

ALUMNI

Marjory Green, '17, is teaching physical education at the Washington state college this year. During the "flu" epidemic she nursed soldiers there. The following is an extract from a letter received by Miss Chalkin at the alumni office:

"It seems as though I were a long ways from U. of N. I am teaching physical education here at Washington state college. Just at present our college is closed on account of the "flu," so I am nursing the S. A. T. C.'s at one of our churches which has been converted into a hospital. The boys are certainly lovely and appreciate everything you do for them."

Lieutenant Randall F. Curtis, '12, is with the 350th infantry, France.

Miss Amy Armstrong, A. B. and M. A., University of Nebraska, who is teaching in the McCook school, is spending a few days in Lincoln with friends during a forced vacation.

Geneva Seeger, '17, is teaching in Malvern, Iowa. She wrote the following letter to Miss Chalkin, the alumni secretary:

My Dear Miss Chalkin:
"I am teaching in Malvern this year—have the subjects of Domestic Science and French. There are two other Nebraska girls on the high school faculty, Eva J. Brokan, '14, who is principal, and Bessie Bayley, '16, who is teaching English.

"Sincerely yaurs,
"Geneva Seeger, '17."

Dale F. McDonald, '11, has recently been promoted to the rank of major in the infantry. He is with the army general staff college, A. E. F., France.

Ernest W. Schaufelberger, '16, is taking special laboratory training in bacteriology and chemistry for sanitary work at the Yale army laboratory, New Haven, Conn. He was inducted into military service from Lincoln to Camp Funston on June 20, 1918. He was transferred to the Yale army laboratory, October 21, 1918. In a letter received at the alumni office, he says: "As but 250 men are here in training, and the men are drawn from soldiers and civilians of the state, I feel very fortunate in having received the chance to receive this instruction. Yale is a great institution, well equipped and an organized, thorough staff of instructors."

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AIRMEN HAVE THEIR THRILLS

Miss Excitement of Going "Over the Top," but Life Has Some Enlivening Moments.

In a little estaminet some way from the front several officers had finished dinner and were dawdling over their liqueurs. The conversation had turned upon what it felt like to go over the top.

Smithson had just been holding forth, and he turned chaffingly to Clarke, a balloon officer invited in to make up a four, and remarked: "Anyway, you air merchants escape that!"

"Do we?" answered the balloon officer, removing his pipe. "I'll just tell you what it feels like for us to make a forced parachute descent.

"I was up one day, very low visibility, squatting just under the clouds, when without warning three Boche planes swooped down.

"Every machine gun and 'Archie' in the neighborhood started off for miles around. I felt a bit dazed, but realizing what was up, yelled to the other fellow with me to get over, took off my telephone mouthpiece and scrambled to the edge of the basket. Instinctively I saw the panorama around, the white zig-zag of trenches in front and behind the dull gray sea, with here and there a ship. I remember thinking impersonally what a long way to the ground 3,000 feet was!

"But, drawing a breath, over I went and dropped 200 feet, when the ropes began to tighten around me, and I realized in a flash the parachute had opened.

"I saw the other chap floating away beneath me and I couldn't help thinking we must look like a number of mushrooms chasing each other. Suddenly the earth rushed up to meet me with an awful bang and I found myself mixed up with some sheds. But actually I had alighted quite gracefully and was only bruised and suffering slightly from shock.

"It really wasn't much except for the first awful leap, and even that was afterward compensated for by a dear old lady to whom I showed the parachute spread out at home and who remarked: 'How clever it was to have jumped from a balloon into such a small sheet.'"

Out of a Russian Prison.

Many of the commerce bureau's foreign representatives have been obliged to carry on their work under trying and often dangerous conditions during the last four years, but the experience of Roger E. Simmons, lumber trade commissioner assigned to Russian territory before our entrance into the war, has probably been unique. Shortly after escaping from prison, where he had been placed under sentence of death, he wrote the bureau the following brief account of the progress of his lumber investigation while in prison:

"While in prison I found two learned foresters, several sawmill owners, practical men, and a former member of the cabinet. Information received was very valuable."

This shows an official avidity for data that speaks for itself.—Commerce Reports.

Such a Punster.

She was a fisherman's daughter, and wore her hair in a net. The city youth came round to court her, and here are a few things he said:

"My love, you hold first 'place' in my heart. Although I 'founder' about in expressing myself, my 'sole' wish is that you will save me from becoming a 'crabbed' old bachelor. I shall stick to you closer than a 'limpet,' and from you a 'wink'll' be the rod to guide. Together we'll 'skate' o'er life's rough rocks and when I look at your head I shall say, 'Fortune smiled upon me when I put 'herring' there.'"

And the lady dropped her eyes and sweetly murmured, "You giddy kipper!"—London Tit-Bits.

Scientific Masterpiece.

One of the most distinguished features of the town of St. Mihiel, France, is a piece of statutory, carved out of the solid rock by Ligier Richier, a pupil of Michael Angelo, and a native of St. Mihiel. It is a representation of the burial of Christ. Each of the figures is life size. The figures are so carved out that one may pass among them. In 1870, when the Germans occupied the town, the piece was cut in the middle by the invaders so that it could be carried away. When it was discovered that the sculptor had worked out of the solid rock the plan was abandoned and the work remained.

Impractical Assurance.

"Whales are good to eat."
"Yes," said young Mrs. Torkins. "But I've looked the market over and whale meat is even scarcer than good porterhouse steak."

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