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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

G. F. Ashworth.....J. P. Ramsey, Jr.

Wednesday, May 3, 1922

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS

TO even the casual observer of economic phenomena, the cyclic regularity with which business and industry in general undergo periods of severe depression, has long constituted a source of wonder that such chaotic and haphazard proceedings should still characterize a period noted for man's knowledge and utilization of natural laws and principles. However, to every such sphinxlike question there is an answer. And it is becoming increasingly evident that one of the most important factors in the tangled succession of industrial depressions and financial panics accompanying modern economic activity, is to be found in transportation.

The close relation between inadequate transportation facilities and succeeding business depression, so disastrously exemplified by the paralysis of railway service in the winter of 1917, with the consequent collapse of industrial activity from which we are just beginning to emerge, is much more than a mere coincidence. It is highly indicative that there is something fundamentally wrong with our transportation system as at present constituted.

As to the remedies, they are a legion. One proposal, which seems to be gaining in strength, both in governmental and railway circles, is for the electrification of the main trunk line railroads of the East, a plan which has received fresh impetus from the announcement of the impending electrification of the Chicago railway terminals, and the selection of one of the Departmental heads of the Institute to head a committee of three which is to prescribe ways and means

for the electrification of the main line of the Lackawanna Railroad through the mountainous anthracite districts of eastern Pennsylvania.

With such questions bulking large in the public mind and interest, Technology men should greet with more than passing interest the opportunity afforded to secure information that is both timely and authoritative by the advent to the Institute this week of a distinguished representative of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, a road which was among the first of the great railway systems of the country to turn its attention to the possibilities of railway electrification.

What the future holds forth in the way of such developments, is of course more or less a matter of conjecture. But to be well informed upon the accomplishments of the present is a desideratum to which the aspiring engineer might well direct his attention.

THE FRESHMAN BANQUET

WITH the dispersion of the classes for the summer near at hand, the Freshman Banquet offers the lone opportunity of cementing class consciousness before the long vacation begins its disintegrating influence.

To those freshmen who have little opportunity for making friends in their class, the banquet will ease the way towards acquaintanceship. To the class-loyal it will provide a means of discussing the plans for next year, with Field Day as the prominent objective; to those longing for an evening's relaxation, the get-together should prove a diverting influence.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

It has often been said in your columns that the life here at the Institute is complex, that it is crowded, that a man must choose with care the division of his time. If this is the case, and we all will admit it is, why make it more so? To come to the point, why crowd in a tea dance on the same afternoon, at the same time as our only and most important track meet?

The men who support Institute activities are limited in number. Why divide them? A tea dance would draw a small crowd if run on the same afternoon of a big football game at the Stadium. Here we have a competition on Tech Field, in Technology's major sport, and with a good chance to defeat our well-loved Crimson neighbors. And now instead of leaving the sheet clear for the biggest event on Tech Field this spring, a tea dance has been shifted ahead from a clear date into this conflict. Is this a fair sign of what we have to expect from our new Walker Memorial Committee?

This move on the part of the new committee is not fair to the Institute, and in particular, it is not fair to the track team. Someone has blundered. If it is not too late, let us have this date changed that it may not be the case of another "The Last-Track Team." We believe an explanation from the committee is due the track team.

(Signed) E. E. SANBORN '22
R. E. HENDRIE '23
L. H. POOR '24

To the Editor of THE TECH:

What can be done about the disgraceful antics of the freshman motorist last Saturday afternoon previous and during the boat races? Some frosh in all the gaudy pomp and splendor of his mil science uniform was out to show the world who was what. On a dusty rattle-bang two wheeled velocipede the child was to be seen roaring up and down the river road, dancing in and out among the traffic.

With his teeth bared in a demonic grin and his unshorn locks flow-

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

OFFICIAL

George Wilson, Professor of International Law, at Harvard University, is to give a series of four lectures on recent international relations to the first-year course in History, beginning with Friday of this week.

UNDERGRADUATE

The night editor of the next issue of THE TECH will be G. C. Reinhardt, telephone Brookline 5568-M. All matters concerning the issue should be referred to him.

ing in the wind, the enfant terrible was exhibiting his impressions of a dispatch rider in France. When darkness came what need had he for lights? The autos behind lighted up the road sufficiently. If not he could cut in ahead of a Pierce Arrow. The visitors from Penn must have been impressed with our great institution after observing that dumb-bell.

Probably his case is hopeless. But whoever let him take the motorcycle should be indicted by the grand jury for criminal negligence. What is the institution coming to! When babes attempt to argue with the Administrative Committee and smoke Cubes in the corridors, when frosh wear golf pants till the place looks like a grammar school, when the children disport before visitors in a manner regardless of human life, what is the world coming to! and yet we were not always thus. I can remember when all the frosh in the Dorms were publicly paddled.

But now! Alas! O tempora, O mores. (Signed) A SENIOR

INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS

More than 14,000 graduates and former students of Oxford University, England, are world war veterans.

Co-eds at the University of Michigan are forbidden to solicit subscriptions for the University year book on the campus. They are permitted to sell in three buildings, but not elsewhere.

A special course in freight-hopping was taken by a number of Mercer students recently, when they attended one of their out-of-town games in a special made up of flat cars, tankers, and coal cars.

Radical steps are being taken at the University of California to prevent the mutilation of the library books. A Junior in the College of Commerce has been suspended until next August for cutting a page from a book which he was using in gathering material for a report.

Students at Pennsylvania State University are to plant a giant "S" on Nittany Mountain, overlooking the campus. The trees making up the letter are to be evergreen, making the letter of dark green foliage in a field of lighter hue. Five acres have been cleared for this purpose, and the trees will be set out by students of the Forestry School in the spring.

A census was recently taken of the cars that are parked daily about the campus of Washington University, which seems to prove conclusively

AT THE THEATRES

COLONIAL: "Sally." Leon Errol and Marilyn Miller in the best musical show of the year.

COPLEY: "The Great Broxopp." The Jewett players in an amusing comedy.

KEITH'S: Vaudeville with De Lyle Aida.

MAJESTIC: All star Shubert vaudeville.

PLYMOUTH: "Ladies' Night." The famous Turkish bath episode with the original N. Y. cast.

ST. JAMES: "The Love of Su Shong." Reviewed in this issue.

SELWYN: "Smooth As Silk." A thriller with William Courtenay.

SHUBERT: "The Chocolate Soldier." Donald Brian in a revival of Oscar Strauss' operetta.

SYMPHONY HALL: "Pops." Program in this issue.

TREMONT: "The Gold Diggers." Avery Hapwood's delightful comedy.

WILBUR: "The Last Waltz." Eleanor Painter in another of Strauss' charming compositions.

MOVIES

FENWAY: "Grand Larceny" and "Reckless Youth."

CENTRAL SQ.: "Pay Day," "Sky High" and "Beauty's Worth."

LOEW'S STATE: "The Crimson Challenge" and "Bought and Paid For."

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