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MISS HELEN MARY BOULNOIS
CONVOCAATION SPEAKER

Praises Americans in French Ambulance Corps—Convocation Audience Stayed Full Hour

The intimate side of the life of soldiers of France, England, Serbia and Austria was shown to University students at convocation yesterday by Miss Helen Mary Boulnois, a British writer and speaker who spent some time in hospitals behind the Allies' lines, but who is now traveling across America in the interests of war relief.

About one hundred students and faculty members heard Miss Boulnois, and they became so engrossed in her absorbing story that they insisted that she spend the full hour instead of the usual half-hour period allotted for convocation.

Before introducing the soldiers of the allied armies, Miss Boulnois denied the statement often expressed since the beginning of the war, that the middle west is untouched by the wave of sympathy and compassion which is sweeping over other parts of this and other neutral countries. The middle west, she declared, was taking a real interest in the war.

Praise for Americans

The hundred odd Americans doing ambulance service behind the trenches in France were highly praised by Miss Boulnois, who described the difficult and dangerous work they have to do in bringing the wounded from the first line field hospitals back to the larger, better equipped hospitals in the rear.

Beginning with the French soldier, she spent some time telling incidents which showed the national traits of the different races making up the allied army. The Pouli, a name which means "the bearded one," applied to the private soldier of France, is a gay, dashing, brave fellow, who has become in this great crisis devoutly religious. The Serbian, she described as a "huge, hard, gentle brigand, the cleanest man I ever saw." Little packets of soap and washcloth pleased him more than tobacco, she declared. The Serbians were the best uniformed of all the allied soldiers, Miss Boulnois said.

In an Italian Hospital

In the Italian prison hospital at Genoa Miss Boulnois got a glimpse of the injured Austrian prisoners. Scarcely one of them were itching for another chance to fight, she said, and declared that many of them had told her that they never knew when they were whisked away to the front, who they were fighting for, nor why.

The English Tommy Atkins, Miss Boulnois believes, is the most interesting, most lovable, soldier of all. He is scarcely ever serious, is a chronic warbler, and his Celtic strain makes him brave at times almost to foolishness.

Illustrating the typical Tommy Atkins and his soldier brother, Patrick O'Brien, Miss Boulnois told a story known all over the allied hospitals, of "the Irishman what couldn't be shot." Stationed in the foremost trench for skirmish duty, the intrepid Celt took great delight in exposing himself on the trench wall and eating his meal before the whole German army. When an unusually successful German sniper was at last brought to earth, the Irishman again startled his comrades by creeping out to the body and getting marks of identification so that his officers could write to the dead German's family.

The last exploit Miss Boulnois told about the charmed Patrick might well be classed with some of the adventures of Brigadier Gerard. When the yellow flag, called the gas flag, and hoisted to determine if the wind blew in a direction that would send the gaseous fumes into the enemy's trenches, was

SELECT PLAY FOR UNIVERSITY WEEK

"Alias Jimmy Valentine" Selected for Production Spring Vacation

The University Players, under the direction of Miss Alice Howell, will produce the play, "Alias Jimmy Valentine" for the road show during University Week. The book has arrived from the publishers and rehearsals will start in the near future.

The University Players are also expecting to again give their success, "Ready Money" in several towns out in the state, and possibly in Lincoln. It will be shown in David City January 20.

UPPER CLASSES ARE TOO MODEST

JUNIORS AND SENIORS SHY FROM
THE CAMERA

Too Slow Getting Pictures Taken for the Cornhusker, the Staff Declares

The Cornhusker staff is greatly disappointed at the lack of interest and the slowness which has been shown by the juniors and seniors in getting their individual pictures taken for the annual, according to Business Manager DeWitt Foster. The call for these photos was not issued until after the Christmas vacation so that the Townsend studio would be free to devote their time and place to this work. But the students have not responded in a manner that is satisfying to the staff.

Manager Foster is very anxious to have the book out on schedule and he says that the only way that this can be done is to have each student do his or her part. The pictures should all be in within a very short time so each one should get a date for a sitting right away.

ENGINEERING STUDENTS GIVE GAVELS TO OFFICERS OF STATE LEGISLATURE

The gavels, made by engineering students of the University, were presented to the lieutenant governor, president pro tem of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives, at the state capitol yesterday.

Edgar Howard, John Mattes and George Jackson, the gentlemen who received the gavels, expressed their pleasure in the gifts. Each was a neatly turned piece of wood, with an "N" inlaid.

The custom of presenting the gavels has continued for the past fifteen years. At each session of the legislature the presiding officers are given the little souvenirs of the workmanship of the University students.

Columbia—The Frosh are to have a new variety of cap that will protect their ears from the cold. Ears that were red with the cold have been predominant heretofore, but now it has been decided to throw away the dinky little caps until spring, and to wear a toque instead. This will do away with the joy of the upperclassmen in thumping the ears of the Freshmen when they were red.—Ex.

raised just in front of the German trenches, forecasting a "gas attack" upon the Allies, the Irishman leaped from the trenches before he could be stopped and went after the flag. To reach it safely was in itself miraculous, but he was seen not only to do that, but to stretch up his hand to pull it down. When the hand appeared, bells began to tingle all along the German trenches, and seven or eight different kinds of fire opened upon the Irishman. His comrades in the trenches ducked for shelter, giving him up for lost, but a half hour later he knocked on his lieutenant's door, bearing the flag, with "Gott strafe England" upon it.

BASKETBALL MEN TAKE BOOKS ALONG

COACH ORDERS STUDIES DURING
FIRST ROAD TRIP

Wants to Lose None of the Squad by Flunks—Form Colleges to Meet This Week

The basketball team, which left yesterday morning for Indianola, Ia., to start a four game series with Simpson, Grinnell, St. Joseph's college and Hamline college of St. Paul, Minn., will have no easy time on the trip. Coach Stewart ordered every man to take all his books along and put in all the time possible in studying in order to be eligible next semester.

The trip, coming as it does so close to examinations, would, under ordinary circumstances, interfere seriously with the men's studies. However, since the coach has adopted the plan of having the men study while away it is probable that they will be able to meet their final examinations with some degree of success.

The men making the trip are Captain Campbell, Flotow, Nelson, Wertz, Collins, Flynn and Jackson.

Assistant Coach Rutherford is in charge of the freshmen and varsity scrubs, and practices will be held at the regular hours during the week.

CHRISTIANITY IS THE INDIAN NEED

Declares Edith M. Dobb, in Talk at Y. W. C. A. Vesper Services

Miss Edith M. Dobb had many interesting stories of Indian life to tell the girls at the Y. W. C. A. Vesper service Tuesday evening. After relating a number of incidents showing the humorous side of Indian life, she told of the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. work in the school, and the great need for the continuation and development of such work.

The Medicine Lodge, she said, is the most degrading religion in the state, but it is necessary that the Indians have some religion in order to have proper standing among their people. If they do not have Christianity then they must cling to their Medicine Lodge. The call, therefore, is for Christianity in the schools to substitute for the heathen beliefs.

The work, Miss Dobb said, is as yet very primitive, but even now young men and women are being helped very greatly by it. The Indian girls have no ideals of Christian womanhood and they look to white girls for these ideals in order that they may carry them back to their people. The return to the life on the reservation is extremely hard for a time, because the girls are ridiculed and tortured on account of their change in dress and manners. A girl with strength and will power, however, can do a great amount of good among the other girls of her tribe.

In closing Miss Dobb summed up the true need of the American Indian in the words of an old Indian chief who said that all his life he had watched to find something the white man could give the Indian which would help his character. At last he found it—not the white man's ability to gain wealth and land—but rather his knowledge of Christianity.

PROF. H. B. LATIMER HONORED FOR RESEARCH WORK IN SCIENCE

Prof. H. B. Latimer was recently elected a member of the American Association of Anatomists in recognition of his research work. Membership in the society is not obtained until some meritorious research work has been completed and published.

FINAL EXAMS ARE CLOSE AT HAND

Grind Period on Now—Students Will Miss Charter Day Holiday

Two more full weeks, and only two, before the final examinations, accounts for the copious amount of midnight electricity to be discerned from boarding house windows during the week of small hours, this week.

The faculty have decreed that the final examinations for this first semester of work in the years of our Lord 1916 and 1917, will start January 27 and continue until February 3.

When the second semester grind begins again there will be no holiday until spring vacation, which is held the first week in April. The higher powers have done away with the annual charter day holiday, and students will have to be in their usual classes this day—February 15, just as an ordinary day.

The further significance of this latter fact is that there can be no mid-week parties this year. Last year parties were scheduled on the day before charter day—Monday evening. This year the usual study periods will hold forth.

SIX MEN WILL TRY FOR JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENCY

The semi-annual announcement made in The Nebraskan yesterday that the political pot was boiling brought some more bubbles to the top of the caldron. In the junior class, steam is already befogging the issues. Besides the two men mentioned yesterday—Max A. Miller of Lincoln and Merle Townsend of Tecumseh—friends and political allies of F. T. Cotter of Omaha, George DeFord of Staplehurst, Carlisle Jones of Neligh, and Ralph Anderson of Genoa have hinted that these men will be shaking hands with old friends within the next few days.

FRATS TO COMPETE IN BIG TOURNEYS START TONIGHT

Interfraternity basketball and bowling tournaments will commence tonight, when the Delta Tau Delta basketball team will clash with the Alpha Theta Chi on the Armory floor, and Phi Kappa Psi will meet Kappa Sigma and Alpha Sigma Phi will meet Sigma Alpha Epsilon in bowling at the city Y. M. C. A.

The Delta-Alpha-Theta basketball game should be a corker, as both teams have always figured strongly in the race for the championship. The game will start at 6:30 p. m.

Little "dope" is available on the bowling matches. Alpha Sigma Phi have been very strong in this sport, taking two championships and are said to expect to repeat this year.

GOSPEL TEAMS REPORT TONIGHT

Work of University Men at Tecumseh Will be Told About

A report of the four-day meeting conducted by the gospel teams of the University of Nebraska and Wesleyan at Tecumseh during Christmas vacation will take up the time at the regular Y. M. C. A. devotional meeting in the music room of the Temple, tonight.

Secretary H. C. Bigglestone will report on the preparation made by the gospel team and the people of Tecumseh for the meeting. President Steele Holcombe will discuss the work accomplished with the boys and young men, and Walter Judd will review the general meetings. The meeting will be turned over to this discussion to give all students an opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with gospel team work.

NEW PLANTS FOR DRUG GARDEN

Tea, Coffee, Chocolate and Areca Will be Raised by the University

A novel addition to the Nebraska drug plant garden has just reached the pharmacy college. It is a shipment of tea, coffee, chocolate beans and areca seeds. The shipment is from the Alexandra gardens, owned by the Williams company of Ceylon, India.

The seeds will be planted in the hot house and the plants shown as something of a novelty. The seeds were packed in a big box of charcoal and were partly germinated when opened.

MASS MEETING ON DRILL TONIGHT

Men Who Favor a Voluntary System Will Gather at the Lindell Hotel

A mass meeting will be held at the Lindell hotel tonight of all men who are interested in legislation to make military drill at the University purely a voluntary thing. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock, and there will be speeches by students, and probably some older men.

Anton H. Jensen, in talking of the movement yesterday, said that it had been in preparation for a month or more, with himself, C. A. Sorensen, an alumnus of the school, and Ernest Lundeen as the prime movers. He stated that they were acting not as students, but as citizens of the state.

At tonight's meeting it is purposed to organize a club that will take up the matter and see what can be done with the legislature. A number of members of the latter body are said to have made the statement that if they were convinced the objection to drill was common among a large part of the student body, they would take some action on the matter.

Chancellor Avery said yesterday afternoon in speaking of the matter, that the principal reason for the drill being on the bases it now is, is that Abraham Lincoln signed the act providing for military drill in colleges under the land grant, and that the University was trying to live up to both the spirit and the letter of the law.

THREE PLAYS ARE CONSIDERED BY JUNIOR COMMITTEE

The selection of a play for the annual production of the junior class has narrowed down, it appears, to one of the following: "The Fourth Estate," "The Truth in That," and "Green Stockings." The play committee will meet Thursday at 11 o'clock in 107 D, and it is probable that the final selection will be made at that time.

Booth Tarkington, for a long time the favorite of the University public, has nothing to offer this year, and the committee has been forced to look elsewhere. Several of George Fitch's plays, which always are favorably received, are also under consideration. The long deliberation of the committee has been caused by a determination to get the strongest possible play that can be produced by a class cast.

DAILY NEBRASKAN SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Prizes

First prize, embossed 1917 Cornhusker.

Second prize, 1917 Cornhusker.

Third prize, 1917 Cornhusker. For fifteen subscriptions, one semester subscription to The Daily Nebraskan.

Five cents for all other subscriptions, whether prize winner or not.

"EMILIA GALOTTI" TO BE PRODUCED

GERMAN DRAMATIC CLUB IN ANNUAL PLAY

Play is Said to Illustrate the Perfect Technique of the Classical Drama

On Friday evening, January 12, at the Temple theatre, the German Dramatic club will present Lessing's classical tragedy, "Emilia Galotti," their annual play. This presentation is given under the direction of Miss Amanda Heppner, assistant professor of Germanic languages, and is undoubtedly the greatest undertaking the club has ever attempted.

This play, together with one of Schiller's, was used by Freytag, the critic, to illustrate the perfect technique of the classical drama. All of the parts are heavy ones. The play is to be given in costumes of the eighteenth century. The costumes have been secured from Omaha.

The cast is as follows:

Emilia Galotti.....Anna Luckey
Odoardo Galotti.....Gerhard Naber
Claudia Galotti.....Clara McMahon
Gonzola, Prince of Guastalla.....
.....Curtiss Grove
Marinelli, Chamberlain.....Friedrich Rabe
Camilla Rota.....Alfred Hinze
Conti, court artist.....Robert Nesbit
Count Appiani.....Walter Welland
Countess Orsina.....Magdelene Craft
Angelo.....Alfred Hinze
Pirro.....Robert Nesbit

Scene Laid in Italy

The scene is laid in Italy at the time of the Renaissance, when petty princedoms cut the country into disassociated fragments. The ruler of one of these principalities, Prince Hettore Gonzola, meets and becomes enamored with a charming young girl, Emilia, the daughter of Colonel Galotti, who has been brought to the prince's court, principally at the instigation of his mother for a social season. A match has been arranged between Emilia and the Count Appiani, a young noble, dear to the heart of the stern old colonel, Emilia's father, and the two young people are to travel to the Count's country to celebrate their wedding.

The prince, apprised of this, is furiously angry and his councillor, Marinelli, suggests a plan whereby the prince may yet carry on his illicit love affair with the innocent Emilia. The prince impatient, meets Emilia at church and avows his love to her, frightening her by his intensity. Marinelli, ignorant of this, carries out his plan, in which pretended robbers waylay the betrothal party on the lonely road before the prince's villa, Dosalo. Emilia and her mother take refuge in the prince's house. In the melee, the count is killed.

Colonel Galotti, to whom the news of the misfortune has been brought, rides post-haste to Dosalo, and meets there the discarded mistress of the prince, Orsina, who has become aware of the plot. Urged on by her jealous fury, Galotti resolves to kill the prince, but at the plea of Emilia, who cries out that this sinful have. She tells him the story of the old Roman, Virgilinus, and he turns his dagger against her instead.

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

The state conservation and welfare commission meeting yesterday noon at the Commercial club, elected Governor Neville president to succeed ex-Governor Morehead; Chancellor Avery vice-president, and Dr. Condra secretary.

The commission, which has advisory supervision over all departments and surveys relating to state development and publicity work, has decided upon a course of extension this year. Dr. Sheldon is another University man who is on the executive committee.