NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

WAR NEWS.

Colonel Heussler, a Swiss military statistician, calculates the total losses in killed in the present European war at 5,000,000.

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Three Austrian aeroplanes recently dropped bombs upon the principal square in Verona, Italy, killing thirty persons and seriously injuring thirty more.

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Eugene Bonneton, well known as a painter of scenes of Old Paris, whose Port St. Nicholas is on exhibition at San Francisco exposition, has been killed in action in the Argonne.

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Field Marshal von Mackensen will take command of the Turks' Dardanelles operations when he arrives in Constantinople, advices from the Turkish capital state. It is predicted that this will be soon.

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It is reported that virtually the entire food supply of Germany is expected soon to pass under governmental control, to secure an equitable distribution of supplies at fair prices among the entire population, rich and poor.

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Greece has intimated that it will disarm the allied troops in the Balkans if they are forced to retreat into Greece from Serbia and Bulgaria. As a result, the allies are demanding that Greece give them a plain statement of her attitude.

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A "finish fight" in the European war will mean utter ruin for Great Britain as well as for Germany, which is prepared to fight six years, said C. F. Trevelyan, liberal, in the house of commons during discussion of conduct of the war.

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The hospital ship Anglia, with about 300 wounded men aboard, in addition to the crew, nurses and attendants, bound from France for Dover, England, struck a mine in mid-channel, and sank. Nearly 100 men, most of them seriously wounded, lost their lives.

GENERAL.

Thirty-one men were killed underground by a coal dust explosion in the coal mine of the Northwestern Improvement company at Ravensdale, Wash.

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A fuel oil tank with a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons is to be constructed by the U. S. Navy department on the shore at Portmouth, near Newport, R. I., as a source of supply for battleships and other naval vessels.

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Dr. Josephine Baker, director of the child hygiene board of health of New York, is authority for the statement that the lives of more than 20,000 infants have been saved in New York alone since the bureau began its work eight years ago.

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District Attorney R. H. Jackson, at Pittsburgh, swore out warrants against forty-five persons accused of violating the election laws in the primary election on September 21. Within a short time twenty-five arrests had been made.

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Destruction of birds, according to Col. G. C. Shields, president of the League of American Sportsmen, costs the United States $1,000,000,000 a year. Col. Shields made the assertion in an address before the Chicago chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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That the value of the poultry interests in the United States now approximates 1,000,000,000, or more than enough to buy out several of the live stock industries, was the statement made by E. B. Thompson of Amenia, N. Y., in an address which opened the convention at San Francisco of the American Poultry association

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The Bollinger baby, a defective mite, whose mother, on professional advice, decided it should not undergo an operation which probably would save its life, died at the German-American hospital in Chicago.

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Twenty-one thousand dollars is appropriated annually by the Oklahoma legislature for the prevention of accidents in factories and shops, and $35,000 is appropriated for the propagation of "rabbits and things," Harry Myers told the "safety first" meeting at Oklahoma City.

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Laying of the four-ton cornerstone of the new state capitol of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, on the eighth anniversary of Oklahoma's statehood, was attended by elaborate exercises and the full Masonic ritual.

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Socialists of Texas, in session at Waco, adopted a platform which contains the recommendation that the manufacture or sale of liquor in Texas be made a felony. The federal government was urged to manufacture liquor to be sold to the consumer at cost.

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Exports from the port of Philadelphia during the month of October were greater than those of any other month in the records of the Philadelphia customs house, according to figures available.

Booker T. Washington, foremost teacher and leader of the negro race, died at his home at Tuskegee, Alabama, near the Tuskegee institute, of which he was founder and president.

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Three physicians who examined Alfred Jennings, a cattleman of Ellsworth county, Kansas, who is ill with a disease which has been pronounced foot and mouth disease, have confirmed the original diagnosis.

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More than $1,500,000 was saved shippers and railroad companies during the first six months of 1915 by efficient and careful packing, marking and handling of freight shipments, according to reports made at the semi-annual meeting of the American Railway association at its closing session at Chicago.

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Governor John B. Kendrick of Wyoming appointed a committee to represent Wyoming in a conference with a similar committee representing Nebraska to determine whether it will be or will not be feasible to construct a 600-mile pipe line from Casper to Omaha to transport Wyoming oil to the Nebraska metropolis.

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Two thousand six hundred and seventy-seven persons walked down the sawdust trail in eight Billy Sunday meetings held in Syracuse, N. Y., Sunday, November 14. Following the tabernacle service Sunday issued a statement saying "this is the first time since Saint Peter preached at Pentecost 1,900 years ago that so many persons have been converted to Christianity in one day."

SPORTING.

Mike Gibbons and "Young" Ahern, middleweights will meet in a ten-round contest at Milwaukee the first week of December for a purse of $10,000.

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Hal Boy, race horse formerly owned by Ed Peterson of Omaha, again won a big stake at the San Francisco exposition harness meet, taking first place in a $20,000 pace.

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More than 50,000 people, the greatest crowd that ever witnessed a Yale-Princeton football game, saw Yale sweep the Princeton Tigers to a heart-breaking defeat at New Haven by a score of 13 to 7.

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Jack Ness, first baseman of the Oakland, Cal., club, Coast league, and holder of the world's record for hits made in consecutive games, has signed a contract for next year with the Chicago American league club.

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Nebraska university's football team won the Missouri valley conference championship once more by swamping Kansas, 23 to 0, on their own campus at Lawrence. The victory was a clean-cut demonstration of superiority by the Nebraska men.

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Frank C. Zehrung of Lincoln, Neb., member of a theatrical syndicate that controls the Brandeis of Omaha and theaters in St. Joseph, Wichita, Topeka and Lincoln, has been elected president of the Western league to succeed "Tip" O'Neill, according to a message received at Lincoln.

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Charley White of Chicago, who was defeated two months ago by Milburn Saylor of Indianapolis, turned on his conqueror at Boston and knocked him out a minute and a half after the bout started. After being floored for a count of seven, Saylor struggled to his feet only to go down again for the full count.

WASHINGTON.

The Navy department announces that Commander Arthur MacArthur of the battleship Nebraska has been assigned to command the mineship San Francisco.

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A formal order was issued by the Postoffice department directing postmasters hereafter to refuse to accept parcel post packages for Germany, Austria and Hungary.

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Democratic members of the ways and means committee, it was announced will meet November 29, to take up the organization of the new house of representatives.

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Tentative plans are being considered, Secretary Daniels announces, for two 36,000-ton battleships to be included in the first year's part of the five-year building program congress will be asked to approve. There are no warships so large afloat anywhere in the world now.

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Information is wanted by Secretary Redfield as to the whereabouts of sixteen members of the former crew of the American steamer Kroonland of the Red Star line, to whom medals awarded by congress for their heroism in rescuing eighty-nine persons from the barge steamer Voltuno, in the North Atlantic ocean, in October, 1913, remain to be presented.

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More than $100,000 is now held by the Federal Reserve board in its gold settlement fund to the credit of the reserve banks and reserve agents. The fund has now been in existence six months.

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No belligerent power will be asked by the United States to grant as a favor assurance of immunity from seizure for ships flying the American flag. This was made plain by State department officials in response to inquiries.

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The twelve federal reserve banks earned $221,954 during October, while their current expenses during that period were $134,017, according to a statement issued by the federal reserve board.

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Definite steps toward determining the place of business men's training camps in the National defense program were taken at the War department when a special board of officers was appointed to consider the subject and make recommendations to Secretary Garrison.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

The cornerstone of the new $15,000 school house at Dunbar was laid last week.

Deshler is asking to have a company of the national guard installed there.

At a special election held at David City a $60,000 bond issue for a new high school carried.

The new Swedish Free church at Oakland was dedicated recently. The edifice cost $8,500.

William Schellack of Hastings, while enjoying a hearty laugh with some friends, dropped dead.

The annual meeting of the state bottlers' association will be held at Lincoln January 26 and 27.

Two full carloads of poultry, containing 242 coops, was shipped from Falls City to New York points last week.

An artificial ice plant is being talked of for Plainview, to be run in connection with the electric and water works plant.

Nebraska Wesleyan won the collegiate football championship of the state by defeating Doane college at Crete, 7 to 0.

The Kearney Commercial club has voted in favor of municipal concerts in that city on Sunday afternoons during the winter months.

Fire, thought to have been started from sparks from an engine, destroyed the Union Pacific depot at North Platte, entailing a loss estimated at $50,000.

Rev. J. H. Dirks, who has been pastor of the stone church, several miles northwest of Stella, for over forty years, has decided to retire from the ministry.

A most successful union revival meeting just closed at Guide Rock after a five weeks' campaign during which time eighty-nine persons claimed conversion.

Four carloads of walnut logs, to be used in the manufacture of gun stocks for the European armies, were loaded at Sprague and shipped to Kansas City last week.

As the outcome of several preliminary meetings, a half-hundred Omaha singers have organized a male chorus to be composed of 200 of the best singers in the city.

A committee selected by the Kearney Commercial club has been assigned to look into the matter of the feasibility of the location of another alfalfa meal mill in that city.

John M. Linden of Madison, Wis., is conducting a very successful revival at Gothenburg. Meetings are held in a warehouse which seats 1,500 people. It is crowded nightly.

Ministers of Fremont have decided to hold fifty union prayer meetings and preaching services during December in preparation for the Fremont revivals which are to open January 2.

Plans are being made for the building of a community house at Adams, which will provide an auditorium, library, reading rooms and a rest room for men and women of the community.

For rescuing a man from certain death by crawling on the pilot of a freight engine and pushing the man from the track, R. L. Young, a Fremont brakeman, is expected to be awarded with a Carnegie hero medal.

Seven persons riding in a big touring car miraculously escaped death when their automobile plunged over a 150-foot embankment on Breakneck hill, near Lisco, crashing to pieces at the bottom. All were injured, but none fatally.

The campaign for members of the Beatrice Y. W. C. A. is on. Committees have so far secured a large number of pledges for membership and also secured subscriptions amounting to about $1,000 toward the expenses of the organization.

While digging a post hole at his home in Ewing Alex Napier unearthed an old Indian rifle at a depth of from two to three feet. The rifle stock was entirely decayed away, but the barrel, aside from the rust, was intact and gave evidence of havng been in the ground for many years.

The prospects for a new $150,000 hotel in Fremont have been brightened considerably by the announcement of the Eno project that they have already secured subscriptions for $50,000. If $100,000 is subscribed an effort will be made to bond the building for $50,000 additional.

Lux Brothers, living four miles west of North Bend, lost four good horses and have three more that are very sick from overeating of wheat. This loss was caused by a rat which ate a hole through the bin. The wheat ran out and the horses found it before the owner did.

A movement is being talked of at the South Omaha Stock Yards exchange to have the legislature set aside certain months of the year as an open season for dogs that have been in the habit of damaging sheep and stock in different parts of the state.

Forty-six Protestant churches, representing 75 per cent of the Omaha churches affiliated with the Billy Sunday campaign, reported to the Omaha ministerial union membership accessions of approximately 2,632 since the campaign closed.

The seedling mile of the Lincoln highway just completed at Kearney, will be named "Watson boulevard" in honor of H. D. Watson, who in the past years planted thousands of elms along this highway which are now making abundant shade and beautifying the stretch of road.

The town of Humphrey now has three banks. The Farmers' State bank is the name of the third institution, which opened for business a few days ago.

Editors of foreign language newspapers of the state held a meeting at Lincoln recently and formed an organization known as the Nebraska Foreign Press association. Its purposes, the editors made plain, are to be the same as those of the larger organization—the boosting of this great state, the heralding to the world of the opportunities that exist here.

Plans for the new German Lutheran church at Staplehurst have been completed.

The National Association of Hotel Clerks will hold their annual convention in Omaha, beginning December 7.

Steps have been taken by citizens at Wausa for the formation of a farmers' and merchants' club.

A movement has been launched in Fremont to revive the firemens' tournament, formerly very popular in Nebraska.

The annual convention of the Nebraska State Irrigation association will be held at Bridgeport on December 7, 8 and 9.

Omaha won the contest for the next meeting of the Nebraska Christian union at the state convention recently held in Norfolk.

Wausa citizens expect to form a community club to which all people in the vicinity will be invited to interest themselves.

In an election at Table Rock for the selection of a candidate for postmater, Charles H. Carmichael received the most votes.

Two blocks of bithulithic paving has been completed at Columbus, it being the first paving of streets with that process in the state.

Employes of the Dempster factory at Beatrice, who have been working on a five-day, nine-hour basis for several months, have returned to a six-day basis.

William Renneccus, residing eight miles east of Madison, blew off the top of his head with a shotgun. No motive is assigned and the coroner's inquest found death due to suicide.

Ten thousand people attended the big barbecue given by the merchants of Superior recently. Business men of the city say it was the greatest gathering in Superior's history.

It is predicted that the tabernacle at Seward will have to be enlarged as the Hamilton evangelistic meetings progress. Good crowds were in attendance at each session of the beginning week.

The athletic board of the Beatrice high school has decided upon Friday evening, December 3, as the date for the annual football banquet, which will be held at the Commercial club rooms.

The membership of the Episcopal church at Beatrice is planning on the erection of a parsh house to have two stories and to be used for church entertainments and other public gatherings. The plans call for an outlay of about $15,000.

A new steel bridge one-quarter mile long has just been completed over the Platte river near Gibbon. This makes a permanent structure in place of the former wooden affair, and affords much greater safety than was enjoyed with the old bridge.

Loomis' third annual farmers' institute live stock and poultry show will be held on December 2 and 3. With good crops this season and a larger premium list than usual it is expected that this year's exhibit will eclipse any previously held.

The first opening of the "saw dust trail" at Hamilton Union evangelistic tabernacle at Hastings resulted in 134 converts from an audience aggregating 7,200 people. The "trail" was opened at the end of the second week in the six weeks' campaign.

Upon the urgent request of his pastor, John Sheeley, Hastings saloon keeper, agreed to allow a relgious service held in his place of business. Miss Cartright of the Hamilton evangelistic party lead the meeting, assisted by other women and church workers.

A party of four hunters who just returned to Greeley, report the discovery of two new lakes northwest of Bartlett, in Wheeler county. Residents of that section cannot account for the appearance of the lakes, as they attained a depth of twenty or thirty feet and are not receding.

Formation of the Master Builders' organization of the state was accomplished in Lincoln recently by half a hundred of the leading construction men and contractors of the state. Leaders in the movement plan to get these interests together for the good of the business and for the betterment of building conditons.

In the election for the north drainage district organized along the Platte river in the northern boundary of Kearney county, on the estimate made the board of directors and engineers and the incurring of the liability, the ballot for the project was almost unanimous, 6,438 acre votes being cast for, and only 280 acre votes against the project. The ditch will be more than a mile long.

Joseph Hathaway, a farmer, living near Murray, came near losing his life from being trampled and kicked by a maddened horse. Mr. Hathaway had been butchering and his clothing was plentifully spattered with blood, and upon going into the barn, where his team was standing, after dark, one of the horses became excited, presumably from the smell of the blood and in kicking and striking knocked Mr. Hathaway under its feet, where it trampled him in a vicious manner.

The Intermountain Light and Power company has a force of men at work on the streets of Chadron, putting in the mains for the steam heating of the business part of that city.

Fire destroyed the stock and fixtures of the Anselmo Mercantile company of that place. Shortly after the fire was discovered and while the firement were working to subdue the flames, another fire was discovered in the Taylor meat market, one block from the first one. This was soon subdued and the loss was confined to fixtures, amounting to $500.

The Missouri Pacific railroad in federal court at Lincoln filed a $50,000 bond thus making immediately effective the federal injunction granted it against enforcement of Nebraska 2-cent a mile fare law.

An organization is being perfected in Buffalo county of a stock breeders' association which will be composed of stock raisers who are actively engaged in the business in the county. The purpose of the association is to encourage the breeding of a higher grade of animals than the average farmer now handles.

MUST LEAVE STATE

LAW DEFIERS TO BE DRIVEN OUT OF UTAH, SAYS GOV. SPRY.

WILL USE MILITIA IF NEEDED

Declares if Officers Do Not Fulfill Command, He Will Do it Himself. Public Favors Move.

Salt Lake, Utah. — Joseph Hillstrom's execution, which took place here November 19, for the murder of J. J. Morrison and Morrison's son, January 10, 1914, was followed by Governor Spry's announcement that he would "clear the state of the lawless element that now infested it."

"Every law-breaker, every man who defies law and order, every man who is opposed to law and order—call themselves what they will—will be driven out of the state," he said. "I am going to see that the work is started at once. If the city officers and others whose duty it is, do not do so, I will do it myself. I am going to see that inflammatory street speaking is stopped and at once, let them call it by 'free speech' or any other nam ethey wish."

The governor said he did not believe it would be necessary to use the state militia, but that the militia would be used if necessary to clean the state of the men who have been writing threatening letters and making incendiary speeches. It is known that a considerable amount of evidence has been collected by the state in the last five months, and the governor said very emphatically that he intended to adopt drastic measures to end the condition of alarm that has existed here as a result of the agitation of the Hilstrom case. Local public sentiment appears to be strongly in favor of the governor's attitude.

Villa Denounces U. S.

Nogales, Ariz.—A proclamation attributed to Villa which was posted in Nogales refers to President Wilson as an "evangelistic professor of philosophy," and declares that Mexico cannot be pacified by Carranza because the people will not accept a government forced upon them by the United States. "The proclamation is addressed to my compatriots and the people of the United States," and reads in part:

"The tyranny of the northern republic places me in a position in which it is necessary to make known the facts. We went to the Washington peace conference in good faith and with the noble hope of terminating the war and finding an honorable and lasting peace. The Mexican people cannot be consolidated by the Carranza government, because they will not accept a government forced upon them by Woodrow Wilson. Carranza practically delivered the entire republic into the hands of the Yankees."

Doctor Is Vindicated.

Chicago, Ill.—Six physicians, composing a coroner's jury, held that Dr. H. J. Haiselden, who permitted an infant, Allan John Bollinger, to die when an operation might have saved him to a life of unhappiness as a defective, was morally and ethically justified in refusing to perform the operation which his conscience did not sanction. An implied disapproval of a course wherein a physician might determine if it was or was not desirable for a patient to live was contained in the concluding paragraphs of the verdict:

"We believe that the physician's highest duty is to relieve suffering and to save or prolong life."

The jury was composed of some of the best known physicians in Chicago. Dr. Haiselden in his testimony said he did not reach his final decision not to operate until he had consulted fifteen practicing physicians, fourteen of whom approved his course of letting the little life expire, he said. The mother of the child, wife of a well-to-do workman, mother of three other children, all physically and mentally normal, also agreed that the baby would be better off dead, he declared.

"I did not operate, first, because of the deformity of the child and second because of the seriousness of the case," he said. "I did not urge the parents to follow my advice. I simply gave my opinion as a consulting surgeon. I was morally certain the child would be a defective."

Troops to Use Death Gas.

Paris.—The senate army committee, presided over by Georges Clemenceau, has passed a resolution urging the unrestricted use of asphyxiating gas by French troops.

Neck Piece Gives Woman Anthrax.

New York.—Miss Sophia Rosen, 17, the third anthrax victim in this city within the last few months, died here. The girl is believed to have contracted the disease, which is common among animals, by the wearing a fur neckpiece.

Mayors to Aid Preparedness.

New York.—Mayors of about forty cities from Maine to California have followed the example of Mayor Mitchel of this city, and have appointed committees to co-operate.

Ships Liquor As Red Ink.

St. Louis, Mo.—Because it shipped liquor as "red ink" as a favor to its customers in dry territory, a wholesale leather firm of this city has been required by the Internal Revenue department to take out a wholesale liquor dealers' license, it was learned.

Bank Robbed of $40,000.

Buenos Aires.—It is asserted that the local branch of the National City bank of New York has been robbed of a large sum of money. The police say $40,000 was taken.

Diese Abteilung ist für die Familienglieder, welche am liebsten Deutsch lesen.

Vom Schauplatze des europäischen Völker-Krieges

Die Lage in Serbien.

Wenn kürzlich behauptet wurde, daß die Lage Serbiens viel Aehnlichkeit mit der Belgiens zu Anfang des Krieges hat, so ist dies besonders inbezug auf die Meldungen, die durch die deutschfeindliche Presse gehen, zur Wahrheit geworden. Noch nie, seit dieser Zeit, ist so viel und so unsinnig gelogen worden, wie augenblicklich über die Vorgänge im Balkan. Die „Havas"-Agentur und ihre englische Kollegen, die „Exchange Telegraph Co." in London, haben, wie es scheint, unter sich eine Wette abgeschlossen, wer am stärksten und unsinnigsten lügen kann. Als besonderes Objekt ihrer haarsträubenden Phantasieberichte dient den beiden Agenturen die anglo-französische Armee und ihre Tätigkeit in Saloniki und an der griechischen Grenze. Als man in London noch offen erklärte, daß die Briten mit ihren 13,000 Mann noch gar keine Anstalten getroffen hätten, nach Norden abzureisen, ließ man diese Armee bereits die Bulgaren aus Strumitza vertreiben, während man den Franzosen die ebenso ehren- wie phantasievolle Aufgabe zugedacht hatte, Uesküb und Koprülü (Veles) zu nehmen und eine bulgarische Division so zu vernichten, wie einstens die deutschen Heere von den Belgiern bei Lüttich und Antwerpen vom Erdboden gefegt wurden. Später meldet „Havas", daß weder die Bulgaren noch die Serben in der Stadt Uesküb wären, sondern daß eine Bürgergarde unbekannter Nationalität die Ordnung in der Stadt aufrecht erhalte. In einer andern Meldung teilt „Havas" mit, daß zwischen den französischen Truppen des Generals Baillond und den Bulgaren in der Nähe von Krivolak, mehr als 70 Kilometer südlich von Uesküb und 25 Kilometer von Ištip, ein Gefecht stattgefunden habe. Die Bulgaren verschwanden der Agentur zufolge angesichts der wackeren Franzosen sofort und auf Nimmerwiedersehen.

Die Reise Joffres nach London zeigt, daß man im Lager der Alliierten den Ernst der Lage eingesehen hat und ernstlich Anstalten macht, energisch einzugreifen. Man scheint der Ansicht zu sein, daß Feldmarschall von Mackensen warten will, bis die Alliierten eine große Armee in Saloniki gelandet haben und nach Norden schicken. Sie dürfen sich in dieser Beziehung schwer enttäuscht sehen. Es ist mit absoluter Sicherheit anzunehmen, daß die Mackensen-Armee in genügender Stärke an der griechischen Grenze vertreten sein wird, wenn die Alliierten endlich zur „Rettung Serbiens" fertig sind. Die nördliche Hälfte Altserbiens befindet sich tatsächlich schon in den Händen der deutschen Verbündeten und im Süden ziehen die Bulgaren einen weiten Halbkreis um das ganze altserbische Land, um Fühlung mit der Visegrad-Armee zu gewinnen und so die Serben gänzlich einzuschließen. Die nächsten Tage schon müssen zeigen, ob dieser Schachzug gelingen wird oder nicht.

Ueber die Stärke der gegenüberstehenden Streitkräfte herrschen die verschiedensten Ansichten. Man geht jedoch nicht zu weit aus dem Wege, wenn man die Mackensen-Armee mit 250,000 Mann und die der Bulgaren mit 350,000 Mann einschätzt. Zu diesen kommen die Türken, deren Gros nach den verschiedensten Nachrichten unterwegs ist, mit etwa 200,000 Mann, sodaß eine Minimalstärke von 800,000 Mann auf deutscher Seite zu finden ist.

Was haben die Alliierten jetzt und in der Zukunft dagegen zu setzen? Aus der fast gänzlichen Untätigkeit der anglo-französischen Armee in Saloniki, wie an der griechischen Grenze im Norden geht unwiderleglich hervor, daß die Armee nicht stark sein kann, sonst hätte sie gegen die im Süden nicht überstarken Bulgaren längst die Offensive ergriffen. Die zuverlässigsten Quellen schätzen die Stärke der französischen Armee auf 20,000 Mann, die der Serben auf 150,000, wozu die 13,000 Briten gerechnet werden müssen. Das würde einer Gesamtstärke von 183,000 Mann gleichkommen. Um den Unterschied zwischen dieser Zahl und der der deutschen Verbündeten auszugleichen, müßten die Alliierten also noch eine Armee von mindestens 600,000 Mann aufstellen und nach Saloniki bringen. Zudem muß mit der Tatsache gerechnet werden, daß die Serben in wenigen Tagen nicht mehr auf ihrer alten Höhe sein werden und vielleicht gänzlich außer Gefecht gesetzt sind. Selbst dem schwärmerischsten Britenverehrer muß es bei einem Vergleich der Zahlen einleuchten, daß die Sache der Alliierten auf sehr sandigem Boden steht und tatsächlich schon als Fehlschlag bezeichnet werden muß, ehe der eigentliche Kampf begonnen hat. Außerdem sind alle strategischen Vorteile, wie Einheitlichkeit des Kommandos, eine feste, unerschütterliche Basis auf dem Festlande, wie Fühlung unter den einzelnen Armeeteilen, unbedingt auf der Seite der deutschen Verbündeten, Vorteile, die allein mehrere Armeekorps wert sind.

Die Aufgabe der Dardanellen-Kampagne, von der man vor einigen Tagen ernstlich sprach, um im Balkan kräftiger eingreifen zu können, ist zudem für England ein doppelschneidiges Schwert, da ihre Rückzüge aus der Halbinsel Gallipolis nicht nur ihre schon stark erschütterte Autorität bei der mohammedanischen Welt positiv untergraben, sondern die dort stehende türkische Armee gleichfalls für andere Kriegsschauplätze, auch gegen die Briten, verwendbar machen würde.

Protestnote endlich an England abgeschickt.

Washington Amerika's lang erwogener Protest gegen die Behinderung des Handels zwischen den Ver. Staaten und Europa seitens Englands ist mittels Spezial-Boten nach England gesandt worden und vom Botschafter Page dem britischen Auswärtigen Amte eingehändigt worden.

Es wurde bekannt, daß die Note, welche ca. 10,000 Worte lang ist und erschöpfend die Argumente der amerikanischen Regierung bezüglich aller Phasen der Behinderung des neutralen Handels behandelt, vom Präsidenten Wilson vor einigen Tagen nach London abgeschickt wurde. Alexander W. Kirk, der dritte Sekretär der amerikanischen Botschaft in Berlin, welcher mit Dokumenten des Botschafters Gerard in Washington eingetroffen war, wurde mit der Ueberbringung der Protestnote auf seiner Rückreise nach Berlin beauftragt.

Die Tatsache, daß die Note abgesandt wurde, ist Tagelang geheimgehalten worden und die Beamten des Staatsdepartments erhielten Befehl, keine irgendwie gestaltete Ankündigung davon zu machen. Es wird zugegeben, daß sie eine Wiederholung der Argumente in der Note vom 30. März enthält, die bekanntlich einen Protest gegen den britischen Order-in-Council bildete, es wurde aber keinerlei Andeutung gegeben, welche Maßnahmen getroffen werden würden, falls England seine Praktiken nicht modifiziert.

Die Leistungen der Reichspost.

Ueber den Umfang der derzeitigen Arbeitsleistung der deutschen Reichspost ergiebt eine beim Briefverkehr vorgenommene Zählung, daß einschließlich des Briefverkehrs nach dem Felde gegenwärtig im Reichspostgebiet täglich über 25 Millionen Briefsendungen aufgeliefert werden. Im letzten Friedensjahre 1913 machte die Tagesauflieferung im Reichspostgebiet 17 Millionen Briefsendungen aus. Die jetzige Tagesauflieferung ist daher gegen 1913 um 52 Prozent größer. Bei Bewertung dieser bedeutenden Leistungen darf nicht außer Betracht gelassen werden, daß den heimischen Postbetrieben durch den Krieg drei Zehntel ihrer Beamten und fast die Hälfte aller Unterbeamten, das sind weit über 80,000 Mann, entzogen sind, und daß die Reichspost dafür mit nichtbeamteten Aushilfskräften arbeitet, die erklärlicherweise öfter wechseln und deren technische Gewandtheit der des Berufspersonals nachsteht.

Viviani geht, Briand kommt.

Paris. Premier Rene Viviani reichte seine Demission ein, worauf das ganze Ministerium dem Beispiel folgte.

Aristide Briand, ein Sozialist und früher Premier, wurde von Präsident Poincare die Premierschaft angeboten, welche er auch annahm und sofort an die Neubildung eines Kabinetts ging.

Der AbgangViviani's steht in engstem Zusammenhang mit der Balkanpolitik, nachdem Delcasse am 14. Oktober mit dem Beispiel vorangegangen war.

Kabinettskrisis in Rußland.

London. Wie aus St. Petersburg gemeldet wird, hatSergius Sazanoff, der Minister des Aeußeren, demissioniert und Premier Jan Goremykin soll zum Kanzler mit umfassender Vollmacht ernannt werden.

(Diese wenigen Worte besagen mehr, als was der englische Censor durchgehen lassen wollte. Kabinettskrisis in Frankreich, England und nun auch Rußland, zeigt, woher der Wind weht.)

Londoner Meldung: „Das deutsche Volk denkt absolut nicht daran, daß es besiegt werden könnte." — Ja, warum sollte es auch?

Etwas zum Lachen: ein italienischer Drehorgelmann, der die „Wacht am Rhein" spielt — und nicht einmal verhaftet wurde.