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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

R. H. Smithwick '21 .....Night Editor

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1918

"PA" COBURN.

IN few institutions has it been the lot of the students to possess such a friend as the men of Technology have known in "Pa" Coburn. Having no official connection with the place and in the last few years of his life residing in New York, he nevertheless maintained the closest touch with Institute life.

The great source of his strength was his understanding of the needs of the students as individuals. He knew their work, their life, their professors; and he could advise them from the point of view of an alumnus living in that professional world for which they were preparing themselves.

When we became involved in war, it was Technology men to whom his thoughts turned first. He saw no more effective way of serving his country than by sustaining them to the utmost in the great work of national service to which, as men of scientific training, they had dedicated themselves.

Such a career calls for a memorial which shall be an integral part of the student life which "Pa" Coburn loved so well. May the time be not far distant when a memorial may be begun which shall speak his spirit to all the sons of Technology.

OUTDOOR SPORTS.

Now that the warm summer evenings have come, the dormitory men can spend more of their time out of doors, and nearly every evening now two groups of men can be seen in the dormitory yard, each enjoying a form of outdoor sport and each apparently having a good time.

Now this is not intended to be a "goody-goody" editorial. We are not going to say a single word about the morals or ethics of the matter. That part of the matter is perfectly straightforward, and you know just as much about it as anybody.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor of the TECH, Mass. Inst. of Technology, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have noted with a great deal of regret, through a letter which I received today, and through the notice in the TECH of June 22, of the death of Howard L. Coburn.

During my time at Technology, I was fortunate enough to come in contact with "Pa" and I do not think that a finer or more big-hearted man ever lived. I know of the wonderful help he gave to me several times when I felt I had to go to somebody and unload my troubles.

Since graduating and going into business, I have been able to continue the close friendship formed at Technology and perhaps with more mature judgment have been able to appreciate it more nearly at its true value.

I know that there are many others, while at the Institute and later, who feel towards "Pa" as I did and do, and I would like to suggest to you, that through the TECH, you suggest that some action be taken towards a memorial at the Institute to be known as the "Pa Coburn Memorial."

I would be glad to have an expression of your opinion on this matter and will do anything I can to help in bringing this about.

(Signed.) R. W. Millard.

PERSONALS

Former Lieutenant Harold J. McDonald '17, Course I, now with the 319th Engineers at Camp Fremont, California, has just been promoted to captain. He is one of the youngest, if not the



CAPTAIN HAROLD J. McDONALD '17

youngest captain in the United States regular army, being only 23 years of age. Captain McDonald is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McDonald of Cambridge.

The funeral of Ernest V. Bowditch '69 pioneer landscape architect, who died Wednesday at his home, 336 Adams street, Milton, will be held at the residence tomorrow. He was 69 years old and was the son of William I. Bowditch, a conveyancer. He was a direct descendant of Nathaniel Bowditch, author of "Bowditch's Navigator," a recognized authority.

He was graduated with the class of '69 at Technology. For a time after his graduation Mr. Bowditch engaged in railroading in the West. Later when he returned to Boston he established offices for himself as an engineer.

The estates of Cornelius Vanderbilt Ogden Golet, J. J. Van Allen, E. J. Berwind and the old Lorillard estate at Newport stand as a monument to his genius. He played a conspicuous part in the development of Newport as a summer resort.

Mr. Bowditch is survived by his widow, Margaret Lyon Swann, daughter of Thomas L. Swann, a commander in the United States navy, and four children, William I., who is in the aviation corps and believed to be on his way to France; Richard L., who is studying at the Hotchkiss school in Connecticut, and two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Swann Bowditch and Miss Sarah Higginson Bowditch.

Perry Bush Bryne '19, Theta Xi, enlisted in the Navy about four months ago. He has just passed the examinations for Naval Ensign School and is now at Harvard, having entered June 18.

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Chief Quartermaster Austin D. Higgins '20, to Miss Mary V. L. Rynders of North Cohasset, N. Y. Higgins is a member of the Theta Xi Fraternity.

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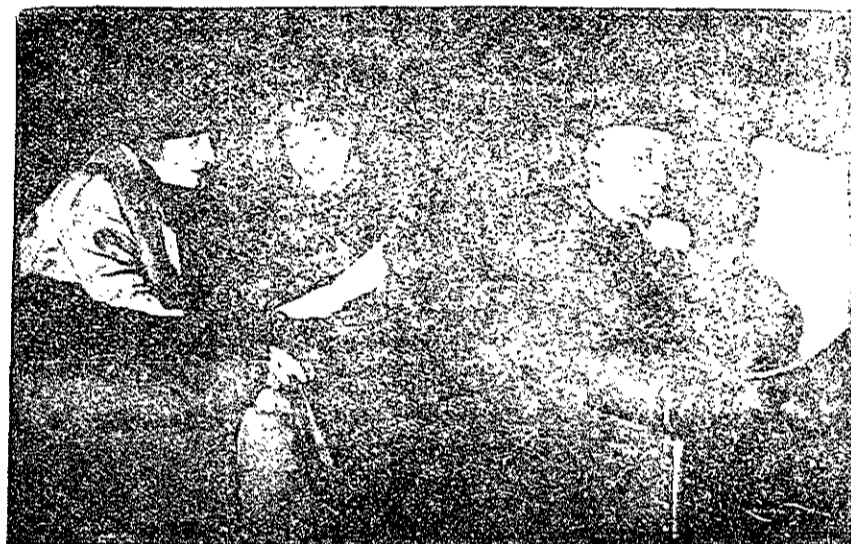
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Spies and Lies

German agents are everywhere, eager to gather scraps of news about our men, our ships, our munitions. It is still possible to get such information through to Germany, where thousands of these fragments—often individually harmless—are patiently pieced together into a whole which spells death to American soldiers and danger to American homes.

But while the enemy is most industrious in trying to collect information, and his systems elaborate, he is not superhuman—indeed, he is often very stupid, and would fail to get what he wants were it not deliberately handed to him by the carelessness of loyal Americans.

Do not discuss in public, or with strangers, any news of troop and transport movements, of bits of gossip as to our military preparations, which come into your possession.

Do not permit your friends in service to tell you—or write you—"inside" facts about where they are, what they are doing and seeing.

Do not become a tool of the Hun by passing on the malicious, disheartening rumors which he so eagerly sows. Remember he asks no better service than to have you spread his lies of disasters to our soldiers and sailors, gross scandals in the Red Cross, cruelties, neglect and wholesale executions in our camps, drunkenness and

vice in the Expeditionary Force, and other tales certain to disturb American patriots and to bring anxiety and grief to American parents.

And do not wait until you catch some one putting a bomb under a factory. Report the man who spreads pessimistic stories, divulges—or seeks—confidential military information, cries for peace, or belittles our efforts to win the war.

Send the names of such persons, even if they are in uniform, to the Department of Justice, Washington. Give all the details you can, with names of witnesses if possible—show the Hun that we can beat him at his own game of collecting scattered information and putting it to work. The fact that you made the report will not become public.

You are in contact with the enemy today, just as truly as if you faced him across No Man's Land. In your hands are two powerful weapons with which to meet him—discretion and vigilance. Use them.

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THE TECH

Miles E. Langley '12 has recently been married to a Miss Baxter of Brunswick, Maine. Langley is now a lieutenant at Camp Devens.

WHY RYE FLOUR WAS REMOVED FROM SUBSTITUTE LIST

Numerous inquiries have come to the Food Administration asking why rye flour was removed from the list of substitutes for wheat flour. On May 1 it was estimated that there remained but 16,000,000 bushels of rye in the United

States. Against this amount our normal consumption of rye from May 1 to August 1 amounts to 31,000,000 bushels. If rye flour had been continued on the substitute list our available supply would not have lasted one month. In order that there might be even a limited supply for the normal uses of rye flour, this cereal was taken off the substitute list.

All you are asked to do is to buy only necessary things and then loan—not give—your savings to your Government to help it fight your war.