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## TEAM GETS IN TIGHT PLACE; SQUIRMS OUT

Sloppy Play Allows Wesleyan Sudden Spurt.

### YAVITS SAVES DAY

By Vigorous Defensive and Accurate Foul Shooting He Restores Safe Lead to Union.

Union defeated Wesleyan Saturday by a score of 37-28. The game was a distinct let-down from the contest with C. C. N. Y. as the team play was far off form, the shooting poor in the extreme and the handling of the ball mediocre at least. Union attempted to use a long pass the length of the floor and time and again the Purple would have scored from this formation if it had not been for the star defense play of Captain Yavits, whose work was the outstanding feature of the evening for the Garent. Collins only shot one basket from the floor during the game, but many of his errors might be set down to over-confidence.

The entire team seemed to feel so sure of victory that they grew careless and during the second half allowed the visitors at one time to get within one point of their score. For Wesleyan the floor work and foul shooting of Captain Keeler and the scoring of Tomlinson featured. There was too much holding on both sides, but except for this the game was clean and not very rough. Wesleyan attempted many long shots without success.

Wesleyan secured the ball on the tip-off and for three minutes there was a hot scrimmage. Joe Brucker scored first for Union on a pass from Collins and Jones followed a minute later on a neat shot from the side. Play was largely in Wesleyan territory. J. Brucker fouled but Keeler missed his first foul shot. Incidentally it was his only miss of the evening on a personal foul. Jones scored twice in rapid success on two shots from under the basket and Tomlinson drew first blood for Wesleyan with an easy shot. From then on until the end of the half scoring was about even and the period ended with Union leading 20-14.

The second period started with a  
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### CALENDAR

#### Tonight.

8:00—Prof. Hoernle lectures in chapel on "Philosophy, Its Data, Its Methods, Its Goal."

#### Tuesday.

8:00—Prof. Hoernle lectures in chapel on "Scientific and Religious Motives in Philosophy. The Value of Philosophy."

#### Wednesday.

7:30—Athletic Board meeting in gymnasium.

## LIEUT. NORSWORTHY RECALLED TO BRITISH ARMY, WILL LEAVE SOON



Lieutenant John O. Norsworthy.

Lieutenant John O. Norsworthy, Instructor in Military Training, has been recalled to active service in the Canadian forces and will leave here within a few days.

Lieutenant Norsworthy served with the Canadian Scotch Highlanders. He was three months on the Western Front and was wounded in the attack on Vimy Ridge, after which he was invalided home.

## DR. RICHMOND AT PATRIOTIC CONGRESS

Third Congress of Security League Will Be Attended by U. S. Leaders.

President Richmond will attend the Congress of National Service held in Chicago February 21, 22 and 23 by the National Security League. The purpose of this Congress is to stimulate the purpose of the American people in supporting every effort directed towards a speedy winning of the war. It will be attended by ex-President Taft, Elihu Root, Governor R. I. Manning of South Carolina, Governor Whitman, Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, and Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University, and Robert M. McElroy, head of the Department of History and Politics of Princeton, each of whom will deliver an address. Charles Edward Russell of New York, who was a member of the Root Mission to Russia, will speak on "The Import of Victory." Judge John Bradley Winslow, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, will speak on "The Overthrow of International Law and What it Means to the World." There will also be addresses  
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## KAISER WORSE THAN UNSPEAKABLE TURK

Persian Missionary Gives Account of Horrors Perpetrated by Turks at German's Order.

Dr. Frederic Coan, a missionary to Persia, spoke a flagrant indictment against the German Kaiser, in chapel today, declaring him to be worse than the "unspeakable Turk." He also gave a stirring account of his exciting experience in Persia when over twenty thousand Armenians, who had taken refuge within the compound of Dr. Coan and his fellow missionaries, were saved from destruction at the hands of a Turkish Army, by the American missionaries planting the flag of the United States before then and daring the Turk to advance.

"The massacre of 1895-96," said Dr. Coan, "when three hundred thousand innocent victims were slaughtered, was carried out at the order of a Turk. The massacre of 1915 in which three millions were exterminated, was at the order of Emperor William. I feel like apologizing to the Turk for having called him the 'unspeakable Turk.' The German Emperor who is not a Mohammedan, who does not believe in the Koran but who professes to be—  
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## ROUMANIA DESPOILED BY HER ALLY, RUSSIA

Dr. Perkins '93 Tells of Balkan Country's Plight.

### IN CHAPEL SATURDAY

Cossacks Ate Up the Grain, Chopped Down the Houses, Annexed the Sewing Machines.

Dr. Roger G. Perkins '93, one of the few people who have been to the Eastern Front and returned to this country, speaking in chapel Saturday morning gave an account of his observations in Roumania where he went last summer at the head of the Red Cross Mission to Roumania with the rank of Major, and whence he returned the first of February.

Dr. Perkins is a professor in the medical department of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O. His father was Dr. Maurice Perkins, for many years head of the chemistry department of Union College and one of the best known chemists of his time.

As Dr. Perkins travelled to Roumania by way of Vladivostok, the Trans-Siberian railroad and Moscow, he saw much of conditions brought about in Russia by the revolution and the Bolshevik regime, and was able to give his hearers an idea of the political turmoil in Russia, as well as a description of the military and political situation in Roumania and the condition of the Roumanian people.

Fastening a map of the Balkan district to the rostrum, Dr. Perkins first pointed out the geographical situation of Roumania—bordered by the Black Sea, the Carpathians and Russia.

"Roumania," he said, "is the most easterly country where a romance language is found. The Roman tongue was introduced there centuries ago when the Romans came to conquer the Dacians, and it still survives. Although Ferdinand, the Emperor of Roumania, is the son of Germans, Carl and Carmen-Sylvia, and is German in his personal appearance, his wife is the granddaughter of Queen Victoria and his sympathies are entirely with the Allies. If the Allies are defeated he will be utterly lost, as the Kaiser has an agreement with Ferdinand's brother at Bucharest, with whom he is friendly, that in case Ferdinand is overthrown, he shall be made Emperor. The sympathy of the people, who love Ferdinand, is therefore strengthened because of the danger in which he stands, should the Kaiser overthrow him."

"Russia and Roumania have been allies, as they were in this war, seven or eight times, and every time Roumania got stung, as she did in this war. In the Turkish War in the '70's Roumania went in with Russia against Turkey and to reward Roumania Rus-

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### Thanks, Thanks to Thee Our Worthy Friend.

The continued success of the basketball team, which has met no team that it has not defeated, is in a large measure the result of the efforts of Mr. Oscar W. Kuolt, who has gratuitously and solely as a friend of the college, given his services as a coach. Saturday night's game was Mr. Kuolt's last, as he leaves next Friday to begin his duties as a member of the Fosdick Commission, which is promoting social and athletic interests in the army camps.

Although not an alumnus of the college Mr. Kuolt volunteered to aid Mr. Hequembourg '12 and Mr. Yates '98 in coaching the basketball team, and when Mr. Hequembourg was called into the service, he took active charge of the task. Since then the team has improved and developed into one of Union's matchless basketball teams and has won victories especially gratifying in view of the disordered state of intercollegiate athletics in these war times.

Doubtless Mr. Kuolt regrets his inability to remain with the team until the end of the season, but he has had the satisfaction of seeing the wisdom of his methods approved and his labors bear fruit. He has not produced a team which will suddenly

slump and we may expect a continuation of success until the season is ended, especially as Mr. Kuolt's work will be carried on by Mr. Yates, a veteran of great experience and sagacious judgment.

Mr. Kuolt takes with him the thanks and gratitude and good wishes of the students of Union College.

### OVER 70 BOOKS ON GREAT WAR ARE IN LIBRARY

The following books on the war have been purchased by the Library and may be obtained by the students: Arcehr: Gems (?) of German Thought.

Aitken: Canada in Flanders.  
Angel: The Great Illusion.  
Bullard: Diplomacy of the Great War.

Barron: The Audacious War.  
Bourdon: The German Enigma.  
Broughton: The British Empire at War.

Buchan: The Battle of the Somme.  
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Brandes: The World at War.  
Barbusse: Under Fire.  
Bailey: Slavs of the War Zone.  
Beaverbrook: Canada in Flanders.  
Bourtroux: Philosophy and War.  
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Bang: Hurrah and Hallelujah.  
Buchan: Nelson's History of the War. 7 Vols.

Blakeslee: Problems and Lessons of the War.

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Carpenter: Ethical and Religious Aspects of the War.

Dillon: A Scrap of Paper.  
Dixon: The British Navy at War.  
Ensor: Belgium.

Empey: Over the Top.  
Fernan: The Coming Democracy.  
Fernan: Because I Am a German.  
Gibson: Journal of Our Legation in Belgium.

Gerard: My Four Years in Germany.  
Hankey: A Student in Arms.  
Hansi: Professor Knatschke.  
Headlam: The Issue.

Headlam: The History of Twelve Days—July 24 to August 4, 1914.  
Hunt: War Bread.

Johannet: Pan-Germanism versus Christendom.

Johnson: The Peril of Prussianism.  
Jones: America Entangled.  
Letts: Spires of Oxford.  
Liebknecht: Militarism.

Langenhove: The Growth of a Legend.  
Masfield: Old Front Line.

Murray: Faith, War and Policy.  
Mokveld: German Fury in Belgium.

Massart: Belgians Under the German Eagle.  
Mucke: The Tyesha—Adventures of the Emden.

Meyer: England and the War Against Germany.

Meuffer: Between St. Dennis and St. George.  
Meuffer: When Blood is Their Argument.

MacDonagh: The Irish at the Front.  
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### DR. RICHMOND AT PATRIOTIC CONGRESS

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by other prominent people.

The sessions of the Congress will be held in Medinah Temple. A banquet will be held in the La Salle hotel, Saturday night, February 23, at which Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, will speak.

President Richmond is to speak in connection with the work of the congress at one of the Chicago high schools on Washington's birthday.

It is expected that the Congress of National Service will be more numerous than either the Congress of National Security, which the National Security League held in Washington in 1916, or the Congress of Constructive Patriotism, held in Washington in 1917, both of which were highly successful and accomplished important results. More than 400 governors, mayors, universities, colleges, State departments of public instruction, State Bar Associations, learned and patriotic societies, agricultural and commercial and labor organizations, have each appointed three delegates to attend the Congress of National Service.

One of the aims of this Congress is to impress upon individual citizens

the grave importance of victory to the individual and to set forth clearly the great interests at stake in this war.

It is also intended to aid in creating public opinion favorable to obligatory universal military service.

President Richmond has been asked to serve as a member of the Congress's Committee on Patriotic Education.

### FOR THE SAILORS AT SEA.

By Charles Alexander Richmond.  
(From The Outlook.)

Rude wind;  
Rude winter wind that blows,  
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Blow softly.  
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Breath of a thousand mothers' prayers,  
Be kind,  
Good winter wind.

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Cruel winter sea that breaks,  
Grave of a thousand winter wrecks,  
Break softly.  
Mother sea that bears  
Weight of a thousand mothers' fears,  
Salt with a thousand mothers' tears,  
Break not their hearts.  
Softly!  
Oh good grey winter sea.

### KAISER WORSE THAN UNSPEAKABLE TURK

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lieve the gospel of Jesus Christ, is infinitely worse.

"The Emperor William wanted the Mohammedan vote. He knew that there were two hundred and sixty millions of Mohammedans scattered through India, Persia, Russia and Africa, countries of the Allies. Why did he order these ruthless tortures, these fiendish cruelties, which a Mohammedan official refused to order, and resigned his post rather than order it? Because he did not want the Armenians there. He wanted the Turk to be there, because he could handle the Turk, but the Armenian is a Christian and loves liberty and will not be a tool of the Kaiser.

"There is not a man on God's earth who could have seen what I have seen and be a pacifist. I would like to take these pacifists out there to see what I have seen. I asked one the other day 'If three or four brutal Turks had seized your wife and were going to outrage her before your eyes, what would you do?' If he had said he believed in the principle of non-resistance I would have spit in his face!" (Applause.)

Dr. Coan declared that to subscribe to Germany's cry of "Peace without annexation and indemnities" is to admit that Germany has won the war and the Allies are defeated.

"Germany has forty-two million vassals plowing her fields and digging her trenches. She has the wheat, corn, iron and oil of her allies and the countries she has overrun. Turkey is a puppet and Austria a vassal. If we say 'No annexations and no indemnities we are licked.'"

Dr. Coan revealed two facts about the war that are not generally known—the real reason for England's Dardanelles campaign and the loss of three hundred thousand Turkish soldiers in Armenia in one of the heaviest snow storms ever seen there. It was to divert the Turk from Persia that England at the suggestion of Russia undertook the Dardanelles campaign, Russia at the time being unable to protect Persia.

"The Dardanelles campaign," said Dr. Coan, "is called the 'Gallipoli fiasco,' but by it England accomplished all that was required of her and came near accomplishing more."

Dr. Coan spoke highly of the Russians, describing them as large-hearted and magnanimous and urging sympathy for them and confidence in their destiny.

### POERSCH WRITES HISTORY.

Mathias Poersch was elected Class Historian by the Seniors at a meeting Saturday morning.

### ATHLETIC BOARD MEETS.

The Athletic Board meets Wednesday night at 7:30 to elect an assistant manager of football.

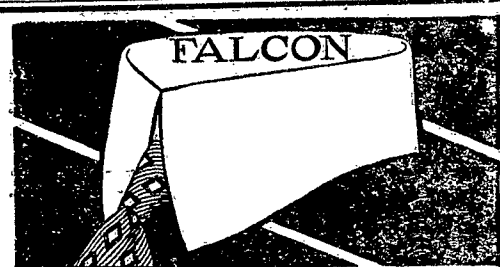
At the Twelfth Annual Convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, held in New York recently, rifle shooting was adopted as an intercollegiate sport. Rules for intercollegiate wrestling will be formulated, and efforts will be made to introduce boxing and grenade-throwing as recognized sports.

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Wesleyan drive that brought them within one point of evening the score. Yavits scored first in the period from the foul line but Keeler evened that a minute later. Tomlinson then scored the prettiest shot of the evening, a back-hand flip from the side. Union called time out and on the beginning of play attempted to again drive through with the short pass. J. Brucker scored and things looked better, but Wesleyan came back hard and baskets by Keeler and Anderson and a foul shot by Keeler made the score Union 23, Wesleyan 22. The play was hard but disorganized, and the smooth team play of former games was conspicuous by its absence. From this point, however, Union settled down and began to play in all around better shape and from then on the game was never in question. Too much praise, however, can not be given to Captain Yavits and Jones for their combined offensive and defensive play for it was the work of these two men in the critical stage that saved the game.

### ROUMANIA DESPOILED BY HER ALLY, RUSSIA

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sia took away from her Bessarabia, the large fertile plain to the north. Consequently the Roumanians have a stronger dislike for the Russians than for the Germans. Besides this, Roumania has little traffic or commerce with Russia, all her railroads but one connect with the west and all her trade is with Western Europe."

"But in spite of these facts Roumania entered the war in the fall of 1916 on the side of Russia and the Allies. The reason was that she hoped to get back Transylvania, a region west of the Carpathians, rich in coal and iron, which she had lost to Austria. Roumania has no minerals, except petroleum and salt, and is largely dependent on agriculture and the coal fields and iron mines of the Transylvania would strengthen her economically and round out her territory.

"Russia agreed to guard Roumania's southern boundary. She didn't do it. The Roumanians were forced to retreat and Bucharest fell. The people were driven into a remnant of their country to the north, one-fourth the size of Roumania, a territory about as large as Connecticut and Rhode Island. In that little corner of Roumania, three million out of seven million of Roumania's population are now remaining."

"The retreat from Bucharest was attended by terrible suffering. Men rode for days on the trains out of the city, hanging on by one hand and

with just enough space on the car to place one foot. With the retreating army came typhus. Typhus is the old ship fever, or putrid fever. It is carried by clothes lice and hence it spreads rapidly whenever large numbers of people are huddled together. Trains came in with from twenty to thirty per cent of the people dead with typhus. In the hospitals three men would be laid crosswise on a bed, with two under the bed, dead, or living in misery. The conditions can only be pictured by reading De Foe's 'Journal of the Plague Year.' More died from disease than died in battle. One-sixth of the doctors died."

"It was estimated that there was enough wheat and corn to last until the 1918 harvests were in, but the Russians 'borrowed' the grain so that last October it was figured there was wheat enough to last until January 1, and corn enough until February 1. It is now the middle of February and I have not heard of their receiving any supplies.

"The Roumanian peasant is a light eater. A little cornmeal mush and white cheese made from goat's milk suffice him. But the Russian is a good trencherman. He is also very fond of his horses and when he ran short of fodder for them he turned them into the Roumanians' pea and bean fields. The Cossack has a curious liking for sewing machines and when he departed from a Roumanian peasant's house it was with the sewing machine under his arm. They are also too lazy to visit the wood-pile to build a fire and so demolished the interior of the peasant's houses in order to get fuel. So that when the Roumanian's allies, the Russians, departed, they left a land devastated as by locusts.

"With the Russians withdrawn the Roumanians hold a small sector on the west with no one to the north or to the south of them."

After telling briefly of the purpose of the Red Cross Mission to Roumania and the results it accomplished, Dr. Perkins spoke of Russian affairs.

"The Bolsheviks," he said, "is not a people, nor a section of the country. It is a state of mind. The Bolsheviks are the people who want more, the Maximalists. They demand a division of property, government ownership and government by committees, the Soviets. There are Bolsheviks who are Cossacks and Cossacks who are Bolsheviks. The Bolsheviks are found throughout the country, but mostly in the cities. The peasants are not so much interested in them."

"The Russian is a child. He has the instincts of a child, the cruelty of a child, and the interests of a child. Just as a child will tear off a frog's leg to see what the frog will do, the Russian will tear off a man's legs to see what the man will do. And like

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a child he will eat all he can get to eat. He eats four meals a day anyway and will eat five or six if he can get them. I was once travelling with a Russian captain and we ran short of provisions. After foraging about I finally secured some food, which the Russian insisted upon eating up all at once. I remonstrated and pointed out that it was foolish to eat all and save none for the morrow. But he replied, 'it is our habit. We do things largely or not at all.'

### FIFTY-SIX LEAVE COLLEGE DURING FIRST SEMESTER

Registration for the second semester is as follows:

Seniors	47
Juniors	56
Sophomores	91
Freshmen	137

Total 331

This total shows that 56 students left college during the first semester, most of whom left to enter military service. Registration for the first semester amounted to 387 students, as follows:

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Juniors	69
Sophomores	98
Freshmen	161

Total 387



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