THE WAR OF NATIONS

AND THE INSTITUTE

Technology Feels No Necessity

Supplies On Hand For Present Year.

Technology, while for removed from the scene of the present European conflict, is affected by existing conditions to a certain extent. There is, to be sure, no direct falling off in the number of students attending; on the contrary, there is an increase over last year. There are, however, some students who are not in attendance this year because of the war and a few members of the teaching staff are still engaged at the front. The direct influence has to do with institute finances and certain classes of supplies.

In the first case business conditions have affected certain manufacturers to such a degree that some well-to-do students, who rarely are in need, are feeling the financial stringency. In one case the southern colleges have lessened house receipts for cotton are accepted as tuition payment. At Technology it has been found that but few students are greatly financially embarrassed and yet Bursar Ford has seen fit to be lenient in the matter of payments to those students whose houses are abroad and others whose capital is low because of lack of remittances. Students with foreign connections find it hard to obtain funds because the lines of communication are cut off or very uncertain. Another reason why it is hard to get money from Europe is that rates of exchange are now quite high. One student recently received only $250 out of $300, the transfer being made from Russia.

As another direct result of the cutting off of communication, certain chemical supplies and text books from Germany have been found wanting. Some time ago this fact was made evident when the German department requested that all text books held by those who had already used them should be passed along to the next class. In the matter of chemical supplies a shortage of fluxes is principally felt. The Illinois purchasing agent, Mr. A. G. Melcher, says orders, some months ago and with enough supplies on hand to complete the school year, little worry is evident. Shipment from Rotterdam are all that are coming through but it is almost certain that enough will reach America from Germany to satisfy the needs of the chemical department. The price of chemicals has not materially increased. Copper and nickel are all that have shown a marked advance, others remaining at the usual prices.

The greatest effect is that in regard to the new Technology. In his recent report to the Corporation President MacArthur states that some gifts due to the Institute are withheld for the present. Because of the depression in business conditions and also that the real estate stagnation has in a large measure cut off sums of money that might otherwise be put into the new buildings. Unless the war continues for too long a time, however, these adverse conditions will adjust themselves so as to produce no permanent ill effects on the Institute.

RELAY TEAM TRIALS

TO BE HELD TODAY

Competition Keen — Guething And Collorary Make The Best Times.

Time trials for the 390-yard relay team which will meet Harvard at the Coast Artillery games on Jan. 16th, will be held at the gym this afternoon, and competition for the team is so close that even Coach Kandy refuses to make any statement as to the probable makeup of the team.

One man is sure of his place. Carl Guething is running far faster than any man who has represented the Institute indoors at that distance for several years. In addition to being the fastest man on the squad, he has the advantage of being a big, rangy runner and a hard man to pass on an indoor track.

Up to the present Bill Collorary has been running second man, covering the distance about a second slower than Guething. Although Collorary is better known throughout New England as a broad jumper and all-round athlete, he made a name for himself at Holy Cross as a member of their first mile relay.

The other two places on the team seem to be a toss-up with "Keng" Deen, Bill Adams, Frank O'Hara, Charlie Reed, Tom Barry and "Jeff" Read all in the race. O'Hara, when in condition is easily the fastest of the lot, but owing to a death in his family he was unable to do any running during the fall, and is just getting into condition. Although he may not show up any too strongly this afternoon, he is practically certain to be (Continued on Page Five)

KEOKUK DAM ADDRESS

Mr. H. L. Cooper To Speak Before Civil Engineers.

On Thursday at 4.00 p. m., Mr. H. L. Cooper, the chief engineer of the Keokuk Dam Project, is to speak before the Civil Engineering Society to 11 Engineering B.

Mr. Cooper is one of the most prominent engineers in the country and has carried out other engineering projects besides the recent Keokuk Dam. He is the designer of the largest water turbines ever built.

He has some very good lantern slides which it is hoped he will be able to show at the meeting. The society extends an invitation to all to be present.

MUSICAL CLUBS

Concert At Simmons—Abrams Reviews Midwinter Trip.

The Musical Club will give a concert next Saturday evening, beginning at 8.00, at Simmons College. The affair will take place in the Recital Hall.

General Manager Abrams of the Musical Clubs has gone over the route to be covered in the midwinter trip, and reports conditions very favorable in all the cities he visited.