

Sunday evening  
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Dear Mother:-

It hardly seems possible that it was only a week ago that I left home. It seems as if I had been back in the harness for a month at least. I had a very good trip, making all connections easily. Shortly after leaving Columbus I got into conversation with a girl in the observation car. When I told her I was from Newark, she said, "My father has often ~~xxxx~~ threatened to move to Newark. His business is there". When I asked what her father's business was, she said he was with the Pharis Co. Imagine my surprise when in the course of the conversation I found out her father is none other than Mr. Pharis himself! She was on her way to a school in Greenwich Conn. where she is studying commercial art. She knows Jimmie Cunningham pretty well, she says. Unfortunately, the train was divided into two sections in Cleveland, and she was on the other, so I didn't have a chance to talk to her any more. What a shame!

I am still reading for my history paper, and it seems that every time I go to the library I get another book. It certainly is a shame that I didn't bring home another book which I intended to bring, as I could have spent a lot of time on it the latter part of the vacation. The whole prospect seems so discouraging as far as work goes that I have been almost paralysed. I have been doing daily assignments and reading for the paper when I have time, but nothing very energetic, and the problem of how I'm going to get the papers written and study for exams remains a mystery.

Up until last night we have been having real Ohio weather. There was about six inches of snow on the ground, and in the day time the snow on the streets tended to become slushy, but not to melt away completely.

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Last night and this morning we had an eight inch snowfall. The trees are beautiful, all laden down with snow. The whole place looks like fairy land. Dick Muzzy took a snap-shot out of his window this afternoon, and if it is good I will send you a copy of it. It has now cleared off and is getting colder. According to a radio report, between the 18th and 26th of this month New England will have a cold snap colder than anything yet. During the vacation ~~at~~ the temperature here was 42 below, so it looks as if we might expect cold weather.

Last night Dartmouth and Princeton played one of the most thrilling basket-ball games I have ever seen. The Princeton star injured in the Wittenburg game was back in the line-up, and the majority of the Princeton boys were much taller than our men. For this reason our ~~played~~ <sup>TEAM</sup> dropped its usual smooth game and played very roughly. They jumped at the Princeton men in trying to get the ball, and they made use of every possible advantage. The center on our team was taken out on fouls, and I do not see how the other players avoided the same fate. Throughout the whole game the crowd was on pins and needles, and the score kept close together all the time. We were ahead most of the time, and at the beginning of the second half we managed to get 8 points ahead. This lead proved to be of short duration, as a couple of fouls and three beautiful baskets by Princeton tied the score. From then on the lead see-sawed back and forth, but with only one minute to play Princeton got a two point lead. During the following play our forward was fouled, and dropped it in neatly. (He has only missed one foul shot all season, and in practice made 95 out of 100.) Nevertheless, we thought the game was lost, but with only 40 seconds left to play, Bonniwell threw a one handed shot from the far side

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of the floor which dropped in. The crowd went absolutely wild. After that there was barely time for the toss-up when the game ended with us leading 31-30. One more game like that and I will be a wreck. Monday night we will play Pennsylvania. Unless the team has a let-down, we ought to beat them, but with such a hard game Saturday I should think they might be a little tired. In spite of their Ohio defeats, Princeton had an excellent team, practically the same one they won the cup with last year. I think their defeat was due partly to the injury of Larsen, the star center, in the first part of the Wittenburg game, and partly to the let-down of playing non-league games in the middle of a vacation. I really doubt whether we will be able to beat them when we play at Princeton later on, as I think it is somewhat of an advantage to be playing on the home floor.

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I received the laundry case in good time (Friday), and I want to thank you as usual for the cookies. The brownies were better than you ever made before, I think. They all arrived in good condition. Sometime in the future when you are sending something, put in my toe nail sissors which are probably on my dresser. As I was unpacking my suitcase, way down in the corner of one of the pockets, I found the tweezers which I thought I had lost on the Harvard trip. So you can have the ones Daddy brought home for me. It is getting late now so I will quit. Much love to all of you.

William



