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THE POWER AGE

Stuart Chase, in his book "Men and Machines," has made a survey of the present age which he terms the Power Age, or Age of Energy, in an attempt to discover whether machinery has brought more happiness than misery into the world. The study of this survey is interesting to an engineer because he is responsible for the production and control of machinery; and if his products are bringing misery into the world, he is directly responsible.

In making his survey, Mr. Chase has listed the good and evil effects produced by machinery, and also the effects which are both good and evil. A portion of these effects are listed below.

Effects manifestly good:

1. The life-span of modern peoples has grown longer, thanks to medical science.
2. Higher living standards in terms of material goods have been secured for a larger percentage of the total population than has ever been obtained before.
3. The shrinkage of space brought about by machinery is demonstrating more forcibly every day the essential social and economic unity of the world.
4. Superstition is declining.
5. Certain machines, particularly the automobile, have tended to expand the ego, promote self-confidence, and a sense of power in persons and classes.

Effects manifestly evil:

1. The menace of mechanized warfare grows daily more ominous—particularly in respect to the airplane.
2. Specialization has enormously promoted the importance of money, making it the *sine qua non* of modern life. This leads to confusion in underlying values, in that the symbol displaces the underlying reality.
3. Workmen, clerks, even executives, are displaced by machinery faster than they can be absorbed in other occupations.

Effects both good and evil:

1. The world's population has doubled in the last 100 years, due to the machine more than any other factor. This pleases militarists more than it does philosophers.
2. The machine has brought the independent, self-supporting community to an end. This makes for greater productive efficiency when everything is going well—and for greater helplessness when everything is going ill.

Mr. Chase states that the reader must draw his own conclusions, but that his opinion, after the study of these schedules, is that machinery has so far brought more misery than happiness into the world.

F. B. A.

"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let
the Slapstick fly where it may.

A BEE I SEE

Where are the marks that once were mine,
The report cards with "A's" resplendent?
Why growl the profs that were once so kind—
In sooth, my lucky star's in descendant.
—Barbary Joe.

Many a forward pass has come to no good end.

The probate judge was recently called out of bed at 2:00 a. m. to perform a marriage ceremony. He stepped out on the porch, snapped on the light and made a quick hitch of it. The next morning the headlines read: "Tied Knot In His Night Gown."

Bim: "Do you think it is right to buy an automobile on the installment plan?"
Bam: "Sure, 16,000,000 people can't be wrong."

BOSSY'S BICYCLE

Roadside notice posted in New Hampshire:
"By order of the selectmen, cows grazing by the roadside or riding bicycles on the sidewalk is hereby forbidden."

Claire: "Why didn't you shave this evening?"
Bill: "I shaved this morning, and it makes my face sore to shave twice a day."
Claire: "Well, it makes my face sore when you shave only once."

Armour Tech student body see to the fact that any of its members get an appropriate send-off on the voyage of matrimony as was seen the other afternoon in front of Main.

A colored woman came into the Union Bank and endorsed a circle on her check instead of her customary "X" mark.

"Why do you sign an 'O' instead of an 'X,' Mandy?" the teller asked.
"I done got married yesterday an mah name has changed."

YA! OF COURSE

An old German and his wife were much given to quarreling. One day, after a particularly unpleasant scene, the old woman remarked with a sigh:

"Vell, I vish I was in heaven."
"I vish I was in the beer garden," groaned her husband.
"Ach, ja," cried the old wife, "Always you pick out the best for yourself."

"Yeah, that's what comes of being so attractive," nonchalantly remarked the information clerk, as she was struck by lightning.

Isaac was ordering a tombstone for his wife, recently deceased. "I vant glass pents on it," he said.
"Glass pants?" answered the monument man. "I never heard of such a thing. It can't be done."
"That's easy," said Ike. "Look." And he quietly clasped his hands in front of him.

DIFFERENT

Host: "There are my grandma's ashes over there in the corner."
Guest: "Oh! So the poor old soul has passed on?"
Host: "Oh, no; she's just too lazy to look for an ash tray."

A Georgia lawyer tells of a darkey charged in a town in that state with theft. His lawyer decided to put him in the box in his own behalf. The magistrate, being doubtful if the darkey understood the nature of an oath, undertook to examine him on the point.

"Henry," he said, "you know what will happen to you if you tell a lie?"
"Yes, soh," said Henry. "I'll go to hell and burn a long time."
"Quite right," replied the judge. "And now you know what will happen if you tell the truth?"
"Yes, soh," said Henry. "We lose the case."

FORCE OF HABIT

Tourist: "I want accommodations for a trip around the world."
Ticket Agent: "Yes, sir, one way?"

She: "I feel so lonesome."
He: "So do I. Shall we join your parents in the library?"

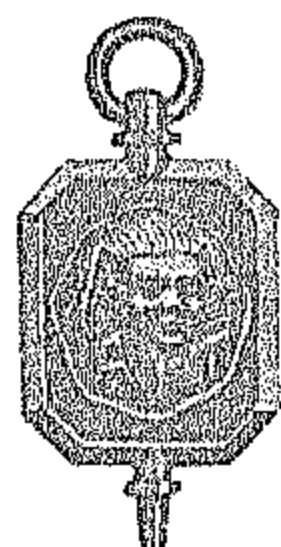
A big railroad terminal was crowded when a shabby individual approached a wicket and peered inquiringly at the young woman on duty behind it.
"Excuse me, mam," he apologized, "but do you represent de Traveler's Aid Society?"
"Yes," was the reply.
"Den where's de freight yards, please?"

We will be counting scores by two's instead of sixes in a short time. Get the Gyms ready.

Phil J.

SPHINX

Honorary Literary Society



March 4th, 1907, saw the installation of the second honorary society into the honorary group at Armour Institute of Technology. On this date a group of the executive staff members of the Fulcrum and the Integral formed what is known as Sphinx. As outlined by H. Ralph Badger, founder and first president of Sphinx, the society was formed for the purpose of fostering and promoting the publication work at the Armour Institute of Technology and to serve as an honor society for services rendered to the Institute through its publications.

Publications existing at Armour at the time of the founding of Sphinx were the Fulcrum, a monthly publication which was managed largely by the sophomore class, and the Integral, the college annual of Armour. These continued until 1909 when a new publication striving for the highest honors in its field was distributed on the Armour campus. Thus the Armour Engineer was placed alongside the Fulcrum and the Integral as official publications of the Institute. Rules and regulations governing the Armour Engineer were formulated and adopted by Sphinx before presentation to the Institute administration. Six years later in 1915 it was found advisable to discontinue the Fulcrum because of the overlapping of material and content of the Armour Engineer.

In 1913 the name of the college annual, the Cycle was adopted instead of the former title the Integral. Twelve years later the entire management of the Cycle was revised by the initiative of Sphinx.

Sphinx in 1924 investigated the possibilities of establishing at Armour Institute of Technology a literary or journalistic society for the training of prospective staff members of the publications, which would give every student an opportunity to achieve through merit any staff position to which he may aspire. Thus on March 24, 1924, the Press Club was established.

February 28, 1928, Sphinx passed a resolution that there should be established at Armour a weekly or bi-weekly newspaper. This proposal was backed by an appropriation of forty-five dollars to cover the expense of the first issue of the paper.

Thus the history of Sphinx is the history of the publications, they are synonymous.

The official emblem of Sphinx is a key, with an emblem, five-eighths of an inch in diameter, embossed upon it. This emblem is the Sphinx head and has below it the letters A. I. T.

Membership in Sphinx has been granted to two hundred nine men of Armour Institute. Senior and junior students of Armour Institute who hold a position on the staff of recognized publications, who have performed highly meritorious service, and who has shown distinguished ability are eligible to membership.

Faculty members in Sphinx are: Charles E. Paul, Professor of Mechanics; James C. Peebles, Professor of Experimental Engineering; Joseph B. Finnegan, Professor of Fire Protection Engineering; Walter Hendricks, Associate Professor of English.

Active members in Sphinx are: A. H. Jens, president, R. N. Wilson, secretary-treasurer, F. B. Attwood, A. J. Lenke, O. R. Murphy, A. B. Auerbach, J. H. Stranberg, A. F. Wilde, K. A. Knittel, C. T. Link, R. A. Timmermans.

Ruth Verwey is the new assistant in the Armour Library. She is a graduate of Lawrence College at Appleton, Wisconsin. Before coming to Armour, Miss Verwey was the W. S. E. librarian at Chicago.

The University of Utah has a roofing section of 1,000 men.

Arx News

The Scarab, honorary architectural fraternity, is having its first bi-monthly luncheon at the Men's Grill of the Mandell Brothers department store on Thursday, November 13th, at 12:30. It is expected that a number of alumni will be present.

DELONG TO BE DELEGATE

Albert DeLong, '31, president of the Scarab, is to be the delegate of Armour to attend the Scarab convention at Charlottesville, Va., November 24, 25, and 26. This is the annual national convention. Delegates from colleges in the United States will be in attendance.

Each year it is the custom of Scarab to conduct an architectural exhibition of drawings submitted by the various chapters. These drawings are judged at the convention and then are sent about to the various schools. It is expected that the drawings will reach Armour soon after Christmas.

Armour has won first and second prizes in the last two years. An award of \$25 and \$15 goes with the prizes.

The November meeting of the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will be on Tuesday evening, November 11th. Carl H. Milan will speak on, "Reading in for an Education," Kenneth K. Stowell, on, "The Educational Policy of the Architectural Magazine," and Louis LeBeaume, F. A. I. A., on, "The Institute and Architectural Education." The meeting will be at the Architect's Club, 1801 Prairie avenue.

In a card from J. E. Peterson, who is now studying at Fountainbeau, France, dated October 14th, he states that he is leaving for Nice and Monte Carlo and then on to Italy. He expects to return to the States about the first of the year. He will return to Europe next year on a special scholarship from Carlu.

E. C. K.

FRATERNITY NOTES

TRIANGLE

The alumni are showing a gratifying interest in the fraternity and almost every night finds one of the old boys back again for dinner, recalling his days at Armour.

Alumni, active and pledge members from Illinois, Purdue, Ohio, Kentucky and Minnesota have visited us during the last few weeks, and now all we ask is that the other chapters be represented in our visitor's book.

A few of the brothers trampled through the fields near Fox Lake and as a result we enjoyed a wild duck dinner with all of its dressings. Here's hoping they do some more trampling.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Pledge Dance held at the House Hallowe'en night, October 31, was highly enjoyed. The decorations and refreshments were in keeping with the Hallowe'en spirit and added much to the festivities.

The annual Parents' Day was held November 9, all of the parents expressing entire approval of the new house.

Plans are now being made for the semi-annual Alumni Smoker to be held sometime during December.

BETA PSI

A. L. Steinhaus and Ralph Scatur were formally initiated Saturday November 1. An initiation banquet followed the ceremony.

Alton Jungels went to see the Illinois-Purdue game, and then spent the weekend at the Alpha Chapter in Champaign.

Brothers Austin and Van Osdol spent the weekend at Morrison, Illinois.

Plans are being made for an Alumni Smoker to be held around Thanksgiving.

RHO DELTA RHO

Rho Delta Rho held their first formal meeting in their new home at 3116 S. Michigan Ave., Friday, Oct. 31st, after completion of decorating and furnishing. Professor Nachman, newly elected honorary member, attended his first meeting.

Initial plans were made for a house party to be held sometime around Thanksgiving.

ATTENDS MEET

DEAN J. C. PENN

Dean Penn attended a meeting of the Education Club a week ago yesterday which was held at the Chicago Woman's Club.

Dr. Hamilton Holt spoke on a new plan of teaching he has devised. It is called the Conference Plan of Study and he hopes to see it replace the lecture-quizz-recitation system. He has successfully used the Conference Plan.

Begin Taking of Senior Pictures

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Ganzer, Edward A. W.
Griesman, Albert H.
Griffin, Charles J.
Goldman, Charles M.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Guthman, Jule
Guyot, William S.
Hafner, William L.
Hamlin, Harry H.
Hartanov, Andrew S.
Hawes, Charles C.
Hellsen, Karl E. W.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Henson, Louis L.
Holin, Elmer T.
Holt, Harmon S.
Hughes, Dan W.
Iverson, Daniel J.
James, Frank M.
Jens, Arthur H.

Friday, Nov. 14

Johnson, A. E. F.
Johnson, Eldon A.
Jordan, Philip
Kellner, Richard G.
Kesselring, Paul H.
Knittel, Kilian A.
Knocke, Walter A.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Knox, Edwin H.
Knutson, Herman A.
Krause, Robert J.
Kreibich, Carl E.
Kutteruf, Robert H.
Lamka, Mitchell T.
Langhammer, K. C.
Larkin, Maxwell C.
Latham, Harold J.
Lehman, Isaac B.

Monday, Nov. 17

Lenke, A. J.
Lindquist, Bert S.
Link, Charles T.
Lopatowski, E. J.
Lukey, Myron E.
McKana, John F.
McLaughlin, Berlyn G.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Mago, Charles C.
Marando, Humbert S.
Maras, John
Marker, Warren C.
Martin, Homer Z.
Matheson, Donald R.
Mell, Alfred L.

KAPPA DELTA TAU

A party held last Saturday night, November 8, in honor of the new pledges, N. Kraus, M. Slazer, H. Golman, and M. Weiss, was well attended.

DELTA TAU DELTA

A dance was held at the house Saturday, November 6.

The entire Pledge body and most of the active chapter attended Doc Weiland's Annual Pledge Banquet. The Delt pledges from anywhere in the country are invited to be Doc Weiland's guest at this banquet. Prizes will be given to those who come the greatest distance.

Minnesota co-eds found wearing fraternity pins are subject to fines of \$50 or six days in jail. As though a co-ed was worth approximately \$8 a day.