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In Charge of This Issue

G. F. Ashworth.....O. B. Robinson

Thursday, December 14, 1922

THE MESSAGE

IT is peculiarly fitting that all Technology should gather in convocation on January second to receive its president-elect. His coming is like the new year, a symbol of new and better things.

Another era is ushered in with the introduction of Dr. Stratton. The handicap which Technology has suffered for three years because of lack of leadership is to disappear. Like an enormous machine, with its source of power shut off, Technology has been running under the force of its own momentum. No longer will this condition exist; our educational plant is to receive a new source of energy and its machinery will surge forward with renewed vigor.

Even without the added stimulus of a penalty of five dollars fine for not appearing in person for approved registration on Tuesday, there will be incentive enough to bring the entire student body to the year's first convocation. Within us all; yes, even the Senior to whom a president is no innovation, there is a feeling of subdued excitement and keen anticipation to hear the first message of the new executive.

THE RECITAL SATURDAY

IT is unfortunate that more undergraduates were unable to attend the recital given by Mrs. Ross and Mr. Griffith last Saturday. Although quite a number of outsiders and members of the faculty were present, the proximity of examinations prevented many students who wished to attend from being there.

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terial on December 11 can obtain it in Information Office, 10-100, except for students in Course IV, who should obtain material from Professor W. H. Lawrence, Rogers Building. It is arranged by Courses and Years. Give your Course, Year, and Name in applying for it.

UNDERGRADUATE The night editor in charge of the next issue of THE TECH is G. F. Ashworth, telephone Winchester 609-J. All matters concerning the issue should be referred to him.

All men who are going on the Christmas trip of the Outing Club are to meet in the north hall of Walker on December 16 from 12:30 to 1 o'clock.

All misfit uniforms of the students of the advanced R. O. T. C. are to be returned at once to Major Putney in room 3-310.

FEMININE NUMBER LESS POTENTIAL? By Prof. R. E. Rogers

I begin to wonder why these recurring reviews of the Voodoo and T. E. N. Does anybody read them? If so, does anybody agree with them? Are they merely so much extra free publicity for the publications in question? Or is it a serious effort on the part of

"ORANGE BLOSSOMS" AT THE COLONIAL THEATER By Phillippe

At the opening of "Orange Blossoms" at the Colonial on Monday night, Phillippe was greatly pleased for many reasons. In the first place there is not a chorus that is more interested in getting a date with the front row than in their dancing. The only true to type chorus work is done by some beaver boys who support the

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LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

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The New German Constitution

By Henry Sachs '25

THE late war has wrought vast changes. Everywhere monarchs have disappeared, thrones have fallen. Some of the most drastic are the changes which have occurred within Germany. Germany to whom the cause of the war is generally ascribed, Germany, that tasted the bitterest defeat, this Germany had to undergo fundamental changes. It so happened that a revolution necessitated the ending of the war, but this revolution should not and could not be simply a defensive and negative act. Once the old order was destroyed, a new one had to be built up. So that the immediate task of the revolution was to recast the old Constitution into a newer and purer one, for an absolute and thoroughly radical change would be just as dangerous as the old order. This fact has been proved sufficiently by the French Revolution.

It was the Independent or Radical Socialistic Party which had overthrown the old government, and for several months following the Revolution its members proved to be "the masters of the streets." So long as that was the case temporary councils or soviets were established, containing members of both socialistic parties, as well as soldiers. The success of its sister party was reaped by the larger and more moderate Social Democratic Party which, once established in control, could form proper plans for the future. The first object was to obtain a Constitution. From their name it may be seen that the Social Democrats did not believe in the council system, but stood for democratic government.

The framing of a Constitution is never a very easy and simple task, especially when a country is in the position of Germany in the fall of 1918. Its armies crushed in the field, its future left entirely to the mercy of the allies, the mark declining rapidly in value, and the horizon black with dangers of class struggles, the delegates had to set to work at this giant task. In order to understand the real internal difficulties, it is imperative to form some conception of the political parties then in existence.

On the extreme right were the German Nationals, comprising the land-owning aristocracy and all those who for one or another reason wished the return of the monarchy. They may be correctly called the reaction, and although in the minority, they were constantly to be feared. This fear was greatly increased by the Kapp coup, which actually attempted to bring back the old order but failed miserably.

Very closely allied with the German Nationals is another party, which through some mysterious irony of fate bears the name "People's Party." This party counts business men and the upper middle class as its supporters, and holds that conditions should be substantially as before the war, preferably under a limited monarchy.

Next is the Centre Party. The Centre is a more progressive party, the members of which are largely drawn from the Roman Catholics. Its essential aim is the union of Church and State. The Centre party is usually counted among the majority, although it opposed the Treaty of Versailles.

The traditional liberals are represented in the

Democratic party, naturally resting upon the middle classes, which, although not as numerous as in the United States, usually hold the balance of power. Thus in the National Assembly the Socialist parties could count on 185 votes, the Monarchistic parties 153 (this includes the Centre, which in reality finds a limited monarchy a great help in the union of Church and State), so that the 74 Democrats can act at will. A similar condition holds true of the present Reichstag.

At the left of the Democrats are the Social Democrats, who stand for the usual Marxian principles, implying a gradual change rather than a quick one, as was effected recently in Russia. Those who are more radical, who believe in immediate action, and those who favor the soviet system call themselves Independent Socialists. Of late these two parties have combined on a compromise platform. Those for whom the platform of the Independents was not radical enough called themselves Communists and received their instructions directly from Moscow. Thus the Independents and Communists formed the revolution. Up to this point in history statesmen have had to deal either with revolution or reaction, that is, whichever one was not in power. Here we have a new problem, a government which has to deal with both.

As soon as practicable a National Assembly was elected by universal suffrage of both men and women. It was to this body that the power and task of framing the Constitution was entrusted, and all the parties mentioned, except the Communists, were able to send their representatives. It is the work of this Assembly then that I shall discuss hereafter.

Before commenting upon the Constitution itself, it might be well worth while to tell of some of the most important problems which arose and of which the Constitution really is a compromise. If one may attempt to draw parallels in history, one certainly can find a parallel in some of the problems the Germans had to deal with and some of those our ancestors were confronted with. There was, for instance, the question of "states' rights." In case of Germany the question immediately narrowed down to two points, the relative unity of the German state and the possible hegemony of Prussia. In regard to these two it may be said that, although Germany still remains a federal state, it has progressed a good deal towards a unified state. This by necessity cuts down the hegemony of Prussia to a certain extent, but other provisions so far accepted have not worked out in practice. Since Prussia possesses three-fifths of the total population of Germany, there seems to be no way of avoiding her control, as long as democracy prevails. I may add that the power of the states has been lessened by the smaller power given to their assembly and by the abandonment of "special rights," such as the famous "beer rights" in Bavaria.

Throughout the whole work of the National Assembly there has been one dominant principle, on which the rest was built,—and that principle is the Democratic Principle. At the end of their work the mem-

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20, ANN ST. B. DEATIE 20. The final cuts have not been made and will not be made until the rehearsals have been under way for some time. If any men feel that they have not been given a fair tryout, a second one may be arranged by seeing E. P. Dunlaevy '24, stage manager. Practically all of the men who have been retained have had some experience either in Tech Shows of the past or elsewhere, and the Tech Show management is confident that this year's cast of characters will certainly equal those of the best of the former shows.

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