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INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

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

WAR NEWS.

Lord Kitchener has issued a call for 300,000 recruits for the British army.

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A dispatch from Copenhagen says that the Germans have captured Riga, in northwestern Russia.

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Six thousand Armenians have been massacred at Van in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, according to a dispatch received in official quarters in London from the Russian consul at Urumiah, Persia.

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Various municipalities in Germany have now started schools for teaching one-armed soldiers how to earn a living. Two were established some time ago at Berlin and Heidelberg, and now one has just been reported at Dresden.

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"Ten millions of persons in Poland are facing starvation and three-fourths of the villages and town have been destroyed," is the report made to the Polish relief society in London through agents who have recently returned from Poland.

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The Teutonic allies, Vienna reports, have forced a passage of the San river at several points and secured a foothold on the eastern bank. The Russian prisoners taken during the first half of May, the Austrian war office says, numbered 174,000.

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Germany is patching up and mending her broken soldiers with remarkable speed at the new "krankenhaus" in Barmbeck, a suburb of Hamburg. This great hospital, which covers several acres of ground, was completed early last fall at a cost of many millions of marks, and has a capacity of 2,000 beds.

GENERAL.

Governor Walsh of Massachusetts designated the last week in August for the national conference of governors in Boston.

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Panama merchants have completed the organization of a Panama Chamber of Commerce with the object of improving business conditions in the republic.

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Conservation of the country's supply of natural gas was urged by almost every speaker before the Natural Gas Men's convention in annual session at Cincinnati.

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A resolution asking the federal government to provide great naval protection for the Pacific coast was adopted by the conference of western governors at the closing session at Seattle.

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All records were smashed for transcontinental auto trips when E. G. Baker made the trip from San Diego, Cal., to New York in 11 days, 7 hours and 15 minutes, driving the car the entire route himself.

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A jury was secured at Trinidad to try Robert Uhlick, former president of the Trinidad union of the United Mine Workers of America, charged with the murder of Mack Powell, near Ludlow, October, 1912.

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The right of dramatic critics to attend and criticise theatrical productions against the wishes of the producers was upheld in a decision by Supreme Court Judge Hendrick in a suit filed in New York by Alexander Woolcott, dramatic critic of the New York Times, against the Shubert theatrical interests.

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According to estimates of the United States census bureau, New York is the wealthiest state in the union, the total being $25,011,000,000. Illinois is second, with $15,484,000,000, and Pennsylvania, third, with $10,000,000,000, and Missouri, ninth, with $7,808,000,000. Nebraska falls below the $5,000,000,000 mark, with all but thirteen of the states.

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One rain has cost $500,000 in known losses to fruit in northern California, brokers at Sacramento said. Strawberries and cherries, suffered to the amount and fungus growths are threatened.

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At the conclusion at Albany of public hearings on appropriation bills Governor Whitman of New York announced his intention of signing the $10,000,000 direct tax bill passed by the last legislature. The hearings had resulted in tentative eliminations totalling $2,200,948.

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The seventh biennial convention of the Swithmen's Union of North America opened at Buffalo with an attendance of 700 delegates, representing 200 unions and a membership roll of 22,000.

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Alexander Grunwaldt, who asserts he is only 17 years of age and has walked once around the world and is on his second trip, passed through Omaha recently, on his way to San Francisco. The lad declares that if he makes San Francisco by July 26 this year he will receive $50,000.

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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 employes of the company and its subsidiaries.

The 700th anniversary of the granting of the Magna Charta will be celebrated by the New York constitutional convention June 15 at Albany.

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

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Cincinnati was chosen as the meeting place for the 1916 conclave of the American Federation of Musicians shortly before the organization closed its convention at San Francisco.

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Two young women will be graduated next month from the University of Michigan civil engineering department. Both expect to engage actively in the engineering profession.

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The Chicago street car men's union has declared that it will unalterably oppose any attempt to arbitrate its contemplated demands for shorter hours and higher wages.

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Creation of a semi-military organization of American boys, with an estimated membership of 200,000, was taken under consideration by the supreme tent, Maccabees of the World, at San Francisco.

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Permanent damage to the heart does not result from rowing under the present college system, according to results shown by an extmination of oarsmen at Harvard college at Cambridge, Mass.

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Seven highwaymen, three of them masked and all of them armed, entered the billiard hall of Curro & Kessler, less than a mile from the Detroit city hall, and lined up fifty men and escaped with more than $1,500.

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Henry R. Gering, Samuel Orloff and John S. Prince of the Prince Speedway Co. of Omaha announced that they will build a mile speedway in Des Moines, the equal of any speedway in the country, not excepting the indianapolis course.

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Former Governor Baldwin of Connecticut, a recognized authority on international law, in a statement at New Haven, says President Wilson's note paves the way for this country and Germany to refer their differences to The Hague.

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The national committee of the socialist party concluded its annual business meeting at Chicago. It was decided to raise a campaign fund of $10,000 by appeal to members, and to observe the first week in May hereafter as socialist week.

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Diplomatic interests of Switzezrland in China will be cared for hereafter by the American minister at Peking. The Swiss minister presented a request to Secretary Bryan, saying his government was without diplomatic representation in China.

SPORTING

A twelve-round bout at Boston between Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion of America, and Mattie Baldwin of that city, ended in a draw.

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The Univrsity of Missouri track team defeated representatives of the University of Kansas, 68 to 41, in the annual dual field and track meet at Lawrence, Kan.

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Charles Challander of Chicago, who was defeated by Stecher in a wrestling match at Neligh, Neb., said that he had met all the good ones but Stecher was the best one of them all.

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Waldek Zbyszko, the Polish wrestler, threw Dr. Roller at Montreal so hard that the doctor's knee was wrenched and he was not able to continue the contest after the one fall, which was won by Zbyszko in fifty minutes with a toe hold.

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The women's collegiate broad jump record was broken at Columbia, Mo., by Miss Irene Chancellor, who cleared fifteen feet and one inch during the dual track meet between Howard Payne college of Mexico, Mo., and Stephens college of Columbia.

WASHINGTON.

American textile manufacturers, as well as makers of paper, ink, varnish, pigments and leather articles, are feeling the scarcity of artificial dyestuffs more acutely each day, according to Commercial Agent Thomas H. Norton in a special report to Secretary Redfield.

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The Interstate Commerce commission has awarded reparation in the complaint of Beebe-Runyan Furniture company of Omaha against the Union Pacific railroad on account of unreasonable switching charges collected at Omaha.

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The Department of Justice filed in the supreme court a petition for a writ of certiorari to bring the criminal anti-trust case against the officers of the National Cash Register company of Dayton, O., before that tribunal.

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Only the strenuous protest of Cardinal Gibbons and other Catholic dignitaries is preventing President Wilson announcing recognition of General Carranza as de facto and de jure head of the Mexican republic, according to authorities close to the White house.

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Resources of the federal reserve banks increased more than $5,000,000 during the week of May 10, according to the statement of their condition at the close of business May 14, issued by the Federal Reserve board.

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Cotton used during April was 513,610 bales, exclusive of lintels, compared with 489,646 in April last year, the census bureau announced. During the nine months ending April 30 cotton used was 4,091,285 bales, against 4,264,856 in the same period the previous year.

WAR ON ALL SIDES

ITALY'S PARTICIPATION IN WAR WILL SURROUND AUSTRIA.

ROMANIA MAY JOIN ALLIES

Teutonic Allies Are Making Supreme Effort to Crush Russia—Serb Army Reorganized.

London.—A state of war now virtually exists between Italy and its former allies, Austria and Germany. Austrian troops have been withdrawn from some of the frontier posts and all navigation services in the Adriatic have been suspended. An indication that the clash is not far off is seen in the fact that the Italian senate endorsed the action of the chamber in granting the government extraordinary powers in the event of war, for which the whole country appears to be enthusiastic.

Serbs March On Austria.

Simultaneously with the advent of Italy into the war, Serbia's reconstructed army has fully recovered from the campaigns which resulted in the Austrians being driven from Serbia and well armed and equipped, it is announced, have commenced a march toward the Austrian border, bent on another invasion of Austrian territory.

Thus Austria is being attacked from all sides and has still another enemy, Roumania, in prospect, but it has been an open secret for a long time that Italy and Roumania have an agreement to act in concert. Roumania, however, is awaiting the conclusion of an agreement with Greece and Bulgaria, which also are expected to join the allies.

Effort to Complete Defeat.

These anticipations explain the tremendous efforts that Austria and Germany are making to complete the defeat of the Russians, who, having been forced out of western Galicia and the Carpathians, now are offering stubborn resistance to the further advance of the Teutonic allies behind the San river and around Prezemysl. Although the Germans have crossed the San north of Prezemysl and the Austrians have advanced to the southeast of that town, they appear at last to have been brought to a halt.

Austrian Troops on Border.

Chiasso, Switzerland.—Information reaching the Italian frontier is to the effect that there are large accumulations of Austrian troops in the upper valley of the Adige river and the Schulden valley, coming from Innsbruck and also at Glurns. They are accompanied by many German officers.

Mass Field Guns at Close Range.

Petrograd.—The firing of between two and three million Austrian and German shells on the comparatively short front north of Przemysl, in Galicia, gives some idea of the extreme violence of the operations along the San river front, by means of which the Germans hope to establish themselves firmly on the right bank of the river. Into this small area the Germans are said to have crowded 4,000 field guns in the closest formation ever seen in battle—being three times the normal number of guns for such an extent of territory.

Kills Girl With Hatchet.

Omaha.—With the whole back of her head crushed in by repeated blows from a hatchet, Ada Swanson, 22-year-old servant girl in the home of Joseph S. Sykes, was found in the basement of the Sykes home, 2023 Spencer street. Near the body, which was surrounded by a pool of blood, lay the hatchet with which the ghastly deed had been committed.

That the murder was the work of a moral pervert is the belief of those investigating the case. Although the clothing had not been disarranged there were the marks of bloody hands on the lower limbs. An examination by Coroners Physician McCleneghan indicated that a criminal assault had been made after the girl had been struck down. Afterward the murderer rearranged her clothing to cover up the motive of the crime.

Wilson Again Grandfather.

Washington.—A baby girl, the second grandchild of President Wilson, was born to Secretary and Mrs. William G. McAdoo. She will be christened Ellen Wilson, for the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

The secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, who is the president's youngest daughter, were married in the Blue room just a year ago.

Won't Call Italians in U. S.

Washington.—Italians in the United States will not be called back to the colors unless the European war is to continue for another year. Italian officials here believe Italy has sufficient men in her home to maintain a vigorous offensive against Austria.

Trial of Charlton July 8.

Como, Italy.—The trial of Porter Charlton, the American charged with having murdered his wife and cast her body adrift in Lake Como, has been fixed for July 8.

Damage Done by a Tornado.

Springfield, Mo.—A tornado which passed through this vicinity inflicted severe damage on a large packing plant two miles east of Springfield and demolished several dwellings. Half a score of persons were injured by falling timbers.

Italians Seize German Ship.

Paris.—A Havas dispatch from Rome says the Naples customs authorities have seized a steamship cargo of 2,000 tons of rice consigned to Germany.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Citizens of Oakland are planning a city park.

An automobile association has been formed at Pierce.

Plans are being prepared for a new city jail at O'Neil.

A big racing meet is to be held at Wahoo, July 7, 8 and 9.

The United Brethren church of Upland has been dedicated.

A $15,000 electric bond carried at Tekamah by a two to one vote.

The Gothenburg National bank will soon reorganize as a state bank.

Work has started on the "seeding mile" of concrete roadway at Kearney.

The Sterling Commercial club dedicated their new headquarters last week.

The Beatrice Chautauqua assembly will be held in that city June 29 to July 5.

Eight automobiles were sold to farmers in Buffalo county in two weeks.

The contract for the new parochial school to be built at Kearney will be let soon.

Omaha High school won the annual high school track and field meet at Lincoln.

Grandma Weimer of Stella celebrated her hundredth birthday anniversary last week.

Louis Larson, a farm laborer, was run over and killed by a Northwestern train near Albion.

The Farmers' State bank of Lewellen has received a charter from the state banking board.

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

Sixty of the eighty-five thousand dollars court house bonds of Pawnee county have been paid off.

The contract has been let for the addition to the National guard arsenal at the fair grounds, Lincoln.

A new ordinance enacted by the Lincoln city council is expected to drive the jitney bus out of business

The Douglas County Pioneers' association will hold its annual summer picnic June 26 at Miller park, Omaha.

Edward W. Marcelius, superintendent of the Crete schools, has been appointed principal of the Evanston, Ill., academy.

A Fourth of July celebration will be held at Chadron and a number of nearby towns will aid in making the celebration a success.

Nebraska fruit is in excelent condition, according to a report issued by Secretary J. R. Duncan of the state horticultural society.

The two-year-old daughter of L. H. Christensen of Minden, who accidently tipped some boiling water over herself, died from its effects.

Charles Sans, who lives near Plattsmouth, was painfully bruised when his automobile turned turtle. He fainted while driving and the machine ran into a ditch.

Leonard W. Klein of Blue Springs won the state championship high school debate at Lincoln; Aaron S Speier of Lincoln was second and Donald G. Moore of Geneva, third.

Chadron is now entitled to a free mail delivery as a result of increase of postal business. An inspector will look over the situation as soon as the houses are numbered and all streets are named.

Governor Morehead has written Rendell K. Brown, chairman of the Omaha Commercial club's good roads committee, advising him that he expects to proclaim a good roads day this summer.

Three thousand dollars has been raised by the Stanton Speed association to be hung up as prizes at the race meet to be held in that city July 2 and 3. A new $1,000 amphitheater is being constructed for the event.

Stockmen and farmers in the vicinity of Holdrege are much interested in demonstrations of the new Huff-Hollenback silage elevator on the Jams McClay farm. The invention makes a boys' job out of what was once a job for two or three men, for it solves the problem of getting silage out from the pit silos.

Baseball enthusiasts of Thayer county have formed an eight club league and will play regular games throughout the summer. The towns participating are Belvidere, Bruning, Carleton, Chester, Davenport, Deshler, Hebron and Hubbell. A twenty-eight game schedule has been drawn up.

Surveyors have completed the preliminary work incident to the construction of the new power dam at Ericson on the Cedar river and work on actual construction will begin soon. Beside using the dam for power it is expected to make a summer resort of the surrounding country. The people of Ericson look for a complete rejuvenation of the town as a result of the project.

J. J. Anselmo, one of the oldest residents of Custer county, was killed in a runaway near Whitman.

When Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts, who reside near Lindsay, returned to their house after doing some chores, they found their 3-year-old daughter burned to death.

The most powerful motor car ever built, the "M-23," has been completed in the Omaha shops of the McKeen Motor company and will soon be placed in the service of the Union Pacific on the Kearney-Callaway branch.

Odd Fellows of Broken Bow are advertising for bids on a new building they propose to construct in the near future, it will cost $15,000.

Emil Musik, who was found guilty of murdering his wife, Anna Musik, at their home in South Omaha, March 5, by cutting her throat with a table knife, was sentenced to death by Judge English. Judge English overruled Musik's motion for a new trial and ordered that he be electrocuted in the state prison at Lincoln September 15, between the hours of 10 and 4 p. m.

BUMPER WHEAT CROP

BIGGEST YIELD IN STATE'S HISTORY IS EXPECTED.

REPORTS REACH LABOR CHIEF

Commissioner Coffey Gets Line On Harvest Hands That Will Be Needed Through Solons.

Lincoln.—Reports from a half a dozen Nebraska counties received by Labor Commissioner F. M. Coffey indicate farmers are expecting the biggest wheat crop in the state's history and expecting to need farm hands during the harvesting season. One or two reports state the crop will double that of the banner year of 1914 and that the acreage is much larger.

Coffey asked members of the legislature to furnish the crop reports so he could get a line on the number of harvest hands needed for this state.

Cairo reports the wheat is excellent and harvest hands will be paid $2.50 a day. Beemer reports 10 per cent better outlook than at the same time last year. Amherst says the acreage is 10 per cent larger than last year, and prospects 50 per cent better than at the same time in 1914. The eastern half of Buffalo county can use 100 extra men at $2.25 per day, the report states.

Gothenburg reports a larger acreage than last year, with chances of double the yield of a year ago. Two hundred harvest hands at $2 a day can be used. Valparaiso has the same outlook as last year, the report states, with the farmers needing fifty more men at $2 a day. Geneva reports 150 hands will be needed, with wages at $2.50 a day.

All reports agree the harvest will start about July 1.

Settles 3,000 Cases.

Nearly 3,000 final reports of settlements effected under the compensation law of Nebraska, which went into effect December 1, last, have been made to the state labor commissioner's office during the five and one-half months' operation of the law. This does not include the large number of incomplete reports filed. In the final reports, complete information of the accident is given, with the time lost and amount of compensation. An overwhelming majority of these reports deal with minor and even trifling injuries, which resulted in little loss of time. The law does not allow any compensation for the first two weeks unless the incapacity extends over eight weeks. The reports show the doctors' bills were paid in most instances by the employers regardless of the nature of the accident.

Saving of Over a Million.

State Accountant DeFrance, who is employed in Auditor Smith's office, has made an exact comparison of the appropriations of the 1913 and 1915 sessions of the legislature and finds that the total saving of the latter in making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of government was $1,046,173.28. This does not include school appropriations, but it does include cash funds, which were not available in previous comparisons that have been made.

Klein Wins Debate.

Leonard W. Klein of the Blue Springs High school, won the state interscholastic championship in debate, when he defeated the cream of Nebraska High schools at the district debate held here at the state university. The question debated was: "Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt Government Owenrship and Operation of Railroads."

Governor Reappoints Royse.

E. Royse has been reappointed secretary of the state banking board. Mr. Royse is a republican and the administration is democratic. His reappointment occasions no surprise, as the governor announced some time ago that there would be no change in the banking department.

Dorchester Man Appointed.

Dr. J. D. Case of Dorchester has been appointed state health inspector by the board of health. Dr. Case succeeds Dr. W. H. Wilson of Table Rock, who has held the office for the past eight years.

Auto Registration Increasing.

Instead of the automobile registration decreasing after the first rush incident to the taking effect of the new law, it has steadily increased.

Corn and Alfalfa Are First.

Corn and alfalfa again ranked first in rate and cheapness of gain in the recent experimental feeding of six lots of steers at the agricultural experiment station, according to the results made known at the beef producers' meeting held recently at the university farm. The experiment indicated not only that corn and alfalfa ranked first but that the difference in favor of this ration is even more marked than shown in previous experiments.

Proclaims May 31 Memorial Day.

For the first time in the history of the state the governor issued a Memorial day proclamation, made necessary by the fact that May 30 this year falls on Sunday and that the legal holiday goes over to Monday. In his proclamation, Governor Morehead calls special attention to the peace that exists in the United States in contrast to conditions the rest of the world over, and says that it is especially fitting that the day be universally observed this year.

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

Französische und deutsche Stickbomben.

Was jedem Deutsch-Amerikaner und jenem Teil der rasseechten Amerikaner, die eines selbständigen Urteils fähig und nicht darauf angewiesen sind, es sich nach den Zeitungsmeldungen zu bilden, längst kein Geheimnis mehr ist, daß nämlich die anglo-amerikanische Presse mit zweierlei Maß mißt, sobald sie auf das Verhalten und die Taten der in Europa Krieg führenden Völker zu sprechen kommt, ist dieser Tage zum ersten Male von einer Seite öffentlich bekent worden, der man immerhin einiges Gewicht wird beizumessen haben. Es ist der frühere deutsche Kolonial-Sekretär Dr. Dernburg, den man vielfach, wenn auch zur Unrecht, gern zum Sprachrohr der deutschen Regierung stempeln möchte, was er keinenfalls ist, dem man aber wohl ein klares und absolut unparteiisches Urteil zutrauen darf.

Wohl hundert Mal versicherte die amerikanische Presse, daß sie „strikt" neutral sei; man brauchte aber nicht einmal zwischen den Zeilen zu lesen, daß diese Neutralität sich mit der jenes Yankees deckte, der mit dem Brustton der Ueberzeugung die seine betonte, indem er versicherte, daß es ihm ganz gleich sei, von wem die Deutschen vermöbelt (defeated) würden. Es bedarf kaum eines Hinweises, wie sich die „einseitige" Neutralität der Presse manifestiert. Ist es doch sattsam bekannt, daß, wenn z. B. eine deutsche Abteilung von einigen Hundert Mann in einen Kessel gerät und niedergemacht wird, zollgroße Kolumnenüberschriften auf der ersten Seite verkünden, daß „die deutsche Armee eine furchtbare Niederlage erlitten habe und infolgedessen völlige Demoralisation eingerissen sei"; wogegen man die Nachricht von der Gefangennahme von 50,000 Russen oder den Verlust von 10,000 Engländern oder Franzosen mit dem Vergrößerungsglase, zwischen unwichtigen Notizen versteckt, auf der dritten Seite des Blattes oder sonstwo suchen muß. Das sind Tatsachen, die sich nicht abstreiten lassen, doch so charakteristisch sie und ähnliche an und für sich sein mögen, befaßt sich doch Dernburg in seiner Erklärung nicht mit ihnen, sondern greift ein eklatantes Beispiel aus jüngster Zeit heraus, um den Vorwurf des unehrlichen Spiels, das die Presse spielt, zu rechtfertigen.

Er nimmt Bezug auf zwei Meldungen, die der Telegraph anfangs November und Mitte letzten Monats brachte. Beide hatten sie die Anwendung der sog. Stickbomben, das sind Granaten, die bei der Explosion Gase entwickeln, die wenn auch nicht unmittelbar tötlich, so doch schwer betäubend wirkten, zum Inhalt. Als diese Nachricht über Paris kam, da konnte sich die amerikanische Presse nicht genug tun, das Erfindergenie der französischen Chemiker zu preisen und mit unverhohlener Freude zu prophezeien, daß der Krieg nun rasch zu Ende gehen werde, und zwar mit einem vollen Erfolg für die Alliierten. Daß sich ihre Prophezeiung als irrig erwies, löste höchstens ihr Erstaunen, wenn nicht gar ein verstecktes Bedauern aus. Als nun aber bekannt wurde, daß Deutschland nicht müßig gewesen sei und, ein gelehriger Schüler seiner Feinde, gleichartige Bomben anwandte, die sich von den französischen höchstens dadurch unterschieden, daß sie eine intensivere Wirkung erzielten, da brach von neuem die Hölle über die „Barbaren" los. Da hieß es, daß sich die „Teutonen" (Geschichte schwach!) einer neuen Art Barbarei schuldig gemacht, daß sie abermals in unerhörter Weise das Völkerrecht verletzt hätten und daß die Haager Friedenskonferenz am liebsten gleich zusammentreten solle, um diese Beiseitesetzung aller civilisierten Kriegführung unter die Lupe zu nehmen.

Darauf weist Dernburg nachdrücklich hin. Und niemand wird ihm das Zeugnis versagen können, daß er den Nagel auf den Kopf getroffen hat. „Alles, was die Alliierten tun, heißt es wörtlich in seiner Erklärung, „wird mit dem Mantel der christlichen Liebe zugedeckt, entschuldigt und beschönigt, tut aber Deutschland hinterher genau dasselbe, dann wird es von dem amerikanischen Publikum als der Durchbrecher aller geltenden Gesetze und Manieren hingestellt".

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Von absolut unparteiischer, aber gerechter Seite, von dem berühmten schwedischen Forschungsreisenden Sven Hedin, wird in der schwedischen Zeitung „Aftenbladet" die Russengreuel in Memel folgendermaßen geschildert:

„Ich komme in Memel nach dem Tage des Abzuges der Russen an. Die Leichen friedlicher Bürger lagen noch auf der Stelle, wo sie abgeschlachtet waren. Ich hatte mit einem Dutzend schwerverwundeter Zivilisten gesprochen, darunter befand sich ein Junge, der einen Schlag mit einem Gewehrkolben gegen die Hirndecke erhalten hatte. Ferner hatte der Bürgermeister zahlreiche Bajonettstiche erhalten. Der Vater eines bis zum Tode vergewaltigten jungen Mädchens sprach zu mir von den Leiden, die die Tochter auszustehen hatte. Die Mutter beging Selbstmord mit Arsenik. Ein 88jähriger Lehrer wurde von den Russen ohne jede Veranlassung erschossen. Wir Schweden kennen allzugut die unabsehbaren Gewalttaten gegen Finnland, aber diese brutale Art der Kriegführung bleibt allen zivilisierten Europäern unfaßlich. Nicht ein einziger Zivilist in Memel und Umgegend hatte am Kampfe teilgenommen."

Das sind die Bestien in Menschengestalt, welche sich als Englands Bundesgenossen der Sympathie einer wild gewordenen amerikanischen Kosakenpresse erfreuen.

Keine Munitionsarbeiter.

London. Wie ernst es mit dem Mangel an Arbeitskräften in den Fabriken Großbritanniens bestellt ist, die Kriegsmaterial für die Armeen und Flotten der Alliierten liefern, zeigt ein Besuch bei einer der größten dieser Anlagen, der von Armstrong Whiteworth in Newcastle. Besucher der Anlagen werden nur auf besondere Erlaubnis hin zugelassen, und einzelne Teile der Anlagen sind Gästen vollständig verschlossen.

„Augenblicklich" sagte ein Vertreter der Firma, „benötigen wir dringend 2,000 gelernte Mechaniker, um die jetzige Maschinerie der Anlagen mit voller Leistungsfähigkeit ausnutzen zu können."

In denjenigen Teilen der Anlagen, die für die Herstellung von Geschossen bestimmt sind, wird in vielen Gebäuden mit vollem Hochdruck gearbeitet, doch befinden sich in den Anlagen größere Fabrikgebäude, die nahezu völlig unbenutzt sind, mit langen Reihen von Maschinerien, die nicht verwendet werden. Es wird gesagt, daß seit Ausbruch des Krieges eine beträchtliche Quantität von neuen Maschinen montiert wurde, um den Bedürfnissen der Armeen im Felde nachzukommen, und große Werkstätten wurden errichtet, um diese Maschinen unterzubringen. Doch infolge des Mangels an Arbeitskräften ist es häufig erforderlich geworden, gelernte Arbeiter aus einem Maschinenraum hinweg zu nehmen, um sie zu andern notwendigeren Arbeiten zu verwenden. Sogar an Arbeitskräften für das Montieren neuer Maschinerie macht sich ein Mangel bemerkbar und sind infolgedessen bereits beträchtliche Verzögerungen eingetreten.

Eine der neuen Werkstätten in der Whiteworth-Anlage, in der nahezu 3,000 Mann Beschäftigung finden sollen, wird der Herstellung eines besonderen Geschosses für den Gebrauch in der Armee dienen. Dieses Gebäude wird in einigen Wochen fertiggestellt sein, doch die einzige Hoffnung für die Erlangung von Arbeitskräften ist die, daß die Regierung in der Lage sein wird, gelernte Handwerker, die sich auf diese Arbeiten verstehen, aus den verschiedenen Gegenden des Landes heranzuziehen.

Gute Weizenernte in Aussicht.

Washington. Das Ackerbaudepartement stellt auch für das heurige Jahr eine großartige Weizenernte in Aussicht, wenn dieselbe freilich nicht an die letztjährige heranreichen dürfte. Man schätzt die kommende Ernte, vorausgesetzt, daß das Wetter günstig bleibt, auf 619,000,000 Bushel, 65 Millionen Bushel weniger als in 1914. Die Abschätzung ist darauf basiert, daß man 15 Bushel per Acker rechnet, gegen 16.9 Bushel im Vorjahr zur selben Zeit und ungefähr unter den gleichen Bedingungen. Die Gründe für die Annahme, daß die Weizenernte heuer nicht ganz so reichlich ausfallen werde, als im vorigen Herbst, sind, daß in den hauptsächlichen Weizengegenden das Winterwetter für den Winterweizen ungünstig war, sowie ferner, daß die Hessenfliege die junge Saat geschädigt hat.

Ein Ausfuhrverbot Canada's.

Ottawa. Die Versendung von Weizen, Mehl und einer großen Zahl anderer Ackerbau-Produkte und Lebensmittel nach den Ver. Staaten wurde laut einer offiziellen Ankündigung verboten, wenn nicht solche Sendungen lediglich zu einheimischem Verbrauch in den Ver. Staaten und nicht zur weiteren Versendung ins Ausland beabsichtigt sind. Allerdings kann auch für Sendungen ins Ausland, die durch die Ver. Staaten gehen sollen, eine besondere Erlaubnis in jedem einzelnen Falle erwirkt werden. Gründe für das Ausfuhrverbot wurden nicht bekanntgegeben.

Dammbrüche in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark. Der Orton Distrikt-Damm am Red River hat nachgegeben und 10,000 Acker Land sind überflutet. Weitere sechs kleinere Dämme sind ebenfalls gebrochen und weitere 8000 Acker unter Wasser gesetzt.