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ARE YOU EDUCATED?

IT IS POSSIBLE that Debs was wrong in his conclusions that Labor is exploited for the benefit of the Capitalist in time of war, and that Labor should call a general strike if war is declared—for the Press tells us that representatives of three millions of our so-called laboring class have pledged themselves to do everything in their power to aid if war must finally grow out of this crisis.

Where is it that Eugene got side tracked? We feel it was probably at the switch of inadequate facts, or possibly at the crossing of prejudiced conclusions. And since Debs is human he falls back from the heights into the class of most of us.

There is woeful lack of a knowledge of current events among students. It is the privilege, nay, the duty of those who have the opportunity and the training, to be well informed concerning the events going on about them. The student above all should have a knowledge and a clear conception as to the results of changing current events, for to such society looks for its guidance, and to such fall the cares of shaping the policies of this same society of which we are a part. We hear the cry that we have no time to read the newspapers and that we will leave the shaping of our policies to the President and his advisers, because they know more about affairs than we do. Yes, that sounds good, but how are we to obtain adequate facts unless we read? It is not necessary to swallow everything we see in print, nor is it necessary to read everything printed. To know what to read, how to read, and where to read is no small education in itself, and this phase of our education is necessary for the one who would be more than mediocre in his profession.

Then as to prejudice,—we should read with as open a mind as possible, deciding only after reading more than one side and more than one viewpoint—otherwise we will be like the short sighted man who decides that a ground-hog has only one hole, because this man approaches the field with a restricted vision. In this as in many another thing, practice makes perfect, so that we become surprised and pleased with our ability to pick the wheat from the chaff. This educating of oneself leads to clear and quick decisions.

It is not necessary to consider yourself fit to advise the President if you do read and have an opinion. Very often where advice is not asked it is not wanted; but if we decide, therefore, not to read on that account, where are we to get the future Presidents, and the future members of Congress, and our city councils unless we get the habit now, so that when the call comes we can say, "Ready!"

And if we, students, do not take an active interest in the news of the day our education is correspondingly curtailed.

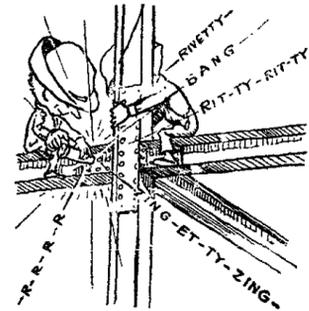
ADVERTISING THE INSTITUTE

THE Society of Arts is doing what amounts to a grand bit of extension work to advertise the Institute. The lectures given under the auspices of the Society are decidedly attractive to the knowledge-seeking pupils of Greater Boston's high schools who throng to the gatherings. The subjects are of a nature calculated to arouse the interest of the younger generation in the marvels of science, and the influx of requests for admissions indicate the success of the venture. Will new buildings soon be a necessity to accommodate the increase in entering classes that may result?

It has happened. The notice concerning the use of the buildings as general smoking rooms was not unlooked for and it will cause the inveterate pipe fiend but little inconvenience—especially since the warm air of approaching Spring is an invitation to be out in the Court.



According to The Lounger's latest advice, the new form of alarm clock recently instated by some deserving member of the Faculty in the Dormitories has met with protest. Passing at dead of night through the dark and deserted district where Fate has marooned so many Institute men. The Lounger was aware of sudden shouting, the outcry mingling with a hiss of escaping steam which brought to mind ancient memories of Heat-lecture. As he stopped to wipe away a tear at the sentimental



thought, he gazed over at the wrathful flames which reddened the sky, wondering if late hours had so crazed the dorm contingent that they now essayed to build midnight beacons on the Charles. Finally a yell of triumph assailed what The Lounger has heard alluded to as the welkin; the sounds of superheat died away with the glare on the sky; and the clink of chip upon chip alone broke the peaceful silence as the dorm returned to its applied.

Of course the true solution was soon in The Lounger's hands. It appears that when the Institute introduced "home life for the men away from home" it became known that oversleeping was prevalent among those no longer under the gentle spell of the landlady. At once a conscientious Corporation made plans to relieve the unheard-of conditions; and the result of their measures was the installation of the throttle-governor for sleep. This simple apparatus, The Lounger may explain for the benefit of those less experienced, is merely a modification of the ordinary boiler, coupled with a robust form of safety-valve. If precaution is taken to build a bright fire underneath the boiler in the evening, the rest of the arrangement is self-adjusting.

In view of the vigorous reception of the expedient at its first place of trial, The Lounger thinks its efficacy has been sufficiently proven. He awaits the installation of a steam awakener in the lecture-halls for use as a counter-irritant to the subtle morphia of cumulative digression.

PLAN TRIP TO HARBOR FORT UNDER ARTILLERY OFFICER

Good Chance for Course I Men in Coast Defense, Says Captain

Captain F. E. Williford of the U. S. Army addressed the students of Courses I, XI, and IV, option 2, last Monday at 12 o'clock in Room 1-190. He told the students that technical men were very valuable in the Reserve Coast Artillery and advised everyone to try to join. "The army requires that the men serve only two weeks out of the year," he said, "and the training that they acquire during this time is well worth the trouble." He spoke of the difference between the Militia which anyone can join and the Reserve Coast Artillery which really consists of picked men. Concerning the examinations for admission, he said that Technology men would only be required to take the physical examination.

Captain Williford then told of the telephone during cannonading in a battle and other technical subjects. It is understood that Captain Williford has been sent by the Government to speak on this subject at four institutions. A trip will be run down Boston Harbor tomorrow at 2 o'clock, where a fort will be visited. All students who wish to make the trip should hand their names to the registrar as soon as possible so that accommodations can be made.

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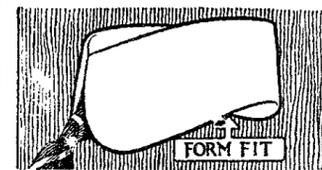
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