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The second in the series of lectures to be given by Dr. Karl Polanyi, Honorary Fellow at Bennington College for the first semester, on "The Present Age of Transformation" will be held this Thursday evening at 7.35 in the College Theatre. This lecture will be entitled "The Trend toward an Integrated Society". In his opening speech last week Dr. Polanyi stated the premises on which his future lectures would be based. The main institutions of the 19th century civilization were the balance of power and the gold standard in the international field, and liberal capitalism and representative democracy in the national field. These institutions survived the war of 1914-1918 - even the first part of the Russian Revolution being a part of the 19th century civilization in that it followed a familiar pattern - and waged a losing battle to continue to survive through the 1920's. With the beginning of the 1930's and the world depression, the gold standard and the balance of power between nations went out of existence, and the national forms of government changed in the majority of the great powers. Dr. Polanyi stated that the clock cannot be turned back and that some new form of world civilization is in the making.

This week Dr. Polanyi will continue his thesis by describing the new trend - both national and international - and in later lectures will take up specific cases: Nazism, Marxism and the democratic alternative.