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### TEAM RECUPERATING FROM HARD BRUISES

Captain Moynihan's Shoulder Given Long Rest.

#### OPEN PLAY PRACTICED

Springfield Expected to Be a Hard and Heavy Oponent. Last Workouts Stiff. Be Stiff.

After the "come-back" of Saturday, the Union Varsity is in a slightly battered condition and consequently the workouts of the first two days of the week have been very light. Captain Moynihan is the most seriously wounded of all first string men and his shoulder has needed all the rest he has been able to give it. Stiffness and muscle bruises constitute the greater part of the other damage and time is getting rid of them.

The elimination of under-class football should bring out a wealth of material for the scrubs and help the team greatly in its final drive of the season. Three games have been lost, one won and one tied; hence the outcome of the season rests on the last three games. The first of these comes this week Saturday with Springfield, and as always their team is fast

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#### CALENDAR Tonight.

7:15—Press Club Meeting, Press Club Room.

#### Thursday.

4:00—Interclass Cross Country Meet for Sigma Phi Trophy.

4:00—Publication Board Meeting, THE CONCORDIENSIS office.

4:00—Philomathean Society Meeting, Washburn Hall.

4:30—First Basketball Practice, Gymnasium.

4:30—Chemical Club Meeting, Chemistry Laboratory. (Lecture by Mr. Salathe.)

#### Friday.

12:00—Senior Class Meeting, Chapel. Election of President.

1:00—Interfraternity Conference Meeting. Election of Officers.

### FORMER UNION TUTE IS FRENCH INTERPRETER

The Amherst Student has the following to say about Geofroy Atkinson, Wesleyan '13, who taught modern languages here two years ago:

"Goefrey Atkinson was offered the position of interpreter and private secretary to General Pershing, but was unable to accept it, as he had previously accepted a similar position in the Medical Reserve Corps."

### EX-UNION MAN TELLS OF CAMP WADSWORTH

Cold Air, Cold Water, Mud and Blisters Give Appetite for Boche.

The following letter received from a former Union student now training at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina, may be of interest to readers of THE CONCORDIENSIS for the view it gives of conditions in a training camp and of the spirit of the men:

"We have been here for nearly six weeks and I've had some grand times here. During the past two weeks a big reorganization has been taking place. A week ago yesterday I was transferred from the Engineer Train to Company E of the 102nd Engineers. A great many regiments are being broken up and those that are not are being increased by about one hundred men to a company, so that now a company has 250 men. Out of eleven corporals sent to this company I'm the only one to retain my rank, but that is only on probation.

"At present we are working on trenches and other field fortifications, and this work is very interesting. Was caught in one of the trenches during a rainstorm the other day and got drenched with mud and water. Stood in it to my shoe tops. It was only a taste, but that is enough for me. Part of our company is up in the mountains surveying a rifle and artillery range. Later we are going up to build it. Pushing a pen in

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### DEAN RIPTON ATTENDS COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

Dean Ripton will be in New York this Saturday to represent the college at a meeting of the College Entrance Examination Board. The Dean has also been chosen by the faculty to attend a meeting on Thursday and Friday of this week of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia.

### R. O. T. C. MEN DISCHARGED FOR SLOUCHINESS

Adjutant General Tells College President Educational Training Can Eradicate Defect.

Mental and physical slouchiness—indistinct enunciation, lack of mental alacrity, inability to think and speak accurately and to the point, unmilitary bearing, and want of grit, were the greatest defects occasioning the discharge of men from the Reserve Officers' Training Camps held last summer, according to Adjutant General H. P. McCain in a letter he has written to a college president. General McCain says that the school and college being in part responsible for these slouchy ways of mind and body, can do much to amend them by administering proper training to their students.

The letter as printed by the Boston Transcript, runs as follows:

"Perhaps the most glaring fault noted in aspirants to the officers' reserve corps, and one that might be corrected by proper attention in our high schools, preparatory schools and colleges, might be characterized by the general word 'slouchiness.' I refer to what might be termed a mental and physical indifference. I have observed at camp many otherwise excellent men who have failed because in our school system sufficient emphasis is not placed upon the avoidance of this mental and physical handicap. In the work of the better government military schools of the world this slack-

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### R. O. T. C. HERE GIVEN GOVT.'S RECOGNITION

President Richmond Reads Announcement Yesterday.

#### ARMS MANUAL PRACTICED

Those Previously Trained Instruct Rookies in Rudiments, Using Krag Rifles.

Heightened interest in drill was the immediate effect of President Richmond's announcement before the battalion yesterday that at last Union has been recognized as a regular R. O. T. C. Although the news has been awaited with anxiety for some weeks, the telegram which Dr. Richmond read, officially detailing Col. Goldman as Professor of Military Science and Tactics here, was received with some surprise by the battalion members. The announcement of the acceptance of the Union organization as an official Officers' Training Corps by the government is regarded as the final step in the arrangement of the military course here. Within a short time probably uniforms will be distributed to the cadets and more complicated problems in drill will be introduced.

The second stage in the training of the Union rookies was entered upon yesterday, when the men received their final instruction in the manual of arms, using a real rifle. Members of the organization who have mastered the principles of the manual demonstrated before their less tutored comrades in arms some of the elements of the arms drill, including the port, present, right and left shoulder and order. Some of the demonstrators showed skill in executing the movements in spite of the fact that they were somewhat confused by the substitution of the differently balanced Krag rifle for the Springfield, on which all have had instruction previously. The issuance of rifles within a short time to the companies while at drill will soon familiarize the

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## WORDS WON'T DO.

It is frequently said these days that America does not know it is at war. Writers in the press adjure America to wake up.

They are awake at Washington. There the wheels of government are turning day and night. They are awake in New York. Khaki is the prevailing color there.

Are we awake in Union College? Probably most of us would reply, Yes. That reply does not prove the fact.

No loyal American who is awake, who senses the enormity and gravity of the country's job will fail to act, to seek to aid, whether his power for aiding be great or small.

We here in Union College say that we realize the immensity of the war and the pricelessness of the stakes. How do we justify our words by our deeds?

About seventy men, one-sixth of the whole student body, make the sacrifice which enables them to buy Liberty Bonds. But few more have subscribed to the fund for the Y. M. C. A. cantonment work and too many of those who have subscribed evince by the size of their contribution greater solicitude for their own comfort than for the soldiers'.

There can be no two ways about it. Either a man does not understand that he owes unlimited support to the nation or he is lacking in loyalty to the nation. Which condition are the majority of us in? Certainly the first.

We must emerge from that condition right away if we are to

hold up our heads before the alumni, before the students already in the ranks, before the faculty, who to a man are proving their loyalty by their deeds. Over three-fourths of them subscribed to the Liberty Loan. Every one of them will subscribe to the Y. M. C. A. army camp work.

Our response to these appeals will show how rapidly we are appreciating our country's cause and how faithfully we are squaring our deeds with our professions of loyalty.

## MORNING.

Get up, child,  
There's gold in the garden to play with.

A great jinn is out at the door  
With a day in his pocket for you.

Get up,  
And run pull his beard and kiss him

And he will bring you some more.  
Hurry . . . hurry . . .

There's a fat little toad by the  
doorstep

All drenched and slippery with  
dew.

We'll get him,  
And tickle him,

And put him in the asparagus bed  
to catch flies.

There—you have spilled the water.  
You are wet. Run, run into the  
sun and dry.

Say good morning to bees  
And kiss the nasturtiums and  
phlox.

Run, child  
And thank the great jinn  
For to-day.

The clouds are all tumbled  
And just out of bed,

But they race with the drunken  
wind

That wobbles, and swaggers, and  
reels,

Down the garden paths  
Setting the fountain dizzily shak-

ing.  
Run with bare feet out through the  
dew.

Soft . . . soft . . . don't frighten the  
pigeons.

See their breasts and the love in  
their eyes.

Laugh, child, laugh.  
And tangle your hair in the wind;  
I will untangle your tresses with  
kisses—

Laugh, child,  
But remember to thank the great  
jinn. . . .

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C.

## ORIENTAL IDOLIZES LEFTY IN SWOON

(From the New York Times.)

The front page of a Columbia-Union football game program serving as letter paper, Commander Viscount M. Hotta, one of the blockading expedition of Port Arthur, and now Naval Attache to the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, describes his opinion of the American game of foot-

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ball after having seen the contest last Saturday between Union and Columbia at South Field. The letter is in Japanese and was addressed to Mr. Takei, a Columbia student, who translated it into English. The letter follows:

"Washington, Oct. 20, 1917.

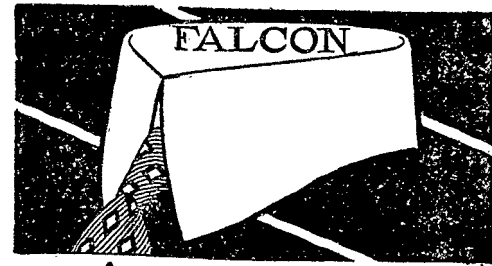
"Dear Mr. Takei: After having called on you this afternoon I saw the football game of your country, and cannot help expressing my admiration. American spirit is chiefly fostered by team work. I have been told, and today I think I could get the idea. We have about the same game at our Naval College, Edajima, but it is almost valueless if compared with the one which I saw this afternoon. I take this opportunity to pay my deep respect to the hero of the day who fainted amidst the game. Sincerely yours,

"M. HOTTA."

The "hero" referred to in Mr. Hotta's letter is evidently Lefkowitz of the Union team, who picked up Shaw's fumble on Columbia's 40-yard line and ran thirty yards before he was knocked out as a result of Shaw's spectacular but hard tackle.

## Publication Board Meets.

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The Athletic Board has voted to send a box of sporting goods to American soldiers now in training. B. T. suggests that we send running pants to the Germans for them to use when our boys get after them over there.

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The generous patriotism of our big local industries must have felt that it was being slightly imposed upon by the oft-repeated liberty parades and the attendant idle hours of the machines.

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While we admit that "Give me for keeping no Midas-gold" may be worth a second reading, its re-appearance in last Friday's Concordy gave us the shock of a corpse come to life.

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Judging from the comments of the press, "Good Night Paul" put in a bad night over in Albany last week. Having perused Albany's comments on its vulgarity, we were all primed to attend its local presentation, when our staunch old Arendt Van Curler, a gentleman of extremely refined sensibilities, did not turn on the lights on the scheduled occasion, much to our disappointment.

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The second liberty loan campaign is over, and all we have to do now is to find a dollar a week from now until eternity.

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Describing the coronation of our old friend Charlemagne, (we are following the example of an esteemed contemporary, and featuring in our columns a few choice historical gems) a Sophomore said, "The Pope sneaked down the aisle and crowned him."

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As Matty says, "Come rain or shine, we're bound to have weather."

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Now 1921, this scholarship report is simple shocking. Why, when we were Freshmen,—

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Look at what we are now.

P. A. B.

## R. O. T. C. MEN DISCHARGED FOR SLOUCHINESS

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ness in thought, presentation and bearing is not tolerated because the aim of all military training is accuracy. At military camps throughout the country mental alertness, accuracy in thinking and acting, clearness in enunciation, sureness and ease of carriage and bearing must be insisted upon, for two reasons; that success may be assured as nearly as human effort can guarantee it with the material and means at hand, and that priceless human lives may not be criminally sacrificed. Only by the possession of the qualities referred to does one become a natural leader.

A great number of men have failed at camp because of inability to articulate clearly. A man who cannot impart his idea to his command in clear, distinct language and with sufficient volume of voice to be heard reasonably far is not qualified to give commands upon which human life will depend. Many men disqualified by this handicap might have become officers under their country's flag had they been properly trained in school and college. It is to be hoped, therefore, that more emphasis will be placed upon the basic principles of elocution in the training of our youth. Even without proscribed training in elocution a great improvement could be wrought by the instructors in our schools and colleges, regardless of the subject, insisting that all answers be given in a loud, clear, well-rounded voice, which of course, necessitates the opening of the mouth and free movement of the lips. It is remarkable how many excellent men suffer from this handicap and how almost impossible it is to correct this after the formative years of life.

"In addition to this physical disability and slouchiness is what might be termed the slouchiness of mental attitude. Many men fail to measure up to the requirements set for our officers' reserve because they have not been trained to appreciate the importance of accuracy in thinking. Too many schools are satisfied with an approximate answer to a question. Little or no incentive is given increased mental effort to co-ordinate one's ideas and present them clearly and unequivocally. Insistence upon decision in thought and expression must never be lost sight of. This requires eternal vigilance on the part of every teacher. It is next to impossible for military instructors to do much to counteract the negligence of schools in this regard. This again has cost many men their commissions at camp. Three months is too short a time in which to teach an incorrigible "beater-about-the-bush" that there is only one way to answer a question, oral or written, and that is positively, clearly and accurately. The form of the oral answer in our schools should be made an important consideration of instruction.

"I have further noted at camp that even some of our better military schools have turned out pro-

ducts that, while many of them have the bearing of a soldier in ranks, yet their carriage is totally different as soon as they 'fall out.' Schools, military and non-military, should place more insistence upon the bearing of pupils all the time. It should become a second nature with them to walk and carry themselves with the bearing of an officer and a gentleman. This again is a characteristic that cannot be acquired in a short time and, when coupled with other disqualifying elements, has militated against the success of men in training camps.

"As a last important element that seems to me has been lacking in the moral and mental make-up of some of our students here is the characteristic of grit. Not that they would have proved cowardly in battle necessarily, but some have exhibited a tendency to throw up the sponge upon the administration of a severe rebuke or criticism. Their 'feelings have been hurt' and they resign. They have never been taught the true spirit of subordination. They are not ready for the rough edges of life. The true training school should endeavor to inculcate that indomitable spirit that enables one to get out of self, to keep one's eyes fixed upon the goal rather than upon the roughness of the path, to realize that one unable to rise above the hard knocks of discipline cannot hope to face with equanimity the tremendous responsibilities of the office under modern conditions of warfare. This idea of grit belongs in the schoolroom as well as upon the campus."

### Interfraternity Conference Meets

The Interfraternity Conference will meet Friday at one o'clock to elect officers and consider any other business that may be brought up.

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### TOWNE'S DEPARTURE VACATES MANY OFFICES

Changes in a number of organizations on the hill will be the result of the departure of Hunter A. Towne '18 for the concentration camp of the U. S. Ambulance Service at Allentown, Pa. A new president of the Senior Class and member of the Terrace Council will have to be elected, the active management of the basketball team will change hands, another adjutant of the battalion must be designated, and A Company of the battalion will get another captain.

Towne's successor in the presidency of the Senior Class will be selected by vote of the class Friday noon at chapel, and the new president will be ex-officio, a member of the Terrace Council. Leo Frees '19, assistant manager of basketball, has already assumed the duties of manager of that sport, being the third assistant manager to have active charge of a major sport at Union within a year. Although no official order has yet been issued announcing the appointment of a new battalion adjutant, it is probable that Harry A. Calkins '18 who is in line for the position and who was acting adjutant at yesterday's drill, will be Col. Goldman's choice for the office. Pierre Hoag, first sergeant of A Company will, it is likely, become the company's new captain. B. T. Taylor '19 has been designated by Delta Phi to succeed Towne on the Interfraternity Conference.

### NINE MEN ENTERED FOR INTER-CLASS MEET

The inter-class cross-country race for the Sigma Phi trophy will be held tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. Besides the teams representing the various classes a team from the Schenectady High School will run the course for practice. Two men from a class must finish the race in order to win the trophy for their class.

The following men will run: Hance '18, McLean '18, McGarty '19, Ladd '19, Palmer '19, Streeter '20, Lyman '20, Donnan '21, Dewey '21.

The Interfraternity Conference at Worcester Tech has expressed the opinion that the stars on a fraternity service flag should represent the members of the active chapter at the time war was declared and those who were initiated thereafter who are in the service.

Williams' allotment for the Liberty Loan was \$20,000.

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### TEAM RECUPERATING FROM HARD BRUISES

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and heavy, making a dangerous rival.

Coach Murray has changed his plan of campaign from the early games and instead of relying on the weight and drive of his line for gaining distance he is resorting to an open game that will give his fast backfield a greater opportunity to make good. The aerial game is under development and will probably be used.

The last workouts of the week are to be stiff and such as will leave men on edge for Saturday.

### R. O. T. C. HERE RECEIVES GOVT'S. RECOGNITION

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rank and file of the battalion to the manual. Twenty rifles are to be issued to each of the four companies. The joint announcement yesterday of the forthcoming instruction under arms and of the official approval of the battalion as an R. O. T. C. should give an added zest to the drill during the next few days.

### COUNCIL HOLDS FALL MEETING SATURDAY

The Graduate Council holds its annual fall meeting this Saturday. Officers will be elected to succeed Frederick B. Richards '88, president; Dr. Alexander Duane '78, vice-president; and William G. Shaible '86, treasurer.

The Council will consider at this meeting devising a new method for electing alumni trustee.

### THE DAY.

Gusty rain and drifting leaves, Twilight hiding in the eaves....

There had been no word to say Throughout the sullen, bitter day.

Then like flame among the embers,

Like a voice that one remembers. Love came and wove o'er us a spell,

Half of heaven, half of hell.

C.

Syracuse has banned the playing of pinochle in any of the college buildings on the grounds that it is a German game, and that all German customs should be barred at the present time. We wonder if the students will substitute ale for beer.

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### EX-UNION MAN TELLS OF CAMP WADSWORTH.

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—did not harden me much to this work with a pick and shovel. Blisters adorned my hands for the first few days, but now I'm hardened up and stand it very well.

"Have great eats and am putting on weight. Of course everything is not like home, but we get along very well. Have had hot water twice since I left

for bathing and washing. The cold water at 6 a. m. sure is a bracer and I've become accustomed to it and don't mind it now.

"Judging from recent rumors we shall be on our way to France by the first of the year. I would not be surprised if we were to return to New York soon, or as soon as we finish some work that we have on hand down here. Of course this is all rumor but we all hope that it is true.

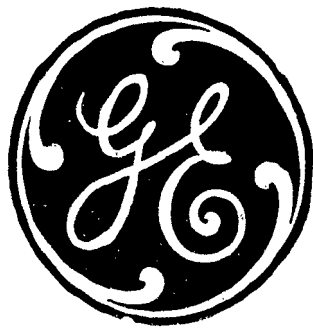
"I sure do wish that I could drop in and see you and spend a day just as I pleased with no bugle to tell me what to do and when.

"It's getting pretty cold down here now and a fire in the tent is not at all bad. The days are warm enough but the nights are pretty cold. I could rave on about this camp for a week and not tell all so will close here."

Princeton students to the number of 177 bought Liberty Bonds, at the rate of \$140 a man.

Amherst undergraduates had subscribed \$5,600 to the Liberty Loan up to last week Thursday.

Owing to the shortage of funds for athletics the Brown Athletic Board will purchase 'varsity sweaters only for those who win their "B" for the first time.



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