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SOCIAL CALENDAR
 December 21—
 Delta Tau Delta—house dance.
 Sigma Phi Epsilon—house dance.
 Farm House—house dance.
 Sigma Chi dinner dance—Chapter house.
 January 4
 Phi Kappa Psi—house dance.
 Freshmen Law hop—Lincoln.
 January 5
 Alpha Tau Omega—house dance.
 Senior hop—Lincoln.
 Black Masque party for senior girls
 —Alpha Phi house.

PERSONALS
 Luella Patt, '19, left Thursday for her home in Creston, Ia.
 Hyle Erwin, ex-'19, of Bancroft, is visiting at the Delta Chi house.
 Dorothy Lynn of Grand Island is visiting at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.
 Miss Isabel Thomas, instructor in Romance languages, is going to Kansas City to spend Christmas.
 Bess Brenizer of Bennet, a former student, is very ill in the St. Elizabeth hospital. She has been teaching at Wahoo this year.
 Prof. Louise Pound of the department of English literature, expects to spend Christmas vacation visiting in New York city and Boston.

ALUMNI NEWS
 Mr. C. J. Bills received a letter Thursday from his daughter, Mrs. Breta Bills Duisenberg, formerly of Lincoln but now of Honolulu, saying that she is chairman of the refreshment committee of the Collegiate Alumnae association of Honolulu

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which was to entertain all the American soldiers now stationed at Honolulu. She said that out of the 175 soldiers stationed there, 20 were from the University of Nebraska.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES
Campfire Girls
 The evening group of campfire girls will meet Monday evening, December 31, at the Y. W. C. A. rooms in the Temple.

NEWS FROM CAMP
 Arthur M. Hare, law '16, of Aurora is now a supply sergeant in H company, 134th U. S. Infantry at Camp Cody, Doming, N. M. He writes, "I am finding a good deal of satisfaction in my work in the army although I would prefer to have been assigned to duty sergeant's work as it deals more largely with the men themselves, but the matter of equipment is important also and to say the least I have been very busy at my job."
 "At this time I am planning on attending the Officers' school which will be held at this camp, beginning January 5, 1918. I feel that I can attend this session with a very good grace for the reason that every member will have to be an enlisted man and his army service will not depend upon whether he is fortunate in securing a commission, as was the case in the other training camps."

Final Drive for Red Cross Today

A final effort is being made by the committee of two hundred in charge of the Red Cross drive today, to get the required amount needed to fill Nebraska's quota, set at \$1,600. About half of that amount has been turned in by the workers so far, but no specific figures are ready as many of those who are taking subscriptions, have not yet turned in their money. As nearly as possible every student and faculty member has been canvassed, and the work today will include an indiscriminate canvass of the campus and every person not already wearing a Red Cross button will be approached.
 Anyone who has not contributed and who wishes to do so may leave his contribution at the student activities office.

A SOLDIER'S MOTTO
 (Minnesota Daily)
 Every day soldiers are leaving every city town, and hamlet of the United States to travel the road that leads them they know not where. For some it may be the road leading to that "Undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." Advice they will receive from all sides, but none will instill in them anything nobler than that each man to himself will say:
 "I will be true, for there are those who trust me;
 I will be pure, for there are those who care;
 I will be strong, for there is much to suffer;
 I will be brave, for there is much to dare.
 I will go forth in all my strength of manhood;
 I will keep spotless, so when war is o'er,
 I shall come home an honor to my country—
 Ready and fit to do her work once more."

Will Play "Experience" as Y. M. C. A. Benefit

The play, "Experience," will be put on January 10 in the Temple theatre by a large cast from the classes in elocution. It was originally planned to present this play at the January departmental meeting but, because of the way the rehearsals are turning out in spite of the size of the cast, and the surprising ability of some of the newer members of the department, it was decided to make a public performance of it. The proceeds will be used to help raise the contribution to the Red Triangle pledge by the University players.
 The whole play and ten episodes will be given necessitating a cast of over thirty, most of them players doubling or tripling. People who saw this play when it was in Lincoln will enjoy watching their friends in the parts of "Illiterate," "Stupid," "Style," "Degredation," "Beauty," "Intoxication" and other parts.

CHORUS RENDERS 'MESSIAH' AT ANNUAL CONVOCATION
 Chancellor Avery Presents Hainer Cup to Kappa Sigma Fraternity

The annual singing of the "Messiah" to celebrate Christmas time was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Convocation in Memorial hall. Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond had charge of the singing which was led by the University chorus accompanied by Lincoln soloists and orchestra. Chancellor Avery presented the Hainer scholarship cup to Kappa Sigma fraternity. Prof. P. H. Grumann, head of the college of fine arts, presided.

The audience was an unusually large one, including besides University faculty and students a number of Lincoln people and members of the faculty of the University school of music.
 Mrs. Howard Enslow sang the contralto parts in place of Mrs. Arthur Gutzmer who at the last minute was threatened with pneumonia. Mrs. Jessie Doyle Murray sang the soprano parts and Charles L. Bagley the tenor. The orchestra: Edward J. Walt, first violin; Jessie Wilkins, second violin; William T. Quick, viola; Lillian Elche, cello; Allen Crosby, bass; Mrs. Louise Zumwinkle, organ.
 "The Messiah" was composed in 1741 by George Frederic Handel. It follows:
 Recitative—Comfort Ye My People, Charles L. Bagley.
 Air—Every Valley Shall Be Exalted, Charles L. Bagley.
 Chorus—And the Glory of the Lord. Pastoral Sympathy. Orchestra.
 Recitative—There Were Shepherds, Mrs. Murray.
 Chorus—Glory to God.
 Recitative—Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind, Mrs. Enslow.
 Air—He Shall Feed His Flock, Mrs. Enslow.
 Air—Come Unto Him, Mrs. Murray.
 Air—He Was Despised, Mrs. Enslow.
 Chorus—Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs.
 Air—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, Mrs. Murray.
 Chorus—Hallelujah.

OH, MY HEAD!

Two men fought a duel. On man was named Shott and the other Nott. Some said that Nott was shot, others that Shott was not. Hence it was better to be Shott than Nott. There was a rumor that Nott was not shot, and Shott avows that he shot Nott, which proves either that the shot Shott shot at Nott was not shot, or that Nott was shot notwithstanding. On trial it was proved that the shot Shott shot shot Nott, or, as accidents with firearms are frequent, it may be possible that the shot Shott shot Shott himself, when the whole affair would resolve itself into its original elements, and Shott would be shot and Nott would be not. Apparently the shot Shott shot shot not Shott but Nott.—Ex.

The following poem has been received from the pen of a camp wit:
The Kaiser's Prayer
 Mein Gott, will you be mein pardner?
 You don't know who I am,
 I am de German kaiser,
 De emperor, Will-I-Yam.

You know I whipped dem Belgians,
 Und mit bullets filled dem Russians full.
 And I'll whip France and Italy,
 And blow up Johnny Bull.

Now for all dem other nations,
 I don't give a dam
 If you just be my pardner
 And whip that Uncle Sam.

You know I got dem submarines,
 All Europe knows dat well,
 But dat Edison got a patent now,
 Dat blows dem all to hell.

Now, Gott, if you will do this,
 Den you I will always love.
 Und I will be emperor on de earth,
 Und you the emperor above.

But Gott, if you refuse me this,
 Tomorrow night at eleven,
 I'll call my Zeppelins out
 Und declare war on heaven.

I wouldn't ask this of you,
 But it can be plainly seen,
 Dat when Edison pushes dat button,
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The Sale of the Tabooed Totem.
 Two black silk balls suspended by knotted black silk cords, marked "Totem, do not disturb," hangs above the desk of a well-known unmarried professor on first floor U hall.
 Such a phenomena suggests the romantic.
 Now Webster told us when we consulted him that a "totem" is a natural object.
 Then he tells us that "natural" may be a kind of oyster or a wig worn in England.
 That much is then clear.
 But Webster qualifies his definition thusly: "a natural object, usually an animal such as a deer, wolf, tortoise or kangaroo."
 As the last mentioned animals clearly are irrelevant, one must infer that this professor means the first.
 Webster continues:
 "A natural object such as deer, assumed among savages." But comment would be unkind.
 "Among savages as the emblem of an individual." This professor evidently is pessimistic, has black, knotted moods. Geniuses usually do.
 "Emblem regarded as an object of worship."
 Here the romance comes in.
 Just why is this totem totem and touching tabooed.
His Generosity
 Germany, preparing to deal France a deathblow, spent forty years perfecting a "Tommy," lying in a hospital, had beside him a watch of curious and foreign design. The attending doctor was interested.
 "Where did your watch come from?" he asked.
 "A German gave it to me," he answered.
 A little piqued, the doctor inquired how the foe had come to convey this token of esteem and affection.
 "E'ad to," was the laconic reply.—Toronto Globe.

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