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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

POLICE TRIAL.

Cases of All the Officers to be Tried as One.

The first session of the trial of the officers against whom charges have been preferred for the part they took in the Tech riot, was held on Wednesday, December 14. Nearly all of the eleven accused officers were represented by their own individual counsel, and Mr. Edward B. Adams acted as counsel for the Police Board.

Chairman Emmons said that it had been decided that all of the cases should be tried together. Mr. Adams in speaking generally of the charges, stated that the officers were accused of failing to meet the requirements imposed upon them in handling their men, and that they failed to stop their men from using unnecessary force in dealing with the crowd.

President Pritchett was the first witness called. He told of hearing, for the first time in his life, the sound of policeman's clubs, striking on people's heads.

The Tech students who testified Wednesday were A. L. Burwell, '07, P. C. Hooker, '08, S. S. Thatcher, '07, and Joseph Daniels, '05.

Daniels said that he identified Sergeant Fitzgerald as one of the clubbers on the steps. The greater part of the evidence submitted at this trial is a repetition of that given at the investigation just closed.

At Thursday's session of the trial the cross-examination of Joseph Daniels, '05, was resumed. He was followed by W. F. Dolke, '08, who also identified Sergeant Fitzgerald as the officer whom he saw striking a man across the shoulders.

W. F. Turnbull, '06, repeated the story which he told at the earlier hearing. Edward E. Rowe, '06, testified to having helped two other students to seize a policeman and to pull him off the steps. J. S. McGregor, '06, C. H. Cinedella, '07, and a few others, also gave some testimony, and were cross-examined.

The hearing from present indications, will last a week at least. The number of witnesses to be called is very large, one sergeant having summoned as many as fifteen.

MINSTREL SHOW.

Junior Night at The Kommers.

The Juniors have arranged to give an impromptu Minstrel Show as their stunt at the Technology Kommers next Saturday night, December 17. Cracks at prominent people will abound, and good fun will play a prominent part.

Tickets must be secured in order to obtain admittance. Get tickets of Mr. Powers. 25 cents. Members of all Classes are welcome.

Mining Engineering Society.

A meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held at Tech Union, Monday, December 19, at 7.45 P.M. Dr. Edward Dyer Peters will address the Society on "Commercial Reactions in the Blast Furnace." Dr. Peters is one of the leading metallurgists in the country and is an authority on the smelting of copper. This meeting will be perhaps the most interesting of the year and all members are urged to be present. All Course III. men and others interested are cordially invited.

(Signed) ROY H. ALLEN,
President.

C. E. Society.

About a hundred men enjoyed the illustrated lecture of Mr. F. E. Matthes before the Civil Engineering Society at the Tech Union, Wednesday evening. Mr. Matthes in a very entertaining way told of his experiences in the Government Geological Survey Service.

The Phillips Exeter Club will hold a dinner at 6.30 P.M. at the Union, on Tuesday evening, December 20. All Exeter men are urged to be present.

LOUIS E. ROBBE,
President.

Course II Basket Ball.

The Non-Professional All Star Course II Senior Basket Ball Team has elected C. H. Graessar Captain. The opinion is cherished that this team can beat any other Senior Course Team. Any Course ambitious to change this opinion, will be given a chance.

L. T. BUSHNELL, Manager.

MECH. ENG. SOCIETY.

Meeting at the Union To-night.

Mr. Chas. H. Bigelow, of the Boston Elevated Railway Company Motive and Machinery Department, will give the Mechanical Engineering Society an illustrated lecture to-night, December 16, on the Lincoln Wharf Station. This is the station that the Society visited recently, and Mr. Bigelow will show slides taken during the erection.

The meeting is at the Tech Union at 8 o'clock.

Basket Ball.

Technology was defeated by Holy Cross on Wednesday night by a score of 36 to 11. Technology started well and at the end of the first half the score was 14 to 6 in favor of Holy Cross. In the second half, however the Worcester boys ran up the score very rapidly.

M. I. T.	Holy Cross.
Blake, l.f.	l.f., G. Connors
Matheson, r.f.	r.f., Stevenson
Burleigh (Moffatt, McGregor) c.c.,	Spring
Wiggins (Kennedy), l.b.	l.b., J. Connors
Coey, r.b.	r.b., Reid

Score, Holy Cross, 36, M. I. T., 11, Baskets from floor, Stevenson 5, G. Connors, 4, Spring 4, J. Connors, 3, Reid, Matheson, 2, Blake. Baskets on free tries, Blake 5, Spring 2, Fouls called. On Holy Cross 9, on M. I. T. 8. Referees, P. W. Hehir and Mr. Briggs. Timers, O'Brien, Holy Cross; Mahan, M. I. T. Time 20-minute halves.

M. I. T. A. A.

There will be a meeting to-day of all students interested in athletics, at the Institute, at 1 P.M., in 22 Rogers. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the new Constitution. It is important that all athletic organizations should be represented.

Novice Tournament.

On Saturday evening the Fencing Club will hold a novice tournament, at 8 o'clock, in the Gymnasium. It is expected that much new and promising material for the regular team will be brought out. Cups will be awarded for first, second and third places in the tournament.

GENERAL CONVOCATION.

Dr. Booker Washington Addresses Audience in Huntington Hall.

The audience which gathered to hear Booker T. Washington's address at the convocation Wednesday, taxed the capacity of Huntington Hall to the utmost, the attendance being the greatest of any this year. Before introducing the speaker Dr. Pritchett extended to all a cordial invitation to the reception to be given by himself and Mrs. Pritchett at the Tech Union on the evening of December 24.

Mr. Washington delivered one of his characteristic addresses, humorous at times but eloquent in his able championship of the cause of the unfortunate negro. He brought out the fact that often the negroes were judged from the worst and not the best of their race, which fact has given rise to many erroneous ideas with regard to their education and advancement. The percentage of illiteracy among the negroes in the United States is only 54 per cent. while in Spain and Italy it is higher in spite of their centuries of civilization, a very good showing of progress which the negro has made during the forty years that he has had his liberty.

The problem of what to do with the negro, Mr. Washington asserted is one of the serious questions which confronts the American people to-day. Its satisfactory solution, he thought, was in education of the negro as a tradesman, so that his presence in a community will be beneficial. Much is being done by the manual training schools at Atlanta, Tuskegee and other places in the South. The decrease, recently, in the number of lynchings is largely due to the moral enlightenment which comes with the education given by such institutions.

Mr. Washington closed with an appeal to his hearers to give the negro a chance to show that he, as well as the white man, could be an industrious worthy, American citizen.

At the close of the address, the President, on behalf of the Institute, thanked Mr. Washington and brought the convocation to a close.