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CORPS STARTS SPRING DRIVE ON LENOX RD.

Advance Guard Finds "Enemy" in College Woods.

NEARLY ALL UNIFORMED

U. S. Inspector to Give Hard Exam After the Easter Recess.

Lenox Road was the battalion's theatre of war yesterday, when, for the first time this season, the three companies sallied forth for a bit of outdoor drill. Most of the afternoon was spent in putting into practice some of the theories which the men have been studying, chiefly those touching the use and composition of advance guards. The problem studied in its practical phases yesterday was the use of one company as advance guard for a battalion. After A Company had had some minutes' exercise in forming the vanguard, B Company was put at the head of the column for the same purpose, and finally C Company was detailed for advance guard duty. During the afternoon there was some skirmishing, too, with A Company sending out feelers for the "enemy," which was located somewhere beyond the college woods in the direction of Nott Street. A trained military observer would doubtless have said that the rookies were none too much at home advancing in skirmish line through a wooded tract. Nevertheless, the cadets were given some valuable experience and it is more than probable that they will put up a stronger offensive next time.

Every man who took part in yesterday's outdoor drill was in uniform. Only a little over a dozen appeared at drill in civilian dress, and these were instructed to remain in the gym throughout the afternoon in order to be fitted with khaki. Today will probably see the entire battalion uniformed. It is necessary that they be so equipped before the monthly muster roll and inspection, to be held today.

Military salutes and honors and the duty of the soldier as embodied in the oath of allegiance were discussed in Col. Goldman's special class for officers and non-commissioned officers yesterday. After a short quiz on these matters, Col. Goldman gave a few moments' lecture on entrenchments. The theory of these defenses was explained by diagrams and cross-sections of first-line trenches, communication trenches, traverses, and machine gun emplacements. At the close of the

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CALENDAR.

Thursday.

3:30—College closes for Easter recess.

Thursday, April 4.

8:00 A. M.—(New time)—College session resumes.

BAGPIPES PLAY BACKWARD FOR ENGINEERS AT SIGMA XI LECTURE

An exceedingly interesting lecture was delivered yesterday afternoon in the Electrical Laboratory by Mr. John V. Taylor of the General Electric Company, on "The Development of the Phonograph and the Microscopic Study of Phonograph Records." The lecture was given under the auspices of Sigma Xi. Mr. Taylor traced the development of the phonograph record from the coating of tinfoil, on which the first sound reproduction was made, through the introduction of the cylinder record to the perfection of the record in its present form, the disc. He had with him a number of samples of phonograph needles, and parts of reproducers, which he described. He also flashed upon a stereopticon screen microscopic studies of sound reproductions on records, needle cross-sections, etc. He discussed the theory of the recording of sound waves upon the wax of the record. Among the apparatus which Mr. Taylor showed his hearers were records varying from two and a half inches to two feet in diameter. One of the most diverting features of the talk was the playing of several instrumental records backwards, the effect of which was astonishing. Piano records were totally unrecognizable, while a record bag-pipe played backward sounded fully as pleasing as though played in its normal way.

UNION AND HAMILTON DEBATE TWICE TO-NIGHT

Union Teams Enter Lists Fortified By Diligent Preparation.

Union will fight forensic battles on two fields tonight in a dual debate against Hamilton, debates being held simultaneously in Clinton and Schenectady. Union, which will send a team to Clinton to support the affirmative of the question "Resolved, That after the war the United States government should continue to operate the railroads," and will retain a second team to support the negative on its home platform, appears to have an excellent chance for winning both debates. Eight able debaters were chosen some weeks ago in try-outs for the 'varsity team, and the speakers have been using the intervening time to good advantage in preparing strong speeches.

The debate here will be held in the Chapel at eight o'clock, and the following men will represent Union: Jerome Loevenheim, '20; John C. Younie, '18; Clyde A. Heatly, '18; and Frederick G. Bascom, '18, alternate. The Hamilton team will consist of the following debaters: Lewis S. Collins, '18; Thomas B. Jones, '18; Mark W. Lowell, '18; and Sidney G. Rosenthal, '20, alternate. The Union team which will journey to Clinton will consist of I. Russell Stein, '18; Walter Hochuli, '18; William P. Northrop, '18; and Roland E. La Grange, '19, alternate. The Hamilton home team will include Oliver W. Hutchinson, '19; Franklin C. Fry, '21; George T. Link, '18; and Charles A. Keeler, '19, alternate. The opening speeches in both debates will be limited to nine minutes each, while closing speeches will be limited to six minutes each for the first and second speakers and to nine minutes each for the third speakers. Justice Henry V. Borst of Amsterdam, Mr. J. A. T. Schwarte of Saratoga Springs and Prof. Jared W. Scudder of Albany will be judges at the Schenectady debate.

LIEUT. TAYLOR '16 SEES SIGHTS IN FRENCH TOWN

Finds French Cooks Are Not Always Up to Their Reputation.

Bright glimpses of the American soldier's life in France, particularly in hours of recreation when he may visit French towns and cities and see their points of historic interest or of beauty, are given in letters received in this country from Richard Taylor, '16, a former Editor-in-Chief of THE CONCORDIENSIS, now a First Lieutenant in the 17th Field Artillery, in France.

Lieut. Taylor acts as mail censor for his company and says in one letter:

"We are, of course, a very busy crowd and my work is very agreeable. If you don't get letters from me, remember I am busy and not dead."

This line from another letter shows how the joy that falls from our dear old walls leaps across the seas:

"I received a letter from Professor Johnny Bennett, very brief but very friendly. Also a letter from President Richmond and an Alumni Monthly in which they have me down for U. S. R. instead of U. S. A."

In speaking of the French people whom he finds in the villages, Lieut. Taylor says:

"It is good fun to talk to these people. They are all so friendly and eager to talk and they make every effort to speak English. One hardly ever sees an able-bodied man not in uniform. I met one in a store. He showed me his 'permission' for ten days. He was a lieutenant and was using his little vacation to work in the store. Today I saw in a little village a man hopping along on a wooden leg with his Croix de Guerre swinging from its ribbon as he walked. These French are truly a courageous people. They are all plainly mighty glad that Uncle Sam is in the game. I will say I am glad too and proud to be allied with such people. Our declaring war on Germany was one of the finest things that ever

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A. E. F. PRINTS NEWS-PAPER IN PARIS

The Official Publication of the Overseas Command.

"THE STARS AND STRIPES"

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A copy of Vol. I, No. 1, of "The Stars and Stripes," a weekly newspaper published in France by the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force, has reached THE CONCORDIENSIS. It is the official publication of the "A. E. F." and is authorized by General Pershing, whose photograph appears on the front page of the first number, with this message:

"In this first number of The Stars and Stripes published by the men of the Overseas Command, the Commander-in-Chief of the Expeditionary Forces extends his greetings through the editing staff to the readers from the first line trenches to the base ports. These readers are mainly the men who have been honored by being the first contingent of Americans to fight on European soil for the honor of their country. It is an honor and privilege which make them fortunate above the millions of their fellow citizens at home. Commensurate with their privilege in being here is the duty which is laid before them, and this duty will be performed by them as by Americans of the past, eager, determined and unyielding to the last. The paper written by the men in the service should speak the thoughts of the new American army and the American people from whom the army has been drawn. It is your paper. Good luck to it."

(Signed) John J. Pershing,

Commander-in-Chief A. E. F.

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Lo, The Unified Man.

Among the latest winged words spoken by the arch-enemies of any but a "practical" education is this, "The cry of the business world is for unified men who sleep, eat and talk business."

The Super-Man has been much discussed of late, but the Unified Man has not come in for much examination. Is he a Brobdingnag or a blond beast? What sort of eyes, palate, tongue does he have, that he sleeps, eats and talks nothing but business? How many Scots does he kill for breakfast and will he really slay the Humanists without giving quarter? Or has he Peace and Concord as well as Unity? But of course he hasn't. No one has any peace whose pillow is as thorny, whose diet is unsavory, whose conversation is as boring, as one who sleeps and talks nothing but business. The Unified Man must be quite ferocious. If you quote from Hamlet he will fly into a rage, if you recite the Ode to a Nightingale he will gnash his teeth, and if you heedlessly mention Homer or Vergil he will discharge you from his employ. He is a terror.

Yet we must not forget that he is a benefactor too. He makes these trim shoes and hoteproof socks for us, these 'varsity model suits, these shining motor cars, this chewing gum piquantly flavored, this canned soup deliciously seasoned. Were it not for him we should be naked, hungry and without rapid transit. Nothing has a right to exist but the Business of the Unified Man. Spirituality? Learning? Beauty? Culture? Pish! Tush! Pooh! Bah! "The world was made for Caesar."

Pity the Unified Business Man. Sleeping, eating and talking nothing but business he cannot know that he does not know everything, that he may be wrong about what is the chief interest of life, that other interests may be as valuable as Business though he does not understand how they can be. His Unity has made a howling wilderness of his mind and has o'er-cast his eyes with thick amber. He does not know nor can he see the terrible effects of his much-prized Unity. He cannot see what it has done to the Germans. He cannot see how a people once noted for their music, science, poetry, philosophy and other "useless" things, have become so highly Unified in Business—the business of making war—that they are blinded to everything else, and have said that the world was made for them, and have been transformed into beasts by their Unity.

Fortunately, no matter how loudly the business world cries for "the unified man who sleeps, eats and talks business," there are only a few such, and they are not indispensable. We would have something to eat and wear if they did not provide us, for there are men ready to take their places and do their work as well who know enough to know how obtuse and foolish it is to deny the right of existence to every interest but Business, who know that the artist and the poet do just as much as they do to make life livable, who know that it is a curse to be a monomaniac. Men like this, capable of "efficiency" and incapable of attempting to destroy the humanistic education, are to be found among the graduates of the academic institutions which the Unified Man would undoubtedly raze.

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DRAMATIC CLUB'S SHOW TO BE PRODUCED IN GYM

Changeable as the very March winds are the plans of the Dramatic Club, but such shifts are not always the fault of the members or the management. The date and place of holding "A Full House," which THE CONCORDIENSIS announced in its last issue as April 23rd at the Hudson Theatre, has now been changed to April 13th in the gymnasium. Shortly after the management announced that the Hudson would be the playhouse for the opening performance of the club's farce, opposition to the plan developed from the college authorities and faculty members of the club. A second attempt to get permission for the use of the gymnasium as a theatre resulted successfully, and the work of preparing the big room for the performance of "A Full House" has already begun. So well are the rehearsals for the play going that the management has decided to produce the farce on April 13th. Advertising for the performance will begin during the Easter recess.

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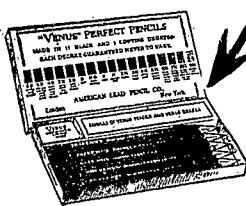
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"The Stars and Stripes" shows a number of soldierly as well as good journalistic qualities. The proof reading is carefully done, the make-up is good, the news articles are written with economy of words and the editorials with "punch," the filler consists of feuilletons in comic vein, and the whole tone of the paper is spirited, good-natured, newsy and even literary. In one form or another the reader will find reference to W. S. Gilbert, Kipling, Mother Goose rhymes, George Ade and Lord Byron. There are several cuts and cartoons. Across the top of the sporting page runs the legend "Allies the Favorites in Betting Odds on Big World Series." There is much more reading matter in proportion to advertising than most newspapers furnish. Among the advertisers are various English and American banks, with Parisian branches, Parisian haberdashers, an "umbrella shop" (the smallest but smartest in Paris, the ad. says, "Perrier the champagne of table waters," the American University Union, the "American Daily Mail," the Army Edition of the "Chicago Tribune," Brentano's, Tiffany, Walk-Over shoes, American Express Co., the

Christian Science reading room in Paris, dispensers of identity discs and bracelets, purveyors of life-saving belts (instantaneous and automatic, the ad says), Adams Express Co., War Insurance, a couple of Paris hotels and restaurants, one of which offers lunch for 7 francs, dinner for 8 francs (wine included.)

The news stories have to do almost exclusively with the war and affairs of the American soldiers. One article sets forth the rules regarding the issuance of leaves of absence, correcting the misapprehension that the men will be under chaperonage when on leave. Every officer and man in good standing is to have seven days' leave every four months, exclusive of the time taken travelling to and from the place where he may spend his holiday. Leave areas where the men on leave may go have been established and one is allotted to each military unit. Provision is made for rotating these areas. Paris is not included in any area, so that the number of American soldiers visiting Paris at any one time is limited. A pink ticket is issued for Paris, a white ticket for one of the various leave areas. Men who obtained leave in the middle of February went to the department of Savoy, where at Aix-les-Bains the Y. M. C. A. had provided accommodations for them.

Another article tells of the treatment of American prisoners in Germany, as vouched for by a Frenchman who was repatriated.

Tremendous cold storage plants and warehouses which the United States erected in France during the winter, is told of in another article, which avers that this depot for handling the army's

supplies is "a young Pittsburgh of industry, a young St. Louis of railway tracks, a young Chicago of meat refrigerators, a young Boston of bean stowawayeries, a young New York water front of warehouses."

There are other stories besides these dealing with the work of the army in France, describing various projects that are going forward. There are several poems touching on incidents of the soldier's life, besides numerous prose sketches on the same subjects. They are all evidently written by men in the service and an editorial appeals to members of the "A. E. F." for contributions.

'JOE' JONES TO CAPTAIN NEXT YEAR'S FIVE

At a meeting of the basketball "U" men late Monday afternoon, Wolcott W. Jones, '20, of Albany, was elected captain of the team for next season. The nomination of Jones was made after the announcement of Captain Yavits that he intends to retire from the game this year on account of duties which will prevent his playing next season.

"Joe" Jones has been one of the most brilliant men of the fast basketball five which represented Union during the season just passed and which chalked up a total of fifteen victories out of sixteen games. Last season Jones won his "aUa" as a member of the second team. He played center on this year's varsity. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

CLASSICAL CLUB PICKS 21 NEW FRESHMAN MEMBERS

The regular meeting of the Classical Club was held Tuesday night. Dr. Fobes read a paper written by Dr. Bennett dealing with "Similes in the Iliad."

After the completion of the program the election to membership of Freshmen candidates was held. The following men were elected: Allison, Armstrong, Bouck, Carpenter, H. Closson, S. Closson, Curtice, Davidson, Freedman, Goewey, Hawkes, Jones, Joseph, Kennedy, King, Mott-Smith, Parent, Potter, Tracy, Walker, Wemple.

The next meeting of the Classical Club will be held April 15.

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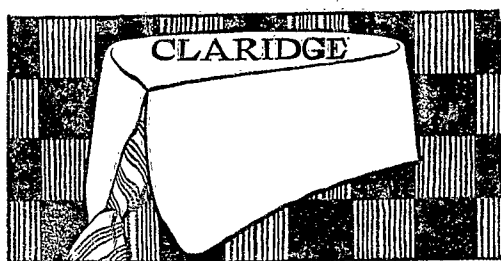
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happened. . . . How easily all this mess could have been avoided if everyone would live as he knows in his heart he should."

Lieut. Taylor is evidently enjoying the little odd moments in which he is free to roam around the cities and country of France, as the following extracts show:

"I had a fine time in the city today. Attended service in a beautiful Roman Catholic church, a most wonderful building within. The first time I have been inside a church to attend service since I have been in the army."

"Last Sunday I had an interesting trip to a quaint French city. Saw many interesting sights, which can only be appreciated by seeing them. The view over the city from a high point just at sunset was superb. Some of the officers went to a show, but I was too busy exploring the city and didn't even think of it."

"Sunday I visited a neighboring city and saw a lot of wonderful sights. I bought a lot of post-cards showing the scenes, but of course I can't send them to you now."

"Today I took advantage of a short leave to visit a French city near here. The trip was a very pleasant one and I saw some very beautiful and historic scenes. Every city in France, I guess, has a history. Had a good meal at a French hotel and had some French candy, the best I have tasted here."

On at least two other occasions, Lieut. Taylor's palate did not give a judgment so favorable to the Bonifaces and confectioners of France:

"Today has been a beautiful mild day, not much like some of the weather we have had here. Have been walking around the country some. These French villages are certainly queer things. The little stores have lots of things to sell the soldiers, and they charge well for them. I bought a very good French-English, English-French dictionary for seven francs today. Two others lieutenants were with me and we decided to try some

French pastry, so I brought out a fifty centime piece, that is ten cents, and bought three queer little things that looked like a cross between a cake and a pie. I took about one bite out of mine and slipped the rest to a little tot, while the other fellow wasn't looking. The kid also took a bite and laid it down on the ground. One of the other fellows threw his around the corner and I guess the other managed to eat his. Then we bought some rather indifferent candy and went on."

"Yesterday I took a little walk and bought a few things. I intended to buy a meal as, it being Sunday, I did 'bunk fatigue' so late I missed my chow. But all the eating places looked so frowsy that I lost my appetite and came back after buying some nuts and dried figs."

The casualty told of in the first, and those which may have resulted from the second of the episodes recorded below, probably received no mention in the official communique.

"I went for a hike today and found a fox that had evidently been killed by shell fire. The officers at the mess today had a lot of fun with me about it. Some said I ran it down, while others maintained it just naturally died when it saw me."

"Yesterday I did a little shooting on the side. Borrowed a Hotchkiss machine gun and made two hits out of twenty-four. The rest went all over the visible terrain. Later I fired twenty-two shots and scored twelve hits. So you see if I fired again I would have made a perfect record. It is quite sport."

TERRACE COUNCIL ELECTS HAWLEY NEW CHEER LEADER

At a meeting of the Terrace Council last Thursday afternoon, Harold A. Hawley, '18, was elected cheer leader. Hawley is a member of the Interfraternity Council, Glee Club, Idol Club, Commencement committee and Circulation Manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS. He is a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity. Hawley has been acting cheer leader since the enlistment of B. P. Lester, '18, in the Albany Base Hospital unit last fall.

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hour, Col. Goldman announced the approximate date of the examination which will be given the officers by the Federal inspector, who will inspect the Union R. O. T. C. soon after the resumption of classes at the end of the Easter recess. The examination will cover those pages in the Infantry Drill Regulations dealing with the School of the Soldier, the School of the Squad and School of the Company, and also section 584 (I. D. R.) concerning entrenchments. In the Field Service Regulations the men will be required to review the pages on the service of security. To round out what the cadets now know concerning Camp Sanitation and Map Reading, Col. Goldman will give short talks on these subjects within the next few days. It will also be necessary to know the principles of small-arms firing as far as actual gallery practice and the sections which have already been studied in the Manual of Interior Guard Duty.

In a competitive examination recently held between the four companies of the Amherst R. O. T. C. one company made an average grade of 70.8, another 63.37, another 69.7 and the fourth 60.4.

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