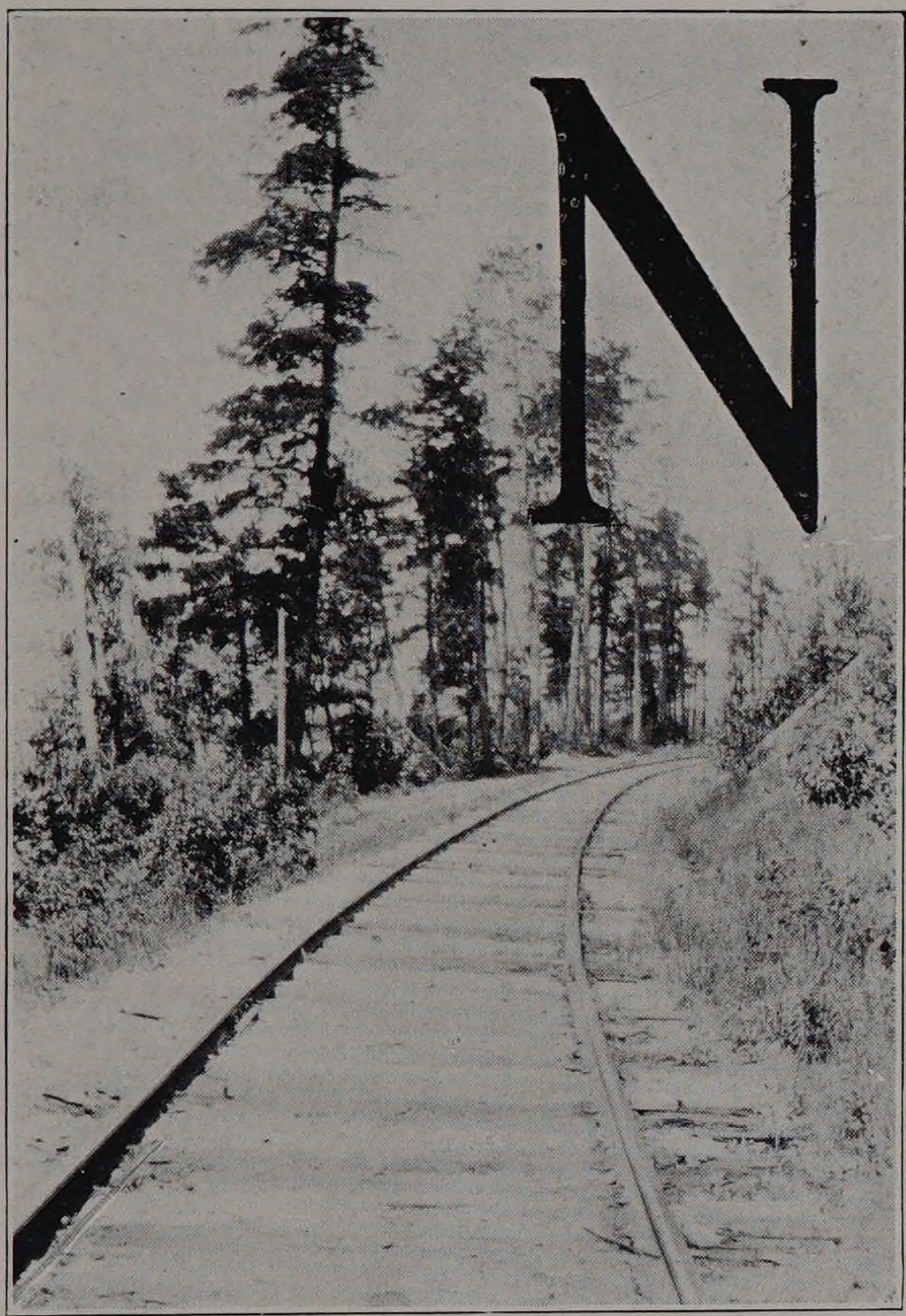


With the Civils Camp, 1914



O doubt the usual way to start a write-up of this kind is to start in with a happy bunch, but this story will start with a gloomy crowd. What you ask, a gloomy crowd starting out for Summer Camp? Yes, that was the fact. The cause was simply a delay in starting. You see, in moving some of last year's camp paraphernalia from Tomahawk Lake to Trout Lake, the train had to travel over approximately one-half of the United States to cover a distance of less than fifteen miles. At any rate when "Pa" Phillips announced to an expectant young bunch of prospective surveyors that the trip would have to be delayed for a couple of days, gloom reigned supreme.

By Monday morning, June 28th, however, the crowd which gathered at the Union Depot, consisted of a mob of grinning, happy faces, with a lot of pep and "ambish," which even the sandwiches at Milwaukee and the long, dreary wait at New Albin could not destroy.

The following day, we reached Minocqua, Wisconsin and were it not for the young lady in the Post-Office, we would, doubtless, have left the town, uneventfully. As it was, the sight of the aforementioned rather good-looking young lady, was sufficient to cause certain of our "lady-killers" to lag behind and it needed some tall hustling to make the train again.

The cheery "All out for Trout Lake" was a pleasant interruption to our happy anticipations and then Mr. Penn's announcement that dinner was all ready and set, capped the climax of joy. Immediately after dinner, tents were put up, tent-mates chosen and the place was hurriedly given the "o.o."

The same day while we were at supper we were invited to play baseball with the nearby Rangers and the invitation was thoughtlessly accepted. Under the "able" leadership of "General" Sherman the game was a hopeless rout. Armour, due to lack of sleep could not score, but the Rangers attended to that minor detail of the game and after the second inning the umpire's register broke down on account of being over-taxed. The following day we played the Rangers a return game and this

