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## BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES TO AGGIES.

### Basketball Team Loses Exciting Game.

The Storrs quintet defeated Trinity in one of the most exciting games of the year last Friday. Despite the fact that the referee did much to slow up the game by calling a great number of fouls, the contest was thrilling and interesting throughout.

The first half found both teams deadlocked at eleven all. It was in the second half that Lockwood cut in with his expert shooting from the foul line that decided the issue in favor of the Aggies. The Storrs forward began his scoring operations from the start of the second half and swung his team into the lead by ringing in three single pointers in a row. Canner then breezed across with a foul for Trinity and Leeke delivered a field goal, squaring up matters. After Lockwood fumbled his chance to put the Aggies ahead, Canner made good his shot for Trinity. Putnam, however, shot the Aggies into the lead by a field goal as the result of some good passing. Lockwood added two more points through the medium of his foul shooting and at this juncture the Aggies were enjoying a three-point lead. Canner then shot two fouls, putting the Blue and Gold one point behind. At this critical stage Lockwood again came to the front, and, after dropping in a double-counter he added another foul goal. Alexander followed with one from the floor and Lockwood ended his brilliant work for the Aggies by another from the foul chalk mark for the last point of the game. The summary:

Conn. Aggies		Trinity
Lockwood	RF	Van Orden
Alexander	LF	Leeke
Gronwoldt	C	Brill
Putnam	RG	Tansill
Lord	LG	Hoard

Score—Conn. Aggies 24, Trinity 17; goals from floor, Lockwood 2, Alexander, Putnam, Tansill, Canner, Leeke; goals from fouls, Lockwood 16, Brill 5, Canner 6; referee, Dillon; time of halves, 20 minutes.

## ON THE CAMPUS.

John Reitemeyer, '21, was elected president of the Trinity Political Science Club at a meeting held Friday to fill out the unexpired term of Seymour S. Jackson, '20, who has secured his degree and left college.

Rev. George L. Payne, rector of Saint Paul's Church in New Haven, preached in chapel on Sunday morning.

J. R. Reitemeyer, '21, and A. N. Matthews, '21, represented Delta Chi Chapter of Sigma Nu at the New England district convention held at Brown, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

## JOHN E. BIERCK, '17, WRITES INTERESTING LETTER.

"The Tripod" has received from John E. Bierck, '17, a letter descriptive of the fortunes of himself and Courtenay K. (Gus) Page, '17, on the Isthmus of Panama, where both are working. Mr. Bierck and Mr. Page were room-mates for four years at Trinity, and were members of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Mr. Bierck was a member of "The Tripod" board and the 1917 "Ivy" board, and Mr. Page belonged to the Mandolin Club.

Mr. Bierck's letter, written in Colon, Republic of Panama, Jan. 25, follows:

"Some of the alumni have written to ask me why I haven't sent 'The Tripod' any account of life in this Caribbean country. The answer is that, in spite of having been in the newspaper business, I value a reputation for veracity, written as well as spoken; and if I wrote much of the truth concerning conditions in this part of the world, even the best of my friends in the States would not believe me. Frontier conditions are generally supposed nowadays to exist in books only. My observations, therefore, will be few.

"Gus and I both thought we knew, before we left the States, what it meant to have a good time; but never in the wildest flights of our respective imaginations, did we ever dream it was humanly possible to have such a constant succession of royal good times as we have here, 2000 miles south of the haunts of Johnny Wilson and Bill Duffy, and only eight degrees and a fraction north of the equator.

"Gus has been here nine months, and I for nearly five months. We work and take our mail in Cristobal, Canal Zone, where my box number is 232; but we live and spend nearly all our leisure time in Colon. The latter town is in the Republic of Panama, but is right across the street from Cristobal. The entire Canal Zone is a morgue; and all I can say concerning it is the thrilling and astute observation that the Canal is a marvelous piece of engineering.

"Over the Republic of Panama, the United States has only sanitary jurisdiction; which accounts for the existence therein of Bacchanalian and otherwise Mephistophelian institutions and conditions. These are especially in evidence in Colon, which town, close to the Caribbean entrance of the Canal, attracts adventurers, swash-bucklers and fugitives of both sexes from every country under heaven whose people go down to the sea in ships.

"Yet Colon has its streets given over to Americans of decent parts and good repute, like Gus and I, and on one of these we occupy quarters wherein reigns the same touching degree of domestic felicity which, for four years, featured 17 Jarvis.

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## DR. SLOSSON ADDRESSES POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The February meeting of the Political Science Club was held in the Public Speaking room on Monday evening with a large number present. Dr. Edward E. Slosson, Literary Editor of the "Independent", spoke as follows on "The Fight for the Food and Fuel of the Future":

"To one born on the prairie like myself the cause of the Great War is very plain. It is merely on a large scale what he has seen on a small scale, the familiar quarrel of the cattleman with the sheepman and of the settler with them both. It is a symptom of the passing of the open range. The Great War did not begin in 1914 but in 1884 when Germany undertook to put her brand on all the maverick territory in the world. The war did not start on the Danube over the body of the Austrian Archduke, but in 1884 in the Pacific when Queensland quarreled with Germany over the possession of New Guinea. Five years later we were on the verge of a war with Germany over Samoa. In Apia harbor in 1889 three American warships confronted three German warships with a British warship in reserve and only the intervention of a hurricane prevented a naval battle. I shall not attempt to tell that story since Stevenson has told it so well in his "Foot-note to History." Again in Manila Bay in 1898 the American fleet was confronted by a superior German fleet and again the British fleet stood by our side. In 1897-8 Germany quarreled with China and Japan over Pacific possessions. The attempt of Germany to stake out a claim in Africa brought her into conflict with England, France, Italy, Belgium and Portugal. Her attempt to get hold of Mesopotamia and Persia was thwarted by the joint efforts of England and Russia. This, you see, was the line-up of the Great War, England, France, Italy, Russia, Japan, China, Portugal, Belgium and the United States against Germany. It was, as the German economists frankly stated, a fight for raw material. Germany wanted "a place in the sun", that is, tropical territory, not equal access to it, which she had, but possession of it with a view to monopolization. She has fortunately been foiled, but the question is not settled by the war; it has merely been opened for settlement. There are only two alternatives, the nationalization or the internationalization of the sources of raw material. The third suggested solution, free trade, need not be considered for it is out of the question. Even England has abandoned it. The world will never return to the old days of laissez-faire, of the free-for-all scramble, of everyone for himself and devil take the hindmost.

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## F. K. LANE, HON. '19, RESIGNS FROM CABINET. Last Year's Commencement Speaker Surrenders Portfolio.

Hon. Franklin K. Lane, who received an honorary degree of L.L.D. from Trinity last June, has resigned as Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Lane was the speaker at the Sunday exercises during Commencement.

It is understood that Mr. Lane's plans for the immediate future have not been fully matured, but will be announced soon. He has been secretary of the interior since the beginning of President Wilson's administration. Prior to that he was a member of and chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Lane's resignation terminates a public service of more than twenty years in which he has held many posts beginning with local offices in his home state of California. It has been a matter of common agreement among politicians for some time that he would be a presidential possibility were it not for the fact that he was born in Canada.

## AMERICA'S GIFT TO FRANCE.

The Honorable Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France, and Mr. Thomas W. Lamont are at the head of a plan to erect a gigantic statue on the River Marne. This statue is now being designed by Frederick MacMonnies. As the Statue of Liberty was "France's gift to America" in 1885, this one will be the gift of America to the great republic of Europe. Such a monument will rightly commemorate the gallant stand made by the victorious French troops on the bloody battlefield of the Marne in the early days of the war in 1914.

The announcement of the plan has been enthusiastically received in all sections of the country. Both press and public have given their approval. It is felt that the gift will be one of the most spontaneous and representative ever made by the United States. Contributions of any amount will be accepted from the people of every state.

Colleges and universities throughout the land are asked to give their hearty support to the plan. It is felt that unless they do so, this gift, to our great sister republic, will not be entirely representative of the whole nation.

On March 22 a collection will be taken. It will have one aim—to have a large number of subscribers, rather than a large amount of money.

"The Tripod" has been asked by Acting President Perkins to take charge of Trinity's part in the American Memorial to France. It accepts the task with pleasure. In the following issues will be all necessary information concerning the plan.



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Mid-year examinations have come and gone. The showing of the undergraduates scholastically was not as good as in former years. Something was evidently wrong. That something was the men themselves.

Was it because these students had inferior training as compared with those of a few years ago? Perhaps, to some extent, this is true. The fact may be accounted for by the war. Everything that goes wrong is attributed to this cause. However, it seems that there was something else which caused the downfall of many. To use a track expression, "they got away to a bad start." The start, in college, as in athletics and in life itself, is a great factor in results.

We know what results are wanted. We know what remedy is needed. This semester let us all get away to such a good start that, in June, we shall be able to hurdle over the finals and cross the tape a lap ahead of failure.

Thursday night Trinity will meet Wesleyan, its ancient rival on the basketball court for the first time in a number of years. The showing of the Trinity team this year has not to even the most enthusiastic observer, been encouraging. The brightest prospect for the game is the fact that Wesleyan has made a showing which to date is no more than on a par with that of Trinity. Captain Nordlund will probably be back in uniform by Thursday. The Trinity five, whatever the odds against them—and they will not be slight—will play their best and it is up to every student to get out and support the team. Manager Mohnkern will make arrangements for extra cars for students if traffic conditions have improved to a sufficient extent by that time.

## EDWARD B. GOODRICH, '02.

Edward B. Goodrich, assistant secretary of the compensation and liability department of the Travelers Insurance Company, died at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, February 8, at the Hartford hospital of pneumonia.

Mr. Goodrich was born at Lancaster, N. H., February 13, 1880. His father was the Reverend James B. Goodrich of Glastonbury. He spent his boyhood in Windsor, and at Claremont, N. H., but took his college course at Trinity, where he was a member of the Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon. He was graduated in 1902. In the fall of that year he went into the shop of the Sullivan Machinery Company at Chicago, manufacturers of mining and quarrying machinery to learn the business. In 1904 he was made southern salesman with headquarters at Greensboro, N. C., and later at Knoxville, Tenn.

He entered the employ of the Travelers in a clerical position in June, 1907. Later he took a course in the training school and was assigned as special agent in the Manchester, N. H., office. The following year he was appointed manager to open a new branch office at Washington, D. C., and in 1909 was promoted to the managership at Denver. After two years there he was brought back to the home office to fill a position as liability underwriter.

Three new assistant secretaries were created in the liability department of the Travelers in October, 1916, and Mr. Goodrich was one of them. Since that time he has specialized in basic ratemaking and the company's relationship to bureaus.

## PHILIP T. KENNEDY, '05.

Dr. Philip Thomas Kennedy died at St. Francis Hospital Saturday afternoon. He underwent an operation two months ago for an abscess on his lungs and last week had a second operation, from which he did not rally. Dr. Kennedy was born in this city June 28, 1883, a son of Philip S. Kennedy and Mary (Moran) Kennedy. He was educated in the Hartford High School and was graduated from Trinity College in 1905 and from the Harvard Medical School in 1909. He was connected with the Boston City Hospital sixteen months and had charge of the Boston Floating Hospital two seasons, and for ten months was with the Providence Lying-in Hospital. Dr. Kennedy had been engaged in practice in this city eight years, and was pediatricist at St. Francis Hospital and St. Agnes Hospital, and was on the staff of the Babies' Hospital.

Doctor Kennedy was a member of Phi Gamma Delta at Trinity College, the University Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the American Medical Association.

He was married June 17, 1914, to Miss Ann St. Lawrence Clary of this city, who, with two sons, Philip and William Kennedy, survive. He also leaves his parents, three sisters, Mrs. Frank H. Burns, Miss Marguerite and Miss Christine Kennedy, and two brothers, George and Daniel Kennedy, all of Hartford.

The funeral was held from his late home, 88 Sterling Street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and at Saint Joseph's Cathedral at 10.30. The bearers were from the staff of Saint Francis Hospital and from the Knights of Columbus. A delegation from Tau Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta attended.

## ALUMNI.

'82—Reverend Frank H. Church, honorarius '95, is editor of "The Pacific Churchman." His address is 1217 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, Calif.

'84—Reverend Harwood Huntington Ph.D., has moved to Los Angeles, Calif. His address is 345 South Westlake Avenue.

'14—George H. Elder has recently changed his address and is now engaged in farming at Joppa, Md.

'15—Frederick Dorwart has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Yeates School of Lancaster, Pa.

'17—John E. Bierck and Courtney K. Page have been in business in Panama since September. In a recent letter to Hartford, Bierck declared that prohibition in the United States has proven a great financial asset to Panama. At Trinity, Bierck and Page were members of the Alpha Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Bierck is also a member of the University Club of Hartford. Following rejection for the army, he served during the war under Compensation Commissioner George B. Chandler with the publicity department, Connecticut State Council of Defense. Page saw service at Camp Perry, Ohio, and was a second lieutenant when discharged.

'18—Martin B. Robertson is instructor in English at the Pennsylvania State College.

'20—G. Richard Perkins, who has been production engineer at the Pratt & Whitney Company, has accepted a position as metallurgist with the New Departure Company.

P. W. Clement, '68, Governor of Vermont, in an address at the annual dinner of the Vermont Association of Boston, recently interpreted free speech.

"Free speech should be construed to mean simply that one has the right to speak what is on his mind, provided he does not interfere with the peace and happiness of others. We hear lots of talk of the rights of free speech as "the right to mind your own business, but when it gets beyond minding your own business you are going too far."

"The Tripod" takes this opportunity to say that it agrees heartily with the definition as expressed above. It has been its policy during our regime to put this principle into practice. We sincerely trust that the same policy will be adopted in the future.

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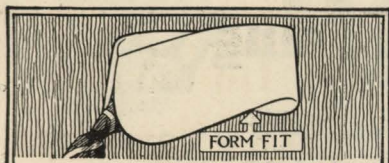
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We feel that this enterprise is deserving of far greater support. It is distinctly a constructive and progressive effort, involving a great deal of work, for the good of Trinity College. Three thousand copies of the first number were printed, six hundred being sent to the colleges and preparatory schools of the country. The subscriptions from the alumni have but little more than paid for the postage on the first issue, which amounted to ninety dollars.

Will you not do your share toward making this undertaking a success by mailing at once your subscription of \$2.00?

THE CHAPBOOK STAFF.

### DR. SLOSSON ADDRESSES POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB. (Continued from page 1)

"The reason for this sudden boom in the value of tropical real estate is because of two scientific discoveries; cheap transportation and cold storage. These have made dependencies as important as colonies. Formerly when the population increased, the surplus had to emigrate, that is, to colonize. Now, thanks to refrigerated steamships, they can stay at home and have things brought to them. The old policy was to export people; the new policy is to import raw materials. Before the war England got sixty-five per cent. of her essential foods from over-sea. Germany got ninety per cent. of her raw materials from the British Empire. It is cheaper for a Londoner to get a pound of butter from New Zealand than from Scotland. It is cheaper for a New Yorker to get a banana from Porto Rico than an apple from up state. If you are familiar with the Bible—or if you are not but are familiar with the Arabian Nights—you remember that the trade of ancient times consisted of gold, gems, dyes, drugs, spices and perfumes. Why limited to such commodities? Because they were precious, portable and imperishable. Now we can transport cheap, bulky and perishable products for long distances. This adds more than a cubit to the reach of a man's arm. He can sit at his own dinner table and help himself to the meat of the Argentine, the coffee of Brazil, the wheat of Manitoba, the apples of Tasmania and the potatoes of Colorado.

"The natural lines of traffic run north and south rather than east and west. Meridians of longitude are imaginary lines, as the geographies call them, but parallels of latitude mark real and ineradicable differences of climate and products. The tem-

perate zone will be increasingly dependent upon the tropics for the necessities of life. No nation can hereafter call itself "free and independent" unless it possesses tropical territory or has equal access to it.

Where the sun strikes straightest and the rain falls heaviest there is the greatest wealth produced. A square mile of Sahara Desert received more energy from the sun than can be got from all the coal mined in the Rhine Valley and this perpetually and inexhaustibly. We cannot yet utilize this solar energy directly, but we can indirectly. Sugar is solidified sunshine. Oil is liquid sunshine. These two products contain nothing but the three elements, oxygen, carbon and hydrogen, derived from the air and water and put together by the power of the sun's rays. When a tropical island sends off a shipload of sugar or cocoanut oil it is losing nothing but what comes to it again freely. When we export a ton of petroleum or coal it can never be replaced.

"The reason why we have been able to spend money so lavishly of late on pleasure, war and other luxuries, is because we have been drawing on our bank account. The world has dissipated in the last fifty years the accumulated savings of thousands of years. We have now nearly exhausted the buried treasures of the Carboniferous Era. We are already scraping in places the bottom of the world's coal bin. Our gasoline tank is running out rapidly. In the near or later future we must grow our own fuel as we use it. Petroleum and gasoline will have to be replaced by vegetable products such as oil and alcohol. This means the ultimate utilization of every acre of tropical territory and the substitution of machinery for plantation labor in its cultivation. Those nations of the northern zone that possess the most land in the tropics may "freeze" the others out unless there is some international arrangement by which all may have equal access to these sources of food and raw materials."

### SCHOLASTIC STANDING.

On the basis of the mid-year marks, the relative rank of the ten different groups, which comprise the college body, has been compiled. The first table is based upon the percentage of "E's" received. The larger the number of "E's", the lower the rank. It is as follows:

Delta Phi, Neutral Body, Psi Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Delta Psi, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Tau Kappa, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Phi Gamma Delta.

The second table is based upon the percentage of "A's" and "B's" received. The larger the number of "A's" and "B's", the higher the rank. It is as follows.

Delta Phi, Neutral Body, Sigma Nu, Delta Psi, Alpha Chi Rho, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Tau Kappa, and Phi Gamma Delta.

Twenty-one students by reason of their excellent work during the past term, have been designated as honor men. They obtained a grade not lower than "B", in every course. These men are allowed to take as many cuts from classes as they desire. This rule does not apply to gymnasium and chapel.

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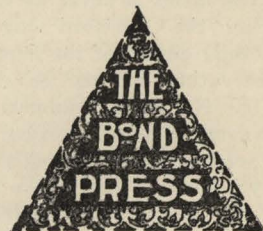
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# JOHN E. BIERCK, '17, WRITES INTERESTING LETTER.

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"Over in Panama City, on the Pacific side, 47 miles away by the only railroad on the Isthmus, one of the most prominent of the American business men is Mr. John G. Gill who, for some time prior to 1912, was an instructor in modern languages at Trinity. Mr. Gill is president of the Rotary Club of Panama City, and maintains a branch office in Colon, where Gus and I often see him. We had dinner last night with Mr. and Mrs. Gill at their home in Panama City, and there we met Mrs. Stites of Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Stites is Mrs. Gill's mother and also the mother of Francis B. (Bill) Stites, who, when Gus and I were freshmen, was a junior and one of the most prominent members of St. Anthony Hall.

"The Gills live on Las Bodegas, a thoroughfare fronting on the Pacific. Mrs. Stites is almost as familiar with Trinity as the Gills; and, after dinner, as we sat on the porch watching the brilliant tropic moon and stars glitter over the warm, placid waters of the South Pacific, it seemed downright uncanny to Gus and me to participate in a general conversation involving the old familiar persons and scenes on the Hill above Zion Street.

"For details about the Isthmus in general and Colon in particular, I am going to pass the buck to a poet. He is a young Englishman named Randolph Henry Atkin, who lived on the Isthmus about five years ago and who wrote a little volume of poems entitled "Ballads of a Gringo: The Lure of the Tropics." As far as I know, these poems have never been marketed in the States, though I recall some reference to them in English 3, my senior year. But in England and here on the Isthmus they are popular, and deservedly so, even though some of them are palpable imitations of Kipling and Service. Incredible as it may seem to readers in the solemn, conventional, prosaic States, these poems exaggerate nothing except the heat. The latter is never as extreme as during the Hartford dog days, being totally devoid of the depressing and enervating effects so dreaded during a Northern summer. The midday average here for every month in the year is about 88 degrees, the mercury seldom rising above 90 degrees. The nights are perfect, the mercury being in the seventies, or, when a storm sweeps in from sea, as low as 65 degrees. Since the dry season began December 8, to last until April, the heat has seemed more severe, because the sun is seldom obscured by clouds; but there is actually no difference in the temperature.

"From time to time I will send "The Tripod" copies of the best of Atkin's poems."

A "Quo Vadis" club has been organized at Penn State College. To be eligible one must have beaten his way to athletic contests a distance of at least one thousand miles. Among the first to qualify for membership was Hugo Bedzek, the football coach.

Trinity College is worth \$62,000 according to the Hartford Grand List.

# NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE A. A. MEETING.

J. H. Callen, '21, manager of track, represented Trinity at the special meeting of the New England Intercollegiate A. A. Saturday, February 8, at the Boston A. A. Nine colleges were represented. C. H. Talcott of the Institute of Technology was elected president to succeed Paul Anderson, also of Tech, who resigned a few months ago. The constitution was amended so that a special student is not eligible for competition the first year. Students taking courses with no idea of obtaining a degree are barred from all New England college competitions.

The amendments resulted from the stand taken by the New Hampshire State College at the annual cross-country championship last fall, when the eligibility of some of its men was questioned.

Nothing was done regarding the date and place for the annual outdoor track and field championship in May. These will be decided by the executive and advisory committees.

# ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

A communication from the Military Training Camps Association of the United States, has recently been sent out. It indicates briefly the main features of "The (Wadsworth) Army Reorganization Bill (S-3792). As Trinity men were so well represented in the World War, the extracts, taken from the circular accompanying the letter, quoted below, will prove of interest to our readers.

"It provides for a regular army of 300,000 enlisted men and commissioned officers, with a reduction within five years of 25%.

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# CLASS MEETINGS.

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At a meeting of the freshman class Friday, the following officers were elected for the Trinity term: President, Walter W. Canner of Cheshire; vice-president, George E. Stevens of New Haven; secretary-treasurer, William C. Charlton of New York.

Middlebury has received a gift of \$1000 from one of her alumni for the purchase of books for the French department.

At Penn State, a higher classman may clip, on the spot, the fair locks of any freshman found escorting a young lady. There has been criticism of the custom on the ground that some freshmen have courted the penalty so as to appear martyrs in the eyes of the fair damsels.

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