

THE TRIP

And the Stay at Brighton—The Party and "Heelers."

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On Wednesday, July 5, as the American liner Saint Louis drew away from her New York dock, there came back across the water, from a little group gathered about the forward rail, a significant cheer, announcing the real opening of a new chapter in the athletic history of Yale and Harvard. It was the famous Greek yell of Yale with "Harvard" as the climax.

This novel cheer and its echo from a crowd of students and graduates of the two universities, packed on the dock, enthusiastically responded, combined with a promiscuous mingling of the white Y on the blue field and the white H on the crimson field, meant that America's oldest university rivals had joined hands and were starting across the Atlantic to help each other meet and if possible defeat England's universities, Oxford and Cambridge, in an athletic competition on field and track.

The long series of negotiations which culminated in the departure of this joint team has already been followed by the readers of the WEEKLY. But on that morning the Yale University Athletic Association and the Harvard University Athletic Association became the Yale-Harvard Athletic Association.

The American athletic party numbered twenty-six men, as follows: the Yale team, Captain T. R. Fisher, '2d, '99 S.; Carl Palmer, '99 S.; C. B. Spitzer, '99; J. P. Adams, 1900; F. A. Blount, 1900; H. P. Smith, 1900; Charles Dupee, 1901; William Fincke, 1901 S.; and Dixon Boardman, 1902: the Harvard team, Captain J. T. Roche, Jr., '98; F. B. Fox; W. A. Boal; H. J. Brown; T. E. Burke; C. D. Daly; H. W. Foote; H. B. Clark; J. W. Hallowell; J. T. Harrington; F. J. Quinlan; A. N. Rice, and C. F. Rotch. J. D. Dana, Yale 1900, Manager of the combined teams, three of the Committee of Graduate Advisers, Everett J. Wendell, Harvard '82; Henry S. Brooks, Jr., Yale, and George B. Morrison, Harvard '83 and the two trainers, J. G. Lathrop of Harvard and A. F. Copland of Yale. Mr. C. H. Sherrill, Yale, the fourth member of the Graduate Committee, had preceded the team to England. Walter Camp, Yale '80, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Dual Track Athletic League, Bascom Johnson 1900, Captain of next year's Yale team, and four correspondents accompanied the athletic party and were with them during the period of preliminary training at Brighton.

A heavy fog detained the Saint Louis for two hours just outside the Narrows, but she then proceeded on her way without further interruption. The first few hours out were devoted to settling in the state-rooms and writing farewell letters, to be mailed at Sandy Hook. Then the fellows came up on deck. A large block of steamer chairs, well aft on the port side of the vessel, was assigned to the Yale and Harvard athletes. This was their rendezvous during the week which followed and came to be popularly known as "the Campus," while the section of the rail nearby was properly called "the fence." But the college nomenclature did not stop here, and there was a consequent disagreement as to whether the saloon, where the men were served with training dishes at a special table, was really "Memorial Hall" or just plain "Commons."

There were a number of Yale and Harvard "heelers" on board, graduates and students, and they combined with the athletic squad to form a University crowd to which the men largely confined their association. The passenger list included the following college men, in addition to those named above: Yale, J. B. Adams, '99; W. F. B. Berger, '99; C. M. Fair, '99; R. P. Flint, '99 S.; C. J. Freeborn, '99 S.; A. C. Goodyear, '99; W. D. Hickok, ex-'98 S.; H. H. Hollister, '99; W. W. Knight, '99 S.; T. F. Lawrence, '99; E. A. McCullough, '99 S.; B. B. Moore, '99; E. de N. Sands, '99 S.; E. N. Saunders, '99 S.; Preston Kumler, 1900; George Lauder, Jr., 1900 S.; L. M. Thomas, 1901; A. B. Berger, 1901; Henry Chisholm, 1901; E. H. Fisher, 1901 S.; E. C. Granberry,

1902 and C. L. DuVal, 1903: Harvard, Percival Lowell, '76; Gillman Collamore, '93; C. C. Goodrich, '93; N. W. Bingham, Jr., '95; J. A. Macy, '99; W. Bayard Cutting, 1900 and F. R. Du Bois, 1901.

There was little prescribed athletic work on board, as the ship sports, in which the men engaged vigorously throughout the voyage, served to give them necessary exercise. Intercollegiate contests in quoits, shuffle-board, follow-the-leader and hop scotch, varied with an occasional tug of war, wrestling match or cock-fight, were arranged each day on the forward deck, and afforded constant amusement to the athletes and their fellow-passengers. Baseball too, was a favorite game during the early part of the voyage, but after all the tennis balls had been thrown over the rail, the Steward became a bit anxious about his rapidly decreasing supply of oranges and apples and the sport had to be discontinued. On the last day out, some of the men grew a bit restless and others began to put on weight, so an hour's work with the skipping-ropes and an afternoon run around the decks were added to the daily routine.

The passage was an uneventful one but most of the fellows were first-trippers and took a lively interest in the ships that were sighted and the whales, porpoises and dolphins which played about the vessel. On Sunday morning, divine service was held in the saloon and Monday night the customary ship-board concert was given. There was considerable professional talent on board and a very entertaining program had been arranged. Mr. Wendell sang a number of Irish songs and later delivered a brief address, explaining the purpose and character of the Yale-Harvard team's trip to England. He emphasized the fact that the American universities made no claim to the championship but were merely accepting a challenge from Oxford and Cambridge. The evening closed with cheers and songs by the college men, which were well received in spite of the fact that "My poor Oxford and Cambridge" made an awkward ending for "Here's to good old Yale."

With the exception of the extreme heat of the first three days, which interfered considerably with the rest of the athletes, quartered on the main deck, the weather conditions throughout the voyage were perfect. A north wind sprang up on Monday, but, with the change from shirt sleeves to sweaters which it brought, came also a perceptible rolling of the vessel, increasing daily until the sheltered channel was reached. But all became accustomed to the ship's motion and there were no disagreeable results.

The excellent condition of all the athletes as they neared the end of their voyage was the source of great gratification to those who had their interests in charge. The effect of the passage had been universally feared, and there was an increasing feeling of relief as each day passed, until land was finally sighted and all continued well and fit.

When the men reached deck on the morning of Wednesday, the seventh day out, the Saint Louis was well advanced in her final run along the Southern coast of England. Shortly after lunch, the Paris, formerly the Yale, came into view. A few hours before she had been floated after her prolonged stranding on the Lizard, but the Yale colony on the Saint Louis had not heard the news and were perceptibly downcast as they steamed past the vessel in which they had recently taken such a keen interest, firmly fixed as they thought in her last resting place.

ON ENGLISH SOIL.

At nine o'clock the Saint Louis drew up alongside her Southampton dock and the voyage was over. It was decided to spend the night in Southampton at the Southwestern Hotel. On the following morning at ten o'clock the men boarded the train for Brighton, where they were comfortably quartered in the Hotel Métropole, overlooking the channel and the magnificent ocean drive. The privileges of Preston Park had been extended by the Brighton Corporation and it was there that most of the work was done. On Saturday and Monday, however, the athletes journeyed to London and practiced on the track at the Queen's Club grounds, so as to become accustomed to the courses and the turns. With the exception of trials to determine the representatives in the hundred yards dash, the hurdle race and the broad jump, all the work was of a very light

character, consisting principally of practicing starts and short runs at an easy gait to keep the men in condition. The struggles for second string in the hurdles and dash were keen. In three races over the hurdles, Hallowell defeated Fincke of Yale twice, and won the place, while Blount and Dupee, both of Yale, had a similarly close contest, resulting in favor of the former, to determine who should be Quinlan's mate in the dash. Roche of Harvard easily won his place as second man in the broad jump, from his college mates, Morse and Harrington.

On Thursday, the day of the arrival, the entire party accepted an invitation from the proprietors of Barnum and Bailey's circus and attended the evening performance. Sunday morning Messrs. A. Hunter and G. C. Vassal, Presidents of the Cambridge and Oxford teams, and Mr. C. N. Jackson, who, as graduate adviser, had charge of the interests of the English teams, came over to Brighton from Eastbourne, where they were stopping, and spent the day with the Americans, joining in an afternoon drive to Devil's Dyke. During the course of the day several minor details in connection with the sports of the following Saturday were decided. The relations of the two teams and their advisers were most cordial and all the negotiations were conducted without the slightest friction.

The stay at Brighton was a thoroughly delightful one, though almost without event. The men were in bed early and were kept well under the eyes of their trainers. As the days passed and the athletes appeared to remain in good condition, the American colony grew confident; but there was no departure from the carefully outlined plan of training.

On Saturday, the day of the games, the Yale-Harvard squad left Brighton at half-past nine and, arriving in London after a comfortable journey, drove to the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington. There they took lunch and rested until three o'clock, when they proceeded to the Queen's Club Grounds.

SOME ENGLISH VIEWS.

Advice to Oxford and Cambridge

Rah Rah Rah Rah Yale
Praeterea nil et vox
Please don't copy this Zulu wail
Ca Ca Ca Ca Ox.

—London Globe.

American Uniforms.

The Harvard men wear claret-colored coats, bearing an enormous H in white; the Yale men go in for dark blue with an equally colossal Y. The effect is not beautiful. It suggests somehow the sandwich man of commerce.—The Pelican.

A Good Impression.

One of the most interesting athletic meetings of a strictly amateur character, ever held, will be the inter-university contest on Saturday at Queen's Club, West Kensington. In this the pick of Oxford and Cambridge athletes will

meet the best team which Yale and Harvard could send over, and whatever may be the result, there is certain to be a thoroughly sportsmanlike contest. In recent years Yale men have been represented in England on the running path and on the river, and have impressed themselves so favorably on English sportsmen that the present team, in which Yale and Harvard are combined, is certain to have a very hearty reception on Saturday.—Eastern Daily Bulletin.

SPANISH WAR RECORD.

More Yale Names on the List—Total Now of 315.

Since the war record of Yale men in the late war was published in the War Record and Presidential number, a number of additions and corrections have been sent in to the WEEKLY, thereby making a supplementary record necessary. The number of those now definitely located in the service in the late war is 315. The records follow:

Ex-Seventy-Three.

M. M. McComb, ex-'73, was commissioned, on graduation from West Point, a lieutenant in the 4th U. S. Artillery. Promoted just before the recent war from a lieutenant to a captain of Artillery. At first he had command of one of the light batteries. He has recently returned from there, having had command of several batteries.

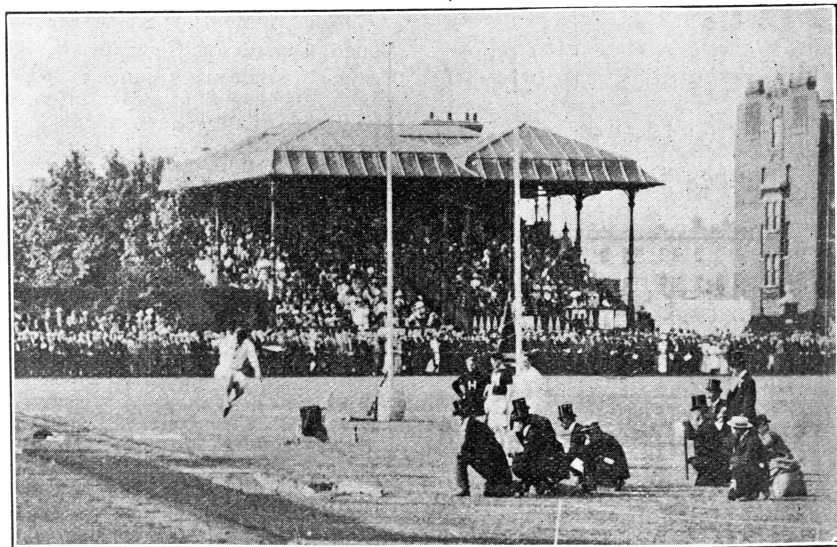
Seventy-Five S.

William S. Righter, '75 S., was mustered into service as Lieutenant in Company C, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, Volunteer Infantry, July 17, 1898, in order to serve as Aid on the staff of Brigadier-General J. W. Plume, commanding First Brigade, First Division, Second Army Corps, at Camp Alger, with whom he had served, as a National Guardsman, for the past eighteen years. On July 19, he was ordered by the War Department to report to Brigadier-General Plume at Camp Alger for duty. Reporting the following day, he remained at Camp Alger, until Brigade Headquarters was moved to Camp Meade, Penn. Remained there until the complete breaking up of the First Brigade, for mustering out, and was ordered with Brigadier-General Plume to return to Newark. He left the service about November 1, upon the honorable discharge of Brigadier-General Plume from service.

Ex-Seventy-Seven.

Major Arthur M. Diggles, ex-'77, volunteered on the first call for troops with a Minnesota Regiment with which he had been long connected. He was at the time captain of one of the companies. His promotion to Major and his service in the Philippines, ending with his death early in May, from a wound received in the advance on San Isidro, were told in the WEEKLY in an obituary sketch in the number of June 14.

Vassall (O.) winning broad jump; Daly and Roche (H.) and Bevan (C.) watching.



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