

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

General Ramos, Mexican, was killed in a bloody battle at Jimenez, between a small force of de facto troops and several regiments of Villistas. Both sides suffered heavy losses.

Nearly 100 Carranza soldiers were killed and many injured June 29 in a rear end collision between two troop trains at Calorco station, between San Luis Potosi and Saltillo, Mexico.

Group of Mexicans are to be kept from approaching too closely to the American border in the New Mexico border patrol district, according to orders issued by Colonel H. C. Sickles, commanding the district.

Routing 250 revolutionists, killing twenty-seven and capturing five, the American forces advancing on Santiago, San Domingo, suffered casualties of one killed, one seriously wounded and seven slightly hurt.

Twenty-one Mexican soldiers were killed and twenty-five wounded in the clash between blue-jackets on the gunboat Annapolis and Carranzistas at Mazatlan, June 18, according to officers of the naval transport Buffalo, which is in port at San Diego, Cal.

The crisis precipitated by Villa's raid on Columbus, N. M., and culminating in the fight at Carrizal, Mexico, between American and Mexican troops, appears to have been dissipated by an amicable note from General Carranza, now in possession of United States officials.

General P. Elias Calles, military commander of Sonora, issued a statement that he intended to preserve the best possible relations between Mexico and the United States along the Arizona-Sonora boundary, and would co-operate with the American authorities to that end.

According to reports received in Columbus, N. M., 10,000 Carranzista cavalry have been mobilized at Bustillo, on the Mexican Northwestern, 12,000 men are at Villa Ahumada, 2,000 are at Guzman and General P. Elias Calles of Sonora is moving large bodies of troops toward the Sonora-Chihuahua border.

GENERAL.

Pierre, South Dakota, is saloonless as the result of the dry vote cast at the local option election held last spring.

It will cost the United States about \$1,500,000 to transport the New York National Guard to the border, it is said.

Judge Landis of Chicago entered the formal decree dissolving the Associated Bill Posters and Distributors of the United States and Canada.

Loss of at least seventeen lives and property damage which may total several millions of dollars resulted from the tropical storm which swept the east of gulf coast recently.

Hans Tauscher, former German army officer and husband of Mme. Galski, was acquitted by a jury of conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal at New York.

A forest fire, starting six days ago in the Rocky Mountain National forest on Thompson creek in Colorado, has destroyed timber valued at \$250,000.

A Russo-Japanese political convention of two articles was signed at Petrograd, Russia, by the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and the Japanese ambassador. The object of the convention is to unify the efforts of the two countries to maintain a lasting and constant peace in the far east.

With three of the acknowledged leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World under arrest charged with murder in connection with the double killing at Biwabik, Minn., recently, and with miners reported returning to work in squads, Sheriff Meining of St. Louis county declared that the iron ore strike practically is over.

The death rate among babies in New York, due to infantile paralysis, is alarming medical authorities. The scourge claimed fifty-nine lives from June 24 to July 1, while from January first until that time there were only seventeen deaths.

The \$500 spent annually by the city of Roswell, N. Y., for Fourth of July celebrations, was this year devoted to a fund for pensioning dependents of the National Guard contingent now in federal service.

Announcement was made at Denver that Harry Pollok, manager of Freddie Welsh, has accepted an offer of \$17,500 for the lightweight champion to appear in a twenty-round bout at Colorado Springs on Labor day. Welsh's opponent, the announcement said, was to be picked later.

After twenty-three years of unsuccessful effort to establish a proprietary news gathering and distributing organization, the New York Sun was sold to Frank A. Munsey, a member of the Associated Press.

Kansas is short 45,000 workers in the harvest field. The need is so badly felt, especially near Great Bend, that salaries from \$3 to \$5 a day, besides board, have been offered.

Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of the world, was fouled by Ad Wolgast in the eleventh round of a scheduled fifteen-round no-decision bout at Denver. Welsh was awarded the contest.

The need for harvesters in Kansas has become so great that a special representative probably will be sent to the east to visit foreign colonies to secure men, it was stated by State Labor Commissioner McBride.

Hope that "the teachers in our public schools will not yield to the clamor for militarism" was voiced by William Jennings Bryan in an address before the National Education association at New York.

Ralph de Palma won the 150-mile Automobile Derby at the Twin City Motor Speedway, Fort Snelling, Minn., covering the distance in one hour, 38 minutes, 49 and 24-100 seconds, an average speed of 91.08 miles an hour.

WASHINGTON.

The customs bureau of the treasury department has begun an examination to learn the total amount of arms and ammunition that had been exported to Mexico within the last year.

The senate adopted an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, appropriating \$1,000,000 this fiscal year and \$2,000,000 next year for enlarging the Appleton forest reserve.

Though convinced that danger of war with Mexico has passed, the war department is to stand by its original intention to send all of the militiamen originally called to the border.

There are 21,000,000 able-bodied men in the United States between the ages of 18 and 45, according to a special report by the census bureau, as to the nation's resources in men of military fitness.

All army departmental commanders have been authorized by Secretary Baker to discharge enlisted men of the National Guard in the federal service who have one or more dependent relatives.

Extra pay for foreign service will be allowed the American troops serving across the Mexican border, under a decision by Comptroller Warwick of the treasury. Enlisted men will receive 20 per cent additional and officers 10 per cent.

The largest check ever drawn by a postmaster general of the United States has just been drawn by Albert Sidney Burleson for \$54,253,962.31, representing the amount disbursed by postmasters for running expenses during January, February and March of this year.

Creation of nonpartisan tariff commission of six members with broad inquisitorial powers, is proposed in the general revenue bill introduced by representative Mann of the house. The bill will raise between \$210,000,000 and \$225,000,000 of additional revenue by reclassification of the surtax on incomes, a tax on estates and on war munitions plants.

WAR NEWS.

Petrograd reports Russian troops have captured the village and railway station of Mikulicyn, thirty-eight miles south of Stanislaw, thus cutting one of the main Austrian lines of communication to Lemberg.

The German war office has officially admitted that the French have captured Belloy-En-Santerre, south of the river Somme, and that the Germans have also evacuated the village of Hem, on the north bank.

On the Verdun front the Germans have taken the Thiaumont work for the fourth time, after a terrific bombardment and by a massed attack around this work, which has been the center of desperate attacks and counter attacks for many days past, thousands of men have fallen.

Seven hundred and fifty-three communities, or townships, have been partly or totally destroyed through military operations in France since the beginning of the war, according to statistics gathered by the ministry of the interior.

Nearly half a million Austrians and Germans have been put out of commission since General Brussloff began his great advance a month ago, Petrograd reports. The grand total of prisoners to date is in round numbers 235,000, of which 4,500 are officers.

Published lists of casualties in the British army for the month of May show that 466 were killed, 1,080 wounded and fifty-five missing—a total of 1,601. This brings the aggregate losses of officers since the commencement of the war to 27,905.

The Kaiser is reported to have arrived on the western front, accompanied by members of his general staff, who will direct the defense of the German lines in the great allied offensive.

A total of 153 Russian officers and 23,025 men were taken prisoner during the month of June along the line to the south of the Pripiet, where the Russians were pushing their offensive, according to the Austro-Hungarian statement of July 1, received in Berlin from Vienna.

Russian cavalry patrols have crossed the Carpathian mountains and have entered the plains of Hungary according to a dispatch received in London from Bucharest.

LEASE LAND FOR OIL

LARGE AREA NEAR TABLE ROCK TAKEN OVER BY BIG FIRM.

AGREE TO SINK WELLS IN YEAR

Oklahoma Geologist is Confident Oil and Gas Will Be Found in This Section of Nebraska.

COMING EVENTS.

- Nebraska Auctioneers Association meeting, Grand Island, July 20.
Annual State Tennis Tournament, Wayne, July 17-22.
Nebraska Democratic convention, Hastings, July 25.
Nebraska Republican Convention, Lincoln, July 25.
Northwest Nebraska Editorial Association Meeting, Norfolk, July 28-29.
Second annual Automobile Races, Omaha, July 29.
Summer Assembly of the Church of Brethren, Beatrice, July 30 to August 6.
Tractor Week in Fremont, August 7 to 11.
State Press excursion's No. Platte Valley excursion, August 7-10.
Barbecue at Seward, Thursday, August 10.
Seventh Day Adventists' Conference, Hastings, August 17-27.
Mo. Valley Photographers' association Meeting, Lincoln, August 21-25.
Nebraska State Fair, Lincoln, September 4 to 7.

Table Rock.—The Wicaita-Kansas National Gas company is leasing lands in Sheridan precinct, south of here, three or four miles, for gas and oil, and wish to lease at least eight sections in the precinct. It has already secured over three sections. It agrees to sink a well or pay at the end of a year. Willis C. Fellers of this place has already leased over 2,500 acres, with promises of much more. He agrees to put down a test well within twelve months. Greenwald & Co., of Falls City, are also still in the field. The report of the geologist, B. T. Tatum, of Sapulpa, Okla., who spent two weeks with Mr. Fellers in this vicinity, inspires people here with great confidence in the ultimate result.

Big Speeders to Participate. Omaha.—Ralph De Palma, winner of the 150-mile auto race at Minneapolis July 4th, Dario Resta, who carried off the honors in the 300-mile race at Indianapolis, Memorial day, Ralph Mulford, Eddie Rickenbacker and scores of other champion automobile racers, will compete in the 150-mile derby held here next Saturday, under the auspices of the Omaha Speedway association. After a thorough investigation of the entrants and management of the races Saturday, the Commercial club has given the project its unqualified support and stands ready to lend such assistance as may be necessary.

Popular Young Man Drowns. Fremont.—Glen O. Peterson, aged 15, was drowned a few days ago in Kiefer's pond near Morse Bluff. Two companions, who were swimming with the young man, made efforts to rescue him and one nearly lost his own life as Peterson clung desperately to his body. None of the men were very good swimmers. Peterson was one of the popular young men of Morse Bluff.

Killed in Auto Wreck. Brainard.—In an automobile accident five miles southeast of here, Andrew Kabourck received injuries from which he died and other occupants of the car, from Weston and Dwight, were badly injured. The car turned completely over.

May Be Oldest in United States. Ansley.—Richard Griffith of Holdrege, William Edmond of Merna and Ben Nicholas of Pilot went over to see and talk with Mr. Morris, a few days ago, who lives in Clear Creek valley, and is said to be over 120 years old. Like his three visitors, Morris is Welshman. Morris is now blind and talks very little. It may be that Morris is the oldest man now living in the United States. He stays at the home of Charles W. Mytton, ten miles northeast of Ansley.

Wheat Crop Breaks Record. York.—Farmers of York county have commenced to harvest the heaviest wheat crop ever grown in the county. The average will be from thirty to forty bushels per acre. Wages are from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day.

Wymore Man Killed. Beatrice.—Charles Matz of Wymore was instantly killed south of Wymore and two others were hurt, when a touring car in which they were riding skidded on a rough piece of road and turned over twice.

More Paving on Lincoln Highway. Grand Island.—Specifications have been filed, and bids are being advertised for the construction of another half-mile of cement roadway sixteen feet wide on the Lincoln Highway immediately west of this city.

Commercial Club Acts. Fairbury.—The proposition of bringing together the harvest hand and the man in need of harvest help has been taken up by the Fairbury Commercial club. A free employment agency has been established.

FRONTIER DAYS IN OMAHA.

Genuine "Roundup" to Be Staged in Metropolis This Month.

Omaha.—A genuine frontier days exhibition is to be shown in this city on July 20, 21, 22 and 23, inclusive, under the auspices of the Ak-Sar-Ben governors. Several thousand dollars in prizes are to be offered for the world's best ropers, steer throwers and other western champions. Charles Irwin of Cheyenne, Wyo., ranchman and manager of wild west shows, is to put on the exhibition. He is to bring the best riders, ropers and frontiersmen of all kinds the country affords, and it is said that cowboys from far-away Brazil will even be here to compete for some of the prizes to be offered. Mr. Irwin has gathered together these frontiersmen and the wild horses and cattle to take them to New York for "the Stampede," which is to be a competitive exhibition to be given at Sheephead Bay later in the summer.

On learning the plans of Mr. Irwin the Board of Governors arranged to have him stop off at Omaha on his way east and put his crew through some competitive exhibitions. The money raised by the board through this exhibition is to be used to defray the expenses of the big historical parade which is to be held during the fall festivities, when perhaps fifty floats are to be built for the occasion.

Wheat Fine in Jefferson. Fairbury.—With perfect harvest weather prevailing, wheat cutting is in full blast in Jefferson county. Thousands of machines are mowing down the grain. Wheat is excellent in Jefferson county, being of good height and well filled heads. Straw is unusually heavy this year. No damage has been reported by wind, rust or insects by the farmers and it is expected the yield will be from twenty-five to thirty-five bushels per acre. Grain has ripened in a hurry this year.

Phelps Wheat Excellent. Holdrege.—The wheat harvest is now in full swing in this county and farmers are jubilant over the splendid crop. Harvest hands are being hired at from \$3.50 to \$4.50 a day. One small field of Nebraska wheat grown in co-operation with the university department of experimental agronomy was cut last Monday, when it was "dead" ripe. This wheat has always ripened and slightly outyielded Turkey red wheat as shown by previous tests.

Boys Attend School Best. Omaha.—Contrary to the ordinary impression, girls are absent more than boys in the public schools, according to the statistics of the public schools in this city for the year which closed in June. There were 12,015 boys enrolled in the grade schools and 11,739 girls, a total of 23,754. The average absence each day was 520.6 boys and 543.4 girls, 'the boys enrolled being greater than the girls, but having less absence. The percentage of boys absent to enrollment was 4.3 as compared with 4.6 for the girls.

Says Border People Ready. Beatrice.—John R. Quein, former clerk of the district court of this county, has just returned from a five weeks' trip to Brownville and other points along the Mexican border in Texas. He says Texans anticipate trouble at any moment and go about their daily labor armed and ready for action. Mr. Quein says the policy of the Wilson administration relative to the Mexican situation is far from popular along the border.

Calves Hanged Together. Harrison.—L. R. Barr lost two calves in a peculiar manner. He had purchased a calf and in order to make it run with a cow and another calf, he tied the two calves together. All went well for a while, but one day after the cow had lain down the calves went up to her, one passing on either side. When the cow got up the calves were hung on each side of the cow, and were dead when found.

Firemen Claim Championship. Hastings.—Since the Hastings fire department defeated Grand Island in a twenty-five minute water fight here the 4th of July the department stands ready to lay claim to the state championship and to defend the claim when challenged.

Wrestle Ends in Draw. Omaha.—After five hours' wrestling the Joe Stecher-Ed (Strangler) Lewis wrestling match was called a draw by the referee here July Fourth. Lewis was on the defensive throughout the match. Last fall at Evansville Stecher and Lewis wrestled two hours and ten minutes to a draw. Lewis set out systematically to elude Stecher and there were few times when they came to grips. Lewis easily broke away from Stecher, but remained determinedly on the defensive.

Gage Republicans to Meet July 22. Beatrice.—Chairman Scott of the republican county central committee has called the county convention for July 22 to select delegates to the state convention. Caucuses throughout the county will be held on Monday, July 13.

Work Pressing on Auditorium. Central City.—The foundation and basement work of the new \$50,000 Auditorium has been completed and the brick laying begun. It will be one of the best equipped in the state.

Shoots at Bees and Kills Son. Howell.—Mrs. Anton Svitak of this town accidentally shot her 11-year-old son to death with a shotgun. She attempted to put to flight a swarm of bees in the yard and fired at them. The discharge struck the boy standing nearby. He died in a few minutes.

Pittsblough to Pave. Plattsmouth.—The city council has authorized the mayor and clerk to advertise for bids for paving, the estimated cost of which is \$30,004.78.

N. Y. POOR ALARMED

EPIDEMIC AMONG CHILDREN IS CAUSING CONSTERNATION.

YOUNGSTERS KEPT IN HOMES

Over 200 Deaths Have Resulted From Infantile Paralysis Since June 1. Cases in Several States.

New York.—Health authorities of New York have decided to abandon for the present, at least, to appeal to the American Red Cross for nurses to aid in stamping out the scourge of infantile paralysis in this city, which since June 1 has caused over 200 deaths among children. Health Commissioner Emerson said he was now of the opinion it would not be necessary to ask for outside aid as the hospitals have agreed to extend their help more freely. Another serious phase of the situation has been reported by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, which has found that in the congested districts of the city frightened mothers have interned their children in their tenement houses, in many instances with windows closed. Such action, it was pointed out, is likely to have serious effects not only on the children but on adults as well.

Children's reading rooms in the public libraries have been ordered closed. The order barring children from moving picture theaters will not be modified until conditions improve. Playgrounds also are shut down.

The proposal for a general quarantine of the city was abandoned by Dr. Emerson as impracticable. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has informed Mayor Mitchell that after a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Houston, the latter had agreed to do everything in his power to facilitate the entry into the country of shipments of monkeys from the Philippine islands which are urgently needed for research work in connection with infantile paralysis.

Disease Appears in Other States. Two children have died from infantile paralysis in Los Angeles, Cal., one case has appeared in Gary, Ind., one at Columbus, Ohio, and Cleveland up to the end of last week had six patients down with the malady. One supposed case has been reported in Chicago.

Bandit Villa Again Busy. Chihuahua City, Mex.—Large Carranza forces, better organized and more completely equipped than any other units of the de facto government troops, are closing in on the bandits of southern Chihuahua and northern Durango, intent on wiping them out. Jimenez, which the Villistas captured after defeating an inferior force and killing General Ignacio Ramos, has been occupied again by government troops. The bandits are fleeing through the valley of the River Florida. Refugees who left Jimenez before the Villistas were near the city were responsible for the story that Pancho Villa commanded the bandits.

Crop Conditions Improved. Washington.—Growing conditions during June improved the prospects of the wheat and oats crops. The department of agriculture in its July crop report forecast the combined crop of winter and spring wheat at 753,000,000 bushels, which is 44,000,000 bushels more than predicted last month, and increased the estimate of the final yield of oats to 1,317,000,000 bushels, or 62,000,000 bushels more than forecast in June. A slight increase in the area planted to corn this year was reported, and a crop of 2,866,000,000 bushels, which with favorable conditions might exceed last year's 3,055,000,000 bushel record crop, was forecast.

How to Write Boys on Border. Washington, D. C.—In answer to many inquiries from relatives and friends of guardsmen who have been sent to unknown points on the Mexican border, the war department declares that all mail to these men should be sent to Department Headquarters, United States Army, San Antonio, Tex. The name of the guardsman, his company, regiment and state should precede the headquarters address. The mail will be forwarded from San Antonio to the guardsman.

Adopt Camel As Emblem. Chicago.—The camel has been adopted as the 1916 campaign emblem of the prohibition party according to an announcement made at the national party headquarters here.

Asks Children to Help. Washington, D. C.—Miss Mabel T. Boardman of the legislative committee of the American Red Cross issued an appeal to children of the country to contribute to a fund for buying post cards and writing material for American soldiers on Mexican border.

Refuse to Work With Mexicans. Fort Dodge, Ia.—American workmen at the United States gypsum mills, who for years have worked with foreign laborers, refused to work with Mexicans, who applied for jobs.

Train Hits Automobile; Two Killed. Worland, Wyo.—D. D. Brunson of Norfolk, Neb., a horse buyer, was killed, and Ora Allen of Basin, Wyo., was probably fatally injured when their automobile was struck by a Burlington passenger train here several days ago.

Hundred Miners Buried. Rome.—More than 100 miners have been buried in three sulphur mines near Caltanissetta, Sicily. The disaster seems to have been due to a teleric cause.

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

Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völkertrieges.

Mit Mühe und Not sind die letzten Petrograder Siegesberichte zusammengekleffert worden, und nur ein kurzer Blick auf die Karte genügt, um feststellen zu können, daß sämtliche Petrograder Berichte außer denen, die von den ersten Erfolgen zu Beginn der großen Offensive meldeten, voll und ganz erfinden sind. Daran ändert auch die Glückwünsche - Depesche nichts, die der italienische König an seinen Waffenbruder in Petrograd schickte. Auch andere gekörnte Haupter haben sich schon durch ähnliche Glückwünschedepeschen, die auch an die Russen adressiert waren, lächerlich gemacht. Es sei nur an die Klänge bei Lodz, Kujisch - Polen, im September 1914 erinnert, als die Russen frohlockend meldeten, sie hätten zwei deutsche Divisionen abgefangen. König Georg von England gratulierte sofort, und Lord Ritzinger machte die Siegesbotschaft im Laufe der Geweinen bekannt. Drei Tage später gaben die Russen, nachdem sie alle Ehren eingeholt, kleinlaut zu, daß die beiden deutschen Divisionen im letzten Augenblicke ausgetrieben seien. Die "Ausreißer" hießen bekanntlich 12,000 russische Gefangene mitgegeben.

Nicht unähnlich ist jetzt die Lage, und die Russen geben es in ihren letzten Berichten selbst zu, indem sie Klänge bei Orten melden, die nach vorhergehenden Berichten längst hinter ihrer Front lagen. Die Russen sind eben ungeschickte Lügner, und bis heute haben sie den vorläufigen Briten noch nicht den Gefallen tun können, die Meldung von der Einnahme von Czernowitz zu bestätigen. In dieser Beziehung ist folgende in London veröffentlichte "Halbamtliche" Petrograder Meldung von Interesse: "Bis jetzt ist keine amtliche Bestätigung der Einnahme von Czernowitz eingetroffen. Aber es ist der Brauch der Russen, solche Ereignisse zu verheimlichen." Was der Brauch der Russen in Bezug auf die Meldung von Siegen ist, weiß jeder, der in den letzten zwei Jahren nur drei russische Berichte gelesen hat, und ein Kommentator ist überflüssig. In demselben Bericht heißt es dann weiter: "Es ist sehr leicht möglich, daß der Lauf der Ereignisse an der russischen Front in den nächsten Tagen etwas düntel sein wird."

Die Tatsachen an der russischen Offensive sind in Kürze die folgenden: 1. Im ersten Ansturm wurden die österreichisch - ungarischen Stellungen am wohnlichen Felsenbühnen über den Dauen gewonnen, und die Offensive kam dort zum Stehen, nachdem die Oesterreicher neue Stellungen westlich von der Zwa bezogen.

2. Westlich von Kremenez wurden die vorgeschobenen Stellungen zurückgedrängt. 3. Am Striva schlug der Angriff der Russen, außer an einer Stelle, wo die Oesterreicher vom östlichen auf das westliche Ufer verdrängt wurden, völlig fehl.

4. Südlich vom Dnieper drangen die Russen in der Richtung auf Kofemea vor, um Czernowitz vom Norden zu umfassen.

5. Nordöstlich von Czernowitz wurden die Stellungen der Pfanzergarde gleichfalls eingebrückt, aber vor dem Vorstößen der Stadt wurde die russische Offensive zum Salten gebracht. Seitdem schneigt Petrograd.

Das Schweigen Petrograds erstreckt sich auch auf die Front am Etyr und Stodoh, nördlich vom wohnlichen Felsenbühnen, wo General von Rimlingen die Russen angegriffen hat. Dort wird die Entfesselung fallen, und auf deutscher Seite hat man alle Veranlassung dieser mit dem gewöhnlichen und noch nie enttäuschten Vertrauen entgegen zu sehen.

Auf der italienischen Front ist eine Verlangsamung in der österreichisch - ungarischen Offensive eingetreten. Dieser Umstand ist in erster Linie den verheerenden Widerstand der Italiener und in zweiter Linie wahrscheinlich auch die Ereignisse an der Ditrfront zuzuschreiben, da es kaum einem Zweifel unterliegt, daß die russische Offensive Truppen von der Südfreit abgezogen hat. Zudem kämpften die Italiener bekanntlich die letzten Hindernisse, die die Feinde von Venetien trennen. Zur verwickelter Widerstand ist also erforderlich, da alles von dem Erfolg oder Mißerfolg der österreichisch - ungarischen Offensive abhängt. In der griechischen Grenze ist die Lage dieselbe geblieben. Zwar finden fast auf der ganzen Front Geheimgänge statt, die aber bisher noch nicht zu Infanterieangriffen geführt haben.

An der weilsichen Front stehen die Kämpfe bei Verdun natürlich noch im Mittelpunkt der Ereignisse. Nach der Verhinderung des Forts von Vauz und der Verstärkungen, haben die Deutschen ihre schwere Batterien auf dem eroberten Terrain angeplant und mit Beschleunigung des Zimmereinsatzes der Verdun - Forts begonnen. Der Hauptangriff zeigt mit der Spitze in südöstlicher Richtung auf Verdun selbst, wo zwischen Vauz und der Maas schon eine treite Breche geschlagen worden ist. Die Franzosen wehren sich mit dem Mute der Verzweiflung, werden aber trotzdem langsam auf die Kernfestung zurückgeworfen.

Auch im Kaukasus hat sich die Lage nach den Erfolgen der letzten türkischen Offensive nicht geändert, wogegen im südlichen Teile von Armenien, zwischen dem Van-See und Diarbek heisse Kämpfe stattgefunden haben, bei denen die Russen entscheidend den Kürzeren zogen. Neulich erging es ihnen an der persischen Grenze, von wo sie auf Bagdad vorstossen wollten, um der türkischen Zigris - Armee in den Rücken zu fallen. Die ganze Vagdad - Kampagne der Russen ist gescheitert, wie auch die britische Kampagne mit dem Fall von Kut-el-Amara in die Brüche ging.

Südlich von Kut-el-Amara hielt sich die britische Armee in ihren Stellungen, bis die Türken vor einigen Tagen auf dem inzwischen trocken gewordenen Terrain ihre Geschütze vorrücken und die Engländer zum Rückzug von Zelatich zwangen.

Zur Erdrosselung des deutschen Handels.

Paris. Nachfolgend der Bortlaut der Begrüßungssprache Premier Briand's an die Delegaten, die zur Wirtschaftskonferenz, welche die Erdrosselung der Mittelmaide als Ziel hat, sich hier versammelten:

"Es ist nicht genug, durch eine militärische Union zu besiegen," sagte Briand. "Es muß auch eine diplomatische und wirtschaftliche Union sein, welche eine fröhliche Entwicklung der materiellen Hilfsquellen, einen Austausch ihrer Erzeugnisse und ihre Verteilung auf die Weltmärkte zuwege bringen wird. Wir haben die wirtschaftliche Freiheit der Welt zu sichern, gesunde kommerzielle Methoden sowie unsere kommerzielle Unabhängigkeit wiederherzustellen."

Die Verhandlungen, welche mehrere Tage andauerten, wurden geheim geführt. Der Hauptzweck ist einen allgemeinen Plan zu entwerfen, nach dem die Kriegesgemeinschaftliche Handelsbeziehungen unter den Alliierten herzustellen und eine erneute Handelsabrechnung Deutschlands in den Märkten der Alliierten zu verhindern.

Rahrungsmittel aus Holland.

London. Hunderte von holländischen Frauen sprachen bei dem Premierminister vor, um ihn zu erwidern, geeignete Maßnahmen zu ergreifen, die der Ernährung der Lebensmittel ein Ende bereiten sollen. Wie die Reutersdepesche, welche die Nachricht übermittelt hat, hinzugefügt, verbrach der Premierminister, daß er später eine Abordnung von Frauen empfangen wolle.

Daraufhin begaben sich die Frauen zum Bürgermeister, um ihm ihre Beschwerden vorzutragen.

Der Minister des Innern hat später eine Abordnung der Frauen empfangen, informierte sie über die Maßnahmen der Regierung und drückte die Hoffnung aus, daß die Preise für Kartoffeln, Schweinefleisch und Gemüse bald fallen würden. Er gab zu, daß wenig Kartoffeln ausgeführt worden seien, gab aber der Hoffnung Ausdruck, daß das neue Ausfuhrverbot und die Beschlagnahme der Vorräte Abhilfe bringen werde.

Graf Wolffe gestorben.

Am 1. d. M. Generalleutnant Graf Helmuth von Wolffe, ehemaliger Chef des großen und zuletzt Chef des stellvertretenden Generalstabes, starb plötzlich am Herzschlag. Der Tod ereilte den Grafen im Reichstagen, wo er einem Krawattengestänge für den verstorbenen Feldmarschall von der Goltz bewohnte.

Seit 1902 war von Wolffe der Chef des großen Generalstabes, und ihm ist die vorzügliche Organisation des deutschen Heeres zu verdanken, welche sich in erster Zeit glänzend bewährte. Im Dezember 1914 trat von Wolffe von der Leitung des großen Generalstabes wegen Krankheit zurück, um später nach seiner Genesung die Leitung des stellvertretenden Generalstabes zu übernehmen.

Der verlebte Generalleutnant war ein Neffe des Feldmarschalls von Wolffe, des großen Schachspielers und Organisations im deutsch-französischen Kriege 1870-71.

Mexico hat in 59 Jahren 55 verschiedene Herrscher, Kaiser, Präsidenten, Diktatoren u. s. w. gehabt.