



ALFRED LOSES TO CANISIUS

Buffalo Collegians Defeat Varsity In First Out-of-town Game

The Varsity basketball team met defeat for the first time this season, at the hands of the Canisius College quintet in Buffalo last Thursday evening. The final score was 46-30. The game was fast and keenly contested, but the large court and slippery floor proved the undoing of the Alfred team.

Canisius tallied first on a foul goal by Lynch, and Alfred immediately afterward tossed one in from the field. Many fouls were called on Alfred in the first half of the game, most of them being technical ones, and that together with several field goals, placed Canisius in the lead at half time by the score of 19-9. Led by a ten point score Alfred took the court for the second half with the determination to do all that was possible to avert defeat. Lobaugh came into his own in this half, and tossed five pretty baskets from the floor. Burdick, who was substituted for Banks, also did his part of the scoring. Both teams tallied heavily, and almost all of the active work of the game was under either the Alfred or Canisius basket. In all, Alfred scored 21 points to 27 for the blue and yellow, making the final score 46-30.

The game was a very interesting one from the viewpoint of the large number of fans congregated, and Alfred was not wholly without supporters as a number of former Alfred students were present on the side lines. The Alfred team played a clean cut game, but one personal foul being called upon them during the entire contest, while Canisius had more personal fouls called than they did technical.

Defeat in this case is not surprising, as the Alfred men were playing under rather adverse conditions. The team left Alfred on the afternoon bus, and reached Buffalo about nine o'clock. Without taking the time to absorb an evening meal, they proceeded to the court and went into the game. There is no question but that the result might have been different had the game been played under other conditions. The fact that the Alfred court is a small one, and that this was the first out-of-town game played during the present season is enough to say.

STUDENT SENATE

The 17th regular meeting of the Senate was called Feb. 2, at 5:30. It was passed to change the date for the Soph-Senior entertainment from Feb. 21st, to Feb. 26th. Burdick Hall was granted permission to hold a sleigh ride Feb. 9th. Motion passed to place the third girls' and the first boys' underclass basketball games on the calendar for Feb. 4th. College Kanakadea play placed on the calendar for Feb. 17th.

A special meeting was called at 5:30, Feb. 3d. A motion was passed to postpone the Frosh-Soph girls' game indefinitely. Senate resolves to take no action in inter-class games until the matter is definitely arranged between the representatives. The Ag Kanakadea play granted permission to have entertainment Feb. 9th, and was placed on the calendar. Permission granted the girls of the Brick vaudeville to hold a party Feb. 3.

PROFESSOR BENNEHOFF READS OLD HISTORIC LETTERS OF ALFRED

Seniors Sing Song Service

A new method to inspire interest in Assembly singing was introduced last Wednesday when the Seniors rendered a selection of duet, quartet, and class numbers. The Seniors displayed a lot of "pep," and it is needless to say the entertainment was well enjoyed.

For the next three Assemblies the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen will have charge of the music. Each class will give a program. It is expected that every student will do his (or her) part to make these class programs a success.

After the Seniors' part, Professor Bennehoff vividly pictured to us the life of the first students and faculty of Alfred University. He read two old letters, now curios of the Steinhelm. These letters clearly portray the good work of the early instructors and students, and give us fine character sketches of the early pioneers of our alma mater. Just tribute is paid to the sterling character of such men as Kenyon, Allen and Main.

From the letters Prof. Bennehoff pictured the contrast between the good old days when the total cost of college term was \$20.50 and the present day. Those were the days when homespun and factorycloth, calico and gingham, straw hats and sunbonnets were worn by the students of the "Alfred Male and Female Boarding Seminary."

However, then as now, the Alfred spirit was keen and wholesome. We still honor the same old traditions and will do well to follow the motto of those early heroes, "Master What You Begin."

Canisius will play a return game here on March 6, and all Alfred should be present to see the boys avenge their defeat of last Thursday night. Canisius has a strong team this year, and has played ten games. Their season began about the time that Alfred was winding up football, and they have had the benefit of scrimmage three nights a week with the famous Buffalo Germans, world's champion basketball team. It will be a treat to see the Canisius team play here, and it will be a game worth going a long distance to see.

The line up of Thursday night's game:

Canisius	Alfred
Sprickman	Forward
Mayer	Forward
Lynch	Center
McMullin	Guard
Sweeney	Guard
	Bob Witter
	Time of halves: 20 minutes.
	Referee: McDonald.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

K. K. Formally Becomes Delta Sigma Phi

The installation banquet of the Delta Sigma Phi was held at Firemens Hall on Saturday night, Feb. 7. This banquet is an event that will stand long in college history. Before the men assembled for the banquet the members and the installing delegates went to see the girl's Varsity uphold the honor and spirit of Alfred against the girl's basketball team from Geneseo Normal.

At eight o'clock the doors were opened and the men sat down for the first time in complete brotherhood of Delta Sigma Phi. A most sumptuous feast was enjoyed by all. After the banquet the men repaired to the entertainment hall upstairs, where they enjoyed the offering of the Hogs, to the fullest extent. Following this, they again assembled in the parlor and a smoker was soon in full sway. Pres. Harrington introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. Dolce of Alpha Chapter, New York. Mr. Dolce told of the motive in back of the Delta Sigma Phi in a most decisive manner. The impression made by him upon the members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter was that a feeling exists among Delta Phi members slightly similar to the brotherhood of Alfred University men.

The next speaker was Frank E. Lobaugh. Mr. Lobaugh is largely responsible for the founding of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi. He joined the fraternity in Pittsburg before coming to Alfred, and he joined the Ku Klux Klan three years ago with the knowledge of what the national fraternity means to the college man. Working upon this foundation Mr. Lobaugh has worked untiringly to make this big step forward possible for the members of K. K. K.

Mr. Ahearn represented the Freshmen members and told of the wells of Alfred which were turned inside out by a most terrible tornado.

The last speaker was Mr. Thompson of Brooklyn, N. Y., representing the National Organization of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. In this speaker is found a living example of the spirit of Delta Sigma Phi.

Mr. Thompson laid special stress on personal attributes. "There are negative and positive attributes that make

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DR. THOMAS PEACE PRIZE CONTEST

Preliminary to be Held Feb. 27

Mrs. Vandelia Varnum Thomas, an alumna of Alfred University, has established in memory of her late husband an annual prize speaking contest to be known as The Dr. Thomas World's Peace Prize Contest. The first prize is \$50, the second \$25. This contest is open to Sophomores and Juniors.

While it was rather impractical last year to hold a peace contest, interest waned for this competition. But with the renewal of our sphere on the old pre-war basis, and with inexhaustible material of current interest, a far greater enthusiasm than has ever before been shown would be only natural. And it is hoped that the contest will be large and one of the best.

GIRLS' VARSITY WIN OVER GENESEO

Walk Away With a 44-7 Score

FROSH BOYS WIN CLOSE CONTEST

Defeat Sophs 16-17

The first men's Frosh-Soph game has come, entertained us and become an event of the past; but we are all looking forward to the next one in the series. It is absolutely certain that this game was the most exciting and the most fun of any we have seen this year; so again, we have cause to look forward to the next. It is being too moderate to call the game fast; every man played for all that was in him. Every man had a different reason for playing as hard as he could and then "more so;" but each peculiar incentive went in to make up the best spirit we have seen shown since the football season.

The Freshman team showed one big deficiency in the first half: they needed a man who could shoot baskets; and that was remedied in the second half by the appearance of Bliss on the court. He proved to be the dark horse for the Sophomores, putting in five baskets. At the end of the second half the score stood 14-14 and it was agreed to play five minutes longer or until the tie was decided. Burdick (Soph) then put in a field goal but the score was soon evened up when Bliss (Frosh) put one in too. Then Hinchcliff shot a foul in, giving the Freshmen the winning score which they held until the end of the game.

The line up:

Freshmen		Sophomores
Hinchcliff	Forward	Coffin
Ahearn	Forward	Dwight
Stryker	Center	Burdick
Osgood	Guard	Ferry
Eliss	Guard	Bassett
Referee and Umpire—Witter, King.		
Field baskets—Frosh: Stryker 1, Hinchcliff 1, Ahearn 2, Bliss 4; Sophs—Burdick 3, Coffin 1, Dwight 2.		
Fouls—Frosh: Hinchcliff 1; Sophs: Burdick 2.		

CERCLE FRANCAIS

The Cercle Francais met last Thursday evening at the home of Dr. P. E. Titsworth. Because of the resignation of Mrs. Piotrowski as president and Mr. Stearns as secretary, new officers were elected as follows: Pres., Mr. Stearns; secretary, Miss Wahl.

Miss Elsie Binns read a very interesting paper on Rodin, illustrated by cuts of some of his best known works. Several scenes were read from "Le Verre D'eau." The remainder of the evening was spent in singing French songs, closing with La Marsellaise. The following members were present: Misses Bachelor, Elsie Binns, Norah Binns, Isabel Emerson, Fosdick, Langworthy, Thrall, Wahl, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Piotrowski; and Mr. Stearns, Dr. P. E. Titsworth, Prof. Waldo Titsworth.

The girls' Varsity team met the Geneseo Normal five on the home court last Saturday night. Contrary to the game played last year between the two, it was easy walking for the Alfred girls. While the game was scheduled for 9 o'clock, it was deemed advisable for the teams to clash before the movies. So after considerable opposition from the management, the game was arranged for 6.30. Even with this inconvenience there was a very large attendance, the yelling, however being divided into groups.

The spirit presented by the opposing team was decisively lacking in fight. While the majority of the players seemed to be of excellent basket-ball material, their plays were dropped as soon as begun, and the home team had little trouble in dodging any interference that was shown. The Alfred team, while not very heavy, are fast with the team work and sure at the baskets. But against a heavy set of players, there would undoubtedly be indifferent results.

The game started fast, Shroeder tossing in the first field goal. This was followed in the first part by five more from the center and two from Neuweisinger, the combination of these two players proving a formidable one and difficult to guard. The last part showed a shifting of honors to VanHorn who netted the last two baskets of the half. She also shot the three fouls called, none of them scoring. The opposing team found little time to shoot, although all their scores were made in the first half. The right-forward netted two clean field goals, and the left one, followed up by the only foul credit of the game. This made the score 20-7.

The second half opened with a substitution of Fassette for Clerke, and a change of tactics in the Geneseo team, whose guard work tightened considerably. This did not seem to dismay the local five for the scores came dropping in at regular intervals. Neuweisinger carried off three field-goals, VanHorn two and Schroeder one. Bowden was substituted for Neuweisinger, and from then on the game rested with VanHorn, who made five more goals. Bringing the final score 44-7.

The stellar playing for the visitors rested mainly on the right-forward, whose attraction for the ball seemed natural. The guards braced up in the last half, causing little trouble though in the work of our forwards. But the best playing for the home team was clearly evident in the dexterity and speed with which VanHorn handled the ball. Her long basket-shooting was of the first class. Schroeder played a strong game and

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SECOND ASSEMBLY DANCE

The second Assembly dance is to be held on Lincoln's Birthday. And though it comes in the middle of numerous other amusements, a grand and glorious time is anticipated. Carter's managing the affair. The orchestra has not yet definitely been arranged for.

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PERSONAL

Don Bassett was a visitor in Hornell last Friday night.

Ethel Hayward spent the week-end at her home in Bolivar.

Charels Lake was at his home in Hornell over the week-end.

John Slough spent the week-end with his parents in Wellsville.

Charlotte Curshaw left Sunday for her home in Silver Springs.

Robert Clarke visited his parents in Hornell over the week-end.

Louis Burdick was a caller in Hornell last Wednesday afternoon.

Fritz Hildebrand '18, spent the past week-end with friends in Alfred.

Carl Hopkins, ex-'17, is spending a few days with friends in Alfred.

Ruth Davis, who has been ill during the past week, is able to be out.

Stanley Banks was in Horseheads over the week-end visiting his parents.

Norbert McTighe has been seriously ill during the past week with the grip.

Elzora Claire is confined to her room at the Brick with an attack of the Flu.

Muriel Earley spent the week-end with her parents at her home in Andover.

Dorothy Baxter '18, was visiting her sister, Jean Baxter, during the past week-end.

Miss Christina Hurd's mother has been visiting her at the Brick, during the past week.

Margaret Everson spent the week-end with Muriel Earley, at the latter's home in Andover.

Marjorie Beebe, who has been spending sometime in Waverly, has returned to school much improved in health.

We understand that Benjamin Volk, the accomplished musician, has considerable talent as a humorist. Have you heard him?

Mr. Kemmer of New York City, was in Alfred Sunday, to interview the Christian Association Cabinets in regard to the Inter-Church World Movement Campaign. It was decided to hold a two day conference here, on February 26th and 27th.

Mr. Warren, who is connected with the Inter-State Teachers' Agency, of Rochester, was in town Friday, interviewing the members of the Senior class, who are contemplating entering the teaching profession on the completion of their work in Alfred College. As no registration fee is required and the other terms of the agency are not absolutely rigid, permitting withdrawal if the candidate so desires. A number of the Seniors filled out the required blanks. Those who were here in nineteen-eighteen will recall that Mr. Warren lectured on "A Bagful of Butternuts" in Farmers' Week, that year.

The Burdick Hall sleigh ride which was to have been held Monday night, was postponed on account of the Ag-Junior play.

George Ford was unable to make his usual week-end excursion to Hornell on account of his participation in the vaudeville Saturday night.

Martin Larrabee, the young globe trotter from Wellsville, again demonstrated his ability by walking to Wellsville, Friday afternoon to spend the week-end with his parents.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT DELTA SIGMA PHI INSTAL- LATION

The outdoor entertainment was by far the most delectable for everyone. At the Brick we heard the famous Pader Wordeuski at the piano whose clashing symphony in H minor will never be forgotten. His ability to find lost chords was astounding. He played a noodle soup obligato to the famous ballad "Never Mind How Tough the Steak is You Can Always Stick Your Fork in the Gravey," which was rendered by that soul shattering pair, Nichols and Bliss. They gave to the audience who filled the entire house and even came upon the stage, uncanny notes that Caruso never sang. On the porch the Treat 'Em Rough quartet sounded forth in strains that would put an Italian band, in its most sober moments, to shame. In the hall Blumy worked a problem in mathematical progression out loud and the only distinguishing utterance was Carnation.

Alsworth kept guard over his fellowmen and allowed no injury to befall them. Kitter received the one great blow of his young life when after pleading earnestly for the heart of Mme. Liminana it was refused him—poor Kitter, we feel so sorry.

String Smith was a living example of that wonderful creation of Swiss origin, the cuckoo clock. String could put any cuckoo out of the running.

The irrepressible John Clark sang most sonorously that song, I Love You, I Love You.

We wish Ahearn would ask Miss Kelly if she has found Alkali Ike as yet. And whether or not Spike Kenyon succeeded in landing the door-man's job at the Library. Lou Burdick kept the old H₂O under his care, dishing it out to all those desiring a drink thereof. We would not have been responsible for Louis' life if the pitcher had contained anything but water.

Ells and Whitford calmly smoked the old peace pipe on a rather cool seat and answered every question put up to them with their hands.

Chippy gave us a lecture on Poultry and stuck gamely to his post, though assaulted repeatedly and dragged about on his back. Dougherty had a fine time fishing for snow birds while Holley and Harold Davis were collecting matches for use at the Delta Sigma House. Taken in all the entertainment, while aumsing, showed the onlookers that it was a will a man's will to do the thing that was in back of it all.

Though lined by gracious smiles from the girls the man undergoing training never once faltered during his course of stipulated action.

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showed much cleverness at the baskets.

The line up:

Alfred		Geneseo
VanHorn	Forward	Persol
	Forward	
Neuweisinger,	Bowden	Hall
	Center	
Schroeder		Lewis, Case
	Guard	
Clerke, Fassette		Payne, Sisson
	Guard	
Kies		Schwenk

Referee: Danielson, Baker.

Time of halves: 15 minutes.

"THE RETURN OF THE HEARD"

The Royal Order of Amalgamated Swine presented a vaudeville show last Saturday night in connection with he movies. The entertainment consisted of two acts, the first in the form of a minstrel show, and the last recalling old reminiscences of the service days. The minstrel show was well worked up and showed touches of real talent, although many of the remarks were of dual interpretation. The last act was both interesting and entertaining, illustrating many little points in the life of a fighter which we didn't know. In closing Taps was blown for McElroy, an old member whose body now lies in France.

The spirit behind the organization was what we felt the most and it's the return of that constructive spirit all though our college that we wish most to realize.

Norma Talmidge appeared in a photo-play of an excellent type, "The Safety Curtain." We might remark on the amusing style of single reel comedies that we have been getting lately. The management is to be congratulated.

SIGMA ALPHA GAMMA

The Sigma Alpha Gamma girls enjoyed a decided novelty Thursday evening, in the form of a genuine auction. About 8:30 an interested observer might have seen the table in the Brick parlor covered with the most heterogeneous conglomeration imaginable. There were articles of all kinds from green, red and blue ink (see Ruth Randolph for verification), shoe cleaner, dishes, and alcohol, to books, ostrich plumes and dresses. Due to the convincing eloquence of the auctioneer, Amey VanHorn, the bids soared to remarkable heights, and all the evils of competition were displayed. \$10.12 was realized from the auction, which will be given to the fund for decorating the Brick.

After the excitement caused by such unexpected additions to personal property, the girls were ready for the punch waiting in the hall. Everyone then enjoyed a half hour of dancing and the party ended with "Good Night Ladies" effectively played by the "kazoo quartet."

Varsity Sweaters

A plan is now in effect to award the Varsity football men with the regulation sweater. Where to raise the money for these sweaters has each year been a problem, and numerous little entertainments and movies are promoted for this purpose. But the proceeds from these is never adequate to purchase them all. So a process of voluntary allotment is passed through, wherein the students are reached through their respective boarding clubs by assessment. And the spirit with which the student body responds is very commendable.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular Sunday night meeting of Y. W. was held in the upperclass parlors at the Brick, as usual. The subject of the discussion was "Missions." Ruth Randolph treated it from the standpoint of India and her women; Margaret Everson talked about the call for good service in China; Margaret Banghart presented a few of the problems of South America. Helen Kies read the Bible selection and Lois Cuglar led in a brief prayer. The meeting closed with a hymn and the Association benediction.

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Fiat material will not be accepted after 9 o'clock, Monday morning for the Tuesday issue, unless especially necessary. EDITOR.

Some people grow with responsibility—others swell.

We understand that our basketball schedule is to be published in the Hornell paper. Looks rather peculiar to some of us.

We wonder why the girls had such an ardent controversy over playing their game at a reasonable hour. Girls are an awful bother.

The underclass game seemed to be fought more from the side lines than usual last Wednesday. We had begun to think that the side contests were to be one-sided.

There has been an increase in the Fiat staff lately. And there were two main reasons why this step was necessitated; first, because we wished more editor material to be connected with the paper, giving a larger variety to choose from; second, because time is too precious for a small staff to devote time to. Last week the services of the following were gratefully enrolled as reporters: Eloise Clarke '21, Clifford Beebe '22, Irwin Conroe '23. And there is still room for students with accessible ability who will take an honest interest in the work.

Never before, it seems to us, have so many social events been crowded together. And we seek partial excuse through an answer. But we always arrive at the ultimate realization of its elusiveness. The activities must go on. They always have, and it almost seems to us that the profs might be just a little lenient until the storm has passed.

PRACTICAL TEACHING METHODS

Mrs. Piotrowski is bringing the problems of the various departments of Education to her students in the class in Methods of Teaching, in a vital way. Arrangements have been made with the heads of the English, Science, History, Ancient and Modern Language, Mathematics and Music departments for a series of talks by the specialists in these departments in Methods. Prof. John Stearns and Miss Elsie Thrall spoke last Friday morning. Prof. Stearns spoke on "The Value of Latin in the Secondary Schools." To the question: Why should Latin be required in secondary schools, he gave nine strong and very definite arguments. 1. It is the best study for introducing the student to language as a whole. 2. It teaches proficiency in a knowledge of English words. 3. It helps in spelling of English words. 4. Latin affords remarkable mental training. No less than thirty different operations are often involved in the translation of one paragraph. 5. Latin is essential to a true appreciation of art. 6. Latin is the key to scientific nomenclature. 7. It is invaluable in the professions. 8. Latin broadens the perspective of the student. 9. Advertisements and the commercial world at large are shot full of Latin names. Prof. Stearns refuted the argument that a translation is as good as the original by saying that it was as sensible as to argue that the back of a piece of embroidery was as pretty as the front; that it was as much a delight to be on top of a museum of fine arts as to be inside; that a doughboy enjoyed looking at a picture of his girl as much as having the original. Miss Thrall spoke for a time on class room procedure in a modern language, and illustrated her points by demonstration work with the class in French 2. The demonstration was interesting and to the point.

STUDENT BODY MEETING

A student body meeting was called after Assembly last Wednesday. The matter of Varsity sweaters was brought to attention. The policy of the Senate toward arranging class games was announced. The ruling of social events through the Senate was called to attention.

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up character. Important negative attributes are selfishness, unhappiness, jealousy, faithlessness, and covetousness. The positive attributes are their opposites. Help your fellowman when you perceive his pitiful condition; don't stand by and pity him; help him, talk to him; show him the error of his ways.

If his path is rocky, be the fulcrum that will bear the pressure, so that his troubles can be thrown out of the way. Conduct yourself in a manner that is most Christian-like in all respects. Revere your friendship among men and love your God. You have a right to be free—you cannot have this feeling when any of the negative attributes occupy any part of your mind or heart. To think evil is as bad as the spoken word. Before you say anything about a man be positive that you are doing it for his own good and be absolutely sure that no ulterior motive in the form of a negative attribute prompts your remark. If you cannot speak well of a man, do not injure him by a negative attribute reply. If you do so the remorse is sure to follow.

If there is one thing that Delta Sigma Phi will not tolerate it is poor scholastic standing. To have a majority of your members on the athletic teams is an honor to be sure, but to have your athletes neglect their studies is wrong. Do not permit a man to fool himself by neglecting his studies. Your time in college is brief—a short four years—during this meagre span work faithfully and diligently for your own welfare and that of your Alma Mater—so that when you go out into the world you will be fully equipped to do honor to those who believe in you and have faith in your ability to make good.

There is nothing a gentleman hates more than a snob. Be democratic and thoroughly American. Be a gentleman in manner and speech—be yourself on all occasions. Do not pose, the pay is small.

There are a great many men who will walk just outside the fence of the law in order to gain wealth. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." If you are so foolish as to envy such a man analyze your feelings and you will see through careful rescanning that you have injured yourself to envy a man who lives wrongly. Create among you a spirit of loyalty to your fraternity and Alma Mater. In closing I will say—be a man in every sense of the word and the world will look up to you and you will be a tower of strength to your weaker brother, and the universe will have benefitted by your having lived."

Mr. Thompson's speech, a small excerpted part of which, is given above, was so impressive that at the close a full minute of silence reigned before the applause was given. We would like to see Mr. Thompson address University Assembly.

The meeting then became general, each member being called upon to say a few words on behalf of their feelings and impressions. The evening closed with the last K. K. K. yell that will be given by its former members ensemble.

VAUDEVILLE GIRLS HOP

We have related the story of how the Brick girls gave a vaudeville at the movies. It was a week ago Saturday that their bucolic bubbings effervesced throughout the ethereal atmosphere. The ebullition again broke forth into being on Tuesday evening when the attractive maids and their fortunate friends gave an informal dancing party in honor of Miss Doherty, the director of their efforts. At 7:30 Lake began tightening the violin strings, Kenyon struck a chord on the piano, and the dance was on. The waltz, the one-step, the fox-trot were all tried several times. At 10:30 they all went home proclaiming that the party was a success.



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CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

There are many rumors about who won the war and how it was accomplished, but after seeing conditions in Germany shortly after the signing of the armistice, I concluded that the food blockade of the Allied navies had played a very important role. Being in an ammunition truck outfit, I had the opportunity of being among the first to cross the border into Germany and saw some of the hardships which the people of that country had endured.

The first few weeks the civilians would crowd around our mess kitchens at meal hours and gaze upon the viands with wishful eyes and exclaim: "Gut Essen." At first, our wheat bread attracted the most attention for they hadn't seen any for a long time, but later almost everything served from Uncle Sam's kitchen attracted as much attention. The German bread was of a very dark brown color and was made from a mixture of almost every grain except wheat. The crusts of the bread were very hard; on one occasion I noticed a small boy walking down one of the streets and clapping two loaves of this bread together and it sounded as if they were two pine boards. Probably no scarcity of food effected the Germans so much as the lack of coffee. The Germans are great coffee drinkers; even in the factories a bell rings every forenoon for ten minutes "Kaffee trinken." The Germans had a substitute which they called coffee, but in reality, was only something resembling barely. A merchant in Coblenz attracted much attention by exhibiting several coffee beans, given him by an American mess-sergeant, in his show window. Tobacco was also very scarce and a German pipe-smoker would give anything for a package of our delicious "Bull Durham." Sugar, rice, beans, corn, peas, etc., were luxuries only of the rich and these articles of food were very limited. Their meat was mostly horse-flesh and this was in limited quantities only. All food was rationed and a ration-ticket was necessary for every article.

One thing which attracted the children and young women mostly was American chocolate. Many an American soldier was made comfortable by supplying the younger set, at whose home he was billeted, with chocolate candy. The Germans had very little rubber and the only rubber tires one would see were those of the Yanks or an occasional German touring car. The Germans used steel and cement tires for their army trucks. Leather shoes were also scarce; the women wore paper slippers and wooden shoes.

The American soldiers were billeted mostly in the German homes and nearly every Yank enjoyed the luxuries of a feather bed each night from taps until reveille. The Germans made the boys as comfortable as they could and we were treated more like guests than enemies.

The German roads are among the finest in the world. Nearly every small village is joined with one of the main asphalt highways by a macadam road. The heavy traffic of the American army trucks soon destroyed the roads but they were kept in constant repair by a force of German workers.

There was little Bolshevik unrest in the American bridgehead but what little did arise was soon quieted by Uncle Sam's doughboys.

No little credit can be given to the German women for the part they played in the war. Everyone wondered how Germany could put such a large army in the field, but after seeing the German women at their tasks, we at once realized the fact. The women did most of the work on the farms and in the ammunition factories, and in nearly every profession where a man left for the front, his position was quickly filled by a woman. Girls from sixteen to eighteen years of age worked at ammunition depots ten hours a day, loading shells weighing as much as ninety pounds apiece. As a result, the women of Germany, today, are a hardy class.

The standard of German money is the "mark," which in peace times, is worth almost twenty-four cents. The "mark" has depreciated in value until now it is worth about four cents. There are paper and silver marks, silver half-marks, nickel fifty and twenty-five pfennigs and copper one and two pfennig pieces. During the war the smaller denominations were made from a good quality of steel.

Spring came with all its grandeur and this increased the desire to start for home and the final order did come on May 28th. But after all, one could not help but realize why thousands of tourists visit the Rhineland each year to see the interesting places and view the beautiful scenery which it affords—the ancient castles, the mountain-covered vineyard, Ehrenbreitsteeri, the Moselle Valley, and the ever famous Rhine. These all have many attractions, but after seeing them I can truthfully say that I prefer to gaze upon the much less famous "Kanakadea."

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QUARANTE HOMMES—HUIT CHEVAUX

There were three methods of transportation employed by the American troops in France; the railroad, the camion, and the hobnail. The most reliable and perhaps even the swiftest of these three was the hobnail.

Prof. Stearns asked me to describe something of troop transportation and I have decided to pick on the French railroad. Imagine, if you will, a modern American box car shrunk to one-third its natural size, stripped of its air brakes, and with a box effect on one end like a cabby's box, and you have the combination Pullman, parlor car and diner used by John Buck Private in France. Imagination has no powers to conceive the locomotives that pulled these cars, much less the shrill, squeaky little whistles that announced the coming of the next crossing.

Each car had a capacity of forty men or eight horses. I know now how forty men can be crowded into one of those delightful flatwheeled conveyances, but I have yet to see eight horses in one. It was not so bad for forty men because twenty could sleep while twenty stood up or hung on the outside of the car. Of course there would always be some "dog robber" who would manage to get in on both of the sleeping shifts, but that was fair enough because a man can't guard his hardtack and bully beef efficiently when asleep.

Occasionally the train would stop for water and there would be a general scramble for the door. Everyone would pile out to see if we were really "there" or if we were just resting. Word would be passed that the Red Cross was to serve coffee, and everyone climbed back in to get his canteen cup. Of course if there was a canteen cup nearer than your own you took it because you were in a terrible fright that the coffee would not hold out.

Another method of transportation was the French truck or camion. These trucks were equipped with huge box bodies with benches to sit on. Camions were used when a rapid movement of troops near the front was desired. A camion train would move a whole regiment at a time and the trains were sometimes several miles long.

The hobnails were most frequently used and they were always "there." Mr. Alsworth will tell about the hobnails and their hike into Germany.

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