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TEAM LEAVES GIRL FOR A DOUBLE BATTLE

Wesleyan Today and Pelham Tomorrow.

BOTH STRONG NINES

Garnet Hopes to Take Sweet Revenge on Naval Reservists.

The baseball team left Middletown this afternoon directly after the game for New York. Tomorrow morning will find the Garnet nine journeying toward Pelham Bay Park to prove to the sailors that "poor old Union ain't what she used to be." There is no doubt that Pelham has a surprise coming, for the Union boys are intent on victory and are much better equipped to claim it than formerly.

Owing to disagreeable weather Wednesday the intended hour of practice was omitted. Coach Tamsett planned, however, to get over to Middletown early enough this morning to allow a light workout. Wesleyan's lineup was Tomlinson, shortstop; Boote, catcher; Bateman, center field; Watson, second base; Curtis, right field; Camp, third base; Raines, left field; Green, first base; Woodruff, pitcher.

Pelham's lineup will be practically the same as that which defeated Union here. The "tars" have three available pitchers and an extra shortstop, but it is safe to say they will select their best nine men to meet the Garnet.

The lineup: Gordon, left field; Bauer, third base; Cronin, second base; Oed, center field; Landberg, catcher; Davies, right field; Hennessey, first base; Weher and Pfluger, shortstops; Green, Hollingsworth or Launier, pitcher.

DEAN TO LAUNCH NEW VESPER SERVICES SUNDAY

The custom of holding vesper services at Union is to begin again next Sunday and will continue, if conditions are favorable, until the end of the term, according to a recent decision of the College Christian Association after a conference with fraternity members and faculty.

Vespers will be held this Sunday at 5:00 P. M. in the Captain Jackson's Garden. Dean Ripton will be the speaker and the public is invited. The subject of this and of the two proposed following services is, "Christ's Principles in Wartime."

The plan of service if found successful in these meetings, will be continued next year. It is for this reason that the Christian Association urges the students to attend the first service in order that a fair test may be made of the advisability of holding this kind of vespers in the future.

SMITH NOW A CONVERT TO THE MILITARY LIFE

Declares Officers and Men Are Good Comrades.

NOT YET A FLYER

"More Men Per Man" in U. S. A. Than in Any Army, He Says.

THE CONCORDIENSIS is in receipt of an enthusiastic letter from William Smith, '20, who recently enlisted in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps and who, since he was stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, has become a thorough convert to the military life. Although he enlisted as a private in the Corps, Smith soon became acting sergeant-major of a section of the recruit division at the camp. He admits that the "scrapping" prowess which he plainly showed at a number of under-class battles in which he participated stand him in good stead in barracks rough-and-tumbles.

The letter follows:

"180 Aero Squadron,
"Kelley Field No. 2,
"So San Antonio, Tex.,
"May 4th, 1918.

"The the Editor of CONCORDIENSIS,
Union College:

"Dear Sir: Just a few lines from an ex-'20 man in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. Now, lest the foregoing name be confusing, let me say that the whole air program of the Army, being practically a new venture was placed in the long established Signal Corps. The new section has grown to such proportions, however, that a division is contemplated (if indeed, not effected) at Washington establishing the Aeronautical Section and divorcing it absolutely from the Signal Corps. I cannot see how the separation can be made absolute myself because of the interlocking of interests on a battle front, but feel sure the division is wise idea.

"I am not a flyer—at least not yet. And the prospects are extremely meagre. Although I was given a sound body and a passing mental equipment by nature, my eyes were slighted and are rather too poor I believe for consideration as a Student Flying Officer. In the Aviation Section there are about forty-seven men on the ground—to every man in the air and I'm on the ground with both feet in more ways than one.

"For four weeks when I first came here, I was Acting Sergeant-Major of Section "G" in the Recruit Division where we had over 1,700 men in our section alone. After all the men had been vaccinated, inoculated and trade tested and transferred out, the Section was discontinued and I was transferred to the 180th Aero Squadron (an over-seas service squadron) where I

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PRESIDENT MAKES MANY EARLY SUMMER SPEECHES.

President Richmond spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Schenectady Rotary Club, which convened at the Mohawk Hotel for lunch and for a discussion of the subject of war chests. After speaking next Monday to the Junior Red Cross at the local High School, he will start on a trip to New York, where he will make three addresses. On May 14th, he will speak at an alumni smoker at the University Club in that city at 8 P. M. On Sunday, May 19th, he will preach a Red Cross sermon in Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn. He will open the Brooklyn Red Cross drive on the 20th, speaking at noon to workers at luncheon. In the evening he will address a mass meeting in Brooklyn. He will again speak in Brooklyn on May 31st at the Long Island City Hospital. June 20th will find Dr. Richmond again in New York, where he will make the Commencement address at the College of the City of New York. Directly after commencement he will start on a month's speaking trip for the National Security League, beginning at the University of Virginia.

BIG EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE ON ALUMNI NIGHT

Celebration to Include Informal Dance in Gym.

A competitive drill on Alumni Night may be added to the battalion review scheduled for that evening, according to plans recently made public by the Graduate Council. The suggested addition to the evening's schedule is a competition between two or three companies for a pair of guidons, or banners, to be presented by the Old Guard to the best competitor. Other features of the evening's festivities are to remain essentially the same.

At 7:30, a forty-piece band will begin a concert which will last until 8:00, at which time the battalion will begin its drill. The maneuvers should last about an hour. At approximately nine o'clock, the competitive singing for the Fitzhugh Ludlow Cup will be held, the undergraduate classes appearing successively before the judges of the event, and the decision being announced directly afterward. Some organized cheering will then be done by students and alumni, and the evening's events on Alexander Field will be brought to a close by the singing of Alma Mater by undergraduates and alumni in "U" formation.

At 10:00, a dance will be given the undergraduates by the alumni, in the gymnasium. The dancing will end at 12:00. It will be an informal affair, the students and alumni, with their friends, are invited. There will be no assessment. The dance takes the place of the annual Commencement Ball, which the Graduate Council has decided it will not hold this year, and

TWELVE UNION MEN TO GO TO CAMP DEVENS

Orders Allow More Than Quota to Report.

FARE FURNISHED

Men Must Go as Privates, However, If Division Moves Soon.

Twelve Union men are preparing today to report next Wednesday at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., as members of the Union R. O. T. C. quota and enter the Fourth Officers' Reserve Training Camp to be maintained by the National Army division stationed there. The names of the successful applicants for admission to the camp were announced by Col. Goldman yesterday.

They are as follows: Pierre Hoag, I. Russell Stein, William L. Kennedy, Jr., G. Franklin Mosher, Lloyd J. Friday, Hunter A. Towne, Edward J. Macfarlan, George Hughes, Brenton T. Taylor, Walter J. Carvey, Arthur B. Dougall, Cecil H. Underwood.

Although the quota for Union, as specified in recent orders received at the military office here, was eight men, a telegram Monday directed that the whole list of twelve appointees and alternates be ordered to report to the Commanding Officer, Officers' Training School, Camp Devens, at the Adjutant's office, or the Commanding Officer of the camp, on May 15th, 1918, at 10 A. M., and there present their certificate of designation signed by the Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Union College.

Not all the men who have been directed to present themselves at the camp are now members of the battalion. Pierre Hoag enlisted about a month ago in the infantry at Camp Meade; Lloyd J. Friday was sent recently by the draft board to a draft camp, and Hunter A. Towne is now a sergeant in an infantry company at Camp Dix. All, however, are expected to take advantage of the offer of admission to the Camp Devens Officers' School, with the possible exception of Towne, who is understood to have received a recommendation from the captain of his company for an officers' camp at Camp Dix.

The news that they were to be recommended to the camp proved joyful tidings to a number of applicants who had despaired of being allowed to enter the camp on account of the fact that as Juniors or Sophomores they were prohibited from so doing by the camp specifications, which stated that only Seniors at R. O. T. C. colleges were to be admitted.

The successful appointees to the
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it is likely to prove much more popular with the students than the formal ball of by-gone days.

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FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1918.

To Stay or Not to Stay.

How many Union College undergraduates are going to stay for Commencement? It is not a question to be settled by President Richmond or by Colonel Goldman. Neither can command the whole student body to remain here and do its share toward making this Commencement the best ever. Every student now here, with the exception of a few who are under government orders, must decide very soon whether he will remain and take part in the work and the play of those eventful five days beginning June 6th.

There is no question as to whether or not it is a duty to be here. It assuredly is a duty besides being, as President Richmond said at Monday's chapel exercises, a real privilege. Last year it was manifestly necessary for a large percentage of the undergraduates to remain. This year, the reduced size of the student body makes remaining doubly imperative.

Alumni and faculty are working harder than they have worked in years in order to make Commencement this year one long to be remembered. But it is in great measure the attendance of the non-attendance of the undergraduates which will make it long to be remembered for its success or signal in its failure. The under-

graduates really do have a responsibility to discharge after the close of examination week. They must ask themselves, individually, now, while there is yet time, whether they wish to take that responsibility.

Those who stayed for Commencement last year know how well it repaid them. There was entertainment, serious and less serious, nearly every minute. And perhaps the best of it all was the meeting of Union's older children, back to become young once more. This year, prognostications tell us that fully as many alumni as usual will be here, possibly more, now that Alumni Day is scheduled for Saturday. Instead of one distinguished guest, as last year, the campus is to have two, men whom it will be distinctly worth while to see.

Battalion members have an added cause for staying. It would surely be a sad finish for the year's military work if so few were here for the review to be held by General March that the affair had to be curtailed or cut out all together. There should be enough men here to make at least two sizeable companies. Again, it is not possible for the college authorities to compel the battalion cadets to stay. They themselves must determine whether to make or to mar Commencement Week.

Lo! the Poor Hikah!

On Saturday evening, June 8th, the Big Night of Commencement Week, the Union students will do some cheering before a large audience of Union students of earlier days. Cheering has been excellent this year. We are proud of the strong backing our throats gave the basketball team during the winter. We shall show our alumni that the Union boys can cheer as lustily as ever. Perhaps the alumni will wish to join us in later cheers. Perhaps they won't even try. Here is the difficulty: The cheers now used by the undergraduates here are about as intelligible to the average alumnus as Choctaw war songs. The trouble is that they are new. It may be that they are better than the old ones. We confess that we have not heard the old ones enough times to form an opinion.

For instance, where, oh, where, is the Hikah-Hikah? Where is that old cheer, which was wont to raise the hat even as did the Rebel Yell of the sixties? Gone and well-nigh forgotten. Gone, that is, from the undergraduate memory. The old alumni cherish it, of course. It was the big yell of their day. It is the only one which many of them still remember. And when, on Alumni Night, we raise to the skies our Long Yell, our Siren, and our Number One, most of them will have to keep silence, regardless of how their spine may tickle to join in the noise. Monday's cheering in student meeting proved conclusively that the Union undergraduates have forgotten the Hikah-Hikah. If they wish the "Old Grads" to get into the spirit of Alumni Night, they must learn the old yell again. Thank heaven it is still to be found in the Freshman Handbook!

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—NO SOPH ACTION YET.

One more close battle has been staged between Freshman aspirants for a position in the Moving-Up Day scraps, and as a result Gregory, '21, has won a place in the 160-pound-and-over class. No other choices have been made as yet. It appears that the Sophomores have not held any try-outs as yet, probably because of the fact that they are confident of victory and are not going to have any such. A number of first-year men have suggested that the Sophs get busy or receive a species of surprise.

The 1918 Bethlehem Bach Festival will be held at Lehigh University on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, when the Mass in B Minor and other works of Bach will be sung by the Bethlehem Bach Choir of 250, "the best choir in the United States." Houghton, Mifflin Company of Boston are publishing this month a book on "The Bethlehem Bach Choir," by Raymond Walters, Registrar and Assistant Professor of English in Lehigh University.

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New England Colleges Offer Course at Williams.

Undergraduates at Union who are under military age and wish to continue this summer their military studies will plenty of camps which will give them training. Besides the June one-month camp to be maintained by the government, to attend which about twenty have already submitted application, there is to be more than one privately managed camp. Should the tuition fee of the Junior Plattsburg camp, which amounts of \$200, be regarded as prohibitive, it will be possible for students here who wish to attend camp, to enroll in the New England College Military Camp, also a private venture, for the comparatively reasonable sum of \$85 for eight weeks' training.

The following is a digest of the specifications for the New England camp, as contained in a letter recently received by President Richmond from Treasurer Hayt of Williams College, where the camp is to be located:

"The following colleges have united this summer in offering military training at Williamstown, Mass., for an eight weeks' period beginning June 20 and ending August 16: Amherst, Clark Dartmouth, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams. The purpose of the colleges in establishing this camp is to supplement and further the military work already covered in the college courses, as well as to further the interests of students who will shortly be liable to draft. It will prove of especial advantage to the younger undergraduates now enrolled in the R. O. T. C. units."

All applicants will be required to pass a satisfactory physical examination before being admitted. The examination will be held at Williams-

PEACE LEAGUE IN FAVOR OF PRESENT WORLD WAR

Says Its Programme Commits it to Wars Against Militarism.

One of the most interesting of the documents in a booklet recently compiled by the Committee on Public Information and known as "The War for Peace" is an official statement of the League to Enforce Peace. Among a number of documents outlining the aims of many peace societies and institutions in the United States, that of the League to Enforce Peace is perhaps the clearest and most positive. Like a surprisingly numerous coterie of peace societies in this country, the League to Enforce Peace believes firmly in the support of America's fight against the principles for which Germany now stands.

The League's relation to the present war has been set forth officially as follows:

The League to Enforce Peace is committed in advance to the support of the war against Prussian Militarism. In June, 1915, it put forth a series of proposals advocating a permanent League of Nations, pledged to joint military action against an aggressive nation that refused to submit its dispute to arbitration. This policy the League has been urging steadily ever since. The United States has now become a member of what Secretary of War Baker has called "a league to enforce peace with justice." We are engaged with our allies in precisely the kind of a war the League's program holds to be both justifiable and necessary. Having advanced the principle of joint action against an aggressor, the League is bound to throw its moral support behind the war, and to give it all the material support that its widespread and powerful organization can contribute. An organization so committed cannot do other than to insist that the war shall continue until Prussian Militarism is destroyed, either by Allied force or by the uprising of a Germany democracy, and a league of nations is established as a guaranty of permanent peace.

The supreme task before the country is that of conserving its life and institutions by winning the war against Prussian militarism. Equally necessary to the interests of humanity is the preventing in the future of just such assaults on the rights and liberties of the world as Germany is now making, thus rendering it virtually impossible for such a catastrophe as the present war to overwhelm us again.

The President of the League, Hon. William H. Taft, writes:

town.
 "Major-General William A. Pew, M. N. G., retired, who so successfully conducted the camp of the Williams unit R. O. T. C. in the summer of 1917, will act as Superintendent, and it is expected that the officers of the units of the R. O. T. C. established in Amherst, Wesleyan and Williams will be present and co-operate with him. In addition to these, a competent corps of instructors and tactical officers has been secured. The disciplinary methods will be similar to those of the
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WILLIAMS TRACK TEAM IS WEAKER THAN USUAL

Union May Prove Too Strong for New Englanders.

Although the baseball team will be away Saturday, track and tennis men promise to keep the Saturday afternoon crowd on the hill. The Williams track meet will be a toss-up between the contesting athletes. The work done by the cinder men in the last two weeks has worked wonders in developing form and endurance.

According to the following dispatch received from the Williams Record, it would appear that the Purple and Gold has been considerably weakened this year by conscription and enlistment. The letter says in part:

"The squad shows fair prospects, although it has been disrupted by the war. Putnam, the former captain and distance man; Greff, the hurdler, and Spink, the vole vaulter, all "W" men, have entered the service. Captain Stewart has been laid up with a lame ankle, but will probably run. The team will be largely composed of Freshmen, although Kieser, Olson and Parker, '20, are veterans. This will be the team's first meet."

England, France, Russia, Italy, and now the United States, as Allies, are engaged in the greatest war of history to secure permanent world peace. With twenty or more millions of men at the colors, with losses in dead, wounded, and captured of more than twenty-five per cent, with debts piling mountain-high and reaching many, many billions, they are fighting for a definite purpose, and that is the defeat of German militarism. * * *

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am now. Just now, I am helping out in the office of the Officer in Charge of Flying but anticipate admission to the Sergeant Major School within a week or so. From the graduates of this school Sergeant Majors for all squadrons that are made up on this field are selected and this is the main aviation camp of the United States. In the East, Kelly Field is little heard of—at last it seemed so when I was there—but it is perhaps the largest camp of any sort in the United States. While it is true that all the squadrons do not train here, in fact, most of them do not, yet they are formed here and sent to various parts of the country to train.

"I have been much interested in 'Concordy' which you have been sending me and I have been able, to a little extent, at least, to keep in touch with college affairs. This I want to do for, although 'tis said, 'They never come back,' one of these days I'll be puffing across the campus with my Missouri meerschaum again. There will be one great regret, however, and that is I'll miss the splendid fellows of the class of 1920.

"I am enjoying my army life much more than I can tell you and am growing in several ways. We have had some good-natured rough-house times in our barracks and what little experience I had in the class rushes came in handy. The combination of men from all trades and stations of life, the good comradeship existing between fellow soldiers and officers is a revelation to me. I was greatly pleased to be disappointed in not finding some of the conditions I anticipated and am convinced, as 'Okkie' Kuolt has said, that there are more men per man in our army than in any army in the world.

"Sincerely,

"Bill Smith, '20.

TWELVE UNION MEN TO GO TO CAMP DEVENS

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camp will be furnished mileage to the amount of three and one-half cents per mile to the camp from their homes, but if they fail to pass the physical examination which awaits them immediately upon their arrival, they must return at their own expense. Preliminary examinations conducted by home physicians have, however, insured that rejections for physical reasons will be few. Before being admitted to the course of training, each man will enlist as a private in the army for the period of the war and while undergoing instruction will receive the pay and allowances of a first-class private. Unsuccessful completion of the course means that the aspirant will be assigned as a private or as a non-commissioned officer in a National or Regular Army unit.

Only one fly is to be found in the ointment of the successful applicants for admission to the camp. That is the possibility of the breaking up of the officer camp before the course of instruction is over. Such a contingency would occur upon the movement of the division stationed at Camp Devens and, in that case, the embryo officers would be assigned in the ranks of the division until such time as the camp should begin again. A circular issued by the War Department says on this subject:

"Candidate cadets, Union College, to the Fourth Officers' Training Camp: Referring to the provision that requires them to enlist for the period of the war and receive pay and allowances as first-class privates will understand (IN ADDITION TO THE AGREEMENT UNDER OATH ALREADY SIGNED), when a division is ordered to move and it becomes necessary to discontinue the training school course, all men attending same will be required to serve as enlisted men in the division until such time as the training school course is resumed."

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Tufts College has announced that it will give a summer course in Chemistry, Biology and Physics, so that college men who lack these subjects may enter the Medical School in September, 1918.

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