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WITTNER IS ELIGIBLE; COACH MORE CHEERFUL

Big Shortstop Passes Off Last "Stick."

TEAM LEAVES TOMORROW

Laskowski May Pitch Columbia Game; Four Others Going.

The excellent weather favored baseball practice and made possible a five-inning game Monday afternoon. The four hours' practice at that time and two more on Tuesday made it possible to conjecture who the coming stars of the season will be, although no definite word from the coach is forthcoming.

There will be a short practice tomorrow afternoon, after which the thirteen men scheduled to make the trip, Coach Tamsett and Manager Gorham will leave for Albany to take the New York boat "Trojan." While in the metropolis, the players will stay at the Hotel Cumberland.

The work both Monday and Tuesday on the diamond, with the exception of the scrub game, was aimed to develop candidates in all positions. Laskowski, Beaver, Hanley, Joe Brucker, Hughes, Rosenthal and Smukler worked out on the pitching staff, with Wittner and Jones at the receiving end. The good news had come yesterday that Hal had passed his "stick" exams and was eligible to play, when somebody had to put a damper on the joy and mention something about swimming. But Hal's endeavors in aquatics are so promising that there seems to be no further cause for worry about his making the trip.

Jimmy Tamsett practically admitted that he has decided upon Laskowski as the twirler to start against Columbia. There will be four pitchers taken on the trip and conjecture seems to point to Hughes, Beaver and Joe Brucker as the supplementary forces, the last being available either as a second baseman or outfielder.

Wittner's eligibility eliminates any doubt about catcher, so that no extra man for this position will be taken. Peaslee and Fancher are certain for first and second basemen. George Brucker and Neville are tied pretty closely for honors at short, with the balance tipped a little in favor of the former. Third base lies between Hanley and Mallory. Here the coach must choose between a heavy hitter and an auxiliary pitcher.

In the outfield Jamison is practically booked, with De Grott running a good second. Hochuli and Joe Brucker have also been doing good work in the outfield and of course there will be some extra pitchers who may be worked in if it is necessary or advisable.

HARD TO BE "NON-COM." SAYS MADDEN

Former Aliens in Regiment Make Corporals Wish They Were Linguists.

HOPES FOR COMMISSION

Still Interested, Though, In Campus Doings; Watches Football Scores

A few of the difficulties encountered by a "non-com" are hinted at by Corporal T. L. Madden, '18, stationed with the 312th Infantry, N. A., in a letter written to President Richmond some time ago. Madden's regiment at Camp Dix is making a specialty of Americanization, but the process is a hard one, especially for the non-commissioned officers who bear the brunt of teaching drill to the erstwhile aliens who are particularly numerous in the New Jersey cantonment. The letter is as follows:

"Co. F, 312th Infantry.

"Camp Dix, N. J.

"Dear Dr. Richmond:

"I know you are always anxious to know where any of 'your' boys are so I am just sending a line to inform you of my whereabouts.

"I was at Madison Barracks last spring but as you probably know all those who attended the camps didn't get commissions. Well to make a long story short I was one of the unlucky ones. We were advised to enlist as non-commissioned officers so I did so on August 17 last. The men that enlisted under these provisions were furloughed until September 1st, when we reported down here. Dave Gardiner is also down here as a non-com. Union College is also pretty well represented among the officers. In fact I think that we are holding our own right along in this war.

"At present I am a corporal but I am doing sergeant's work. It will only (Continued on page 4)

PRAGMATISM SUBJECT OF HOERNLE LECTURE

Four Phases Regarding Theories of Truth's Composition.

KNOWLEDGE LIMITED?

Sense Data Depends on Efficiency of Sense Organs and Hence Cannot be Exact.

Pragmatism was the subject of Prof. Hoernle's lecture of Monday evening. Its four phases may be mentioned in this manner: First, the sequence of the partial understanding of truth; second, a method for determining truth, namely, by verification, and the right to act upon apparent truth; third, the humanistic theory characterized by the emphasis which it lays upon the influence of emotion in forming judgments, a psychological consideration of the motives for the acceptance of belief; fourth, instrumentalism. By instrumentalism is meant the theory which asserts that truth is sought only for its practical value. Believers in this theory, inspired by an enthusiasm for educational and social reform, seek to augment the accessibility and application of science. By this theory the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake is repudiated.

Tuesday's lecture established the transition between theories of knowledge and theories of reality. The question considered was, to what extent may we admit a limitation of our knowledge and how ought they to react upon our knowledge?

How may we recognize appearances? Obviously when we know the truth so that we may contrast it with the appearance, to recognize the appearance is not difficult. To one standing in the middle of a railroad track the rails seem to converge. He knows they do not by numerous proofs. But if he did not know the truth how should he be able to recognize the converging of the rails as an appearance. (Continued on Page 2)

MORE PROMOTIONS FOR BATTALION OFFICERS

Enlistments Force Five New Appointments.

TAYLOR ON STAFF

R. O. T. C. Poses for Several Pictures at Drill Yesterday.

Col. H. J. Goldman, commandant of the Union R. O. T. C., has announced a number of promotions in the personnel of the officers of the battalion. A number of the appointments were made necessary by the departure from college of several former commissioned and non-commissioned cadet officers, who have enlisted in the service. The principal promotion is that of W. L. Kennedy, Jr., who has been advanced from a first lieutenant to a captain. G. F. Mosher, '18, I. R. Stein, '18, and L. D. Speer, '20, have been promoted from sergeant to lieutenant. R. V. I. Kathan, '19, has been made sergeant-major of the battalion, and P. H. Stevens, '21, is now quartermaster-sergeant.

The commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the battalion is now as follows, with the exception of the names of a few former lance corporals, whose rank is retained, although their names are not included:

Staff—Lieut. Townsend, Lieut. Taylor, Serg. Major Kathan, Color Serg. Preston, Quartermaster Serg. Stevens.

Captains—Kennedy, Slade, Potter. Lieutenants—Brignall, Dougall, A. P., Reynold, Mosher, Stein, Speer.

Sergeants—Beekman, Blackburn, Densham, McGauley, Kennedy E. O., Ripley, Forsyth, Dougal, McGee, McCleary, E., Hawley, Hartman, Barnett, Carr, Poeppel, Bennet, Notman, Friday.

Corporals—Wilber, Dennon, Potter, Barhydt, Brucker, J., Gregory, Hodgkiss, Posson, Fretts, Mott-Smith, Wemple, McClellan, Hendrickson, Van Vranken, Howland, Dewey, Carpenter, McCleary.

Lance Corporals—Closson, H. H., Schatzel, Davidson, MacMillan, Carpenter, B. S., Miller, Hoyt, Mott-Smith, Wilber, Jones, James, Devine, Frisbee, G. L., Frisbee, H. G.

After some maneuvering for position the battalion had its picture taken yesterday. A number of views were made of the unit at attention and parade rest on the terrace in front of the bleachers on the athletic field, and several more of the men in line of companies on the opposite corner of the ground. Before dismissing the three companies Cadet Lieut. Townsend put them through a short close order battalion drill and a few minutes of skirmish work. A (Continued on Page 4)

CIVIL ENGINEERS SURVEY GROUND FOR NEW SO. SCHENECTADY WAREHOUSES

Union College civil engineering students are taking an active part in the preliminary work soon to be followed by the erection of six new government warehouses at South Schenectady. The work being done by the engineers consists in locating the lines for the new buildings. On Saturday Professor McDaniel directed four instructors and fourteen undergraduates in manipulating the transit and rod. On Monday and Tuesday, Prof. McDaniel worked with four students. The digging of the foundations and the erection of the new buildings will go on under the direction of Major Smith of the engineering department of the U. S. Quartermaster's Corps. The Feeney and Sheehan Building Company of Albany are the contractors. There will be two warehouses 400 feet wide and 161 feet long, and four warehouses 1.682 feet long and 161 feet wide. The buildings will be one story in height with cement-tile walls, wooden roofs and concrete floors. The aggregate area will be 1½ million square feet. The South Schenectady warehouses are to cost the government about one million dollars. They will be only one unit of a chain of warehouses to be situated on important railroads some miles in from the Atlantic coast. The total amount which the government will spend on these sinews of war will be close to three billions of dollars.

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An Academic Crisis.

The serious financial crisis which the Board of Trustees of Union College faces at present—a deficit for the first time in many years, is not peculiar to Union. The upheaval which the advent of war has caused in the United States, the husbanding of individual resources, the clipping of incomes, has affected, or will soon affect the finances of every college in the country. In a recent treatise on the present financial situation of higher American educational institutions, Charles Franklin Thwing, President of Western Reserve University, says: "The colleges are facing uncertainty. The world-crisis betoken a crisis academic. For the colleges are business corporations as well as scholastic agencies. Whatever truth lies in Napoleon's remark that 'armies go on their bellies,' that condition also applies to colleges. For they go on the income side of their annual budgets."

Mr. Thwing believes that American financial sagacity will enable the colleges to worry through somehow, but he declares that plans of a sort hitherto almost untried must be employed if American higher education is to emerge triumphant for the great task which it will have to perform at the end of the war, the task of pointing the way to peaceful lives for the battle-weary young men of our armies.

With the exception of the state universities, which are supported in large measures by annual or biennial grants by the various state legislatures, the colleges and universities

of the United States are supported chiefly by the income from endowments and the fees paid by students for instruction. The proportional amounts of income from these two sources Mr. Thwing declares to have been very nearly equal for more than forty years. This fact is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the amount of college incomes, taken in the aggregate, has multiplied more than tenfold in the same period of time.

Now the war has struck a direct blow at one of these sources. Says Mr. Thwing, "One simple fact cannot be stated with too great emphasis. It is the fact of the uncertainty of revenue arising from the doubt attending the number of students who will be enrolled in these more than 500 colleges and universities. The revenue is uncertain because the students, who will furnish about one-half of the revenue, still form a very doubtful quantity. Taking the country through there are about 20 per cent. fewer students in the colleges this year than last." And with the phenomenal increase in wages presenting wonderful attractions to boys of college age, especially those whose elder brothers' enlistment has cut the family income, no one can tell what the student enrollment of American colleges will be next year.

The problem over which Boards of Trustees, Faculties, and academic executives will knit their brows for the next few years is, therefore, that of arranging their scale of expenditures for the trying immediate future. Mr. Thwing predicts that about five methods will be used. The first consists of the immediate stoppage of expansion—the ceasing of the erection of new buildings, of the addition of new studies to the curriculum, etc. The second method is also of a more or less negative type. It is that of cutting the salaries of those instructors in the national service who are serving their country for the "dollar a year" and being paid their salaries, or a part of them by their colleges. This reduction will probably not go beyond making the pay derived from both the college and the government equal to that formerly derived from the college. A third method lies in clipping the salaries of the teaching staff still at home. "But," exclaims Mr. Thwing, "in respect to impairing the regular stipend of college teachers, at least one college president would immediately and emphatically cry, Never! Such a cutting would not only hurt most deserving members of a most important profession, but it would also damage the profession in the eyes and heart of the public. Such a damage would be nothing less than a disaster to the whole community and to the profession itself."

The fourth method is more rational. It consists in the suspension for the time being, of less popular departments, either by complete elimination or by union with other departments. This is a plan pursued by the administration of Union College this year. The fifth method is a distinctly positive one. It is that of the increase of gifts from alumni and friends who are determined that the college they love must and will pass with felicity through the financial storms of the future.

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leges inspire confidence in their ability to pilot these precious institutions of our through these difficulties. Mr. Thwing concludes:

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GERMANS BUNGLERS, SAYS MASEFIELD TO "Y" MEN.

W. Q. Swart, '19, E. O. Kennedy, '20, and E. L. Smith, '20, have returned from Clinton, where they attended last week a conference of delegates from the college Christian Associations of the State of New York. At the conference, which was held for the purpose of training Christian Association officers for the duties which they will be obliged to perform during the next year, representatives from nearly all the colleges of the State were present. The sessions of the conference were held at Hamilton College. Some of the principal speakers were Mr. Elmer Galway, State Student Secretary; Dr. Ramsdell, one of the chief organizers of the Student Volunteer Movement; Mr. Donnelly, a well-known college "Y" official from Pennsylvania, and President Ferris of Hamilton.

While at Hamilton, the local delegates listened to an extremely interesting lecture by John Masefield, who is now touring this country for the purpose of intensifying the war spirit in America. Mr. Masefield, who has been inspecting the American Ambulance in France and has seen some active service with the British Ambulance, was in possession of a number of highly illuminating facts regarding the many bungles which the Germans have made so far in the prosecution of the war. He cited a number of instances where the Huns failed to follow up opportunities for an easy victory.

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BATTALION CADETS ACT AS INFORMATION BUREAU

"Is this the large cannon which has been throwing shells on Paris?" asked a kindly old lady of a Union R. O. T. C. sergeant on duty guarding the exhibits on view at the Liberty Loan headquarters on State Street, a few days ago. She was pointing to machine gun of the Lewis type, which is used by the Allies and which came near being accepted by Uncle Sam for use by his troops. The question, which the sergeant answered by averring that the gun could kill more men in a minute than could the Boche super-cannon in a year, but that its predilection was not for women and children, or some other cryptic remark, is a sample of the inquiries which the Union cadets on duty are asked every day. A large number have volunteered for the service, and they are performing well this part of their bit in the Third Liberty Loan drive. Those who have volunteered for the service are:

Frisbie, G. L., Walsh, Goewey, Stevens, Sheals, Niess, McGee, Smith, S. R. Pheneuf, McChesney, Dillon, Davidson, Zacharevitch, Dickson, MacMillan, Gregory, Barrett, Corigliano, Sevit, Speer, Possion, Jansen, O'Brien, Reynolds, I. M., Joseph, Vaughn, J. E., Wilbur, T. H., King, W. W. Brignall, Townsend, Carpenter, G. W., McClellan, Ganter, Van Vranken, Divine, Mott-Smith, Donnan, King, F. D., Seabury, Jones, L. W., Reoux, King, G. E. M., Poeppel, Hulsapple, Kathan, Bricks, Barnett, Benjamin, Hawley, Davis, J. L., Howland, Closson, H. H., Lefkowitz, Frisbee, H., Harter, McCleary, W., Sharp, Dougall, A.

SEASONED ACTORS STILL LAUGH AT "FULL HOUSE" HITS

The rehearsal of the Dramatic Club last night, according to Coach John Holland, proved convincingly that the play would be highly successful. The various actors and "actresses" are now thoroughly at home in their parts and do their work without hitch. There is, nevertheless one fact which stands out. After five months' rehearsal, the hits and jokes in the play still arouse the risibilities of the players. Their effect upon an audience who will hear them for the first time may be imagined.

The club decided that beginning next Monday evening, there would be rehearsals every following evening till the 27th, the date of presentation.

Under the auspices of the Oratory Department of the University of Michigan, student orators will deliver short speeches at the theatres and other places of amusement, boosting the sale of thrift and savings stamps.

"Y." CABINET APPROVES OF DOUGALL'S EDITORSHIP.

The cabinet of the Christian Association has approved the election of Arthur B. Dougall, '19, as Editor-in-Chief of the Freshman Hand-Book for next year. Dougall acted as Associate Editor of the pamphlet last year. He is a lieutenant in the Union R. O. T. C., manager of the 1917-1918 Musical Clubs, and during this year was an Associate Editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS. He was chairman of the Freshman peerade committee and of the Junior Prom committee. He is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity and of the Phi Alpha Society.

PRAGMATISM SUBJECT OF HOERNLE LECTURE

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ance?

The first line of thought with regard to this matter is the relativity of sense data. It points out that the sense organs. If these be imperfect or insufficient as in blindness or sense data which we get are relative deafness—and indeed we are not sure that perfectly developed sense organs are possible to any one—then our sense data is correspondingly incomplete.

Moreover sense data is relative to the rational and intellectual faculties. We are therefore deprived of getting at things as they really are. Whoever surrenders to this reasoning must say that knowledge is impossible of attainment and ever will remain so.

Kant limits knowledge to the realm of rational phenomena. He finds such a limitation necessary to the acceptance of the beliefs in freedom, immortality, and God. Hence his statement, "I had to limit knowledge to make room for faith."

Skeptics assert that we know nothing. If we know nothing how may we be sure of even that? When we make a judgment about other judgments we must exclude that judgment which we are making from the number of the judgments we are judging. However false may be the argument of skepticism we may still be sure that our knowledge is incomplete.

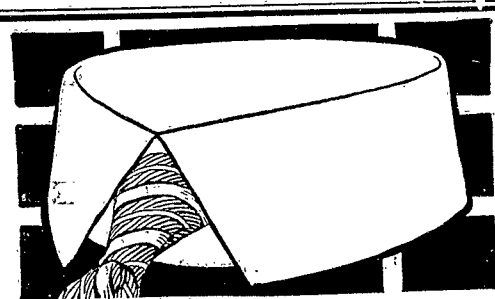
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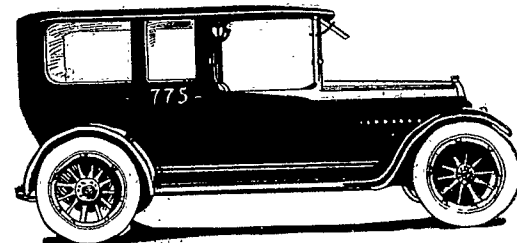
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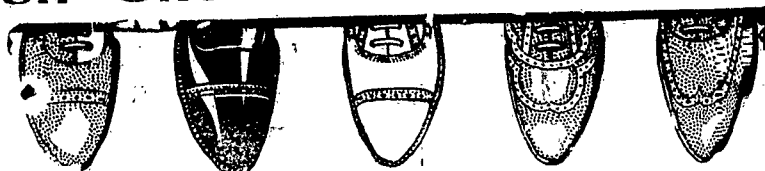
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few battalion movements were tried which have not been used since last fall, on account of lack of space for them in the gymnasium.

At yesterday's session of Col. Goldman's class for officers and non-commissioned officers Col. Goldman explained a visualized disposition of American troops and German shock troops and supporting artillery in an action which took place in the American sector near Toul last week. Some of the topographical features which are affecting the German method of attack on the British lines in Flanders were also explained by the instructor. Before the end of the period, the officers were given their first instruction in the erection of shelter tents.

This afternoon, the whole battalion was given a lesson in the assembling of shelter tent halves and the erection of the tents. The three companies also spent some time in open and close order drill. Tonight the battalion will attend in a body the lecture to be given by Mr. Frank McKibben, of the United States Shipping Board, in the college chapel. Mr. McKibben's subject will be, "Can America Finish Those Ships in Time?"

As a preliminary to the perfecting of plans for the summer camp of the battalion, members desiring to attend the camp will be required to present written applications for admission before this evening.

Princeton is doing well in the Third Liberty Loan drive. The undergraduates have pledged \$2,650 thus far.

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be a short time before I am made a sergeant and perhaps later I may be able to get a commission.

"This is certainly a large camp. It was originally intended for 42,000 men but I understand it is to be enlarged so as to accommodate 60,000.

"The men in Co. F are all from Jersey City and most are Italians or Polish. In fact about 80 per cent are what one would class as foreigners. This makes it pretty hard for us officers and non-commissioned officers who are trying to drill them. Some can understand and I am inclined to believe that we have a few who don't want to understand.

"I have had several Schenectady papers since I have been down here and I am glad to hear that Union College is going to give a military course. The fact that we are to be represented on the football field is also a matter that interests me very much. I am going to see if I can't get up to see the boys beat Columbia this fall.

"I will close now but in case anything happens that would interest you I will let you know. When this trouble is over I will be back to finish up that last year in Electrical Engineering.

"Sincerely yours,

"T. L. Madden, Union '18.

President Richmond wrote the following reply to Corporal Madden:

"November 24, 1917.

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"When the war is over we shall look for you and you may be confident of a warm welcome.

"With all good wishes, believe me,

"Faithfully and cordially yours,

"Charles A. Richmond."

FIFTEEN NEW MEMBERS FOR CLASSICAL CLUB.

At a meeting of the Classical Club last night, the following Freshmen were initiated: Armstrong, B. L. Carpenter, H. H. Closson, Davidson, Goe-wey, Jones, Joseph, Kenedy, King, Mott-Smith, Parent, Potter, Tracy, Walker and Wemple.

Dr. Kellogg spoke on "Melanchthon and the Humanistic Revival." He gave a short history of Melanchthon's life, comparing him to Martin Luther, and also told of Melanchthon's relation to other movements besides the humanistic revival.

The next meeting will be held two weeks from Tuesday. Dr. Chase will be the speaker, and the large attendance last night augurs a good-sized meeting for the occasion.



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