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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE

R. M. Homberg, Robert Bamford

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THE ARMISTICE DAY DANCE

The British Empire Club will hold a formal dance in the Walker Memorial on November 11 in celebration of Armistice Day. Many members of the club saw service in Belgium and France and it is their purpose to unite their former comrades in common anniversary.

The action of the club in giving this dance closely follows the thoughts of the three great nations, France, Great Britain, and the United States. In the last year, France has given her highest decoration for valor to the Unknown Tommy and Britain in turn gave the Victoria Cross to the Unknown Poilu. General Pershing, representing America, has laid the Congressional Medal of Honor at the Cenotaphs of the Great Unknowns, comrades in Death and Honor. These medals express our gratitude to the heroic dead, but more than that they are pledges of friendship.

The war would have been fought in vain if we return to the old system of greed and jealousy between nations. This cannot be! Let us hope that the friendship among nations be not lost to the world, but rather strengthened and carried on for the salvation of man and his posterity.

The leadership of the British Empire Club stamps it as possessing high understanding of the need of fraternity among men. They are doing their part in furthering this ideal, it but remains for the student body to show that they are backing this movement wholeheartedly.

FIELD DAY TRADITIONS

One of the Institute customs which hinges on the results of Field Day is that of class pipes. It has been the custom that only the members of those classes who have won a Field Day victory may smoke pipes on which the numerals of his class appears. Technology has too few customs now and this one is well worth keeping. One recognizes those who belong to his class or group with a feeling of comradeship. This custom was started with the idea of calling to the attention of the men those who are members of the same Institute class. Class and school lines are far too distinct here and any idea which tends to promote more class or school spirit is well worth pushing.

A pipe is one thing which has always been a part of the typical college man and it is very fitting that the custom of class pipes should exist. It is up to the winning team to take up the matter and push it.

THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the election of H. S. Ferguson '23 as Assistant Circulation Manager.

COSMOS TO GIVE DANCE

The Cosmopolitan Club is planning to give a dance, for members only, in north hall, Walker, on November 19. A dance committee of six men has been appointed to take charge of the affair.



Regardless of the whims of New England weather the usual crowd will assemble on the Tech Field to watch the struggle between the prep school trained frosh and the Sophs who have endured a year's monkey drill under Frank. And as usual for the last few years, the Lounger has had his ears filled with words to the effect that the Sophs haven't a co-ed's chance of winning, and that the frosh will be hopelessly the losers. One fact is well known, that is the teams are well balanced (or in the tug-of-war overbalanced) and the Lounger expects to see some more life than was shown last year. At any rate he hopes that it will not be necessary for him to intervene to prevent one team from walking away with the goal posts as well as all the points.

But whatever may be the outcome of the events the poor frosh will be forced to enter Frank's select class of toe dancing, and the Sophs will enjoy pleasant dreams to the tune of a Military Science lecturer. Possibly these lectures will be given by that tall good-looking captain of the engineers attended by that short insignificant sergeant of the Coast Artillery. However, everybody will enjoy Tech night in spite of these future punishments for the poor lower classesmen.

Speaking of punishment and football, the time is soon coming for the usual slaughter of the 'sniques by the staff of THE TECH and the Lounger is whetting his appetite for that banquet that the sniques will furnish after they lose the game and have recovered from their injuries sufficiently to take some food. Of course this crippled condition of the 'sniques lessens their eating capacity, which is a saving for their pocketbooks.

TECHA DELENDA EST!

Much water has flowed into the pump of the Hydraulics Lab., and having flowed in, flowed out again, since last we felt called upon to crush this vaporous cocatrice, that, raising its slimy belly from the damp sweat of its reeking bed, dared proclaim its existence to virtuous beings.

Again our serene tranquility has been ruffled by the foul mouthings of this rufish ophioidian. Twelve times within the concourse of the last moon has it paraded its pediculous feter before the student body, drooling fatuous verbiage into the ears of all who would deign to listen.

Far be it from us to snoop with enquiring proboscises close to the ground, seeking a sundry, stray, feculent, stench, yet, when such a product of natal ooze permeates even to our abode on high Olympus, we are annoyed, vastly annoyed, and hesitate not for the smallest fraction of an aeon to expunge this abhorrent prodigy. Therefore at the fourth hour on November ninth, shall the Tech crawl forth to its doom.

It is only those of the Managing Board an such others as have resided in the same hotbed of iniquity for the space of one congealing of the turbulent Charles who may enjoy the privilege of partially expiating the crimes of their forefathers by being sacrificed to Belial upon the Gridiron—too noble an extinction for this phthiriasic amphibena.

Armageddon is nigh at hand.
(Signed) HALL KIRKHAM.
For TECHNIQUE.

NOTICES

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

OFFICIAL

Descriptive Geometry classes will begin the week of November 6. Coupon receipts entitling the student to data sheets on the course may be obtained at the Co-operative stores for 50 cents each. These should be brought to the first exercise.

Professor W. S. Franklin of the Department of Physics will speak upon "Some Recent Developments in the Understanding of Spectra" in room 10-250 at 4 o'clock, November 11.

UNDERGRADUATE

Students from other colleges who have received Activity Registration cards from the T. C. A., are asked to fill them out at once and drop them in any mail box in the Institute corridors.

Stanford Club men, who were not at the meeting Sunday, and who desire to attend the banquet on November 19, are to send their addresses to room 1, Perkins Hall, Cambridge. Results of the Stanford-California game will be announced at the banquet.

All men wishing space for the coming year on any of the bulletin boards in the Institute, will meet in the Faculty room, Walker, at 5 o'clock next Monday.

INSTITUTE THANKED FOR VALUABLE AID AT FIRE

"Timely and valuable" was the characterization given to the service rendered by Technology at the fire in the vicinity of the buildings on October 27, according to a letter received by Superintendent Smith from James M. Casey, Chief of the Cambridge Fire Department.

The fire occurred in Sterritt's Lumber Yard on the railroad side of the Institute buildings on the evening of October 7 and by the aid of the fire pumps installed, as Mr. Casey called it, "with splendid foresight," the Cambridge fire force, assisted by the Institute engineers, were able to get the fire under control.

It is believed that it was only by the use of these pumps that the fire was localized and prevented from spreading to the Institute buildings.

Two Pumps Kept Ready

Two pumps, each of which is capable of supplying five streams of 125 pounds pressure, are kept in readiness. One of these was used with great success. In all about \$50 worth of water was used, the money to be refunded to the Institute through an adjustment of its water bill. The letter from Chief Casey follows:

"I wish to extend my sincere thanks for allowing the members of the Cambridge Fire Department to attach their hose to your fire pumps during the fire at Sterritt's Lumber Yard on the evening of October 7.

"The service rendered on that occasion by your engineers was both valuable and timely. There is no doubt in my mind but that they were the means of preventing the fire from spreading to the adjacent building on that side of the fire.

"The installation of those fire pumps was a splendid foresight of some person who must have had in mind the protection of the Technology buildings from just such a fire as occurred on October 7.

"If at any time the department can be of service to the Institute of Technology, kindly advise me."

AT THE THEATRES

SHUBERT: "The Passing Show of 1921," 8:00. Tech Night tonight—that's enough.

PLYMOUTH: "The Bad Man," 8:20. The best comedy in town. Holbrook Blinn as Pancho, the bandit, provokes one continuous round of applause.

ST. JAMES: "A Cure For Curables." A bright comedy of life at a fashionable sanatorium and the troubles of a young heir are well presented.

WILBUR: "The Rose Girl," 8:15. An amusing musical comedy playing to crowded houses. Good music, good show.

TREMONT: "Little Old New York," 8:15. Genevieve Tobin in a delightful comedy of life in 1819. A romance with quaint and interesting characters. The last two days.

COLONIAL: "Ziegfeld Follies," 8:15. Gorgeous costumes, excellent music and among the 100 Ziegfeld Beauties there are some of the prettiest girls ever on a Boston stage. Fields, Hitchcock and Fannie Brice just as funny as ever. The last two days.

HOLLIS: "Declassed," 8:15. Ethel Barrymore triumphs again in a brilliant emotional story of the adventures of a titled English lady adrift in the wilds of New York. The last two days.

COPLEY: "The School for Scandal," 8:00. The Jewett Players present a happy revival of Sheridan's famous comedy.

SYMPHONY HALL: The John McCormack concert has been postponed. Future date will be announced later.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: Two weeks beginning Monday, Nov. 7, the San Carlo Grand Opera Co. offers a series of operas. Nov. 7, "Carmen," Nov. 8, "La Boheme."

ARLINGTON: "Lakme," 8:15. The Boston Society of Singers offers grand opera in English.

MAJESTIC: 8:00. Vaudeville. A mediocre show with Cecil Cunningham as the redeeming feature.

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FENWAY: "The Idle Class." Charlie Chaplin gives a double header of society life and hard luck. "Conquest of Canaan." Thomas Meighan grows up in a small town drama. (Sun.) "Bunty Pulls the Strings," and "Her Lord and Master."

SELWYN: (Formerly Park Square) "The Three Musketeers," 8:15.

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CANE RUSH GIVES WAY TO FIELD DAY

Just twenty-one years ago today, Field Day came into existence at Technology, to replace the old barbaric cane-rush, as a clean and manly method of settling the traditional dispute between the two lower classes. Its establishment as one of the chief institutions at Technology marked a new era in the Institute and was heralded with much enthusiasm by the youthful athletes among the freshmen and Sophomores. Unfortunately the circumstances which led to the substitution of the athletic meet for the rush were very sad.

The last cane-rush took place in 1900 between the class of 1903 and 1904. At the end of the rush a count was taken and the result showed that the class of 1904 had won, but the victory was costly and heavy. The unconscious body of Hugh Chadwick Moore '04 was found wrapped around the cane, and although he was removed immediately all efforts to revive him proved futile. By his side was Harold W. Sherrill '04, who was carried from the field suffering from a hemorrhage of both eyes and an enlargement of the heart, from which he has never fully recovered.

At a class meeting held a few days before the fatal rush Moore had spoken to his class, urging them that the pistol shot was a signal to fight harder and make desperate efforts to throw off their rivals. He acted as he had advised his class-mates and hurled himself into the midst of the battle when the gun went off. Others followed him and he was pinned beneath the pile, guarding the cane faithfully. Those nearest him asked him if he felt all right and he replied that nothing was bothering him and he was still holding on to the cane. At the end of the struggle his prostrate body was found wrapped around the cane.

The other victim of the fight, Sherrill, was injured because of the great strain he was subjected to at the bottom of the pile, in the prolonged holding of his breath and the external pressure of the crowd. Like his prostrate class-mate he fought all the harder when the pistol went off, being thrown down in the same way. He was confined to the dark room for nearly two weeks and never fully recovered.

On the third of December of the same year the Institute Committee appointed a committee to confer with the Advisory Council on Athletics on the question of substituting an athletic meet for the cane-rush. As a result the first Field Day was held the following year, the event being won by the freshmen.

PLANS FOR ARMISTICE DAY AWAIT EXECUTIVE ACTION

Plans for exercises on Armistice Day, as requested by President Harding, have been completed. These plans, of course, will be cancelled if the day is made a legal holiday. The faculty has arranged to suspend classes at the Institute at 11 o'clock and they will be resumed as soon as possible after the exercises. A military band in Dupont Court will play national airs during part of the demonstration.

The faculty is planning to assemble shortly before noon in the Lowell Court, where they will review the freshmen military detachment, in uniform. After the review the detachment will form in the center of Eastman Court.

All men connected with the Institute that have seen service with any of the Allied armed forces will form on the sidewalk along the open side of Eastman Court. At five minutes of 12 o'clock an officer will read the President's proclamation, at the end of which the military department will fire a three-inch field piece. The assembly will then uncover and remain so for two minutes in honor of the unknown hero, then the gun will be fired again. This will be the signal for the completion of the exercises.

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