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## ST. LAWRENCE EASILY DEFEATED

Team Wins Easy Victory, Score  
45 to 23.

### COLLINS PLAYS WELL

Quintet Braces When Yavits En-  
ters Game, Running Up  
Big Score.

Union was scheduled to play a game of basketball with St. Lawrence last Friday evening at the Gym. Whether this program was carried out is largely a matter of opinion. Five men from each institution were on the floor for two periods of twenty minutes each, but aside from a short time in the game when the entire Garnet first squad were in action, nothing that greatly resembled intercollegiate basketball appeared. When the performance was ended the score boards read Union 45; St. Lawrence 23, but this legend had no more significance than the total of an adding machine.

For one reason or another the coaches did not choose to start Captain Yavits, and his value to the team was never more clearly brought out than by the chaos that resulted. Peaselee, who was used in his place, put up a fair individual game, but the teamwork and pep that have marked the last two games was absolutely gone. Jones failed to show his accustomed speed and as for the shooting of the first period the less said the better. Union was facing a team in no way its equal, either in speed, training, condition or natural ability or a rout would surely have resulted. Easy shots were missed, the pass work was beneath contempt, and all fight seemed to be lacking. Owing to the poor guarding, constant fouling and trust in long shots that marked the St. Lawrence game, Union was enabled to score 16 points to their opponents 8, but that even so much was accomplished must be largely credited to the work of Jack Collins, easily the individual star of the evening, who scored 8 points alone. Weller, playing center for the visitors, made six points on some long shots, but the play of St. Lawrence near the basket was weak

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### CALENDAR.

#### Tonight.

8:00 P. M.—Dr. Cady lectures in College Chapel.

#### Wednesday.

7:00 P. M.—Glee Club rehearsal, Silliman Hall.

8:00 P. M.—Union vs. Williams at Williamstown.

8:00 P. M.—Concert by Prexy, Hanna Hall.

#### Thursday.

4:00 P. M.—Track Practice.

5:15 P. M.—“Sermon on the Mount” Lecture, College Chapel.

## DR. RICHMOND BIDS HARP OF THE NORTH RESUME, AT STUDENT GATHERING WED. NIGHT

Probably no college students know their president any better than Union students know President Richmond. His frequent addresses to the student body in chapel, and at other meetings of the students-campus meetings, smokers, Y. M. C. A. Get-togethers, annual banquets of various undergraduate organizations, at which he is almost invariably present, to say nothing of personal calls and conferences, have made the students intimate with him to a considerable degree. It will be an even more familiar side which they will see Wednesday night, when at a social gathering of the undergraduates in Hanna Hall at eight o'clock he will sing ancient ballads to the accompaniment of the harp, which he himself will play.

President Richmond's euterpean attainments are not unknown nor unfavorably known. It is said that when George Washington played the flute all within hearing stuffed cotton in their ears. But those who have been privileged to listen when President

Richmond has swept the strings of the lovely lyre and sung the sweet ballads of ancient minstrelsy have not been loathe to open wide their ears. So it is that his musical diversion has won a pleasant fame. “Here we have a college president who knows the paths that lead to the forests of Arden and can make us feel the thrill of ancient minstrelsy and song,” said Dr. George Alexander, speaking at the Phi Beta Kappa banquet last June.

We know that President Richmond is proud of his Scottish blood, which keeps alive a poetical strain in him amid the sordid cares which in the American scheme of things molest even a college president. His name frequently appears in the magazines as the author of occasional poems and it is said that in addition to the old English, Scottish and Irish ballads that he sings, he has some songs of his own composition patterned after them. The students are sure to enjoy the enchantment of his lay.

## WILLIAMS GAME TOMORROW NIGHT

Practice Held in High School  
Gymnasium.

This week the basketball team will play two out of town games. They will play in Williamstown on Wednesday and will meet Amherst in Amherst on Saturday. The team is going well and should make an excellent showing in both out of town games.

The Williams court is very small and consequently disadvantageous to players used to a large court. To offset this difficulty Coach Kuolt had his men practice yesterday on the High School court which is more nearly like that of Williams. Although the team was somewhat unused to so small a floor they were not handicapped by it as much as might have been expected. Upon a small court the cutting and short distance shooting in which the squad has been continually drilled, shows up with telling effect.

The team will leave for Williams on Wednesday, taking the one o'clock trolley for Troy, where they will catch a train which arrives in Williamstown at ten minutes after four o'clock (4:10 P. M.) Those who will make the trip are Captain Yavits, Jones, J. Brucker, G. Brucker, Peaselee, Cassidy and Assistant Manager Barnett.

## PLAN PROPOSED FOR THRIFT CLUB

Columbia University Starts Novel  
Scheme.

A movement has been started at Columbia University for the purpose of organizing committees of college students to sell war saving stamps and certificates. It is proposed to utilize for this purpose the salesmen who conducted the Liberty Loan campaign in the colleges. Efforts are being made to perfect such organizations in the various colleges and also to form clubs of students to buy the thrift stamps. In these clubs enough are gathered usually to permit the purchase of one or more stamps at a time. Contributions are subsequently made by the members of the club and additional stamps purchased until each member of the club owns a full certificate of his own; the club can then go on purchasing even more certificates.

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps are the most democratic of investments and America expects every American to show love of republican institutions by investing in this democratic security. The aggregate amount of the investments and the number of investors in these War Savings securities are in a way the answer of

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## JUNIOR QUINTET WINS IN OVERTIME

Three Teams Now Tied for First  
Place.

### 1919 GUARDS CLOSELY

Freshmen Lose Third Straight  
Game—Sophomores Win  
Easily.

As a result of yesterday's games in the interclass basketball league three teams are tied for first place: 1918, 1919 and 1920. In yesterday's game 1919 defeated 1918 15-9, and 1920 trimmed 1921, 25-14.

The game between the Seniors and Juniors was fast and exciting throughout. It was tied twice and it was necessary to play an extra period before the winner could be decided. With the score reading 9-7 in favor of 1919 and just a few minutes to play Hochuli of the Senior team dropped in a neat field goal and thus caused the game to go into extra time. In the extra period something happened to the 1918 team and they let up on their guarding long enough to enable Lefkowitz the Junior center to score two baskets and put the game on ice for his team. Not satisfied with a lead of four points the Juniors proceeded to score another basket and the game ended with 1919 leading 15-9.

Features of the game were the shooting of Carr for the Juniors, the guarding of Capt. Gorham and Manion of the same team, who held the forwards to one floor basket, and the floor work of Captain Fancher of the Senior team. 1918 was somewhat handicapped by the absence of Hay, who usually puts up a good defensive game.

1918.				
	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.	
Slade, L. F. -----	0	3	3	
Northrop, R. F. -----	1	0	2	
Friday, C. -----	0	0	0	
Fancher, L. G. -----	0	0	0	
Hochuli, R. G. -----	2	0	4	
Totals -----	3	3	9	

1919.				
		F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Carr, L. F.	-----	3	1	7
Tell, R. F.	-----	0	0	0
Parker, R. F.	-----	1	0	2
Lefkowitz, C.	-----	2	0	4
Manion, L. G.	-----	0	0	0
Gorham, R. G.	-----	1	0	2

Total 1 7 15  
Referee, Wittner, Spear. Timer and scorer Dr. Mac. Time of halves, 15 minutes.

In the second game 1920 caused the 1921 team to bite the dust once more to the tune of 25-14. The game was somewhat looser than the first one as is evidenced by the large score. Des-

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## Criticism

"Criticism is cheap" is a trite phrase. Can anything cheaper be found these days? Nothing. Where should it begin? Where should it end? There are a thousand critics to one doer. Most of those who know just how to do something express their opinion AFTER the event. "Why, I should have done thus and so," is the familiar thing to say after a failure has been made and the right course appears.

Most of our critics are long on hindsight. A man drops a ball in a world series. Now there is nobody in the world who feels so badly as he does about it. Nothing that can be said can in any way alter the fact of the error. He didn't mean to make it. All that the world may say in censure will not make him any more determined next time. Yet sometimes for weeks and months and years the panning goes on. What is there in perverse human nature that keeps it up?

Is there anything more futile than criticism upon the latest movie picture? The play has been acted. The die has been cast. For good or ill the film is on its way. There is nothing about it that can be altered. Yet it has grown up as a custom for the crit-

ics to tell what they think about it. Perhaps they think that next time the actors will mend their ways and comfort themselves more in accordance with the critics' standard. Our private opinion is that nothing the critics can say will cause those producers upon whom we depend for theatrical entertainment to reform.

But after all we are not dealing with criticism, at all, but with petty fault finding. Critics are as rare as June sunbeams in January. Fault finders are innumerable as winter's withered leaves. Everybody has his own way of doing things. In the midst of a multiplicity of notions, ideas, prejudices it is a wonder that we get along as well as we do.

We need a certain amount of constructive criticism to keep men in the straight and narrow. We need a certain amount of it to keep them at concert pitch.

## The Coal Shortage Explained

In the middle of December the Eastern States were face-to-face with an acute crisis in the supply of coal. In the City of New York thousands of houses, apartment and office buildings were down to their last shovelful of coal, and in many cases were obliged to improvise oil stoves for domestic and office purposes. The shortage was hastened and made more acute by the heavy snowstorm and unusually cold spell of the second week in December. As early as November 28, Mr. Garfield, the Federal Fuel Administrator, had, with the operators, recognized the danger of a coal famine throughout the country, except for the Northwest, which was fairly well supplied. On that date Mr. Garfield requested Judge Lovett, Director of Priority, to issue an order giving coal and coke right of way on the railroads over freight. This would have meant that coal would move over railway lines along with foodstuffs, and with no commodities more favored except actual war supplies. Four days later the Fuel Administrator requested the operators in all the great coal fields to give preference to shipments of coal during thirty days to industries essential to the country's war program, "domestic requirements," and public utilities. Thus, the danger of the inconvenience and suffering which actually came in mid-December had been foreseen for some weeks, but the measures taken to forestall the trouble proved inadequate in the face of the cold and the storms.

It seems to be true that the usual complaint of car shortages and failure of the railroads to move coal fast enough does not hit at the basis of the country's recent fuel troubles. At any rate, in the face of the current figures of coal production and freight movement, it is most unfair to lay blame on the railroads for inefficient

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operation, for the roads have been moving 18 per cent. more coal from May to October than they carried last year, and they have been doing this at rates for the service exactly the same as they received before the war. In spite of the fact that it was known soon after we entered the war that the mine production would have to be increased for 1917 about 100,000,000 tons, or 17 per cent. over 1916, the operators had, by the middle of the autumn, only attained an increase of 10 per cent., equivalent to 41,000,000 tons annually more than the corresponding period of 1916. It is all-important to remember, too, that the coal operators have had the benefit of tremendously increased prices for their produce to aid them in standing the higher costs of labor, etc. These figures seem to point to a much greater efficiency attained by the railroads in their attempt to meet the crisis than has been shown by operators.—(Review of Reviews.)

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### JUNIOR QUINTET WINS OVERTIME GAME

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pite the fact that the Frosh team lacked two of its members, Mallory and Reynolds, 1921 put up the best game which it has yet played. Both teams are rather light and as a result the game was not characterized by the roughness which was shown in the game between the Juniors and Seniors.

Georgie Hughes was the bright and shining light of the game with five field goals to his credit. Rolls of the 1921 team was right behind him with four of the same kind but his scores came as a result of "hanging" to the basket and not as the result of clever floor work. Eisenberg, the Sophomore rear guard, evidently wanted to play forward for he could not be persuaded to play the rear end of the court and in this way the Freshmen were often left loose to score on a long pass. The floor work of Captain Eddy was especially good and with the rest of the 1921 team back in the game they will make it interesting for their next opponent.

It is probable that with examina-

tions so near the rest of the games will be put off until after they are over. The series this year promises to be much closer and interesting than that of last year. The teams are much more evenly matched than were those of the past season.

1920.

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Lefkowitz, L. F. ....	2	1	5
Weinhold, R. F. ....	3	0	6
Hughes, C. ....	5	0	10
Eisenberg, L. G. ....	1	0	2
Notman, R. G. ....	1	0	2
Totals .....	12	1	25

1921.

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Getman, L. F. ....	0	0	0
Rolls, R. F. ....	4	0	8
Eddy, C. ....	2	0	4
Gingold, L. G. ....	1	0	2
Stevens, R. G. ....	0	0	0
Totals .....	7	0	14

Referee, Wittner. Timer and scorer, Dr. Mac. Time of halves—15 minutes.

### COACH DECLARES NEW BASKETBALL RULE FREAK ONE

Lon Jourdet, coach of the university of Pennsylvania basketball team, is opposed to the new rule of the game whereby the ends of the court are extended to form a curved space beyond the baskets at each end of the floor. Jourdet's opposition is voiced in the current issue of the Pennsylvanian, and sums up the arguments made against the rule by players and officials alike since it was first promulgated. The rule is designed to give additional leeway under the basket, thereby enabling a fast forward to go down the floor and get a better chance to shoot. It also enables a player to stand behind the basket and shoot a goal.

Jourdet asserts that the rule will not work satisfactorily. "Personally I'm much opposed to the new rule," he said, "and I believe that the majority of coaches agree with me. It is a freak rule. It has some advantages, such as speeding up the game, but there are several disadvantages to offset this. In the rules interpretation meeting which was held recently in New York, the question of the extension when baskets were on a wall was brought up. Of course in such a case the extension cannot be made, but the backboard will be in bounds. None of the teams in the Intercollegiate League play on courts where the basket is on the wall, so that this condition will not arise in league games. In the matter of a 'held ball' in the two-foot zone, the ball is to be given to a defensive player out of bounds for the thrown-in. It was pointed out that the attacking team had had its chance to score, and that under the conditions it was unfair to give this team a second advantage of a jump under the basket."

### CADY LECTURE TONIGHT.

Tonight at 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. Putnam Cady of the class of '85 will peak in the College Chapel on "The Conquest of Palestine and Mesopotamia,—A Modern Crusade." The lecture will be illustrated by many slides and is open to the public.

This lecture was to have been held yesterday but since Dr. Cady could not get here in time it was postponed until tonight.

### UPPER HUDSON CLASSICAL CLUB HAS MEETING

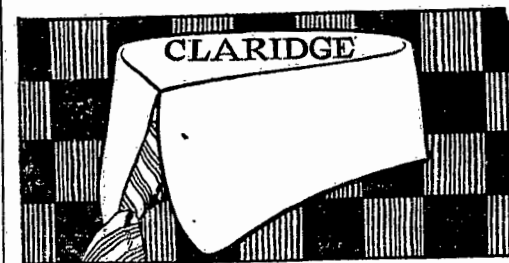
Miss Gertrude Valentine of the Albany State Teachers' College, read a very interesting paper on the "Treatment of the Master and the Slave in Aristophanes and Plautus" at the meeting of the Upper Hudson Classical Club held in the General Engineering Building last Saturday.

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in the extreme.

Captain Yavits entered the game in the second half and for a time Union played true to its quality. Shots were snappy, accurate and correctly played, passes were short and truly handled and the floor work speeded up greatly. Jones came back in fine style, scoring four times from the floor, while Jack Collins, beside making good on six foul shots, added two more floor baskets to his total. Captain Yavits found time to score twice besides acting as the backbone of the defense and handling his team well. G. Brucker came to life with three twin counters and J. Brucker fitted into the team play well, besides handling his man well. St. Lawrence merely furnished some opposition during this period of play. With the game sewed up Union began to substitute and play immediately sank to the plane of the first half. Guernsey, St. Lawrence captain, sank a couple from the floor while Barker relieved from the confining influence of Brucker, broke loose and scored seven points. Mitchell and Donihee each had one of their many long shots succeed. For Union Hanley and Wittner showed up in fair style but the second squad was eclipsed by the brilliant work of the Varsity earlier in the half, and hardly received the credit their work deserved. Individual playing, no matter how steady, is a poor substitute for the trained work of a finished, highly polished basketball machine and such the Garnet first squad easily is. Because of this known and acknowledged excellence the poor showing made by Friday's game as a whole is the more to be regretted and it is to be greatly hoped that this season will not see a repetition of it.

The teams lined up as follows:

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Collins, forward	4	8	16
Lyman, forward	0	0	0
J. Brucker, forward	1	0	2
Cassidy, forward	0	0	0
Jones, center	5	0	10
Hanley, center	0	1	1
G. Brucker, guard	4	0	8
Wilbur, guard	0	0	0
Wittner, guard	0	0	0
Peaslee, guard	1	0	2
Yavits, guard	3	0	6
Korngut, guard	0	0	0
Totals	18	9	45

### ST. LAWRENCE.

	F.G.	F.P.	Pts.
Barker, forward	3	4	10
Kuernsey, forward	3	0	6
Weller, center	3	0	6
Donihee, center, guard	0	0	0
Austin, guard	0	0	0
Tillinghast, guard	0	0	0
Mitchell, guard	1	0	2
Totals	10	4	24

### PLAN PROPOSED FOR THRIFT CLUB

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the people of this great democracy to the call of the cause of democracy throughout the world and the vindication of civilization and humanity.

They afford every person, however humble and however small his means, the opportunity to contribute his part to do his bit, in this great struggle against the military masters of Germany who seek to dominate the world in contempt of justice and right and freedom and without conscience and without mercy.

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The English have not been considered a saving nation, and one of the most notable examples of the effect of patriotism on a whole people was the fact that during the year 1916, although purchasing billions of dollars of war bonds, the small savings banks depositors in England increased their deposits over \$60,000,000.

The patriotic appeal to the American people for war savings has met with a similar response. Statistics for the year 1917 are not yet available, but reports from various sections of the United States indicate that membership and assets in co-operative building, or savings and loan associations, increased at least 10 per cent, the same rate of increase for the year 1916 and about the average rate of increase for the last 10 years.

The small savings bank accounts show a similar increase in numbers of depositors and amounts of deposits. Sales of War Savings Stamps also show a great growth of the habit of saving.

The American people have responded to the call of duty to economize and save. They have not only purchased nearly \$6,000,000,000 of Liberty Loan Bonds and War Savings Stamps but in addition they have increased their savings as above shown. Patriotism and saving are synonymous now, and economy is a duty, and many millions of American citizens are doing their duty in this particular.

### MEETING POSTPONED.

The meeting of the Chemical Society which was to be held last night has been postponed until after examinations. Mr. Carle, instructor in chemistry, who was to speak last night on an unannounced subject, has promised to speak at the first meeting in the second semester.

Score at end of first half—Union, 16; St. Lawrence, 8. Fouls committed—By Union, 8; by St. Lawrence, 11. Referee—Tilden. Scorer—Brookway. Timer—Houghton. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

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There are just two items that might be of use that I know. Tom Dent has received an appointment to Boston Tech Naval Flying School and Charlie Delaplante has been accepted by the Royal Flying Corps.

Wishing you a most successful year,

Yours truly,

PORTER G. FISHER.

### PROPOSED 1918 MEMORIALS FOUNDERED BY COMMITTEE.

The committee recently appointed by Walter Hochuli, president of the Senior Class, to decide upon a class memorial is at present engaged in considering various memorials that has been reached as yet and it may be said that the forms for the memorial to take which have come to the attention of the committee thus far have not met with favor. It is desired that the 1918 memorial shall be something enduring and of permanent value to the college.



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