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## CORPS AMBUSHED IN WILDS OF LENOX RD.

Cross-fire Decimates Ranks of Vanguard.

SURPRISE IS COMPLETE

But Cadets Learn Lesson and Vow It Won't Happen Again.

The physical reason for the effectiveness of the Spartan defense of Thermopylae was never more vividly demonstrated than it was demonstrated yesterday in an advance guard action which the vanguard of the Union battalion carried on against a small body of picked skirmishers operating in the wilderness of Lenox Road. The men of the advance guard acted just as any completely surprised advance guard would act, and the attack was a complete success. But it is doubtful if another such ambush would fool the defenders of the battalion quite so thoroughly. The men of the vanguard, decimated in yesterday's action, learned something of the use of cover, and its commanders received a few excellent lessons in driving off patrols whose object is to harass and retard the advance of a body of troops.

The attackers, numbering about twelve men, ambushed the advance guard of the battalion as it moved northward along Lenox Road. They were a bold and resourceful band, and they sorely tried the patience of the officers of A Company, which was acting as vanguard. Even when outnumbered more than two to one, the attackers held their ground and forced the main body to halt for several minutes. But no sooner was the patrol driver off at one point than it appeared quite unexpectedly at another. Its men were jubilant when, for the second time, they ambushed the advance guard near a culvert and caught the point and advance party in a cross-fire from both sides of the road. It is probable, however, that, with the lessons learned yesterday taken thoroughly to heart, the men of A Company will prove better defenders of the main body in the future.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in learning battalion formation and parade. It is probable that this ceremony will be repeated at the next

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### CALENDAR.

#### Thursday.

4:00—Oratorical Try-outs, Room 106, Engineering Building.  
7:30—Dramatic Club Rehearsal, Gymnasium.

#### Friday.

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#### Saturday.

8:15—"Full House" to be given in Gymnasium.

## FINAL DETAILS FOR "FULL HOUSE" ARRANGED; PANTIN'S ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY FOR DANCE

The details of the arrangements for the presentation of a "A Full House," Saturday, April 27, in the Gym, have finally been completed after many changes. Tickets at a dollar each will be on sale at the Chi Psi lodge beginning Wednesday noon, and on the evening of the performance at the box office. Students will, of course, be admitted free of charge upon presentation of registration cards. The first curtain will rise at 8:15 promptly. The performance will be over by 10:30 and thus insure a sufficient amount of time for the dance. Pantin's seven piece orchestra will play. The first five rows have been reserved for members of the faculty and their families and for the friends of members of the cast. Special seating arrangements may be made for fraternities who are to entertain guests for the evening, upon application to Christopher Carr, manager.

The very capable efforts of Coach John Holland and the industriousness of the actors and "actresses" are bound to insure an overwhelming success for the performance. The part of Howell a young married lawyer, seems to have been especially made for Stein '18. Walter Hochuli's conception of the character of Parks, an English butler, is particularly accurate and clear. "Bill" Hanley, as Mooney, the Irish cop, promises to be inimitable. Gregory '21 as the sergeant of police, makes a convincing presentation of his part. Christopher Carr as "Ned Pembroke," plays an effective opposite to Friedman '21, as "Daphne." Dunn '18 and Hochuli '18 are to be especially commended for their untiring efforts in advertising the play, and supervising the construction of a stage.

## GRENVILLE INGALSBE, '68 DIES IN HUDSON FALLS

Was Granted a Degree Here Last June.

Word has been received here of the death of Grenville Mellen Ingalsbe, Union 1868, at his home in Hudson Falls early Sunday morning. For the past month, Mr. Ingalsbe, who was 76 years of age at the time of his death, had been ill from ptomaine poisoning, which he contracted while on a visit in New York. He was one of Union's best known alumni. At the commencement exercises held on June 13, 1917, he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities.

Mr. Ingalsbe was born in Hartford, Washington County, the son of Milo and Laura Ingalsbe. His education did not commence until he was 14 years old when he entered a district school. After a number of seasons there he entered the Fort Edward Institute and later Union College. He left Union to become principal of Argyle Academy at Argyle and a year later Union granted him the degree of bachelor of arts. In 1870 Union granted him the degree of master of arts.

In 1871 after spending a short time in a law office he entered Harvard Law School and graduated from there in 1872, having covered two years' work in one, with the degree of bachelor of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1874 and a year later opened an office in Hudson Falls. He was village clerk from 1875 to 1894, served nine years as justice of the peace, retiring in 1886, and for six years was supervisor from the town of Kingsbury. He was elected surrogate in 1895, served his term and refused to be a candidate for re-election.

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## EXPECTS HARD SCRAP WITH RUTGERS SATURDAY

J. Pluvius Still Frowns on Practice.

The chronology of athletics so far this week may be condensed to a summary of the weather bureau. The field was in such a condition Monday afternoon as to make infield practice impossible so the players lined up on the high spots and made the best of it. Most of the men were out and the practice consisted of a general work-out for all positions.

The pitchers were put to work at warming up, and each took a turn later at twirling to the bat. Considerable time was devoted to outfield practice and batting. Hochuli is still handicapped by the injury sustained in his ankle during the Columbia game. With this exception the players who made the New York trip are in A-1 condition and ready to open the home season with Rutgers.

There is not the least doubt in the minds of those who have been watching the progress of the Rutgers team that the Garnet will find a worthy opponent Saturday. Despite the fact that the opponents have lost a good share of last year's veterans, their strong fight against Cornell last week, when they were defeated by only two runs, seems to portend that the vacancies have been capably filled.

Baseball practice will be held after military drill if the condition of the field warrants it. Thursday afternoon the long mid-week workout will take place. All candidates are urged to be out as early in the afternoon as possible.

## SALINE SMACK TO SPEECH OF GILBERT

Says Sailing Has Its Seamy Side.

DESIRES TRANSFER

But Takes Matters as He Finds Them—Is With Mandeville.

One of the most amusing of the letters received by President Richmond from former Union men now in the service is that written him early last fall by Morris Gilbert, '17. At that time Gilbert was in the role of a naval reservist, was stationed aboard the "Seneca," which operated from Staten Island. Although Gilbert is frankly not enthused with the duties of a "gob," he accepts them with philosophic resignation as a part of his mission in the war. "C'est la guerre," Gilbert's explanation of the why and wherefore of it all might be coupled with Sherman's definition of "la guerre" to express his view of the life of the common tar. The letter is as follows:

"U. S. S. Seneca, S. P. 427,

"Mine Sweeping Division,

"Tompkinsville, S. I., Sept. 8, 1917.

"Dear Dr. Richmond:

"Mandeville has probably told you of our berth here on Staten Island, aboard that queen of packets the "Seneca." We are a portion of the crew—Mandeville acting in the capacity of yeoman, myself a common tar. The theory and the practice of brooms, squeejees, swobs, and other nautical mysteries are mine; while it is a daily demonstrated fact that a seafaring man's sweeping is not restricted solely to sweeping mines. My vocabulary is growing and has a saline smack and my acquaintance with portions of New York harbor and the edge of docks is intimate.

"All this is not inspiring or quite satisfactory, but "c'est la guerre"—as a friend of mine, a French ambulance man, said of the chorus of a musical play we saw together.

"None of the duties do I dislike; but I feel that activity bearing more directly on the safety of democracy would please me better. So I am writing you for a letter of recommendation addressed "to whom it may concern"—concerning character and that sort of thing—which I could use in getting a transfer to aviation. I admit I should have some hesitancy in writing such a letter about myself, but I am aware that you do not know me as well as I do. Therefore I throw myself upon your beneficence. The next step after securing three letters will be to try the physical examination, which I think now I can pass.

"I have kept my eye out for Lock, but have not seen him, though I have

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### The Vanishing Scrap.

Something akin to a shock passed over many of the older members of the student body politic when they saw the tradition of a Moving Up Day Armageddon round the Idol give a last figurative kick in student meeting Monday. They should have been prepared for the move. It was only the next logical step in the process of tempering the underclass scraps which began as long ago as the fall of 1916, when the duration of the cane rush was limited to one minute. As for the Idol fight on Moving Up Day, the question of its existence or no was settled in that historically stormy session of the student body last spring when the students bowed to the will of the college authorities and voted to discontinue the scrap temporarily, in view of war conditions.

The vote of the student body Monday was more decisive than that of last spring. The Seniors of last year, who could not forget the thrill of the early morning combat and the taste of a class victory, have passed on now and few of their war-like type still persist. This time, moreover, the Terrace Council suggested a substitute for the scrap a means by which underclass supremacy may still be decided on the last day of under-

class hostility. The underlying principle is the same in this new representative wrestling match. Physical prowess is still to have its fling in settling the Freshman-Sophomore feuds. But it is in the newly acquired representative character of the fight that the departure is made from the old. And it is here that hostile criticism might find a vulnerable point. Representative athletics have been regarded as one of the mistakes of American colleges. Where athletics might be made to train all the students they now over-develop the few. The old Moving Up Day scrap was a survival of the days when all or nearly all, shared in athletics and trials of strength generally. Now the representative movement is doing away even with the scrap tradition. A bare dozen are to decide the issue and the rest of the two classes are to look on as at a football game.

But the change was inevitable. Few wanted to fight and fewer still wanted them to. And the reactionaries must stand aside. With only a little trying, they will be able to see as many good points in the multiple wrestling match, we believe, as in the old fight to the death 'neath the shadow of the painted image. There is the realization of the hope new-born in the breasts of a few that, out of the wrestling attempt of next month may develop a wrestling team which will bring honor to Union in a new field. And the spectators will not be able to say, as they might have done in the past while viewing the Idol scrap, that Union has forgotten her duty for the time being; has forgotten, in a pitched battle among her students, her real purpose; the training of men for civilization in the American Commonwealth. And only a very perverse fate could cause more injuries in the wrestling matches of the future than have been the result of the old scraps.

And now the old Moving Up Day fight is only a memory. No more will the Frosh wait all night round the fire until, with the vibrant "Here they come," they lock arms round the newly-painted lion in the misty twilight that precedes the sunrise. No more will the whispered "Hold 'em" send shivers down the spine as in the breathless moment before a battle. No more will some Sophs yell defiance as they hurl themselves and their paint on the determined knut about the image. Perhaps the change is a beneficent one. Perhaps the slight damage to class spirit may be compensated for by a heightened college spirit. At any rate, single combat is to have its chance.

We wish that the thing might be applied to nations. A wrestle, or even a duel between the war-lords in 1914 would certainly have had our sincere approbation. We should gladly have bought orchestra seats

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for a scrap between "Willy" and "Nicky." But we should have been in doubt as to whom to cheer for. And our democracy-perverted minds might have tempted us to that indiscretion know as lese majeste!

### PHI ALPHAS INITIATE NINE NEW MEMBERS

The Phi Alpha Society held an initiation Monday night, followed by one of their famous banquets at Glenn's restaurant. Those initiated were: J. L. D. Spier, '20; J. W. Hoag, '20; H. C. Wadsworth, '20; C. A. Carr, '19; R. V. I. Kathan, '19; W. P. Dougall, '20; G. Hughes, '20; J. H. Wittner, '20; J. D. Hagar, '20.

Next year Brown will follow the example set by many of the other colleges by continuing the R. O. T. C. unit both for the army and for the navy. As usual the Freshmen will be compelled to take the course with the exception of the engineers, who are exempt.

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### CHEMICALS CHOOSE FIVE NEW SOPHOMORE MEMBERS

At a recent meeting of the Chemical Society, five men were elected to the society from the Sophomore class. The five members-to-be are now wearing the crucible-cover pledge button of the society and their initiation will take place within a few weeks. They are: H. B. Barlow, W. S. Gale, W. Greeley, Jr., J. C. Van Deusen, and G. A. Weinhold. The following were the officers chosen by the society for next year: President, J. W. Van Loan; Vice-President, M. L. Sheely; Secretary, V. M. Lyman; Treasurer, Oscar J. Schulz. At the close of the business meeting, the members listened to the reading of a paper by J. W. Van Loan.

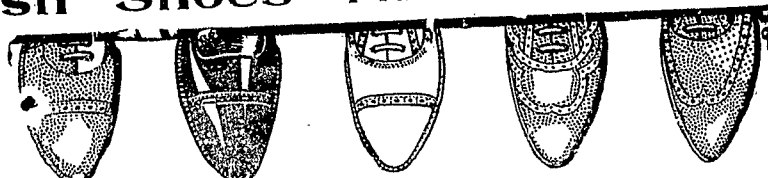
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### VALUABLES RECOVERED FROM BURNED HOUSE

Although the destruction of the house occupied by Professors Hoffman and Barnes last Friday was complete, careful searches of the ruins have brought to light a considerable number of valuables which were found to be untouched by flames. Professor Barnes has been able to recover almost all of his own and Mrs. Barnes' jewelry, which were found on the second floor of the burned dwelling. Searchers on Prof. Hoffman's side of the house have discovered two chests of silver, which had been stored under a pair of stairs, both chests being in excellent condition. A third chest, however, found under the stairs leading to Prof. Hoffman's study, where the fire started, was melted so that it is of little value.

Only a few volumes of Prof. Barnes' library of 2,500 to 3,000 books were saved. Prof. Hoffman's library, which is believed to have been even larger, was completely destroyed.

The R. O. T. C. battalion at Brown marched in a Liberty Loan parade in Providence. About 200 members took part in the demonstration.

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### "Y" CABINET MAKES PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

At an enthusiastic meeting of the new Y. M. C. A. cabinet held recently the following committee chairmen were appointed:

Religious Education—E. Smith '20.  
Religious Services—A. Stewart '21.  
Entertainment—W. A. Barnett '19.  
Membership—P. M. Bleeker '19.  
Employment—R. E. LaGrange '19.  
Social Service—S. F. MacMillan '21.  
House—J. W. Van Loan '19.  
Publicity—J. Smith '21, W. Howland '21.

Plans for the coming year were discussed. Every member was impressed with the fact that intense interest and co-operation would be necessary to carry on the work successfully. A number of new suggestions were offered, such as the establishment of a committee on charities for the purpose of collecting old clothes, books, etc., and distributing them to the needy. The creation of a lost and found bureau was also proposed. In general, the cabinet seemed to realize that the Association has not been all that it should have been in the past and that a greater effort should be made to reach the individual members of the student body.

It is planned to hold a conference next week to be attended by the Advisory Board, Dr. Richmond, the cabinet, Bible Class, and representatives from the student body, for the purpose of discussing the question of vesper services and how they may be made more popular.

It is desired to give the students an entertainment of some nature and a stereopticon lecture by a General Electric representative was suggested. The question of the Senior get-together was also brought up.

President Swart defined the purpose of the Association, saying that in the coming year it is planned to extend the Y. M. C. A. work to include the teaching of foreigners, and the aiding of young boys, especially the boy scouts. He also recommended co-operation with the city Y. M. C. A. The policy is to be one of expansion, to bring the work of the Association before the students as completely as possible and to try and get more interested. All who could attend the Northfield Students' Conference in June were urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

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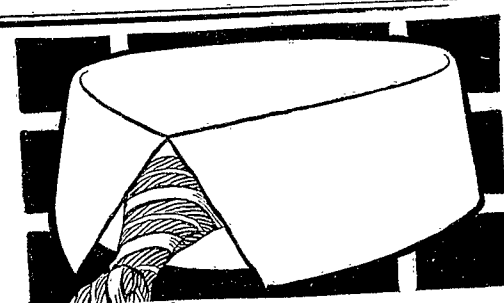
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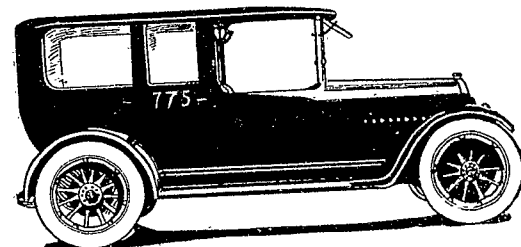
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few drills until the men are familiar with the methods employed.

At Col. Goldman's class for officers and non-commissioned officers yesterday, the lesson was on the composition of field officers. At present it is the desire of Col. Goldman not to spend much time on this subject, inasmuch as the men of the class are not yet far enough advanced to understand all the details. The main requirements of a field message were, however, discussed, and special emphasis was placed upon the necessity of memorizing the orders. Topography, and its influence in shaping military plans and also some of the qualities required for camp sites were discussed by Col. Goldman.

A goodly number of men have already made application for enrollment in the War Department Officers' Reserve Camps, to be opened May 15th, and more will hand in their applications within a few days. Col. Goldman declared yesterday that appointments to the camps probably would not be made until May 1st.

The octette of the Princeton Glee Club sang at the Columbia Graphophone Company's studio in New York a short time ago for the preparation of a record of two medleys of five songs each. One medley was sung for each side of the record. Octettes from Harvard and Yale will make similar records in the near future.

## SALINE SMACK TO SPEECH OF GILBERT

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run across many Union men this summer.

"I have thought of you often this summer and have been several times on the verge of writing you to tell you how much father (and I) appreciated your kindness this spring. If any one thing could make either of us think more fondly of Union it was the gracious recognition accorded father. Now that autumn is coming I confess I am a little homesick for the campus, and as the nights grow sharper I shall often think of the beautiful autumn there; and of my friends who I hope think of me as affectionately as I do of them.

"This is written in my bunk, which accounts for the evil penmanship.

"Will you please remember me to Mrs. Richmond, Margaret and Frances?

"Very truly yours,  
"MORRIS GILBERT."

## GRENVILLE INGALSBE, '68, DIES HUDSON FALLS HOME

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Mr. Ingalsbe was prominent in the legal affairs of many corporations in Northern New York and was a member of a number of national societies among the latter being the American Society Academy of Political and Social Science, the Harvard Law School Association, the American Political Science Association, and the American Bar Association. He was vice-president of the New York Historical Association.

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## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL VETOES BASEBALL LEAGUE

There will be no "twilight interfraternity baseball league," according to a decision made by the Interfraternity Council at a meeting held yesterday noon. The plan, which was proposed about a week ago and which had several ardent supporters was allowed to die because of the fact that no diamond could be obtained on which to stage the contests. The bright evening hours, made possible by the new daylight-saving law, will, therefore, be used, as in the past few weeks only by desultory players outside many of the fraternity houses. The Council also decided at its yesterday's meeting, to tax fraternities three dollars each for the making of cuts of the fraternity houses, the cuts to be used in illuminating next year's Freshman hand book. The tax will be levied in the event that the cuts of the houses, as now used in the 1919 "Garnet" cannot be used in the "Bible." A meeting of representatives from the fraternities will be held next on Thursday, May 2nd, to confer with President Richmond and Dean Ripton regarding the resumption of vespers services during the remainder of the spring term. Treasurer Gorman of the Council submitted a highly satisfactory financial report of the dances held under the auspices of the Council last winter. The report showed a balance of \$65.35.

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