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With a hundred new cases of influenza on the University campus, and the cases spreading more rapidly than was the case during the epidemic this fall, the alarming situation calls for some drastic action on the part of the University authorities. The recent cases are even more malignant than they were formerly. The approaching winter weather, which increases the danger of fatalities from pneumonia intensifies the necessity for immediate precautions on the part of the University, to safeguard the lives of its students.

The increasing number of cases among the army and navy are taxing the hospitals beyond their capacities. At present there are seven cases among the soldiers which it is feared will prove fatal.

All over the country the epidemic is running rampant. It is exacting an enormous toll of lives. The latest figures are 350,000 casualties. The numbers are still growing, with seemingly no abatement. Hundreds are dying in some districts. In certain localities passengers are not allowed to board trains without permits. All forms of social or public gatherings are strictly forbidden. Kansas City reports the highest death rate in its history.

Lincoln and the university are facing the same grave problem. Severe measures must be taken to check the further spread of the epidemic among the students. The university should be closed immediately, and stay closed for an indefinite period until conditions improve sufficiently to warrant its reopening. If it was necessary to close college in October it is certainly vital now if we are to deal squarely with the facts of the situation. Class attendance is now noticeably decreased.

The present demobilization of the student army and navy is appreciably disrupting the normal trend of college life. The process of discharging the men will be continued for several days, in which time hundreds of men will be leaving school. Little could be accomplished scholastically in the next week, while, on the other hand, the influenza could create havoc with the health and lives of the university people in that time.

Social activities, including the all-university party next Saturday, should be prohibited, and even small gatherings should be discouraged.

Continuing school in the face of these critical conditions places the lives of hundreds of university students in grave danger, and such continuation will surely cast a reflection upon the university authorities.

Of what value is a few weeks of school work in comparison with one life?

## MID-WEST QUARTERLY GIVEN HIGH PRAISE

High recognition and praise for the Mid-West Quarterly, a publication edited entirely by Nebraskans, has come from Miss Mary E. Krout, prominent author and journalist of Crawfordsville, Indiana. In a letter recently received by Prof. J. E. Le Rossignol, she comments very favorably on several articles which appeared in a late number, and expressed her opinion that it was better than any other American magazine she knew.

The editorial staff of this magazine, which is owned and controlled by the University of Nebraska, is composed of Editor P. H. Frye, head of the department of rhetoric; Associate Editors H. B. Alexander, professor of philosophy, and Malcom C. Wyer, librarian. Professor Frye was editor of the Terre Haute Express in 1882. For ten years he was associated with the Chicago Inter-Ocean paper, and from September, 1899, to May, 1900, he sent special letters to the New York Tribune from China. Dr. Alexander was office editor and contributor to the New International Encyclopedia in 1903; editor and contributor to Web-

ster's Dictionaries, in Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1903 to 1908; contributor to the Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, to philosophical and other periodicals, and associate editor of The Midland.

Malcom G. Wyer is a librarian of note; he compiled the index to New York governors' messages from 1840 to 1901, and in 1906; he also is a contributor to periodicals, and library magazines. These men make up a very able staff.

In the number about which Miss Krout writes there appeared an article "Canada in the World War," by Professor Le Rossignol. Miss Krout, whom Professor Le Rossignol met on board a boat from New Zealand in 1906, has been associated with a number of the largest American newspapers since 1882, and has travelled extensively in the Orient and Australia. Mutual interest in each other's work has led to a correspondence which has been kept up since that time. Part of Miss Krout's letter of December 1 follows:

"Please accept my thanks for the copy of the Mid-West Quarterly which you so kindly sent me. I read everything in it, with greatest interest, and think it better—a great deal—than any American magazine I know. 'The

Atlantic' and the 'North American Review,' which once were readable, are now as mediocre as other once good magazines. I am glad to know one, at least—your 'Quarterly'—which has so ably maintained the old standards

"I am greatly interested in Henry Chung's paper on 'The Asiatic Monroe Doctrine,' not only was it brilliantly and ably presented, but it was true, in every proposition. You know I spent a year in China—three months in Peking. I learned to feel a high regard for the Chinese. They possess to a remarkable degree that rare and precious virtue, gratitude. I saw it everywhere, amongst Chinese students, teachers, people, who realized what American and English civilians, not politicians, had done for them, and among the more enlightened their debt to us was really magnified. Mr. Chung's estimate of Japanese aims and methods is in no degree exaggerated, as our government will probably find out—much too late, as usual."

## STUNTS AND DANCING WILL FEATURE PARTY

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that they will pay all the expenses of the party, in order that everyone may go and have a rousing good time.

The committee in charge, under the leadership of Wilson Bryans, declares that the plans they have made are enough to make one's mouth water in anticipation. Dancing, of course, will be the main attraction, and will continue all evening, except during a short intermission, when an excellent program of unique stunts will be presented. Some very good music has been procured for the evening, and the refreshments will receive the proper amount of attention.

Although the influenza situation is rather serious, no action has been taken by the university executives in regard to cancelling the party, and unless something develops later in the week, the party will be held as planned.

A great man is the handiwork of many small men.

## HAND GRENADES

"BE YE ALSO READY!"

So you haven't had the flu yet! How very unfortunate! When so many of us have it, really it is too bad that you have been so slighted—but cheer up, there is every chance in the world of you getting it. Just keep on going to classes in these well ventilated class rooms, and by the end

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You have looked upon our army as a brave and courageous body of men, but when so many are stricken by this strange "fright" (and you certainly agree that the whole situation is a fright) you begin to wonder about it. Perhaps the secretiveness of the officers on this subject is due to the fact that they do not wish

to destroy your illusions concerning military heroisms.

Undoubtedly it is thrilling to ride in the ambulance—all of your friends say so. Ere long you will likely be able to venture an opinion based on your own experience. What a pity it would be if public places should be closed, and your opportunity to share the joys and delights of influenza adventures be forever lost to you.

Each of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow.

The virtue of hopefulness, the invincible resolve to gaze at the bright side of things is a splendid asset in the life of nations or of individuals.

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