



VARSIITY QUINT READY FOR FAST CUBA TEAM TONIGHT

First Home Game Sure to Draw Big Crowd

PURPLE TEAM WILL SEEK REVENGE FOR EARLIER DEFEAT

The Purple and Gold basketball five will clash with the Bartlett Hardware team of Cuba on the home court tonight.

Earlier in the season the Alfred quint journeyed to Cuba to play the first game of the season with the Hardware team and was quite badly defeated. Since playing this game the Varsity has gained considerable experience, and it is thought the professional team will be easily downed.

The Cuba team is one of the fastest of semi-professional teams in the county, and without doubt will display a fast brand of basketball in their clash with Coach Wesbecher's team.

Odell, who is well known in basketball circles for his exceptional shooting ability and clever pass work, will probably start the game for the visitors. Copeland, who is one of the fastest forwards playing in this class of basketball, and Guild, who has been seen several times on the Alfred

court in high school basketball, will probably play the forward positions. The remainder of the team will be made up of the best material available.

Coach Wesbecher has been putting his team through hard drill, regularly, and will have them in the pink of condition for this game.

It is expected that this will be one of the hardest fought games of the season as the Varsity is anxious to redeem itself of the defeat earlier in the season.

The next home game of the schedule is with Thiel College on February 1. Thiel will bring a strong team to represent her here, and this game will be without doubt hard and fast from start to finish. The Purple and Gold is still smarting from the sting of the defeat which was handed it at Thiel on the trip through Pennsylvania and will be fully prepared to deliver to the visiting team a thorough trouncing on the home court.

ALL-DAY STUNTS AND A DINNER IN HONOR OF NEW GIRLS

FRESHMAN GIRLS ARE WELCOMED BY O. M. H.

Strict orders went to every girl of '25 last Monday and on Tuesday the suggestions of the upperclass girls were carried out, the Freshmen presenting a most unusual and striking appearance.

Despite the fact that the weather was all that anyone could desire, open umbrellas were everywhere in evidence, some fantastically decorated to suite the individual taste of their owners. Then, too, the girls were strangely and very unusually silent when any of the gentlemen of the college were near.

In the evening the celebration ended with an informal party in the Brick parlors for all the college girls.

After the Freshmen who confessed to having broken any of the obligations imposed upon them during the day, had been duly punished, dancing whiled away the time till ten. Cocoa and doughnuts helped to refresh everybody, and the performance of the day came to an end.

SENATE NOTES

The fourteenth regular meeting was called to order by the President on January 17, 1922. The following dates were placed on the college calendar:

Prof. Tilroe, lecture (H. S. seniors)	Jan. 19
Junior sleigh ride	Jan. 21
Klan Alpine banquet	March 11
Theta Chi banquet	April 15
Second Assembly Dance	Feb. 4

It was voted that permission be given the chairman of the Frosh Minstrel committee to allow those students who participate in the entertainment of class day, to go without their Frosh caps, when the caps interfere with the costumes.

PUBLIC TIME TRIALS TO SHOW PROGRESS OF TRACK SQUAD

TRACK SCHEDULE CAN SOON BE ANNOUNCED

Robert Boyd '22, intercollegiate track manager, reports that Alfred will no doubt be able to arrange spring meets with some of the strongest of the minor college teams of this section. Final arrangements are being completed to bring Allegheny here for a meet in May. Definite announcement of the collegiate schedule can be expected soon.

Dr. Ferguson, who is coaching the track candidates daily at the Academy, urges all students to show their interest by coming to the time trials, to be held every Friday afternoon. On other days, the only ones welcomed at the gym—between 3:45 and 4:30 are those who are working for places on the track squad.

The indoor meets, scheduled for Feb. 11th and 25th, will probably be run early on those Saturday evenings, so that the movies can present full programs at 8:30 or 9 P. M.

PROF. TILROE IN SPLENDID LECTURE ON DUNBAR

Last Thursday evening Prof. Tilroe of Syracuse University gave a very interesting recital at Firemens Hall on the life and works of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, a negro poet who has been classed as one of the best American poets. The distinctive charm of Mr. Tilroe's presentation was the combined effect of his artistic skill in expression and of his deep sympathy with the poet whom he knew.

DEAN P. E. TITSWORTH LECTURES ON O. HENRY

Comprehensive Talk Covers Life and Work of Famous Author

In the English room at 5 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon, Dean Titsworth delivered a most interesting lecture on the life and works of O. Henry.

The Dean considered the life of the author in four distinct periods: (1) The Gainsborough period, from the date of the writer's birth in 1862 up to the year 1882; (2) the period of affairs (1882-1896); (3) the period of storm and stress (1896-1901), and (4) the period from 1901 to his death in 1910, a period spent largely in New York City in the culmination of his genius.

Of the period of storm and stress Dean Titsworth spoke as follows:

"Here we have the catastrophe which came near flooring O. Henry. In 1896 a charge was brought against him for the misappropriation of funds from the bank in which he had been employed. Instead of standing up and disproving the indictment, he committed the most foolish deed of his life—he ran away. There was no evidence against him. He came back when he learned that his wife was dying of consumption. O. Henry was tried, convicted and assigned to the North Carolina penitentiary. It was here while employed as a drug clerk that he assumed the name of O. Henry, the name of a celebrated French pharmacist which he had found in the United States Dispensary. The author's real name was William Sidney Porter."

"His characteristic temperament," said the Dean, is illustrated in the story of his death." It seems that he realized the situation as the time for him to go drew near, and smilingly he

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COLLEGE MEN OFFERED A CHANCE TO SERVE IN NEW PROJECT

Y. M. C. A. TO SEND OUT DEPUTATION TEAMS

At the Y. M. cabinet meeting, held Sunday evening, the leaders expressed unanimous approval of deputation work.

The new activity is being planned by Don Burdick, president of the college Y. M. C. A., and S. F. Lester of Wellsville, Y. M. secretary for Allegheny County. About three men will compose each deputation team, and as many college men as possible will be used in this work. Present plans call for a squad in a different Allegheny county town each Sunday in February, at least. Men who are interested in this form of work among older boys should speak to President Burdick at once.

ROBERT COLLEGE FUND DISCUSSED AT Y. M. C. A.

"Why Alfred students should raise \$500 for Robert College Scholarships this year" was discussed at the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday evening. Fred Gorab led the services and Robert Clark and Don Burdick gave short talks on the topic.

PROF. NORWOOD GIVES VARIED VIEWS OF ARMS CONFERENCE

"College Confab" Seems True to Life

APPLAUDING STUDENTS MUCH IMPRESSED BY ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Decidedly unique and highly entertaining and instructive was "The College Confab," as Dr. Norwood chooses to call his address given before the Assembly of students and faculty Wednesday morning. The consensus of opinion on the campus is "It was the best address given so far this year, and there have been some excellent ones." Dr. Norwood took this opportunity to air the personal opinions and attitudes of several typical college students on the paramount issue and results of the conference at Washington. The essential points follow after a brief resume of the characters and setting.

The scene is a fraternity house on the campus of Alfred. Forbes Conway, a college Junior, is studying at a table while his young fifteen-year old brother who is visiting him for a few days, is vainly trying to call the "Brick." The young chap has been in town but two or three days but already he has gone the way of mortal flesh on the campus and is sorely smitten by the charms of a Brickite. Suddenly the door opens and the boys' father drops in for an overnight stop on his way west to Cleveland. After the surprise has abated father and sons seat themselves and chat. At this time a fraternity brother of the Junior catapults into the room and

after hearty apologies, introductions, and an invitation to the newcomer to stay, the confab begins:

"What sort of a time are you having, you young rascal?" asked Mr. Conway playfully as he turned toward his younger son. "Are you absorbing a college education second hand?"

The youthful Conway merely grinned.

"I should say he was Dad," interposed Forbes quizzically, at least he is getting some of the major electives. Last night we were up to a little party at Alumni Hall, and one of those cute little Brick girls smiled most winsomely on Ted. Ted for his part promptly fell in love with her—bobs, bangs and all. She got complete possession of his little blood pump. Guess he has thought of little else since."

Ted was decidedly new at this business. Moreover he represented that peculiar type of boy which at one moment is excessively secretive and reticent, and at the next is naively telling you all about it. Just now his hands and feet felt so big to him that he had difficulty in finding storage room for the latter and convenient place to lay the former.

His father, seeing the boy's embarrassment, simply remarked half to himself "How like thirty years ago." Then wishing to change the subject he asked Fenton, who was looking casually over the newspaper, "What is the news Mr. Fenton?"

Fenton shot a swift glance at Forbes Conway as he answered the older man's question, "Oh, the Arms Conference is still lumbering on thinking to muzzle with a scrap of paper our national right to determine our naval policy ourselves. "They'll find out they can't do it."

No wonder Fenton had glanced up at Forbes as he made this preliminary sally. They had locked horns before on this mighty problem of international relations. Both boys were sincerely looking for the light but they had been driven to almost exactly opposite viewpoints by almost exactly similar experiences. Conway's gentle and magnanimous nature had been driven by his army experiences to a rather extreme pacificism. "The only way to stop war is just to stop it," he had been wont to say. Fenton's army life, had on the other hand, led him to despair of anything better, to doubt indeed if there was anything better, so he had pinned his faith to the strict maintenance of a rather narrow nationalism. They had frequently discussed the subject together, and although they were the best of friends—chums in fact—the give and take had sometimes been pretty hot and the amenities of polite speech had been conspicuously absent.

"I agree with you" retorted Forbes carefully, "that the Arms Conference will never amount to anything."

"Of course it won't," continued Fenton, "and the sooner we realize it the

FIRST BIRTHDAY OF THE SORORITY CELEBRATED AT MORGAN HALL

THETA CHI BANQUET

The Theta Chi Sorority gave a banquet to celebrate its first birthday Saturday evening, Jan. 14, in Morgan Hall.

It was just a year ago that a dinner in the Brick announced the beginning of Theta Chi. At that dinner there were seven present. Jan. 14th there were fifteen active members. The dinner would not have been so successful had not Miss Landwehr attended. The alumnae of Theta Chi were represented by Miss Eloise Clarke.

The dining room was decorated with festoons of purple and gold. Four gold-colored candles placed on each table cast the soft glow over a mass of white chrysanthemums in the center. The place cards designed by Miss Cynthia Hunt and the old fashioned candy baskets tied with lavender and gold ribbons, caused much admiration. The dinner consisted of

Fruit Cocktail	
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While the guests were sipping the cafe noir Miss Florence Bowden, the

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

MUSICAL PROGRAM PRESENTED

Prof. Remsen took charge of Assembly on Tuesday morning and supplied a musical program. Most of his violin selections were classical numbers, which he played with skill. Prof. Remsen was assisted by Mrs. Radasch on the violin and Mrs. Remsen at the piano. Two beautiful songs by Mrs. Truman added much to the program.

MISS SCHROEDER ON "CERAMICS"

Miss Schroeder gave an interesting talk Thursday morning on "Ceramics and Art." She gave the Ag students an idea of the work of our next door neighbors at Ceramic School.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

At last Wednesday night's meeting, Helen Chaffee, secretary of the Athletic Council tendered her resignation as secretary and member of the Council. Miss Chaffee has finished her course in Rural Teaching, and left last Sunday for Canaseraga where she will teach school. Orray Fraser was elected secretary for the balance of the year. Miss Chaffee's successor on the Council will be elected this week.

PROF. NORWOOD'S TALK

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better. It not merely can do us no good, but it may do us infinite harm by quieting our fears, lulling us into a false security, weakening our moral and material defenses. Then some day we shall get caught just as you pacifists got us caught when we entered the Great War. We will just hobble ourselves by our ridiculous promises."

"Strange isn't it" countered Conway parenthetically "that you and I agree that far i. e., on the futility of the Conference. Gee, but I'd hate to hold such old-fashioned nationalistic ideas as you have frozen to, Fenton. What is patriotism but an outgrown sentiment fit only for children and those who like you, still represent the childhood of the race. It got us into the recent war, and pretty nearly ruined civilization."

"Bosh!" exploded Fenton, "Men have been put in jail within the last five years for talking that way. You can say what you please, all the highest and finest aspirations of mankind, all the noblest sacrifices that people are willing to make, have been inspired and are today inspired by love of country. What was it sent the fellows, gaily confident, through the mud and slime, the vermin, the tangles, the gas, bullets and the shells of Arigonne? You know what it was; patriotism; the belief that as Americans they could equal any or surpass any, as Americans they must not be behind the fathers at Valley Forge and at Gettysburg. That's what in-

COUNTRY LIFE PROGRAM FURNISHED BY MUSICIANS

Tuesday night saw the initial appearance of the "unknown 8" of Ag School at the Country Life meeting.

The program consisted of popular songs. Professor Carlos Camenga sang "Sunny Tennessee" and "Dapper Dan." The rest of the program consisted of instrumental pieces. Following are members of the "unknown 8." Frances Witter and Frances Gardiner, piano; Prof. Camenga, cornet; Prof. Robinson, banjo; Jack Cornwell, violin; Lale House, saxophone; Ed Harns, mandolin. For the first appearance together, the program was well rendered and no doubt after more practice, Ag School will hear more of the Eight.

spired them. It was patriotism, I tell you, patriotism."

"Bosh again! thundered Forbes, evidently warming up. "Why don't you tell the rest of it, what else did your patriotism do? Didn't it inspire to vulgar, national self-assertion, to a determination on the part of various nations to get what they wanted justly or unjustly, peaceably or by force, by loot or by work and with nothing but contempt, for the rights and needs of other peoples? From your own point of view wasn't it patriotism that led the Germans to demand in their swollen, sickening national self-conceit, that they were the superior race, the chosen vessels of a higher civilization, and so must be allowed to impose their particular brand of culture on the world? And wasn't it patriotism that choked and gagged free speech among the allies and right here at home? Wasn't lying propaganda put out by the carload to fool people into backing the war? Weren't all sorts of measures put forth by hysterical patriots or artful schemers in the guise of patriots rammed down our throats in the name of winning the war? I'd go to jail another time before I'd countenance such silly sentimental self-deception, such brazen hypocrisy. Patriotism—piffle!!!"

"Oh, you ungrateful scoundrel" ejaculated Fenton himself a little shocked at the radicalism of his friend, "you renegade son of America. The most casual study of history proves that the highest spiritual attainments to which the animal man has reached, the broadest interests whose pull he has felt, have been connected with his love of country, his recognition of the claims of race. Why patriotism is...."

At this point the argument was stalled by:

"Hello! hello! central, I want Miss Ethelyn Hollis please."....."Where does she live, did you say?"..... "Oh yes, excuse me—at the Brick".... "Oh! the line's busy?" concluded Ted in a voice of extreme disappointment, and then he was suddenly brought

back to earth by a chorus of laughter from the other room. He was not excited over international politics at all. He had much more immediate interests and in the heat of the fray had slipped away to the telephone in the bed room alcove to resume negotiations so auspiciously begun the evening before. The laugh, however, had cleared the air in the confab and had restored relations there to something like normal again.

Conversation now lapsed to more commonplace topics. Suddenly the door from the hallway opened and in burst Steve Stanton.

"Listen Forbie, old man, let me take your....." Then he realized he was intruding and stopped short. Apologies and introductions followed, and Steve continued, "I wanted to borrow your English Lit. book for awhile. Mine's locked up in the gym." Forbes handed him the book, but urged him to stay and visit with them. They were just having a friendly confab, he explained. Steve demurred a little but stayed. The inconsequential conversation continued until Steve broke out enthusiastically,

"Oh fellows, did you hear about our debate?"

Forbes and Need looked a bit guilty. "What debate was this Steve?" Need asked after a brief pause

"Why, our debate in the argumentation class on the Arms Conference? The question was: Resolved, 'That the Conference for the Limitation of Armaments now sitting at Washington offers the most practical plan for assuring world peace.' I knew it by heart you see. Gee, I've been working on it for weeks, and our side, the affirmative, won. Oh we licked 'em to a stand still," went on Steve gloatingly.

For a moment neither Forbes nor Need spoke.

"Well, for one, I'm glad" ventured the elder Mr. Conway, "that some point of view exists on this old campus other than those I've listened to so far tonight. You ought to have heard your dear frat brothers here throw the harpoon into that conference about which you are so enthusiastic."

"I guess I did know, now that I stop to think" said Steve uncomfortably aware now that he had put his foot in it, "that Forbie held some ideas in such subjects, which some had thought a bit red."

"They may be even lurid old man," said Forbie, "but you mark what I say; that Conference is made up of a bunch of conservatives. They haven't the vision to do more than putter blindly around the edges of the problem, and leave us worse off than before, because the hopes of lots of good confiding people have been raised to absurd heights by the Conference and these hopes are bound to be dashed."

"It will not amount to anything" seconded Need from his opposite angle of vision, "because the plain people of this nation are too clear-headed to be hoodwinked by this mushy twaddle of internationalism whether it comes a la'Wilson or a la'Harding."

"Oh, so you fellows feel that way about it do you? Well you are a pair of the most impractical, doctrinaire fish I ever saw. Yes, Need's extreme conservatism is so ancient, it stinks. It is so grotesque that it meets the opposite extreme of Forbes coming the other way and agrees with it. I've read of extremes meeting but I never got so close to the phenomenon before."

"Nonsense, you don't understand" defended Forbes. "Yes, I do," retorted Steve shrewdly sensing the nature of the opposing views, and marshalling hurriedly some of the most striking ideas he had harvested for his debate. "Just let us apply a grain of horse sense to the situation. It is a real situation! If you are going to do anything permanent with it you must see it as it is. On the one

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A packed house will no doubt greet the Minstrel show which the college Freshmen are to present at Firemen's Hall Thursday evening. Two hours of music and mirth are promised. The net proceeds will be sent to the International Serbian Educational Committee, as part of the fund to aid Serbian students in this country.

"AGORA" CHALLENGES GERMAN CLUB

Alfred's classical society, the "Agora" recently challenged "Der deutsche Verein" to a debate on the respective merits of Latin and German study.

If the Verein accepts, the date will be set by a joint committee from the two societies. The German club is evidently waiting to receive a more specifically worded resolution before giving an answer. The original challenge, as posted, reads: Resolved "That the study of Latin is more profitable than the study of German."

JUNIOR PLAYS CHOSEN

The college Juniors are planning a program of one-act plays to be given March 2d, for the benefit of the 1923 Kanakadea. The plays will include "The Turtle Dove," a Japanese story of the willow-plate, and "The Striker."

SKIING A POPULAR SPORT

Alfred's ski enthusiasts are not represented at this year's Winter Carnival at Dartmouth, but if the interest in this thrilling sport continues to increase here, the participation of A. U. athletes seems possible. Perhaps Alfred will hold a winter carnival of its own, in future years.

Just now scores of ski artists are using every spare moment to practice on sharp inclines and short jumps. Long excursions over the surrounding hills are not uncommon.

The management of the 1923 Kanakadea urges all students and alumni, to send in their orders, immediately. Address all business correspondence to T. J. Ahern, Bus. Mgr.

Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin leaves Thursday night for New York, where she will give a concert with her sister, Miss Rose Becker, violinist. Alfred had the extreme pleasure of hearing Miss Becker in a very interesting recital last year.

"CERCLE FRANCAIS" RE-ORGANIZES

The Cercle Francais has reorganized for the rest of this year. At a short meeting, held recently, plans for the year were discussed.

In addition to the regular bi-monthly meetings, the club is looking forward to the production of an entertainment of French plays. The schedule of meetings and the committees on program for the second term are as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 24—Miss Neuweisinger, Mr. Strate, Miss Duyckinck
Tuesday, Feb. 7—Miss Houghtaling, Mr. White, Miss Stout

Tuesday, Feb. 21—Miss Haynes, Mr. Swain, Miss Thomas

Tuesday, March 7—Miss Greene, Mr. Miller, Miss Avery.

Y. W. C. A. HOLDS SILVER BAY MEMETING

Last Sunday evening, after a short devotional service led by Catherine Neuweisinger, the Y. W. C. A. meeting was turned over to the members who attended Silver Bay Conference last summer.

Florence Bowden described the Conference location and how to get there. Silver Bay is located on Lake George in the Adirondacks.

Margaret Glaspey defined the spirit of the Silver Bay Conference as being like that of Alfred, intangible but felt by all present. Miss Glaspey was especially interested in the student government meetings.

Anna Crofoot, undergraduate field representative at Silver Bay, explained that most of her time was taken up by forums for discussion of the industrial question and the matter of summer schools for industrial girls.

Charlotte Kershaw gave an account of a day's program. During the morning, she said, the delegates attended lectures and a class. After luncheon the girls went to their cottages for rest hour. The remainder of the afternoon was given over to basket ball, tennis, swimming and boating. Miss Kershaw further explained that three trips were planned for the delegates, one to Lookout Mountain to witness the sun rise, one to Ft. Ticonderoga and one to Ausable chasm.

Not all of last year's delegates to Silver Bay were present at the Sunday evening meeting, but those who were there gave a clear idea of the purpose of Silver Bay.

Next Sunday evening the Y. W. C. A. will hold a joint meeting with the Y. M. C. A. The program is in charge of the Y. W.

THETA CHI BANQUET

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toastmistress, arose, and after a few prefacing remarks concerning the founding of the Sorority, introduced the president, Miss Ayers. Miss Ayers spoke of the progress made by the Sorority in this its first year, and of how much Theta Chi meant to her. When she has finished she introduced Miss Eloise Clarke. Miss Clarke told how the alumnae members felt toward Theta Chi. "It is a home," she said, "to which we can come." "It is always open to us and we are always welcome."

Miss Jeanett Randolph, a new member, followed her and the speakers closed with a few words from Miss Landwehr.

For a half hour or so following the dinner, the girls talked and sang college songs. So ended the celebration of the first birthday of the Sorority.

Congratulations Theta Chi! May many more such anniversaries come to you.—Alfred Sun.

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turned to the physician at his side and said:

"Doc, put up the shades, I'm afraid to go home in the dark."

In the course of the lecture it was brought out that "humor and pathos play hide and go seek with each other in many of his stories."

"His humor was a cohesive force, not a divisive one. He never puts class against class, educated against uneducated, employer against employee."

"O Henry never throws a man away, from the park bench lizard to the captain of industry. He is deeply spiritual."

"His plots are condensed. He can say more in 1500 words than many a modern author can say in 3000. O. Henry uses his art in careful expository beginnings. His conclusions are in themselves not to be considered as significant as those of some authors, but rather as the logical outcome of carefully constructed expositions at the beginnings of the stories."

At the close of his lecture Dean Titsworth read two selections: first, "After Twenty Years," a story and next a poem which illustrated well the child-like sensitiveness of O. Henry.

All seats in the English room were filled and everyone present at this lecture certainly enjoyed it. Several people who were in attendance expressed the wish that we might have something of this sort each week. O. Henry is an interesting personality and he was treated by the speaker in a most vital and comprehensive manner, in a manner which showed an intimate acquaintance with the subject and a careful selection of material.

DER DEUTSCHE VEREIN

Due to other activities the attendance at the last meeting of "Der Deutsche Verein" was not very large. However there was a lively discussion whether or not the society should accept the challenge which the "Agora" posted on the bulletin board of the Post Office. The question of acceptance was left over until more of the members were present. Therefore all those interested in debating should make a special effort to be present at the next meeting.

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GLEE CLUB READY TO START SEASON

The Alfred University Glee Club has put in many weeks of rehearsals under the direction of Prof. Ray W. Wingate, in preparation for this season's engagements. These include Wellsville, Belmont, and Hornell and then the "big trip" to New York City and other interesting places, which will start March 22d.

The chorus this year is not without talent for there are many fine voices. The biggest novelty of all is a four-piece orchestra composed of violin, banjo mandolin, saxophone and piano. Sixteen members will compose the club on its various trips. May they carry with them the honor and ideals of Alfred University.

BRICKETTES

Margaret Glaspey entertained all the Senior girls at a spread in her room Wednesday evening.

Aqa Mills left on Friday for Rochester to attend her sister's wedding.

Much to the dismay of the Juniors their sleigh ride, which promised to be a cool affair, thawed out.

Helen Chaffee has gone to Canaseraga to teach for the remainder of the year.

Twelve college girls had a glorious time at Laura Stillman's Saturday evening.

Mrs. Middaugh is busy caring for the victims of this wintry weather.

The Brick girls wish to thank the Holmes family for the jolly time at the sleigh ride party.

Doris Maxson spent the week-end at the home of her aunt in Andover.

Everybody had lots of fun and lots of "eats" at Helen Shepard's birthday spread.

PROF. NORWOOD'S TALK

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Hand the American people will never be content to sit still and do nothing toward producing a better international life. The national conscience can't be content to accept rights and forever deny obligations in spite of some of the statements and implications in the heat of the political campaign last year. They want to do something worthy of their best traditions. On the other hand we didn't join the League of Nations, therefore there exists no visible, ready-made means of hitching ourselves to the international car. What's more sensible then than for Pres. Harding to call this Arms Conference? Its program is far less ambitious than the Wilson project. It involves fewer nations and those the real world leaders, whose actions count. It tackles the important though comparatively restricted tasks of winning a naval holiday and solving the Chinese problem. If it gets away with these as it bids fair to do, the next Conference

can tackle still bigger tasks. It isn't impossible, that in the long run it will lead us to the same thing as the League of Nations but by a road more agreeable to the American people."

"You've got another guess coming Steve old boy," broke in Fenton "if you think our people want any such thing. Think of the 7,000,000 majority last year. Notice the rising opposition in the Senate to this miniature League concocted by the Conference."

"And you've sure got an excess of childlike faith" added Conway, "if you expect such results from a bunch of politicians who would cry the League of Nations up or down according as it affected their campaign to capture power and the offices for their party. They are all alike, a bunch of bone-heads bankrupt and discredited manikins, in a bankrupt and discredited social order."

Steve then suggested that a group of leading cranks from each nation would probably rebuild the world more satisfactorily—on paper. He defended the delegates. "The men at the Conference actually represent the peoples. They know what can be done. Their fingers are on the pulse of their respective publics. Their plans have a good chance of acceptance. They act with a real sense of responsibility to real constituencies. Bad and good as they are they reflect fairly well our present dominant wishes."

"Arms Conference, shucks," put in Need, a bit hard up for adjectives.

"Well, Dad," said Forbes, "we haven't heard a word from you."

"That's so," added Steve, "Mr. Conway must have thoughts on this great subject."

Mr. Conway had listened to the clash of ideas with mixed feelings. He was astonished at the extreme views of his son—perhaps a bit worried by them, but he was also secretly proud of the boy's idealism, and his earnest intellectual interest.

Mr. Conway fixed his benevolent eyes on his son. "I used to think," he said, "that the world would be better off if such impatient radicals as you, and such, and such self-satisfied moss-backs as Mr. Fenton here (pardon me, Fenton) were all obliterated. Maybe some day your types will be evolved out of existence. Meantime I'm not sure but you perform a real service. At least you balance each other and tend to steady the ship of state. What a hectic, erratic old craft it would be if all the Fentons fell overboard and how deadly would be the monotonous snail pace, how suffocating the stench of stagnation if all were like Fenton. (Pardon me again Fenton, please). But with you all mixed up and distributed about the boat she maintains an even keel and at least enough speed to make steering possible if not easy."

"You speak very plainly Mr. Con-

way," said Fenton. "Frankly, I am anxious to safeguard America. America means everything to us. Let's think of our country. I'm a hundred percent American. I glory in my Americanism."

"That's right, lad, I'm glad of it," agreed the older man, "but I'm sure after listening to you tonight you overdo it. Aren't we the wealthiest and strongest nation on the footstool? We don't need to go around all of a tremble, afraid of every strange sight and sound. Let us be brave in proportion to our size and power. You act panicky. We'll necessarily be there if anyone tries to carry us off in his vest pocket."

"Being a hundred percent American is an expression which if used in one sense is entirely unworthy of us. That is when our American nationalism absorbs us so completely that we have no room for interest in our sympathy or patience with anything that can't be labeled American. You will pardon me Fenton I'm sure, if I say candidly, I fear your percentage has done that for you."

"I'm not sure too, but we have reached a turn in the long and glorious road in the evolution of Americanism. Up to now it has been a broadening, an ennobling influence. Americanism has taught us to rise above the local the state, the sectional and to love America. It has ever beckoned us on to an expanded mental and spiritual horizon. I hope it is not now going to be used to hold us back. I hope it is not henceforth to be a narrowing influence, clipping the wings of the higher nationalism, and smothering the hope of a new, better organized and better spirited international life."

"The Arms Conference can do effectively only that which the publics of the countries represented are ready to have done. So it is after all a matter of popular education. It depends on you and me and the ordinary people of our neighbor nations. If there are to be succeeding Conferences, successful ones, the nations will need to get better acquainted and cultivate the spirit of fraternalism, the international mind. I say we need better acquaintance. For instance it is not compatible with a reputation for worldly wisdom, and a broad contact with affairs, for one of us, say, to visit New York City and be overcome with surprise that the streets are paved and that the buildings are taller than the spire of the home church; but it is quite compatible with such a reputation to go to Paris and be struck dumb with astonishment on learning that the little children speak perfectly good French; or to go to London and find that the locomotives have no cowcatchers, that the rule of the road is to the left and that they call the last letter of the alphabet zed instead of zee. The New York experience would surely mark you as a "rube;" the foreign experience might get you hailed as a genuine patriot. "Oh yes and we need a new spirit. Heaven knows other nations need to

cultivate it too. It must be reciprocal to be effective. But our responsibility is for a new spirit here. The Arms Conference is the result of this new spirit. Its most permanent result will be the impetus it gives to this new spirit in international life. We personally can do our part. What an achievement it would be if we could cut from our personal vocabularies a certain class of words, and at the same time really mean it—root out the spirit they represent. I mean such words as Wop, Dago, Chink, Sheeney, Nigger. Why not have an organization of students pledged to do that? Or let some existing organization take it up. My wouldn't that boom the higher nationalism? Wouldn't it refresh our domestic social life? If too many did it, it might drop us into the millenium."

Mr. Conway stopped. The boys had listened attentively.

"Hurrah" yelled Steve, "I'm sorry for you guys. But I must be going" he said suddenly, looking at his watch "Good night if it isn't one o'clock!!! But I wouldn't have missed this for worlds. I wish that debate had been set for next Friday instead of today. There wouldn't have been enough fragments left to bother about baskets."

"Hello, hello central!!!" The voice came from the bed room, and was of that unmistakable quality that proclaims its owner to be fast asleep. The confabulators gathered at the alcove curtain and there in the dim light they saw Ted fast asleep but sitting bolt upright in bed. With a dumbbell to his ear and an empty ink bottle to his lips. He was vainly trying to call the Brick.

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