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PLATTSBURGH LIFE.

(Continued from last issue.)

Suggestions to the Embryo Rookie.

This year the Government will provide at the camp complete uniform, as well as railway transportation and board. Many men, however, will prefer to buy their own uniform before going up. It costs about \$25 including an extra pair of the Munson army shoes, which is the only kind to use. Get them a trifle large, as the feet spread under the weight carried. Have both pairs broken in to avoid possible blisters. Cashmere or woolen socks absorb perspiration best and ease the feet. Cotton socks will answer, however, in hot weather. Six pairs are enough. Change your socks daily and wash your feet carefully every day with soap and water. Four sets of underwear are enough and two pairs of pajamas for the two weeks or so in camp. A cotton shirt is necessary only in hot weather. It is simpler to wear your uniform to camp. You never wear anything else while at Plattsburgh, so if you come in civilian clothes you simply have to check them until your return. Should you contemplate a Sunday trip to Montreal, however, they are necessary, as uniforms are not acceptable entering Canada. One advantage in wearing civs. is that you have something clean to go home in, as after the hike your uniform is apt to be pretty well soiled. Have your hat cord sewn on. The blouse, as the coat is called, is worn in camp only for parade and evening mess. It must be worn, closely buttoned, whenever you leave the camp. No cravats are worn. Two flannel shirts of the regulation olive drab shade, two pairs of regulation trousers and one pair of leggins complete your requirements, with hat. All army and navy supply stores carry them. Take a pair of sneakers for use in going to the showers or lake.

An electric flash light is exceedingly handy both in camp and on the hike. Foot powder is useful; everyone has some trouble with their feet which the medical department doctors. It is very important to have your feet attended to at the first sign of a blister or rubbed spot. If you let it go even one day it will cripple you for several days. The ambulances follow on the hike. A small mirror that can be hung up is essential, also a floating soap, soap box and two or three wash rags. A tin basin may be purchased at the camp, as can anything you may forget, uniform and all.

Obedience to the command of any officer, regular or student, is essen-

FACULTY TO ALLOW MEN TO LEAVE COLLEGE TO DO FARM WORK.

At a meeting of the faculty held on Tuesday it was voted to allow those men who wish to leave college to take up farm work a leave of absence with full credit for the time providing they stay in the work for at least ninety days. Already some of the men have taken advantage of the opportunity offered and have left for duty "somewhere in the field." It is expected that many more will go into the work especially those men who are turned down for military duty because of slight physical deficiencies. There are many chances to secure work in the vicinity of college and some of the farms are in charge of Trinity men. The vote of the faculty gives practically the same opportunity for the men who go into farm work as it does to those men who have entered the service.

They hate excuses and explanations or delays or mistakes and want everyone who comes to toe the mark or stay away. All the men are treated alike, no one is favored, and those with infirmities need not come expecting allowances to be made for their shortcomings. For this reason I do not recommend the training to men very much over thirty unless accustomed to be on their feet and to lead an active life. Several of the men in our camp were in the forties and fifties, some of whom dropped out before the hike and one or two after it had begun. For any one in good health, however, regardless of physique, the work is not onerous. Men with glasses that properly correct the sight are accepted. It is naturally hard at first for a man accustomed to an office life, but there is nothing terrifying about it, and though the men are tired at first it takes only a few days to get in shape, as the work is carefully graded. Interest in military matters soon begins to develop and it is surprising how keen everyone gets and the pride they take in their company. Careful attention must be paid to all the lectures; there is little repetition outside of the actual drill, so you can afford to miss nothing. The training is so intensive that army officers say that you learn in one month what it takes six months to a year to teach a regular private in the usual course. The officers are all picked men, and while you are on duty you are shown the strictest discipline possible, and idea being that if you should be selected as an officer in case of war you will know what army discipline

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SIX MEN TO BE SENT TO INTERCOLLEGIATE.

Trinity will be represented at the intercollegiate track meet in Cambridge this Saturday by Captain Bjorn, Nelson, Hahn, Fox, Goldstein and Easland. All have a good chance of collecting some points for us. They are to leave Friday at 2.46 p. m.

ECONOMIC PRIZES.

In order to arouse an interest in the study of topics relating to commerce and industry, and to stimulate those who have a college training to consider the problems of a business career, a committee has been enabled, through the generosity of Messrs. Hart, Schaffner & Marx of Chicago, to offer in 1918 four prizes for the best studies in the economic field.

A first prize of One Thousand Dollars, and a second prize of Five Hundred Dollars are offered to contestants in Class A. A first prize of Three Hundred Dollars, and a second prize of Two Hundred Dollars are offered to contestants in Class B. The committee reserves to itself the right to award the two prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 of Class A to undergraduates in Class B, if the merits of the papers demand it. The committee also reserves the privilege of dividing the prizes offered, if justice can be best obtained thereby. The winner of a prize shall not receive the amount designated until he has prepared his manuscript for the printer to the satisfaction of the committee.

For further information, see the Editor-in-chief.

TRIPOD ELECTIONS.

Changes made on Editorial Board and Business Staff.

At the annual meeting of "The Tripod" staff held in the office of "The Tripod" last Monday James Pendleton Hahn, '18, managing editor was elected editor to succeed Thereon Ball Clement, '17, one new member was added to the editorial board and two new members were elected to the business staff. The new members of "The Tripod" are Arthur V. R. Tilton, '20, alumni editor; Eric Taff, '20, assistant advertising manager and treasurer, and R. A. Porter, '20, assistant circulation manager.

Albert J. Haase, '19, associate editor, and Paul H. Alling, '19, alumni editor, were elected managing editors. Joseph Buffington, Jr., '18, Melville Shulthiess, '18, and Leslie Walter Hodder, '19, were made associate editors. Charles F. Ives, '18, succeeded Guy M. Baldwin, '17, as advertising manager and treasurer. Walter G. Smyth, '18, retained his office of circulation manager.

The matter of publishing "The Tripod" weekly instead of semi-weekly was brought before the meeting, but no action was taken.

INTERCLASS TRACK MEETS. Winners of Silver Cups Determined.

Coach Paul Harmon of the track team has announced that the following men have been awarded the silver loving cups donated by alumni for the winners of interclass track events: Frederick P. Easland, William L. Nelson, Harry W. Nordstrom, Melville Shulthiess, Robert G. Bruce, James A. Nichols, Charles J. Muller, Francis R. Fox, Gerald H. Segur, Arthur M. Goldstein and Walter Bjorn. In determining the award of the cups Coach Harmon divided the events in the three different meets into six groups and the cups are awarded to the men winning first and second highest number of points in the six events in these various meets. The cups awarded for first prize are six inches high and the ones awarded for second prize are four inches high. They will be presented to the winners within a short time at a meeting to be held in the college union.

The competition for the cups was not as keen as last season when a much larger number of men turned out for track work. The withdrawal of several track men from college to enlist, and the general unsettled condition of affairs was largely responsible for this. Captain Bjorn did excellent work in the jumps during the meets, but each time jumped from scratch. He came through for many points in the dashes and won the second cup in this group of events.

The order of award as issued by Coach Harmon is as follows:

Dashes—Goldstein, 1919, first with 21 points, Bjorn, 1918, second, with 14 points.

Middle and Long Distance Runs—Fox, 1920, first with 19 points; Segur, 1919, second with 17 points.

Hurdles—Shulthiess, 1918, first with 21 points; Muller, 1918, second with 12 points.

Novice Events—Bruce, 1920, first with 16 points; Nichols, 1920, second with 6 points.

Jumps—Nelson, 1918, first with 21 points; Shulthiess, 1918, second with 20 points.

Weights—Easland, 1918, first; Nordstrom, 1919, second with 15 1-2 points.

Four More for Ambulance Service.

E. J. B. Hyland, '18, Roger Ladd, '17, J. P. Hahn, '18, and Joseph Buffington, '18, have received notification that they have been engaged to drive ambulance in France for a period of six months. The men will leave college in the near future.

COLLEGE NOTE.

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It is with a great deal of pleasure that the new board takes up its duties. We are indebted to the old board for the work they have done and for the instruction they have given us, and we tender them our sincerest thanks for all their efforts. It is our hope that we shall be able to accomplish our work even as faithfully and ably as they.

It is a pleasure to "The Tripod" to be able to sincerely commend the college company. The improvement that the men have shown is almost miraculous. To those who had the pleasure of being at the border with the National Guard the present company is a testimony to the fact that college men have an ability to learn new things more readily than those less educated.

"The Tripod" extends its sympathy to those men who made an effort to enter the Officers' Training Camp and who for unknown reasons were turned down. We are of the opinion that many were selected who should

not have been and that many were rejected who should have been accepted. However, we can not criticize the management of the selection for the task was a stupendous one and the final "weeding out" must be done at the camps.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor "The Tripod",
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.,
My dear Sir:

It is extremely gratifying to note in your recent issue of "The Tripod" that the Senior Class has voted to continue the custom of holding the Campus Exercises. I am sure that the Alumni were keenly disappointed when it was announced earlier that the Campus Exercises were to be given up this year. In these times of ours it is necessary that many things be dispensed with, but to give up these exercises, I feel sure, would be a mistake. This time-honored custom, this fraternal meeting of the class before old Northam will ever be dearer than any other event in Commencement Week. The members of the Class of 1917 will never regret their decision.

It seems to me that the Campus Exercises this year can be made most impressive and inspiring in their simplicity and patriotism, so much so, that they will be remembered by Trinity men in the years to come with a deep sense of joy.

The Senior Class is to be congratulated for its adherence to this one cherished custom of our alma mater.

Faithfully yours in Trinity,

EUGENE G. SMEATHERS, '13.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Union College has voted not to cancel the annual senior Commencement Ball this year.

Yale, since its foundation in 1701, has given degrees to 30,164 men, of whom 19,316 are now living.

Twelve hundred and seventy men appeared for military instruction at the first campus drill at Yale.

The faculty of Union College have decided that all seniors in good standing who enlist in some government service, will be given their diplomas, and that all men in good standing in other classes will be rated next year in the class above their present one.

With one-third of the curriculum cancelled and also the remainder of the track schedule, military training at Hamilton now consists of three hours work every afternoon.

With 433 students enrolled in military training at Williams, 80 per cent. of the college body is in the battalion.

As a substitute for intercollegiate baseball at Dartmouth, an inter-company league has been established in the student battalion, the "all-company" team at the end of the season receiving the 'varsity D.

The Dartmouth American Field Ambulance Corps of twenty-five men will leave for France in two or three weeks.

By a vote of 682 to 118, the students of the University of Kansas decided to

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continue the use of paddles in enforcing the freshmen rules. The first year men themselves helped pass the law by a 173 to 57 vote.

College men throughout the state of New York who desire to enlist for military service may now do so without loss of scholastic standing. Action to this effect was taken at a recent meeting of the presidents of the colleges in that state.

One hundred twenty-five members of the University of Pennsylvania Faculty have founded a class in military training to meet twice a week—the first time for a lecture on the theory of military tactics, and the second for drill.

Last Wednesday the Columbia battalion acted as a guard of honor to Marshal Joffre of the French Mission when he personally placed a wreath on the statue of Lafayette as a part of the three-day fete tendered to him and his party by New York City.

An intensive military training camp will be located at Williams College this summer. The camp will continue the college year with a summer session devoted to military and agricultural courses, a continuation of the present Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and will close September 1. Men who intend to enter next fall's freshman class, as well as undergraduates and alumni will be allowed to enroll in the course.

Inspection of the Cornell Reserve Officers' Training Corps by a specially detailed army officer was recently held. As part of the ceremony the corps was divided, and a sham battle was staged. The division which was "invading" Ithaca was equipped with an aeroplane, machine guns, and signal engineering, and hospital corps. Engagements in which blank cartridges were used, and the hand to hand fighting of the combatants were features of the battle.

Yale, Columbia, and Princeton each plan to raise five motor truck companies from their alumni and undergraduates. The companies will consist of 33 men each, all of whom will have the grade of sergeant and will receive \$36 a month. The companies will be kept intact and will be sent in a body to training camp where they

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Because of the calling out of men signed up for the officers' training camps, the Wesleyan student body has voted unanimously to cancel the varsity baseball schedule for the remainder of the year. The track schedule has also been cancelled but it is the intention of the tennis management to continue its schedule.

Harvard's varsity sport managers will receive their "H"s at the end of the present academic year. The managers of the baseball, track, and crew organizations will receive their insignia since these men have done the work of their positions in their sophomore years.

Abolishment of track and reduction in the baseball and tennis schedule has been announced by the Amherst Student Council as a result of the present crisis.

Football at Michigan will not be interfered with next fall according to a recent announcement of the Director of Athletics. All other athletic schedules have been cancelled.

Friends of Princeton University have donated a large sum of money to supplement the salaries of those members of the faculty during this year of economic stress who have received less than \$3,000 and who have families dependent upon them.

Lehigh has recently instituted the one year rule in athletics which will go into effect next autumn. This rule will prevent participation in intercollegiate contests of several prominent athletes who have entered the University this year.

A DRY WAR.

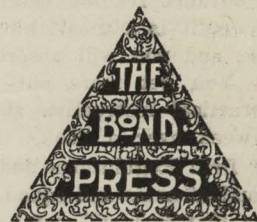
Whatever we may think of prohibition in times of peace, from the standpoint of war there can be no doubt on which side the argument lies; and, so far as I know, no leaders in any nation have as yet contended that the continued manufacture or use of alcohol offers any net military advantage, even from a fiscal point of view.

It is true that bone-dry legislation has been adopted only in spots and not throughout any nation as yet; there has always been some limitation.

The limitations on prohibition, varying as they do in different countries and different parts of the same country, were, however, not conceived or adopted because they were deemed ideal for military efficiency. On the contrary, they were mere concessions to popular custom, made lest the full requirements of military efficiency should too drastically interfere with individual habit and prejudice.

At first even partial prohibition seemed a surprisingly radical step to take. But experience has apparently fully justified all the restrictive measures thus far employed, and more about to be employed. This holds true not only from the standpoint of military efficiency but from the standpoint of the general welfare of the nation.

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PLATTSBURGH CAMP.

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means and how to handle your men. Off duty the officers take pleasure in making friends with the students, who are on the cadet basis, and are always ready to answer questions and give advice. The captain who may take your head off in the ranks for not having your rifle at the proper angle, five minutes later may be laughing and chatting with you in his tent. Remember that there is nothing personal in a company commander's rebukes. Whatever he may say to you is for the benefit of the entire company as well.

Those at their first camp have no choice but to go in the infantry. At subsequent camps they may elect artillery, engineering, cavalry or the medical corps. All of the proper age and ability are urged to take examinations for positions as officers in the reserve corps. These examinations do not amount to much; your appointment largely depends on the recommendation of your captain. You are permitted to take examinations for any branch of the service.

As to advance reading before you go to camp, it is a good thing, but dry work, and you will absorb only a little. You get more out of an hour's practical instruction at camp than a week over a book. Get an Infantry Drill Regulations and learn the manual of arms and squad movements so that you will not be absolutely green when you arrive, provided you've had no previous military experience. Even without preliminary knowledge all of the companies can go through the manual in very fair shape after two days' practice.

The administration of the typhoid prophylactic is recommended but not required. About half the men take it. Three injections are made at intervals of about a week. You are excused from drill after the injection as it is apt to make the arm a little sore and some men have a slight fever for the rest of the day. The treatment may be taken if desired before going to camp. The War Department will advise you to what surgeon to go for it.

Beginning with the September camp all students who wanted reimbursement of their expenses were required to take the oath that they would remain the full thirty day period and obey the commands of all officers. This covers only service at Plattsburgh and on the hike and is in no way intended or worded to compel anyone to serve in the army in case of trouble.

In conclusion I cannot recommend too highly taking this Plattsburgh course. The month in the open air with the healthful physical exercise will do wonders for you and the military knowledge that you acquire will not only render you of some use to your country in time of dire need but will open your eyes to the utterly unprepared condition of our country and its helplessness in case of invasion by a first-class power, and so will turn you into an enthusiastic advocate of the doctrine of compulsory universal military service.

A DRY WAR.

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Dr. Anton Karlgren, a Swedish newspaper editor, previously opposing prohibition, visited Russia in 1915 to study its system of prohibition, expecting to find results justifying his opposition. He was surprised, however, to find that it is a huge success, and wrote a five column panegyric on it. It was found that the savings banks deposits in 1915, the first complete year after prohibition, were twenty times what they were in 1913, the year prior to the war.

Mr. Judson C. Welliber reports that the reduced production and consumption of liquor in England is having a marked effect on social conditions. Convictions for drunkenness were reduced by more than half during the last year as compared with previous years.

The question now for us to decide is, how far do we dare to go? For my part European experience has convinced me, not previously a prohibitionist, that prohibition is now a practicable measure and I believe that we ought to "go Europe one better" both because the food situation now demands far more drastic action than ever before and because public opinion in America is such that we can and should "go the limit."

Just as we have already captured the imagination of the world by authorizing seven billion dollars of war loans and by adopting universal conscription, so again would we hearten our friends and dishearten our enemies by the adoption, during the war, of nation-wide and bone-dry prohibition. Connecticut the home of munition making should lead the way.

Among those who have declared in favor of war prohibition are ex-President Roosevelt, Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts, Frank A. Vanderlip, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Frank Cheney, President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot, Henry Lee Higginson, the three surgeon-generals of the United States—Gorgas, Surgeon-General of the Army, Braisted, Surgeon-General of the Navy, and Blue, Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, General Nelson Miles, retired, and Dr. Haven Emerson, Health Officer of New York City, where the enforcement of a prohibitory law would be more difficult than any other place in the United States.

Besides the general reasons for war-prohibition, there are a number of specific reasons. These are: food conservation, the diversion of grain from alcohol to food and of alcohol from beverage uses to military and industrial uses; the freeing of the cold storage production of alcoholic beverages to military or industrial purposes; the prevention of certain disabling and disreputable diseases; other improvements in military efficiency; and improvements in industrial efficiency.

As to food, we are facing a real food crisis, due to shortage of crops all over the world, the destruction of crops by war, the withdrawal of food-producers to perform military functions, the destruction of food ships

by the submarine, and the exhaustion of our food stocks.

Nearly two and one-half per cent. of the total crop of those cereals used in manufacturing alcoholic beverages, diverted to that use, while five per cent. of the total crop of rice and thirty-four per cent. of the total crop of barley are so diverted.

110,000,000 bushels of grain are used in the production of alcoholic beverages, 415,000,000 pounds of grapes and 152,000,000 pounds of molasses. Even after making allowance for all recovered food substances, such as swill for feeding farm animals, there is still wasted enough grain alone to give a one-pound loaf every day to every soldier in an army of 11,000,000 men! This is the calculation of Dr. Alonzo Taylor who has been making a study of the world food situation by personal investigation in Germany and England and in the United States.

The food crisis will be realized as soon as the next crop is in.

In regard to the release of labor, there were employed in 1910 in distilleries and breweries about 81,000 men. There are 101,000 bartenders, 68,000 saloon-keepers and enough others, salesmen, etc., to bring up the total number of persons owing their employment directly or indirectly to the liquor business to about 289,000. Ordinarily the large numbers employed is cited as a reason why prohibition, by dislocating labor, would be injurious, but today it is this very release of labor which is needed for the better production of food and munitions and for filling the ranks in our army and navy. In particular food scarcity cannot be remedied without more farm labor. The larger the number employed in the liquor business the more man power is lost for prosecuting the war. No one can today raise any objection on the ground of unemployment. There is no unemployment problem now in Canada. The curve of unemployment in England is almost down to zero. All labor released would therefore be readily absorbed, to the great benefit of the country and in most cases probably to the benefit of the labor itself, so transferred. Much of it would scarcely change location for many of the plants of distilleries and breweries could be put to manufacturing industrial alcohol and to other war uses as has been the case in Canada.

As to alcohol in its effect upon soldiers, the younger General Grant stated that something like ninety per cent. of the court martials were due to the use of alcohol. It is believed that at least the majority of cases of those unmentionable diseases which, in more senses than one, demoralize armies are due, in part at least, to intoxication and to the lessened self-control so produced. Aside from the mere question of morality and the infection of wives and children and future generations, the military efficiency of armies and navies is immensely impaired through such diseases.

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