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**LE ROSS HAMMOND**  
For This Issue

### KANSAS TAKES A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

A minute, almost unnoticeable disturbance in the quiet of a mill pond, usually results in a spreading of that agitation over the surface of the whole pond. The downward movement of a single rock on a mountain side, sometimes results in the loosening of a great landslide. All the good movements of the world have taken their origin in humble beginnings, at first facing apparently overwhelming opposition, and gradually, little by little, overcoming the iron bonds of tradition and custom, until they have engulfed a state, a nation, and the world.

For a period of many years, and particularly, we may say, the last four years, university professors and instructors have been struggling along with salaries far below the average wage of other occupations which required of their personnel, people with far less of the qualifications and training that the university professor must have. The war came and raised the index number of the cost of living to a figure which slashed to small proportions, the purchasing power of professors' salaries. We have all seen the charts that have been prepared showing the stationary figure of professors' salaries and the enormous increase in the cost of living.

Nebraska shares her difficulties in this line with the University of Michigan, the University of Kansas, and other middle western universities. But hark! We hear today the first murmurings of a change for the better, which, we hope, will result in a landslide. The teaching force of the University of Kansas is to receive a substantial increase in salary all along the line, next year. Those members of the faculty now receiving between fifteen hundred and twenty-five hundred, will have a twenty per cent advance; those below that, and those above it less. And this salary increase applies to all members of the faculty, women as well as men.

We need not elaborate on the too well known facts of the disgraceful salaries that are paid to the faculty of the University of Nebraska. Anyone who is particularly interested in the matter may derive no small amount of surprising information by perusing the biennial report of the University of Nebraska. We hope that the little ripple created at the University of Kansas may find sympathetic reaction here. The long-looked-for, but thus far unrealized salary increase, still floats in a realm of probabilities, and no professor of mathematics has yet been able to reduce it to figures on the pages of his bank book. We are evidently powerless to do more than spread our harmless little propaganda, wait, and hope; and this much we will do.

### A PROGRESSIVE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The University of Washington, in Seattle, prides itself on having a College of Business Administration which is shaping itself to serve the students and the interests of the State, not according to preconceived academic notions, but according to the needs of the new commercial and industrial era.

Most significant are the steps taken to establish international connections. Plans are now completed to send a research professor to China next September for a period of at least three years. The expenses of this representative are to be defrayed in part by a group of exporters and shippers in Seattle. This professor is to lecture at the various Chinese educational institutions, to carry on investigations of interest to Seattle business, and to select every year about twenty Chinese young men who will receive scholarships at the College of Business Administration, and who will devote part time to practice work in the offices of the interested business concerns. It is hoped that Chinese merchants will offer similar privileges to American students of the College.

The University this year has had an exchange professorship with the University of Chile, and next year an exchange will be made with the University of Mexico. About a half-dozen students from the southern Republic are expected to enter the work of the College next fall.

These lines of international contact which reach into the Orient and Latin America have also been established with Europe. The University of Rotterdam, Holland, has called to its chair of Foreign Trade a member of the staff of the College of Business Administration who has been granted a leave of absence to enable him to accept this offer.

Much investigatory work is done by advanced students, who thereby fulfill one of the requirements for graduation. One member of the Faculty, with the title of "Research Associate," devotes his entire time to the direction of this work. An investigation has just been completed for the Chamber of Commerce of Seattle of sixty different industries, in order to determine the advisability of establishing them in the Northwest. Plans are now practically completed for a series of industrial surveys of cities throughout the State.

Besides these larger investigations more than twenty surveys have been made this year for individual concerns. The Seattle Gas Company, the Puget Sound Traction Company, and a number of flour mills and lumber concerns have used the services of this research department in the settlement of wage disputes.—Outlook.

## STUDENT'S OPINION

Lincoln, Nebr., April 20.—To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan: In your issue of April 18, has appeared Mr. H. C. N.'s article concerning Dr. Minakuchi's address at Kansas, and Kansas, as a debator, refutes all possible points and to say nothing of the good parts of the address. And I shall not attempt to try to refute all the points that he makes but would like to express my opinion concerning the relation between the United States and Japan.

There is no cause of war between this country and Japan in the near future because neither country has done wrong against each other that is to cause to sever the good relationship that exists.

Mr. H. C. N. compares the actions of Japan with the actions of Germany before the war and causes of the war. Does he not know why England and Germany came to a clash in 1914? All the world knows that England declared the war against Germany because the latter invaded the little kingdom of Belgium. If such an action would have been taken by Japan, as Germany has done, there was no better opportunity for Japan to invade China with her mighty force when the United States entered the war against Germany in the early part of 1917 on the side of the entente allies. But Japan remained faithfully to the allied cause and fought throughout the war against the common foe. And, moreover, if the policies of Japan in the past are enough to cause to break the good relation between this country and Japan, then the United States should have declared war against Japan a long time ago, but this was not the case.

Concerning the Philippine Islands, if Japan really wants the colony in that part of the world, she would not have given up Marshall, Caroline and other islands which have been captured from Germany with sacrifice of treasure and blood, but at the peace conference Japan has agreed not to retain them. How could Japan wage war against her friend when there is not cause of war underlying it. It is absurd who makes such statement. Japan is not too proud to fight but she is too proud to accept a place of admitted inferiority in dealing with one or more associate nations.

And finally, regarding the gentlemen's agreement, there cannot be "scraps of paper" because so-called "gentlemen's" agreement did not exist as sealed treaty. There was a voluntary declaration made by Japan for regulating the influx of Japanese to America. And this voluntary declaration is supported by hearts and not merely outspoken words. In support of this declaration let me quote the following words which appeared in the New York World under the date of March 30, 1919: "In all our dealings with that country from the day that it accepted our tutelage until the present hour, when it is an honorable associate in the righteous war, there has never been betrayal, a deception or a lapse on its part. We have been a little shifty at times and we have substituted 'gentlemen's agreements' for the solemn engagements of treaties, but Japan has kept faith, sometimes under humiliation, and no one here can say that its professions of good neighborhood have not been sincere.

"The world is filled with envy, hatred, malice and strife. In spite of appalling bloodshed and devastation, only a few nations are honestly inclined to peace. Japan happens to be one of them. What incredible madness it will be if in this fateful hour we yield to the wicked prejudices of politicians playing upon the meanest impulses of humanity and make powerful foes of a people that are honestly attempting to be serviceable friends."  
Y. YOSHIDA.

### FINE ARTS STUDENTS WILL VISIT OMAHA

The Fine Arts students and others who are interested will visit the Lininger Art Gallery and several large Omaha residences that contain valuable art objects and pictures, on Omaha day. In the afternoon they will visit the Public Library, where the Omaha Society of Fine Arts houses its pictures.



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