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COACH MAKES CHANGE IN VARSITY LINEUP

Shifts Peaslee to Plug Infield Hole.

HANLEY TO ACT

Must Make Appearance Only in Play—Rutgers Team Fast.

True to his prediction, Jimmy Tamssett raised ruction with the heretofore conventional line-up of the first team yesterday afternoon. Players were tried out at half a dozen positions with the hope of perfecting the unity of the team. Captain Peaslee was the first to be transferred from his sand-bag to shortstop. Mallery was also given a trial in this position, but soon moved back to his accustomed environs on third.

In place of Capt. Peaslee at first, Joe Brucker seems to be the logical man unless further changes make a more advantageous place for him. While George Brucker probably will not start the Rutgers game, his consistent work will entitle him to a high place among the substitutes for the infield.

As concerns the outfield, Jamieson and Hochuli are safe gambles, the latter's bad ankle having improved sufficiently to warrant his playing. The work of the past week seems to give Getman a little the advantage over DeGroot for center, and he will therefore probably start Saturday's game.

In the role of pitcher there is a superabundance of good material. Laskowski, Beaver, Gulick, Smukler, Hughes and Benedict have all been working out this week. Hughes may be used as an outfielder with Mosher and Reynolds in line for the same job. Hanley, being a one activity man, will be kept from the Rutgers game on account of his taking part in the play. With dramatics over, his awful wallop will surely entitle him to a place, which may possibly be first base.

The Rutgers men will arrive in Schenectady at 10:30 tomorrow morning. The game will be called at 3:30 in the afternoon. The visitors have been depending on their dusky catcher, Robeson, for big things this season, and there are several others who are not far behind in "playin' the game." It is to be remembered that it necessitated a twelve inning game last year to triumph over tomorrow's opponent by a 4-3 margin and there need be little doubt that the opener this season will be a tough one.

CALENDAR

Saturday.

- 10:00—Graduate Council meets in Publication Rooms.
- 2:30—Rutgers Game on Alexander Field.
- 8:15—"Full House" performance in gymnasium.

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Final Dress Rehearsal Tomorrow Morning.

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After months of practice and preparation our budding young thespians will appear Saturday evening in "A Full House." The final dress rehearsal will take place tomorrow morning, and with eleventh hour improvements the cast hope to put across the best stuff Union College has witnessed in the realm of dramatics since Mae Desmond hit town.

Members of the faculty and others who have witnessed the rehearsals have spoken highly of the production. "Miss" Freidman '21, seems to be a considerable attraction. She has been referred to as being "awfully clever" at times, and as an actress shows excellent interpretation. Mancuso, '21, in the role of Ottily, in another type of the "glass of fashion and the mould of form" which is sure to get the boys in the front row. "Shad" Rowe '21, as the horrid crook, who is to frighten our fair "damsels," has his character down to a "T" and is bound to put it across in professional style.

Meanwhile, the management has been working overtime getting things in order at the gym. There has been no end of work to be done. Seats for 700 have been installed and arrangements made for securing more should this number prove inadequate. Extensive advertising seems to insure a well-filled house. Pantin's orchestra has been engaged for the dance music at the close of the performance. Three fraternities are planning dinner and dancing parties for tomorrow night.

The following have been engaged as patrons and patronesses: Mrs. Charles Alexander Richmond, Dean Ripton and daughter, Miss Ripton, Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. McKean, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Chase, and Mr. and Mrs. John Holland. Much to his regret, Dr. Richmond has been called away and will be unable to attend.

As no system of numbering has been provided the seats will go to their first claimants. The management, therefore requests that those wishing to secure tickets do so as early as possible and avoid the rush. These may be secured from Manager Carr at the Chi Psi Lodge. The services of the Freshmen are also solicited to act as ushers.

DAY '19, UNION'S SECOND SACRIFICE IN GREAT WAR

The second Union man to die in the service during the present war is Harvey Day '19. He had been at Camp Devens less than a month when he had an attack of pneumonia which resulted in his death last Monday. His relatives were called to the Camp and arrived there before he died.

Day was a member of the Pyramid Club while at Union and a student in the engineering course. He did not return to college in September because he was expecting to be called. Day's home was in Lowville, New York. At Camp Devens he was a member of the 303rd regiment of infantry.

DAWSON BECOMES SPORT COACH AT COLUMBIA

Former Union Coach to Leave Princeton.

Fred T. Dawson, general athletic coach at Union for five years and for the past year coach of the Freshman baseball and football teams at Princeton, has been engaged as coach of varsity football, baseball and basketball at Columbia. This announcement was made by the Columbia University Committee on Athletics, Wednesday. The engagement of Dawson by Columbia is a change of coaching policy which will force the retirement of Coaches Coakley and Murray, who have had charge of varsity baseball and basketball, respectively. Coach Nelson Metcalf had already resigned from the position of football coach.

It is understood that Dawson, who, in the absence of Bill Clark, has been instructing the varsity as well as the Freshman baseball players at Princeton this spring, had a high bid from the New Jersey college for his services. Desire to enter the study of law at the Columbia Law School, however, made the former Union coach accept the Columbia offer.

Dawson began his football career on the Columbia gridiron, playing quarterback on the Freshman football team there in 1905. The following year he entered Princeton, where he played for three years on the varsity baseball team and won his "P" in football. He came to Union in 1912, and the following year Union turned out the first of its champion basketball teams. The next season, that of 1914-1915, was one of athletic triumphs for Union and Dawson. The football team that fall did not once bow to defeat, and the winter saw the second championship basketball team. Last spring Princeton made Dawson a flattering offer to coach its Freshman teams and he accepted, leaving here at the opening of the baseball season.

NINE UNION MEN GO WITH HOSPITAL UNIT

Departure Today Ends Long Wait.

MOVE IS SUDDEN

Atlantic Port Destination—Fire Whistle Toots Farewell.

Months of weary waiting were ended today when the Albany Base Hospital Unit, which has been stationed ever since early last fall at Troop B armory in Albany, and which includes nine Union men, left at ten o'clock this morning for an Atlantic port. Five of the Union men were undergraduates when they enlisted in the unit, and four were alumni. They are:

Charles L. Hequembourg, '12.
Henry L. Faust, '15.
John F. McDermott, '17.
Daniel J. Naylor, '17.
Harold L. Cooke, '18.
Bernadotte P. Lester, '18.
Sidney W. Talbot, '18.
Leonard W. Reed, '19.
Thomas J. Reardon, '20.

The news that they were soon to leave for active service gave the members of the unit unbounded joy. Most of them had enlisted in the corps last summer, and until fall they awaited their call to service. When mobilization was effected at the Albany armory last September, the men believed that within a short time they would be on active service in France, but the weeks dragged by without any hint of a call. Rumors there were in plenty, but none of them were well-founded.

Early this week unusual activity about the headquarters of the unit became apparent to outsiders, although as yet none of the corps members gave any sign that they expected to leave their mobilization point. A special train was kept in readiness in the railroad yards at Albany, and that fact caused much comment from those interested. Yesterday, however, there were unmistakable signs of departure, and several Union men who had learned to place no faith in rumors were on the campus bidding goodbye to friends. Others were making hurried trips home to take leave of relatives.

This morning, shortly after nine o'clock, the unit formed outside its armory and proceeded to the New York Central yards, where it entrained almost immediately. The demonstration from Albany residents was not great, on account of the fact that the departure of the unit at that time was not expected. No band accompanied the men to the embarkation point. Only the city fire whistle sounded the "two threes" in honor of the departing troops.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1918.

Dawson Makes Good.

It is with more than ordinary gratification that the campus learns of the engagement of Fred T. Dawson, Union's former general athletic coach, as coach of major sports at Columbia University. It is more than a year now since we bade good-bye to Fred and wished him the best of luck in his new position as coach of the Freshman football and baseball teams at Princeton, his Alma Mater. His success at Princeton has not surprised his Union friends. They knew that what he had done here he could do anywhere; that he had that consummate ability of judging men and of leading them which is the essence of good coaching.

Fred will be a busy man at Columbia. He will fill the positions of three men who formerly had charge of the three major branches of sport. And he is reminded by New York sporting editors that his lot may not be the easiest, when it is considered that Columbia coaches have not always been free to do as they have chosen. But those who saw what Dawson did when he was our coach are not at all apprehensive for his future at Columbia. Let war do its worst, they say; Fred will still turn out winning teams.

Union will always owe a great debt of gratitude to Fred Dawson. That this fact is realized outside the college is evidence by the comment in yesterday's "New York Sun" to the effect that he had brought athletics at Union "to a plane which they had never reached before." Seemingly with no better material than had been seen in previous years, Fred built up two championship basketball teams and a clean-slate football team during his five years at Union. Never during his sojourn here did a second-rate team represent the college. It would be hard to overestimate the value of that achievement. But herein does not lie all that binds Fred firmly to the hearts of every son of Union who has known him. It is for his share in placing Union among the colleges that stand for athletics which are clean through and through that we honor Fred Dawson. Our college prefers to subordinate the turning out of winning teams to the turning out of clean teams. We are proud of the fact. Fred Dawson showed us that it was possible for Union to produce both a winning team and a clean team at the same time. For this we shall always remember him.

EYES FOR THE NAVY

(From the Patriotic News Service National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Washington, D. C.)

The college men and women of the United States can be of great service in getting the members of their families and other friends to contribute to the Navy, binoculars, spy-glasses and telescopes.

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If plans mature, about 4,000 drafted men will be stationed at the University of Wisconsin during the spring and summer where they will have the use of the laboratories, shops and class rooms for the study of technical work, for which their military service calls. A similar plan may be carried out by several other universities.

Penn State recently held a three-day "Get-Together" campaign, for the purpose of promoting the spirit of friendship and fellowship. It was felt that the old "college spirit" of former years was sadly lacking this year and it was for this purpose that the campaign was arranged with the hope that the spirit of others years will be awakened to such an extent that it will never fall to such a low point as it did this year.

Brown has the shortest baseball schedule this year that it has had for many years. The team will play 11 games. The schedule has been carefully arranged so as not to interfere with the work of the R. O. T. C. Williams is on the schedule as a newcomer in Brown baseballs annals.

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PRESIDENT HAS BUSY WEEK IN TWO STATES

Makes War Addresses in Three Cities.

President Richmond has been spending a busy week speaking before assemblies in several cities of New York and New England. On Monday evening he was the principal speaker at a dinner given by the St. George's Society in Albany, in the Hampton Hotel. Tuesday evening he gave an address at a dinner of the Alumni Association in Springfield, Mass., and Wednesday evening he spoke to the Boston Alumni Association.

The subject of his speech in Albany was German influence in this country. He mentioned the fact that not only the Germans, but also the Italians, the Poles, and especially the Irish, are fruitful soil for German propaganda to work upon. He quoted a statement from one of Sir Roger Casement's review articles which said that every Irish hand and soul was with Germany; and also read a comment on this statement by General Bernhardt, who said that the Irish-Americans had expected an Anglo-German war and upon its breaking out were going to do all in their power to damage England and America.

Dr. Richmond also spoke at length of our debt to France, of all she has done to inspire our love for her. To England, also, he says, we owe a great deal, for she has kept the freedom of the seas as no other nation could. Peace at this time, he declared, means a German victory, which is an utterly unthinkable event to every loyal American.

"Would you," he asked, "admit to a share in the guardianship of the seas a nation that strikes a medal to commemorate the sinking of the Lusitania, and decorate the captain of a submarine who stands his captives on the deck of his U-boat, takes away their life-preservers and then submerges? I say the very presence and influence of a power with such traditions would, of itself, corrupt and degrade the generous tradition of the sea just as the tolerated presence of a base man is of itself corrupting and degrading to any company of real men."

GRADUATE COUNCIL HOLDS ITS MEETING TOMORROW.

The Graduate Council will hold its regular spring meeting tomorrow morning. The morning session will begin at ten o'clock and will continue until twelve, when the meeting will adjourn for luncheon in Silliman Hall. All business left untransacted at the noon adjournment will be finished at the afternoon session, which will commence at one o'clock. The afternoon meeting will probably be over in time for the members to attend Union's first home game of the season. The business to be transacted by the Council includes the election of trustees to fill the offices of Frederick W. Cameron, deceased, and of William Platt Adams, whose term expires this June. Plans for the celebration of Commencement Week will also be discussed.

ONLY SENIORS MAY GO TO CAMP, SAYS ORDER

Junior and Sophomore Applicants Disillusioned.

Only members of the Union R. O. T. C. who will graduate this year will be allowed to attend the fourth Officers' Reserve Training Camp which opens May 5th, according to orders now in the hands of Col. Goldman. In THE CONCORDIENSIS of Monday it was erroneously given out that any member of the battalion who would be at least 20 years and nine months old at the time of the opening of the camp and who had completed at least one year of the advanced military course here could, upon passing a physical examination for enlistment, be assigned to one of the camps. The order as now understood permits only five of the 13 applicants for the camps to be given appointments to them. Action cannot be taken, therefore, upon the applications of about six Juniors and two Sophomores who hoped to attend the camp.

It is probable that the news that they will not be admitted to the Fourth Camp will cause the enlistment of several of the Juniors and Sophomores, who will wish to try their hand at appointment to later camps from the ranks. The departure of these men and of the Seniors who will be admitted to the May camp will, of course, cause another shake-up in the commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the battalion.

On Wednesday the corps was given two of the hardest hours of drill it has gone through since last fall. For most of the afternoon, the men were given close-order work, consisting entirely of battalion drill in company and platoon formation. Later the whole battalion was given practice in deploying as a unit. The last half-hour of the drill was spent in close-order work, the acting major and captains giving commands by signal.

TRYOUT HELD FOR ORATORICAL CONTESTS

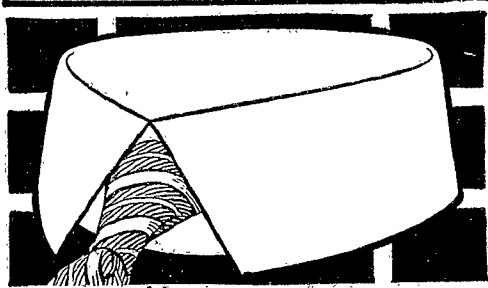
Tryouts for the Sophomore and Junior oratorical contests were held yesterday afternoon. The prize contests will be held on Thursday, June 6th. The four men chosen from the class of 1919 are Roland E. LaGrange, whose oration is on the "Conservation of Food," Winfield L. Swart, who speaks on "The Hate of War," Henry E. Rosenberg of Glens Falls, who gives an oration on "A Spiritual Leader," and B. T. Taylor, who speaks on "The American Bolsheviki." The four men from the Sophomore class are James M. Cline, who speaks on "Energy and Conscience," N. Hatzakordian of Green Island, whose speech is on "the Language of Music," Stuart F. McMillan, speaking on "Our War Spirit," and Harold J. McGee, whose oration is on the "Unconquerable Spirit."

Students taking the courses in military training at Princeton are compelled to salute student-officers. They have also very rigid rules concerning absences. Two unexcused absences mean dismissal from the rolls of the regiment. Only physical disability will excuse them from drill.

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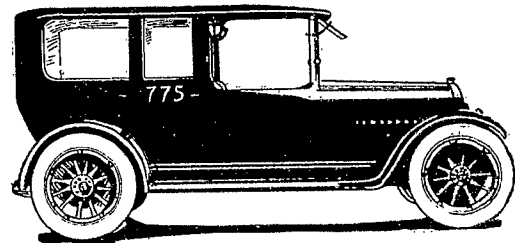
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The letter is as follows:

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April 16, 1918.

Dear Dr. Kellogg:

I greatly appreciated your letter which I received several days ago, and also your thoughtfulness in enclosing the letter from John Imrie. I guess he will be glad when the long grind is over.

We are still busy every moment and from the looks of things I imagine we shall be busy for the duration of the war. I ran across an interesting and remarkable soldier, a private, yesterday. He asked for a copy of Homer. Although we had Pope's translation of the Iliad, we did not have a copy of the original. He wanted to look up a few lines of it which had slipped his memory. He had learned by heart a couple of thousand lines, and nearly every evening he amuses the men in his barracks by reciting a few verses from the immortal poet. There are all sorts of diversions in the army.

This morning about half-past seven an officer telephoned to me for some information on the Goths, the Visigoths and the Ostrogoths. He was going to lecture on the history of the early "Prussians" and wanted to find out what part the Goths played in it, and as he has a few college men—and indeed a college professor—under his command, he didn't want to expose himself. A little ancient history is sometimes useful even in these "bridge-building" days.

I went into Washington this morning for a short business trip, and the capital is certainly beautiful now. The grass is green, the flowers are in bloom and the trees budding. We make a specialty of sand in this place, although last week for variety we had a rain-sleet-hail-and-snow storm that lasted from Monday night to Saturday morning. And with it there was a wind that made me homesick for the Union campus.

Pierre Hoag, who recently enlisted in the regular army, is now stationed here in one of the machine-gun battalions and he comes in to see me quite often. You can't imagine how delightful it is to see someone and to talk with someone who is interested in the same things "back home." He certainly serves to break the monotony in a very pleasant way.

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Tales have been current about interned German prisoners being fed five meals a day, about Red Cross supplies being sold to shopkeepers by dishonest officials, by criminal waste of food at training camps and many other like falsehoods either designed to discourage volunteer Red Cross work and the loyal efforts of housekeepers to save food or calculated to create a troublesome distrust of the government.

The circulation of these stories is often due to the folly of a citizen who wishes to appear to have "inside information" and who either innocently or intentionally starts a lie that rapidly grows worse as it spreads. A collection of such lies and their refutation has been made by the St. Louis Republic. A hundred of them are included in "The Kaiserite in America."



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