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## Only a Number in a World War

Have you ever heard any man who had been in the front line trenches during any considerable part of the World War give a rational and adequate account of the war? I never have. You may have heard thrilling stories and vivid descriptions, but a world war is a tragedy too immense and too complicated to be comprehended in all of its relations to, and in its effects upon, the millions of souls concerned. When your soldier veteran told you a story of the war he separated it from many things which went before it and from many things which followed; you neither felt nor comprehended what war meant to him, nor what it meant to those other millions who were vitally affected by the lives and experiences of these who, in the valley of death fought where gates of hell opened four hundred miles wide.

If it is not my purpose to give an account of a world war. In it I was not an historian or a military expert. I was only a number — one among millions known only by number. I have known war only as it is experienced by a private in the ranks. As such I purpose to relate some things from my own observation and experience just as they were. The account will not be complete, but will throw light upon many things in the experiences of some other soldier boy in whom you are more interested than in 1712161.

In the spring and summer of 1917 there was much agitation for increase in agricultural production, and many persons believed that, temporarily at least, they could best do their bit to help win the war by assisting in this production. This was my belief, and accordingly I engaged to work for Mr. Ralph Fancher, a farmer living in the town of Leon, near Cattaraugus, New York. I decided to enlist for military service in September, if I was not taken sooner by conscription.

During summer the draft came and I registered in the town of Leon on

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## Theolog Doings

Outside the wind sprites were trying to tear off the roof and to work havoc in general; but inside the camp kitchen, on the evening of Friday the seventh, all was cozy and merry. The Theologs were having a "Get-Together." Perhaps in anticipation of days of hunger, on run-down charges, perhaps in protest against ascetism, Get Together took the form of a pancake feed. Pancakes and syrup, sausage and baked potatoes and pickles, jello and saltines were in such abundance that the theologs fairly beamed. Who would see in Professor Wright the staid teacher of theology? He ran a close pancake race with Enty and a certain member of the fairer sex. And who could see the quiet Mr. Lutz in the boy who ran out to capture those who had shut off the electricity? And who can say the Theologs are dead?

## High School Honor Roll

The High School has made a very good showing for the first quarter. The Honor Roll names twenty-eight who received over eighty per cent in every subject in the quarterly tests. This is more than one fourth of the High School enrollment. The names are as follows: Alice Huntsman, Elsie Higbee, Wm. Sallberg, Willard Smith, Roberta Molyneaux, Ida Roth, Fredric Hauser, Florence Long, Alton Cronk, Winifred Pitt, Kenneth Ricker, Dorothea Petrie, Stanton Miller, Ethlyn Lupton, Vanus Rosbach, Margaret Ackerman, Silas Anderson, Jean Eldridge, LaMont LaVere, Madeline Waldherr, Lillis Fancher, Ellen Strait, Winfred Wescott, Minnie Wright, Herbert Strapp, and Elsie Bacon.

Once a missionary asked an old colored man what denomination he belonged to, and the old fellow replied: "Bress yo', suh, dar's fo' roads leadin' from hyah ter town—de long road, de hill road, de sho' road, and de swamp road, but when ah gits ter de mill dey won't ast me, 'Uncle Wash, what road did you come by?' but 'Wash, is yo' wheat good?'".

## Plans For Debate Well Underway

That forensics is not a lost art or likely to become such at Houghton is evident from the enthusiastic response to Coach Hazlett's call for candidates for the debate squad. Although the entire student body did not "spring to arms overnight," yet the reaction was most gratifying and indicative of a generally awakened recognition of the benefits and the stimulation to be derived from mental competition and of our new status as a college. With a small but effective nucleus of seven in the debate class and with a beginning group of an even dozen on the squad, prospects are indeed encouraging.

The committee on debate elected by the student body has already formulated a list of questions, which has been submitted to Chili. Since, however, there is likely to be some delay in arranging all the technicalities, preliminary try-outs will be held at once. According to the plan accepted by the committee, very little time will be required in preparation for these try-outs, and therefore a large number of students who have not signed up as yet should learn the conditions from Professor Hazlett and plan to join the squad. The committee recommended that there be no mixed teams in this debate. The probable plan is that a girls' team will meet a girls' team, and a boys' team will meet a boys' team.

Tentative plans for starting negotiations with Marion, as proposed last year, were also discussed. The opening of debating relations with other colleges should follow as a natural sequence. The desirability of Houghton's making her bid for intercollegiate honor in the debating arena rather than on the athletic field is obvious. The zest of engaging in a spirited battle of wits, of matching one's mental acumen against that of an alert opponent, of representing one's Alma Mater in the realm of intellectual supremacy, without being intrigued by the subtleties of dialectic or beguiled by the sophistries of logic—what can offer a stronger incentive and challenge to every keen-minded, red-blooded student? Everyone should either come out for, or stand behind Houghton's "major sport." Let's go!

## Houghton's Football Interest

Now is the time, when the attention of the athletic world as far as the United States is concerned, is directed with a vim toward football. America is a sport-loving nation and of all forms of athletic contest college football offers the greatest form of recreation both for the fan and for the participant.

The thump of the russet pig skin against the educated toe of McBride of Syracuse, the uncanny 'galloping wildcat' attack and the perfect forward passes of "Red" Grange of Illinois, the 'Grand Old Man' of football, Alonzo P. Stagg, more than sixty years old but still the brains of the Chicago threat, the big unbeaten green of Dartmouth, the phenomenal come-back of Princeton in beating Harvard last Saturday 34-0, are the happenings which keep the eyes of the world upon Houghton's big sisters during the fall.

In Houghton, for more reasons than one we are especially interested in the football of the middle west or of the so called Big Ten Conference. One of the greatest reasons however, is the fact that "Mother" Grange, matron of the girls' dormitory here, has for a nephew that illustrious exponent of football, "Red" Grange. Needless to say "Mother" Grange is proud of her nephew and she has the best reason in the world to be.

No one gave Illinois a second thought until last year Grange began his uninterrupted series of plunges and smashes. His record this year proves that he is not just a flash in the pan. The playing of the All-American half back is just as consistent this year as it was a year ago, and he is easily the greatest half-back of the year if not of the generation.

Here are some of his accomplishments. He has practically won for his team every game in which he has participated. This year while playing against Michigan and and while he was in the game for only three periods he carried the ball over the line for five of the six touchdowns made by Illinois. It was in this game that he scooped the ball from the kick-off, and with the

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### Food for Your Soul

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access into this grace wherein we now stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1,2.

### Editorial

The other day a well known group of girls were rather emphatically discussing their views as to what qualities were essential to a gentleman. It was not a private conversation, so I listened in, and jotted down a few points that I thought might be of interest to some of their friends of the opposite sex: "I think a real gentleman is careful of his personal appearance. It doesn't matter if he has only one suit of clothes, if he puts it on neatly and keeps it in press," spoke up a decisive voice. "Yes, and add, if he polishes his shoes, and doesn't forget his collar," chimed in someone else.

"I like the boy who doffs his hat when he speaks to you, and doesn't go sauntering by with his hands in his pockets," said a rather indignant young person. "Well, it isn't the proper thing, but when you walk with some young men, they hang on to your arm like they were afraid you were going to run away. I don't like to go stumbling along in the dark in danger of falling into a ditch, when I have an escort, but if he offered me his arm until we were past the bad

road, I'd be satisfied," exclaimed another. "I think it is nice for my escort to open the door when he brings me home, and not say, good-bye, at the foot of the step," said a sweet voice.

Then they talked of those little acts of gallantry that the observing young man may perform, and which are a delight to any woman. And, I thought, this work-a-day world will brush away some of the finer things in life if we are not careful. It is easy to become careless because of frequent association. In our school life we enjoy a delightful family feeling; but are we sometimes in danger of neglecting little courtesies that are the marks of truly cultured people? Is it true that we are willing to appear in the classroom and in the dining room with an excuseless carelessness in our appearance? Are we ever guilty of trespassing those barriers of good breeding that society has erected so we may live more agreeably together. True courtesy is from within, and springs from a desire "to do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." Are we not selfish if we fail to conform to the dictates of good manners? This is only one side of the question, to be sure, and we haven't time now to tell of the many nice things that happen every day.

### Is the Golden Rule Practical?

There are those who maintain that the Golden Rule is excellent as a theory but of little use in a practical world. Yet almost unconsciously in our daily contacts with each other we all perform acts that measure to this rule. So quietly does it take hold of us when once we grasp its significance. So real it becomes when others do with us as we want to have them do. Its fuller worth to this busy life is seen when peoples of many nations turn to help the distressed of other nations. What a happy name for December 7—that of Golden Rule Sunday,—a day when boys and girls, and men and women, regardless of race and creed, will pray and give for the orphans of the Near East, as they would wish them to do were it our land that was in the throes of disorder and want.

This program for Near East Relief and Golden Rule Sunday is being internationally promoted by great men of all the larger nations. A recent dinner was held in Geneva, Switzerland, over which Mr. Paul Hyman, President of the Council of the League of Nations, presided. Albert Shaw, George Wickersham, Henry Morgenthau and others, well known internationally, were present and prepared a new drive

for the aid of the exile orphans of the Near East. These are victims of the late war and in a peculiar sense international wards. Hundreds of thousands of homeless, and in many cases starving orphans present a problem of terrifying perplexity. Much has been done in the way of relief, but there remains a great deal to be done. Contributions are constantly pouring in to the Near East Relief and are being used very economically in the teaching, feeding, housing, and providing work for these Armenian orphans.

### KEEP A GOIN'

If you strike a thorn or rose  
Keep a Goin'!  
If it hails or if it snows  
Keep a Goin'!  
Tain't no use to sit and whine  
When the fish ain't on your line  
Bait your hook and keep on tryin'  
Keep a Goin'!  
If the weather kills your crop  
Keep a Goin'!  
When you tumble from the top  
Keep a Goin'!  
S'pose you're out of every dime  
Gettin' broke ain't any crime  
Tell the world you're feeling prime  
Keep a Goin'!  
When it looks like all is up  
Keep a Goin'!  
Drain the sweetness from the cup  
Keep a Goin'!  
See the wild birds on the wing  
Hear the bells that sweetly ring  
When you feel like sighin'—sing.  
Keep a Goin'!

### The Clean Life Pays

The remarkable tributes which have been paid to the baseball player, Walter Johnson, in connection with the world series, reminds us that only one other baseball player has ever approached him in baseball popularity. That man is Christy Matthewson.

Is it not significant that these men are both known the country over for absolute cleanliness of life, for conscientious regard for the highest ideals of sportsmanship and for standards of personal conduct which are even beyond what the average man esteems as high. It pays to think these things over. Men gamble and dissipate, but gambling and dissipation do not become a real man and the whole country knows it. They pick their heroes accordingly.

Remember you have not a sinew whose law of strength is not action; not a faculty of body, mind, or soul, whose law of improvement is not energy.—E. B. Hall.

## EXCHANGES

A preacher at the close of one of his sermons, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Everyone rose to his feet except one man. "Now let every man not paying his debts, stand up." The exception, a care-worn, shabby looking individual slowly rose to his feet.

"How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only one not able to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he answered meekly "and the brethren here who stood up, are my subscribers—."

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

—Wesleyan Methodist.

### Committees Appointed

The executive committee of the Athletic Association has selected the following committees:

Basket-ball: M. Enty, L. Fox, V. Rosbach. Track and Field: K. Farner, Laura Baker, Louis Baker.

### HOUGHTON LOCALS

Donald Schumann was a visitor in town last week.

Rev. Dean Bedford was in town for a few days last week.

Horace Pitt spent several days this week at his home in the village.

Mrs. Russell has gone to Washington, D. C., to visit her son, Ray Russell.

Prof. and Mrs. C. B. Whitaker were in Wellsville, Saturday afternoon on business.

"The Harmonizers" gave an entertainment for Pike High School Athletic Association.

Mrs. J. C. Long, Florence Longs Mildred Turner, and Harold Douglass spent the week end in Gerry, N. Y.

Mr. and Mr. Richard Walrath and daughter and son, of Rochester, spent Sunday with President Luckey and family.

Mr. Glenn Molyneaux of Oberlin, Ohio, spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Molyneaux.

Several of the district school teachers and high school teachers from here attended the teachers meeting held at Rushford Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. George Clarke, Wilber Clark, George Schroder, Alfred Kreckman, and Irwin Enty went to Kellar Hill Sunday School, Sunday. Rev. Clarke gave a short talk and the quartet sang.



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## Neosophic Society

The program Monday night consisted entirely of poems selected and brought in by the members. Each one was asked to read his favorite poem. The members responded almost "to a man".

Among the poems were "The Leak in the Dyke" by Phoebe Carey, "Little Orphan Annie" by James Whitcomb Riley, "Crossing the Bar", "Wreck of the Hesperus". "The House by the Side of the Road", and many others.

Next week we will have a musical night. The meeting promises to be one of the best so far. Be sure to come. All seats free.

## Athenian Society

The meeting Monday evening was unusually interesting as it consisted of an original program. Lynn Russell's story, "The Indian Pledge", pictured an Indian village hidden at the foot of Caribou Mountain. The Chief is persuaded to assist a captured paleface to escape, because Flintlock, a member of the tribe, has given his promise to be kind to the white people in return for their previous kindness to him.

A poem, "Mother", a loving tribute, was given by Miss Knapp.

The Athenian song, sung by Miss Warburton, Miss Driscoll, and its writer, Cecil Russell, was highly appreciated even though the tenor melody had to be left to the imagination of the hearers.

Miss Rickard read an essay, "A Student's Life in Houghton". Life is not simply one thing after another, as we have heard, but in the "school sense", "everything all at once and all the time".

Next week's program promises to be just as interesting as this.

It is not the cares of today, but the cares of tomorrow that weigh a man down. For the needs of today we have corresponding strength. For the morrow we are told to trust. It is not ours yet.—Macdonald.

## Chapel Services

It being Armistice Day, our chapel services of Tuesday November the eleventh were conducted by our ex-service men. Mr White led the devotional exercises. A solo, "Have you seen him in France," by Warden Stevens, was sung by Frank Henshaw and enjoyed by all. Cecil Russell spoke on the subject, "Why we needed the first Armistice Day," telling some of his own personal experiences and knowledge gained while with the American forces overseas.

He said: "America needed an Armistice Day. We had sent our best, strongest, and cleanest men; we had spent billions of dollars. The soldiers of Germany, Italy, England and France needed an Armistice Day. The world needed an Armistice Day. So long as nation rises against nation the world needs an Armistice Day. Until Christ reigns on the earth the world needs an Armistice Day."

A reading, "A Song", was given by Ruth Rockwell as the last number on the program.

## Student's Prayer Meetings

"Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." This was the burden of the whole students prayer meeting on November 5. John the Baptist preached repentance as a preparation for the coming kingdom of heaven. In preparation for the coming revival the Christians of Houghton are humbling themselves before God and seeking fresh anointings upon their souls.

The prayer meeting of November 11, was a continuation of the preceding one, in spirit. Voices, unheard in the house of prayer for many months, were raised in petitions to God.

"Move to the fore,

Men whom God hath named fit for the fray;

Not yours to shrink as the feeble ones may;

Not yours to parley quibble and shirk,

Ill for the world if ye do not God's work,

Move to the fore!

Move to the fore!

Say not another is fitter than thou, Shame to the manhood that sits on thy brow,

Own thyself equal to all that men may,

Cease thine evading; God needs thee today!

Move to the fore!"

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### Only a Number in a World War

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June 5. After going for physical examination to the Local Board No. 3 for the county of Cattaraugus, at Towanda, N. Y., I was placed in class I, A, and notified of my acceptance for military service. Then I was advised to so adjust my business that I would be ready to report for duty at twenty-four hours notice. The situation in which I then found myself illustrates one in some degree common to many others of the conscription.

Wishing to visit my parents before going to camp, when my summer's work was over I went to Emporium, Pennsylvania, where my parents were then living. The director of one of the schools there tried to secure my services as a teacher, but, in consideration for the school, which I did not wish to leave without a teacher at a time when it might be difficult to secure another, hence I thought it necessary to decline. Then, when my summons failed to come from my local board, I undertook with my brother Will a job of wood-cutting in the mountains about eight miles from home. Here we boarded ourselves in typical woodman's style. The work was of little advantage fi-

nancially, and, when the snow became deep in the woods, and lay for days at a time in little drifts where it had blown through upon the shanty floor, we decided it was time to get another job.

I packed my suitcase to go to Rochester, but received an order to report to my local board at Gowanda, for physical examination on January 28. So I said good-bye to the folks—it was the last good-bye to my brother Will—and started for Gowanda. After examination I went again to Mr. Fancher's at Leon and worked for him until finally I was directed to report at Gowanda to go to mobilization camp on February 27, 1918.

(To be continued)

Many persons who pass for optimists are merely too lazy to kick.

### Houghton's Football Interest

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whole Michigan team in front of him, ran it back ninety-five yards for a touchdown almost within the first thirty seconds of play; a thing which is done almost as often as a triple play unassisted in the final game of a World Series baseball contest. To top off this performance he also made sixty-five, fifty-five, and forty-five yard runs not to mention the gaining of yardage in his uncanny ability with the forward pass. Illinois did not see fit to use him in her next game with Northwestern, but he aided her immeasurably in her 34-0 defeat of Iowa the next week. Last week he matched himself against the football brains of Stagg the Chicago mentor, who devoted all his great energy and experience to stopping him and beating Illinois, and tied the score with three touchdowns at 21-21.

In this game last Saturday, Illinois almost trembled to her fall. Stagg's big maroon eleven mowed its way to two touchdowns in an early part of the game, but Grange, the flame of the west, tore loose and twice streaked his way to tie the score. Again the Staggs thundered their way across the Illinois goal only to have the flame of the west again rise to the occasion and to the peak of his brilliant career and flash through the whole Chicago team to knot the count at 21-21.

Grange has been named the All-American half-back; he has this year placed Illinois at the top of the heap in the Big Ten football, he leads the west as an individual point getter, and they say that he keeps fit during the summer by slinging ice cakes. What more reasons could "Mother" Grange want for being proud of him?

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