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FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN ENDANGERS ALUMNI BUILDING

Blaze in Janitor's Room Sunday Evening Causes \$200 Damage.

Fire of undetermined origin razed the janitor's supply room of the Alumni building, greatly endangering the whole structure early Sunday night. The fourth of a two year series of perplexing fires in the building, this blaze barely failed to spread into the upper floors, where valuable sociological records are filed, or to the University press across the hall. Fortunate presence and quick action of R. W. Franklin, medical student, saved the building from destruction.

The fire was discovered in the janitor's room on the basement floor by Franklin, who was examining a human skull in room 212, directly above. Smelling smoke, the student, skull in hand, found a pile of rubbish burning on the floor just inside the unlocked room. He extinguished this fire with water transported in the inverted cranium, for want of a bucket. According to his own report, several minutes later he again smelled smoke. His investigation revealed more papers burning upon a discarded table in the same room, with the flames rapidly spreading to the ceiling. Considering a skull inadequate, he sounded an alarm. Firemen did not control the flames until the wooden ceiling had suffered surface burns and several pieces of furniture irreparably damaged. The brick walls of the room prevented a spread of the fire on the first floor.

The room contained janitor's supplies and odd pieces of discarded office furniture. In the

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HUGE EXPENSE OF R.O.T.C. TRAINING TOLD BY COLLINS

Abolition of Militarism in Schools And Summer Camps Would Save \$60,000,000.

The terrific cost of training students in the R. O. T. C. and the C. M. T. C. and its comparative uselessness are admitted even by those who are of the opinion that armed and trained preparedness are the guarantees of peace.

Congressman Ross A. Collins of the military appropriations committee of the house, and one of the best informed students of our military establishment, summarizes the military training situation thus January 10, 1931:

"The War Department subsidizes military training in 313 schools and colleges (132 colleges, 181 secondary schools) enrolling.

147,009 cadets (57,650 in secondary schools, 75,810 college underclassmen, and 13,549 college upperclassmen training for commissions as reserve officers) at an unknown cost—it was \$10,896,504 for the R. O. T. C. alone in 1925, the last year that complete figures are available; it is surely more now—and supplies 1,771 army instructors.

Last year they secured only 5,895 reserve officers (graduating from the course). If these graduates follow the example of previous graduates, half of them will drop their interest in the reserves within a few years, thus leaving for all this expenditure and effort only 2,947 officers."

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Dean Miller



One of the principal speakers at the eighth annual newspaper institute to take place this week at the University will be Dean Justin Miller, of the Duke university law school. His subject will be "What Is a Newspaper?"

HUSBAND ACTS AS ACCOMPANIST FOR MME. GALLI-CURCI

Famous Opera Soprano Is an Accomplished Pianist as Well as Singer.

Madame Amelita Galli-Curci, noted opera and concert soprano, who will sing January 27 in Memorial hall, will be accompanied at the piano by her husband, Homer Samuels, a native of Wisconsin. Samuels has been her accompanist for many years, playing with her on the concert stage before their marriage.

Galli-Curci herself is a pianist of great accomplishment. Long before it was discovered that she had a great voice she studied the piano and was about to make her debut in Italy. As she would practice her runs on the piano, so the story goes, she would follow them with her voice. Her teacher was amazed to find that her voice had a range and a depth that was extraordinarily great. She was at once coached in a few operatic roles and within a few weeks she was introduced into the musical world, not as a pianist, but as a singer.

It was not long before she was induced to accept a contract to sing in America, and her American debut was made in Chicago. She is one of the few truly great artists whose gateway to America was not through New York. Her word in Chicago was many weeks old before she ever appeared in New York. She had no lessons in singing until after she had been on the stage some time, and her great success is due solely to the natural quality of her voice.

F. H. Koch Will Be Speaker At Holyoke

Professor F. H. Koch left today for South Hadley, Massachusetts, where he will address the students of Mount Holyoke college on "Making An American Folk Drama." This address is a part of the fifteenth series of Play and Poetry Shop Talks, a program corresponding to the University student entertainment program.

The fall quarter brought to Holyoke the widely known Mary Wigman in a performance of dramatic dancing. During the coming spring quarter The Abbey Players from Dublin will present Syng's *Riders to the Sea* and O'Casey's *Juno and the Paycock*.

Dr. Butler On Peace

President of Columbia University in His Book "The Path to Peace" Gives Nine Policies for the United States and the World to Follow to Gain International Peace.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, who with Miss Jane Addams was awarded the Nobel prize for the best solution during the past year for the promotion of world peace, has kindly permitted the Daily Tar Heel to print the following article based upon his book, "The Path to Peace.")

Swimming blindly through a thick morass of politics made muddy by selfish secular interests, ever in search of that Utopian island of perpetual peace, the befuddled American public grasps blindly at any straw that tends to favor its project. The most constant of all these straws, consistently bobbing up in the right place to be grasped, is the most honorable president of Columbia university, Nicholas Murray Butler, member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Membre de L'Institut de France. This internationally known figure, inspired with the altruistic desire to further the cause of international peace—and also with the quite liberal annuity granted him by the Carnegie endowment for international peace—flits hither and thither, speaking at this meeting and that, instilling humane instincts and divine ambition in the materialistic minds of our modern Babbits.

Butler, a Theorist

Among certain circles it has become customary to epitomize Butler as an impracticable theor-

ist with an evangelical calling. On the other hand, there are those who consider him in the light of a demi-god, a candle that burns in the darkness, and the magnetic pole for the compasses of future diplomats. As always, one can be safe in taking the compromising attitude. Butler is a theorist self-admittedly. But we must all acknowledge that theorists have had an indispensable part to play in the moulding of civilization; the practicalists, too, have had an equally necessary role.

So, in critically perusing his book, *The Path To Peace*, the reader should not directly oppose himself to the author by assuming an entirely practical attitude. Instead, he should attempt to elevate himself to that metaphysical plane where platitudes and generalities become matter and facts. Butler is hardly the one to change the reader's mind, but he is capable of inspiring to greater zeal those who already agree with him. In this capacity he is a valuable asset to the cause of international peace.

The task set for the reader is to find a new idea in the whole book after having read the first essay. For the work is a compilation of twenty-two addresses made at various pro-

League of Nations organizations all over the world. Nat-

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KNOW YOUR UNIVERSITY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the same vein in which a survey of University courses was presented before the holidays, the Daily Tar Heel continues with this issue a comprehensive summary of campus institutions with the idea of causing every citizen of the University to become better acquainted with the policies and systems of operation of his service organizations.)

CAMPUS POLITICS AND PARTIES

Many present day politicians have received their early political training on the campuses of American universities and colleges. The systems in force in the majority of these institutions have been so patterned after the functions of national political machines, that many men have left halls of learning to emerge only a short time later as stalwart figures in state, city, and national political affairs. The University of North Carolina has been no exception in this case. Many noteworthy present day state and national figures as well as similar luminaries of the past obtained their early training in the political machinations of the Di senate and the Phi assembly, as well as organized independent units of a later day.

James K. Polk, president of the United States, who was twice elected president of the Dialectic senate, received his early political training in these halls. John J. Parker held nearly every office on the campus at one time or another, while a student here. Others who obtained their first taste of political startegy in the University include Charles B. Aycock, the late Edward K. Graham, former governor McLean; Josephus Daniels, E. B. Jeffress, and George Stephens, newspaper editors who have at one time or another had a finger in the political pie, five present supreme court judges, and John Motley Morehead and G. B. Stroton, ministers respectively to Sweden and Austria.

In past years, one or two men have chosen the successful slate, but beginning in the spring of 1930, due to the threat of new and powerful party machines, Mac Covington and Charles Price, then campus political tycoons, originated a plan admitting ten or twenty associated to council in the choice of candidates and in the forming of plans of political strategy. The new plan was so successful that the party, under the sway of these two leaders, swept all but one of their candidates into office. The further success of this new departure in the political field was again proven in the spring of 1931, when more than forty individuals had a say in the selection of the All-Campus slate, which forthwith was installed to a man. At that time, voting on party measures and the crystallization of a definite platform was commenced by this large group. An executive committee was elected for expediency, more or less subject to the will of the non-fraternity and fra-

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Student Thought Centered On Disarmament This Week

CAST FOR "DOLL'S HOUSE" IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Further try-outs conducted by the Playmakers for a cast to produce Ibsen's *A Doll's House* have narrowed the list of applicants down to the following persons: Mrs. Harry Russell as Nora, Milton Williams as Torvald Helmer, Whitner Bissell as Dr. Rank, Gilbert Stamper as Krogstad, Marion Tatum as Mrs. Linden, Lillian Hottenstein as Anna and Rebekah Moose as Ellen.

This cast is still tentative and changes may yet be made. Persons are still to be selected for the parts of three children and a porter. A rather fat person is wanted to do the porter's role.

MANY BILLS ON CALENDARS OF DI AND PHI TONIGHT

Assembly Will Also Conduct Initiation Ceremonies for All New Members.

The main feature on the calendar of the Phi assembly for its second regular meeting of this quarter tonight at 7:15 will be the initiation of new members. Following the initiation these bills will be discussed.

1. Resolved: That all restrictions prohibiting the entrance into the University of women students in the freshman and sophomore years should be removed.

2. Resolved: That this country needs a really liberal party.

3. Resolved: That the American Legion is detrimental to the best interests of the American people.

4. Resolved: That swimming and fencing should be made minor sports at the University.

The Di senate will discuss four bills in the following order at 7:00 this evening:

1. Resolved: That the Di senate should establish a student loan fund of fifty dollars to be administered by the proper University officials.

2. Resolved: That the editors of the *Contempo* have done the University a great injustice and that they should move their establishment from Chapel Hill.

3. Resolved: That the Di senate go on record as believing that the Honorable Josephus Daniels should be drafted by the Democrats as their candidate for governor.

4. Resolved: That the primary purpose of college should be to prepare the student to earn a living.

Exhibit Of Books By Professors Is Shown

In the lounge of Graham Memorial there is taking place an exhibit of books written or edited by members and former members of the University of North Carolina English department.

Members of the department making notable contributions to this exhibit are George Raleigh Coffman, George Coffin Taylor, John Manning Booker, Frederick Henry Koch, Raymond William Adams, Richmond Pugh Bond, Samuel Selden, Arthur Palmer Hudson, Almonte Charles Howell, and William Dougald MacMillan, III.

TWO FORUMS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON TOPIC OF PEACE

Student Opinion to Be Voiced Through Balloting Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

This week has been set aside on the University campus for the study of the question of disarmament. Other subjects on the question of international relations and of vital interest to students will be discussed during the coming weeks of this month.

This Thursday and Friday evening there will be forums in Gerrard hall to which all students interested in the problems of war and peace are invited. President Frank Graham will preside at both gatherings. Thursday evening there will be a speaker presenting the disarmament problem, while Friday evening students of various organizations on the campus will give their views on the reduction of armaments, and these talks will be followed by an open forum discussion.

Approximately ten to twelve articles in addition to editorials are being printed in the columns of the Daily Tar Heel written by such leading exponents of peace as Harry Elmer Barnes, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, and Zona Gale. It had been hoped that both sides of the question could be presented for the students' consideration, but Major-General Sumner, former chief of staff of the U. S. A., William Gardiner, and the secretaries of the war and navy departments refused to write any articles on the subject.

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HOBBS SAYS N. C. SPENDS MUCH ON SCHOOL SYSTEM

Rural-Social Economics Professor Addresses Guilford County Superintendents Saturday.

Dr. S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of the department of rural social economics, addressed a group of Guilford county school superintendents and principals at their regular quarterly meeting in the Guilford county court house in Greensboro Saturday.

The meeting was called by Superintendent Tom Foust as one of the quarterly meetings to discuss the problems pertinent to the present economic situation. Dr. Hobbs' subject was "Wealth, Income, and Education."

In his brief address he outlined the wealth, income and education of North Carolina and discussed the ability of the state to support the now county-supported schools. He mentioned the sources of revenue and compared them with the necessary expenses of the state government. It is the opinion of Dr. Hobbs that, although the state is not spending lavishly upon its educational system, it is still doing comparatively well by its schools. He pointed out that in spite of the fact that North Carolina ranks forty-first in its per capita wealth and income, it is thirty-ninth in respect to its educational system. This gives the state rather high comparative rating.