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PAUL H. ENGLE, MANAGING EDITOR FOR JANUARY

A MAN WHO KNEW HOW TO LIVE

Although February is looked upon as the "American month" of the calendar by virtue of being the birth-month of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, this month of January need not be hurriedly passed by for it is the birth-month of Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin's efforts in establishing the success of the Revolution is but a small part of his life activity. His many activities should be cared nothing for the "jack of all trades, master of none" theory. He distinguished himself as a printer, publisher, author, inventor, scientist, philosopher, statesman, diplomat and financier. He well deserves the title of "The Most Remarkable American".

During our four year's of college we stare at the name of the author of "Poor Richard" many times. His discovery of electricity, his invention of the stove make us realize his other importance. In the study of agriculture, we come again across this great American's name. This time he demonstrated the value of chemicals to invigorate the soil.

History is rich with Benjamin Franklin, this time the publisher of the *Michigan State News* in his own right.

shadow his influence in even ours. Perhaps no two words portray his characteristics better than originality and common sense. And he a man that lived when tradition and superstition largely dominated.

He is significant to us not as a living "Horatio Alger" character, but as a man intensely human, a man who enjoyed everything that life had to offer.

THE SINGING COLLEGE

Homer moved ancient Greece with his song and story; Caedman singing verses in praise of God added a great human quality to religion. Ballads of old stimulated the community feeling, while the wandering minstrels and troubadours travelled about the country winning men from their work and worries.

Today, Tin Pan Alley with its Irving Berlins and its Gus Kahns carries on the spirit of past ages. Radio, victrolas, orchestras, sweet voices, and husky throats spread the gospel of the song. The singing of "The Rosary" by Schuman-Heink or "Sleepy Time Gal" by Eddie Cañter are equally important for both touch the more delicate senses of mankind.

Group singing as planned by Michigan State's greatest choral society would certainly develop Michigan State consciousness. It is the beginning of greater college loyalty. In a few years Michigan State could fairly claim distinction in song by producing such singing extravaganzas as "The Student Prince."

But let us not look too far ahead and forget the work that is ours at present. Those who have been endowed with a voice more adapted to song than to a foghorn should willingly devote a few hours time to this very worthwhile idea. There are too many of us here in College who are not at all hesitant about letting the other fellow do the work.

PUBLIC LETTERS

It is not our purpose to encourage misuse of the public letter column, but rather to encourage students and faculty to present sincere opinions coming as a result of honest thinking and not blind prejudice.

Public letters should commend as well as condemn. They should not be regarded as a convenient means of returning a retort. It is hopeless to expect letters filled with insults and lack of thinking to be printed. Every letter must be signed by the writer. His initials will be used if he wishes his name to be withheld.

There are many individual opinions which would be of campus value if they were expressed in writing. Undoubtedly many have suggestions for getting greater push behind the proposed singing group, the student congress, study, student attitude, etc. A criticism with a suggestion is worth many times more than a criticism standing alone.

INDOOR SPORTS

Steps are being taken to organize a chess and checker club for faculty and students. About twenty have already signed up, but more are wanted before the organization meeting is called. The organization is to be planned for everyone; men and women, good players or bad. From the best players will be chosen teams to play matches with downtown clubs and organizations. A challenge has already been received. All that is needed now is a team.

Co-ed Edna Says:

Business as usual! As a side-line we're gonna try and get rid of all those assorted bricks we received after the publication of our first attempt as a columnist!

The editor suggested that we turn them over to the college to build the new chemistry and armory buildings. It's a good idea, says we, but what'll we do with those that are left? Suggestions are in order! One at a time!

Speaking of bricks reminds us that a friend of ours reports seeing a sign over a local soda fountain which reads: "Take home a brick, you might have company."

Reports go the rounds that WKAR, our collieth static producer, is to have a so-called "school of the air." What's that? A course in aviation?

The first week of the new term has been successfully or unsuccessfully finished, according to how you look at it. It was successful in the point of view to the number of co-eds who grace our classes. But, alas and alack, unsuccessful, in fact down right terrible, due to the present state of our pocketbook!

This certainly is jolly weather, nice for all the winter sports like coasting and skating.

Now that the winter is really here, we seem to have lost all our enthusiasm for the sports which we were looking forward to so eagerly last August.

I didn't get any new sled for Christmas, and the old one is too rusty to use now, so I can't slide anyway.

But I still have a good pair of rubbers, and so I manage to do the same stunt the way the rest of you do—you know, on those little side-walk slippery places.

Did you ever happen on one of those places when you were having one of your dignified days? What happened to your dignity?

Did you ever notice the way people act when they fall down in public? They always look over their shoulders to see if anybody was watching them.

And if anybody was, they laugh uproariously at the joke, as much as to say that they would like to share it with the whole world, and then go on with a chip on their shoulders for the rest of the day.

And if nobody saw the inglorious stumble, they pick themselves up with the most disgusted expression, and limp onward.

And then you wonder why they snap at you when you tell them a funny story about the "fellow who just fell down in front of the post-office and I bet he busted the ice!"

But there's some consolation in thinking that the other fellow has made a bigger fool of himself than you did.

It is now the season for floor burns. We just recover from the sunburn of last summer, and then they hand us a game of basketball with its attendant suffering.

But we co-eds are brave. We never falter!

It is also the season for initiation! And that really stands for lack of sleep and lots of hard work.

Poor, self-sacrificing freshmen. They are now standing, with very reluctant feet, where the brook and river meet.

Public Letter

To the Editor:

Is it necessary to be a purist in order to possess any appreciable degree of brain capacity? L. E. S. would have us think so. In his recent public letter he bemoans the fact that certain faculty members use colloquialisms. In fact, Larry is shocked when he hears one of his instructors say "aint." Aint that awful?

The only other thing that Larry has against the faculty, as far as one can discover from his letter, is that the individualism of the student is suppressed. He is unable to speak views that are counter to those of the professor during class discussion. Larry says that you are now "graduated out of the short pants of education." Speaking of colloquialisms—

Is it not possible that some instructors object to a large amount of discussion in their classes because of the lack of time? Are not all members of the teaching force of this institution more or less troubled with the student who will argue about anything in order to divert attention from the lesson? I'll wager that anybody who wants to argue a point with a professor, provided that the point is within reason, can do so by finding that professor when he is not teaching a class. I'll also bet that the professor will give freely of his time to talk the thing over until he and the student have at least been able to understand the other's point of view. It is too much to ask, however, that all classrooms become seminars.

J. G.

Only in this case it simply stands for the difference between being a good, hard-working pledge, and an overworked and unhappy initiate.

But never mind, freshmen. It is merely the stepping stone to higher things.

So don't feel hurt, dear reader, if the co-eds refuse to speak to you this week, and don't stare after them in blank surprise when you see them sporting a pig tail or hair ribbon.

The most beautiful of us look rather peculiar, you know, when we are compelled to wear our hats and coats back to front.

From the number of girls minor-ing in physical education this year, it begins to look as though Michigan State would soon lose the reputation it has built up these many years.

But that will be no disgrace, because we will be developing new ones for turning out plenty of good athletic instructors.

JUNIORS SET 4-HOP PRICE

AT LOW MARK

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The eligibility committee, of which Stanley Hartsell is chairman, has completed a financial survey of the class. All classes must be paid to complete eligibility.

The East Lansing State bank will handle the tickets and class dues may also be paid at the bank at the same time. Invitations will be issued at the time of paying fees and the invitations are to be returned to the eligibility committee at the Union building where table assignments will be made. Labels will be assigned in the order in which the invitations are presented. Seniors who did not attend the J-Hop last year will be required to bring a statement from the class treasurer showing that they are eligible. It is expected that the work of the eligibility committee will be started within the next two weeks.

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Kappa Delta House

Informal initiations occupied the foremost part on the campus during the week and the week-end will see a host of formal ceremonies and banquets honoring the new members. The Delphi society is entertaining with the first of a series of open houses Saturday evening.

Delphi

House guests over the week-end were G. Beyer and William Stigener. Saturday evening will see the first of a series of open houses to be given by the society the others being held February and March 6th. Twelve initiates will be formally accepted at the initiation banquet to be held at the society home Monday evening.

Sesame

Hazel Kelly is acting as house president this term. Initiation began Sunday night and will end with a formal banquet at the Tea Room of the Methodist Temple House Saturday evening.

Phi Delta

The following are being initiated in the society: Theodore Knickerbocker, Donald Cobb, Donald McLandruss, Tracy Maynard, Albert Moore, Thom-

as Ramsdell, Ralph Boyton, Gaillard Colvin, Merwyn Earleman, and Melvinis.

The following will complete initiation at the formal banquet to be given at the home Saturday evening: William Kane, Haddell Smith, Vern Dickerson, Sherman Lillingham, L. Hornbeck, Robert Wilson, Carl Cross, L. Goulet, Kenneth Schepers, Lawrence Lyman, and James Annis.

Sororian

The formal initiation banquet will be held at the Temple House in Lansing Saturday.

Phi Kappa Tau

The local chapter of Phi Kappa Tau will hold formal initiation for the following the first week in February: Joseph Porter, Carl Felt, William Eaton, Donald McPherson, Maurice Powell, Hugo Kanitz, Earl Gettel and C. M. Leeson. About ten members of the fraternity will attend the basket ball game at Ann Arbor Saturday. Bud Mattison will attend a sorority party in Ann Arbor Saturday evening.

Upsilon

The society will stage its winter term formal at the Union building, March 5th.

Pythian

The Pythian society will give its formal dinner dance at the Women's Club House January 30th. The affair will serve both as formal initiation banquet for the new members and as the annual winter term formal. The following girls are to be initiated: Eunice Winans, Ruth Grossinger, Jane

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"Europe Through Young Eyes"

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles in which John F. Brisbin, '28, of the State News staff, will give a bit of his personal experiences in Paris, Brussels, the War Country and London.

John F. Brisbin, '28.

No one can understand the World War who has not seen and toured the horrible war country of the Continent. This may seem a dogmatic statement, but I feel sure that those who have been over and seen the terrible destruction wrought by the opposing nations in one of the most terrible wars in the history of the world, will bear me out in my attitude. One million and fifty thousand brave soldiers, six hundred thousand Germans and four hundred fifty thousand French, killed at Ver-

dun as a result of the incessant attacks of the Crown Prince of Germany, called in France the "Butcher of Verdun," are mute testators to the absolute necessity for peace. Unforgettable sights meet the eye at every turn in the horribly tortured country side—scenes of fighting and artillery duels so terrible that whole forests were reduced to what the soldiers called rows of "toothpicks."

The silence of the country is tragic in its intensity. As far as the eye can see there is not a living thing—not even so much as a rude hut or grazing animal. I passed through one sector where seventy-five square miles of country will never be fit for cultivation again. The Argonne forest is a network of ditches, gun shelters, machine gun nests and trenches. Dead bodies are yet being discovered in the undergrowth of the forest. Great hills are pitted with huge craters and shell holes. Jack Johnsons, as they were called by the soldiers. Everything is desolation and stillness. Every few minutes I could see a little cemetery—a cluster of crosses, white for the Allies and black for the Germans. Our guide, who had fought in the war during the entire four years and had been wounded in the Argonne, saluted the cemeteries of white crosses, but merely took off his hat as we passed the black crosses. I asked him why he made this distinction and he answered in his typical French manner, "I respect the German dead, but I do not salute them."

I left Paris by train early in the morning, and on arrival in the city of Rheims I took an automobile for a two-day tour through the Champagne sector, the Argonne forest and the battlefields in and around Verdun. This part of the country, more than any other, has preserved the exact aspect that it had at the close of hostilities, so I will try to tell you a few of the interesting points in connection with this most impressive visit to "Verdun," the greatest battlefield of all time. Following the old Roman road out of Rheims, I passed the Pompeii Fort, which never wrested from the French, was the chief defense of Rheims, and saw the Mont Haut, le Casque, le Teton, and Mont-Sans-Nom which form the Massif de Moronvilliers, the objective of the offensive of April, 1917. Later on in the morning, after riding through more of the terrible Champagne sector, I came to the imposing monument erected to those who lost their lives in the fighting in the Champagne. It is interesting to note that this monument stands in the "No Man's Land," one hundred feet wide that extended from Switzerland to the North Sea, and contains the bodies of three hundred thousand American, French and French Colonial troops. Not far from this monument, near Cernay, stands the Charlevaux Mill, the tragic spot where the "Lost Battalion" of the 77th American Division, hemmed in on all sides, fought for four days and lost 75 per cent of its effective force before being relieved. I picked up a clip of American cartridges on the site of the bloody battle and snapped a picture of the monument to the 7th French Chasseurs, who came to the aid of the American outfit.

At noon I arrived at Viennelle-Chateau, headquarters of the Crown Prince in the Argonne, and took lunch there. The walls of the hotel, "Hôtel de la Lorraine," are riddled with shrapnel, and the building contains many interesting souvenirs of the Great War. In the grotto of the hotel is a little chapel, constructed by the "poilus" during the terrible bombardment of the Germans. Here I saw a small shrine to a well known saint amid the ruin and destruction of the God of Battles. Such a sight makes one think and question the story of the inflated hatred in the hearts of rival armies.

After lunch I drove on through the historic old village of Varennes. Here it was in 1791 that Louis XVI, in his attempted flight from Paris was stopped by the revolutionists. I passed over the bridge where he was seized by the men of the tricolor cockade, and the next day, when I retraversed this road, I took an interesting snapshot of the rude structure that played such an important role in history. From Varennes I went on to Montfaucon, the former headquarters of the German army, from whence the Crown Prince watched the frantic attacks on Verdun in 1916. This stronghold was taken by the Americans on September 27, 1918, and offers one of the finest examples of a ruined fort.

Mr. Taft pointed out that progress must be made in any profession in order that the worker will not learn to loath his chosen work and showed the difference between humans and animals.

I never heard of a cat or dog that was interested in its grandchild. Mr. Taft remarked, and added, "We realize now that we are our brothers' keepers. The war taught us that it is our duty to help our fellow men to a higher appreciation of the beautiful, because if beauty that is lasting is swept from the ideals of a people, one of its most splendid attributes is lost."

Mr. Taft's address was a preliminary one to his lecture of the evening which was given as the first number of the winter term on the State College Artists' course.

ROY C. ANDREWS, EXPLORER
NEXT ARTS SPEAKER

(Continued from page 1.)

142 camels and 14 tents made up the caravan of the third expedition. The party was twice as large as that of the year before, and when camp was pitched the appearance was that of a regular village.

So far the expedition has established definite proof that ancient Asia is the mother of life in Europe and America. This has been proved through the unearthing of fossilized skeletons of dinosaurs, the finding of the dinosaur eggs and of the fossilized bones of other prehistoric monsters of the Asiatic desert. If, during the next two years, the bones of prehistoric man can be unearthed, Mr. Andrews and his party will have established the first authentic evidence of the "missing link."

The expedition is under the sponsorship of the American Museum of Natural History, in cooperation with the American Asiatic Association and Asia magazine. So far it has yielded, in addition to the prehistoric findings, some 2,000 mammals, 1,200 fish, reptiles and batracians, and some 17 cases of fossils. Altogether the expedition has yielded about 15,000 specimens.

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equalled only by the seventeen forts around Verdun. After visiting the military observatory on top of a hill here, I continued on the road through Charny and Enes to the Valley of Death and Dead Man's Hill, my first glimpse of that grandest and, at the same time, most horrible of the battle fields of all time—"Verdun." Dead Man's Hill, from foot to crest, is a mass of shell holes and massive craters. Near the hill is the Valley of Death, the scene of the sanguine and wholesale slaughter of armies, when the Crown Prince hurled line after line of German soldiers against the impregnable stronghold of the French. Time after time the lines were thrown back by rifle and artillery fire that has never been equalled in the history of the world. It is especially fitting that on the crest of this hill there stands a monument to the valor of the French "poilus." On this monument are engraved the words:

"Quo que tu sois, Français qui passe, avertis-toi et salue."

Laisse un peu de ton cœur à ceux qui sont morts ici pour toi."

Which, translated, becomes:

"Whoever you are, Frenchman who may pass, halt and salute. Leave a bit of your heart for those who died here for your sake."

Another monument on this same hill bears the memorable words: "Ils n'ont pas Passé," meaning "They did not pass."

I arrived in Verdun about five o'clock in the afternoon. This city is one of the most strongly fortified in all France. Situated as it is, about sixty miles from Metz, the strongest fort of Lorraine, Verdun

is in line to receive the brunt of any attack from the inner continent, and is well able to hold its position against all comers. The city is in a valley surrounded by seventeen hills, and on the crest of each hill is a mighty fort. But before I tell you about these forts, I must describe the strong citadel of Verdun. To begin with, the citadel has been built in a hill of solid rock. This is the method of construction of most of the forts in Europe because artillery fire could never hope to pierce one hundred feet or so of solid rock forming the roof of a fortress. The walls of the citadel are thirty-five feet in thickness and can enclose and protect twenty-five thousand men in time of siege or peril. I entered the stronghold by the main gateway and was shown first to a dark chamber at the end of which in illuminated letters I could see the words "On ne passe pas," the historic watchword of the heroic French at Verdun. "They shall not pass." No one can realize until he sees this impressive chamber how much the holding of Verdun meant to the brave "poilus."

The room was then lighted up and I could see that I was in the historic chamber where the eight coffins containing the bodies of the unknown dead at Verdun rested and where one of the coffins was chosen to take the place of honor in the

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STATE FIVE TANGLES WITH MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR TOMORROW NIGHT

MATHER'S QUINTET FAVORED TO SWAMP STATERS WITH
SCALP OF TWO BIG TEN TEAMS IN THEIR BELT.

Work of grooming the Michigan State basketball team, shattered by the faculty eligibility rulings, furnished Coach John Kobs with an almost impossible task for the last week before Michigan's potential Big Ten champions for 1925-26 are engaged tomorrow night at Ann Arbor.

Although the State team, despite the makeshift lineup, came through with a victory over St. Viators last week and defeated the State court monitor, it showed far from the form which is deemed necessary to cope with the quintet Coach Mather will send against them tomorrow night in the Field House.

With only Kenneth Drew, the sensational sophomore guard, remaining from the list of regulars to start the games during the first of the season, Kobs is depending upon green material to a large degree. Captain Chris Hackett appears to be back in the harness and bids fair to supplant Russo as the leading scorer of the season if his work in the St. Viators tangle is to be taken as any indication. According to indications, Chuck Fredericks, the flashy guard, will be able to take his regular turn. His ankles apparently have mended and the provocation which kept him out of the lineup in early games is removed.

One of the forward positions and the center job are left open to the new material. Colvin seems to be making a strong bid for the open forward berth. The redhead is fast, a good shot at the hoop, but has been handicapped by his inability to hang on to the ball. Louis Smith, who only since the start of the winter term has been with the squad, is putting up a strong bid for the position, as is "Doc" Hood.

The pivot job is pursued by three candidates, and which will draw the favor of the coach is still an unde-

ecided matter. Lewis, a rangy sophomore who recently joined the squad, seems to be receiving no little attention, as are Fredericks, regularly a guard, and Jack O'Connor, who played much of the St. Viators game. If Fredericks holds down the pivot job, Cole will probably step into the vacant guard job.

Coach Kobs has been working hard for the last week to perfect something of an airtight defense against the Michigan offensive strength. The State team is fortunate in having a pair of competent huskies to do duty at the guard berths. If the three other candidates can be molded into the defense of the team, the State monitor will be able to look forward to coming through with something of an easy conscience. The passing of the team, although far from being above criticism, seems to be improving. Russo is starting a good share of the plays for the State team and bids well to fit into the position vacated by the flashy Russo.

EUROPE THROUGH YOUNG EYES

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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier under the Arch of Triumph in Paris. Here it was, in this chamber, that Marshal Petain and his staff remained during the siege of Verdun and directed the successful resistance of the French. I saw innumerable shot torn and battle worn banners, rifles, equipment and shells, relics of the greatest siege in the world's history, and marvelled at the wonderful spirit of patriotism that caused the French soldiers to endure through this period of bitter strife.

I was then conducted to the chambers where the soldiers "bunked." They had no beds. The only semblance to even a cot that I could find was a pine board laid across two projecting steel rods. These pine boards are found at regular intervals along the wall, something like the upper and lower berths in a Pullman car. The air within the citadel is damp and the walls of solid rock are wet with moisture. Often I looked down and saw a little puddle of water on the stone floor.

But the citadel is a military place to be in time of war and this fact makes up for many of the hygienic failings of the stronghold.

After going through the citadel, I went to the Hotel du Coq Hardi, or Hotel of the Hardy Cock. This little inn was a quaint place with

its large sign of a red rooster hanging outside, and just inside the lobby there was an old soldier polishing shoes. He had been in Verdun for four years of the war, he told me while he shined my shoes, and had been wounded twice in the terrible battles there. I could see that one side of his face was horribly twisted and his eye practically obliterated, and asked him how he received this injury. It seems that a machine gun bullet had hit him in the eye but had passed down through his cheek bone, just missing the brain in its path. The soldier had so many medals for bravery that they covered the entire left breast of his coat, and he pointed out to me the "Croix de Guerre," and an American decoration for heroism on the battlefield. This sight is only one of the many examples of the same thing that I saw in France. Everywhere I could see mutilated men, soldiers decorated with every description of medal, and old soldiers, some begging in the streets and others doing some little task for a franc or so. Such are the horrors of war. I am not a pacifist, but I believe in "preparedness" to eliminate the terrible scourges of invasion.

After dinner at the Hotel du Coq Hardi, I went out for a little walk after dark in Verdun. It is a beautiful town, dating back to medieval times, with the picturesque and historical River Meuse winding under its cobblestone streets, with the ruins of an ancient monastery shading the crooked avenues, and with rustic wooden bridges crossing the stream, at one time red with the blood of fallen heroes. I wish I could tell you more about this delightful town with its lamplight and its windows reflecting the rays of the candle, and its inhabitants gazing curiously at our party as we passed by, but I must go on to the next morning and describe the Fort de Douaumont, which I visited.

Situated on the crest of one of the seventeen hills surrounding the city of Verdun, the Fort de Douaumont sustained a cannonading of one hundred thousand shells during the German offensive of 1916. The fort is constructed in much the same manner as the Citadel which I have previously described and is noted for its subterranean passages in which a terrible hand to hand conflict with bayonets took place when the Germans seized the stronghold for a short time. The earth was soggy with gore, and the passageways were clogged with dead bodies when the French stubbornly contested every foot of the way to the last chamber with the hordes of attacking Germans. It is said that after the battle

and when a terrible storm had forced the Germans in possession of the fort to use rowboats to go from one place to another inside the stronghold. Now the ground is soaking under foot and the air foul, cold and damp. I asked the guide how the soldiers ever managed to exist in such a clammy place. "Exist," he exclaimed. My dear sir, the soldiers thanked God to be able to get in here in safety from the hell without. The French finally recovered the fortress and held it to the end of the war. Not far from the Fort de Douaumont stands a monument in the shape of a wounded lion. This monument marks the farthest point of the German advance at Verdun and is symbolic of the French soldier and his heroic defense against the invader.

After visiting the French of the Argonne Forest, the permanent memorial to 120 French heroes, who, while waiting the signal to attack, were buried alive as they stood in the trench, by a shell explosion, I proceeded to the Argonne Forest via Romagne, where is the largest American cemetery in France. Fourteen thousand men lie here who fell in the Meuse Argonne offensive. I had lunch at the Hotel at Vienne-le-Chateau and immediately went to visit the headquarters of the Bavarian and Wurtemberg regiments in the Argonne. Here I saw the dugouts of Crown Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria, where he had a grand piano and beautiful parlors and a kitchen and all rooms suitable for a prince on the field of battle.

I returned to Rheims in the afternoon after passing through another part of the Argonne Forest and seeing more ruin and wreckage caused by the war, and visited the famous Rheims cathedral, which was wrecked in 1914, after having seen the consecration of nearly every French king from Clovis I. Practically nothing remains inside the walls, although the outer part is being reconstructed as rapidly as possible. I rode through many of the old historic streets of Rheims and then took the train back to Paris, arriving there about seven o'clock that evening.

A century and one year before the siege of Verdun, France and Belgium formed another battlefield. Verdun was not the battle ground, but the fate of nations was decided on the field of Waterloo, not far from Brus-

ROCKNE DOPE STATE TO HAVE STRONG TEAM

Knute K. Rockne, Notre Dame's famous football mentor, has said that 70 per cent of a football team lies in its material. If we were to rate Michigan State's chances for a successful eleven next season, we might very easily point to 70 per cent of it nine months before the first practice.

With 10 men returning next season who have already earned their "S" in the fall sport to form one of the strongest nuclei around which any Green and White coach ever faced, the chances for a first class machine seem very probable. These 10 men include one fullback, three halfbacks, one quarterback, one center, a guard, a tackle and a pair of ends. All that is lacking from this roster to complete a full team is a guard and a tackle, which should be very well taken care of next fall from a squad of 31 yearlings and 15 varsity reserves who will be eligible for varsity competition, barring accidents.

If Michigan State does come through with a winning team next fall, we will be inclined to believe that Mr. Rockne wasn't up in his sleep when he stated that 70 per cent of a football team is its material.

GYMNASIUM IS BUSY PLACE

Gym Is Occupied From 6:30 In
Morning Until 10:30 At
Night.

Fourteen hours out of a possible 24 in the day are being utilized by the physical education department in the gymnasium. During the day there are two hours vacant, when there is no organized work going on in the gymnasium. That is from 12 noon to 2 p. m. Altogether it seems as if the physical education department is one of the busiest on the campus.

The hours from 6 to 8 a. m. to 8 o'clock a. m. are devoted to the short course men. This limited time makes the classes very large and hard to give each man the desired work that should be given in a gym work. Both the floor and natatorium are kept busy at these hours.

During the hours from 8 to 12 at noon the women have the gymnasium, including the track, gym floor and natatorium. Swimming, dancing, basketball, baseball and other forms of recreation are at the service of Michigan State's co-eds.

During the noon hour until 2 p. m. the floor is vacant and can be used by anyone who wishes to at this time. From 2 until 3 o'clock the varsity and fresh tennis teams work out under Professor Ball. The hour from 3 to 4 is taken up by the physical education department with the football classes under Coaches Castled and Young.

At 4 o'clock Coach John Kobs trots his court protégés out on the floor for a two hour workout until 6 o'clock. The indoor track men, under Coaches Young, Mason and Castled, the matmen under Coach Burhans, swimming team under the direction of Coach Kiefer and the fencing team aspirants who are working under the direction of Joseph Waffa, are also in the gym at these hours.

Two sections of freshmen basketball squads under Coach "Taz" Taylor have the floor from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Women's Life Saving corps works in the natatorium Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the same hours the Men's Red Cross Life Saving team uses the pool.

From 1 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon is the regular period for gym classes which are being held this term in the swimming pool. Freshmen and sophomores are required to pass swimming requirements for credit.

sells, the capital of Belgium. When I visited Brussels and the battlefield of Waterloo, I began to form comparisons in my mind between the "finale" of the "Hundred Days" and Verdun, the greatest battlefield of all time. Over a century ago the powers of the world were arrayed against the lone power—France—and Napoleon. At Verdun in 1916 the powers of the world were arrayed against the lone power—Germany—and the Crown Prince. In 1815, 20,000 Frenchmen were left dead on the field of battle. In 1916, 450,000 Frenchmen died in the glorious cause of their country after killing 600,000.

STATE TO BE WELL REPRESENTED AT ILLINOIS A. C. HANDICAP MEET

ALDERMAN, GRIM, VAN OPPEN AND KURTZ ARE LISTED
AMONG POSSIBLE STATE ENTRANTS.

The Illinois Athletic club handicap meet which is to be held at Chicago Jan. 29, may find Freddy Alderman, Green and White sprint star, Captain John Grim, another sprinter of note in intercollegiate circles, Lloyd Kurtz, former Michigan State track captain, and Danny VonNoppen, a hurdler who is able to hold his own in intercollegiate competition, entered in several of the various events.

The Illinois handicap meet will find some of the best amateur talent in the middle west entered, including Archie Hahn, Ray Baker, Lloyd Osborne, and other luminaries of the under paths, making the going mighty rough for collegiate competitors that will be entered.

Larry Kurtz, when competing for the Green and White, has shown himself to be one of the most consistent high jumpers State has ever had and will be counted on to make a strong bid for points in this event. Danny VonNoppen is a high hurdler of some ability and if he is entered with Kurtz, he undoubtedly will make things interesting for the high timber toppers.

There may also be an entry or two from the ranks of the distance men who are working out under Coach Mason. "Baldy" Harper, captain of the cross country team, is definitely eliminated from competition with an injured ankle which will keep him off the boards for at least two months. In Severance, Belt, Ripper, Thomas, Wylie, Waterman, Barney and Rush are possibilities, and no doubt one of the distance men will be picked for distance competition at the Chicago meet.

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Note—Last article by Mr. Brisbin will be on London and the points of interest in "Merry England" and will appear in an early issue.

Grim placed third in the 300 yard dash at the University of Illinois relay carnival held at Urbana last year in an exceptionally fast field. At present he is troubled with an old football injury, but if it responds to Trainer Jack Heppinstall's treatment, he should be counted in the running this year in the 300 yard event. Alderman was eliminated by a scant inch in the 300 yard dash preliminaries last year, but he has improved his time considerably since that date and together with Grim, should gather some points for Michigan State. Alderman holds the Michigan State indoor record for this distance. He will also be entered in the 70 yard handicap.

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The final selections for the team which will represent Michigan State at the Illinois Athletic club handicaps is expected to be announced soon.

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