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Commander Samson of the British navy, known to the Germans as Captain Kettle, has annoyed them so much with his remarkable airplane exploits about Ypres and Courtrai in France, that they have offered a reward of 1,000 pounds for his capture, dead or alive. He is

among the most, if not the most, daring of British aeronauts, and has done much damage to the Germans besides doing important spy work for the allied army. So the official offer of a high price for his head has been made. However, the knowledge of his danger has not stopped his work nor ruffled his disposition.

NEGRO MADE A SWORN STATEMENT ERE DEATH

TOM SPRIGGS WHO DIED IN HARTWELL JAIL TOLD OF WHIPPING

HAD MOB SCARE
 Hartwell Authorities Feared Mob Would Attempt to Storm Jail.

That Tom Spriggs, the negro who died last Sunday night in Hartwell jail as a result of a whipping given him by a number of citizens of the Fair Play section, made an affidavit before death, which will be used in the case against the men charged with his death, is the information contained in an article in the Hartwell Sun with reference to the reports current there last week that a mob from Oconee County had planned to storm the Hartwell jail and get the negro Spriggs. The article from the Hartwell paper is as follows:

Much excitement was manifested in Hartwell Monday afternoon when Sheriff Johnson received a telegram from the sheriff at Walthalla, S. C., stating that a mob was on its way to Hartwell to take the negro Spriggs.

who was so severely beaten in the lynching at Knox Bridge on Sunday, the 20th.

The negro died on the night before, Sunday 27th, in the jail here. It is supposed that the party knew that he would tell all about the occurrence, and that they wanted to kill him so that he could not testify against them at the trial. Spriggs had already made a sworn statement which is now in the hands of the proper authorities, and will be brought out, of course, in the trial later.

Sheriff Johnson promptly made arrangements for the mob, and Governor Slaton ordered the military company here to be in readiness.

For some reason the mob never put in its appearance. The negro was dead, anyway, and probably the men found out that there was no use in coming.

At any rate, it was pretty exciting here for several hours and it was good for all parties that nothing really happened.

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NEUTRAL SHIPS VERY SCARCE

SECRETARY MADDOO EMPHASIZES FACT IN A LETTER TO CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER

Steamship Companies Doing Their Utmost to Relieve Existing Situation.

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Scarcity of neutral ships to carry the reviving trade between the United States and Germany is emphasized in a letter written by Secretary McAdoo to Chairman Alexander, of the house merchant marine committee, concerning the work of the war risk insurance board.

"Some of the steamship companies," the secretary said, "are offering boats that have been in port out of use for a considerable length of time, and some, indeed, of such a class as to render it questionable whether they should be permitted to sail on such voyages."

Mr. McAdoo said the board was writing insurance up to \$750,000 on cotton cargoes to Germany, the amount being divided between vessels and cargoes. He added that he understood the regular marine insurance companies were not writing policies more freely. He quoted the board as reporting:

"It can be safely assumed that the American and German companies are doing their utmost to relieve the existing situation and to develop a sufficient market to take care of the largest cargo. The German companies have a very special reason for desiring to do the utmost in this direction.

"As far as marine insurance is concerned we must differentiate between ships destined to German ports and those to neutral ports with the possibility of trans-shipment to Germany. As to the latter, the situation is practically no different than exists in ordinary years. Rates to Rotterdam, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian ports are practically the same as last year on similar vessels. The size of the market is more than sufficient on such risks to take care of any cargo by a suitable steamer.

"The situation as to shipments to Germany is more difficult, and the available market is limited to German and American companies. The situation is rapidly improving and the market is developing under the demand.

"The rates charged are not excessive, taking into account that the ports are on a coast on which it is safe to assume many aids to navigation have been removed and that salvage operations near that coast, under war conditions, would be almost impossible."

MORE THAN FOUR TO ONE AGAINST

The New Year Fastens the Lid on Many Sections of United States.

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The final prohibition order was so unexpectedly issued that there was no opportunity to provide a stock exchange between six and eight o'clock in the evening the merchants received instructions that next day would be absolute prohibition and hence there was no chance to give warning to eager customers who, on a false alarm previously spread abroad lined the streets for hours awaiting their turn to squeeze into the crowded wine shops, which managed to weather the vodka edict, are now almost without patronage.

The liquor dealers, restaurant keepers, wine growers and distillers brought all possible influence to bear on the city councils for authorization to sell beer and light wines assisted by theorists who, while approving of general sobriety, thought that abstinence should come gradually and that the sudden cessation of the use of all alcohol would have an injurious effect. But despite these influences and the fact that not one per cent of the members of the city councils were teetotalers, the councils rejected the petition by a vote on a ratio of more than four to one.

The extreme measures to enforce prohibition even extend to the sale of denatured alcohol, varnish and every conceivable alcoholic compound which are not salable without a permit.

State Wide in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 1.—Statewide prohibition became a part of the constitution of Colorado today with the issuance by Governor Ammons of proclamations putting into effect a constitutional amendment approved at the November election.

Prohibition under the amendment will become effective January 1, 1916.

First Arrest For "Boot Legging."

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Louis Gherna was arrested for selling a pint of whiskey early today after Arizona's prohibition law had gone into effect. His violation of the law and immediate arrest was a previous arrangement for the purpose of testing the self-executing feature of the prohibition law that the constitutional amendment should go into effect today.

Hot Springs Saloons Reopen.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 1.—Hot Springs saloons were reopened at noon today, making that city the only "wet" spot in the State. Saloons in all other cities were closed at midnight last night and under the state-wide petition containing a majority of the names of white adult citizens must be presented to the county court before licenses may be issued. The Hot Springs petition contained about 3,000 names and licenses were refused without any in the anti-liquor forces.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 1.—Nine counties in Kentucky became "dry" at midnight last night, liquor having been voted out last September. Only 15 counties out of 120 in Kentucky remained in the "wet" column.

Officers of the State prohibition league announced today that a fight for State-wide prohibition would be made before the legislature as soon as the law permitted.

Liquor Cause of Social Poverty.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 1.—Traffic in liquor was held to be the one great cause of social poverty and economic waste by Henry G. McCain, extension secretary of the Methodist Temperance Society, speaking today before the convention of the Interstate Temperance Association. A great force for improving social conditions, he said, lies in an organization of college men to work for prohibition.

"It is futile to talk of the amelioration of social suffering while the liquor institution is at work corrupting the very foundation of our social life," he said.

Mr. Francis E. Beach, president of the Kentucky W. C. T. U., declared women have power to force adoption of national prohibition and national woman suffrage.

A preference for state action for prohibition, at present rather than an immediate attempt for national prohibition was expressed in a letter from Secretary Bryan to Elton G. Borton, national secretary of the association, read at the closing session of the convention tonight.

Mr. Bryan said:

"In the matter of prohibition, I

JUMPS OVERBOARD.

Captain of British Steamship, Worried Over Delay by Storms, Ends Life.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—Captain George Collier, of the British steamship Cragswald, jumped overboard and was drowned off the Florida straits last Tuesday. The Cragswald left Hull, England, November 26 for New Orleans on a short time contract and was delayed by a 17-day delay by storms, the ship's officers said, especially caused Captain Collier to be so mentally deranged. A search was made but no trace of the body was found.

PETITIONS TO SELL BEER AND WINE REJECTED

LAST APPEAL AGAINST RUSIA'S PROHIBITION DECREE FAILS

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—The last appeal against Russia's prohibition decree failed Thursday when the council of Petrograd and Moscow rejected a petition to authorize the recommencement of the sale of beer and light wines. The recent final order to discontinue the sale of all alcoholic drinks was issued with the reservation that the city councils should have the right to appeal for an authorization of the recommencement of the sale of three-per cent beer and light wines.

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Thaw Against Whom Supreme Court Rules, On Fishing Trip in His New Hampshire Exile.



Harry Thaw, perhaps the most notorious prisoner at this time in the United States, who has been in New Hampshire since he escaped from Matteran Asylum in New York State, where he was sentenced for the murder of Stanford White, must be returned to that State. He escaped in an automobile with the aid of several notorious characters of New York City. When he was captured a federal judge in New Hampshire decided in his favor. The attorney general of New York took the

case to the United States Supreme Court.

There the content on that Thaw had been indicted for conspiracy in escaping and should be returned to New York to answer that indictment, whether insane or not, was upheld. He must go back to stand trial despite the fact that the courts of New York have already decided he is insane. William T. Jerome, who fought the case for New York, insists that the prisoner will be tried on the conspiracy indictment.

VITAL STATISTICS LAW IN FORCE

Some Two Hundred Townships Remain Unprovided So Far With Local Registrars.

The vital statistics law, which was signed September 1, became effective yesterday, though local registrars for about 200 townships in the State have not yet been appointed. A prize will be given to the first registrar correctly reporting a birth or death, with the element of time of transmission of the report taken into consideration.

Rules and regulations for the proper registration of birth and deaths have been promulgated by the bureau, according to the provisions of the act, and forms have been sent all appointed, or local registrars, who must appoint deputy registrars to serve in their places in case of absence or disability.

Under the regulations a permit for burial issued by a local registrar must be obtained before the body of a person can be interred. This duty devolves upon the undertaker, who in turn has it checked by the person in charge of the burying ground. The attending physician also must issue a certificate. The attending phy-

sician or midwife at a birth must file a certificate within ten days after date of birth, and in cases where neither are present this duty devolves on the father or mother of the child.

The law provides that a local registrar shall receive 25 cents for each birth and death certificate properly executed and filed with the State registrar. On the tenth day of each month he shall send all original certificates to the State registrar.

James A. Hayne, M. D., State registrar, is charged with seeing to it that thorough and efficient execution of the act be carried out. He is authorized to investigate all cases of irregularity and violation of the law, and report such cases to the district attorney, who must initiate court proceedings against the alleged offender. The law provides a fine of from \$5 to \$100 or imprisonment for 30 days or both.

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