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FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS.

Eugene Foss Addresses Kommers on Commercial Conditions Abroad.

Eugene Foss spoke at the Kommers Saturday evening on the European commercial situation and its relation and importance to the United States. Last year Mr. Foss travelled through Europe for the purpose of studying these conditions.

Contrary to the general belief Mr. Foss found that the European nations, especially Germany and Italy, were making great strides commercially. German watchfulness shows itself in careful attention to the little phases of her foreign relations. One significant indication of this attitude is the parcel system Germany maintains with other nations, carrying packages to other countries for a few cents. The least a package can be sent for from the United States to Italy is two dollars and a half.

Italy is also succeeding commercially. American manufacturers have found that they are losing Asiatic and European textile trade to that country. Cotton mills in Italy, buying cotton from the United States and coal from Germany are operating more successfully than we can operate.

The United States is losing commercial ground in Europe. Any why? Because it is the only country that imposes a duty upon raw materials. Also we will not take manufactured goods from other countries but insist on making everything ourselves. We can get better goods from these countries than we can make ourselves. If we would realize this we could make reciprocal trade treaties with other countries that would better our commercial situation.

In Mr. Foss' opinion protection has been carried too far. He thinks that the country will soon awake to a realization that there is more graft in the protective tariff system than in life insurance. He said that if the United States would adopt England's free trade policy, the two nations would commercially rule the world. However, if we do not wish to go that far, we should at least adopt the policy of reciprocity. With duty-free raw material, with an equal chance in the markets of the world, the United States would be able to compete with any nation.

Mr. Foss commended the work the Institute is doing. He said it deserved a place of its own to do this work. He also keenly feels the necessity for dormitory and college life in any institution, and he heartily encourages and supports the plan of moving the Institute out of Boston.

It is announced that a Scotch company is about to manufacture, by a new process known as the Inshaw, seamless iron and steel tubes for boilers. These tubes, it is claimed, will not corrode. It is said that they will be placed on the market at under £7 (\$34.07) per ton, or less than the price of iron strips at present used.

The Princeton Triangle Club has started on its annual tour of the principal cities of the West.

FRESHMAN KOMMERS.

Hook Night at the Union Saturday Evening. Good Entertainment Promised.

There will be plenty of excitement at the Union on Saturday night when 1910 holds its Kommers, and every freshman should be on hand to see what his classmates can do in the vaudeville line. Tickets can be procured from members of the Institute Committee or at the Bursar's office until Friday at 1 P.M., after which they will be on sale at the Bursar's window only.

Much interest is being shown by the freshmen in this Kommers, and the air of mystery assumed by those in charge indicates that surprises will be in order for those who attend.

The names of the participants have not been announced but it is known that about twenty men have agreed to perform. The features will include songs for the most fastidious, cornet and banjo solos, and laugh-producing numbers of all kinds. It is promised that the entertainment will close with a lively pugilistic contest.

It is understood that each patron will receive a special souvenir, although just what these will be could not be learned. Three handsome prizes will be awarded the successful amateurs according to the regular Columbia method.

The "hook" is now in process of manufacture, and a committee of two of the huskiest athletes in the class has been appointed to wield the instrument of torture.

WHY TECH WASN'T THERE.

That the Tufts management had not lived up to its agreement and to avoid another fizzle were the reasons given yesterday by Capt. Bounetheau of the Tech Fencing Team for its non-appearance at the Goddard gym, Medford, last Thursday, on which date a meet had been scheduled with Tufts.

On the night of the previous meet with Tufts, at the Tech gym, there had been some talk on the part of the Tufts management of another meeting in Medford, to take place on the 14th of March. The Tech manager agreed to the date, but specially stipulated that before Tech would go to Medford adequate arrangements for officials would have to be made. No word was received by the Tech manager until three hours before the meet was to come off on Thursday, and then the Tufts manager had only one official, with hopes of securing another.

Early in the season Tech met Tufts in the Goddard gymnasium, when no official had been secured by the Tufts management. In the second meet at the Tech gym manager Place selected the officials, securing men who were not interested in either team. Tufts objected to one of the Harvard judges and a substitute was secured.

Pennsylvania State College has plans on foot to equip the most complete athletic plant in the college world. President Beaver is the head of the committee.

PROF. LANZA HONORED.

Made Knight of St. Maurizio and Lazzaro by King Emmanuel of Italy.

Professor Gaetano Lanza, the head of Course II., has just been made a Knight of the Order of Saints Maurizio and Lazzaro by King Victor Emmanuel III., of Italy. The decorations of the order were sent to Ambassador des Planches at Washington and were conveyed to Professor Lanza by Consul Tosti.

The order of Saints Maurizio and Lazzaro is one of the most important and ancient in Italy, dating back many centuries. Its membership is small, and made up of men of signal ability usually of Italian descent. The official recognition of Professor Lanza's merit in his especial field, by the conferring of knighthood in this famous order may well be considered a very high tribute.

Professor Lanza was born in Boston, of Italian parentage in 1848. He first was appointed instructor in the Institute in 1872 and became professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department in 1883. He has a world-wide reputation as an author on engineering subjects, his best-known book being his treatise on "Applied Mechanics."

FRESHMAN SCHEDULE COMPLETE.

With the exception of the games to be played with the sophomores for the class championship, the freshman baseball season is now practically arranged and a schedule of twelve games with fast teams has been completed. The candidates will be called out as soon as the field is dry enough to be played on, and, as the first game comes on April 4, there will be but a short time for preliminary practice.

It is now feared that there will be no game with the Brown Freshmen, as they have asked for a guarantee which Manager Avery feels he can not back up. Two games will be played with the Tufts Freshmen, however, one at Medford on May 13, and the other at the Field, probably on April 11.

The game with Rindge Manual Training School which was scheduled for April 20 has been cancelled. A game for April 9 with Hyde Park High at Hyde Park has been substituted.

DEAN BURTON SPEAKS.

Dean Burton lectured at Fitchburg Friday evening on "Technical Schools" before students of the High School and their parents. He will talk before the Philadelphia Technology Club at the annual dinner and reunion on April 4.

On Saturday June 22 the world's college athletic championships will be held at the Jamestown Exposition. A handsome banner will be given to the college winning the meet, and gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places respectively in each event. So far, Princeton, Michigan, Chicago, Georgetown, and North Carolina Universities have announced their intention to enter.

CALENDAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 18.

1.00 P.M. Meeting of the Board of Editors of THE TECH in 30 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Prof. Swain's Reading in 11 Eng. B.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Smoke Talk at the Technology Club.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19.

1.00 P.M. Exeter Club Meeting in 26 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Spring Training Begins at the Gym.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearsal at the Union.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

1.00 P.M. Meeting of Cross Country Association in 26 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
5.00 P.M. Class Day Committee Meeting in 27 Rogers.
8.00 P.M. Meeting of the Boston Branch of the A. I. E. E. in 6 Lowell.
8.00 P.M. Chemical Society Smoker at the Union.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Fourth Year, Course VI.—The room assignment for Telephone Engineering is as follows: Tuesday, 6 Lowell; Thursday, 23 Walker.

First Year, Analytic Geometry.—Professor Bailey's lecture in Analytic Geometry on Tuesday at 10 is transferred from 6 Lowell to 23 Walker.

NOTICES.

Found.—A Tech watch fob. Apply to Bursar's office.

1908.—All members of the Class of 1908 still desiring class pictures can procure them by leaving their orders with one dollar at the "Cage."

Technology Club.—William Lord Smith, M. D., will give a Smoke Talk this evening at 8 o'clock on "Big Game Shooting in Somoliland." Members have the privilege of bringing guests.

Chemical Society.—Mr. Walter E. Lummus, of the American Methyl Co. will speak on the "Manufacture of Wood Alcohol" before the Chemical Society, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Union. Arrangements will be made at that time for the annual dinner and election.

TRAINING BEGINS TUESDAY.

Candidates for the Track Team will report at the Gym Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the opening of spring training. It is only a few weeks before the season will open with the Spring Meet and a full schedule of work is laid out for the team thereafter. The management hopes to get out immediately all men who intend to do any track work this season and it is expected that a large number will be on hand Tuesday afternoon.

Twenty-eight men are still on the Princeton baseball squad and are holding daily practice in the Princeton cage.