

Michigan Students Describe "Bumming" Tour of Europe

Two students, Edwin Ide, '23, and Walter Pear, '23, started last summer on what is probably one of the most unique trips ever engaged in by Michigan students. Leaving Detroit with only \$50 apiece, already they have "bummed" their way through Germany, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Italy and England. A large typewritten diary, kept by Ide, has been received by his friends and is the source of the material of this article.

A few of the most interesting excerpts follow:

"Saturday, Nov. 4. Today fortune again smiled upon me, for Chief Recruiting Agent Evans proved to be a graduate of Ann Arbor in the law class of 1910. He gave me a fine recommendation which secured me a position on a transatlantic liner."

"Fritz, a shipmate, has just told me in German how the people of Bremen nearly starved from short rations during the war. He says they harbor no ill-will against America—only France and England.

"We are in Germany at last. Bremen. Here we had to break our traveler's cheques, for marks are bought only by one dollar at a time they are exchanging 6900 marks for one American dollar. We saw a remarkable house which we could have bought for \$250 dollars. No one wants property—taxes are too high.

"Beer is prevalent everywhere. To night we ordered a glass of milk apiece, receiving with it a small glass of rum. We like the German jazz, however. They syncope over here—for a change they will play pieces like "Margie" or "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles."

"Something I notice about the German girls—none of them use cosmetics. Food is ridiculously cheap. We buy coffee for one cent, ice cream for two cents, and so on. One can live indefinitely for a dollar.

"One little girl told me today in broken English that her father earns but seven thousand marks a week, a little over our dollar, and out of this has to clothe and feed a whole family. Poverty is the cause of terrible moral

conditions here. "We visited a Polish university as guests of one of the students. His living quarters are cold, damp, and without any comforts. These students study harder and longer than we do, seemingly regardless of fellowship and school spirit.

"Italy, especially Naples, is indescribably dirty. Streets and people, both are filthy.

"In Florence we met an Oxford scholar. He tells us that the deans at Oxford could tell you the univers at Oxford hate efficiency—none of them could tell you the university enrollment. American scholars—Rhodes scholars especially—get along fine at Oxford—they can do as they please and get away with it because they are Americans. Walter is looking forward to a six-week course at Oxford, while I want to visit Heidelberg."

The diary concluded when the two were debating upon visiting the Orient.—Michigan Daily.

America seems willing to try anything once, except its criminals.

The thing that charity most frequently begins at home is bragging.

Correct this sentence: "Thank you, no; I've quit smoking for all time to come."

The remarkable thing is not that so many get out of jail, but that so many stay out.

Some girls run about with every Tom, Dick and Harry, and some concentrate on Jack.

It's hardly fair to expect your boy to lead his class unless his dad leads in his class.

100 ENGINEERING STUDENTS GO ON INSPECTION TRIP (Continued from Page One).

Nebraska College of Medicine. Saturday, April 7. Nebraska Corn Mills at Milford; Blue River Power Company's plants Nos. 1, 4, 3, 6, and 5; the Crete Mills; lunch as guest of the Crete Mills. This trip is to be made by automobiles, and maps of the road to follow will be handed to each member of the party just previous to the trip.

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It must amuse the heathen to reflect that the thing that endangers our civilization is our civilization.

That professor who says there is little in the situation to inspire hope hasn't been reading the dope from the spring training camps.

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