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FROM GERMANY

A letter from Wilbur P. Ensign, who is with the army of occupation on the Rhine, 45th Co., 5th Reg. U. S. M. C. A. P. O. 710, Via. N. Y., tells of several interesting experiences. His company is located in a little village of six houses about twenty miles north of Coblenz. Until recently the men have been quartered in German households, but now regular barracks and a mess hall have been built. These are great improvements, although they create a certain feeling of permanency that is rather discouraging to homesick soldiers. Once a week the men are given a real treat. They are marched to Wallbach, a little town about six miles from the encampment, and are given a "line bath in lots of hot water with real soap." This is the greatest luxury of all. Wilbur had the pleasure of spending a day with his sister, Mildred L. Ensign, who is a Regular Army nurse now with Evacuation Hospital 49 in Coblenz, A. P. O. 927.

AURELIA

Aurelia met last Wednesday evening and an unusually large number were present. The following musical numbers furnished one of the best programs which the society has had this year:

Hawaiian Quintette—

Julia Anderson, Helen Lampson,
Julia McKeivitt, Freda Blomholm,
Florence Johnson.

Piano Solo—Pauline Norseng.

Vocal Solo—"The Americans Come."

Violin Solo—Minuet in G. - Beethoven
Anne Danielson

Paper—Life and Writings of Omar
Khaiyam.

Two poems set to music—Dorothy
Taggart.

Friday afternoon the tennis season was formally opened. Guy H. Smith marked out one of the courts in the morning, and Miss Behrend and he played the first game after dinner. Before any of the other courts can be used there must be considerable work done on them. Let all who play tennis get busy.

ANDERSON'S BIG

UNITED SHOWS

On April 25 we are going to have one of the greatest Athletic Carnivals and Circuses.

The Big Show will be formally opened at 7:30 with a high dive from the top of North Hall into a tank on the ground with six inches of water in it.

At 7:45 the doors will be opened and the main Circus will be given in the gymnasium. The following are a few of the things that you can see:

1. Hot dogs, candy, lemonade, and peanuts at the different booths.
2. Games of chance.
3. Prof. Pernikoff, master of the unknown forces.
4. Free animal shows.
5. Numerous side shows.
6. A real show for men only.
7. No-Man's-Land.
8. Feature—
Kangaroo Court. To get the full benefit of the show please behave your best, or worst.
9. Minstrels—All promise us some royal entertainment.

Come early and you will get to see all of the show. Mr. Anderson promises to make this a real show and asks that you come and see for yourself.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

There are indications that as soon as the appropriation bill passes the senate the plans for the new farm buildings will be completed and the work begun before July 1.

Correspondence with the J. I. Case people is nearly completed by which we may get a Case tractor for demonstration at the school.

Mr. Welles has handed in a description of "part time instruction for farm boys," as carried out in Wood county. This is the beginning of a program for such work here.

The hog houses just completed by some of the boys of the agriculture course look like palaces beside some one sees in the country.

Seniors, order your calling cards early. To wait until the last moment may be too late.

A LETTER FROM RUSSIA

Corporal Richard Munkwitz, a former student here writes from Russia. Mr. Munkwitz can finish his course in one quarter, and had hoped that he might be returned to the States so that he could enter this quarter. His letter of January 26 expresses his sentiments as follows:

"Sometimes, about once or twice every now and then, copies of the Record-Herald find their way up here to No Woman's Land and are instantly devoured by the news-hungry gang, searching for information regarding their comrades and general conditions in France, where we belong, but through Fate were sent up to this part of the world to quell Bolshevism and guard the northern lights.

"We are so far north that the dog-gone sun works only when it feels inclined to do so, and in that way it is like everything else in Russia. The moon isn't so particular, and comes up usually backwards, at any time of the day or night, in any part of the sky, it having no set schedule, and often it will get lost and still be on the job at noon. Yes, we are so far north that 30 degrees below will soon be tropical weather to us, and they will have to build fires around both cows before they can milk them. Probably about next month at this time some one will come around and say we will be pulling out of here in a day or so, but then the days will be six months long.

"In one issue we noticed a cartoon, "Pity the Boys in Siberia," but what about us? Now, up here in this tough town there are 269,831 inhabitants, of which 61,329 are human beings and 208,502 are dogs,—dogs of every description from the poodle to the St. Bernard and from the wolfhound to the half-breed dachshund, which is half German and half Bolshevik and looks the part.

"We have good quarters when we are here, thank fortune for that, and good food when it comes up. If we can stand the winter we will be "jake," and a Yank can accustom himself to anything if he wants to. . . .

"We also read in the _____ that the boys in Italy had some tongue twisters and brain-worriers, but listen

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to this—Centimes, sous and francs may be hard to count, but did you ever hear of a rouble or a kopec? A kopec is worth a tenth of a cent and there are a hundred of them in a rouble. As you will see that makes a rouble worth a dime, and to make matters worse all the money is paper, coins having gone out of circulation since the beginning of the mix-up. A kopec is the size of a postage stamp, a rouble looks like a United States cigar store certificate; a 25-rouble note resembles a porous plaster, and a 100-rouble note the Declaration of Independence.

"When a soldier in search of a meal enters a restaurant, he says to the waitress, 'Barishna, zakejeetyeh bifstek, pozhalysta,' which means 'an order for beefsteak, lady, please.' You see, you always say 'barishna' which really means 'girl,' and until a young lady is married she is always a 'barishna.' She will answer the hungry customer with, 'yah ochen sojalayler, shto unaus nyet yestnik prepasov siechas,' (a simple home cure for lockjaw,) meaning 'I am very sorry, but we are out of food today.' He will try several other places and if he is lucky he is apt to stumble across a place where he can get something to eat, but when he looks at the bill of fare and learns that it costs him about \$7.50 for a sandwich and a cup of coffee, he beats it back to the barracks.

"Every time you get on a street car (tramway) you have to count out 60 kopecs for your fare and most of us would rather walk than be jammed in the two-by-four busses and fish for the money. Before boarding a car each passenger usually hunts a

couple of five-gallon milk cans, a market basket or two and a bag of smoked herring, so they will get their money's worth out of the ride besides making the atmosphere nice and pleasant for the rest of the passengers.

"When you take your clothes to have them laundered and tell the woman to please omit the odor she will tell you that she has no soap and if you want them washed to your satisfaction please send in a cake. Anything in the world to keep your clothes from smelling of fish and oil, so you double-time back and get her the soap, and then she gives the kids a bath and that is the end of your soap.

"When a Russian meets another man he knows on the street, both lift hats and flirt with each other. If they stop to talk, they shake hands, even if they haven't seen each other for fully twenty minutes. Then they simply must shake hands again when they part. When a man meets a lady friend he usually kisses her hand and shows her how far he can bend over without breaking his suspenders. 'Ah,' he will say, 'yah ochen rrad vasveedyat, kak oui pazhavaetye?' Which in the U. S. means, 'How do you do?' to which she will reply, 'Blogadaru vas, yah ochen korosho,' or 'Very well, thank you.' It is a knock-out.

"And another thing E—, are they really holding a separate war up here for our benefit? Just because we were not in the big doings in France is no reason why they should run a post season series especially for us. We appreciate the kindness and honor and all that, but what we want to know is where everybody gets that stuff. Believe me, after all the dope we got on the trenches, about pianos and wooden floors, steam heat and other conveniences, when we see ourselves on duty with one blanket (a course) in 28 inches of pure ooosoozy mud, which before we awaken turns into thin, fine ice, it makes us want to cry out and ask the universe what we have done to deserve this exile."

RICHARD MUNKWITZ,
Archangel, Russia.

Mr. Emmett Murphy was in St. Paul for Easter.

The Hawaiian Quintette will give concerts at any time.

Miss Mable Snoeynbos will teach in Pepin, Wis., next year.

G. O. P. initiation is over. No more saluting or obeying orders.

Miss Mathilda Smith of New Richmond spent a few days visiting school the past week.

ALUMNI

Lieut. Randolph Thompson, '15, visited his sister, Lillian, last Saturday and Sunday.

Elizabeth Taggart, '17, visited her parents over the week-end. She is teaching in Amery, Wis.

Harry Hosford, who has seen six months of active service in France with the 34th Infantry, has returned to his home in Hudson.

Ruth Symes, '14, is spending her vacation in River Falls. Miss Symes is primary critic at the Moorhead Normal, Moorhead, Minn.

Lou Coit, '17, has returned from France, where he has been in service with Co. B, 25th Engineers. He is stationed at Newport News, Va., awaiting discharge.

Edna Foley, '12, who has been teaching in Salt Lake City, Utah, has resigned her position on account of illness and will remain at home for the rest of the year.

Prof. Robert R. Reed, an alumnus, and at one time a member of the River Falls faculty, visited in River Falls last week. Prof. Reed is a member of the faculty at the Winona Normal, Winona, Minnesota.

Many old students were seen about the campus last week. The Misses Ruth and Rochelle Junkman, Helen Nelson, "Billy" Stapleton, Lillian Nelson, Volbourg and Margaret Jensen, Mildred Poston, and Mrs. Constance Thorsen spent their spring vacation in this city.

N. C. A.

N. C. A. program for Thursday evening will be a series of talks by:

Luella Burns, John Leirich, Helen Haisley, Alvin Carew.

The Y. M. C. A. will meet next Thursday evening. Special music will be given.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held Thursday evening at 6:45 in the society room.

Hawley: "I saw an awful accident this afternoon."

Solheim: "What was it?"

Hawley: "Why I saw a man slip and fall on the pavement and a jitney turned over in his pocket."

Chas. Kelly: "Come and go to Hudson with me."

Ray Harnden: "I have only one cent."

Kelly: "If you would wash your feet you would not have that."

April 25, Anderson's Big Shows.

LOCALS

Tennis, tennis, tennis.

Y. W. C. A. Thursday night.

Get ready for Anderson's Big United Shows, April 25.

Mr. Davison spent the week-end at Clear Lake.

The cast for the class play, "Quality Street," is already at work.

Seniors! Sign up at once for your commencement announcements.

Mr. Hayward spent his vacation in Minneapolis visiting his father.

Miss Julia McKeivitt visited Viola Solheim at Hudson last week-end.

Now that vacation is over let us get back to the old familiar grind.

Miss Lenora Hunter spent her Easter vacation with Freda Blomholm at Hudson.

Wanted—To know who the boys were who spent Sunday evening in the park dressed as girls.

Do not wait until May 8 to ask your lady friend to the junior prom. Boys! That is your duty.

Constance Thorsen, who is teaching in Superior, spent her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Norseng.

Last Wednesday Harold Lissack got the magazine, "Good Housekeeping," from the library. It is a very good magazine.

Remember that books are needed by our soldiers in the hospitals. Bring any that you can to the library, and they will be sent to the hospitals needing them.

Mr. Hunt writes that he had a very pleasant voyage. He does not know yet just where he will be sent, but expects to go to Paris for a week or ten days before he receives his assignment orders.

At assembly last Tuesday Mr. Davison gave a very interesting plea for the support of the Student Voice. The staff believes that if each student was as enthusiastic as Mr. Davison is, we could easily have a real school paper. The staff is very grateful for the interest that members of the faculty have taken in the Student Voice.

Did you know that La Crosse Normal prints a school paper called the Racquet? Did you know that every student in the La Crosse Normal is a subscriber for his school paper? Wouldn't it be a 'grand and glorious feeling' to know that every student in the River Falls Normal was a subscriber for the Student Voice? What is true of the students of La Crosse can be true here, if you help.

THE HUDSON HIKE

A hiker's club has recently been organized, and it promises to be one of the liveliest organizations in existence. The members are, Ada Tubbs, Georgia Stewart, Florence Johnson, Mina Tubbs, Miss McKenzie, Audrey Armstrong, Irene Larkin, Helen Lampson, Aloa Armstrong, and Julia Anderson.

As the girls were free from strenuous study Friday, they decided to take their first hike. They chose Hudson for their destination; and armed with all necessaries, including two ukeleles, they left River Falls at 10:30 in the morning. Many a passer-by stopped to view the newly organized army, as it marched out of the city. The day was glorious; the roads were fine (?), the participants were happy, so what more would be wanted to make a more ideal hike?

The girls walked, without stopping, until they reached the six-mile corner. By this time, feet were getting tired and many hungry mouths were in evidence; so a halt was called by the captain. 'Seated around shade trees, the "company" partook of a bounteous "spread." Following dinner, some sought a soft place in which to "snooze;" others enjoyed listening to the concert afforded them by the birds.

At 1:30 the hike was resumed; and it wasn't long before Hudson was reached. The girls were greeted by the Everson "twins" and a fine supper was served by them to the hungry way-farers. Everything tasted so delicious to them that the hikers forgot the hour, and almost missed their train.

Special mention should be made of the artists we have in this society. Helen Lampson, Florence Johnson and Julia Anderson are almost an equal to the Homer, Gluck, Melba trio. A rival to Ruth St. Denis, is to be found in Aloa Armstrong as a dancer. Aloa is able to dance very gracefully, to even the rasping chords of a nut-meg grater.

This is just a beginning of a series of hikes for the hikes' club. The girls are planning many more good times, that will take place in the near future.

Some of the G. O. P. girls forgot to get permits to go out of town over Easter, and nearly missed the train in the attempt to get them.

Charles McAleavy has completed the course in agriculture and returned to his home in Ellsworth. He will return for the commencement. Before leaving Saturday he subscribed for the Student Voice.

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Just think, June 12, will soon be here.

When are we going to have a school dance?

Girls, let's have an S. A. T. C (Saturday afternoon tennis club).

Miss Clara Olsen visited the Eversons in Hudson during Easter.

Several seniors have already accepted positions for next year.

Miss Elsie Engledinger practiced in the observation school this week.

Irene Larkin gave a dancing party at her home on Thursday evening.

Prof. Lissack has accepted a position at Independence, Wis.

Nellie Roese and Dwight Chinnock enjoyed Sunday afternoon in the park.

Ravira Boles, who has been ill with scarlet fever for four weeks, has returned to school.

Margaret Schrankel and Lyda Kersten visited with Agnes Bottelfson at Star Prairie last week-end.

Arthur Eckley returned Monday from his home in Dallas, where he visited his parents last week-end.

Harris Eckley has accepted a position as teacher of agriculture at Durand. He has been hired for eleven months.

Miss Daisy Burke, who has been at her home for some time because of illness, has returned to school to resume her work for the last quarter.

Did you see Mr. McAleavy and "Chub" Lowry parting at the station Thursday? It was sad, indeed. They embraced ardently while their stalwart shoulders shook with sobs; and tears coursed down their cheeks. They were finally torn asunder by pitying friends as the train steamed out toward Glover.

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Miss Norissa Knudsen spent the week-end in St. Paul.

Some of the students are suffering from poison ivy "out-breaks."

Miss Hazel Hawkins spent her Easter vacation at her home in Hammond.

Miss Esther Williams spent her vacation visiting friends in the Twin Cities.

NORMAL JAZZ

Where did Kendall Wentz?

Mr. Lowry reports that he has come back a 'changed' man,—from bad to worse.

Mr. Whitenack: "Mr. Conrad, what language do people speak in Peru?"

Mr. Conrad: "Peruna."

Althea Hurd: "I wish that the maker had made me a man."

Felix Ulrich: "He did, I am the man."

Marion Rowcliff: "I took out my insurance the other day."

Marcella Goff: "Did you take it out in Virgil O'Brien's name?"

Marion: "No, I will next year."

Mr. Erlandson got a letter addressed, "Rev. Ray Erlandson," one day last week. He has asked that that be kept a secret, so please do not tell anyone.

Professor: "When does a fall cause a rise?"

Charles Lowry: "When the fall is sufficient to cause a rise."

Professor: "Give an example."

Lowry: "A fall of rain may cause a rise in the Kinnickinnic."

A TRIBUTE TO MAN

Man is like a kerosene lamp.
He is not especially bright.
Usually smokes, is often turned down
And frequently goes out at night.

DID YOU EVER? (The Dream)

I walked into the class-room,
I breathed the fresh air deep.
The lecture was full of interest
And nobody fell asleep.

AS THINGS ARE (The Reality)

I spent a year in the class room,
In the usual tiresome hour,
I slept, and the heavy ether
Was like that in an old church tower.

Irene Stewart visited in St. Paul over Sunday.

Miss Grace Jackman visited her sister in Hudson.

Miss Emma Berg, formerly of this school, visited her aunt, Miss Berg, over Thursday.

Wouldn't it be nice to go for canoe rides now. If only River Falls had a few for rent?

Many of the students have decided to remain for summer school and work for a three-year diploma.

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