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## BOHEMIAN STUDENT WRITES OF RUSSIAN WAR PRISON

Prisoners Long For Something to Read

Prof. Sarka B. Hrbkova of the Slavonic Department is in receipt of a letter from a prisoner of war in a Russian concentration camp at Zapodze, in the Catherine district (Ekaterinoslavskaja Gub). In the letter, the young man, formerly a student in the University of Prague, and a subscriber for many years to the "Komensky," the official organ of the Bohemian student clubs in America, asks for some Bohemian reading matter for himself and fellow prisoners. He says, "The Russians treat us well and we do not lack for any material necessities, but we are hungry for something to read in our own language. Please send us anything at all, even old newspapers will be welcomed by myself and comrades with great joy." The letter was written April 24, was passed by the censor April 27th, left Petrograd May 16th, and reached Lincoln June 26th.

## BOOKS ON RURAL LIFE

A list of 21 books on rural community life, dealing with its problems and their solution, was prepared by the College of Agriculture for the pastors, teachers, and other rural life workers in attendance at the recent Rural Life Conference at the University Farm. The list may be had by writing to the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, Lincoln.

Miss Theresa B. Johnson of the Lincoln Business College, who finishes her university course at the close of the summer session, has accepted a position as principal of the commercial department of the Cloquet, Minn. High School. Her work begins in September.

## Among the Summer Students

Superintendent Hamersly of Villisca, Iowa

Among the leading and successful school superintendents attending the University Summer Session is Superintendent Owen Hamersly of Villisca, Iowa. Mr. Hamersly was born near Ottumwa, Iowa, where he attended the elementary schools. He later attended the Agency high school and graduated from the Iowa State Teachers' College. His record as an educator has been made in Iowa and covers three years as superintendent at Letts, five years at the head of the Tabor schools and one year of service at Villisca, which has been rewarded with a three year contract. The Villisca schools employ nineteen teachers and include a total enrollment of over six hundred pupils—160 in the high school and about 450 in the grades.

Mr. Hamersly has the vision to see the large opportunities in his work and the administrative skill to realize them, coupled with a bountiful good

**CONVOCATIONS**  
Thursday, July 6—Professor Jones "The Balkan Situation" (continued).  
Friday, July 7—Dean Luckey, "The Function of Research in Teacher Training" (continued).  
Saturday, July 8—Professor Hrbkova, "The Immigration Problem" (continued).

**SORENSEN ACCEPTS POSITION IN REFERENCE BUREAU**  
Director Sheldon is Making Nebraska Films During Summer

C. E. Sorenson, Law '16, who has, during the past year, been practicing law in Grand Island, has accepted the position of assistant director and legal counselor of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau.

Mr. Sorenson was editor-in-chief of the Daily Nebraskan the first semester of 1914-15, and was scholar in the department of Political Science and Sociology during the last year of his law course. His predecessor in the Reference Bureau was Thorne Browne, '06, who becomes secretary of the State Railway Commission.

Mr. Sorenson takes up his work in the Bureau at once.

Director Sheldon of the Bureau, is spending the summer in the state in research work for Nebraska history. His plan is especially to gather photos and motion picture films to be used in courses on Nebraska history. He has taken some successful pictures at Ash Hollow and Gen. Harvey's Battle Field. Mr. Sheldon is at present at Morrill, from where he goes to Wyoming.

## EXTRA COPIES OF STUDENT DIRECTORY

Several extra copies of the Nebraskan issues containing the Summer School student directory, have been kept and any one desiring extra copies of the directory may have same by calling at the Student Activities office.

nature that wins him a wide friendship. Two ideas worked out in the Villisca schools during the past year have been generally commended as unusually helpful to the educational interests of the community. They are the Parent Teachers' Association and the "Opportunity Room." How Mr. Hamersly has applied this idea of "special service" is best told by himself:

"I have found in my experience, as doubtless every school man has, that every year there are in our school quite a number of pupils who fail to make their grade. On investigation, I have been convinced that this number is considerably greater than it should be. So I decided last fall to try out the idea of 'The Opportunity Room.' In our grades we enroll an average of 425 pupils and I have one teacher whose only work is helping out those pupils who for one reason or another are needing a boost.

"I find four classes of pupils who need the help of the Opportunity

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## UNIVERSITY PICNIC NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday afternoon has been set as the date of the university picnic. Tickets will be sold in advance, probably being placed on sale Friday. A live ticket committee has been appointed and five hundred people are expected to come out in order to insure the success of the picnic. Committees should have their plans perfected by tomorrow.

## CALDWELL DISCUSSES RESULTS OF AMERICAN WARS

### How to Avoid Future Wars is World's Problem

Professor Caldwell finished his lecture Friday on "American Contributions to World's Governmental Principles." He dwelt particularly on the results of the wars in which the United States has been engaged since the Revolution. Professor Caldwell, though himself an opponent of war, lays great stress upon the results which have come from our nation's wars.

Through the War of 1812 we secured world standing and increased consideration for the rights of neutrals; the Mexican War we were enabled to give American institutions to California and New Mexico; through the Civil War we gave the death blow to human slavery in the world, and the chance for the equal development of the races.

The problem which now faces the world, according to Professor Caldwell, is to educate the people to the point where the gains which have only been possible through wars in the past, may in the future be made in the ways of peace.

## THRILLING SPORT IN GIRLS' GYM CLASS

The women of the Summer School who are enrolled in the Normal Training Gym class are getting the thrills of the battles of sport at first hand. Volley ball, soccer and indoor baseball are being acquired with a vim. The accuracy of the ladies in a practice game of the last-named sport last Thursday was simply marvelous. All the players were stars, but especially scintillating in their brilliancy were Jessie Lehr and Ethel Lindsey. Query: How did the reporter see the game?

## SWIMMING CLASSES AT LINCOLN HIGH

Beginning tomorrow there will be girls' swimming classes three times a week at Lincoln High School. Tickets for twelve lessons, costing \$2, are on sale. Women in the Summer School are urged to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

Miss Cornelia Frazier, '16, is in charge of the class.

Mr. E. M. Colbert, of the Lincoln Business College, principal of the Sioux County High School, is taking summer school work at the State University, and is also preparing to install a commercial department in his school this fall.

## GERMAN KLUB ENTERTAINED BY ALEXIS QUARTETTE

Picnic is Planned For Next Friday at the Farm

Last Friday the German Klub met and proceeded at once to the planning of the regular Summer Picnic which is to be held this year on the coming Friday, July 7. The members of the Klub and all friends (that means you), are to take the 5:30 car in the afternoon for the Farm Campus. For further information kindly consult any member of the committee whose names are posted on the Library bulletin board.

Having disposed of the plans for future pleasures the Klub gave its attention to present ones. As announced in the Nebraskan the German Klub had the privilege of entertaining the members of the Alexis Quartette (Gerhard, Crispin, Oscar), who during the earlier months of the war were making a successful tour in various European cities. One member of this quartette was not able to be present and Professor Alexis with his strong tenor voice restored the quartette to its original strength. The following selections from German, Swedish and English songs were rendered with accomplishment and all around mastery of the technique:

"Dane liksom askan, broder," Quartette.

"Merrily Goes Our Bark."

Tenor solo, "Still wie die nacht," Gerhard Alexis.

"Herdens Sondags Sang," Quartette.

"Tor's Song."

Whistling solo—Bird Imitation, Oscar Alexis.

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CAPTAIN BURNHAM OF CO. H

Burnham, who received his A. B. from the University last spring and who was major of the first cadet battalion last year and colonel-elect for next year, is captain of Company H, Wayne, 4th regiment, encamped on State Fair grounds.