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## BLIGHT VS. SUBMARINE.

### BRITAIN REFUSES TRADE WITH PRO-GERMAN COMPANIES.

London, Sept. 22.—The continued depletion of the world's supply of tonnage as a result of the operations of the submarines of the central powers will be met by an increase in stringent measures by which the entrance of ships to the British coast will be controlled, according to a statement made to the Associated Press today by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade.

Lord Robert admitted that even the present rate of destruction, without considering the possibility of a resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, meant a serious loss to the world's tonnage and that consequently it could not be expected that British or other British facilities should be expended on ships carrying goods to blacklisted firms. The entrance of ships will increase their shipping measures, which already are proving their value, in making the best use of available tonnage in proportion as the Germans succeed in destroying merchant ships.

The minister of war trade said that as a matter of course the entrance of ships would be favored, as regards the use of tonnage, and that neutrals engaged in entrance allied trade or in unexpected neutral trade would be given the next consideration. Neutrals suspected of unneutral acts, he declared, would not enjoy the usual facilities. Lord Robert said that the number of Great Britain to the American government's protest against the seizure of mails would be sent to the American government immediately and a reply to the American protest would be sent to the American government.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Great Britain's delay in answering the American note regarding mail seizures, sent to London May 14, is believed by allied diplomats here to be due largely to a desire to give first a practical working demonstration of changes recently instituted in censoring methods, notably with regard to shipping documents. They declare the practice of expediting the handling of such papers by passing them through the censor's office in special marked packets already has removed one of the principal causes of complaint set forth in the American protest.

State department officials consistently have declined to indicate the possible effect of this modification of the department's attitude in the mails controversy. It is recalled, however, that when Great Britain in a previous note gave assurances that seized mail would be expedited as much as possible, the United States replied that one of the chief causes of displeasure here over the allied censorship arose from the conviction that the seizures in themselves were illegal.

The allied diplomats point out that the delay to shipping documents also was emphasized as a cause of complaint in the American note, which gave a list of losses sustained by shippers of perishable goods who had not had the bills of lading necessary to release their shipments.

The conference with exporters to be held in New York by the British embassy's trade adviser, Sir Richard Crawford, has been postponed until next week. It will be devoted largely to considering the possibility of extending to other classes of delayed mails the arrangement now applying to shipping papers. Already, it is pointed out, informal arrangements between the administrative bodies of the two governments not only have expedited shipping documents but also by "letters of assurance" have made it possible to guarantee the delivery of American goods shipped to the "rationed" nations of Holland and Scandinavia.

### GERMAN AERODROMES ATTACKED.

#### Successful Raid by British in West Flanders.

London, Sept. 23.—British naval aeroplanes today attacked successfully the German aerodrome at St. Denis, West Flanders. Naval aeroplanes delivered heavy attacks on enemy aerodromes at Ghistel and Handzaeme, inflicting considerable damage. The British aircraft returned safely.

## TO PLACE FIRST ON GUARD.

### SOON WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ACTIVE PATROL DUTY.

#### South Carolina Militiamen Shine in Big Parade and Review of El Paso Troops.

El Paso, Sept. 22.—The First South Carolina Infantry will soon be distributed over a 90 mile outpost line from Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Fort Hancock, Texas. The regiment will be broken into companies and assigned to outpost stations at the small towns east and west of El Paso.

The combined First and Second regiments of South Carolina Infantry marched as one regiment in the big military review parade yesterday, and although they are recent arrivals at the border lost fewer men through exhaustion than the troops of any other State.

Arriving at 4 o'clock in the morning the men did not complete the review until nearly sundown. Besides being under restraint all day the soldiers marched 20 miles with field equipment. That the South Carolina men so ably stood the experience speaks well for their natural endurance, because they have not passed through the hardening process the other troops here have received. Brig. Gen. Roger Williams of Kentucky commanded the provisional brigade, which was created for the occasion by merging South Carolina and Kentucky troops.

### WANT TROOPS HOME FOR FAIR.

#### Chamber of Commerce Urges Congressmen to Expedite Movement From Border.

Columbia, Sept. 23.—Efforts have been put in motion by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce to have the five units of South Carolina troops mobilized on the Mexican border, to participate in the festivities of the State fair late next month. Presumption is that the troops will be mustered out within the next 30 or 40 days.

Letters have been dispatched to the United States senators and congressmen from South Carolina urging cooperation to this end. The letters were sent out several days ago, and members who attended the meeting last night in the interest of the commission form of government election, enthusiastically endorsed the plan and asked that special effort be made to entertain the military units from this State during the week of the fair.

### IN BEHALF OF THE RECALL.

#### Columbians Urged to Return to Old Form Government.

Columbia, Sept. 21.—The promoters of the movement for the recall of the commission form of government for Columbia held a meeting in the county court house here tonight, at which several speakers urged the return to the old aldermanic system. They charged that the commission form was a breeder of extravagance and that the present personnel of the government was utterly inefficient. Several of the speakers stated that the members of the police and other departments of the city government have been instructed to work against the recall, which will be voted on next Tuesday.

The only speaker in behalf of the retention of the commission form was Jno. T. Duncan, who said that the movement was for the purpose of getting rid of the mayor and councilmen, that a more judicious procedure would be to prosecute them for malfeasance in office if it was thought they were unworthy of public trust.

There were about 150 persons present at the meeting.

### GERMAN AIRMEN SHOT DOWN.

#### Mammoth Air Battle Fought on the Somme Front.

Paris, Sept. 23.—Four German airmen were shot down today in a mammoth air duel between opposing forces on the Somme. Fifty-six air battles were staged in the last twenty-four hours. A French dirigible bombarded Marcoing, a French town occupied by the Germans early in the war. The night was calm north of the Somme. Artillery activity continues south of the Somme. The war office reported that bad weather is hindering the Salonika operations.

### FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA.

#### Allies Raid Bulgarian Trenches in Doiran Regions.

London, Sept. 23.—The war office today reported the raiding of enemy trenches in the Struma and Doiran regions.

## HANDSOME NEW BUILDING.

### Mercantile Establishment Erected by N. O'Donnell Takes Place of O'Donnell & Company Building Destroyed By Fire Last Year.

#### O'Donnell & Company and O'Donnell Dry Goods Company Will Have Quarters in New Reinforced Concrete and Iron Stores Fully Equipped.

One of the handsomest mercantile establishments in Sumter is the building, now rapidly nearing completion, erected by Neill O'Donnell on the site, to replace the O'Donnell & Company building, which was destroyed by fire on the morning of Thanksgiving Day last year. The new structure has cost over \$30,000 and provides quarters for O'Donnell & Company and for the newly organized O'Donnell Dry Goods Company. The latter company, in fact, has already taken up its quarters in the new building and O'Donnell & Company will probably remove from their present quarters into their new store about the latter part of next week. At present the carpenters and painters are putting the finishing touches to the building and the furnishers are installing fixtures which will fully equip the store.

This addition to Sumter's mercantile establishments is one of which the city may justly feel proud. It is a spacious two-story structure of fireproof design, danger of fire being reduced to a minimum. The structure is of reinforced concrete, walls, floors and roof; there is nothing in the building to burn or to decay except the goods. In fact the floor of hardwood is laid on reinforced concrete, the door and window frames are of woodwork in the interior.

The building has a handsome front fifty-four feet wide and extends back to a depth of one hundred and forty feet. The front is most attractively designed, the material being of white terra cotta, to which has been added a glazed finish. The trimmings and cornices are of copper, and prism glass over the show windows and doorways is used in providing transoms for light and ventilation. Higher up on the front numerous windows afford plenty of light and ventilation. The whole is of Gothic design, with attractive trimmings and appointments.

In the center of the front near the parapet in raised letters is placed "Neill O'Donnell—1916," indicating the builder and date of erection.

The large plate glass show windows catch the eye of the passerby. The windows are finished with copper trimmings and the floors are of highly polished oak. An indirect or X-ray lighting system, well calculated to afford a bright illumination, is employed to show off goods to best advantage. The store entrance is raised a few inches above the sidewalk by a granite sill, and the vestibules are of tile.

Inside of the door, one is at once struck by the commodious size of each of the two stores and the neatness of the finish. The fixtures are the most convenient and modern employed by any store in the city, the establishment being completely equipped according to the latest designs. The materials are of an excellent quality. The furnisher stated that while he had furnished larger buildings, he had not seen one anywhere in the State where the establishment was better equipped in point of quality and thoroughness.

Another workman who is having the painting done stated that the building was the best mercantile house in the State, in his opinion.

On the O'Donnell & Company side of the building the first floor will be used for sales room and offices and the second floor for storing goods. This side of the building has been enlarged from what the former building was by the addition of an L, which in itself is a god sized store room.

On the first floor the O'Donnell Dry Goods Company will have its retail dry goods and clothing business, while the second floor will be used as a store room for goods, except for the front part, which is partitioned off and will be used as a sales room for ladies' ready-to-wear. This room is connected with the first floor by a spiral stairway in the front of the store.

### Structure is of Reinforced Concrete and Iron—Most Absolutely Fire Proof—Property of Company.

#### O'Donnell Dry Goods Company Building—Structure is of Reinforced Concrete and Iron—Most Absolutely Fire Proof—Property of Company.

The building has been equipped with electric and gas lights, the latter being already in use. Under the stairway is a large fire proof vault fitted out with steel shelves for the books and safety boxes for the papers of the company. Elevators and stairways connect the first floors, the elevator in the dry goods side being operated by hand, while that in the grocery side is operated by electric power. The second floor as well as the first is well provided with light and ventilating facilities. There are numerous windows at each end and a large skylight in the center of the building affords light for the first floor through a wire glass space in the flooring.

All of the space directly in the rear of the building has been concreted in order to provide convenient facilities for loading and unloading vehicles without their drivers having to wade in mud. A drainage system has been provided for this space to carry off the water quickly after rains.

The new building is owned exclusively by Neill O'Donnell and has cost something over \$30,000. J. Johnson of Sumter and Nat G. Walker of Rock Hill were the architects and made the designs and plans for the structure, which was built by Le Harlin Construction Company of Lexington, N. C. The furnishings and fixtures were installed by the Lumber and Manufacturing Company of Sumter.

O'Donnell & Company first began business in 1883 in a small store on Liberty street, the entire quarters then not being any larger than one small corner of the present building. In 1906 the company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$75,000 which has steadily increased until at present the capital and surplus of the company are now over \$300,000. At the time of incorporation the officers chosen were Neill O'Donnell, president; S. R. Chandler, vice president; and D. W. Cuttino, secretary and treasurer, who are still the officers of the company. The company, before it was burned out, dealt in general merchandise, but O'Donnell & Company will now do only a cotton, grocery and fertilizer business. The officers of the company hope to move from their present to their new quarters the latter part of next week to be there by the first of October.

To secure the dry goods trade formerly held by O'Donnell & Company, a new concern has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. This company is the O'Donnell Dry Goods Company and will occupy one of the two large stores in the building. The officers of the company are: President, Neill O'Donnell; vice president, Samuel Sanders; secretary and treasurer, R. P. Monaghan. Mr. Sanders will manage the dry goods department of this concern and Mr. Pat Gallagher will manage the clothing department. This concern has already begun business, having opened its doors a few days ago, but has not yet fully arranged the goods which are steadily coming in.

The re-opening of O'Donnell & Co. in their old quarters shows the Sumter spirit of Sumter concerns to "come back." Last fall when the store with its entire contents was totally destroyed by fire with a tremendous loss, the officers did not sit idle and grieve over the company's loss, but under the guidance of Mr. Neill O'Donnell, the active business head of the establishment in whose hands it had grown from a small business to one of the largest concerns in central South Carolina, the company at once opened a store in new and limited quarters, where it has been doing business for nearly a year. It now "comes back" in handsomer and more spacious quarters than heretofore and on as firm a base, if not a firmer one, than ever before and ready for the future with all of its vicissitudes.

### British Steamer Captured.

Berlin, Sept. 23.—The British steamer Colchester, owned by the Greater Eastern Company has been captured by German warships and brought to Zeebrugge.

## YOUNG MAN MAKES RASH LEAP.

### CADET JUMPS FROM THIRD GALLERY, FORTY FEET TO QUADRANGLE AT CITADEL.

#### Mouth Terribly Mashed but Few Bones Are Broken and He Will Survive—Doesn't Lose Consciousness and Tells Why He Leaped to Apparently Certain Death.

News and Courier.

G. P. Ashe, member of the third (sophomore) class and a corporal at the Citadel, was painfully and seriously, though probably not fatally injured when he leaped from the third gallery to the quadrangle yesterday morning, just before reveille was sounded by the bugler.

Cadet Ashe was immediately taken into the Citadel hospital and Dr. Robert S. Cathcart, Citadel surgeon, summoned, arriving within a few minutes. The cadet corporal on guard also notified Col. O. J. Bond, superintendent of the military college.

After a careful examination of Cadet Ashe, it was stated that his face on the right side, had been badly mashed and the knuckle on the right elbow fractured, but that no other bones had been broken.

Cadet Ashe never lost consciousness and at intervals during the day answered questions clearly. He appeared, however, to be somewhat in a mental haze. At the direction of the surgeon, he moved his legs and exercised various muscles.

The corps of cadets was stunned by the affair. Cadet Ashe, who is nineteen years old, stands well in his class, finishing his first year quite near the top. He was appointed a corporal, indicating proficiency in the military department. His family lives at York.

About ten minutes before reveille, which is sounded at 6.30 a. m., Cadet Ashe, fully dressed, left his room, after telling his brother he was not able to sleep. He appears to have read his Bible before taking the leap. Asked for his reason, he stated that he was losing his grip. He wrote a brief note giving these reasons.

It is felt that Cadet Ashe will recover, despite the desperate character of the jump. It is about forty feet from the floor of the third gallery to the quadrangle, which is paved with cement. It is considered miraculous that the young man was not instantly killed.

### UNIONS NOT UNITED.

#### The Threatened Sympathetic Strike May Not Occur.

New York, Sept. 25.—The prospects of a city-wide walk out now seems remote. The indications point to strong opposition among many individual unions to the federated union's suspension order which becomes effective Wednesday. The leaders of the proposed strike announced today that sixty more organizations with a membership of one hundred and twenty thousand will go out. Fifty-nine thousand have already ratified the suspension order.

### COMMISSIONERS AT DEADLOCK.

#### New London Conference Not Making Any Progress.

Special to The Daily Item.

New London, Sept. 25.—The American and Mexican commissioners apparently reached a deadlock when American commissioners, under the president's instructions refused to consider any plan dealing with the withdrawal of troops. An adjournment is likely today or tomorrow until the Mexicans get new instructions from Carranza.

### TWO BLACKMAILERS ARRESTED.

#### They Impersonated Federal Officers and Used Fake Warrants.

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Hoimer French and James Christian have been arrested for black mail, charged with impersonating government officers, using fake warrants and swindling. The charges against this pair involved a wealthy New Yorker and a woman found living in a New York hotel.

### BATTLES IN THE AIR.

#### Violent Conflicts Between Sky Fleets in France.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The allied and German sky fleets are fighting with violence hitherto unrivaled. Twenty-eight German and twenty-four allied aerial machines have been destroyed during the forty-eight hours. The combats are continuing, aided by favorable weather over the western front.

## AMERICAN FLYER KILLED.

### KIFFEN YATES ROCKWELL SHOT TO DEATH IN AEROPLANE.

#### In Battle With German—Young Carolinian, Aviator for French Army, Loses Life on Western Front.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 23.—Kiffen Yates Rockwell, formerly of Asheville and Atlanta, who has been serving with the French aero corps on the Western battle front, was killed this morning in a fight with a German aircraft. Announcement of his death was contained in a cablegram from Paris received here late today by his mother, Mrs. L. A. Rockwell, of this city.

The message announcing the aviator's death came from a friend of the family in Paris and read as follows: "Kiffen killed this morning in aerial battle in Alsace."

Young Rockwell served at Verdun during the long months of fighting there and succeeded in bringing down four German aeroplanes unassisted. For this feat he recently received a war cross and military medal from the hands of Gen. Joffre, who referred to him as "a bold and courageous pilot." He had been mentioned frequently for bravery in official reports.

Mrs. Rockwell received a letter from her son only a few hours before the cablegram came telling her of his death. In the letter he said that he had been granted a leave of absence of eight days and had spent it in Paris with his brother Paul Rockwell, who had been severely wounded earlier in the war and discharged from the French army. On the day that the letter was mailed in Paris, Rockwell left for the front. He wrote that he had been transferred from Verdun to a more active sector.

When the war began Kiffen Rockwell was connected with an advertising agency in Atlanta. With his brother Paul, who was a reporter on the Atlanta Constitution, he went to France. They enlisted in the foreign legion and began service on September 10, 1915.

Kiffen remained with the legion until it was wiped out after seven months of fighting in the trenches. He then asked for a transfer to the aero corps and began training. In the meantime his brother had decided to remain in Paris and he began as a special correspondent there for several American newspapers, which he now is serving.

Kiffen Rockwell was born on September 20, 1892, at Newport, Tenn. His father was a Baptist minister of North Carolina. His mother was Miss Lula Ayers, a member of a prominent South Carolina family. Rockwell's father died when the boy was two years old and later Mrs. Rockwell moved with her two sons to Asheville, N. C., where they lived for many years. Kiffen Rockwell was a graduate of Washington & Lee university and also attended the Virginia Military institute for a time.

### EVANS AS SECRETARY.

#### Good Roads Booster Heads Hartsville Chamber.

Hartsville, Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the Hartsville Commercial club last evening Lacoste Evans, a native of Cheraw, formerly of Hartsville, more recently of Columbia and now again of Hartsville and well known as the good roads and otherwise booster, was unanimously elected to serve as secretary and treasurer to succeed F. D. Slaght, resigned. Mr. Slaght's time has been occupied with other business, and it was thought best to put Mr. Evans in on an all time pay basis. The people of Hartsville and surrounding sections are well acquainted with Mr. Evans and everybody loves and admires him. That he will accomplish a great work for the town of loving hearts as he dubs Hartsville every one feels assured.

### RAID BY REVENUE OFFICERS.

#### Arrest Made on Charge of Illicit Distilling.

Conway, Sept. 22.—The sheriff, his deputy and three revenue officers made a raid in the boundary section of Horry county last night and as a result Tas Boseman is in jail on a charge of distilling illicit whiskey. It seems that the sheriff and his posse had evidence of some party engaging in the illicit distilling of whiskey. The officers left Conway last night and arrived at the house of Boseman a little after midnight. They surrounded it and forced an entrance into the house before the inmates awoke. After a scramble for some minutes Boseman was arrested, brought to town and lodged in jail early this morning.