

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

WAR NEWS.

The Russian government announced that instruction had been given the ministry of finance to issue a second internal loan of 1,000,000,000 rubles (\$500,000,000).

The vatican has advised all German and Austrian ecclesiastics and theologians to leave Rome immediately, according to a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from the Italian capital.

A dispatch from Cracow to Geneva says that the losses of the Austrians and Germans since May 1 amount to 165,000 officers and men. Losses of the Russians in prisoners are placed at 50,000.

The Cunard liner Lusitania, one of the finest and fastest ocean liners, which sailed out of New York May 1, with more than 2,000 persons aboard, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

The German war office announces that in the recent fighting in Galicia and Russian Poland 143,500 Russians have been captured. It also states that sixty-nine cannon and 255 machine guns were taken.

Another battleship, the Goliath, the third that the British have lost since the attack on the Dardanelles began, has been torpedoed by the Turks, and of the crew of 700 or more only 180, including twenty officers, were saved.

Fruit and vegetables for the men of the fleet is the object of a new campaign approved by the British admiralty. British housewives are urged to plant a small plot from which vegetables may be gathered for the men of the navy.

Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor, in the British house of lords, intimated that the government was considering the necessity of departing from the voluntary system of military enlistments and resorting to draft service throughout the kingdom.

Newspaper dispatches from Switzerland report Austrians and Germans are fleeing from all parts of Italy. A Geneva dispatch asserts that six hundred thousand Italians have been concentrated at Verona, twenty-five miles from the Austro-Hungarian frontier.

The cost of the war in British ships, not including warships, thus far has been 201 vessels. The loss of life has been 1,556. Dr. Thomas J. MacNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, gave these figures in the house of commons in response to a question from Lord Charles Beresford.

Germany has expressed regret to the United States for the loss of American lives in the Lusitania disaster, but it is declared that Great Britain, by reason of her "starvation" practices against the German civilian population and because her merchantmen are armed and carry contraband of war, is responsible for the sending of the liner to the bottom.

GENERAL.

The federal statute barring the importation of moving pictures of prize fights was held to be constitutional by Judge Haight in the United States district court of Newark N. J.

The Pennsylvania company has decided to award contracts for the building of 14,000 freight cars, mostly of the steel frame type. Approximately 3,000,000 feet of yellow pine will be required. The contracts probably will be divided among three Chicago concerns.

The Modern Woodmen of America, largest fraternal insurance society in the world, will use the movies. The head camp, located at Rock Island, Ill., has voted to prepare slides showing principal features of the M. W. A. workings, to be loaned to local camps throughout the country.

Officials of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company announce at Houghton, Mich., that on June 12 a bonus of more than \$500,000 would be distributed among the 10,000 employees of the company and its subsidiaries.

More than 150 special trains, each containing from eight to ten Pullman cars, have been scheduled via different transcontinental railroads to bring delegates from eastern and middle western Shrine temples to the annual session in Seattle July 13, 14 and 15.

Seven persons were killed, many seriously hurt, by a tornado that swept over the Pee Dee section of South Carolina. Houses were wrecked, trees uprooted and crops injured in many localities.

"If Governor Johnson of California is nominated for president on the progressive ticket in 1916" said Harry Weinstein of the federal industrial relations commission, at Washington, "he will get the entire progressive and most of the independent vote in the west."

The California state assembly passed a bill already passed by the senate exempting alien school teachers from the provisions of a statute which requires public employees to be native born or naturalized citizens.

Thirty-five thousand harvest hands are wanted in Kansas to handle the 1915 bumper wheat crop, the state free employment bureau estimates.

Admiral George Dewey is the new commander of the Vermont commandery of the Military Order of the Royal Legion. He was elected at the annual meeting at Burlington.

According to investigations by George A. Dean, state entomologist, at Manhattan, Kan., the damage to the wheat crop by the Hessian fly will amount to \$10,000,000 in that state.

A verdict of acquittal was returned by the jury trying Mrs. Florence C. Carman at Mineola, L. I., on the charge of murdering Mrs. Louise Bailey at Freeport on the night of June 30 last.

Tales of industrial wars from Pennsylvania to California during the last thirty-five years were recounted before the Federal Industrial Relations commission by Mrs. Mary Jones, the "Mother" Jones of scores of strikes.

After consideration lasting several months the Federal Reserve board has virtually decided that it will allow state banks to enter the federal reserve system with the right to withdraw and surrender membership if they so desire.

Oklahoma will need from 16,000 to 18,000 men to gather the wheat crop, Labor Commissioner Ashton announced at Oklahoma City. Wages will range from \$2 to \$3 a day. Cutting will start from June 1 to 12, according to location.

Colonel Jared L. Sanderson, aged 94, organizer and chief owner of the stage coach company which first established a passenger and freight traffic from Kansas City through New Mexico and the southwest to Los Angeles, died at Boulder, Colo.

Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago has issued a proclamation fixing July 27 as Chicago day at the Panama-Pacific International exposition. It was said Mayor Thompson, Governor Dunne and United States Senators J. Hamilton Lewis and L. W. Sherman would attend the exposition on Chicago day.

Charitable work in behalf of the sufferers in America and abroad was the principal topic discussed at the final session of the forty-third biennial convention of the Order of B'Rith Abraham at Philadelphia. The delegates voted to tax each of the 72,000 members of the order 25 cents apiece. This fund will be for the aid of the Jewish war sufferers.

SPORTING

A bill to legalize ten round boxing matches in Michigan was vetoed by Governor Ferris.

Yousif Hussane and Charley Cutler wrestled three and one-half hours at Louisville, Ky., without a fall. In a match said to be for the heavy-weight wrestling championship of the United States.

Two university world records were broken in track for co-eds at Lincoln when Miss Koch made a fifty-yard dash in 6 4/5 seconds, and Miss Reed made a four-foot high jump.

Princeton's crew won the race for the Child's cup at Princeton, N. J., by a half a boat's length. Columbia, the favorite in the race, was second and Pennsylvania third. This is the first time Princeton has won the cup since 1881.

John Freberg, the Chicago heavy-weight wrestler, proved no match for Joe Stecher in their match at Fremont, Neb. Stecher won in straight falls, the first in one minute and ten seconds and the second in three minutes and thirty-six seconds.

WASHINGTON.

The federal reserve board will establish on May 24 a clearing system between reserve banks, to reduce the amount of money kept in transit and thus held out of circulation.

Railroads must demand of shippers to pay the full freight charges on shipments, according to a notice served upon all the interstate carriers by the interstate commerce commission.

Carranza troops have reconquered Panuco, in the oil well region, near Tampico, according to the state department. The Villa force evacuated May 5 and the Carranza force marched in.

Secretary Redfield reports to President Wilson that the balance of trade in favor of the United States for the week ending May 9 was \$20,565,707 as compared with \$23,328,204 for the preceding week.

W. F. Schwind of Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed temporarily as private secretary to Secretary Bryan.

Secretary of Treasurer McAduo, in the selection of 100 delegates to the Pan-American financial congress, chose fifty-one from New York.

Torpedoing of the British liner Lusitania with scores of Americans on board shocked official Washington as had no other incident since the outbreak of the European war.

Secretary Lane announces that Uncle Sam's coal lands in Alaska will not be opened to leasing until the beginning of the season of 1916. Under the law, he is to have these coal lands surveyed, giving preference to the Bering river, Matanuska and Nanaa fields.

Secretary of the Interior Lane has recommended to the president the restoration to entry of 46,072 acres of land in northern Wyoming which had been withdrawn on coal possibilities that have not been realized.

DIRIGIBLE FOR U. S.

DANIELS AWARDS CONTRACT FOR FIRST WAR BALLOON.

TO BE READY IN SEPTEMBER

It Will Cost \$45,636 and is Designed to Carry Four Observers and Crew of Four.

Washington.—Construction of the navy's first dirigible was authorized by Secretary Daniels, who awarded a contract for its manufacture to the Connecticut Aero company of New Haven on a bid of \$45,636. The balloon is to be delivered in September so as to be in use at the naval aeronautic station at Pensacola early next autumn. It is designed to carry four student observers in addition to a crew of four.

It will be 175 feet long, fifty-five feet high, have a gas capacity of 110,000 cubic feet and a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 for aeronautes in the last naval bill. The new hydroaeroplanes were received last week on orders given two months ago and three others are due for delivery soon. Three additional ones will be bid for during the summer. Contract will be awarded within a few days for a floating dirigible shed and designed to accommodate the dirigible.

The armored cruiser North Carolina, now in the Mediterranean, is to be relieved in ten days by the cruiser Des Moines and overhauled in the United States for use at Pensacola as an aviation ship. With its arrival and delivery of the airships contracted for, the Pensacola station will begin the training of officers and men on a larger scale than ever before.

Official Version of Tragedy.

Berlin.—From the report received from the submarine which sank the Cunard line steamer Lusitania the following official version of the incident is published by the admiralty staff under the signature of Admiral Behneke:

"The submarine sighted the steamer, which showed no flag, on May 7 at 2:20 o'clock, central European time, afternoon, on the southeast coast of Ireland, in fine clear weather.

"At 3:10 o'clock one torpedo was fired at the Lusitania, which hit its starboard side below the captain's bridge. The detonation of the torpedo was followed immediately by a further explosion of extremely strong effect. The ship quickly listed to starboard and began to sink.

"The second explosion must be traced back to the ignition of quantities of ammunition inside the ship."

Aliens Herded Into Camps.

London.—The police throughout the country have been busy of late gathering subjects of hostile countries of a military age and dispatching them to concentration points. Many hundreds of voluntarily surrendered and were sent off in batches, 500 going to Southend to be placed aboard steamers which have been fitted up for the purpose. The only difficulty the authorities faced was that of finding room, as the suddenness with which the government came to its decision following the riots gave no time to prepare new camps.

Serious disturbances occurred in Rotherham, North Shields and other places. In Rotherham the rioters were mostly women and young people, but hardly a single German shop in the town escaped wreckage.

Rush to Become Citizens.

New York.—Since the sinking of the Lusitania the number of Germans applying for naturalization in this city has increased nearly 300 per cent, announced Naturalization Commissioner Weiser. Mr. Weiser added that the greatest number of applications for some time had come from Russians and that the Germans were at the foot of the list until recently.

War Veterans Want Peace.

Tulsa, Okl.—The Oklahoma Bankers' association, Oklahoma department of the Grand Army of the Republic and the state organization of the Spanish War veterans, in session here adopted resolutions urging the president to use every means to avert war and commending his course so far.

John D. Wins Taxation Fight.

Cleveland.—John D. Rockefeller won his injunction suit to restrain Cuyahoga county from collecting taxes on \$311,000,000 worth of intangible property.

South Americans With United States.

New York.—South American delegates to the coming Pan-American financial conference in Washington, a number of whom are now in this city, voiced their approval of the position taken by President Wilson in his note to Germany.

Mass of Jewelry Stolen.

New York.—It is announced that burglars entered the apartment of Raymond McCune, son of A. W. McCune of Salt Lake City, and stole \$30,000 worth of jewelry.

Tennis Star Killed in War.

London.—Anthony F. Wilding, former world's tennis champion, and a member of the Australian team in Davis cup competitions for several years, has been killed in the fighting at the Dardanelles. He was a second lieutenant in the Royal Marines.

To Convene in Chicago.

Chicago.—It has been announced that the 1916 national convention of the socialist party will be held in Chicago the week beginning June 11 of that year.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

A Thayer county baseball league is being formed.

Work has started on the Bellevue gymnasium.

Aurora is after the next meeting of the state G. A. R.

Lamuel Brown, aged 19, drowned at Kearney last week.

A \$15,000 theater is to be built at Clarkson this summer.

Chinch bugs are causing farmers much trouble around Falls City.

Crete's new Carnegie library was opened to the public last week.

The new \$14,000 Methodist church at Elmwood has been dedicated.

Miss May Sheldon was crowned May queen at Hastings college.

B. S. Carey has been appointed postmaster at Leymoine, Keith county.

Work on the Security State bank building at Broken Bow will begin soon.

The postoffice at Caldwell, Scotts bluff county, is ordered discontinued June 15.

The Schuyler company of the Nebraska National Guard is to be reorganized.

The citizens of Merna will soon vote on electric light, water and park bonds.

The Piese Motor company is erecting a large cement block garage at West Point.

Eight young wolves were found in a hay stack near Julian by the Graham brothers.

John Joseph, retired merchant of Wahoo, was badly injured in an automobile accident.

The Nebraska State bank, capitalized at \$25,000, has opened for business at Valentine.

Two of the men who will make a soil survey of Dawes county have started their work.

Six hundred dentists are expected to attend the state convention at Omaha, May 17 to 20.

J. H. Wenburg, wealthy Oconto farmer, died of injuries received when he was kicked by a horse.

A new cannery company, incorporated at \$50,000, will be established at Blair this summer.

The Nebraska State Golf association decided to hold its tournament at Omaha, July 7 to 10.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company will soon erect a new building at David City.

One hundred delegates attended the O. L. D. good roads' convention at Hastings last week.

Miss Olive Jones of Hastings has received word that she has won a free scholarship at Yale.

The cornerstone for the new German Reform church at Harvard was laid with imposing exercises.

J. W. Wolvington has taken up his duty as postmaster at Wolvington, a new office south of Chadron.

All card tables, slot machines and dice boxes have been ordered out of Crawford by the city council.

The ten thousand dollars' worth of jail bonds missing for nine years at Seward have been recovered.

C. P. Johnson of Elm Creek was instantly killed when he was struck by a passenger train at Kearney.

Mrs. William Catherwood was seriously injured when thrown from a buggy in a runaway near North Bend.

The Northwest Nebraska High School Athletic association will hold its annual meet in Hartington May 21.

The body of William Jacobs, Sr., who disappeared from Council Bluffs last February, was found at Lincoln.

The Library board of Tekamah accepted plans for the Carnegie building. Work on the structure will start soon.

Five hundred delegates attended the Eastern Star convention at Hastings. The next meeting will be held at McCook.

The Wood Lake cornet concert band will give open air concerts alternate Saturday evenings through the summer.

A new rural route out of Morrill to the south side of the river will go into effect in June, providing a tri-weekly service.

Over three hundred Elks attended the state convention at Fremont. Omaha was selected as the next meeting place.

Reports are there will be no peach crop in the southern part of the state, but prospects are good for a bumper apple crop.

Judge George F. Cocoran of York was elected state deputy of the Knights of Columbus for Nebraska at their convention at O'Neill.

An election will soon be held in Seward to give the citizens a chance to express their choice on the location of the new \$50,000 high school.

The affection and loyalty of a dog to his master was never better illustrated than when an English bulldog returned to Leon Cummings of Howe from Kansas City, a distance of 126 miles.

The new Hastings directory gives that city a population of 15,540, a gain of 5,000 in three years.

B. E. Leedom & Son, proprietors of the Gordon Journal, will begin the erection of a modern newspaper building soon.

The Nebraska state board of nurse examiners will hold examinations for the nurses at the state house, Lincoln, June 15 and 16.

The first Adams county grand jury in twenty years is investigating charges in connection with the John O'Connor case at Hastings.

Andrew G. Bruce of Mead has patented an attachment for automobile tires to prevent them from skidding.

Crop conditions in Cuming county and, generally through that section of the state are most excellent, according to reports.

That every owner of a 1915 Ford automobile will, at the close of the fiscal year, receive a rebate of at least \$50 on his machine, as promised several months ago if the output is 300,000 cars, is the positive statement of Henry Ford, according to Omaha representatives.

EXPENSES ARE LESS

BOARD OF CONTROL EFFECTS SAVING FOR NEXT 2 YEARS.

4,762 WARDS BEING CARED FOR

Increase of Eleven Per Cent Since 1913—Feat Considered Triumph for That Body.

Lincoln.—A total of 4,762 wards of the state are now being cared for at the fifteen state institutions under charge of the state board of control, as compared to 4,318 wards in November, 1913. The figures are compiled from a recent report of the board. The number, in both instances, includes the children listed with the dependent home. The latter institution was not actually in the board's control list at the time the first report was made, but since has become a part of its list.

Despite this increase of approximately 11 per cent in the inmate numbers, the board will run the institutions on less money during the coming two years than was required during the two years just past. The feat is a real financial triumph for the board, inasmuch as its work governed the legislature exclusively when the lawmakers had their appropriations under discussion.

The success of the board in managing the institutions and in looking after the welfare of the inmates—charitable, peral and otherwise—is proof abundant that the people of the state acted wisely when they put the affairs of the institutions under its control.

The institutional population, as reported from the various homes, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name of institution, Number of inmates. Total 4,318 4,762.

Interurban Losing Money.

The formal complaint of the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Railway Co. filed with the state board of equalization, would make it appear that the path of interurban railway development in Nebraska under present restrictions is a rough and rocky one. The company reports a net deficit of \$4,515 in the operation of the road since the time of its building in 1907. In addition to this it has outstanding indebtedness of other kinds amounting to \$28,490.

Bar Defectives From Marrying.

Dr. W. S. East of Beatrice, speaking before the Nebraska State Eclectic Medical association, advocated that defectives be barred from marrying. He said that, should such marriages be wholly discontinued, two generations would see the complete elimination of feeble-mindedness, criminality, delinquency and extreme poverty. He urged the doctors to use all their influence against marriages between the unfit.

Section Hand May Receive Legacy.

Alfred James Bourn, soldier of fortune, section hand and believed to be heir to his uncle's estate in Australia, has been found in Lincoln. He will go immediately to claim his legacy. Bourn was trailed for weeks by an Australian detective, employed by the administrator of the uncle's estate. He has established his identity. He said he had served with the American troops in the Philippines and in the Boxer troubles and had been around the world four times.

Want Aid in Keeping Up Highway.

Farmers along the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver highway and automobile owners will be asked to co-operate in maintaining the highway and making it popular for tourist travel, it was decided at a meeting of good roads boosters in Lincoln.

Avery On Peace Commission.

Chancellor Avery of the state university has been requested by Secretary of State Bryan to serve as one of the five members of the permanent peace commission provided for in the treaty with Sweden.

Road Wants to Drop Motor.

Permission of the railway commission to remove from its service the Columbus-Spaulling "one-way-a-day" motor has been asked by the Union Pacific. The matter will come to a hearing within a short time. This service was put on the road at the order of the commission. The Union Pacific claims now that while the regular passenger train service on the line has been seriously impaired. It says that it cannot run both the trains and the motor.

Hydroplane Flights at Camp.

The officers' camp of the Nebraska national guard will be held June 20 to 26 at Capital Beach, near Lincoln, announced Adjutant General Hall. About 125 officers will attend. Hydroplane exhibitions will be given by C. W. Schaeffer of Alvo, chief of aviation. He is an old flying partner of Lincoln Beachey. He will divide the receipts for the exhibitions with the national guard and Adjutant General Hall will use the guard's share to purchase aeroplanes.

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

Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völker-Krieges

Der Mittelpunkt des Interesses an den Vorgängen auf den verschiedenen Kriegsschauplätzen hat sich wieder einmal verschoben und ist von Wien nach Westen abgerückt. Vor einer Woche noch konzentrierte sich alles Interesse auf die Karpaten, heute konzentriert es sich auf Flandern und die belgisch-französische Grenze, wo die Deutschen einen mächtigen Vorstoß begannen, einen so mächtigen, daß die Alliierten wieder einmal von der Sorge erfüllt sind, daß der deutsche Ansturm einen Durchbruchverdienst nach den französischen Heeresfronten bedeute.

Die deutschen Truppen sind gleich im ersten Vorstoß das südliche Ufer des Meeranals bei Ypern gelangt. Nach den Meldungen dauert der siegreiche Vordruch fort und im Sturm erobert wurden die Ortshäuser St. Julien und Kerfelaere sowie die Ferme von Soelaert, südlich von St. Julien. Nunmehr rücken die Deutschen gegen Bratenstapel vor. Allerdings sagen die englischen Berichte als auch englische Berichte, daß der Vormarsch der Deutschen bereits aufgehalten erscheint, während über diese Berichte in ganz allgemeinen Ausdrücken gehalten sind, geben die deutschen Berichte ganz genau die Namen der eroberten Ortshäuser an, so daß, wenn man auch Hastings hospital, 1,093, 1,137 Kearney boys' industrial, 157, 216 Kearney tubercular, 21, 30 Lincoln hospital, 669, 718 Orthopedic, 90, 116 Penitentiary, 336, 371 Milford women's home, 94, 67 Milford soldiers, 132, 105 Nebraska City blind, 55, 53 Norfolk hospital, 419, 477 Omaha deaf school, 164, 168 Dependent children, 70, 243

Die englischen Berichte über diesen Teil des Kriegsschauplatzes lauten noch immer fort, die kanadischen Truppen zu räumen, die sich anfänglich hätten zurückziehen müssen, dann aber mit solcher Wucht vorgetrieben sind, daß sie fast alles verlorene Terrain und sogar die bereits verlorenen Beschlüsse zurückerobern hätten. Kanada wird überdeckt mit Gläubigerschulden aus England. Die Möbilität, die darin liegt, wird sofort klar, wenn man hört, daß Kanada nun auch sofort beschliffen hat, weitere Truppenkontingente nach Europa zu schicken. Die Canadianer sind in diesem Falle die Mäuse, die sich mit Pfad fangen lassen.

Berlin. Das Armeehauptquartier veröffentlichte folgenden offiziellen Bericht:

Mit plötzlichem Ansturm rückten unsere Truppen längs einer Linie vor, die sich bis zu den Hügel südlich von Bilen und südlich von Douen hinzieht. Gleichzeitig forzierten sie ihren Weg nach einem erbitterten Kampfe über den Kanal von Ypern bei Zeebrugge und Het Sas, wo sie sich im westlichen Ufer des Kanals etablierten. Die Ortshäuser Langemard, Zeebrugge, Het Sas und Bilen wurden erobert.

Die Deutschen halten Ligerne besetzt, am Westufer des Meeranals gegen. Die Franzosen haben behauptet, daß sie es zurückerobern hätten. Auch das am östlichen Ufer des Kanals eroberte Terrain ist in unseren Händen geblieben. Die Zahl der von unseren Truppen eroberten Kanonen ist auf 45 gestiegen, davon vier englische.

Nordwestlich von Zannebeke durch die deutschen Angriffe fort. Wir haben mehr als 100 Canadianer gefangen genommen. Die Gesamtzahl der Gefangenen beträgt mehr als 5000. Darunter befinden sich Senegalener, Engländer, Türken, Hindus, Franzosen, Canadianer, Guaven und Algerier. Zu der Champagne, nördlich von Beausjour, wurden zwei französische Angriffe zurückgeschlagen.

Auf den Höhen der Maas machten die deutschen Angriffe auf verschiedenen Gebirgsfalten Fortschritte, bis die Höhe westlich von Les Dargies im Sturm genommen werden konnte. Mehrere hundert französische Soldaten wurden gefangen genommen. Auch mehrere Maschinengewehre haben wir erbeutet.

Zu den Bergen haben die Deutschen Hartmanns Weilerkopf zurückgenommen. In dem Gebiet um den Berg machten wir 11 Offiziere und 60 Mann von den Franzosen zu Gefangenen und erbeuteten sechs Maschinengewehre und vier Maschinengewehre.

Polens große Not.

London. Sieben Millionen Polen, darunter zwei Millionen Juden, befinden sich in bitterer Not. Diese Erklärung wurde von dem bekanntesten jüdischen Philanthropen Herman Lamban, einem Mitglied vertriebener jüdischer Wohlfahrtsvereine, abgegeben.

Hoberjägerunternehmung in Texas.

Au in Texas. Die Schaal- und Waller-Flüsse sind über ihre Ufer getreten und haben die angrenzenden Täler überflutet, wobei 40 bis 60 Menschenleben verloren gingen, wohl hundert Familien obdachlos wurden und ein Schaden von einer halben Million entfiel. Die Colorado-Fluß ist über die Ufer getreten. Von allen Seiten bemüht man sich den Bedrängten Hilfe zu bringen.

Verniorff's Note beantwortet.

Washington. Die Regierung der Vereinigten Staaten antwortete auf das kürzliche Memorandum des deutschen Botschafters Grafen Verniorff, in welchem derselbe erklärte, daß falls das amerikanische Volk wirkliche Neutralität betreiben wüßte, es Mittel finden würde, den ausschließlichen Waffen-Export an die Alliierten einzustellen, oder zum mindesten seinen Exporthandel als Mittel benützen würde, um den legitimen Handel mit Deutschland, speziell in Lebensmitteln, auszuweichen. Die amerikanische Note, die von Sekretär Bryan unterzeichnet ist, wurde im Staats-Departement veröffentlicht, ist aber schließlich vom Präsidenten Wilson selbst niedergeschrieben worden.

Nach einem Hinweis darauf, daß die von Grafen Verniorff gebrauchte Ausdrucksweise als eine Andeutung des guten Glaubens der Ver. Staaten in Befolgung der Pflichten als neutrale Macht ausgelegt werden könnte, nimmt die Note es als selbstverständlich an, daß eine solche Andeutung nicht beabsichtigt war und bemerkte dazu, daß der deutsche Botschafter augenscheinlich unter gewissen falschen Eindrücken leide.

Es wird weiterhin erklärt, daß, während die Beziehungen der Ver. Staaten zu irgend einem der Kriegführenden veränderlicher Weise nicht zum Gegenstand der Distinktion mit einer dritten Regierung gemacht werden können, die bereits veröffentlichte Korrespondenz der Ver. Staaten mit den Alliierten beweist, daß sich die amerikanische Regierung stetig weigert, das Recht irgend eines Kriegführenden anzuerkennen, die anerkannten Kriegsregeln zur