

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 Germans are preparing to land troops on the coast of Finland, according to a Stockholm dispatch. Berlin reports that the great Russian fortress of Kovno has been captured by the Germans.

French artillery exploded a German ammunition depot between Monchy and Ransart, and mines destroyed German works east of the road to Lille, according to reports from Paris.

Details given the press of a secret session of the Russian Duma on August 10 showed that an inquiry was initiated to determine the responsibility for the deficiency in war supplies.

London announces that the British transport Royal Edward has been sunk by a German submarine, while en route to the Dardanelles.

The White Star liner Arabic, bound from Liverpool to New York, carrying 423 persons, passengers and crew, including twenty-six Americans, was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine.

The French Chamber of Deputies passed a bill to expropriate land necessary for burial of the dead of the entente allies fighting in France.

Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under secretary for British foreign affairs, in the course of a formal inquiry, declared that the allies must by all lawful means prevent cotton reaching their enemies, and said it may be considered necessary to make cotton contraband.

The Teutonic invaders are still battering successfully at the Russian fortresses back of which the military experts have supposed Grand Duke Nicholas intended to make a determining stand.

Members of the committee on buildings and grounds of the Chicago board of education adopted a resolution commending the teaching of swimming in every public school.

Nancy Hanks, 294, champion trotter from 1892 to 1894, died at Hamburg Place, near Lexington, Ky., the estate of J. E. Madden, who purchased the horse several years ago to pension her until her death. Nancy was foaled in 1866.

The air of mystery with which some bankers cloud their business from the public is the principal form of shortsightedness chargeable to them.

S. S. Crago, of Waynesburg, Pa., commander-in-chief of the veterans of foreign wars of the United States, declared at Detroit that the United States should have a first line army of 100,000 men, a second line army of the same number, and equipment for 1,000,000 soldiers.

Recovery of scores of bodies along the bay shore and reports of the finding of many others, together with the known missing, indicate that the storm dead in and around Galveston, Tex., will exceed 200. Property loss is believed to be over \$50,000,000 for the entire hurricane area.

Manufacture of 2,500 castings for three-inch shrapnel in a Lincoln, Neb., brass foundry, will require fifteen men working days and an equal number at nights for a period of two years.

The trustees of the American defense society at New York addressed a letter to every chamber of commerce and board of trade in the country "inviting them to open military exhibits forthwith" to create "public support for congressional action for an adequate army and navy."

Denver was awarded first prize in the team competition drill at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woodmen of the World at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The price was \$1,000.

An amendment to the Wisconsin eugenic marriage law, which went into effect recently, eliminates clinical and laboratory tests and requires only that prospective bridegrooms present a certificate that a physician has ascertained their general health. Fees also are reduced.

Twelve hundred silver souvenir spoons and forks, valued at about \$2,000, were stolen from a booth on the zone of the amusement highway at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

Elihu Root of New York was unanimously elected president of the American Bar association in session at Salt Lake City.

Contracts for steel rail and other material for laying forty-five miles of track half way from Seward, Alaska, to the Matanuska coal fields have been let and work will begin soon.

Speaking on peace, President John J. Whalen of the American Federation of Catholic societies, in convention at Toledo, O., declared Catholics in the United States will never forget their country and their flag.

William, 1:58 1/2, world's champion pacing stallion, has been sold by A. Earl Vanatta, his owner, to C. K. G. Billings, New York, horseman, for \$35,000. William will be withdrawn from racing, and placed in the stud.

Agitation for a national strike in munition plants as proposed by J. J. Kappler, vice-president of the International association of machinists, was repudiated at a meeting at Washington by the executive board of the association.

Three bushels of jewels, purses and other small pieces of personal property which belonged to victims of the Eastland disaster in Chicago, were recovered when the ship, just three weeks after the catastrophe, was restored to even keel.

Leo M. Frank, convicted murderer of Mary Phagan, an Atlanta, Ga., factory girl, was taken by a mob from the Georgia state prison at Milledgeville, to Marietta, the home of the murdered girl, and hanged to a tree. His body, clad only in prison trousers and shirt, was left hanging for several hours.

Gunboat Smith outfought Jack Hemple of San Francisco in seven of the ten rounds in their bout in New York.

Tommy D., owned by M. M. Apple of Lebanon, Ind., won the 297 pace, the feature event of the second day of the Great Western circuit race meeting in Galesburg, Ill.

Fred L. Bebeo of the Buffalo club of the international league pitched a no-hit, no-run game in Buffalo against Montreal. Bebeo was at one time a member of the Chicago Nationals.

The Kings Mills (Ohio) Rifle team with a total score of 3,575, won the National Rifle association's small bore, short range, outdoor championship, according to figures available in Washington.

If the Des Moines ball team wins the Western league pennant, Booster fans will see a post series of games between the boosters and the pennant winners of the American association, probably St. Paul, it is said.

Battling Levisky, the New York heavyweight, defeated Sailor Jim Carroll of San Francisco in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn. Levisky outclassed Carroll from the start and had him on the ropes several times.

One company of American marines has landed at St. Marc, Haiti, and taken control of the town. An attempt to oppose the landing failed. The navy department announced.

Attorney General Gregory indicated that no new federal suits against anthracite railroads were likely to follow the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission ordering sweeping reduction in freight rates.

To adopt the policy demanded by Austria-Hungary in its protest against the sale of war munitions to the allies would be to force militarism upon the world, says the State department in its reply just made public.

Eight million able-bodied men in the United States owe allegiance to European nations, labor department statistics show. There are 14,000,000 foreign born persons who have not acquired citizenship.

Plans for an inquiry into the administration of the steamboat inspection service by representatives of the Navy department and the public are announced by Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce.

Comptroller of the Currency Williams announced that the present unemployed loaning capacity of the national banks and reserve banks was sufficient to finance at market value the entire cotton crop and half, if not all of the tobacco and wheat crops, and to conservatively justify an expansion of credit of \$2,000,000,000 or \$2,000,000,000.

W. W. Russell, former American minister to the Dominican republic, was selected by President Wilson for appointment to the same position. He will succeed James Sullivan, who resigned as the result of charges.

The interstate commerce commission's report on its investigation of the Rock Island railroad's financial affairs shows millions of dollars in losses in stock transactions, charges the railroad officials with misrepresentation in their reports to stockholders.

An exhaustive investigation of ocean transportation facilities and rates between the United States and foreign countries is to be made by the Interstate Commerce commission at the request of President Wilson, the Treasury department announced.

Attorney General Gregory practically has decided that the 3,000 prisoners in the three federal penitentiaries shall be put to work making articles which can be bought by government departments, including the army and navy.

BATTER DOWN FORTS

LAST RUSS DEFENSE IN POLAND SUCCUMBS TO GERMANS.

35,000 MUSCOVITES TAKEN

Military Observers Expect Slavs to Give Up Brest-Litovsk, Grodno and Ossowetz.

London.—The garrison of the fortress of Novogeorgievsk, which was left behind by Grand Duke Nicholas when he commenced the evacuation of Poland to delay the advance of the German invaders, after accomplishing its task for just a fortnight, has succumbed to the heavy siege artillery of the Germans, which throughout the war has made every fort attacked by it untenable.

Berlin has announced the capture of the fortress with 700 guns and 85,000 prisoners together with a large quantity of war materials. It had been hoped by the Russians that the earthworks around the fortified camp would enable it to hold out much longer than it has done.

Contract has been let for the erection of the new State Bank building at Weeping Water. The cornerstone of new First Methodist church at Hastings will be laid September 12.

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CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Crawford is to have a new steam laundry. Two cases of small pox are reported at Nehawka. A \$16,000 hospital for epileptics will be built at Axtell. DuBols is taking steps to secure a system of electric lights. Work will soon begin on Rushville's new postoffice building. The village of Adams defeated a water bond proposition, 50 to 61. Omaha street cars are now stopping on the near side of streets.

Eight candidates are in the field for the postmastership of Bancroft. Silver Creek will hold a frontier days celebration September 1, 2 and 3. The city council of Burton has granted a saloon license to Pinkney Sollar. A saloon license ordinance voted on at Superior, carried by twenty-nine majority.

Crawford is making elaborate plans for the Tri-State fair, September 9 to 11. Frank Drassal, chief of the Verdigris fire department, was drowned in Verdigris creek. Contract has been let for the erection of the new State Bank building at Weeping Water.

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The village of Wauneta is planning an ox roast as the feature of a festival to be held September 23. Nebraska farmers vaccinated 12,301 hogs against cholera during the month of July, according to a report filed with the live stock sanitary board. Two years ago, August 18, John O'Conner, cobbler, bachelor, recluse, died in Hastings. His body is yet unburied, though eight "widows" and a score of other "relatives" have begged permission of the court to give the body burial.

BUILD UP MILITIA

IS KEYNOTE OF STATEMENT BY ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO FOLLOW WILSON'S WISHES

Declares National Guard Should Correspond to Ideas of Government or We Should Have None at All.

Lincoln.—The Nebraska National guard will be built up in a common sense, practical manner, and in thorough accord with the wishes of President Wilson, commander-in-chief of the organized militia of the nation, is the word given out by General P. L. Hall following a review of military conditions in the state.

"The president's will—which I assume to be the will of this nation—shall be my will," said the general. General Hall thinks the foundation stone of state, though, rests on peace, and that peace extends upward through every bit of the governmental structure. But he no more assumes that the people want to drive the national guard down to a mere nothing than that they want to disperse the police departments of their towns and cities and do away with their sheriffs and their prosecuting attorneys.

"There is no medium line," said the general. "Either we must have a militia that corresponds to the ideas of the national government or we must have none at all. There is no half-way mark because a half-equipped, poorly organized guard would be an utter waste of money. We could save several thousand dollars a year by refusing to send our men to camp," said he, "and we could save several thousands of dollars more by refusing to pay the military rentals—but the companies would deteriorate and in time there would be none in the state. Then when we needed them we would be helpless."

Calls for Poll Sheets. A law passed by the Nebraska legislature in 1913 provides that, under the initiative and referendum, the county clerks of the respective counties, shall, within thirty days after each general election, forward to the secretary of state one set of poll sheets of each of the voting precincts of his county. Some forty-eight counties failed to comply with this requirement of the statutes and Secretary of State Pool has given each of such officials notice to comply therewith at the earliest possible moment. In cases where officials fail to forward such books, the secretary of state is authorized to send a messenger for them, at the expense of the county.

Ordered Back to Prison. Governor Morehead has ordered the return of Kenneth Murphy, sent from Cherry county, to the state penitentiary, following his arrest in Lincoln for an alleged connection with the theft of automobiles by two other former convicts. Young Murphy was furloughed by the governor a year and a half ago. At that time he had promised that he would make good. He was thought to be making good until this matter came up. The governor thought him one of the brightest convicts ever sent to the state prison.

List of 70 Bulletins Printed. Seventy bulletins on various agricultural subjects are now offered by the Experiment Station and the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture to residents of Nebraska, according to an available list just published. The list is known as Extension Circular 3 and may be had without cost from the Bulletin Clerk, University Farm.

Mummified Apple May Be at Fair. Exhibit of a mummified apple, around which are clustered memories of a Nebraska man's dead uncle, is likely to be one of the additional attractions of the big state show. A proffer for loan of this apple came to Secretary Mellor from A. W. Nelson of Sutton. The apple is said by Mr. Nelson to be 65 years old, and to have been given him by his uncle.

Offers to Pace All Comers. E. G. Bohannon, owner of Columbia Fire, noted Nebraska pacer, made a proposition to President Mellor of the state fair board that if the fair management would put up a purse of \$1,000, he would add \$500 more that his horse could beat any which they could bring.

"Wilson Day" at Fair. Several of the most prominent democratic leaders in the country are expected to attend a "Woodrow Wilson day" celebration during state fair week in Lincoln. Champ Clark, Senator Ollie James, Kentucky, and W. J. Bryan will be among distinguished visitors.

Bruner Honored at Exposition. Lawrence Bruner, professor of entomology at the State university and state entomologist, was honored at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, as one of Nebraska's most distinguished citizens because of his work in leading the fight against destructive insects. Nebraskaans resident there, members of the Nebraska Society of California and Alumni of the University of Nebraska participated in a program of addresses and receptions. A commemorative bronze plate was presented to Dr. Bruner.

60,000 Autos in State Says Pool. The publication of a statement that there are only 16,000 automobiles in Nebraska is still going the rounds. Under the present method of registration there is no means of knowing how many there are. A new law, passed by the legislature last winter and beginning with next year an accurate record may be kept. Secretary of State Pool who is enforcing the registration law estimates the number of automobiles owned by Nebraskans at 60,000.

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

Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völker-Krieges Ein Jahr Krieg und die Lage in Deutschland.

Die wirtschaftliche und finanzielle Lage Deutschlands während des ersten Kriegsjahres ist folgende:

Erstens: — Der britische Auslieferungskrieg war ein vollständiger Fehlschlag. Ein für allemal ist der Beweis dafür erbracht worden, daß unsere einheimische Produktion von Lebensmitteln, das Brotartenwesen und die Maximalpreise selbst dem Verzicht auf den Bedarf von Nahrungsmitteln nicht zu weichen vermochten.

Zweitens: — Auch in Rohmaterialien können wir nicht "ausgehungert" werden. Die Schwierigkeiten, die in direktem Widerspruch zu den Bestimmungen des Völkerrechts uns bei der Einfuhr von Rohmaterial in den Weg gelegt werden, sind zwar unangenehm, können aber für uns nicht verhängnisvoll werden.

Drittens: — Das Gespenst der Arbeitslosigkeit ist gebannt. Es gibt mehr Arbeit als Arbeiter. Der Krieg hat sich als großer Arbeitgeber erwiesen, als unter Auszubehandel war.

Viertens: — So weit die Finanzen in Betracht kommen wird Deutschland imstande sein, den Krieg auf unbestimmte Zeit weiter zu führen. Wir produzieren in unserem eigenen Lande tatsächlich alles, was für Kriegszwecke nötig ist.

Fünftens: — Das Vertrauen des deutschen Volkes an unsere finanzielle Stärke ist ebenso unbegrenzt wie sein Vertrauen auf unsere militärische Überlegenheit. Nach zwölf Kriegsmontaten stehen kaiserliche Konten immer noch mit 70 notiert, nur 8 Punkte niedriger als im März 1914; der Minimalpreis für britische Konten, 65, ist 11 Punkte unter dem März-Notenstand; 3 Prozentige französische Renten zu 69 stehen 19 Prozent unter März 1914.

Arbeit, Geschicklichkeit, Disziplin, Organisation, Saubermacht und endlich nicht zum mindesten der alles bewingende Patriotismus hat die Deutschen in dem ersten Kriegsjahr gegen eine Welt von Feinden aufrecht gehalten und wird auch weiter helfen, so daß wir in dem Kriege siegreich bleiben werden.

Bei ihrem Rückblick auf das erste Kriegsjahr denken die Deutschen mit besonderem Nachdruck darauf hin, daß das Gebiet der Zentralmächte außer je einem kleinen Streifen in Ost- und in Ostgalizien vom Feinde völlig frei ist, während deutsche Truppen im Westen ein Gebiet von 53,000 Quadratkilometern einschließlich Belgien und den reichsten Teil Frankreichs, besetzt halten.

Außer diesem Gebiet halten deutsche und österreichisch-ungarische Truppen im Osten ein Gebiet von über 150,000 Quadratkilometern besetzt. In diesem Gebiet gehören die ganzen russischen Bezirke von Kurland, Kovno, Suwalki, Lomża, Plock, Kalisz, Piotrkow, Radom und viele wie große Teile der Bezirke Warschau und Lublin. Das gesamte eroberte Gebiet ist doppelt so groß wie der Flächeninhalt des Königreichs Bayern.

Refuten für das britische Meer. Am San Franciscoer Gebäude der J. W. C. A., das für die Angehörigen unserer Armee und unserer Marine bestimmt ist, haben die Briten Refuten für ihr Meer angeworben, und nach den bisher erlangten Verträgen haben sie für diesen Zweck \$100,000 ausgegeben. Amerika liefert also den Engländern nicht nur Kanonen und die dazu gehörige Munition, sondern unter den Augen von Beamten der J. W. C. A. auch noch das Kanonenfutter.

Mangel an Organisations-talent.

Die Ungeheuerlichkeit der Ostland-Katastrophe und die Ungeschicklichkeit, mit der man hinterher bei den Arbeiten zur Bergung der unglücklichen Opfer zu Werke ging, lassen bei dem unbefangenen Beobachter den dringenden Wunsch aufsteigen, daß das amerikanische Volk, vor allem die zu seiner Erziehung berufenen Faktoren sich etwas von viel geschmähten deutschen Militarismus der gleichbedeutend mit dem Höchstmaß an Leistungsfähigkeit ist, aneignen möchten.

Selbst dann war aber noch lang nicht alles so, wie es hätte sein sollen. Einer hinderte den anderen, keiner dachte etwas von anderen. Die Polizei erwies sich der ihr so unermüdet gestellten Aufgabe anfänglich nicht gewachsen, und das liehe Publikum that das Seine, den Germanen abzugeben die Arbeit nach Kräften zu erleichtern. Man sollte es nicht für möglich halten, daß in einer Millionenstadt wie Chicago noch zwei Stunden nach der Katastrophe die Abfuhrungsarbeiten nicht vollständig durchgeführt waren, daß den ganzen Tag hindurch Menschen in voller Tätigkeit waren, nicht bloß in den improvisierten Unterkunftsräumen für die da-fingemordeten Opfer, sondern sogar auf dem Unglücksort selbst, daß man zwar Vollkommenes herbeigeschafft hatte, um Wiederbelebungsversuche an den aus dem Wasser gezogenen menschlichen Körpern vorzunehmen, aber nicht genug Leute zu Hand hatte, die sie zu bedienen verstanden. Alles das deutet auf hochgradigen Mangel an Organisations-talent, wie ihn man hierzulande nicht erwarten sollte.

Serbien muß büßen. Serbien leidet furchtbar unter den Folgen des Krieges, das ergibt aus den Berichten der amerikanischen Ärzte und Wärterinnen, die im Dienste des Roten Kreuzes in dem unglücklichen Lande die Krankenpflege ausüben. Was sie nicht sagen, ist, daß Serbien gebrannt haben, das sich für Ausland opfert, wie Belgien für Frankreich und England.

Der serbische Politiker Professor Bovic, bekannt durch seine mannigfachen Äußerungen, in Serbien eine Partei zu gründen, die für eine geringe Lösung einer österreichisch-serbischen Verständigung zu arbeiten gehalten wird, beschreibt in dem jetzt in London erscheinenden Blatte "Anderenhand" die kritische Lage, in welcher sich die genannten beiden Länder nunmehr befinden: "Ich habe stets den Standpunkt vertreten, sagt u. a. Bovic, daß Serbien eine Verständigung mit Österreich suchen müsse, es wollte nicht, und heute büßt es seine Fehler; so auch Belgien: es hat nun seine Neutralität für immerwährende Zeiten verloren und die anderen nur haben den Gewinn daraus gezogen. Wie die Entscheidung auch ausfallen möge, Belgien wird seine Macht, die nur im Werte seiner Neutralität gelegen hatte, vermehren erreichen."

Canada's "Anfängerhand". Die New Yorker "Sun" wendet sich voller Groll gegen die "ausländischen Agitatoren", welche behaupten, daß das Darlehen an Kanada im Betrage von 45 Millionen Dollars der Finanzierung des Krieges der Alliierten diene. Wie die "Sun" ist der Ansicht, soll damit lediglich und allein der Außenhandel gefördert werden, welchem Zweck bereits 300 Millionen Dollars von unserer Seite zugewandt worden sind. Worin besteht dieser Außenhandel? In Kriegsvorräten. Das ist doch nichts anderes als eine Finanzierung der Alliierten. Was sich daraus ergeben muß, ist der "Sun" vollumfänglich bekannt, aber sie verweigert es. Das Millijne Geld, das wir haben, wird unseren Vätern anzuwenden, und der "Sun" ist sicher, daß wir das Geld noch nicht in zwanzig Jahren zurückzahlen werden und daraus eine Geldnot in diesem Lande entstehen muß.

General Joffre arbeitet bereits wieder an dem großen neuen Plan der neuen großen Offensive. Wenn die Alliierten weiter zu Werk haben, wird England sich schließlich noch neutral erklären.