

STUDENT RELIEF FUND EXHAUSTED

David Porter Writes That Stations Must Be Closed and Asks Schols For Help.

In response to the following telegram from David Porter, a member of the Student Relief committee, "No funds for student relief," Dr. Mott has cabled that relief stations must be closed. Can't Nebraska University do something. In answer to the responsibility that has been felt for some time, the Chi Omega sorority has voluntarily dispensed with their annual Christmas party and pledged that money to the Student Relief Fund. They will thus help avert the tragedy that would result if this work was ended.

The Mortarboard took definite action at their meeting last week and appointed Katherine Brenke as the girl representative to head the University committee on student relief.

The European student relief fund originated as a result of an investigation made by the World Christian Federation and The American Relief Administration. The hope of these organizations is to relieve the pressing needs of the students and professors of central and eastern Europe. The relief scheme has been carried out as far as possible on a sound economic basis and self-help has been encouraged in every possible way. Sixty per cent of the European students are working. This means that practically every available job has been taken. Living expenses are so high that students often have to work a week for enough money to buy a square meal.

The essentials of living are lacking. Students are trying to live on two meals a day, one of which consists of a loaf of black bread. They are trying to keep warm with their clothing in rags. Many men are wearing their old army uniforms, now badly worn after several years of service. Others wear thin overcoats buttoned tight to conceal the absence of shirt or underwear. Two authentic cases are known of two students who had gone to bed from hunger and exhaustion, only to be found dead some days later. One cannot forget the girl student with open sores on her hands, who when asked if she had received medical attention admitted that she would have to choose between that and a meal, and that gnawing hunger had compelled her to choose a meal.

In Europe, as in America, there is an unprecedented interest in higher education. Universities are crowded to their capacity. There are more than 90,000 students enrolled in universities where this relief is being given. Naturally the question will come to the minds of everyone as to whether outside help will not encourage unfit individuals to remain in college, and whether or not Europe needs so many students. The people in charge are quite aware of this possibility and are avoiding it by confining their relief to the upper division classes except in cases of special merit among first and second year students. In answer to the latter question raised, special attention is given to all departments having more utility with reference to the reconstruction work in Europe, that is, engineering and medicine. Re-

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Relief has been mostly in the form of food, clothing and books and assistance in meeting the serious housing problem.

It is a general impression that the students of America are taking the matter more seriously this year than last and in a great many places they are considering it a matter of course to contribute. Among contributions listed is one that is worthy of special mention, Doane College, Crete, Nebr., where over \$300 was raised from the student body of about one hundred and eighty. It is left entirely with the students in the University of Nebraska who would be unwilling to make some sacrifice if he could only understand the great need.

LINCOLN BUSINESS MEN INTERESTED IN PLAYERS

The Lincoln chamber of commerce is showing a very marked interest in the University Players and may back a movement to develop a community theater in the city. If this movement materializes the University Players will have a pronounced part in the programs.

Miss Alice Howell, Messrs Holmes and Alexander, and others at the University were at the chamber luncheon in conference with the president, discussing the matter of a community theater movement. Mr. Holmes gave a short talk on the relation of the University Players to the Community theater project.

DR. CONDRA SPEAKS IN OMAHA SATURDAY

Dr. Condra of the Cornhusker and Survey division of the University was at Omaha part of the week speaking before the State Association of County Clerks and Commissioners. Dr. Condra was also delegate to the American Association of Highway Engineers.

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Mrs. Charles Aldrich ("Bess Street-er Aldrich") of Elmwood has written to the university chapter of the literary fraternity, Chi Delta Phi, that she accepts with great pleasure her election to honorary membership in the organization. Mrs. Aldrich is at present competing her contract with the American Magazine for eight stories, and writes that she has the habit of mailing out a story on the 24th of each month as regularly as clock work. Mrs. Aldrich has also contributed stories to the Ladies' Home Journal, the Woman's Home Companion, the Delineator, and many other periodicals.

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