

Boston, Feb. 24.—For mutual protection and benefit, the manufacturers of the airships on exhibition in Mechanics Building have formed a new association this week. It is to be known as the National Association of Aeroplane Manufacturers. The principal purpose of the new organization is to provide mutual protection in case of infringement of patent rights.

This is the last day in which to see the first airship show ever held in the United States, for this evening, at ten o'clock, the exhibition of flying machines in Mechanics Building closes.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, Feb. 24.—It is probable that Commander Robert E. Peary will have to submit proofs of his discovery of the North Pole to the House Committee on Naval Affairs before that Committee reports any one of the several bills intended to officially recognize the explorer as the discoverer of the North Pole. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Committee today, and the sub-committee having charge of the Peary bills adopted a resolution calling upon the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to submit any official reports made by Peary or any proofs to substantiate his claim.

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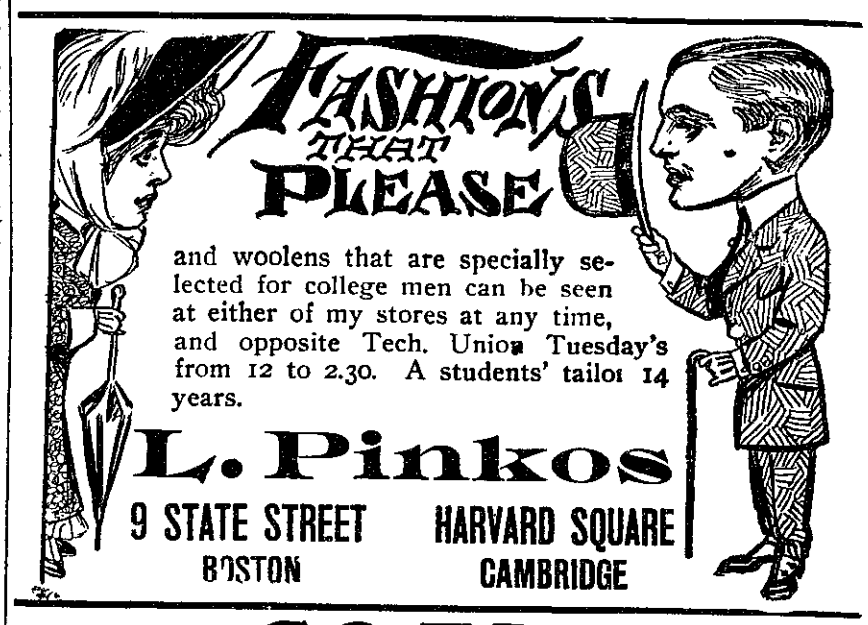

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