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## Miss Thompson Talks On Peace

### Bible Professor Believes in Necessity of Courage to Stick to Conviction

#### FORUM HEADS PROGRAM

Miss Seal Thompson of the Bible department spoke at the Armistice day assembly in Pendleton hall at 4:40 p.m. on "What Does the Armistice Mean to Us?" The program was sponsored by Forum.

Miss Thompson first recalled to mind the rejoicing present on Wellesley's campus, as in every other spot in the country, on that November 11, 19 years ago when peace was declared. "But how naive we were!" she added, mentioning the war conditions now prevalent on three fronts. The only manner in which we as lovers of peace can eventually overcome such war, she believes, is by having the courage and determination to stick to our convictions.

Although Miss Thompson feels that 19 years is not long enough to gain a perspective of the meaning and moral results of the great war, she believes that all war is a "collective sin" with certain inevitable and concrete results. In general, standards of living are lowered and the innocent suffer. More particularly, there are after-effects such as the great increase in the number of tuberculosis cases which came in 1914 and 1915.

What can we as the intelligent American citizens of the next few decades do to promote peace? Miss Thompson emphasizes the necessity of maintaining a definite opinion. And the source from which that opinion should be culled is religion, for religion is the only force which will build a world community. The one who hopes to destroy war cannot wait for numbers to back him in his convictions—he must support them so actively that others will join him. He must first of all be informed; know the grievances of nations which, if unconsidered, may lead to warfare. Then he must actively uphold his ideas by joining a peace organization. Lastly, he must be willing to sacrifice himself in any way which he knows will further his goal—peace.

FIELD DAY POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18 3:45 P. M.

## MISS McAfee LEAVES ON 'GOOD WILL' TOUR

### President Visits Wellesley Clubs; Meets Prospective Students in East and Middle West

President Mildred H. McAfee left Wellesley on November 9 on a long planned "good will" tour of the east and middle west. On her trip, Miss McAfee is speaking to Wellesley clubs and prospective Wellesley students. She will be absent from the college until November 21.

Included in her itinerary are visits to Summit, N. J.; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Louisville, Ky.; St. Louis, Mo.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Syracuse, N. Y.

## Women Uphold Music Stronghold In U. S.

"It is the ladies who make music possible in America," said Mischa Levitzki, famous pianist, who will be heard here tonight at 8:30 in Alumnae hall. "American men have a phobia about it. If they would let themselves go, they would like it as much as anyone else. But they still cling to the primitive notion that to like music is effeminate. If it weren't for American women, there would be little good music in the United States."

Recently in Texas, the pianist had an example of how men regard music in some of the smaller cities. The attitude is typical of a large group, he thinks.

"I was giving a recital under the auspices of a college," Mr. Levitzki related. "A thousand persons made up the audience—a thousand women. There wasn't a male as far as the eye could reach. I concluded quite naturally that it was a woman's college, but what was my surprise on the following morning when I walked across the campus and saw quantities of men and boys and learned that it was a co-ed place."

"In the afternoon I talked with a girl student whom I had met previously. She apologized for not having been at the recital, saying that she had a very heavy date and could not persuade her lad to accompany her. Not even for the sake of being with her would the young man risk the public opinion of his kind to the extent of being seen at a concert."

"The European man does not fear that he might be jeopardizing his manhood by showing a love for music."

## Where the Constitution Was Signed



Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, formerly the State House. Here the Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. The Declaration of Independence had been adopted there July 4, 1776, and later signed by the delegates to the Continental Congress.

## College Hears T. Reed Powell

### Initial Lecture Deals with 'Chartered Courses and Political Currents'

#### CLAIMS EXPEDIENCY

Professor Thomas Reed Powell of the Harvard Law School opened Wellesley's commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the framing of the constitution of the United States with a lecture on "Chartered Courses and Political Currents" on Monday, November 15 in Pendleton hall at 8:00 p.m. Professor Edward Ely Curtis of the department of history and political science introduced the speaker and read a telegram of sesquicentennial greeting from President Mildred H. McAfee. This lecture introduced the series delivered this week by Professor Powell on "Some ways of a Written Constitution."

#### RECENT CONTROVERSY

Professor Powell began his lecture by reminding us that the story of the American constitution belongs to modern times. In these recent times, especially the years 1933-1936, there has been a diversity of constitutional attitude.

The framers of the constitution built broad avenues adequate today if legislators are smart enough to find the way. Their structure is the foremost in our present national life. These men acted "not as lawyers but as statesmen." They planned for change and were not worshippers of precedent.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL GROWTH

Professor Powell explained the steps taken before the ratification of the constitution, and the inter-state controversies which followed. No one thought the constitution was perfect but it was designed to make as good a government as possible.

A certain amount of flexibility accompanied the creation of the upper and lower houses. The duties of the president, to recommend legislation, have expanded until now he is a leading legislator. The United States has inherited an adequate legacy which legislators of our time may use to successful fruition. Political attitudes are now mixed with economic interests. The national government had effective taxing power necessary for the security of the future, and it has retained it with but two exceptions. Congress has power to legislate in all things concerning the whole union.

Professor Powell concluded that the framers must be praised for what they did and what they left undone.

## DR. SALINAS ADVOCATES SPANISH TYPE LEISURE

"To the Spaniard, leisure is as necessary to human progress as work," Professor Pedro Salinas told his audience at his lecture on "The Spaniard and his Use of Time." Senor Salinas compared the American conception of leisure with that of the Spaniard. In his leisure time the Spaniard is more creative than the American. The great Spanish institutions for creative leisure are the cafe, the casino, and the paseo, a place for promenades; from such sources a multitude of ideas spring, which can influence progress. Spanish women spend much time bargaining, not so much to save a few cents but for the personal satisfaction to be gained.

Senor Salinas believes Americans can profit by the Spanish attitude toward time.

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## Calendars To Honor President Pendleton

The Wellesley calendars will appear again this year. Betty Wunderle '39 is in charge of the publication, which will honor Miss Pendleton and will show a picture of her on the frontispiece. An additional feature of this issue of the calendar will be a list of the college events, including the social activities and the dates of vacations. The sale of copies, which will cost \$1.00, will begin on November 26, the day after Thanksgiving, and will last until Christmas. There will be a representative in each house.

## PHI BETA KAPPAS WILL INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

The Phi Beta Kappa initiation will take place on Tuesday evening, November 23 at the president's house. At this time the sophomore prize will also be presented. Miss Louise Overacker of the department of history and political science will be the guest speaker.

## Student Names Best Books For Pleasure

Tomorrow, November 19, the Week-end shelf in the library will contain a group of books selected by a student. Two years ago a girl who had for some time been a regular "customer" of the shelf asked if she could submit a list of what she considered the 20 "best books" read by students for pleasure, not merely left in the stacks as required reading. Her list was so good that this marks the second year that it has been used.

Students are reminded that the Week-end shelf is to the right of the main door, opposite the main desk. Books placed there circulate for the usual two weeks; the term Week-end refers to the time when a new collection is put up.

## POETS DISCUSS MEANS OF PUBLISHING WORKS

The Wellesley poetry society, under the chairmanship of Norma Scharfman '39, will hold its second meeting of the year on Friday, November 19. Members of the literary board of the Wellesley Review have been invited to attend the meeting to discuss the business angle of poetry from the point of view of publishable and unpublishable material.

## Wellesley Participates In College Movement For Advancement Of Higher Education In China

The Yenching - Wellesley relation emerged into the limelight this fall for two reasons: first because of the international interest in China at the moment, and second because of Dean Margaret Speer's visit to the Wellesley campus. Now, from the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China comes news of the work of other American colleges with Chinese affiliations. Wellesley is not alone in its effort to promote higher education in China.

At Yenching alone, three universities and one other college contribute to the income of that institution. In 1928, the Harvard-Yenching Institute was founded "to promote both in China and in America graduate study and research in the various branches of Chinese culture and to encourage the Chinese to study their own civilization and to interpret this civilization to the west." Co-operation between Yenching university and Princeton university is also made possible through the Princeton - Yenching foundation, which has operated continuously since 1905,

The University of Missouri school of Journalism has co-operated with the department of journalism at Yenching since 1929. A second woman's college has shown interest in Yenching by providing an annual Wheaton college scholarship.

Smith college performs a function similar to Wellesley's in its support of Gling college in Nanking. "Gling is the first call on Smith's community chest fund," receiving two-fifths of the fund raised annually by the undergraduates.

Lingnan university, like Yenching, enjoys the support of more than one American university. The Pennsylvania State college has contributed an average of several thousand dollars annually since 1918 to Lingnan. Lingnan also receives annual contributions from the University of Pittsburgh and from Williams college, which began in 1919.

Rather than making annual donations to a particular Chinese college, other American colleges make their contributions to some specific region in China.

Oberlin college, adopting this plan, expresses its main interest through "the work of Oberlin-in-Shansi which is not directly related to any of the Christian colleges." A long and friendly relationship between Oberlin and Cheelo university marks Oberlin's participation in Chinese education.

In its relation with Hua Chung college, the Yale-in-China plan makes "what is probably the largest contribution of any American university to Christian higher education in China." A Cornell-in-China group lends its support to the University of Nanking. The Cornell contributors are a voluntary group who state their purpose "to establish and foster a Cornell enterprise in China."

Wesleyan university, Middletown, began higher educational work in West China in 1899, and since then has contributed to the support of West China Union university. Dickinson college and Syracuse university have also selected this West China Union university for their interest.



### Thomas Reed Powell Analyzes Court Role

#### Harvard Professor Emphasizes Irregularity of Supreme Court's Legislation

Professor Thomas Reed Powell discussed the irregularities of judicial law-making in his second lecture of the current constitutional series, entitled "The Aristocracy of the Robe," delivered at Pendleton hall last Tuesday, November 16 at 8:30.

"In the field of constitutional law," Professor Powell began, "the exercise of judicial discretion is at its widest." He devoted the bulk of his address to an illustration and amplification of this interpretation.

#### JUDICIAL REVIEW

Originally, he pointed out, the power of judicial review was not expressly granted to the court and in the course of legal history it was inserted by the interpretation of one man, James Marshall, in the famous case of Marbury vs. Madison.

"The curb of federal power did not come to the fore," he amplified, "until congress increased the power of the fourteenth amendment. By doing so congress greatly enhanced the national power, not of the President or of the legislature, but of the Supreme Court."

#### MINIMUM WAGE LAW

Professor Powell went into a lengthy discussion of the minimum wage laws during the last 26 years to show how the changing personnel of the court reflected itself in the decisions on the case. In "counting heads on the court" he pointed out that in the period of litigation 18 justices participated in the decisions, 11 for the bill and 7 against it—the sum total 18 made possible because Justice Roberts reversed himself.

"In fact," he summarized, "a majority existed in favor of the law. The chance of calendar and eligibility denied the law due process."

Professor Powell called upon the national judiciary to prove itself worthy of Professor Burgess's label, the aristocracy of the robe. He concluded by saying that the meriting of that title depended on the judiciary's respect for *noblesse oblige*, "the solemn obligations which judicial station imposes."

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### Camera Club Begins Organization Plans

Friday night Pendleton hall saw the birth of a new campus organization, the Camera club. A meeting of lens enthusiasts elected Elise Strahl '39, president, and Alice Jantzen '39, secretary.

Plans for the future are still fairly nebulous, depending upon the realization of such desires as a bulletin board, a library, even a dark room and club room. The date for the next meeting was tentatively set as Monday, November 29, at 7:15 in Pendleton hall. At that time the club hopes to have a showing of lantern slides on "Night Photography."

### SOCIETIES GATHER FOR FALL PROGRAM MEETINGS

Societies held their first program meetings on Saturday evening, November 14, in their society houses.

Professor Robert Stanley Illingworth of Clark university spoke at Phi Sigma on "Modern Poetry," emphasizing the lack of popular interest and giving suggestions for the development of a taste for poetry.

Miss Judith Williams of the history department talked at Agora on "Social Conditions in England."

Tau Zeta Epsilon celebrated this program meeting with a series of famous Dutch paintings of the seventeenth century posed by members of the society. Catherine Hascall '38 gave short introductory speeches to each portrait.

Alpha Kappa Chi heard a resumé of two Greek plays, the tragedy *Antigone* and the comedy of Aristophanes called *The Frogs*, by Miss Helen H. Law of the Greek department.

Shakespeare and Z. A. have not yet had a regular program meeting, but will meet soon to discuss plans for the year.

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If the *New York Times* is upholding its ancient reputation for veracity, Wellesley may momentarily expect an invitation to membership in the Princeton "Lonely Hearts Club." Three weeks ago the *Vassar Miscellany* carried an advertisement to the effect that "Hundreds of men are lonely in Princeton. Are you lonely too? Find your post-box lover by writing the lonely hearts club, 121 Little hall, Princeton, N. J. No fee. Everything confidential."

Due to the "gratifying" response, expressed in an immediate influx of letters into the Little hall mail box, Lonely Hearts is about to extend its sphere of operations. According to fears expressed in a recent edition of the *Vassar Miscellany* charter members of the inter-collegiate project "may find themselves competing with Wellesley and Smith trails in the hunt."

### M. I. T. STUDENTS VISIT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

The Cosmopolitan club entertained foreign students from M. I. T. at a tea in Agora on Sunday afternoon November 14. Among the 50 attending were men from Siam, the Philippines, China, Canada, France, Germany, England, Guatemala, Mexico, India, Italy and other countries.

### Faculty Members Perform For Alliance Française

Members of the French department will give a costumed reading of *Knock* by Jules Romaine at a meeting of the Alliance Française Monday, November 22, at 8 p. m., at Shakespeare House.

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### C. A. NOTES

#### Protestantism

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, leader of last year's Religious Forum, will be with us again to speak at C. A. vespers in the living room of Pomeroy, at 4:45 p. m. this Sunday, November 21. His subject, "Religion and Education," is calculated to arouse discussion.

Today at the C. A. tea, Rev. Dwight Bradley spoke on "Protestantism." The last tea of the series will be a tie-up meeting on Thursday, December 9, in which the main points of the previous teas will be summarized and discussed.

The committee on employees has begun to function actively. Tap dancing classes for all the interested maids have been started under the leadership of Gwendolyn Wilder. A program of movies began this week with films on *Hunting*, and *Germany*.

#### Movie For Employees

A movie at 8 p. m. at Pendleton hall will be presented for the college employees this Friday evening, November 19. Refreshments will be served in the faculty tea room afterwards and everyone is cordially invited.

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### Out From Dreams and Theories

Mrs. Claude Gilson

Mrs. Claude Gilson, director of the Wellesley College Travel bureau, will speak of occupations connected with travel on Tuesday, November 23, at 4:40 p. m. in T. Z. E.

#### Vocational Zoology

Three lectures on "The Vocational Uses of Zoology" were given on Wednesday, November 10, at T. Z. E. Miss Virginia Spurrier '32 outlined her work as technician in the laboratory of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Miss Ethel B. Wiley, teacher of biology in the Framingham high school, sketched briefly the content of the usual course, and outlined the necessary qualities for the teacher. Mrs. Margaret Van Winkle, curator of the museum in Sage hall, described her work in detail, and discussed the women who had achieved success in such work.

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**PSYCHOLOGY** is hard on the mind in more ways than one. A professor in the psychology department startled his class by asking them what relation John Stuart Mill was to his father.

**ENTERING** one of his classes for the first time in over a week, Perry was hurt when a fellow student inquired coldly, "Aren't you in the wrong class?"

**RATHER** indignant was an instructor in psych the other day when his class laughed on being asked to imagine a purple elephant with wings. "I," he said, "have no trouble in picturing one."

**REALLY** keeping in tune with the times is the professor who decidedly excluded swing music from his ideal state.

**YEARS** have given no sense of decorum to the 1912 statue in front of the libe, Perry fears. It was seen holding a cigarette the other day, in complete disregard or ignorance of graybook regulations.

**PERRY**, whom languages still baffle, has great sympathy for a friend he found poring over a French dictionary. "The only word it gives for conference is *rendez-vous*," she wailed, "and I can't ask M de Messieres for that!"

**PERRY** realizes how Biblical History changes one's outlook and was not surprised to hear a sophomore who was regarding the statues on the facade of Trinity Church say, "It says Isaiah, but I wonder if it is first or second."

**WELLESLEY** girls don't set out to be gold-diggers, but they seem to have an unconscious technique. One sophomore impressed her date by the amount of pop-corn she managed to consume at one of New York's cocktail bars. The next week she received a huge tin of that delicacy which has lasted for three weeks so far, and shows every sign of lasting three more.

**PERRY** was amused at the actions of a maid on telephone duty as she informed a girl of a long distance call from a party from whom these calls were by no means scarce. Preceding the girl down the hall, snapping her fingers and wagging her head rakishly, the maid was heard to hum softly the strains of the wedding march from *Lohengrin*.

**THE** inebriated gentleman on the bicycle seen cavorting on Central street in front of the Quad caused Perry much worry last Sunday. However, Perry later learned that he was not half so concerned as the police

Alumnae Returning To Celebration Express Divergent Opinions on Law

Wellesley graduates attending Dr. T. R. Powell's lectures this week, as guests of the college, expressed widely divergent attitudes toward current legal problems in interviews with the News reporter. These attitudes reflect most vividly a difference in legal training, in environment and background and, most of all, in generation.

**MARGARET CONNERS '35**  
Margaret Connors '35, the youngest returning alumna, and Yale law school '38, comes to the campus fresh from a constant hammering of the byword of the school, "constitutional law is political expediency and should be regarded as such." Miss Connors will take her examinations for the Connecticut bar this summer preparatory to general practise and hopes to mix law judiciously with politics.

Her legal experience has not been confined to the academic world. She worked last summer as assistant to the counsel of the New York city civil liberties union and in that capacity attempted unsuccessfully to get several Porto Ricans out of jail. Miss Connors also prepared the judicial brief for the case concerning the Jehovah witnesses and the salute of the flag now before the New York supreme court.

**RUTH MINER '16**  
Approaching the function of constitutional law from the point of view of years of experience through the current proposals for reform Ruth Miner '16, Albany lawyer, member of the board of directors of the Albany

Legal Aid society and president of the Bethlehem Republican women's club, took a different point of view. When questioned on her attitude toward the recently defeated bill for the reorganization of the supreme court, Miss Miner opposed the bill emphatically. "As a pernicious and unreasoned attack on the normal processes of government," she pointed out, "it proposed reforms based on arguments that have no foundation. It attempted to do indirectly and with subterfuge what should have been done openly and by amendment."

Further questioning on the subject of the Black appointment bore out Miss Miner's concept of the inviolability of the supreme court in maintaining the balance of power between the various branches of the government. Miss Miner characterized the appointment as a vindictive one and added that she considered Justice Black entirely unsuited to occupy a position on the supreme court.

**SARA M. SOFFEL '08**  
Sara M. Soffel '08, judge of the county court of Allegheny county in Pennsylvania since 1930 and attorney of 13 years practise prior to her appointment to the bench, agreed in principle with Miss Miner's views on the proposed reorganization of the supreme court. She outlined her reasons for that stand by pointing out that the premises on which the need

Forum Features

Vero Brittain in Boston

After an absence of two years, Vera Brittain, distinguished British author and lecturer, returns to Boston next week to speak at Sanders theatre, Cambridge, on Monday evening, November 22 at 8 o'clock. Sponsored by the League of Nations association of Massachusetts, she will give her own answer to the question, "Is War Inevitable?", a question now in the minds of a large part of humanity. Twenty tickets ranging in price from 55 cents to \$1.20 are being sold by Anne Paulsen '39 of Beebe until November 19.

Economists Entertain For Department Majors

The department of economics will give a tea for senior majors on Thursday afternoon, November 18, at 4:30 p. m. in Horton house.

for reorganization was based are without fact.

"To appoint judges to secure a special interpretation," she continued, "is to strike at the chief characteristic of law, independence. I can only quote the majority decision in the Minnesota mortgage case which stated that 'emergency does not create power; it simply creates the occasion for the exercise of that power.'"



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## Wellesley's Constitution

What is wrong with this college? It is our custom in these columns to build up our alma mater—we praise its intellectual habits, we laud its religious opportunities, the spiritual inspiration of our beautiful surroundings. It is the third key to our tri-partite institution, the key which unlocks the door to successful community living, which we now choose to criticize rather than to laud.

Our recent concentration upon national constitutional issues and government has led us to scrutinize more closely our local governing body. Wellesley college also has a constitution and a College Government, although some members of our community appear to be oblivious of its existence. And it is in connection with the existing attitude toward our own student regulation that we may ask, "What is wrong with this college?"

The fundamental difficulty in the situation seems to be a misinterpretation of the part which College Government must hold in the Wellesley community. On the left, there is that group of girls who so misunderstand the significance of the honor system that they are ready to break any rule whatsoever, as long as they can "get away with it." Some girls with limited permissions see nothing wrong with taking an overnight without signing out for it, so long as their friends do not report them. The girls themselves feel no obligation for reporting themselves.

On the right wing of this problem are those girls who so misunderstand the importance of College Government that they are willing to use dishonest means in order to win the honor attached to office holding. They do not comprehend the principles embodied in the very obligation of office holding at Wellesley.

And between these two extremes of attitude toward our college democracy ranges that body of students too disinterested to bother to learn the rules, and too careless to participate in their enforcement. We are now questioning not only the two dishonest extremes but also that lethargic middle group who refuse to contribute anything to our community life.

We do not offer you a solution, here, we only endeavor to awaken you to present conditions. We ask the student body: What are you going to do to improve the stagnant condition of community living at Wellesley?

## Social Experiment

The international complications of the far eastern crisis have obscured for the time being what is of supreme interest to serious students of social experiment, the domestic situation in the Soviet Union. Russia's own position in the far east is immeasurably strengthened by the separation which exists between the party bureaucracy and the eastern army on the Manchurian border but that strength should not hide the fact that for months a giant conspiracy has existed to overthrow the government.

That statement is not wild hypothesis on the part of a partisan but the result of many years of residence and keen observation on the part of Mr. Demaree Bess, far eastern correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor*. Mr. Bess spoke at the last meeting of the Foreign Policy association and by far the most significant part of the discussion was his remarks on the internal situation in Russia.

"I am convinced," he said, "after three months of acute observation in Moscow that a conspiracy existed among the higher officials not discovered until last January and not made public until Stalin's March speech. Stalin, at that time, said that his Communist opponents must cease to be given political consideration and must be destroyed 'root and branch'."

Mr. Bess predicted a period of two years for the regime to recover from uncertainty and provided a reasonable explanation for the trials of last spring and the more recent ones of the last month. It will be a relief to those friends of social experiment to know that from the point of view of one trained newspaperman these trials have not been without justification.

## 'The Wide, Wide World'

The presence of so many illustrious alumnae on our campus during our constitutional sesquicentennial celebration should inspire each of us undergraduates with the possibilities awaiting us upon graduation. In spite of the fact that we sing regularly of the staid alumnae "lost, lost in the wide, wide world," these distinguished graduates return to their alma mater to show us that they are anything but lost.

Arrival at Wellesley signifies to most freshmen the culmination of 17 years of preparation. Too often, they are inclined to feel that college is the end of their preparation rather than the beginning. This attitude toward college as the "end all and the be all" of life is not confined to the freshman class, either. Even among the seniors, we find intimations of the aimless attitude towards life after college.

Let us then take cognizance of these women who represent the type of life any Wellesley graduate has every right to anticipate.

## Whither Idealism?

Ethel Barrymore, in *The Ghost of Yankee Doodle*, one of the current plays dealing with the next war, quotes something which gives us some, if rather scant, hope for the idealist in this world of realism. The words run something like this: Stone the idealist; shun the dreamer; exile the philosopher; but his ideas will live in the minds of men.

Today the idealist is enjoying a better position than he has in many centuries. Karl Marx's followers, Fascists, "brain trusts" all over the world are finding the chance to put their theories into practice. The League of Nations, founded on the idealistic hope of maintaining peace and understanding among the nations, is finding extremely hard going in the face of the day's realities. The nine-power conference at Brussels has published a mild resolution which seems to admit the defeat of its idealistic purposes. And yet the world is not retrogressing; it has not entirely returned to the medieval, dog-eat-dog world. The idealism still exists, whether it can as yet be put into practice or not. Men's minds are alive to the dream of international peace and harmony, to the ideals of government which affords the "highest good to the greatest number," and (to return to Miss Barrymore), "some tomorrow, some new year, not this one, perhaps, or even the next, but some day," their hopes will be realized.

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In unfair prosecution,  
Does our mighty constitution.

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By a gradual evolution  
Of amended attribution  
And word circumvolution.

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Makes ample restitution  
For any tubulation  
In our worthy constitution.

They explain the constitution,  
Make profound resolution,  
Keep it safe from prostitution,  
And purge it with abtution.

This could go on ad infinitum:  
Button, cutton, lutton, zutton,  
For the sesquicentennial celebration  
Of the framing of the constitution

## FREE PRESS COLUMN

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## Domesticity

To the Wellesley College News:

In protest at the editorial in last week's News, entitled *For Gracious Living*, which pointed out that Wellesley did not fit us to be wives and mothers, we wish to contend that certain phases of college life do give us ample experience in the fine art of housekeeping. "In cooking," said this editorial, "most of us progress to the point where we can brew a bitter cup of coffee at midnight in the kitchenette." In answer to this we have a point in favor of the often-maligned societies. They may or may not fall in their original purposes, pick members for social reasons rather than for their interest in the subject of the society, and commit any number of other sins; but whatever they don't do, they do teach their members to cook—and to wash dishes! Woe betide the new member whose cooking has progressed no further than "brewing a bitter cup of coffee," when she is called upon to prepare tea or vesper supper to please the discriminating appetites of her fellow members. The aforementioned editorial also suggested that for the college student, "housekeeping consists of slapping a bed into some semblance of order before an 8:40." We again call attention to the societies, and wish that the writer of the editorial could have seen the members of one of the societies during the early part of the year, wielding vacuum cleaners, brooms, dusters, and mops, in an effort to remove the accumulated dirt of the summer. Societies, then, give adequate housekeeping experience, although we can't vouch for training courses in motherhood.

As an additional argument for the housekeeping training of Wellesley students, we might cite the not inconsiderable number of students who live in cooperative houses and certainly gain valuable experience in the technique of keeping house.

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## NEWS NOTATIONS

Investigators of the brain wave find that it is difficult to determine whether we are awake or asleep. There are four stages in going to sleep. At first the body is at rest but not asleep, then there is a drowsy or floating state, merging into sleep, then real sleep.

Of interest to Wellesley astronomers and to those writing papers is the announcement by the New York Planetarium of a partial eclipse of the moon tonight, or tomorrow morning, November 19. The eclipse, the only one visible this year, will occur between 1:09 and 5:29 a. m. during which time the moon will appear tinged on one edge with copper red.

Modern civilization is only now reaching Bosnia. In that country it has been the custom for a woman to kiss the hand of her husband and of a senior male visitor every morning in recognition of the superiority of man. Today an organization of modern young women is working to abolish that custom and to stop women from swearing and from drinking hard liquor.

Here in America we are becoming too civilized. The National zoo in Washington Cows has added two cows to its list of attractions. The explanation is that they are needed to enlighten city-bred children who don't know where their milk comes from.

Dr. F. Hund of Leipzig suggests that we must not be too dogmatic in our viewpoints. Scientists often have a hard time fitting their observation into known theories and equations. Dr. Hund believes that we must not try to stretch out laws but look out for new ones as yet undiscovered. As an example he suggests that bodies may attract when close together and repel at great distances to explain the expanding universe. This principle of open-mindedness may well be extended to all fields of thought.

Mickey Mouse has become famous in lands as far away as Russia. Despite the fact that the Russian people considered Mickey a capitalist in disguise, his popularity is outstanding in that country. He leads the Russian animated cartoons in acclaim and distinction. Mickey's charm and personality are attracting the attention of all the great countries of the world.

Monarchies seem to be returning to the face of the King earth almost as quickly as they were eradicated during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This past week the Monarchist party in Ireland announced that it would like to unite the Irish Free State and Ulster under Owen Feln O'Connor, a descendant of Rory O'Connor, the last king of Ireland, who died in 1198.

Compromise seemed to be the keynote of the most important topic of discussion in the conferences between the committees of the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. this past week. Though little has been accomplished, members of the C. I. O. express decidedly their extreme optimism. John Brophy, a leader in the C. I. O., said that he felt unity would come to the labor movement.

An interesting exhibition of color block prints by Glenn Wheete and Treva Wheete, never before shown in New England, will be exhibited at the Cambridge school of architecture and landscape architecture. The Wheetes are two of only 13 such artists in this country who do the entire process themselves and follow much the same methods as the Japanese of the fourteenth century.



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**Don Cossacks**  
 Next Sunday afternoon 3:30.  
**SYMPHONY HALL**  
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**COMING FEATURES**

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 December 6.  
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**BIBLIOFIDE**

**Guide for Football Fans**

*How to Watch a Football Game* by Mal Stevens and Harry Shorten  
 New York, 1937. 75 pp \$25.

Attention, all ye frivolous football fans! No longer need you stare intently at 22 battling gridsters only to ask naively when your escort pauses after a long cheer, "Herbert, what happened?" And when the pudgy gentleman behind you shouts, "Oh, boy, what a beaut of a lateral!" you may be well qualified to whisper to Herbert disdainfully, "Why, I believe he's wrong; wasn't that a perfectly executed 'cross-eyed Chinaman pass,' dear?"

For Mal Stevens, New York University's famous head coach, and Harry Shorten, wing back on that team's '36 squad, have presented the ideal football guide for the uninformed layman. It is technical enough to teach you all you ought to know without becoming so complicated that you have to reread any of the paragraphs in order to decide just what's being explained.

In these 75 pages of print and diagrams, instructions for getting the greatest thrill out of the performance of each play are handed to you in concentrated but easy doses. You follow the account of a fictitious game in which one team or the other obligingly executes every standard play with which the football connoisseur should be familiar. The authors stress the plain horse-sense of football-playing to such an extent that after the first three chapters you are getting all A's in answer to their question, "Now, what play do you suppose the east used here?"

**Woman's Club Sponsors 'Yeomen Of The Guard'**

The production of *The Yeomen of the Guard*, a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, in Natlick on November 18 and 19 is of especial interest at this time, as movie rights have just been obtained to screen *The Yeomen*—the first of the famed Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to be filmed in its entirety. Performances will be given at the Coolidge junior high school at 8 p. m. Admission is 50 cents.

The production in Natlick is under the auspices of the operetta may be obtained at Clement's Drug store in Wellesley.

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**CINEMA**

**COLONIAL:** Nov. 18, 19, 20, *The Ritz Brothers in Life Begins at College and They Won't Forget* with Claude Rains.  
**COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE:** Week of Nov. 18, *Varsity Show* with Fred Waring and Dick Powell; Jane Withers in *Wild and Woolly*.  
**LOEW'S STATE and ORPHEUM:** Week of Nov. 18, *Double Wedding and Dark Journey*.  
**METROPOLITAN:** Week of Nov. 18, on the screen, *It's Love I'm After*; on the stage *Three Cheers for Melody*.  
**PARAMOUNT and FENWAY:** Week of Nov. 18, *The Great Garrick and West of Shanghai*.

**CAMPUS CRITIC**

**Choir Achieves New Heights**

The musical vespers of last Sunday evening in Houghton Memorial chapel made it evident that Wellesley college is again blessed with a splendid choir. The singing of *Plorate, Filii Israel* by Carissimi showed great capacity for disciplined feeling and understanding. The stately music was presented with spontaneity and impressive dignity. Here was truly catholic music, celebrating the eternal confrontation of the soul of man with God. Hence it was deeply satisfying both to those who sang it and to those who listened to it. In *Vittoria's Ave Maria* also, the full and flowing tones of the choir paid fitting tribute to Mary, the Mother of God.

The singing of the two Bach chorales was a somewhat different matter. It was musically good, but not very convincing. In *Dir, dir Jehova, will ich singen*, the choir failed to achieve the joyous buoyancy demanded by the chorale. I do not see how one can burst into song while words like the following struggle to break loose from one's embarrassed lips: "O find our merits through Him worthy as up to Thee in faith our prayers do speed!" I beg the choir to sing this chorale in German.

As for *O Jesulein süss, O Jesulein mild*, I think it is not an improvement to translate it into "O Jesu so sweet, O Jesu so mild." "Jesu so sweet" is much too sweet, and "Jesu so mild" is almost flabby. After all, what goes for "Jesulein" does not go for "Jesu." One cannot address a man as though he were a baby without being exposed to the charge of either sentimentalism or insincerity. This chorale is an expression of perfect tenderness. I trust the choir will achieve the simplicity and genuine sweetness it requires.

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**Comedy Shows Refugees**

Robert E. Sherwood's adaptation of *Tovarich* proves once again that the modern theatre's original function of pure entertainment has not yet gone completely out of style despite the rapid influx of drama in which the discussion of serious ideas takes place. Mr. Sherwood certainly cannot be accused of neglecting the heavier side of the drama, but he proves his ability to write gay, light, and inconsequential comedy.

Saturday night's performance at Shubert theatre proceeded rapidly along the path of two noble white-Russian refugees who had turned domestic servants in lieu of any better way to earn their daily bread. Their sole possession of the Czar's four billion francs is the crucial point in determining the fate of Russia's rich oil fields at the hands of international industrialists.

Marta Abba's performance in the role of the said ex-grand duchess was full of gaiety and spontaneity and proved an excellent foil for Rudolf Forster's quietly humorous ex-prince. The rest of the cast, for the most part French socialites and continental financiers, constituted colorful background for the outstanding performance of the principal characters.

Mr. Sherwood slipped into slapstick in several scenes. For those whose taste is too elevated to enjoy such bald humor the relapse, if such it may be called, will go unappreciated. The

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**Calendar**

Thursday, Nov. 18: \*8:15 A. M. Morning Chapel. Helen Crawford '38 will lead. **LAST DAY OF THE WELLESLEY COLLEGE RED CROSS ROLL CALL.** \*9:45 P. M. Fall Field Day. Tennis, archery, riding, volley ball, basket ball and hockey. Admission free. (Athletic Association and Department of Hygiene and Physical Education.) \*1:00 P. M. Room 130, Green Hall, Rev. Dwight J. Bradley of Andover Newton Seminary will speak on, "Protestantism." This is the fourth in the series of lectures devoted to the study of various religious faiths. (Christian Association.) \*8:30 P. M. Alumnae Hall. Mischa Levitzki, pianist. This is the second concert in the Wellesley Concert Fund series. Single tickets at \$1.75 are available at the Thrift Shop.

Friday, Nov. 19: \*8:15 A. M. Morning Chapel. Mrs. Davis will lead. 7:30 P. M. Shakespeare House. Poetry Society meeting.

Saturday, Nov. 20: \*8:15 A. M. Morning Chapel. Miss Dennis will lead.

Sunday, Nov. 21: \*11:00 A. M. Memorial Chapel. Preacher, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Union Theological Seminary, New York City. \*4:45 P. M. Pomeroy Hall. All college vespers. Dr. Van Dusen will speak on "Religion and Education." (Christian Association.)

Monday, Nov. 22: \*8:15 A. M. Morning Chapel. Miss McAfee will lead. 7:00-7:30 P. M. House groups. Follow-up dinner discussions on the Constitution. (Forum.) 7:30 P. M. Meeting of the Alliance Francaise. Members of the French department in costume will read, "Knock," by Jules Romains.

Tuesday, Nov. 23: \*8:15 A. M. Morning Chapel. Leader, Dr. Boynton Merrill, a trustee of the college. \*4:40 P. M. T. Z. E. House. Mrs. Claude U. Gibson, manager of the Wellesley College Travel Bureau, will talk on "Occupations Connected with Travel." Tea will be served at 4:15 P. M. (Personnel Bureau.)

Wednesday, Nov. 24: \*8:15 A. M. Morning Chapel. Miss Reilly, Head of Clafin Hall, will lead.

NOTES: Friday, Nov. 23: 4:30-5:45 P. M. and 7:30-9:00 P. M. Open night. Whitin Observatory, for members of the college. The 12-inch telescope will be used in the afternoon for observing the planet Jupiter; and in the evening, for observing the planet Saturn.

\*Wellesley College Art Museum, Nov. 17 and 18, exhibition of plates from the "Index of American Design." This exhibition is arranged by the Federal Art Project, Works Progress Administration.

\*Wellesley College Library, Smith Hall. Exhibition of nineteenth century forgeries. First editions of the works of William Blake.

North Hall. Exhibition of source material in fiction history from the Frances Taylor Pearson's Pimpton collection.

\*Open to the public.

**CAMPUS CRITIC**

**Choir Achieves New Heights**

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I am grateful for Mr. Greene's rendering of Bach's *Fontasia and Fugue in G minor*. The grandeur of the former filled with that awe which is of the essence of religious emotion. The *Fugue*, with its relentless motion and supernatural strength, was a matchless commentary on: "The everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding." Hence the reading of Isaiah 40 after the *Fugue* showed rare excellence of judgment.

I believe the work of the Choir is a priceless addition to the life of the college. It is a joy to think that they will continue to offer us some of the profoundest intuitions of the human spirit concerning that Realm of Eternals after which we hunger and thirst daily, without which life is without meaning or blessedness.

J. H.

**Comedy Shows Refugees**

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audience, and particularly this critic, found the hints of slapstick a refreshing relief after continued subtle and clever lines which characterized the comedy.

The Theatre Guild and the American theatre society should be congratulated upon their judicious selection of plays for the Boston subscription season. After the disappointing *To Quit or Back* the semi-propagandist *The Ghost of Yankee Doodle* contrasted well with its latest venture, *Tovarich*. The Guild seems to be doing its level best to follow Anderson's advice in the foreword to *Winterset*, to outlive the limitations of Broadway.

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**MISS CUSHING DEPICTS HINDMAN SCHOOL WORK**

Mrs. L. D. Cushing, field secretary of the Hindman Settlement school in Kentucky, spoke Sunday in Munger hall in behalf of Service fund. Hindman is internationally famous for its introduction of good educational methods. Founded in 1901 by Miss May Stone, a Wellesley student from '84-'87, and Miss Katherine Pettit, it has grown rapidly in size and efficiency and is now self-supporting.

**A. A. Antics**

**O. C. Fireplace Site**

A new outdoor fireplace is to be built near the waterfall just above the Inlet to Lake Waban. Six members of the Outing club and Miss Clark have already cleared the site and made plans for the construction of a double grate fireplace.

**Visiting Professor Will Speak To Spanish Majors**

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Dr. Pedro Salinas, visiting professor of the Spanish department, will lecture in the living room of Severance hall Monday, November 22, at 7:30 p. m.

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