

## Collegiate World

### STUDENTS ESTABLISH SERMON SWEEPSTAKES

Cambridge, England—(IP)—The varied restrictions which tend to make life dull for Cambridge University students on Sundays, no longer hold any threat to the happiness of a large number of the undergraduates since the inauguration of the "Sunday Sermons Sweepstakes."

Unwittingly, the pastors of 12 local churches play the biggest part in the operation of this newest and strangest sporting event which has already become famous.

What it amounts to is betting on the length of the Sunday sermons of the pastors.

In the rooms of the organizers of the sweepstakes are charts showing the records of past performances by the divines, and there bets ranging from two shillings to ten shillings may be placed up to 11 o'clock every Sunday on any one of the day's speakers.

A group of official timers take their stop watches to the various churches with them, and keep careful track of the number of minutes overtime each pastor preaches.

After several weeks of observation, the affair has become one of handicaps, and there are dopsters and tipsters who regularly clean up because they have carefully studied the habits of the ministers in the town.

The university preacher, usually a visitor, usually is an unknown quantity, and is the object of bets of the casual followers of the sport, and is usually given long odds. Odds on a bishop are automatically cut in two, however.

Not long ago the sweepstakes narrowly escaped bankruptcy when a minister who substituted for a long shot and on whom bets were allowed at regular minister's rates, set a new record by preaching for 56 minutes.

Statistics reveal that 21½ minutes is the average length of a sermon, with one which lasted only nine minutes holding the record in that direction to date.

Length of prayers is not taken into account in calculating the extent of the pastor's remarks.

### COLLEGE OR PEN

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—(IP)—With penitentiary convicts writing for the elite magazines and studying university extension courses, and with colleges banning automobiles and photographing all incoming students with serial number cards stuck up in front of their bosoms, the saying has become:

"If you can't go to college, go to jail."

Now, University of Utah undergraduates love their alma mater dearly, and when the little cards with numbers on were included in the photographs, they passed it off as convenience to the hard worked college officials who like to keep their students straight in their records.

But when the same pictures—numbers and all—appeared in this year's books (called Frosh Bibles on many a campus), it was to say the least disconcerting.

A young revolution was threatened until the Utah Chronicle, sensing trouble if something was not done, carefully explained that convict pictures always appear without collars and ties, whereas every student photographed fortunately had been clothed to the gills.

Moreover, the college newspaper pointed out, the student pictures were taken before the undergraduates had sworn to go without shaving until old alma mater defeated hated Siwash. Convict pictures always are unshaven.

And as a further precaution against a general uprising, the Chronicle suggested that a double-barrelled shot gun be used on the next humorist who commented:

"Doesn't it look just like a convict in the rogues' gallery?"

Our happiness is equal to our resources divided by our wants; we must diminish our wants to increase our quotient.—Mgr. Michael J. Lavelle.

### HARNESS GULF STREAM

MATANZAS, Cuba—(IP)—After two failures which cost his backers hundreds of thousands of dollars, Professor George Claude has at last demonstrated the practicability of his electrical power plant operated by utilizing variations in temperature of Gulf Stream water.

As cold water flows from the huge tube more than 4,000 feet long to the bottom of the ocean, warm water from the surface flows into great vacuum tanks, where it is converted into steam because of the lack of pressure.

In a short time the steam reaches such a pressure that the adjacent tubes begin to revolve, and the cold water flowing about vacuum tanks condenses the steam in one while the other is filling.

The condensation produces a fresh vacuum, so that by the time the full tank is exhausted the other is ready to begin functioning.

Professor Claude was able to light 40 light bulbs with his strange turbine.

Observers believe it will mean a revolution in industrial power methods.

### Athlete and Student

BLACKSBURG, Va.—(IP)—William Grinus jr. the second freshman ever to win class numerals in four sports at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, stands at the head of a class of 500 in academic work. Grinus is from Orient, Ill., and he met requirements for athletic awards in football, boxing, baseball and track.

### Athletes Study

MADISON, Wis.—(IP)—"No practice until further notice — hit the books!" is a sign recently posted on the training room door of the University of Wisconsin football squad by Coach Walter T. Meanwell, who seldom loses a member of his team through low grades on their part.

The student's ability can be measured very well, but we have no methods of comparable validity for gauging interest and opportunity. These factors, however, cannot be neglected, for they account for a large percentage of scholastic failures.—D. T. Howard.

## DID YOU KNOW



By J. A. Barnes

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Yesterday was Dean Charles Puryear's seventieth birthday?

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The first copy of The Battalion was published in 1901, twenty-nine years ago?

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The water tower is over 150 feet high and has a capacity of 150,000 gallons?

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From September 19 to October 10, this year, there were 584 teaspoons, 254 knives, and 350 pie plates removed from the mess hall?

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The Mississippi River flows up hill and the entire Jordan river is below sea level?

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Bob Herbert, editor-in-chief of The Battalion, was actually caught walk-

ing down with the First Battalion, Infantry, staff early last week?

In an effort to offset the habit of becoming "music listeners" gendered in youngsters by the radio and player piano, school authorities in New York are setting up courses in music to develop "players of music" among children.

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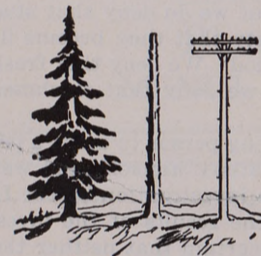
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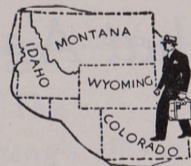
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