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EPIDEMIC OF SICKNESS PREVAILS IN LINCOLN

AUTHORITIES DIFFER AS TO
CAUSE OF DISEASE.

STUDENTS LEAVE FOR HOME EARLY

Impure Water is Generally Believed
to Be the Cause of the
Trouble.

Our institution is in the grasp of sickness. The eastern portion of the city seems to be in the sorest distress.

The prevalence of disease at this particular time is very unfortunate, for it has caused many students to leave for home several days previous to vacation. In the fact of the Chancellor's recent declaration as to excuses, this may work a few hardships on the afflicted students.

The cause of the sickness has not been definitely determined, although it is generally attributed to impure water. At times a majority of the members of one fraternity or sorority have been unable to attend classes—the sickness apparently concentrates, although no idea is held that it is contagious.

Both students and faculty unite in hoping that when we return after the holidays the cause, whatever it is, will have been eliminated, and that sickness at least will not interfere with the "grinding" which is always necessary to wind up a successful semester.

CHORUS GIVES "MESSIAH"

RENDERING OF HANDEL'S ORATORIO BY UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATION TUESDAY.

Memorial Hall, packed to a generous capacity, was the scene of the rendering of Handel's "Messiah" by the University Chorus, Tuesday morning. Led by Mrs. Raymond, and assisted by three soloists, Mr. and Mrs. Enyeart, and Mrs. Hummel, the oratorio was carried successfully from start to close perfectly.

This is the first big work of the University Chorus this year, and the blending of tone of the four parts, the unity of attack, and a general showing of ability unusual in such an organization so early in the year.

The program began with a recitative by Mr. Enyeart and following this came further recitatives by Mrs. Enyeart and Mrs. Hummel, and oratorios by the Chorus.

The orchestra not only furnished all the music for the singing, but also gave a pastoral symphony.

Closing the part of the "Messiah" sung Tuesday, Mrs. Raymond asked all the people present to arise and the Chorus gave the "Hallelujah."

Emerson Promoted.

Dr. Clarence Emerson, who received his degree in medicine from Nebraska, has just received an appointment to the position of pathologist and physician at the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane.

Dr. Emerson has been taking special work at Rush, doing clinic work in the Cook County Hospital of Chicago.

NEW CAFETERIA FOR UNI TEMPLE BUILDING

Y. M. C. A. and Chancellor Co-operate—Plan
Temple Social Features

Through the efforts of Chancellor Avery, with the consent of Mr. C. S. Allen, president of the Board of Regents, a lunch room for the students of the University will probably yet be placed in the Temple. The matter was brought up at the meeting of the regents last week, but nothing definite was done at the time.

The proposed plans necessitated the remodeling of the Temple, and the regents did not favor this. They stated that when the Temple High School was moved to better quarters the necessary room could be available.

Chancellor and Y. M. Co-operate.

At a recent conference, however, between the Chancellor and the University Y. M. C. A. committee, it was suggested that the book store be moved to room 204, Administration Building, where it would be better situated than it is now. The cafeteria could then be placed in the room now occupied by the book store. The University Senate and faculty meetings would probably be held in Science Hall in the Temple should this change be made.

Professor Barker Boosts.

In a letter to Chancellor Avery, F. D. Barker, president of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., speaking as authorized by the board, says that as far as the Temple building is effected by this change, it could be easily arranged. The room proposed for the cafeteria could be connected to the present kitchen in the basement by means of a dumb waiter. The only alteration necessary would be to change the position of a wooden partition between the kitchen and a class room so that there would be an outside entrance for the kitchen.

A College Banquet Hall.

When this plan is put into effect the large assembly room of the high school can be used for small dinners and banquets. University organizations may then arrange with the cooks in the cafeteria to have dinners served in this room.

The assembly room is now provided with the necessary tables and chairs for a banquet. The adaptability of the room for such purposes was shown last summer. The principals and superintendents attending summer school met each noon for dinner and an after-dinner program.

Chancellor Avery, Prof. F. D. Barker, Prof. A. A. Reed, and Secretary C. L. Harkness have been working on this plan for some time in order to assure the installment of the cafeteria.

An information bureau was proposed by the Y. M. C. A. committee. It is their hope that more students will use the Temple, since it was built for use, not for ornamentation. They think that this is one means of bringing the Temple into popular favor.

An Information Desk.

The Y. M. C. A. proposes, also, to furnish the services of a competent man for making the present first floor lobby desk an information bureau. This will be primarily for the convenience of the University people, but since some city clubs use the Temple, it will probably be convenient for the general public as well.

This is the outgrowth of a movement started some time ago by the University Y. M. C. A. with the hope of popularizing the Temple building as a social center. It was built for the students rather than for business and theatrical purposes.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER CAPS

ORDER FOR FRESHMAN DOMES
GOES TO MANUFACTURERS
TONIGHT.

Freshman cap orders are being taken in the "Rag" office today for the last time before the order is placed with the manufacturer. As considerable saving is effected by securing the caps in a large lot made to order, the committee expects that all freshmen who intend to get caps will place their order at the "Rag" office not later than this afternoon.

No freshman class meeting was held Tuesday morning, as the lengthy convocation interfered with the plan. The matter of the class caps, which was to have been brought up with other important business at the meeting, is being handled by the cap committee today, in order that the order may be placed before Christmas and the caps be ready to wear as soon as classes reconvene after vacation.

A sample of the cap is to be seen in the "Nebraskan" office. The price will be one dollar.

JUNIORS START WORK ON PLAY

CONTRACTS FOR SCENERY AND
COSTUMES TO BE LET DURING
HOLIDAYS.

Rehearsals have begun on "A Royal Family," which the junior class will give for their annual production, February 23d. Monday evening Miss Howell mapped out the action in the first act.

Regular practices will begin Tuesday, January 2, at which time all lines will have been committed. It is Miss Howell's present plan to hold rehearsals every evening except Saturday and one on Saturday, at which time has not been definitely determined.

Fred McConnell, who has charge of this event, expects to let the contracts for costuming and scenery during the holidays. The play is to be given in the Oliver and the committee expects to go the limit in making the staging as elaborate as its income will permit.

PROF. CALDWELL FEARS ANGLO-GERMAN TROUBLE

WRITES FROM LONDON OF SIGNS
OF TIMES AS HE SEES THEM.

SAYS ENGLAND IN STATE OF UNREST

Has Visited England and Germany
and Compares Various Conditions in Each.

In a recent letter to Prof. G. W. A. Luckey, Prof. H. W. Caldwell, head of the American history department of the University of Nebraska, and one of the recognized authorities in his subject, who is now on a year's leave of absence in Europe, predicts the precipitation of hostilities between England and Germany within a very few years.

The letter is largely personal and touches in many places on intimacies between the two friends, but Professor Caldwell says in part, speaking of the political situation in England: "One sees in the newspapers every day, war news, as if we were living in the days of savagery instead of civilization—so I fear that the latter is only a thin veneer."

On Verge of War.

"It now seems that last summer England and Germany were almost on the verge of war, and the feeling between the two peoples is decidedly unfriendly; each believing the other ready to take advantage of any opportunity to do injury to the other, and each seems to think the other the aggressor—the one at fault. One finds here among all classes—unless it be the union labor men—a hostile tone and a sentiment that war must come, and that rather soon, between the two peoples."

Germans Confident.

"It may be imagination, but it seems to me there is a little difference in the tone of the two nations:

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BAND MEN BANQUET

FOREGATHER AT LINCOLN HOTEL
FOR ANNUAL FEED AND BIG
CELEBRATION.

The fourth annual banquet of the University Cadet Band was held last night at the Lincoln Hotel. The function was carried from a whirlwind start to a successful conclusion with the usual band enthusiasm. In addition to the seventy members of the band, former Conductor August Hagenow, Captain Halsey E. Yates, W. C. Whitten, Athletic Manager E. O. Eager, and Coach Stiehm were guests of honor.

Captain Yates acted as toastmaster, calling on D. B. Van Dusen, Lieutenant Liephart, George Wilson, and J. E. Pike for impromptu talks in addition to the regular toast list, which was as follows: Major C. B. Corneil, Col. A. L. Smith, S. S. Davis, Sergt. J. A. Wherry, Sam R. Buck, C. G. Beck, W. S. Whitten, E. C. Sage, E. O. Eager, Professor Hagenow, and Capt. C. M. Ackerman.

The committee in charge consisted of C. M. Liephart, Roy McDougal, L. L. Hines, Carl Drath, George Racely, and George Wilson.

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