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We left the Allerton Hotel in Chicago in time to arrive at the New York Central railroad station about three minutes before the train pulled out. While enroute to the station we rode on Chicago's famed Michigan Boulevard. We passed the Stevens Hotel, which is the largest hotel in the world, while on Michigan Boulevard.

We left Chicago at 9:15 in the morning for our trip through Michigan. The train we rode on was one of the most modern in the country. One of the features of the train was a speedometer found in the observation car. While looking at this speedometer I noticed that we were going seventy-seven miles an hour.

While enroute to Ann Arbor we passed through Kalamazoo,
Michigan. Kalamazoo is the city in which stoves and furnaces are
manufactured.

At Niles, Michigan, we changed our watches from Central Standard time to Eastern Standard Time. Instead of being 10:45 a.m. it was 11:45. This made Howard Engleman very happy as his seat was getting hard.

At Battle Creek we saw the homes of General Foods, Ralstons, and Kelloggs Cereals.

The team members were doing many things on this leg of our flight again. The most popular was playing bridge.

Vance Hall picked up the flu somewhere and was very ill. At this point he is sitting covered up and thinking of a little gal in Wichita, Kansas.