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## AMERICA AND THE WORLD WAR

### DR. FLING SPEAKS ON PRESENT CRISIS AT COMMENCEMENT

#### Believes That War Must Come in Time—More Than America Alone To Fight For

That it is only a question of time in his opinion until America is drawn into the world war, and that when she takes up arms, she will be fighting for more than the loss of American lives was the pith of the message delivered by Dr. F. M. Fling, head of the department of European history, to the fifty-one Mid-winter graduates at the commencement exercises in the Temple theatre last night. It was the largest crowd which ever attended a similar occasion at Nebraska University.

Heretofore America has concerned herself only with those things which concerned her personality—we have touched only those things which touched us—but now, when we seem to be on the point of being forced into the conflict, it is for us to know what we are going to fight for, if we have to fight, and to let the world know also. As a people of a democracy which believes that the small nation has a right to live out its own existence, we should throw ourselves, when we have to fight with the side that stands for these things.

#### For the World as a Whole

At the close of his speech, which lasted well over an hour, Dr. Fling expressed faith in the judgment of the people of America, and said: "I believe that if America is drawn into the war, she would go into it dispassionately, as though she were going on a Holy Crusade, not because it was America first, but because America was willing to sacrifice something for the world as a whole."

The audience followed Dr. Fling's words with unusual interest, and welcomed his statement that, whether America sat at the council table of nations after the war as a belligerent or as a neutral, she would be fair, with an emphatic burst of applause. A dramatic silence came when he paused after he declared that, in his mind, it would be but a question of time until America is forced into the struggle.

Although the loss of lives in previous American wars is not to be passed over lightly, still the sacrifice of blood was not too great when our federation of states was threatened in the war of the Rebellion, and now, fighting for a federation of nations, it would be a blessed thing if we could sit with the powers of Europe after the war and have something to say about how the new world system would be organized, he declared.

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## REV. J. H. HOLMES AT CONVOCATION

### Well-known New York Pastor Here Next Tuesday—"The International Mind"

Rev. John Haines Holmes, minister of the Church of the Messiah, of New York city, will speak at Convocation next Tuesday on "The International Mind." Mr. Holmes is president of the free religious association of America, a society of which Ralph Waldo Emerson was one of the founders.

Rev. A. L. Weatherly, minister of the Unitarian church of Lincoln, is a personal friend of Mr. Holmes, and it is largely through the efforts of Mr. Weatherly that the prominent New York minister has been secured. Mr. Weatherly pronounces Mr. Holmes "one of the most brilliant, forceful and virile lecturers of the day."

### DR. H. M. PAYNE IS NEXT SPEAKER AT SIGMA XI

Dr. Henry Mace Payne will address Sigma Xi, February 19, in his capacity as a mining expert. Dr. Payne has spent several years in Alaska and Siberia investigating the mineral possibilities in the frozen gravels. The lecture will be illustrated by numerous slides of mining work.

## PROF. E. F. SCHRAMM FACULTY LECTURER

### Selected as University Week Speaker—Will Lecture on Central American Countries

Prof. Frank E. Schramm of the department of geology was chosen as the faculty lecturer on the University Week program yesterday. He will give an illustrated lecture on British Honduras and Guatemala, two typical Central American countries.

Professor Schramm is thoroughly familiar with the geographical and geological conditions of these Central American countries, having spent a number of years there. He will not confine his lecture to these matters, however, but will illustrate the life there.

Another interesting part of Professor Schramm's lecture, is that he is thoroughly acquainted with the geological conditions adjacent to the towns which will be visited by University Week and will answer all questions in regard to these.

The selection of Professor Schramm completes the University Week program, which includes five numbers. They are, in addition to his lecture, the band, the glee club, the road show and the University Players.

The program for the road show, is complete save for the selection of a male quartet and a cellist.

## STUDENTS LEAD BOYS CLASSES

### University Men Have Taken Important Part in Leadership of Boys—Take Courses of Study

University students during the past semester have taken a big part in the field of student leadership of boys and have taken charge of a number of boys clubs and classes in the city.

A club, composed of the poorer boys in the city as well as newsboys over twelve years of age, is under the direction of Ray Cowan, '19, while W. V. McElhaney, '20, has charge of a boy's game room in one of the grade schools of the city. Ray Bigelow, '17, Dana Harper, '20, Floyd Rogers, '19, Paul E. Armstrong, '19 and David Diefenderfer, '19 are serving as scoutmasters of troupes of various churches of the city. Three Sunday school classes of the city are in charge of George Driver, '19, J. R. Jewell, '20 and Carl Heath, '20.

Besides showing an interest in actual teaching, university students have enrolled in classes concerned with boy life and the methods of working with boys. Dr. A. R. Waite, formerly of the International committee on Boys' Work is teaching a large class in "Boyology" and, at present, is also leading a group in the discussion of "Boy Life and Problems." Twenty-five have already enrolled in a scoutmasters training class under the direction of F. E. King, boys' secretary at the Y. M. C. A., which will hold its meeting next Tuesday night. The purpose of the class is not only to enable the men to lead scout classes but to enable them, with experience, to organize the boys in their home towns when they return for the summer.

## HUSKERS DROP ANOTHER ONE

### Kansas Aggies Take Second Game by Big Score—Nebraska's Rating Drops

Manhattan, Kas., Feb. 15.—The Kansas Aggies continued their whirlwind playing against Nebraska again tonight and took the second game by the score of 37-10.

The Nebraska five was dead on its feet, and the large floor, which bothered them somewhat last night, was a source of even more worry tonight. The teamwork of the Nebraska squad suffered from the extent of the playing space, and the close guarding game which Nebraska has been using this year could not be worked effectively on the "Aggies," who were perfectly at home on the extensive floor.

Almost perfect floorwork and remarkable skill at hitting the basket made matters easy for the "Aggies," who took the lead after the first few minutes and gradually drew away from the Huskers. Captain Reynolds, who starred last night, again played a brilliant game, both at covering the floor and throwing goals from the field.

The game was not so fiercely contested as that of last night, although there were a good number of free throws granted each side. Captain Campbell, Nelson, Riddell, and Flothow played good games for the Cornhuskers.

The Nebraska team leaves tomorrow for Lawrence, where it will meet the Jayhawkers in two games, Friday and Saturday nights.

## VIOLIN RECITAL AT CONVOCATION

### August Molzer Entertains Convocation Audience in Temple Theatre—A Varied Program

August Molzer gave a violin recital at Convocation yesterday morning in the Temple theatre to a fair-sized audience. Miss La Rue Moore Shire accompanied him on the piano.

The program follows: Theme with variations, Corelli-Tartini-Kreisler. Randino, Vieuxtemps. Minuet Capricieux, Carse. Conzolella, Schutt-Molzer. Caprice, Dancla-Molzer. Reverie, Fibich-Molzer. Petit Minuet Bohemienne, Molzer. Serenade, Molzer.

## HAVE MADE AN ENVIABLE RECORD

### Portmanteau Players, Here Wednesday, Distinctive Organization—Will Give Six Plays

Coming from successful engagements in New York and Chicago, the Portmanteau players, who will be in Lincoln next Wednesday, February 21, will present six of the plays in which they have made big hits. The matinee plays will be "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil," "Nevertheless," by Stuart Walker, and Oscar Wilde's "The Birthday of Infanta." In the evening, "Gammar Gurton's Needle," "Voices," and "The Gods of the Mountain," will be given.

"The Gods in the Mountains" is said to be really a great short play. It tells the story of seven beggars, desperate at the parsimony of the city in which they live, who conceive the colossal insolence of passing themselves off as the seven jade gods that for centuries have sat mute and immobile in the mountains at Marma. Successful in their gigantic hoax, they are being courted and feted and fed when their chatter is stifled by a

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## WORK ON KOSMET PLAY PROGRESSES

### Representative Array of University Dramatic Talent in Cast of "The Diplomat"—New Music

Under the direction of Prof. R. D. Scott who has coached five successful Kosmet Klub productions, rehearsals for "The Diplomat," first presented by the Klub in 1912, are well under way in preparation for the presentation of the play April 13 at the Oliver theatre.

The lead role, that of the dictator, which Roy F. Allen made famous, will be filled this year by Walter C. Johnson, '18, of Omaha. The cast in general presents a promising array of University dramatic talent, including Ray L. Doyle, '17, who will appear in his fourth Kosmet production, Robert Drake, '14, an old Kosmet star taking post-graduate work in the University; Natalie Spencer, '20, Marguerite Lonam, '19, Susie Scott, '18, Norman Curdice, '19 and Ellsworth Moser, '18.

The lyrics for the play have been entirely rewritten by C. Leroy Meisinger, '17, who won more than University recognition by his music for the 1916 Kosmet play. Critics who have heard the music declare that it easily surpasses the original orchestration which itself started the University to humming when it first appeared.

Although too early to judge accurately the reception which will greet the repetition of "The Diplomat," early indications of interest seem to insure one of the best Kosmet crowds, according to the business managers, Ellsworth Moser and Max Miller.

## HOWE, FRESHMAN, TO WEST POINT

### Receives Appointment to United States Military Academy—Second University Man to go This Year

Burton M. Howe, '20, of Valentine, has been advised that his application for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point through Representative Kincaid has been granted. He intends to finish this semester's work in the University, probably going into summer camp next June.

This is the second University student who has received appointment to the academy during the present year. Harold Holtz, '17, received notice of his appointment shortly before the close of the first semester.

## SHORT COURSE FOR MERCHANTS CLOSES

### Yesterday Last Day of Session in Merchant Methods in Connection With Retailer's Convention

The Merchant's short course, held in connection with the annual convention of the Nebraska Federation of Retailers, closed yesterday.

The last day's session was necessarily shortened by the fact that Robert B. Schreffler, president of the Schreffler Stores Efficiency Company of Chicago, who was to have been one of the speakers, was unable to be here. H. G. Larimer of Chariton, Iowa, who was scheduled to make two speeches on "Getting Interested in Your Own Business" and "Selling Forces," combined them into one.

### Talk Interesting

The talk of Mr. Larimer was in some ways the most interesting of any given at the session. Himself a successful retail merchant in a country town, he said that he saw a great future for the small town, not agreeing with those who would have us believe that the small community is dying out.

The importance of better business men was stressed by Mr. Larimer, who

### DR. MAXEY ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OF TODAY

Dr. Edwin Maxey, professor of international law talked to the members of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity Wednesday night on "The International Situation."

Dr. Maxey gave all the steps which led up to our break with Germany and emphasized the legal points that have arisen in that connection.

## IN BESSEY HALL BY SPRING RECESS

### Departments of Biological Sciences Expect to Move into New Building then—Dedication Later

Bessey hall, the first of the buildings on the program for the extended city campus, will be occupied during spring recess if present plans work out. Formal dedication of the building will not come until next fall, however.

Bessey hall, named in honor of Dr. Charles E. Bessey, will contain the departments of the biological sciences. The department of botany is to occupy the three floors at the east end, the zoology department the same tier at the west end, and the bacteriology department the middle section of the first floor.

The building is now practically complete, save for several pieces of equipment which have been held up through the uncertainty of the market. All of the equipment is expected within the next few days.

asserted that the average merchant does not know his own business. As a means of becoming more familiar with your own business he showed the necessity of having an adequate accounting system which will not only keep your accounts but will show which lines are paying and which are not.

## TUESDAY CLOSURES UNIQUE CAMPAIGN

### Class Elections to Decide Some Interesting Races—Features Are Frequent

One of the most interesting political campaigns in years will close next Tuesday, which is University election day.

Not only has the interest in the various races been marked and sustained, but the definiteness of the individual campaigns has made the general situation in the four classes unique.

In the junior race, in which there are said to be five candidates who will be up before the voters Tuesday, the situation is particularly interesting. The class seems to be evenly divided among the five candidates, each of whom seems to have a corner of the ring staked down and held by his adherents. F. T. Cotter of Omaha; Ralph Anderson, of Genoa; Carlisle Jones, of Neligh; Max Miller, of Lincoln and Merle Townsend, of Tecumseh are the five juniors who aspire to the presidency job.

The other wing of this race, that for the position of editor-in-chief of the Cornhusker, will go to Wayne Townsend, of Cook, without opposition, it appears. By tradition, the junior managing editor of the Cornhusker is elected the editor-in-chief, although during the last few years there have been some strong attempts to establish a precedent in this regard.

The presence of Marguerite Kauffmann, of Hardy, in the race for senior president complicates that situation and contributes to the general uniqueness of the campaign this semester. Miss Kauffman, who is a Black Masque, was the first to announce her

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## REGENTS ELLECT HALLER PRESIDENT

### AGAIN ASK BIDS ON AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING BUILDING

### Propose Eclectic Medical Study for College at Omaha—Chancellor to Investigate Journalism

Regent Frank Haller of Omaha was elected president of the board of University regents at their regular Charter day meeting yesterday morning. Mr. Haller succeeds Mr. Lyford, who asked the board to be relieved from the duties of the office.

The new president of the board will announce the standing committees within a short time. Regent Landis will probably succeed to the committee places formerly held by Regent Whitmore, but there may be some readjustments.

The regents decided to authorize the property committee to advertise again for bids on the agricultural engineering building as soon as amended specifications to reduce the cost could be worked out. This building was twice under consideration last year, but all bids had to be rejected then because of excessive cost. It is hoped that it can be built this year.

### To Study Journalism Courses

The chancellor was instructed to make a thorough study of courses in journalism as given in other universities and to be prepared to report to the regents at the next meeting.

In the afternoon, with Dean I. S. Cutter of the college of medicine at Omaha, and Dr. Andrus, secretary of the state eclectic medical society present, the regents discussed the teaching of eclectic medicine in the college at Omaha. It is hoped to be able soon to make a report favorable to commencing this teaching at the Omaha college.

The board reviewed the building situation, including the present and probable future cost of material, with Architect Hodgdon of Chicago. The general consensus of opinion was that building material was not likely to be lower for a very considerable time in the future.

The resignation of Tell W. Nicolet, assistant professor of horticulture, was accepted. Professor Nicolet goes to the University of Illinois where work of the exact type for which he was trained,—namely, landscape architecture, is being developed more nearly in harmony with his training than at Nebraska. In leaving he expresses his good will towards the institution and goes to another field with the best wishes of the regents.

### New Appointments Made

The following new appointments

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## NEBRASKA TO CHINA CAMPAIGN TUESDAY

### Mrs. Katherine Willard Eddy and Miss Adelia Dodge Will Help the University Y. W. C. A.

With Mrs. Katherine Willard Eddy and Miss Adelia Dodge both here to help in the work, the Nebraska to China campaign to support Miss Grace Cappelock, '05, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in China will begin next Tuesday.

Mrs. Eddy, who is well known all over America for her missionary work, will speak at Vespers at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and Wednesday evening a mass meeting for all University women will be held in the Temple, with Mrs. Eddy and Miss Dodge present.

The campaign will be made as thorough as possible, and all University girls who are not present at the meetings will be seen personally during the days following.