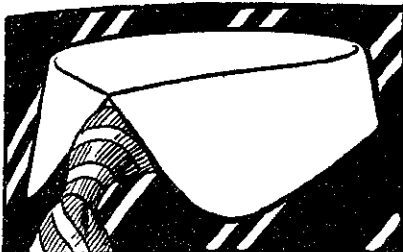


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**VAN RENNELAER LANSINGH '98 SPEAKS
 TO WOMEN'S WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY**

**Former Director of the American University Union
 Describes Work in Paris During the War**

PRAISES ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WOMEN

Van Rensselaer Lansingh '98, formerly assistant director of the American University Union in Paris, told the story of his year abroad to an audience of about three hundred members of the M. I. T. Women's War Service Auxiliary, faculty, and others interested in Technology in Huntington Hall Thursday afternoon. He said that the city of Paris had answered the question of the future of the University Union by offering a large tract of land, centrally located, for the purpose of erecting a permanent American University club, to be the center of American University life in Paris.

The occasion of Mr. Lansingh's talk here was the closing of the Auxiliary workroom. Following his talk, a reception and tea was held at which samples of the work the women have been doing were shown.

The women who poured at the tea were Mrs. Joseph Lipka, Mrs. C. E. Locke, Mrs. A. D. Little and Mrs. H. M. Goodwin. The ushers at the lecture were Mrs. A. G. Robbins, Miss Evelyn Walker, Mrs. Bigelow, and Mrs. Rollins.

Mr. Lansingh was introduced by Reverend Albert Lazenby, Chairman of the War Service Committee of Technology. Mr. Lazenby paid tribute to the work of the Women's Auxiliary and thanked the women for their support. He said he would be willing to let Technology women handle any job he was connected with, in view of their splendid showing in war work. He said the Auxiliary was the greatest advertisement Technology has had. His acknowledgement of the work of Mrs. Cunningham in forming the Auxiliary was greeted with a round of applause.

Mr. Lansingh, too, was profuse in his praise of the Women's Auxiliary, saying that Technology has given more by its women than any other college.

Starting in to tell the story of his going to France, he said that the idea of the college abroad was conceived by a Yale man, Dr. Stokes. Mrs. Cunningham followed Dr. Stokes' lead and in June of 1917 arranged for the sending of Mr. Lansingh overseas.

Arriving in Paris, Mr. Lansingh founded the Technology club of Paris, which was the first attempt of any college to establish a club in Paris. Because they were the first on the ground, Mr. Lansingh's party received a good deal of newspaper advertising, which he said was of great help to them. The club occupied seven rooms and furnished a real home for visitors, soon becoming, to use Mr. Lansingh's own words, "the center of American University life in Paris." In two months, men from 35 different colleges registered as guests at the club.

Form University Union

But to have every college maintain a club in France like Technology was doing would prove too expensive and as a

result the colleges got together and formed the American University Union. At the start there were fourteen colleges in the Union. Now more than one hundred forty are contributing to the support of the project. In all, men from more than three hundred eighty-five American colleges have registered at the Union.

Mr. Lansingh said that the work was divided into two parts, first, the looking after college men, and second the educational part, that is the anticipation of a closer relationship between French, British, and Italian universities and those of America.

The Union established quarters at the Royal Palace Hotel where the needs of university men in Paris were taken care of and entertainment was furnished them. College dinners were held there, and Technology was the first to hold one of these. Mr. Lansingh spoke of the friendly rivalry that existed constantly between Yale and Technology, each endeavoring to outdo the other in social service.

Pershing Assists Union

General Pershing was behind the Union from start to finish, Mr. Lansingh said, assigning a man to take up certain questions with the Union officials. The problem of liquor was one of these and it was decided that light wine and beers should be served at the Union. Mr. Lansingh said that in his period of connection with the Union, he saw only one case of drunkenness there and that man had gotten his drink outside.

Mr. Lansingh said that the Union was unique in one respect, and that was when a man entered its door, his rank "dropped off him" and to see a colonel chatting with a private was a common sight. Mr. Lansingh said this was the only place in France where this was so.

With the establishment of the Union, college bureaus were maintained in different parts of the hotel to be centers for men of the several colleges. Mr. Lansingh acknowledged the assistance of F. B. Smith '17, of Detroit, and of R. Allen '16, and said that his own successor, Mr. George Gibbs '00, formerly an Episcopal minister in Oklahoma, was "the most popular man in France."

Mr. Lansingh said the Minister of Education of France was interviewed and as a result the entire French educational system was placed at the disposal of the men at the Union. Now more than 10,000 men who have had at least two years' college training in America are studying at universities in Paris. In addition to this there are 150,000 men studying at various post schools throughout France and there are 10,000 men at the University of Bourne.

Following his lecture, Mr. Lansingh showed a few slides, pictures of the Union and pictures which he got while at the Verdun and Fort Dounamont fronts on engineering work.

**DORM DANCE SATURDAY
 WILL BE LAST OF TERM**

All Tickets for Affair Sold at Beginning of Week

The sale of tickets for the last Dorm dance of the season has been phenomenal. After Monday they were all sold and men were clamoring for more. The number of tickets issued was limited to 150 couples in order not to crowd the floor. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets will not be on sale at the door.

The feature of the evening will be an exhibition dance the exact nature of which is to be a surprise. Tommy Hawkins and Bert Lowe will help furnish the music. The patronesses invited are Mrs. Harry W. Tyler, Mrs. Henry Fay, Mrs. William T. Hall.

PROFESSOR GEORGE IS ILL

Professor George of the Mathematics Department fainted on his way to the Institute Monday morning. He was taken to the Superintendent's office where he was attended by Dr. Morse who diagnosed the case as one of heart trouble. The Professor has had heart trouble for some time and this attack was probably brought on by over exertion immediately after eating breakfast. He fainted outside building 2 at a little before 9. When he recovered he wanted to attend his ten o'clock class but the doctor refused to allow it. He was taken home and put under the care of his family physician. It is expected he will be able to return to classes in a few days.

**Y-D WOUNDED QUARTERED
 IN INSTITUTE BARRACKS**

The evening before the parade of the 26th Division in Boston 150 casualties were brought in from Camp Devens in ambulances and quartered in the barracks in the rear of the educational buildings at the Institute. Ninety-seven of these men were surgical cases from the base hospital and fifty-three from the convalescent center. The other units occupying the barracks the night before the parade were the Supply Co. C. of the 103d infantry, an ambulance company of the 104th infantry, and E company of the 102nd infantry.

**R. O. T. C. GOES TO CAMP
 AT DEVENS THIS SUMMER**

Six Weeks of Intensive Training Begins June 21

Though few details have as yet been announced it is now definitely decided that there will be a camp for the Reserve Officers Training Corps this summer. This course will be held at Camp Devens, and consists of six weeks intensive training beginning June 21 and lasting till August 2. Aside from the fact that mileage at the rate of three and one-half cents will be paid from Cambridge to Camp Devens and from Camp Devens home, and that the government will furnish subsistence, little is as yet known, though it is expected that uniforms will be furnished and that enlisted men's pay will be granted.



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