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## NO M. I. T. A. A. MEETING

Several days ago a meeting was called of the M. I. T. A. A. for yesterday. Every member received ample notice. A quorum did not turn up at the meeting yesterday.

This marks the climax of a very noticeable lack of interest that has been indulged in by the members. These meetings do not require much time, but they are very important from the standpoint of the welfare of athletics at the Institute. If these elected men do not have the interest in the work they were selected for on this committee it is up to the classes to elect men who are.

The real trouble with the Association is that aside from the appointment of the team managers it has no other duties than advisory. If names indicate present duties, the Advisory Council and Athletic Association should interchange names. It is the same old question of no authority to deal with matters. If the Athletic Association is to exist it must have men who will take the interest to make the work of the association progressive; it must have real rights; and it must collaborate with the Advisory Council.

## GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

### WEATHER REPORT.

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Forecast for Boston and Vicinity.—Generally cloudy Wednesday, accompanied by light variable winds becoming easterly and southerly.

### WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, April 6.—There is much speculation in naval circles as to the outcome of the test of the La Coste ship brake now being fitted on the battleship Indiana in the dry dock at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The sea trial of the brake, which, if successful, will mean much in naval evolution, will take place off the Delaware Capes, April 18. A preliminary inspection of the apparatus has been made by six members of the Inspection and Survey Board of the Navy Department.

Washington, April 6.—The Argentine naval commission, consisting of sixteen officers, is now in America to superintend the construction here of the two new Dreadnoughts just ordered by the South American country. Little has been officially made public as to the details of the new ships.

Cambridge, April 6.—A unique political campaign will be carried on next Monday by the students of Harvard University on the question of whether President Taft's record would justify his recall if the constitution of the United States provided for the recall in public service. An equal number of Democrats and Republicans will superintend the voting and the ballots will be in four colors in order to ascertain the number of Democratic, Republican, Socialist and unclassified voters in the university.

Boston, April 6.—Visitors to the Charlestown Navy Yard yesterday showed much interest in the three little warships undergoing repairs in the smaller dry dock. They are submarines, set on the blocks in single file, and for one who has never before viewed one of these strangest of craft they are of great interest. At the head of the line is the Tarpon, next comes the Stingray and on the outer end is the Narwhal. The ships are in commission and each flies a commission whip from a stubby signal mast and an American flag from a staff at the stern. As soon as the submarines are painted and some minor changes made they will be floated out of the dry dock.

Boston, April 6.—With the exception of the Ninth Regiment none of the bodies of the Massachusetts militia favor the repetition of the war game this summer, and consequently there will be no manoeuvres of the State's military establishments as a whole.

Boston, April 6.—A bulletin on reforestation in Massachusetts has been prepared by R. S. Langdell, assistant to State Forester Rane. It shows what is required to secure good stands of lumber in this State. The total area of Massachusetts is about 5,321,000 acres, and he says that 2,673,000 acres of this are adapted only to the growing of trees, and 700,000 acres of it are practically worthless tracts at the present time.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Following the latest refusal of the striking car men to accept the terms of settlement offered by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit the board of directors of the company have practically withdrawn their offer to take back all the men.

New York, April 6.—The American line, under its contract with the United States Government, has carried ever since its incorporation ten cadets on each of its four ships—the Philadelphia, New York, St. Louis, and St. Paul. Their uniforms are provided for them, and their pay begins at \$10 a month. It has been difficult, however, for the line to get the right kind of educated American boys to fill the vacancies as they occurred. In summer applications for vacancies pour in from all parts of the country from boys who wish to make a trip or two to Southampton in vacation time. They go with the intention of seeing as much as they can during the stay of the ship at Southampton, but not to study navigation and become officers in the mercantile marine. In the winter the applications practically cease.

Alameda, Cal., Apr. 6.—Plunging from a height of 80 feet into the waters of San Francisco Bay, Frank Johnson, an aviator, riding the Curtis bi-plane, was nearly drowned yesterday a mile off shore.

It is remarkable to note the work of Gilbert Horrax, the former Williams College track star, at Johns Hopkins University. Horrax is referred to by Baltimoreans as a recent development showing how closely they follow track athletics in the South. He should prove a good man to try out Burdick and Lane, the Penn high jumpers, in the dual games to-morrow.

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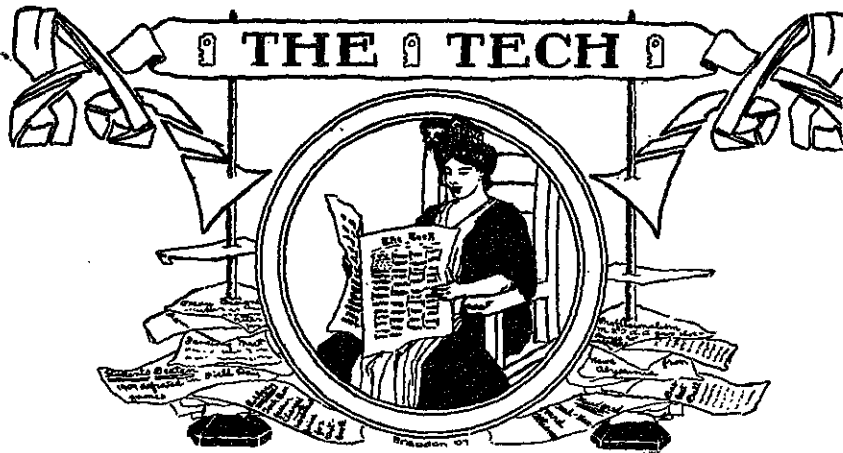
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