



SCENES FROM THURSDAY'S TECHNIQUE RUSH

Upper Left:—The Hut Before the Fight. Upper Right:—Distributing Technique 1921 in Lobby. Center:—P. C. Putnam '23, with Ball Representing First Book, Dropped from Airplane. Lower Left:—The Scramble as the First Paddle Came Up. Lower Right:—Parade of Technique 1921 Board with 10-Foot Volume.

#### FIRST BOOK BY AIR

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These were simply that all engaged were to wear rubber shoes, and possess a sign-up paid in full, and that no paddles were to be taken once that they were on the ground. He then called attention to the airplane which had been circling above for the last fifteen minutes and said that an attempt would be made to drop a colored tennis ball with streamers attached and specially marked in the Great Court, Possession of this ball would entitle the holder to the first of the free, autographed copies of Technique 1921.

Due to the wind which blew over the model of the book carried by the Board, the aviators were unable to approach over the dome and the sphere fell near the Augustus Lowell Court. It was secured by P. C. Putnam '23.

#### Fray Lasts 25 Minutes

A few minutes later, at 4.25 o'clock, Smithwick announced the winners of the Grinds and Statistics contest, who were respectively F. M. Gill '20 and W. H. Irwin '21, W. G. Loesch '21, assistant photographic editor of Technique 1921, then climbed upon the hut with a can of grease mixed with red lead which he proceeded to apply in generous quantities to the black roof. When he finished the spectators and awaiting contestants were told that the first of the slabs would be thrust through the slit of the roof of the hut in one minute. E. P. Clark '21, associate business manager, and W. G. Loesch then entered the hut where they had previously carried the precious slabs, which measured 5 by 7 by five eighths inches.

The scrimmage began immediately, the contestants seemingly undaunted by the grease on the roof. Torn clothes and faces smirched with red streaks were soon in general evidence in the enclosure, as one by one the coveted paddles emerged from the hut. The fray lasted until 4.45 o'clock when a pistol shot announced the end of the rush and the crowd fell away into lines which moved slowly toward the two booths in the lobby where Technique 1921 was being distributed.

#### One Winner Undetermined

During the rush many humorous incidences were witnessed. The big C. M. Bouis '23 who first came into prominence around the Institute last fall when his seven-foot height marked the freshman football team, was the only man in the fray who was able to reach the slit in the top of the hut without removing his feet from the gravel of the Court. Several men had their shirts torn from their backs, while at the end of the battle not a few trouser legs were abandoned on the premises.

Throughout, the Technique Board acted as judges. Loesch, one of the men who served in the turret, stated afterwards that he had learned several new "cuss words" and felt that he got

his share of the grease, most of which he claimed leaked through the roof.

After the rush 19 volumes were awarded to the successful contestants. No decision was made on paddle number 16 due to the fact that it was undetermined whether H. C. Cummings '23 or E. C. Clark '22 held the right to the volume for which it calls. The winners are as follows, the numbers of their paddles being also given: 1, P. C. Putnam '23; 2, W. C. Roberson '22; 3, F. L. Bradley '20; 4, G. A. Jenckes '23; 5, D. D. Stowe '22; 6, C. D. Sullivan '20; 7, F. H. Osborne '22; 8, A. J. Kiley '22; 9, H. E. Rockefeller '22; 10, J. M. Briggs '21; 11, P. F. Lavedan '20; 12, S. W. Butler '21; 13, H. C. Bradley '20; 14, C. T. McGrady '22; 15, Jonathan Brown, 3rd, '23; 16, forfeited; 17, A. W. Miller '20; 18, C. C. Moore '20; 19, J. C. Curry '21; 20, J. M. Cosgrove '22. Dedicate Book to Late Dr. MacLaurin

At the distribution which followed the rush about 1,000 volumes of Technique 1921 were exchanged for the stamped sign-up cards. It was given out in the Technique office later that there will be 1200 more copies of the yearbook issued. The 1921 Board hopes to finish its work in the business departments this coming June.

The airplane which initiated the fray Thursday was an Avro machine from the Gillespie Aeroplane Company. It was piloted by Lieutenant Potter, and Albert Kruse '21, formerly an ensign in the United States Naval Air Service, dropped the tennis ball about which the first contest centered.

Technique 1921 with its seven divisions of "The Institute," "The Classes," "Athletics," "Student Activities," "Fraternalities," "Grinds," and "General Information" embraces not only a complete record of the past year's experiences at Technology, but contains various notes of timely interest such as the sketch of the activities of the Post War Class of 1918. Moreover the sidelights on attendance at Technology have not been overlooked, for not only does the Grinds Department present its usual volume of original, local humor, but there are copious offerings of informal photographs and light-veined monologues in all sections of the publication.

Dedication of the yearbook is made to the late Dr. MacLaurin, whose photograph has been engraved on the reverse of the title plate, which is a design of two mortals upholding the seal of the Institute, the background being that of the Charles and Technology buildings.

#### Volume Contains Humor

A series of seven cuts typifying the more recent pictures of the campus opens the first division of Technique 1921, which, broadly, is a directory of the various officers of administration and members of the faculty, and is illustrated by both the usual sittings and two pages of informal snap shots. "The Institute" also includes a chap-

ter devoted to the Alumni, which, in turn, includes the recent endowment drive.

The individual pictures of the 324 Seniors mark the second section of the book, along with the various other cuts and writings of interest especially to the several classes with which they deal.

Athletics have come in for their share in the record which Technique 1921 is perpetuating, as have all the other activities of the undergraduates to which a separate section of the publication has been allotted. The usual complete and illustrated roll of all clubs, societies, and fraternities connected with Technology is the most up-to-date list in print and will place this issue of Technique in demand by all libraries keeping reference on such subjects.

In the 24 pages of Grinds offered are selections of local wit with ample illustration. Even the advertising section is marked with folio lines on the pages that do credit to local humorists.

## VAIL DIES SUDDENLY

End Came Yesterday as Result of Heart Complications

Theodore Vail, former president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, benefactor of Technology and public spirited citizen, died suddenly yesterday morning at the John Hopkins Hospital as a result of complications of heart disease. Funeral services arrangements have not been definitely decided on but it is expected that he will be buried in Parsippany, N. J., sometime Sunday.

Mr. Vail was born July 16, 1845, in Carroll County, Ohio. He was educated at the Morristown (N. J.) Academy and then spent two years studying medicine with his uncle. He held an L.L.D. from Dartmouth and Middlebury College, Vt. He was married in 1907 to Miss Mabel Rutledge Sanderson of Boston. She and his niece were at the bedside when the end came.

From 1878 he was in the railway mail service, working up through the various grades to that of general superintendent in 1875. He held this position until in 1878 he went into the telephone business but was forced to leave this soon and travel for his health. From 1893 to 1896 he ran a farm in Vermont, and then left for Argentine, where he engaged in many electrical enterprises.

Since 1907 and until recently Mr. Vail was president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and the Western Union Telegraph Co. He also held presidencies and directorships in many large corporations in the United States and England. Many economic societies, civic organizations, and tech-

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## SENIORS HAVE SECOND CLASS DAY ELECTION

Institute Committee Ruling Forces Recasting of Ballots Due to Alleged Employment of Machine Politics

EIGHT MEN FROM COURSE X PLACE

nical associations had him on their membership rolls and all told he was a member of seventeen different clubs in

In accordance with the ruling of the Institute Committee on the Senior class day committee elections, a new vote was taken yesterday. This was necessary since the previous vote was declared void.

Course X leads in the number of men placed with a total of eight. Course VI comes up close second with five representatives. Courses II and XV follow with three each. Courses IV and XIV have two each while III and V have one man on the committee.

As president of the class N. G. Abbott is chief marshal.

The marshals chosen by the first voting were again the choice of the class. The names of the men and their courses are, K. F. Akers V, J. C. Nash II, H. O. Davidson II, M. Abrams X, A. C. Atwater X, R. Booth VI, L. E. Boyden XIV, A. Brown, III, Percy Bugbee XV, F. Bunker X, S. V. Chamberlain IV, W. L. Coffey XV, H. B. Deal VI, R. Gee II, P. E. Haebler X, J. Harrop X, W. S. Johnson V, W. E. Meisner IV, J. G. Moir, Jr. VI, R. R. Ridgway XIV, E. D. Ryer VI, H. F. Smiddy V, C. B. Stanwood X, F. A. Travers X, M. M. Whitaker X.

#### CATHOLIC CLUB ATTENDS SPRING COMMUNION SERVICE

The Catholic Club, turning out nearly a hundred strong, held their annual spring communion at St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, last Sunday morning, at the nine o'clock mass. After the service the men had breakfast at the St. Mary's Catholic Association hall where they were addressed by Mr. McInery of the class of 1903.



THEODORE N. VAIL

New York, Boston, and London, England.

Mr. Vail was a life member of the Corporation and donor of the famous Vail Library of Electrical Engineering.

#### SAILS FOR LONDON

Merton L. Emerson '04 is sailing for London next Wednesday on the White Star liner Negantic. Mr. Emerson intends to spend six or seven weeks in London and Paris in interviewing Technology men in those cities.