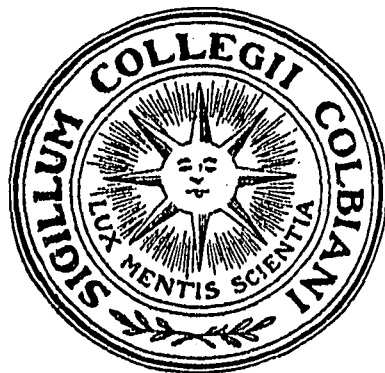


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MY SUMMER IN EUROPE, 1914.

BY PROFESSOR ROBERT W. CROWELL.

V.

"Old Frankfort" comprises only a small part of the municipality, which as a whole makes the impression of a splendid modern city. Substantial and imposing blocks line the business streets, and fine public buildings abound. The residence quarters are exceedingly attractive. The houses are almost exclusively of stone or brick and tasteful in design. Each one has its flower garden or little lawn, and many of the larger residences are surrounded by spacious grounds.

In times of peace we might have come away from Frankfort without even so much as inquiring whether our country was represented there by a consul, but in the existing state of affairs the American Consulate was for us the center around which everything else revolved. Not a day passed that we did not call there—for news, for advice, to talk over the situation with other Americans and rejoice or condole with one another as the prospect of getting home looked dim or bright.

During the few days of our stay in the city nearly one thousand Americans registered at the consulate. The great majority of these had brought no passports with them, and the task of providing such documents, which were now required for all foreigners, in addition to all the other duties of the office, imposed a heavy burden upon those in charge.

The consul general Mr. Harris devoted himself unreservedly to the service of his countrymen and was assisted by his wife and daughter in addition to the regular

staff of clerks. The vice-consul, Mr. Ives, was also very efficient, and his sister gave her help freely. Some days the work went on until midnight. Under such circumstances it was not strange that many of the visitors volunteered their services. I found it a very interesting task to help the applicants for passports fill out the blank forms. Then for two or three days I acted as doorkeeper at the consul's private office, and was thus brought into somewhat close touch with that official and had the opportunity to observe how he dealt with men.

The applicant for a passport is expected to present some document or paper to prove his identity. I recall the case of a certain naturalized American who had no papers of any kind. He spoke with a strong foreign accent, and the consul questioned him rather closely before granting his application: "Who is president of the United States?" The applicant scratched his head and confessed he didn't know. "Well, who is governor of your state—Ohio?" The man replied that he always voted his party ticket but didn't concern himself with politics beyond that. Nor could he name the large stone building in the center of Columbus where the legislature meets, though he passed it every day on his milk route. The consul scolded him a little for his ignorance but granted him his passport, convinced evidently that he was only stupid, and not dishonest.

Then there was a letter carrier from New York who talked in a loud voice about the obligation of the government to provide him with transportation home. After he had had his interview with the consul, his manner was several degrees

milder.

There were cases of real distress,—persons anxious about relatives with whom they could not communicate; others unable to obtain necessary funds. All these were treated with the greatest consideration, and everything possible done to afford relief. A committee of Americans who were resident in Frankfort co-operated with the consul in such matters.

The outbreak of war naturally brought with it great popular excitement in Frankfort, as elsewhere. One night a mob attacked a hotel in which it was supposed there were Russian guests, but the police were prompt in dealing with the situation, and no one suffered violence. Twice I witnessed the arrest in the street of persons suspected of being spies. In each case the suspect was promptly bundled off by the police in an automobile, otherwise he would doubtless have been roughly handled by the crowd.

In general the people were self-controlled, but there was an undercurrent of intense patriotic feeling, shown by the crowded attendance upon the church services and by the activity of the women in attending to the wants of the soldiers and their families.

One curious manifestation of patriotic feeling was the removal of all French, English, and Russians words from signs throughout the city. In most cases this was accomplished by painting out the obnoxious word, or covering it up with black paper. The proprietor of the "Rus-sischerhof" announced by placards that "from patriotic motives" he had changed the name of his establishment to "Hotel Kaiser Wilhelm II." As this was the hotel where the mob attack had occurred, one might suspect that his patriotism had been quickened by that incident.

For some days during the mobilization of troops foreigners were forbidden to leave Germany, but after that embargo upon travel was removed, we began to

think of starting for home. I had secured return passage by the Hamburg American Line, but at the outbreak of war its steamers had ceased to run, and the most practicable way out now seemed to lie through Holland. At the same time the wildest rumors were current: "Americans were camping out in the streets of Rotterdam and The Hague because they could not be accommodated in the hotels." "No ships were running to America, or even to England."

To be continued

DEKES AND ZETES TIED FOR FIRST PLACE.

Zeta Psi now shares with Delta Kappa Epsilon the honor of first place in the bowling league. The former team has gained, and the latter lost, a little in percentage. Alpha Tau Omega has pulled out of the tie with Phi Delta Theta and now holds fourth place. The Commons Club has lost heavily in percentage. Every record has been broken this week. Delta Upsilon now holds all four, James having beaten Goodrich, who held it with a score of 121, by two pins and beating his own three string record in addition. The match yesterday afternoon between Delta Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon was by far the snappiest yet rolled.

The standing:

	Won.	Lost	Pc.
D. K. E.....	26	10	.722
Z. P.....	26	10	.722
D. U.....	24	12	.666
A. T. O.....	14	22	.389
P. D. T.....	12	24	.333
C. C.	6	30	.167

The records now stand:

Single string, James, 123; three strings, James, 323; team single, Delta Upsilon, 509; team total, Delta Upsilon, 1431.

The following are the averages of the players: Simpson, 94; James, 93; Allen, 92; Sully, 92; Crossman, 91; Willard, 92;

Leseur, 89; Murch, 90; Holt, 89; Campbell, 89; Ramsdell, 89; Grant, 88; Goodrich, 86; Whittemore, 86; Higgins, 86; Niles, 85; Weston, 85; Royal, 84; Smith, 84; Hutchins, 84; Kelsey, 83; Young, 83; Shea, 83; Yeaton, 82; King, 82; J. Harri-
man, 82; Libby, 82; Clark, 81; Adams, 81; Whipple, 81; Greer, 80; Rand, 75.

Next games:

January 28. Delta Kappa Epsilon vs. Zeta Psi.

February 9. Delta Upsilon vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

February 11. Commons Club vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

February 12. Phi Delta Theta vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

February 13. Delta Upsilon vs. Zeta Psi.

February 14. Commons Club vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

February 15. Phi Delta Theta vs. Zeta Psi.

February 16. Delta Upsilon vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

February 18. Commons Club vs. Zeta Psi.

February 19. Delta Kappa Epsilon vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

February 20. Phi Delta Theta vs. Delta Upsilon.

February 21. Commons Club vs. Phi Delta Theta.

February 22. Alpha Tau Omega vs. Zeta Psi.

February 23. Phi Delta Theta vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

February 25. Delta Upsilon vs. Alpha Tau Omega.

February 26. Zeta Psi vs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

February 27. Commons Club vs. Delta Upsilon.

HEDMAN MEMORIAL PRIZES.

In memory of Professor John Hedman, '95, the Class of 1895 offer the following prizes for original Colby songs written by undergraduates or alumni of the college: A first prize of \$25, a second prize of \$15, and a third prize of \$10. The songs submitted may be set to familiar tunes or may be accompanied by original music.

It is suggested that appropriate words fitted to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia" would be especially desirable. The prize-winning songs, together with such others as are deemed suitable by the committee of award, will be published in pamphlet form. The award of prizes will be made at Commencement. For particulars as to the conditions of the competition, date when songs must be submitted, etc., application should be made to President Roberts. It is hoped that a large number of inspiring Colby songs will be submitted in this contest.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZED.

The students who are contemplating the foreign field for their life work met on the evening of December 13, 1914, and organized themselves into a Student Volunteer Band. There are, at present, eleven members, with the following officers: President, F. Foster, '16; vice-president, Miss Jordan, '18; secretary and treasurer, G. R. Skillin, '18.

The first meeting of the year was held in Recitation Hall, Monday evening, January 11, 1915. Rev. Arthur Curtis, a missionary from India, was the principal speaker and took "India" for his topic.

A FABLE.

"Once upon a time there was an Average Undergraduate. He was such a well-behaved undergraduate that he refused to go out and mix with the other undergraduates in extra-curriculum activities, and he settled back into a bomb-proof existence.

MORAL.

He spent his last two years in criticising the fraternity systems, the faculty, the head coach, the college periodicals, and whatever else he happened to think of."—*Princeton Tiger*.

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The next issue of the ECHO will appear on February 17.

The ECHO extends to Walter O'Brien the sympathy of the entire student body.

Colby followers have been interested again this year in the advance press notices from Coach Smith of Maine, in regard to the coming relay races. Every year about this time he comes out with a tale of woe for the chances of his team. Coach Smith doesn't "kid" the public as much as he thinks he does. Everyone knows that in late years Maine has put out some strong teams and his hard luck stories are not taken seriously, to say the least.

Several communications have been received by the editor, too late for publication, relative to an unexpected final "exam" in experimental Physics. It is claimed that this is contrary to custom and that the exam has been sprung at the eleventh hour without any previous notice. It is believed also that this is a result rather of a faculty decree than of a ruling by any professor. The students on the whole seem to consider the ruling

extremely unjust. At all events, we hope that the matter can be amicably adjusted in due time.

In another column of this issue, announcement is made of prizes offered in memory of Professor Hedman for new Colby songs to be composed by undergraduates or alumni. As we all too well know, our stock of songs is decidedly inadequate for a thriving college such as Colby. "All up to cheer" is perhaps the best in the lot; for the "Alma Mater" is rather too long for use at games and "Phi Chi" is pretty well worn out, as well as being—according to tradition—a steal from Bowdoin. What we need is a few really inspiring songs for general use. There is doubtless some talent in college along this line; and, now that these prizes have been offered, we expect to see results.

HARTFORD SEMINARY CONFERENCE.

An advance notice from James Perry, '11, announcing the dates for the annual Inter-Seminary College Men's Conference as March 19, 20, and 21. The conference this year is to be held under the auspices of the Hartford Theological Seminary—with the general theme: "The Gospel Ministry as the Supreme Service for the Man of Today." On the program of speakers are such able and well-known men as John R. Mott, Robert E. Speer, William D. Mackenzie, and Doctors Fitch and Cadman.

"Sometime in February," writes Mr. Perry, "a number of student deputations will visit the colleges to invite the men, personally, and to talk over with them the plans of the Conference. As a Colby graduate, I can most highly recommend this to all Colby undergraduates."

Jack Coombs, '06, has signed a contract to play the coming season with the Brooklyn Nationals.

SECOND GYM NIGHT ECLIPSES FIRST.

"Another evening well spent" was the sentiment of all those who attended the events in the gym, last Friday night. Another good-sized crowd was present to enjoy the fun. The first event on the program was a selection by the college mandolin club. A boxing match followed between "Pete" Mayers and Levine, '18, in which the latter had slightly the advantage. As a second match, Frevola showed far superior skill in a fast mill with Glover Campbell.

The interfraternity tug-of-war was again of great interest, the "Zetes" finally proving their superiority. The various teams pulled as follows:

Commons Club won from the "Non-Frats;" Zeta Psi won from Phi Delta Theta; Delta Kappa Epsilon won from Delta Upsilon; Commons Club won from Delta Kappa Epsilon; Zeta Psi won from Commons Club; Zeta Psi won from Alpha Tau Omega.

The championship team was made up of five "C" men: Cawley, Crossman, Le-seur, Ramsdell and Deacy.

Other musical numbers were furnished by the college quartette and by Harry O'Neill on the banjo and harmonica combined. Andrew Little then delivered a recitation which furnished further amusement.

Peter LaPrice, the well-known wrestler of this city, refereed a wrestling bout between Deasey and McMachin. Deasey threw his man in three minutes and seven seconds. Mr. LaPrice gave also an exhibition of his remarkable strength. As official announcer of events, "Hay" Stack proved a howling success. Incidentally, one of the arc lights became dissatisfied with something and went out.

March 12 has been decided upon as the date of the Waterville concert of the combined glee and musical clubs.

THIRD AND LAST GROUP OF AD- DRESSES.

The series of addresses by the members of the Advanced Public Speaking class was completed last Monday evening. As in the preceding groups, each speaker delivered his address in an easy and effective manner, showing the results of careful preparation and training. The receipts from the sale of tickets went for the benefit of the college band; and this organization, assisted by the college quartet, furnished a delightful musical program. Dr. Little, in characteristic manner, acted as chairman.

The program:

Colby's Soldiers in the Civil War.....
.....Murray Alexander Morgan
Colby's Contributions to Education.....
.....Edwin Andrews Russell
An Apostle of American Freedom.....
.....Francis Leo Irvin
Some Observations on College Life.....
.....Earl Milton Woodward

CAMPUS CHAT.

President Roberts spoke to the students of Malden (Mass.) High school on Friday morning, at Bangor on Saturday, and again on Sunday afternoon at the vesper service at the Methodist church.

Alden Allen, '16, has been ill for a few days.

Walter O'Brien, '16, was called to his home in Lawrence, Mass., Saturday, by the critical illness of his brother. This illness later proved fatal.

A conference of representatives from the various fraternity and sorority units of the college met Saturday afternoon in Chemical Hall to consider the matter of a revision of the Oracle constitution. A committee was appointed to draw up a new constitution and to report later.

Herbert Rockwell, '16, led the Y. M. C. A. meeting last evening.

Harold S. Campbell, '15, attended the annual initiation banquet of the Tufts chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, this week.

Vernon G. Smith, '18, is substituting for a few days at the North grammar school.

WOMEN'S DIVISION.

Edited by the News Department of the Colbiana.

1915—Dorothy Newman Webb.

1916—Vesta May McCurda.

1917—Marion Daggett.

1918—Isabelle Hervey Wing.

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The Freshman Prize Reading will take place Saturday evening, January 30, in the College Chapel. The following students will take part: Misses Buzzell, Washburn, Whitney, Loane, Horne, Kelley, Spaulding, Andrews, Sturtevant, Turner and Kimball.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting Tuesday night was led by Grace Farnham, '16.

Miss Hamilton of Portland was the guest of the Misses Moulton, Sunday.

Miss Gladys Chase visited her sister, Eunice Chase, '18, lately.

Jeanne Moulton and Mildred Greene, '17, spoke on "Clean Sports" at the regular Tuesday night class for girls in the Augusta Y. W. C. A. building.

Helen Hanson, '15, is confined to the house with mumps.

Doris Andrews, '18, has returned from her home in Oxford, where she was called by the illness of her mother.

A unique and delightful event in the college year was the tea given Wednesday P. M., January 20, by Alpha Upsilon of Delta Delta Delta in the fraternity rooms, Ticonic Building. It was attended by the faculty and the Women's Division. The receiving line consisted of Marion Steward, '15, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Harry Greene and Mrs. Black, patronesses of the chapter. Tea and coffee, and sandwiches, cake, and candy were served by the freshman delegation from daintily arranged tables where Lena Blanchard, Vivian Ellsworth, Mary Washburn poured. Music was enjoyed throughout the tea. This is the first time that the fraternity rooms have been open to guests, and the affair will remain in memory as one of the pleasantest of the college year.

Miss Hastings was called home, Saturday, by the illness of her father.

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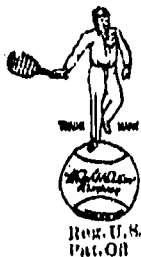
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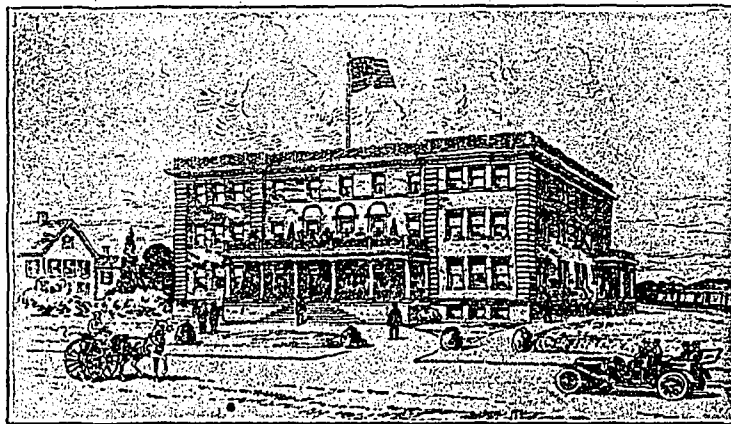
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