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## COLLINS LEAVES HOLE IN VARSITY INFIELD

**Illness Puts Out Shortstop for  
Rest of Season.**

### WEATHER STILL BAD

**Hard Work Ahead Before Games  
With Columbia and  
N. Y. U.**

The old saying is that "little drops of water" lost an empire for Napoleon. At any rate, rain and snow combined put a fatal crimp in a much-needed baseball practice Saturday afternoon. The conditions of the field prevented any kind of infield work and it was with difficulty that outfield practice was accomplished.

Time is too short however to let an afternoon pass without any work, so Coach Tamsett took Hanley, Laskowski and Hughes inside to warm up and all members of the team were given an opportunity to practice bunting. Later the coach picked out a few dry spots in the field and hit out to some of the outfield candidates, but not much was accomplished.

Saturday was the thirteenth of the month and it certainly lived up to its reputation. It is both a surprise and disappointment to the squad and to the whole college to learn that Jack Collins, who was expected to make a whirlwind at shortstop this year, has been obliged to return to his home in Gloversville because of illness and is not expected to return this semester. Collins has not been well for about a week, but the nature of his ailment is not known.

This leaves a big vacancy in the infield to be filled by some green man. Jack is a born ballplayer and made an important unit of last year's varsity where his work at shortstop was unequalled. He was also one of the best hitters on the team and always has been a consistent player. His future in the game this year was being expectantly watched. The problem of finding someone to take his place is not an easy one.

With Collins gone and Wittner in an unsettled condition, the last practice of any consequence took place this afternoon. The announcement of varsity selections ought to follow shortly.

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### CALENDAR.

#### Tonight.

8:00—Prof. Hoernle's lecture in Chapel.

#### Tuesday.

7:15—Classical Club meets in Prof. Bennett's room.

7:30—Dramatic Club Rehearsal in Silliman Hall.

8:00—Prof. Hoernle's lecture in Chapel.

## PRESIDENT'S EULOGY ON DR. RAYMOND

Last Wednesday many of the members of the faculty went together to the Rural Cemetery, at Albany, to lay in his final resting place one of the most distinguished of our Union College graduates, the Reverend Andrew Raymond of the class of 1875.

It is due the great esteem in which we hold his name that we should pay this simple tribute to his memory in this place, where nearly half a century ago he sat where you are sitting now as an undergraduate. The men who knew him well in those days tell us that he threw himself with all the enthusiasm of youth into his work and into his play. It was there that he caught the fire of love for Union College, and all through the years of his life he kept that sacred fire burning. Twenty years after the day when he went out from this place, with the diploma in his hand and life before him, he was called back to his Alma Mater and entrusted with the care of her most precious interests. For twelve years, from 1895 until 1907, he was the president of this college. He saw many dark days, for that was a

time when the college was passing through some of the most trying experiences in all her history. But Dr. Raymond did not lose courage and whatever the difficulties he would not give up his faith in the institution which he loved. And we are glad to know, as we do know today, that his faith was justified. Whatever may be the prosperity that has come to us in recent years we acknowledge with gratitude the large share Dr. Raymond had in making that success possible.

I do not need in this place to pronounce a eulogy upon him; to speak of his unusual gifts; of the noble service he rendered in the Christian ministry; his devotion to Union College; his devotion, in a much larger way, to the service of his fellow men: these are all too well known to need any words from me. His name will have a place high in the honor roll of those who have lived nobly and wrought faithfully. Certainly in our own special honor roll, which we preserve here at Union College, no name will stand higher than the name of Andrew Raymond.

## JUNIOR PLATTSBURG TO BE WELL ORGANIZED

**Modern Warfare Will Have Place  
on Curriculum of This Year's  
Camp.**

Plans are nearly complete for the Junior Plattsburg camp, to be maintained this summer on Lake Champlain. While the purpose of the camp is similar to that of the camps run by the government at Plattsburg before the entrance of the United States into the war, the Junior Plattsburg is being organized, not by the government, but by a number of American educators who desire to give men under military age the benefit of some good preparatory training.

The Junior Plattsburg camp was undertaken in 1917, at the suggestion of Major-General Leonard Wood, Commander of the Department of the

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## "FULL HOUSE" TO KEEP AUDIENCE IN AN UPROAR

**Abundance of Funny Tangles Assures  
Success for  
Farce.**

The time for the presentation of "A Full House" by the Dramatic Club is drawing nearer and the players are training zealously three and four times a week. Rehearsals have been going extremely well and Coach John Holland feels that success is assured. The play in itself is a screaming farce-comedy, cleverly written and with an exceptionally good plot. Ned Pembroke is on the verge of being sued for breach of promise by Vera Vernon, an actress, famous for her beauty. The groundh are mushy letters which Ned has written Vera. Ned employs George

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## LASHER WRITES OF FIGHTING IN PICARDY

**Letter to Union Men Tells of  
Boche Air Raids.**

### RECEIVES PILOT'S BREVET

**And is Preparing to Take Part in  
Actual Air Battles, After One  
Year's Training.**

At least one Union man is probably participating in the great battle of Picardy. A letter which THE CONCORDIENSIS received a few days ago from Herbert Lasher, '17, hints that at the time of writing he was practically ready for active service, and, with the Allies' need for every available plane most urgent, it is more than likely that Lasher, who received a French pilot's brevet months ago, has already received orders to take to the air in a Boche hunt. Lasher's letter is as follows:

"Somewhere in France,"

March 17, 1918.

Dear Union Men:

I am mighty happy to be one of you. In the letter I had from "Chuck" Waldron a short time ago he told me all about the part Union men are taking in this great war. It certainly thrilled me with joy to hear of the number of Union men who have answered the call and also of the preparations our college is making to fit more men for the various branches of service. I am certainly proud to be a son of an institution which is doing so much toward winning this great battle. One of my friends here has a brother who is a Senior at Union and he has been telling me of the special course the electrical engineering department is giving to fit men for the Signal Corps. It is certainly fine work and is bound to bring credit to our college when the boys get at work.

I am stationed near the front now on active duty. I've been here for about three weeks. It has taken a long time to get here, for I've been in France since early last June. But the training of a pilot depends a great deal on weather conditions, and you can't progress as rapidly as you would like. I went through several French aviation schools and finally, after many thrilling experiences passed all my tests and was given the French pilot's brevet about November first. Then I was detailed as an instructor for a couple of months before coming here.

There is usually plenty of excitement around here but it has been rather quiet since I've been here. The "Boche" air raiders have used this town as a target ever since the beginning of the war and it surely shows the effects of it. The window lights are nearly all out and have been replaced by boards. Many of the buildings have been completely demolished.

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## BATTALION TO ATTEND McKIBBEN SHIPPING BOARD LECTURE IN BODY

The Union R. O. T. C. will attend in a body the lecture to be given on Wednesday night by Mr. McKibben, of the United States Shipping Board, according to an order issued by Colonel H. J. Goldman Friday. The information to be contained in the lecture is regarded as of military value to the members of the battalion. The three companies will fall in at 7:20 P. M. Wednesday at the gym if the weather is favorable; if weather is inclement, the battalion will form at the chapel, where the lecture is to be held, at 7:25. No orders have yet been issued which would indicate that the battalion is to be used as an escort to

Mr. McKibben.

Bad weather kept the corps indoors Friday. No time was lost, however. The men were given a brisk close-order drill at the beginning of the hour. Later, they were instructed in the position of the body and rifle when firing from the kneeling position. Cadet Lieut. Townsend showed the use of the gun sling when put to this purpose and illustrated the proper position of the legs, arms and rifle. The instructor emphasized the necessity of steadiness when firing from the kneeling position, declaring that upon correctness of posture depends accuracy on the range.

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### College Men and Lynch Law.

An organization has been formed in California which proclaims as its object "to awaken patriotism and bring to quick accountability all treason and traitors." Its members parade in the garb of the Klu Klux Klan.

In one town in Wisconsin two men suspected of pro-German sympathy were tarred and feathered within two weeks.

In Illinois a week ago a mob seized a man suspected of pro-German sympathies and started to tar-and-feather him. No tar was available so they hung him.

No doubt the perpetrators of such affairs are sterling patriots. Their utter want of indifference to treason, their total aversion to the law's delay, and their anxiety to make an example of traitors, are commendable. But some times they are indiscreet and hang the wrong man. Therein lies the great difference between lynch law and due process of law. It is true that due process of law is slow. But it gives the accused an opportunity to prove himself innocent, or rather it requires proof of his guilt. Lynch law is much swifter and requires no proof of guilt. Committees who set out to bring to quick accountability all treason and traitors have a tendency to think all are traitors whom they lay their hands on.

The recent Illinois lynching is a case in point. It exhibits the cruelty and injustice which result when self-appointed guardians of law and order break the law and create disorder. The man they hung was apparently innocent. They thought he was a traitor, and he asked to be buried in the flag. They started out to tar-and-feather him. Some one cried "Hang him," and they hung him. Afterwards none of those who cried "Hang him," or who hung him, could give any good reason why they did it, or could give even the semblance of proof that the man was guilty of any legal or moral wrong.

Affection for Judge Lynch is one of the less glorious characteristics of the American people. There is no other civilized country where life is so frequently placed in jeopardy by mobs.

Mobs have to have leaders. College men are frequently told that they have the qualities of leadership. If they have, and if they ever get in a mob, they ought to lead it. But they ought to lead it away from the victim, perhaps innocent, whose life it demands. College men know the value of deliberation, of reason, of orderly methods and of duly constituted authorities. If they can infuse such ideas into any of their neighbors who have a liking for Judge Lynch, the social value of the college bred will be again proved.

### G. E. OFFICIAL TALKS TO SENIOR ECONOMISTS.

The second of a series of three lectures to be given by Mr. E. A. Baldwin of the foreign department of the General Electric Company, on "Money and Exchange," was given Friday morning in the Engineering Building. The lecture, which was delivered before the Senior class in Money and Banking, was attended by several students not in the Senior course but interested in the subject of the lectures. Mr. Baldwin spent the hour Friday in a consideration of various methods and processes of exchange employed by American business firms who deal with foreign concerns. The third of Mr. Baldwin's lectures will be given on Monday, April 22nd, at 11 A. M., in Room 103 of the Engineering Building. All students are invited to attend. Several other speakers are scheduled to give talks on similar subjects before the Senior Money and Banking class.

### ALLISON LAUDS WORK OF UNION DEBATERS.

A word of praise for the excellent work which the Union debaters have done in a year when popular interest is apt to be distracted from forensic subjects to war and rumors of war is contained in a letter recently received by Professor McKean from Mr. George F. Allison, '84, of New York City. Mr. Allison, who was joint founder with Mr. Wallace T. Foote of the Allison-Foote debate prize, declared that those who have taken part in the official debates at Union this year have received some invaluable training in preparing for and participating in the debates.

### CLASSICAL CLUB MEETING AND INITIATION ANNOUNCED

There is to be a meeting of the Classical Club in Professor Bennett's Greek room tomorrow evening at 7:15 promptly. Dr. George D. Kellogg will read a paper on the "Odes

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of Horace," and initiation of new members will follow. Some plans for the coming season will be announced and a large attendance is expected.

### LOYAL ALUMNUS SHOWS TRUE UNION SPIRIT

William L. Kennedy, Jr., '18, Business Manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS, has received the following letter, and it is here printed as an example of the true Union spirit:

"Gloversville, N. Y.,  
"April 11th, 1918.

"William L. Kennedy, Esq.,  
"Delta Upsilon House,  
"Union College,  
"Schenectady, N. Y.

"Dear Bro. Kennedy: I read in the issue of THE CONCORDIENSIS of April 10 the appeal in the last part of the letter from George F. Kinney regretting that he could not afford the Concordy, etc. Enclosed find my check for one year's subscription to THE CONCORDIENSIS which please send to said Kinney. His address as given is, George F. Kinney, 305th Ambulance Company, Camp Upton, L. I.

"Thanking you in advance for your trouble, I remain

"Yours fraternally,  
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Confidence in what Uncle Sam is doing in the way of military organization and enthusiasm for the work fairly radiates from a letter which President Richmond received some time ago from Lieut. George R. Galbraith, '17' who, at the time of writing, was in the Construction Division of the Signal Corps, at the Aviation Concentration Camp, Garden City, Long Island. Lieut. Galbraith's letter indicates that he is a close observer of conditions about him. The letter is as follows:

Construction Division,  
Signal Corps,  
Aviation Concentration Camp,  
Garden City,  
L. I.

Field No. 2.  
Dr. Chas. A. Richmond,  
Schenectady, N. Y.  
My dear Doctor Richmond:

Feeling that you are interested in the whereabouts of all Union men, I take this opportunity to tell you of my good fortune. I was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Signal Corps, Aviation Section, October 15, and reported for active duty at Camp Mills, October 26th. I am now awaiting orders to sail to France.

The life at the camp is the finest ever and certainly makes one feel fine. I haven't a complaint of any kind. The men I am with are of the finest. Every officer with me is a college man and, strange to say, I am the only Union man among the 70 Signal Corps

officers in my barracks.

The work the government has done thus far is astounding. Field No. 2 here is only ten days old and is now housing some thirty or forty thousand. An aeroplane factory was started near the camp on October 1st and is now running full force. One has to see these things to appreciate all that is being done.

Green men come in here daily and within a week they are marching like veterans. Every man here seems to be here for a purpose. You never see a man sauntering along. They all walk as though they were going some place. In the off-time the men are either writing, gathering fire-wood or playing football. I can assure you, if you haven't already done so, a visit to one of these camps would be well worth while.

I wish you would convey my best wishes to the men back at old Union and tell them I am always pulling for them.

I would enjoy hearing from you if you are not too busy.

Believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

LIEUT. GEO. R. GALBRAITH.

Oct. 10, 1917.

Dr. Richmond wrote the following answer to Lieut. Galbraith:

November 24, 1917.

My dear Galbraith:

Thank you for letting me know of your good fortune. I have no doubt that you honestly earned your commission. What you tell me about the camps is interesting, and I can see by the spirit of your letter that you are putting all you have into your work. This will mean success, and no one will rejoice in it more than myself. If I can ever serve you in any way do not hesitate to call upon me. I think constantly of you boys and always with the warmest friendship.

You will be interested to know, if you do not already know, that we have at last received an official order from the Secretary of War establishing an infantry unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Union. This will be good news for all Union men in the camps.

With all good wishes, believe me  
Faithfully and cordially yours,

CHAS. A. RICHMOND.

Lieut. George R. Galbraith,  
Construction Division, Signal Corps,  
Aviation Concentration Camp,  
Field 2, Garden City, L. I.

## TWO FIRST LIEUTENANTS ON CAMPUS SATURDAY.

Two Union men might have been seen on the campus wearing the uniform of first lieutenants, Saturday. They were "Tubby" Rosekrans, '17, and "Jimmy" Mudge, '18.

Lieut. Rosekrans is a member of the 53rd Depot Brigade stationed at Camp Dix. He is at the Phi Delta Theta house for a short time.

Lieutenant Mudge, who has recently been promoted, obtained a short leave of absence on account of the illness of his wife. He is at Camp Meade, Maryland.

## COLLINS LEAVES HOLE IN VARSITY INFIELD

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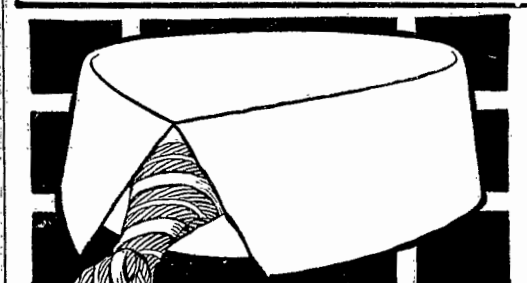
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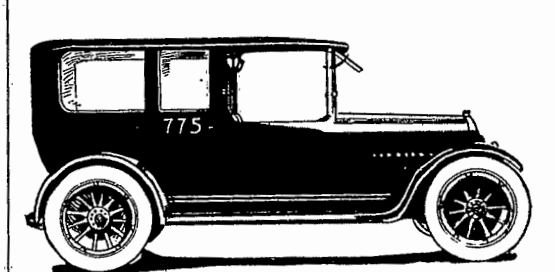
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East, and was subsequently commended by General H. P. McCain, Adjutant General, War Department. Owing to the fact that all of the men who will attend the camp will come from colleges and preparatory schools, the dates of the opening and closing of the camp have been set so as not to encroach upon the scholastic year. The date of the opening is June 29th and that of the closing is August 29th. The Junior Plattsburgh tactical staff is composed of U. S. army and navy officers, aided by British, Canadian, French and Italian officers who have seen service in the present war. These officers, as well as all others, have been selected because of their peculiar fitness for training young men. The Junior Plattsburgh, Inc., which is conducting the camp, has expended \$100,000 in lands, buildings, tents, arms and equipment, and is prepared to train 600 cadets during the months of July and August. An admission fee of \$250 is charged for training and maintenance.

The method of training at the camp will embrace West Point and Annapolis methods, supplemented by practical training in all branches of modern warfare. Directly relating to modern warfare are the following subjects which the cadets will study: machine guns, hand grenades, military map-making, camouflage, trench


warfare, and gas attack defenses. Special courses connected with modern warfare are aeroplanes, (ground work), hydroplane, automobile, motor-boats, civil engineering, road building, drainage, sanitation, refrigeration, electrical apparatus, (general repairing and assembling), telegraph and wireless, war farming and gardening, food conservation. Recreation will be in charge of Fred T. Dawson, Union's former general athletic coach.

## "FULL HOUSE" TO KEEP AUDIENCE IN AN UPROAR

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Howell, an enterprising young lawyer, just married, to obtain said letters. Howell does so without the knowledge of his wife—Howell has a wild time in the meanwhile and finally gets the letters, but on the way home his train is wrecked and he exchanges bags with a burglar who has robbed Ned Pembroke's mother of a ruby famous the world over. The various entanglements, how they become disentangled, the comedy of Susie Sponge, a tough servant in the household of Howell; and Mooney, an Irish cop, promises to keep the audience continually in an uproar. The actors and would-be actresses are interpreting the parts extremely well with the coach's able assistance—who, by the way, is everything to be desired in his department. The various members of the cast are as follows:

George Howell, lawyer ---- Stein '18  
Ned Pembroke ---- Carr '19  
Nicholaus King, second story man ----  
----- Rowe '20  
Parks, cockney butler ---- Hochuli '18  
Miss Winneker, old maid ---- Dunn '18

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Kearney, another cop --- Rosenberg '19  
Dougherty, police sergeant ---

----- Gregory '21  
Ottillie, Howell's wife --- Mancuss '21  
Vera Vernon, actress --- Davidson '21  
Mr. Pembroke, Ned's brother, after mother's jewels --- Beattie '20  
Mrs. Fleming, who sublet apartment to Howell --- Devine '21

## LASHER '17 WRITES OF FIGHTING IN PICARDY

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The town is well provided with sirens and it is not at all unusual to be awakened about midnight by their hideous howls. That tells us that the "Boche" are on their way over and we must make legs to get in the dugout to get out of the way of the flying shrapnel. They put up a heavy barrage fire from the town to keep the enemy planes from getting low. They have been over twice during the past week and we can expect them more often soon, for there will be a full moon, or a "Gotha moon," as the French call it.

I should like to tell you all about my work but the censor would object. I'll certainly appreciate any news from any of the boys.

My very best wishes to all the boys and the college we all love.

Sincerely,

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