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TECH WORLD-FIXERS

DO Tech men take active interest in world affairs? This question has been brought to our minds by an editorial in the Saturday Evening Post under the title of "Amateur World-Fixers," which points out that "there is something wholesome and encouraging in the fact that at no former time in our history have so many Americans manifested lively personal interest in our international affairs, in the problems of peace and war, and in the fundamentals of our national life." Obviously, all the opinions advanced are not worth listening to, and so the writer of the article mentioned has laid down the following provisions:

"If we were asked to specify the minimum qualifications for a Class A amateur world-fixer, we should say that he ought to know the Constitution of the United States as well as the multiplication table; have first-hand knowledge of business and commerce; be familiar with the workings of his own national and state governments; have at least a superficial acquaintance with nine or ten centuries of struggle for civil and political liberty in Europe and this country; know something of the development of the Supreme Court; and have mastered at least one elementary treatise on economics. If he will read enough history to furnish a suitable background for his other studies, they will be all the more valuable to him."

"We do not say that this is sufficient equipment to enable any keen young thinker to put the millions in his debt for his epoch-making plans for their welfare, but we do declare that it is more formidable armament than is possessed by many men who have succeeded in attracting nation-wide attention and in winning elections to the House or the Senate."

In looking over these requisites we have been impressed with the fact that here is a great field open to the engineer. True, this field is not automatically opened at graduation time; for one of the minimum qualifications is first-hand knowledge of business and commerce, and with all due respect to theory and principles which may be learned beforehand, actual first-hand knowledge must be gained through practical experience. But the latest field for engineering in its most modern sense is right in business itself, where the teachings of science are being introduced, even into sales work.

Here, then, is a future. Diplomacy and statesmanship alone do not always produce success, but often lead to secret intrigues and help precipitate wars. But when combined with the scientific viewpoint and welded to a thorough and sound economic training, coupled with the engineer's impartial and moderate outlook, world affairs might be solved to a much higher degree of practicality than at present.

The traffic over Harvard Bridge is getting worse and worse. While statistics are not yet available for November, it is generally felt that the number of men getting "lifts" over the bridge has fallen off greatly; for with the Beacon Street jams it is quicker to walk. If conditions get much worse we'll either have to move the whole Institute out to the Western prairies or back up the new reform movement to abolish all automobiles. It's going too far when even our professors are waylaid and made late for their classes.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

HARVARD WANTS TELEPATHY VICTIMS

An investigation is being made by the Hodgson Psychological Research department of Harvard University to find out if there are any men at Harvard who have experienced mental telepathy. A questionnaire has been sent to 1500 students asking whether the student has ever had a case of thought transference, and if so what were the particulars of the case. Some 400 men have already answered the questionnaire and of these a few will later be examined as possible material for experiment.

1926 ELECTS SPONSOR

The Sophomore Class at Columbia have elected Madge Kennedy, popular actress, as their class sponsor. The

class recently entertained Miss Kennedy at the Campus. Another case of feminine victory over the strong sex.

Play Directory

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE: "Oedipus Rex."

Sir John Martin Harvey.

COLONIAL: "George White's Scandals." Review.

COPLEY: "I'll Leave It to You." Jewett Players.

HOLLIS: "So This Is London." Cohan comedy.

MAJESTIC: "Dew Drop Inn." James Barton, comedian.

PLYMOUTH: "The Love Child." A. H. Wood's production.

ST. JAMES: "Shavings." Cape Cod comedy.

SELWYN: "Two Fellows and a Girl." Cohan love comedy.

SHUBERT: "Mary Jane McKane." Musical play Good.

TREMONT: "Little Nellie Kelly." Musical comedy.

WILBUR: "Sally, Irene and Mary." Musical comedy, last week.

Hold Student Convention During Christmas Week

by A. R. Gruenberg '24

Once in four years delegates of all the colleges and universities of the United States and Canada meet at the big convention of the Student Volunteer Movement.

Such a convention for our "student generation" will assemble on December 28 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention will open with addresses on the following subjects:

Modern Industrialism, Racial Relations and Christian Brotherhood; International Problems and the Christian Way of Life, and Present Day Social and Intellectual Unrest. The addresses will be followed by a detailed study of conditions in different parts of the world and a survey of the possibilities of Christian service in the professional fields.

Summarized, the purpose of the Convention is to help the American Students to realize the critical needs and possibilities of the situation in the world today and to consider the responsibility of the Christian students of the United States and Canada in light of this situation.

The last Convention held in December 1919 at Des Moines, Iowa, was attended by 6,890 delegates, men and women, from 949 American and Canadian Colleges. Technology was then represented by 33 men, among whom were: F. L. Hewitt, faculty representative; W. M. Ross, T. C. A. Representative; L. A. St. Laurant '21, General Manager of THE TECH; N. G. Abbott, Jr., '20, president of Senior class; W. R. Barker '21, in charge of the student government conference; A. D. Harvey '21, General Manager of Voo Doo; I. D. Jakobson '21, Captain of Crew; and H. R. Kepner '20, president of T. C. A.

Are we going to be represented this time among all the American Colleges?

Sending a delegation will be of great benefit to the Institute for these reasons: first, no college is sufficient unto itself. We cannot realize our own fullest life unless we thus participate in the common activity and fellowship of the great student body of North America. Then, we want to represent our school and to give an understanding of its problems and ideals to the entire American student body.

The greatest benefit, however, will be derived by the delegates themselves. The Convention will broaden their minds, make them see the entire world as it is today, and make them think in larger and wider terms of America and the world as a whole.

Discussion groups, forums, meetings at free times and at the luncheon and dinner table, will give them the unique opportunity to meet men and women from every type of college and university of the United States and Canada.

If we act, we want to act quickly. The number of delegates which will be sent from each school must be in the hands of the Convention Office by the 1st of December.

The committee on the Student Volunteer Convention consists of H. R. Greatwood '24, chairman; Harrison Browning '25 and A. R. Gruenberg '24. Let those who are interested in the problems which will be treated by the Convention see one of these men, or come to the T. C. A. for any further information they desire.

The Convention can be particularly easily attended by the men whose home is in the neighborhood or beyond Indianapolis, and who intend to go home for Christmas.

A special fare reduction has been arranged for all delegates to the Convention.

HIGH SALARIED JOBS READY FOR ENGINEERS

Mass production and labor saving devices have so shifted the ratio between the number of workers and executives employed in America, that 200,000 positions of responsibility and high salary will go begging in industry by 1930 unless something is done to train more men for such positions.

This decision was recently announced by the National Industrial Conference Board, a committee of manufacturers and industrial educators, who have just concluded a series of conferences dealing with the labor problem.

Day of Trained Men Dawns

The increasing desire for technically trained executives is one of the logical demands of an industry which is developed to the highest degree of efficiency in all of its branches. The position that the engineer occupies in industry is usually limited by the majority of people to the direct production of commodities. This misunderstanding upon their part is a serious error. There was a time, however, when the efforts of technical men were confined to this phase of industry but under our present industrial system his services know no bounds.

The entrepreneur has become convinced, during the past few years, of the advantage, and in some cases, the necessity of employing such men. Slowly, but surely, the "oldtimer" is being replaced by the newly trained group of engineers, a goodly number of whom are being trained at Technology today.

Research Calls Engineers

It cannot be denied that the direct production of goods employs the greatest number of technical graduates. This condition is justified when we consider the increasing tendency to the use of machines and other labor-saving devices which have dispensed with much manual labor but which necessarily require the services of many men who are trained along technical lines.

Although most Technology graduates will undoubtedly drift into this particular kind of work, it is imperative that we emphasize the fact that many of them will find excellent opportunities in the other divisions of industrial enterprise. The value of an engineer in the sales department of a corporation is becoming more and more evident every day while the purchasing of raw materials is another field which pays in dollars and cents when placed under similar supervision. Then, of course, the training of an engineer is now being utilized in the field of research, a branch of industry which has been somewhat neglected in the past.

Need More Engineers

Clearly, therefore, if we are to continue to develop industry to a high de-

gree of efficiency by means of the exploitation of new inventions and labor-saving devices, a large body of engineers, trained along highly specialized lines, will be necessary.

As a matter of general information for students it might be mentioned that the average annual enrollment of technical schools in this country is approximately 50,000. The enrollment of prospective engineers and executives in the schools is said to have increased by only 382 in three years despite the great expansion of industry which has characterized it during the past few years.

MONTCALM'S LETTERS ON EXHIBITION

Some 1200 letters written by Montcalm to his lieutenants have been placed on exhibition in the McGill library, according to the McGill Daily. These interesting letters, long lost, have been purchased by the Canadian government for a huge sum, for they furnish an invaluable history of the French commander.

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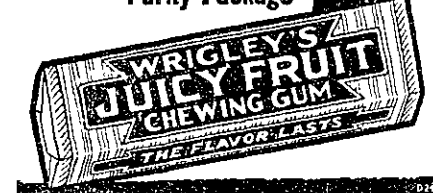
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