

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.

WAR NEWS.

The Italian government has declared a blockade of all ports on the Austro-Hungarian coast.

A Copenhagen correspondent says he has learned from an authoritative source that Germany is about to call up 2,000,000 men.

Under stress of war, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey have all entrusted their affairs in Great Britain to the American embassy.

The total number of war prisoners now in Germany and Austria-Hungary is 1,386,000.

According to official announcements Germany, Austria and Italy have given formal assurance that they will take no step to violate Swiss neutrality.

The British-Russian blockade of German ports in the North and Baltic seas is a failure.

England's navy will take all merchant vessels bound to and from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Holland into British ports.

Italy, the eleventh nation to enter the world war, has thrown down the gauntlet to Austria.

Another British battleship, the Triumph, which saw service in Chinese waters and off Smyrna, fell victim in the operations in the Dardanelles.

GENERAL.

With gifts totalling \$250,000 reported, the fund of the Northern Baptist convention at Los Angeles for aged ministers and missionaries was swelled to \$625,000.

The jury in the trial of William Barnes' suit for libel against Theodore Roosevelt at Syracuse, N. Y., returned a verdict in favor of the former president.

One of the last acts of the Michigan legislature was the adoption of resolutions urging the governor of Georgia to commute the death sentence of Leo M. Frank.

All shipments of cotton seed oil, lubricating oils and grease to Holland from American ports have been temporarily suspended by order of The Netherlands government.

The steamer Corwin, which sailed from Seattle, May 1, with 106 passengers, reported by wireless to Nome, Alaska, that it had run into an ice-field sixty miles out from Nome.

The United States circuit court of appeals at New Orleans has ruled that cotton future margins are a wager and cannot be collected in any court of law in the United States.

The Italian postoffice department notified the United States of the suspension of the parcel post between the two countries.

The time has come when the republicans of the country should receive the progressives back into the party, but they must leave behind their fads, nostrums and lusus.

California club women, represented by the California Federation of Women's Clubs, went on record at San Francisco opposing "preparations for war" and in favor of international arbitration.

Plans to send the newly dedicated mission car "grace" on a trip over the railroads of California and Arizona occupied considerable attention at the Northern Baptists' convention at Los Angeles.

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.

Fifty persons were drowned when the Chilean steamer Maximiano Erzurum struck a reef and sank off the coast of Santiago, Chile.

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

Reports of committees on Christian life and work and on church co-operation and union took up most of the session of the fifth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States at Rochester, N. Y.

The H. C. Frick Coke company of Connellsville, Pa., fired 860 idle ovens, making 1,100 ovens fired within the last week.

Charles Becker, former New York city police lieutenant, was refused a third trial on the charge of instigating the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal. He is sentenced to die in the Sing Sing electric chair during the week of July 12.

An ordinance prohibiting saloons from selling spirituous liquors was introduced in the Chicago city council by Alderman Charles P. Merriam.

As evidence of the tremendous wheat crop expected in northern Kansas, and southern Nebraska this year, the Rock Island railroad recently took through Omaha to Wichita a special train of fifty cars loaded with engines and threshing machines.

The proposal to put forth extraordinary efforts to obtain 1,000,000 converts before 1920 was enthusiastically adopted by the Northwestern Baptist convention at Los Angeles.

Examiner Dow will hear the complaint of Sioux City, Council Bluffs, St. Joe, Atchison and Kansas City, against the new Nebraska distributing rates at Omaha, June 28.

England's navy will take all merchant vessels bound to and from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Holland into British ports and will not release them unless they prove that their cargoes are not reconsigned to Germany or by Germany to the United States.

SPORTING

A new world billiard record was made at St. Louis when Charles Morin of Chicago scored a high run of eighteen in an inter-city tournament.

F. Hargens of Davenport broke the state record for the shotput in the state high school field meet at Des Moines.

Twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars, the largest amount of money ever given a winner of any sporting event of its kind in America, will go to the winner of the first international 500-mile motor derby to be held on Chicago's new speedway June 19.

WASHINGTON.

Loans and discounts of national banks in New York and Chicago increased more than \$72,000,000 in the period between March 4 and May 1, according to an announcement by the comptroller of the currency.

Reform of national finance and establishment of a budget system were discussed by President Wilson and a committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Conferences between representatives of the financial and business interests of the United States and delegates from South and Central America attending the Pan-American financial conference were continued in an effort to bring about a clear understanding of the desires and needs of the southern republics.

To put an end to the loss and damage of rifles and other government property issued to the state militia, Secretary Garrison has directed that hereafter all amounts for such losses be deducted from the pay of responsible officers and enlisted men.

President Wilson called to President Victorino de la Plaza of Argentina congratulations on the celebration of the one hundred and fifth anniversary of Argentine independence.

Eight thousand extra men will be needed to harvest Nebraska's wheat crop this season, according to the estimates in the hands of the Department of Labor.

According to reports reaching the State department, the American consulates at Berlin are now receiving answers to a postcard canvass ordered to determine the whereabouts and plans of Americans still in Germany.

Gold coin and certificates in the hands of federal reserve banks increased during the last week more than \$2,000,000.

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WARSHIP GOES DOWN

BRITISH MAN-O-WAR MAJESTIC SUNK IN DARDANELLES.

PRINCESS IRENE BLOWN UP

English Steamship in Government Service Destroyed by Explosion With Great Loss of Life.

London.—The British battleship Majestic, another of the ships supporting the allied army on the Gallipoli peninsula, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Nearly all the officers and crew were saved.

At about the same time the steamship Princess Irene, which was built last year for the Canadian Pacific British Columbia coast service and which was taken over by the admiralty at the commencement of the war, was accidentally destroyed by an explosion while at anchor at Sheerness.

All its crew, numbering 250 except one seaman and seventy-eight dockyard workmen who were aboard, lost their lives.

The Majestic, which was the oldest battleship on the active list of the British navy, is the sixth capital ship lost by the allies since the beginning of the operations against the Dardanelles.

The submarine menace is a growing one, both in the Aegean Sea and home waters, and these vessels promise to take an active part in the operations in the narrow waters of the Adriatic.

While the warships are able to escape them in the waters around the British isles, with the increase in their numbers the carrying on of seaborne trade becomes more and more hazardous.

Roberts' Execution Delayed. Lincoln, Neb.—Specifying seventy-one alleged errors of law that occurred in the trial of the case, the appeal of Roy Roberts from the death sentence imposed by the Lincoln county district court has been filed in supreme court.

The late filing of the plea gives Roberts a reprieve until next fall, at the very latest, inasmuch as the next sitting of the supreme court is the last before the summer vacation.

Thomas Kelly, of near Spalding, was killed by a tornado and his wife was badly injured. Their home was destroyed, along with other property on their farm and in that vicinity.

The Kearney Flour mill reports that much of the wheat which was being held is again on the move. It is stated that quite a large quantity of grain was being held by the farmers.

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In a general way the Lincoln Highway is to be followed by a good fellowship and good roads automobile tour planned by the Omaha Commercial club to leave Omaha June 24 and return June 26.

Lincoln has passed an ordinance licensing jitney buses, although most of them which started about three months ago have found the business unprofitable.

The next democratic state convention should go to Hastings, if the state committee passes the plum around as it should.

The Chamber of Commerce has arranged to have a census of Hastings taken in the fall. The work will be done under the supervision of the government census bureau at Hastings.

The county board of Buffalo county has applied for state bridge aid under the existing laws.

Fear of a smallpox epidemic at Benkelman is somewhat quieted. Few residences are now quarantined.

The Gage county board of supervisors is in favor of the construction of a new jail, but prefer a levy to bond issue.

A cloud burst caused between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars damage at Tekamah. Water ran in the main business streets three feet deep.

Pearl Sebring, a section hand, employed by the Rock Island railroad, had his neck broken when a handcar on which he was returning from work jumped the track at DuBois.

All Adams county license records were broken when Thomas Bittrel, 73, from Juniata, was granted a license to wed Mrs. Annie Mal, 62, a veteran's widow from Burkett.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Scottsbluff is to have a farmers' cooperative creamery.

Elks of Beatrice plan to observe Flag day June 14.

A central farmers' union has been organized in the vicinity of Stella.

A new marker sign is to be erected at various points leading into Kearney.

T. J. O'Keefe has been appointed register for the United States land office at Alliance.

Otto Hansen of Fremont was drowned in the Platte river near North Bend.

Three thousand people attended the unveiling of the Oregon trail monument at Hebron.

The quarters of the Community Welfare association at Stromsburg were dedicated last week.

Barnard Ottens, who claimed to be the first alfalfa grower in the state, died at his home in Auburn.

The Elkhorn Valley Editorial association will hold its nineteenth annual session at Long Pine June 5.

The Hastings city council has called a special election for June 29 to vote on an issue of \$50,000 of intersection bonds.

Although but six veterans of the Civil war are left in Firth, an appropriate celebration of Memorial day was held in that town.

Joseph Provacek, his wife, two sons and a daughter were drowned during a storm at their home two miles south of Spencer.

H. D. Liggett and O. L. Day have bought the Ord Quiz from W. W. Haskell. It is considered one of the oldest papers in the state.

George Lash, 72 years old, a well known farmer, living on the South Loup, was instantly killed by a passenger train at Broken Bow.

Three hundred and forty feet of track on the Sioux City line of the Burlington was washed out near Uehling by the heavy rains last week.

Governor Morehead, Senator Hitchcock and Congressman Kinkaid will attend the stockmen's convention which will be held in Alliance June 15 to 18.

The state auditor has been asked to register \$20,000 of school bonds of the town of Belgrade.

District Judge Welch at Madison has held that Watson L. Hurdy is county commissioner, holding that there was no election at the time J. W. Fitch received 3,621 votes.

George F. Wolz of Fremont has received word that Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture will be unable to attend the tractor demonstration in Fremont in August.

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TAKES OVER PLANT

STATE WILL OPERATE HANDICRAFT COMPANY AT PEN.

CONTRACT LABOR ABOLISHED

Factory Will Greatly Assist Problem of Providing Work for Idle Inmates of Institution.

Lincoln.—Prison contract labor in the Nebraska penitentiary was finally abolished when the state board of control took charge of the Handicraft furniture plant, paying the company \$21,043.75.

The plant will provide work for sixty men, relieving to a great extent the problem of providing labor for scores of men who have been idle in the institution since the contract with the Lee Broom and Custer company was canceled.

The furniture plant is the first industry to be established by the board of control under authority granted by the last legislature, the bill carrying an appropriation of \$120,000 for the purpose of providing work for the inmates of the prison.

The board of control expects to install some other industry within a short time and in that way with whatever road work may be provided by various counties to employ the penitentiary inmates with healthful work, without having resort to the prison contract system.

Praises Management of School. Secretary Shahan of the board of charities and corrections has submitted a report to Governor Morehead on the condition of the jails and poor farms of the counties of Clay and Fillmore and of the girls' industrial school at Geneva.

Secretary Shahan has words of high praise for the management of the industrial school and says that the new building just being completed is a credit to the state. In the Clay county jail he found but one prisoner and in the Fillmore county jail there had not been a prisoner since November. The Clay county poorhouse had five inmates; the Fillmore county poorhouse ten.

Church Farm Taxable. Where a church owns a farm and the crops raised therefrom are sold and proceeds used to support the church and parsonage the land so used is not exempt from taxation.

The attorney general's office held in an opinion furnished County Attorney D. C. Fouts of Hastings Assistant Attorney General Roe found cases where the supreme court had refused to exempt similar properties on the ground it was used for religious purposes.

Overplus of Money. Instead of worrying how to raise money to run the schools, the taxpayers of a district adjacent to Nehawka in Cass county have \$1,600 on hand and no place to put it.

The money was raised through error and without protest, so State Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas has ruled it may not be refunded, but should be conserved at interest and no levies made until it is expended in the regular course of school operation.

Big Firms May Exhibit. Many smaller manufacturers and dealers in machinery are asking for space at the coming Nebraska State Fair, September 6th to 11th.

The larger firms who combined to stay out last year are seriously considering the advisability of returning with their customary large exhibits this year.

New Water Power Project. C. H. Gerber, president of the Ericson Lake company, has filed an application with the state board of irrigation for water from Cedar river for the purpose of supplying the town of Ericson and cottages near the lake with electric light.

Chiropractic Law in Effect on July 8. The new law regulating chiropractic in Nebraska, which goes into effect July 8, requires each applicant for a license to submit to an examination, or admit having practiced for two years in the state without a license.

Dr. Lucien Stark Appointed. Dr. Lucien Stark of Hartington has been appointed by Governor Morehead as a member of the board of secretaries of the state board of health to succeed Dr. F. D. Dodson of Wilber, whose term expires in July.

State Fair Horse Races. Entry to the State Fair early races, beginning September 6th, closed June 1st.

Rowden Collects Salary. Colonel Dave Rowden, following his usual custom of not drawing his salary as commandant of the Soldiers' home at Millard until he felt like it, brought in his vouchers last week and received \$2,695.99.

Rowden has always followed the practice of waiting until the amount was large enough to pay to both wife and four young ones when he held the same job he waited the entire term before drawing his salary.

Die Abtheilung ist für die Familienglieder, welche am liebsten Deutsch lesen.

Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völker-Krieges

Ganz begreiflicher Weise hat die Verhörung der Lusitania allenhalten, und besonders in Amerika, große Aufregung hervorgerufen.

Es ist damit etwas geschehen, was schon längst zu erwarten war, was aber von vielen für unmöglich gehalten wurde.

Unmöglich, weil man einerseits zu sehr auf die englische Seeherrlichkeit und andererseits auf die deutsche Rücksichtnahme und Geduld vertraute.

Somit würden die Passagiere nach all den Warnungen vor Abfahrt des Schiffes sich wohl weniger auf die Krabbelerei der englischen Offiziere der Lusitania verlassen haben.

In blinder Verneintheit sind diese Leute selbst in ihr Unglück hineingeraten. Von Herzen bedauern wir, daß bei dem Untergang des englischen Schiffes eine Anzahl Passagiere zu Tode kam.

besonders bedauern wir dies soweit Amerikaner in Betracht kommen — und wir sind fest davon überzeugt, daß die deutsche Regierung und das gesamte deutsche Volk mit uns diesen Standpunkt teilt.

Wir können dabei zunächst auf den Unterseeboote-Krieg im allgemeinen zurück. Die Vlodade der englischen Unterseeboote bildet ein völkerrichtiges Gegenmittel gegen die Gewaltthaten der britischen Flotte.

Der deutsche Unterseeboottreffer bildete die direkte Antwort auf die englische „Ausnahmsmaßnahme“.

Trotzdem Deutschland schon längst in Besitz dieses Gewaltmittels in Form der Unterseeboote war, hat es mit der Anwendung desselben in solch entscheidender Weise bis zum letzten Augenblick abgewartet.

Kein Mittel hat es unversucht gelassen, eine solche Kriegsführung zu vermeiden. Doch englischer Hebermut und Heberberhung haben die deutsche Regierung dazu getrieben, zum Zwecke der Selbsterhaltung und zum Schutze seiner dem Hungertode preisgegebenen Zivilbevölkerung seine Wadtmittel in ihrer ganzen Zurückbarkeit zu entfallen.

Jeder Nechdenkende muß dem zustimmen. Niemand hat ein Recht, dieferhalb auf Deutschland einen Stein zu werfen; denn die deutsche Regierung hatte sich bereit erklärt, die Unterseebootblockade aufzugeben, wenn Dinkel zum freien Einfuhr gelangt machte und auf kein Reich bestände, dem deutschen Volke durch seine Handelsflotte Nahrungsmittel zuzuführen zu lassen.

Vetrachten wir den Fall „Lusitania“ im besonderen, so erhalten wir den Beweis, daß es sich bei diesem Schiffe tatsächlich um ein englisches Kriegsfahrzeug handelte, welches unter der Flagge des friedlichen Kaufahrtschiffes und unter dem Schutze friedfertiger Passagiere aus neutralem Lande Waften, Munition und andere Kriegsausrüstung nach England bringen sollte.

Die Gemüthlichkeit und Rücksichtlosigkeit der englischen Admiralität tritt dabei in unübersehbarer Weise offen zutage. Auf derlei Weise offen zutage, auf derlei Weise offen zutage, auf derlei Weise offen zutage.

Wie kann eine Schiffsgesellschaft in so verwerflicher Weise mit dem Leben ihrer Passagiere spielen, daß sie den Personen - Dampf mit Geschützen, armierten Kriegs - Automobilen, mit Munition und anderem Kriegsmaterial beladet?

Wie können aber andererseits auch amerikanische Reisende so töricht sein, sich um einen glimmenden Pulverfaß zu setzen, und ein solches Schiff, ein englisches Kriegsfahrzeug, zur Ueberfahrt benutzen?

Zu ihrer Entschuldigung ist nur anzunehmen, daß sie von den Beamten der Lusitania über den wahren Charakter des Schiffes getäuscht worden sind.

Und gerade von der Londoner Presse kommt zu allererst der Beweis für diese Täuschung und nimmt damit den hiesigen angeophilen Sagern, welche die Kriegstrompete gegen Deutschland bläsen, den Wind aus den Segeln.

Sören wir nur, was die London „Post“ in einem bemerkenswerten Leitartikel über den Lusitaniafall sagt: „Wir können es nur schwer begreifen, wie nach solchen Warnungen und solchen dreistelligen Gelegenheiten die Lusitania litterschiff werden konnte. Die Annahme, daß der Kurs des Dampfers dem Kapitän des Unterseebootes bekannt gewesen sein muß, ist nicht zu leugnen.“

Die Lusitania nicht nur dem Transport für Kriegsschiffe ausgemietet war. Damit ist das Urteil gesprochen über die gemeine Handlungsweise der Schiffahrtsgesellschaft.

tes bekannt gewesen sein muß, ist nicht zu leugnen. Die Post spricht in dem Artikel die Hoffnung aus, daß auf dem Schiffe alles in Vorbereitung gewesen sein mag, um im Falle eines Angriffes die Passagiere zu retten. Ferner hebt die „Post“ hervor, daß die Lusitania „with a formidable battery of guns armiert gewesen ist.“ London also geistlich selbst ein, daß die Lusitania nicht nur dem Transport für Kriegsschiffe ausgemietet war. Damit ist das Urteil gesprochen über die gemeine Handlungsweise der Schiffahrtsgesellschaft. Die Leben Tausender von Passagieren auf Spiel setzte, um ihre wertvolle Ladung dadurch zu schützen. Um so schwerwiegender wird die Anklage gegen die britische Rücksichtlosigkeit und Brutalität durch den Umstand, daß die Beamten die durch die Warnungen erschröckten Passagiere mit der Vorfingeltung, daß englische Kreuzer das Schiff geleitet wurden, täuschten. Des Profites wegen haben englische Handelsinteressen Tausende harmloser Passagiere in den Armen des Todes gestürzt. Andererseits sind jedoch die Passagiere, insbesondere die Amerikaner, welche sich der Lusitania anvertrauten, an ihrem Unglück selbst schuld, indem sie einerseits den Krabbelereien der Engländer zu viel Glauben schenkten und andererseits die gutgemeinten Warnungen in den Wind schlugen. Und an Warnungen hat es wirklich nicht gefehlt. Da war zunächst Staatssekretär Bryan, welcher an die Amerikaner die Warnung richtete, doch während des Krieges jede Reise nach Europa vor allem das Betreten der Kriegsschiffe zu meiden, da das Staats - Department keine Luft habe, wegen der wichtiger Amerikaner mit den feindseligen Staaten in Trübel zu geraten. Und Graf Bernstorff, der deutsche Gesandte in Washington, hat noch an Tage der Abfahrt der Lusitania durch öffentliche Aengstigen die Reisenden vor der Gefahr gewarnt, deren sie sich bei der Fahrt auf englischen, französischen und russischen Schiffen aussetzen. Dazu trafen über 50 amerikanische Legatione an verschiedene Passagiere ein, welche die Todesfahrt der Lusitania voraus sagten. Ueberdies wurden die Passagiere noch persönlich durch eine Anzahl unbekannter Amerikaner gewarnt. Daß die Leute trotz all dieser Warnungen mit offenen Augen in ihr Unglück hineinrannten, ist neben ihrem Leichtsinne der britischen Krabbelerei und Täuschung zuzuschreiben. Daß die englische Admiralität tatsächlich nicht imstande ist, die englische Handelsflotte zu schützen, geht aus der Erklärung des Admiral Lord Fisher hervor, daß es an Kreuzern mangelte, um die Handelsroute zu schützen. Das hätte man englischerseits den Passagieren vor der Abfahrt des Schiffes sagen lassen. Dann würde vielleicht auch das der Amerikaner eigene Handeln und Sentation, sie nicht zu der Todesfahrt haben bewegen können. Kein Mangel an Kupfer. Seit Kriegsbeginn hat die Zornpreise unteres Landes an die Weltlichkeit gelaunt, daß Deutschland ausgenutzt werden könne. Deutsche man wohl ein, daß es dann nicht ist. Deto teurer glaubt man noch daran, daß in Deutschland Mangel an Kupfer und anderen Metallen bestehe. Daß auch dem nicht so ist, erhellt aus folgender, einem reichsdeutschen Blatte entnommenen Mitteilung: In letzter Zeit häufen sich bei der Kriegs - Rohstoff - Abtheilung des Kriegsministeriums Anfragen aus allen Ecken der Bevölkerung zur Nachfrage nach gebundener Metallbestände aus den Haushaltungen und aus der Industrie, selbst aus Kirchenglocken für den Veresbedarf. Allen Einfindern für das amerikanische Interesse, das sie dadurch befunden haben, einzeln zu danken, ist nicht möglich. Das Kriegsministerium spricht daher auf diesem Wege den Beteiligten keinen Dank aus. Die Angelegenheit beabichtigt die Regierung zunächst nicht näher zu treten, weil kein Mangel an alter Metallen besteht. Ausgehen hierauf würden bei dem bewährten Opfermuth der Bevölkerung besonders auch die minderbegüterten Kreise weiter ihren Beitrag an Metall dem vaterländischen Zwecke zur Verfügung zu stellen, während erheblich größere Bestände, die im Falle einer wirklichen Nothwendigkeit aus gewerblichen Anlagen, Bedrohungen und anderen großen Vorkräften nutzbar gemacht werden könnten, von den freiwilligen Sammlungen nicht getroffen würden. Chiorer Grubenstreik beigelegt. Cleveland, O. Der seit 1. April 1914 andauernde Ohio - Grubenstreik, dem sich 13,000 Mann angeschlossen hatten, wurde Samstag Nachmittags auf einer Wavis von 47 Cents die Tonne beigelegt.