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INVENTOR SAYS SUBS CANNOT BE COMBATED

Simon Lake, Submarine Specialist, Makes Startling Statements.

FIGHT SUBS WITH SUBS.

Use of Under-Sea Boats To Transport Goods Over Seas, Way To Win, He Thinks.

Simon Lake, the well known submarine expert, told a large audience at the gymnasium last Friday night, that the submarine would insure peace in the future and that submarine transports could effectively carry supplies to Europe in this war.

Mr. Lake was introduced by Prof. Upson, chairman of the Schenectady branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, under whose auspices the lecture was given. Stereopticon views showing the construction of the submarine and moving pictures illustrating the under-sea boat in action, followed Mr. Lake's lecture, which in part was as follows:

"Contrary to popular opinion the submarine is an instrument of peace. As a weapon of defence it enables a country to protect itself from invasion and so insure the failure of the aggressor. Robert Fulton prophesied that the submarine would abolish marine warfare. Its development thus far indicates its ability in the future to form a no-man's land around any country which fears invasion.

"Though in this war it has not done that entirely, it has prevented a clash between the German and English navies thus saving a great many more lives than it has destroyed.

"Moreover, there is no answer for the submarine. She is practically beyond the power of any device to destroy her. Being invisible, excepting her periscope, which, by the way, is not a vital point, no marksman has much of a chance in hitting her; be-

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CALENDAR.

Tonight

7:15—Glee Club rehearsal in Silliman Hall.

Tuesday.

2:00—Senior Class Basketball practice in gym.

7:15—Meeting of Interfraternity Conference in Silliman Hall.

7:15—Meeting of Classical Club. Prof. Bennett's room. Paper by Prof. Bennett.

8:00—Sophomore Get-Together in Silliman Hall.

—Meeting Athletic Board in gymnasium.

Wednesday.

2:00—Mandolin Club rehearsal in Silliman Hall.

OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS CONTRIBUTED HERE TO STUDENTS' FRIENDSHIP FUND

The canvas for the Students' Friendship War Fund is completed and over one thousand dollars has been raised—\$1045.03 to be exact. This puts Union just after N. Y. U. in the list of colleges of New York state, nine other colleges being ahead of N. Y. U.

The Freshman class contributed more than any other class and the faculty contributed more than any class. The following are the contributions by classes:

Seniors, 30 men gave \$97.00. Average \$3.23.

Juniors, 30 men gave \$97.50. Average \$3.25.

Sophomores, 59 men gave \$160.75. Average \$2.72.

Freshmen, 73 men gave \$207.50. Average \$3.06.

Totals, 192 men gave \$562.75. Average \$3.06.

Total from students, \$562.75.

Total from faculty, \$317.00.

Total from Frosh Peerade, \$141.50.

Total from Sophomore English classes, \$21.78.

An alumnus \$2.00.

Grand total \$1045.03.

This total will be increased by proceeds of the concert to be given for the benefit of the fund next Friday night by the combined musical clubs.

NEW SYSTEM PLANNED IN PRESS CLUB WORK

Paid Men Will Send Out College News Under Charles Waldron's Direction.

A committee of the Press Club will soon confer with Charlie Waldron with the object of perfecting a plan whereby the dissemination of news of the college through the medium of the Press Club will be altered. It is intended to have a committee of two members of the Press Club, who will receive compensation for their work, to send out news daily under the direction of Mr. Waldron. They will be paid by the Graduate Council.

To the end that the Club may become strictly and intensively a newspaper organization membership is to be limited exclusively to men interested in newspaper work. The men employed in sending out news, who will supplant the present General News Committee of the Club, will have fixed daily hours and will be held to "strict accountability" for serious and purposeful work. If it seems warranted, trained newspaper men from New York will be secured through alumni influential in the newspaper world to come here to advise the Club in the performance of its work.

Cameron '18, Potter '19 and Metzner '19 are the committee to confer with Mr. Waldron on the change. It is not intended to introduce the new system until the second semester.

DISTINGUISHED PHILOMATH ON DIVINE PHILOSOPHY

The Classical Club meets tomorrow night in Prof. Bennett's room at 7:15 to hear Prof. Bennett deliver a paper entitled "The Influence of Ancient Philosophy Upon Modern Philosophy."

PROM PROCEEDS TO GO TO STUDENTS' WAR FUND

Schenectady Ladies Will Provide Light Refreshments—Markel's Orchestra Is Hired.

The proceeds of the Junior Prom will be donated to the Students' Friendship War Fund. This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the Prom Committee. A. B. Dougall '19, chairman of the committee has hired Michael Markel's orchestra of New York for the Prom. Eight pieces will play. This orchestra has given great satisfaction at Princeton, where it played at the recent Prom given there, and at Yale and Harvard, where it played last year.

The ladies of Schenectady are co-operating with great generosity in making the Prom a success, not only in a social way, but as a substantial aid to the Students' Friendship War Fund. The refreshments, which will be light, consisting only of sandwiches and coffee, will be provided by them. There will be no intermission for serving the luncheon, but between twelve and one-thirty o'clock the buffet table will be in readiness. Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Willis T. Hanson Jr., will pour.

N. Y. PAPER PUTS UNION TEAM FAR AHEAD OF HAMILTON

According to "The Sun" out of fifty-five eastern college football teams the Union teams ranks thirty-fifth for the 1917 season. The list appeared in yesterday's copy of "The Sun." Williams is eighteenth, in "The Sun's" estimation, Springfield twenty-third, Amherst twenty-fourth, N. Y. U. twenty-sixth, Columbia twenty-seventh, R. P. I. forty-first and Hamilton fifty-first.

MARINER MISSIONARY TELLS OF NORTH LAND

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell Describes People of Labrador.

YAWLS WATCH FOR SUBS.

Fiords of Labrador, Well Adapted for Submarine Bases, Patrolled By Fishermen.

Last evening an audience which taxed the accommodations of the chapel listened intently to Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the famous "Mariner Missionary" of Labrador, telling of the land where deep fiords indenting the coast for many miles, far from human habitation, might offer a base for German subs, but that the cod and herring fishers of the country are patrolling the coast with their yawls; the land where fleet dogs and antlered reindeer pull the traveller's sledges over the snow and ice; a perilous land, where the want of dry matches may cost the lost wanderer his life; where a traveller, breaking through the frozen sea with his dogs clambers aboard a pan of ice which bears him and the dogs to sea; he kills the dogs to make garments for himself and of his shirt and the dog's bones he fabricates a flag by which he signals land and brings rescuers to him.

The people of this land, Dr. Grenfell said, are engaged in fishing for cod, herring, whales and seals. They are uneducated, few can read or write and they know nothing of mathematics or the classics.

"But," said the doctor, "their life is adapted to bring out many traits valuable to human character, the traits that have made England, through her mariners, mistress of the seas. These people have a genius for building and managing a vessel, catching fish or building a house with the minimum of implements."

Dr. Grenfell pointed out that it was due to the abilities of such men as these that England has been able to transport millions of men across the channel, with casualties amounting to but one in 10,000.

It is to improving the morale and material condition of these people that Dr. Grenfell has devoted his life and has built up a system of hospitals, co-operative stores, and of social service that extends throughout this north-land.

"I found that the only way to bring the message of human love to deep-sea fishermen was to live amongst them," said he, "and that I have done for thirty years."

Dr. Grenfell has a ship which visits the ports of Labrador to carry on his work among the people there, and he has besides several other vessels engaged in the service, in addition to hospitals, etc.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1917.

"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind."

Where do the winds rage more fiercely than on the Union College campus? Where do they brawl more angrily when honest folk would sleep, but cannot for the wind's howling, "making night hideous"? In hyperborean lands, say you? "Too cruel anywhere, Dear Duff. I prithee contradict thyself and say it is not so."

Where is the snow more perverse, refusing to lie where it fell from Heaven, rising in vortical whirlwinds and settling down again to beset the path of the tender student trudging manfully to classes, and sifting into his shoon? Is it on the dreary steppes of Russia where the wolves bite at you as you speed along on your sledge? Can we not learn a lesson for the Russian and ride to classes on sledges with affluent fur robes swathing our shins? The flying snow would not sting so bitterly, had we the exhilaration of riding behind fleet dogs. But to put your shoulder to the storm even though you have a sheepskin coat to snuggle in, and two sink your foot into the drift, the snow lashing your face, not fleecy flakes that caress your cheek, but mean congealed little bits that hurt like shot—Bah!

On Whittier's farm the snow was "a silent deep and white." Such snow knows how to behave. Let it be ever so deep, so long as it stays where it fell or where it is shovelled and lets the melting sun take care of it, it makes a landscape as smiling to the heart as any "tranquil land, beneath a sky of bliss." And Whittier's snow was the harbinger of books and puzzles and popping apples roasting in a row before the gleaming fire. Horace's snow on Soracte was a good enough pretext liberally to broach the four-year-old Sabine and dispell frigidity.

O, Thalliarhus! O, John Green-

leaf! Apples now are golden indeed and silver pitchers are none too precious receptacles for them, at Hoover-only-knows how much a barrel. And Sabine or Massie, Mumm's or Great Western, Green River or Old Crow—have you bought any lately, gentle reader? If you have, what need to say that "a cup of sack to fence the cold" impoverishes a man.

Ah, well! The long, hard winter is upon us. The arctic snow-bird will not be foiled, and the fat thighs of bulls, and of goats too we suppose, are far too high priced to burn to appease the Bird, or to mollify Aeolus. For us there is no summer's sun of York.

But these heady breezes are invigorating. They say the wind blows in Flanders, and the snow flies there, too. But it cannot be worse than here. If we are hardened to it, 'twill not seem so irksome there.

A Student Conjectures Council's Motives.

Editor of THE CONCORDIENSIS:

I have twice read in your columns that the Terrace Council has decided that no new members would be elected to the Council at present. I read this first on the departure of Sid Talbot and Bert Lester and lately on the departure of Calkins. I have wondered why the Council came to this decision and as they have made no explanation before the Student Body, we are forced to guess at their reason.

I suppose the main reason was that owing to the war it is difficult to keep our organizations up to peace standards and that any Senior elected to the Council now might be likely to go soon afterwards. But are not the present members just as likely to go? So it would be better, it seems to me, to have men elected now so that if any of the present members go there may be some men remaining who have had experience on the Council.

But this may not have been their reason. Perhaps they thought that there are no Seniors left in college worthy of the honor. Many fine men have gone but there are plenty of fish left in the sea yet. But I do not think that such a reason was given consideration. It seems to me that the first reason I have stated, that they thought the Council could not be maintained at its usual membership in these war times, must have been their main reason and it does not seem to me to be sound for reasons already stated.

But whatever they thought, I do not understand why it was up to the Council to decide the question, anyway. The constitution of the Student Body prescribes seven members for the Terrace Council. I know that the constitution is easily suspended, but it has always before been suspended by a vote of the Student Body.

Yours respectfully,
STUDENT.

Schenectady, N. Y.
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Y. M. C. A. PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT FOR SOPHOMORES

Tomorrow evening Dec. 11, the annual Sophomore "Get-together" will be held in Silliman Hall at 7:30 P. M. The social will be given as usual by the Y. M. C. A., assisted by some of the wives of the faculty. There will be games, and speeches and of course as a finale refreshments will be served.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

John Beattie ex'18, who was called out in the Naval Reserve some time ago and has been stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has been transferred to Newport.

George R. Chapman '12 is in Company A, 25th Engineers and is now in France.

DANCING AFTER GAME.

There will be dancing in the gymnasium Saturday night after the Union-Clarkson Tech. game.

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LETTER FROM STUDENT ON HIS WAY TO FRONT

Has Good Word For Tommy Atkins, England and Army
Y. M. C. A.

The Brown Herald prints the following interesting letter from a Brown ex-'19 man, who has gone to England en route to the front:

"Well, at last we are off the old boat and in camp again, such as it is, for it is only for a few days. We pulled into Liverpool via Irish Sea on Tuesday evening, making the trip in just two weeks. We stayed on the boat that night and landed the next morning, that is on Wednesday, and entrained at Riverside station in Liverpool, which is certainly a wonderfully clean and neat city. I tried to get a chance to send a cablegram, but we could not get a minute off and we were so heavily loaded with rolls and pack that we had our hands full with them.

"We got on the funny little English trains with eight men in each little compartment and rode from eleven in the morning to eight that night. We swung around out north of Liverpool then south on the main line through Crewe, Stafford, Birmingham and Oxford to Reading where we changed from the London Road to the Great Western. From Reading we turned away from London, missing it by about thirty miles. We then came straight to Southampton, arriving here about eight o'clock. We took our barrack bags off the train and hustled the officers' trunks, etc., for about an hour and then formed up and were marched about two miles up to the camp here, which is called Southampton Commons. It is a rest camp and used for forces awaiting transportation to France. It was a big park before the war and is a beautiful place, although it is muddy everywhere and the tents are rather old style. The Y. M. C. A. here is a corker and they sell refreshments here, which I found to be very good. I had a cup of coffee this A. M. for one cent, which was real good. We are having a great time with these English pennies which are as big as

our half-dollars and very heavy. We are getting onto the tu'pence, threepence, shilling (bob) and florins very easily now.

"The trip down from Liverpool was wonderful in the picturesque land with its neat and orderly farms, field and little red-birch farm houses set in a clump of trees, with everything around it as spick and span as a Dutch doorstep. The towns too, are extremely neat and clean, with their low houses, which are all the same. The towns and railroad stations are very noticeably quiet and deserted, and what few people we did see, waved with a sad expression on their faces, but that did not take the cheer out of our boys, who kept on singing and cheering all the way.

"The English soldiers here are a jolly lot and many have seen service. I talked with one this morning who had just come back from two years at the front and he showed me souvenirs galore that he had taken from Fritz. We expect to be here about three or four days and then be transported to France to our permanent training camp."

USUAL CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IS PRESENTED TO FRESHMEN

The Freshman class is now confronting the customary aftermath of their annual party—a bill for damages. The proprietor of the hall in Scotia which was to have been the scene of their smoker last week Monday and from which they made a precipitate exit when their ears caught the sound of the Sophs at the door has rendered a bill for a goodly amount to reimburse him for sundry articles which he claims were given over to ruthlessness, in the scramble that occurred before the party broke up.

The Freshmen are now pondering on their fiscal condition.

DRAMATIC TRY-OUTS.

Try-outs for the Dramatic Club's production, "A Full House," are to be held tonight in Silliman Hall. Practice will begin as soon as the cast is selected.

GROUP FOR FRATERNITY BASKETBALL ARRANGED

First Round To Be Played Off
This Month, Second Series
After Christmas.

The schedule for the inter-fraternity Basketball games has been completed. The first game will occur on Thursday, December 13th between the Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta teams. The grouping is to be the same as that on the bowling leagues and the games will occur in the following order:

Dec. 13: Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Phi Gamma Delta.
Dec. 15: Chi Psi vs. Phi Delta Theta.
Alpha Delta Phi vs. Delta Upsilon.
Delta Phi vs. Sigma Phi.
Dec. 17: Beta Theta Phi vs. Kappa Alpha.
Dec. 20: Pyramid Club vs. Psi U.

This will complete the list of games in the first group. Each winner in the first round will report to Peaslee and beginning on January 5th, the group winners will play for the championship of the league. This series will be pursued in the following manner: In each league the winner of Group I will play the winner of Group II, and the winner of Groups I and II will play Group III. The winner of this game will then play the winner of Groups IV and V for the supremacy of the league. The champion of each league will then play for the championship of the college.

INTERCLASS SCHEDULE AWAITS EXAM RESULTS

The schedule for inter-class basketball will not be announced until after the results of the Freshman condition examinations are known, as the faculty committee on eligibility are not certain that the Frosh can muster a sufficient number of basketball players whose scholastic work is satisfactory, to form a team. It will be remembered that they were unable to do this in football.

ATHLETIC BOARD ELECTS BASKETBALL MANAGEMENT

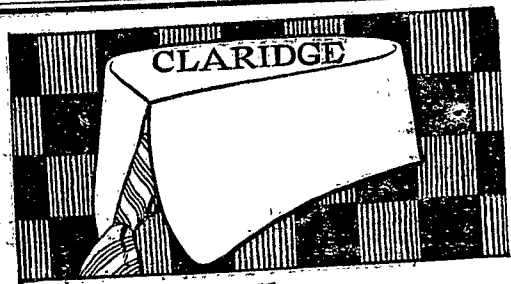
The Athletic Board meets tomorrow night in the gymnasium to elect a new basketball management. Both manager and assistant manager are to be chosen. The departure of Greene '19, who was runner-up in the last election of assistant manager, makes an unprecedented situation, which may be explicated by the election of men from among those who have tried out for the managership of other sports than basketball.

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ing submersible, few storms retard her progress or action; being equipped with divers and net-evaders, she does not need to fear maneuvering in waters dangerous for their mines or nets.

"The submarine sinks fifty per cent. of all the ships it attacks. Great Britain has lost fourteen per cent., or 6,000,000 tons of her shipping by the submarine. In all the submarine destroys six hundred million dollars a month or \$7,200,000,000 a year. The Germans lose but one submarine to more than one hundred ships that the Allies lose, or in other words the Germans need build but one per cent. of ship tonnage of the Allies' do to continue their present destructive activities.

"The submarine is in the hands of a country diseased with the cancer of militarism. That country, Germany, with the aid of Russia's resources, bids fair to win the war if its submarines can prevent food and men from reaching the Allies. No means suffice to combat the submarine and thus do away with its destruction to our shipping. It is urgent then that we evade the German's weapon if possible.

"Germany herself gives us the clue. The Deutschland proved that the submarine can transport goods across the Atlantic. What the Deutschland did, numbers of like ships of ours could likewise accomplish. Let this country realize these facts and use at once this inevitable means of winning the war."

STUDENTS FREE AT CONCERT; GLEE CLUB CANCELS TRIP

Students will be admitted free to the concert to be given this week Friday night in the gymnasium by the combined Musical Clubs for the benefit of the Students Friendship War Fund. They will be charged for dancing.

Although two concerts had been scheduled for Christmas vacation and Manager Cameron was negotiating for a third, the Glee Club at a recent meeting decided that it preferred not to take a trip at Christmas time. Consequently the two engagements have been cancelled and all negotiations dropped. It may be that a trip will be arranged for Washington's Birthday. Short local trips may also be made.

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The lecture was illustrated by a great number of stereopticon views showing scenes in Labrador—icebergs, which the lecturer described as "beautiful, stately, cold and useless," the frozen sea, the lonely fiords, the little harbors where the fishermen's yawls are anchored, views of the hospitals which Dr. Grenfell has established and of the people who receive treatment there—consumptives, paralytics, children in need of orthopedists, sick babies—all inhabitants of communities where there is no other doctor within 500 miles besides the one in Dr. Grenfell's hospital.

Pictures were shown of cod fish over five feet in length which sell in Labrador for five cents a piece. The difference between that and what is paid here for this product, Dr. Grenfell, explained, is in the curing and preparation for the retail market. The fishing business has been greatly cut down during the war he said, as the fishermen's yawls are used to patrol the fiords, which with their deep water and remote situation, would afford excellent bases for submarines.

Numerous other views were shown in connection with Dr. Grenfell's work, on which he descanted, holding the eager attention of the audience for upwards of an hour.

Dr. Grenfell spoke before the student body in chapel this noon, impressing on his hearers that the great problem of men is to learn the true value of human life and that the only way of making life worth while is to make it "a channel of God's love and power." He also said that this side of life is valued and recognized in this country more than in Europe.

"In the light of the young life that is being flung away on the front line," said Dr. Grenfell, "we ought to realize the meaning of life. The best thing a man can get in his youth is an idea of the value of his own life. Many people think that their life is worth nothing. There is much of that pessimism among people, but it is never found among those who contribute to the world's good."

"I believe," he said in conclusion, "that the only way to take satisfaction in life is to take Christ as an example. This side of human life is realized and valued in America more than in Europe."

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ONE DATE STILL OPEN IN SCHEDULE OF 17 GAMES

The schedule of basketball games is practically completed, February 23d, being the only date now unfilled. The schedule is as follows:

Clarkson Tech., Dec. 13, home.

State College, Dec. 15, home.

C. C. N. Y., Dec. 22.

Rochester, Dec. 29.

Yale, Jan. 15, home.

R. P. I., Jan. 12, home.

St. Lawrence, Jan. 19, home.

Williams, Jan. 23.

Amherst, Jan. 26.

C. C. N. Y., Feb. 9, home.

Williams, Feb. 13, home.

Weslyan, Feb. 16, home.

West Point, Feb. 22.

Not filled, Feb. 23.

R. P. I., March 2.

Amherst, March 8, home.

Weslyan, March 9.

PRESS CLUB CALENDAR IS A THING OF BEAUTY

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