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Current Events

Tunnel Nearing Completion

The great Moffat Tunnel, begun in 1923, is nearing completion. The final barrier was blasted last week, making free a passageway of six and one-tenth miles. This will be the longest railroad tunnel in the Western Hemisphere. The tunnel is 2800 feet below the summit of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains; consequently it will lower the railroad altitude, reduce grades, shorten the distance in travelling from Denver to the Pacific and eliminate the present uncertainty in time schedules due to snow and other difficulties of operation in going over the mountains.

Old Ironsides

The National Bank of Patriotism, which was established at Boston by citizens interested in the restoration of the old frigate Constitution, has now a capital of almost \$125,000, built up from nearly a half million contributing deposits of twenty-five cents. Copies of Gordon Grant's original painting of the ship are being sold as part of the campaign to raise funds.

The Nationalist Party in China.

Mr. Ratcliffe's address makes the following explanation of the Cantonese party very timely. It was prepared by a Committee of Chinese Students of New York City.

(By New Student Service)—From a tiny secret society, founded by Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese George Washington, in the days when South China was fighting to overthrow the corrupt Manchu dynasty and establish a Republic (c. 1911), Kuomintang, the Nationalist party, has grown in size and strength until its influence now extends over half of China. Its army of approximately 800,000 men under General Chiang kai-sih (incorrectly called Chang kai-shek in the news dispatches) is at present battling with Chang tso-lin and his allies, whose forces number around 900,000, for the rich Yangtse valley, the industrial, commercial and agricultural region midway between Canton, from which the Nationalists started their drive in 1926 and Peking, the capital of the opposing Northern forces.

The Nationalist Party (Kuomintang) is the only party in China which is grouped together in support of a set of principles, a platform. Other parties are held together solely by allegiance to a military leader.

"International equality, political equality and economic equality"—these are the principles for which the Nationalists are fighting. Popularly heralded as the "Three Peoples' Principles" of Sun Yat Sen they have formed the basis for all the reforms undertaken by the Nationalists in South China.

In seeking "International Equality" the Nationalists are striving to regain those of China's sovereign rights which she has lost under the unequal treaties, that China may take her rightful place as a sovereign nation among the other nations of the world, an equal among equals.

The Nationalists also favor "Political Equality" and throughout the territory which they control they have established the direct election of govern-

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Juniors Win Cup

Last Plays Well Done

On Friday night, February 25th, the Seniors and Juniors presented the plays which they had entered in the inter-class competition. They differed from each other in an unusual degree, providing a most interesting evening for the audience. At the conclusion of the last play the judges withdrew to make their decision. It was announced that the junior play had been considered the best of the four, and to that class went the cup.

The senior play, *The Playroom*, by Doris F. Hallman, was presented first. The action took place in an old barn, lighted by the glow of the sunset shining through the windows. The interior was supposed to be shadowy, but it was a trifle too dark. Except when the performers came out near the footlights, their faces were indistinguishable. The two children gave the best performance, especially the Dream Child whose delicate interpretation of the part proved delightful to the audience. The difficult part of the young woman whose fiancé was supposed to have been killed in the War was played as a whole with understanding and sympathy. It was not, however, consistently good, but appeared ragged in spots. The scenery was especially effective.

At the conclusion of the senior play, the Juniors presented *Helena's Husband*, by Philip Moeler, a comedy with extremely clever lines. Helena was played with great understanding of the part and her posturing and posing were very amusing. The king was quite dignified but his best bit of acting was done when he was being forced by his advisor to go to war. The advisor was, possibly, not so man-like as one could have wished, but he handled his lines very ably. The servant played her part well and was enjoyed hugely by the audience. The costuming and the scenery were both extremely well done.

The judges chose the best play on a basis of sixty. The choice of play counted five points, scenery, lighting, make-up, costumes each counted ten points, and action—including diction, interpretation, bearing—counted fifteen points:

The casts were:

Seniors—*The Playroom*

Cecily Louise Wall
Roger Esther Hunt
Lisbeth (a dream child) Margaret Battles
Fannie Katherine Foster
Tom Mary Jerman
Ethel Marjorie Halstead
Coach Margaret Battles

Juniors—*Helena's Husband*

Analyktikos Hilda Van Horn
Tusumu Edith Cloyes
Menelaus Edna Kelley
Helena Alice Boyden
Paris Dorothy Bayley

The next faculty-student tea occurs on Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock. The *News* staff acts as hostess. These teas were organized in the hopes that faculty and students may have a chance to meet together informally.

Preparations For Debate Being Made By Squad

Preparations for the big inter-collegiate debate are in full swing now by the students of the representative colleges.

Connecticut College will be represented in the debate by two teams, each composed of two speakers and one alternate. One of these teams will debate Smith here on March 19th. On the same day the other team from C. C. will debate Mt. Holyoke.

With Smith, Connecticut will take the affirmative of the question; Resolved:—that the Philippines should receive their independence. The visiting team, at Mt. Holyoke will take the negative side.

Immediately after mid-years early tryouts were held here to determine who should represent Connecticut. About twenty girls from all the classes tried out. As a result the choice was finally narrowed down to eight girls. Dorothy Bayley was chosen chairman of the entire committee.

Since then the members of the squad have been reading and speaking in preparation for the big event. They gave a practice debate before the History Club upon the same subject. After having debated before various sets of judges, the following teams were selected. To each girl upon the team has been assigned two other girls from the bibliography committee who help in the preparation of the speech. They are as follows:

Negative

Van Horn—L. Penny, Erin Morris.
MacLeod—E. Gordon, Foote.
Towne, Alternate.

Affirmative

Mar—Rapport, L. Kent.
Bayley—Kanehl, Kilbourne.
Rogoff, Alternate—Frazier, Ross.

JUDGES REPORT DECISION ON COMPETITIVE PLAYS

The Judges in the competition plays were—Dr. Black, Dr. Kip, Dr. Jensen, Frances Jones '27, Eleanor Wood '28, Mary Vernon '29.

The judges, in choosing the prize-winning play, did so on the basis of sixty points. Full credit gave five points for choice of play, 15 for acting (diction, interpretation, bearing) and 10 points for the others—scenery, lighting, make-up, and costumes. No class received full 60 points. A report from the judges, showing in what instances, the plays received full credit is as follows:

Points—Choice of play (5)—1st judge, Jun., Sen.; 2nd judge, Jun.; 3rd judge, Jun.; 4th judge, Jun., Sen.; 5th judge, Jun., Sen.; 6th judge, Jun.

Acting (15)—1st judge, Jun.; 2nd judge, Jun.; 3rd judge, Jun.; 4th judge, Jun., Sen.; 5th judge, Jun., Sen.; 6th judge, Jun.

Scenery (10)—1st judge, Sen., Jun.; 2nd judge, Sen., Jun.; 3rd judge, Jun.; 4th judge, Jun., Sen.; 5th judge, Sen.; 6th judge, Jun., Sen., Fresh.

Lighting (10)—1st judge, Soph., Jun.; 2nd judge, Fresh., Soph., Jun.; 3rd judge, Jun.; 4th judge, Sen., Jun.; 5th judge, Sen., Jun.; 6th judge, Fresh., Jun.

Make-up (10)—1st judge, Jun.; 2nd judge, Fresh., Soph., Jun.; 3rd judge,

Mr. Ratcliffe Explains Far Eastern Situation

Mr. Samuel K. Ratcliffe, an English publicist, was the speaker at Convocation on Tuesday. His subject as announced was "The Rebirth of Society", but he changed it to "The Challenge of Asia to the West". Mr. Ratcliffe is a man well qualified, by immediate experience and careful study, to discuss the important and complex problem of the Far East.

The situation in Asia is a menacing one, said the speaker, conditions and developments of a hundred years now coming to a head, with serious implications for the Western World. The history of Asia's relations with the West naturally fall into three divisions; the first, a long period following the first voyages to the East; the second, the four hundred years during which the western trading nations were expanding; and third, a period of one century contemporaneous with the opening up of America and the settlement of other lands by the white race. During the whole of this time the great eastern countries have slowly been absorbing western influences. Today the question is—shall the Europeans be checked in the East or not?

Following a revolution, sixty years ago, Japan was opened to the world by Commodore Perry. After the Russo-Japanese War in 1909, a further change of the relations and feelings between Europe and Asia became evident, and western influences became stronger.

In China the only part open to European commerce up to 1840 was Canton. Until the downfall of the empire in 1911 the Manchu dynasty was in control, with its central government in Peking. One of the most important problems concerned with China is the opium traffic. This was first forced upon the country by Britain, various regulations were enacted for its reduction which were enforced up to the outbreak of the World War when all restrictions broke down.

Mr. Ratcliffe himself has spent about ten years in Calcutta, India. He is familiar with the Indian temperament and civilization, the rigid class distinctions, strong religious instincts, and the Indians' political feelings. He explained the hold which Mahatma Ghandi had over his people through the form of his personality, and the reason for its diminution in his withdrawal from political activity.

At present Britain bears the brunt of all the Eastern ill-feeling. America earned the good-will of China through the action of John Hay in regard to the Boxer Rebellion, when this country turned over the indemnity due to

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Jun.; 4th judge, Jun.; 5th judge, Soph., Jun.; 6th judge, Fresh.

Costumes (10)—1st judge, Sen., Jun.; 2nd judge, Soph., Jun.; 3rd judge, Jun.; 4th judge, Fresh.; 5th judge, Soph., Jun., Sen.; 6th judge, Jun., Sen., Fresh.

The Juniors won first place, the Seniors second, Sophomores third, Freshmen fourth. Juniors led in everything but Scenery, in which they tied with the Seniors.

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NON-VOTERS

When college students hear that approximately fifty per cent. of the qualified voters in the United States do not bother to cast a vote for any of their officers—national or local—they are aghast at the inertia and lack of civic interest in the country. Yet these very students, who discuss the problem of non-voting in their country are sometimes among the very ones who lack the interest and public spirit to vote in the college elections.

The candidates for the new President of Student Government have been nominated, elections take place on Monday. From then on, for a month, elections continue. Don't be a slacker, there is no excuse for it. The ballot box is in New London Hall where you pass it every day.

It is not only voting but nominations which require your attention. After election of the Student Government President, there must be a short special meeting for the nomination of Chief Justice of Honor Court, another for Vice President of Student Government, for Speaker of the House, and one for all of the Association Presidents together. These meetings will be very short, coming immediately after dinner. Don't let them be called off because there is no quorum. If this happens elections will be interminable.

If you are a non-voter in the coming elections there will be no excuse but indifference and lack of civic interest. If you intend to be a good citizen of your country, begin by being a good citizen of your college.

THE JUNIOR CAT

The night was dark and dreary,
The air was full of sleet;
The cat that walks alone
Pattered with padded feet.

THE SOPHOMORE ELEPHANT

The elephant stepped out one day
And ran into the cat
Curiosity insatiable
Was underneath his hat.
So he got fooled
His nose got pulled
And that, said the cat
Is that!

COURTESY

Recently, something was said in these columns about courteous reception of visiting and resident artists, all of which seemed very appropriate and timely. It has occurred to one individual, at least, that something similar might be said regarding the reception of Vesper speakers, visiting and resident.

It may be that our age has outgrown the institution of Vespers; perhaps we no longer need such an hour in our crowded week; it may be we should conserve our strength on Sunday afternoon so as to be able to attend the first evening show downtown, (we have so little time for such things during the week). But some of us are so old-fashioned as to believe an hour of devotions is well spent on a Sunday; (possibly the present hour is unwise), and we are wondering what is the matter with our Vesper service. Is it the fault of the speakers?

Naturally, when a man is invited to preach here, and he sees six seniors gravely take their front seats, he is perplexed; so, maybe, are the resident preachers, too. To be sure, the visiting preacher gets his honorarium, whether there are fifty or five hundred present, but he can't be at his best with hundreds of empty chairs. Also, the question of courtesy arises; he is the guest of the college, faculty and students alike. (Of course, from the appearances at Vespers, the faculty isn't interested in such things much anyway). There are still certain obligations of hospitality, which would seem to apply to Vesper speakers as to others on the hill. The visiting preacher may pocket his check gratefully, but he will scarcely pocket his chagrin at such an audience so easily.

The resident preacher, lacking the honorarium, must be content with a sense of duty done, as best he may, to the fifty or five hundred; doesn't the question of courtesy enter here also, or does that only apply to visiting preachers, some visiting preachers, that is?

Occasionally, when some reverend doctor from afar comes to our hill, a sizeable audience comes to worship and to listen, (though usually coached during the week at chapel to be there) his name may be magical, his fame may be mighty; does he deserve any more courtesy than a preacher from town or those whose duty it is to conduct this service and preach? After all, it isn't the famed preacher who makes a good Vesper service; it is the attitude of the worshippers. A decent attendance, with a preacher of less supposed brilliance, might result in a splendid hour. And there remains the question of courtesy, to all visiting, and local, and resident, preachers, alike.

—A Friend of the College.

OUR SOUTHERNERS

(Apologies to A. A. Milne)

Jane had
A nice warm
Squirrel fur
Coat on;
Jane had a
Heavy
Air tight
Hat.
Jane had a
Pair of
Thick woolen
Stockings—
And Jane
Was cold
At that.

—Wellesley College News.

THE BOOK SHELF

INTRODUCTION TO SALLY

By Elizabeth

"She was the most beautiful girl in the world. All men loved her. This gay and mischievous story of her misadventures and adventures is another triumph for the author of 'The Enchanted April.'" So the advertisements speak. Indeed, after reading a few pages of the "Introduction to Sally," one is almost tempted to say that the advertisements do not even begin to tell how fascinating and clever the story really is. An unusual introduction that accounts for Sally, her parents, and her home life all within a few lines, immediately draws and holds the interest of the reader. The subtle wit and humor of the author are utterly entrancing. The most amusing episodes follow so closely upon the heels of each other that it seems as though they would never cease.

As for Sally, she is indeed beautiful and charming, despite her cockney accent. One gets the impression of a rather tall and ravishingly beautiful woman, with an absolutely perfect figure and a wealth of golden hair. Or is Sally a brunette? No definite picture is given, and the reader is left to imagine this indescribable beauty as his fancy dictates. Perhaps it is just as well, since no one has yet decided the blonde-brunette question to universal satisfaction. At any rate, Sally is so bewitching that everyone immediately wants her, and so dumb and provocative of universal attention that the possessor immediately wants to dispose of her again. If only everyone did not misunderstand her. All Sally really wanted was a "ome, a husband, and a little baby."

Then, after about two hundred pages, the reader begins to get bored, and soon becomes decidedly so. After hopping all along that Sally might be educated and might be trained to enter the society to which her scholarly husband and his mother belonged, one is suddenly confronted with the realization that Sally is hopelessly and unbelievably dumb. The amusing episodes continue, and the quality of humor is still the same. But Sally's inadaptability is most disillusioning, and ruins the last part of the book.

STATION CC ON HT BY S

DIZ BROADCASTING

Dearest Family: This is what I call writing de luxe. I put the victrola next to my desk and now I don't even have to move to change a record or wind it. The fact I didn't mention changing needles as another advantage of its new position is not, as you might suspect, a careless omission. Its absence is due to the fact that it is an old New London custom never to change needles. The only difficulty with the arrangement is that last night I got reckless and bought four new records, and now when the singing parts come I stop writing and try and figure out the words. A trifle disconcerting. If my letter is incoherent you can blame it on the attractions of George Olson and Paul Whiteman rather than on any inherent personal grammatical defects. Awkward sentence but it conveys the idea which is, after all, the function of language. This week has been an unusually difficult one as far as amusements are concerned because the movies at both the Crown and the Garde stayed all week. This alone would be sufficient to upset my schedule—but by way of

RICHARD KANE LOOKS AT LIFE

Irwin Edman

Irwin Edman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University, has constructed out of his wide experience, as a teacher, the biography of a young man whom he believes typifies a certain increasingly numerous and important group of the much discussed younger generation. With a sympathetic insight that bespeaks an understanding intimacy with his students, he traces the development of Richard Kane's attitude toward the various phases of his experience.

Naturally he first meets with him at college, where the awakening consciousness of life and eagerness to seize upon its meaning inevitably plunges him into a more or less widespread confusion. He then follows him in his after-college contacts and in the thought that accompanies them, through the chapters—He Goes to Europe, He Settles Down, He Considers Morals, He Reads The News, He Takes Stock of Marriage, He Ponders Education, He Looks at Art, He Turns to Politics, He Hunts for God. At the close of the book, Richard is 29, still without an adequate theory of existence, but as he expresses it having "found a little light."

The book is certainly an important one as setting forth the attitude of the more thoughtful type of young person who is facing the world today with a real desire to discover some meanings in it, and who finds the old theories inadequate and dissatisfying. It says much that is undoubtedly true of youth, but that Richard is himself a typical figure, is a question. It would seem that the experiences which came to him in the space of a decade, more or less individually, are for many crowded into a much shorter space of time and that the resulting confusion is much more complete than he gives any evidence of feeling. Unlikely too, it would seem that one who had gone so far in a critical evaluation of the meanings of life and experience should not go farther. The book has been called "a philosophy for youth". It is not that, but rather the presentation of a situation out of which a philosophy may grow.

complete calamities Tom Mix was at the Capitol and I'd seen the movie at the Empire. Monday night we went to the Garde and saw The Fire Brigade which was the most exciting thing I've ever seen. If you enjoy seeing tall buildings collapse on thousands of children, be sure and go to it. Tuesday we saw McFadden's Flats and after two movies of that type I decided that nothing but firemen or bricklayers are scrupulous enough for me to marry. How shall I go about meeting them? It's eminently correct to ask parents questions involving etiquette or matrimony, so be sure to give this delicate matter your divided attention.

Friday night were the two remaining class plays, the junior and senior. Both were very good indeed, but I was glad that the juniors won because everybody in it was good and the lines were adorable. Helen of Troy is certainly quite the popular lady for plays and books recently. In this she was the heroine, called Menelaus — "Moo-Moo", and other delightful things.

I must study now for a history quiz, believe it or not. Sorry to leave, but you know how it is. Much love.

DIZ.

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ALUMNAE NOTES

Connecticut College is so very young that there has not been a great deal of thought given to Class Babies, and we wonder if many people realize that there are six. The first girl born, of course, is the Class Baby and she receives as a gift from her mother's class a year of her college education. The first boy is less fortunate but he does obtain some recognition. He is given some sort of a gift decided upon by the class.

The Class Babies so far are as follows:

1919—Marilyn Morris, daughter of Mrs. Frank E. Morris (Mary Chipman).

1920—Edith Sykes Gaberman, daughter of Mrs. L. Louis Y. Gaberman (Dora Schwartz).

1921—Nancy Randall Favorite, daughter of Mrs. Richard J. Favorite (Louise Avery).

1922—Janet Wendell Frey, daughter of Mrs. Albert W. Frey (Anne Slade), and niece of Marcia Frey 1930.

1923—Anne Alden Bunyan, daughter of Mrs. George Arthur Bunyan (Helen Higgins).

1924—Anne Hardwick Latimer, daughter of Mrs. Thomas H. Latimer (Catherine Hardwick).

PRESS BOARD INAUGURATES PICTURE DEPARTMENT

Perhaps you've often wondered why it was that Connecticut College never has its picture in the Sunday papers. This is a sad state of affairs, but true nevertheless. Scanning the picture section of the Sunday Times, we see Wellesley, Vassar, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, and other colleges less known, but never do we see Connecticut represented.

Until now we have had no picture department, but that is a thing of the past—Press Board is now organizing a Picture Department with its chairman and committee which is to have for its business the sole duty of taking pictures on campus. These pictures will be sent to newspapers covered by the Board, and Connecticut College will be represented along with the rest.

Press Board is particularly interested in enrolling new recruits for this new phase of the work and will welcome anyone who may be interested.

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MR. MEREDITH ADVISES PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS

Tuesday night, March 1, Mr. Meredith, State Commissioner of Education in Connecticut gave an informative lecture in Knowlton House on "Problems of the Inexperienced Teacher." He began by explaining the different types of high schools and their various functions. His discussion then centered on such problem as teaching requirements, standards for certification, and the question of the curriculum, but his main point which he continually reiterated, was that the teacher's main purpose should be, not to impart knowledge, but to develop the minds of her pupils; not to relate facts but to develop the initiative of each individual student. This, then should be the teacher's aim, and with a consideration of this in mind she should consider the end of her training as only the beginning of her real training and should try to develop herself to her fullest capacity.

After the lecture, there was an informal discussion in which Mr. Meredith stated more fully the educational requirements for the teaching profession, and answered any questions that were raised.

BRYAN UNIVERSITY

At Dayton, Tennessee, where William Jennings Bryan fought his last fight against Godless Science, his memory will be perpetuated by an institution of higher learning. Here will be a faculty pledged to keep their biology, geology, and economics free from anything that conflicts with the Bible. It will be named Bryan University, and will open next fall with an endowment campaign for \$5,000,000, in full blast. Two hundred freshmen, mainly from backwoods homes—families of mountaineers and small farmers, have already been recruited.

—The New Student.

The News Staff takes great pleasure in announcing the election of the following to the Editorial Board:

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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 5th—Informal Dance in Knowlton.

Sunday, March 6th—President Marshall at Vespers.

Tuesday, March 8th—Faculty-Student Tea.

Tuesday, March 8th—Senior-Freshman first team, Junior-Sophomore second team, basketball games.

Friday, March 11th—Practice Debate.

Saturday, March 12th—Junior-Sophomore first team, Senior-Freshman second team, games.

Saturday, March 12th—Junior Banquet.

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it, to China for the benefit of its students.

Various problems with regard to the East were dealt with in the Washington Disarmament Conference of 1922. China was assured that (1) her treaties were unequal and unjust; (2) the foreign control of customs should be changed and (3) the privileges of extraterritoriality should be abolished. All these claims were acknowledged but nothing has been done about them. In the meantime the war-lords of the north have risen in civil revolt against the Cantonese government of the south, resulting in chaotic conditions and forcing European interference in behalf of the protection of the lives of their citizens and property who are resident in China. Until the Civil War is put down and a stable government is established, nothing can be done about China's grievances.

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A direct tax on land, the development of natural resources by the government and governmental ownership of public utilities—these are the chief reforms which Dr. Sun includes under the third principle, "Economic Equality."

While decidedly anxious to better the conditions of the laboring class, the Nationalist Party is far from the epithet "Red" so often applied to it. The labor movement is entirely divorced from the political movement; the "dictatorship of the proletariat" is utterly alien to the "Three Peoples' Principles."

Above all Kuomintang is anxious to raise the standard of living of the masses of Chinese toilers. This is a matter of immense importance to the West as well, for as China becomes industrially developed she will be able to undersell the West unless in the meantime the Nationalist Party succeeds in bringing laboring conditions somewhere near the level attained in the West.

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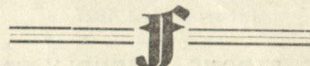
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