

AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED IN WAR ZONE

In Service of France Former Tailor Heel Died While Fighting On High

KIFFIN ROCKWELL SHOT IN THE HEAD Had Daringly Engaged a German Taube on The Alsace Front—One of The Most Noted of All War Aviators and Had Been Many Times Honored.

Paris, Sept. 23.—Kiffin Rockwell, the Atlanta aviator, attached to the American squadron, was shot dead this morning at 10 o'clock in the course of an air battle on the Alsace front.

Rockwell rose at 8:30 o'clock, alone in his machine, and fearlessly attacked a German Taube. He succeeded in emptying the magazine of his rapid fire with accurate aim, but while turning to encircle his opponent he received a bullet in the head and dropped like a stone. Death was instantaneous. The body was taken with all honors to a military hospital.

Rockwell's death is a great loss to the French military aviation. It was stated at the war office tonight that he was one of the most brilliant aviators in action since outbreak of the war. Rockwell was twice mentioned in the Admiralty dispatches and had been awarded the war-cross and a military medal.

Formerly Of Asheville. Atlanta, Sept. 23.—Kiffin Rockwell, formerly of Asheville, N. C., and Atlanta, killed today in France was well known here. Rockwell and his brother, Paul, were Atlanta newspaper men until the outbreak of the war, when they joined the French foreign legion. Both have had a distinguished career.

Effin became one of the most fearless aviators of the corps. In his first real flight he brought down a German aeroplane, after chasing the German for miles, manipulating his flier with one hand and his machine gun with the other. He escaped unhurt.

Son of Baptist Divine. Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 23.—Kiffin Rockwell was the son of a Baptist minister, who died at Newport, Tenn., when Kiffin was a small boy.

GERMANS PLAN A BIG NEW DRIVE ON THE RUSSIANS

Sharp Offensive Aimed to Stop the Rush on Kovel and Lemberg

RUSSIANS CLAIM ATTACK STOPPED Bulgarians Succeed in Stopping the Serbians—Russo-Rumanians Turn On Invaders

London, Sept. 23.—The new German offensive in Russia, aimed at stopping the drive on Kovel and Lemberg, appears to have begun.

What is believed to have been the opening attack in the expected new drive was launched yesterday south of Narotok Lak, east of Wilna. It was ushered in by the emission of quantities of gas and followed by violent infantry assault in dense masses.

The Russian war office this afternoon asserted that the Teutons were driven back on the whole line of attack.

Further to the south, near the railway intersection at Baronovitchi, the Germans also liberated gas, but no infantry attacks were made.

The Bulgarian right wing in Macedonia has stopped the Serbian offensive, temporarily at least, and has begun a counter offensive in which during the last 24 hours some trenches were recaptured.

The Russo-Rumanian army, in the Dobrudja, has turned and resumed the offensive against Field Marshal von Mackensen's German, Bulgarian and Turkish forces, south of the Czernawoda-Constanza line.

The reports are discredited here by military experts, as are rumors of Mackensen's army being "encircled." Critics point out that the strategic position of the Bulgar-Turko-German armies precludes such a movement on the part of the Russo-Rumanians at this stage of the Dobrudja battle.

Unofficial dispatches assert that Mackensen's army is in retreat and that the German commander has abandoned the Danube fortress of Silistria.

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UNIONS GETTING READY TO STAGE GENERAL STRIKE

Busy Lining Up Forces For Giant Walk-Out in New York

DIFFERENT ESTIMATES AS NUMBER OF MEN Leaders Contend Over Three Hundred Thousand Will Quit Midweek—Judge Issues Injunctions

New York, Sept. 23.—Final plans for Wednesday's general strike of all union labor organizations were discussed at an important conference in the Continental Hotel today.

Hugh Frayne, chairman of the Greater New York labor conference, which decided the strike, expressed the belief that 350,000 of the 70,000 union men in New York city will go out Wednesday morning.

Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated Union of New York, gave the same estimate as Mr. Frayne.

Mr. Bohm announced that the union teamsters, numbering 12,000, had voted to join in the strike.

At headquarters of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union of America announcement was made that the 40,000 members will strike in sympathy with the car men.

Scores of local unions will hold meetings tomorrow to determine the question of participation in the movement.

Justice Guy, of the Supreme Court, issued an injunction today restraining officers of the Garment Cutters' Association from calling out on a strike certain members of the union who have individual contracts with employers.

The labor conference this afternoon issued an order placing the subways, elevated lines and surface cars in Manhattan and the Bronx on the "unfair list."

En route to El Paso, Texas, to do patrol duty along the Mexican border for Uncle Sam, the first contingent of the North Carolina Troops from Camp Glenn, passed through Wilmington this morning, about 3:30 o'clock.

It is understood from good authority, that the other three train sections, which will convey the First Regiment to the border will pass through the city Monday. The other regiments will be routed another way.

AGAIN ZEPPELINS ATTACK BUT THEY ARE BEATEN OFF

Raid On England Daringly Made But Said To Have Been Frustrated

ONE BIG AIRSHIP KNOWN BEEN DOWNED Another Reported to Have Been Brought to Earth—Extent of Damage Not Known Yet

London, Sept. 24.—(Sunday)—A Zeppelin raid on Lincolnshire, the eastern counties and the outskirts of London last night was beaten off with serious losses to the invaders.

An official report, issued by Sir John French early this morning, says: "Airships attacked Lincolnshire, the eastern counties and the outskirts of London last night, but were beaten off. One airship was brought down in southeastern Essex and another is reported to have been downed on the Essex coast, but this is unconfirmed. The damage caused by the raid has not been reported."

An earlier report says: "A number of hostile airships visited the east and southeast coast of England. Bombs were dropped at various places."

LITTLE GAINED ON THE SOMME FRONT

British Capture Fortified System of Trenches—Little Else Reported

London, Sept. 23.—The capture by the British of strongly fortified system of trenches east of Cozelette in the dip of Bapaume, is the only outstanding event of the last 24 hours on the Somme front.

Three German aeroplanes were shot down and five others forced to descend. Five British machines are missing after the day's numerous aerial combats, the statement admits.

The German war office this afternoon reported the repulse of all French and British attacks on the Somme during the last 24 hours.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 24. 2 a. m. Fire is sweeping the village of Phoenix 16 miles north of here. Already the large paper mills owned by Speaker Sweet, of the Assembly, have been destroyed as well as fifty other buildings.

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INDIANA GIVES CHAS. HUGHES BIG GREETING

Thousands Cheer Him and Running Mate On Same Platform

HIS THROAT HAD TO BE SPRAYED Again Bitterly Attacked Wilson's Mexican Policy and Denounced The Eight-Hour Bill

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 23.—Seventy-five thousand people welcomed here tonight the first appearance in the campaign of Charles Hughes, Republican candidate, and Chas. Fairbanks, his running mate, on the same platform.

By constant spraying and applications of ice bags Hughes' throat was enabled to stand the strain to the end, and though husky of voice, he wound up the tour in Indiana in a whirl of devil fire, brass banditry and enthusiasm.

At the big meeting Hughes returned to the Mexican attack, reading once more the alleged instructions of President Wilson to John Lind that Huerta must be driven out of Mexico.

"I want splendid patriotic sentiment in this country," he declared. "America cannot provide work, American can never be successful and prosper if we do not have a splendid patriotic sentiment. We are all Americans, whatever race, whatever creed, wherever we come from.

"I stand for the honor of the American flag, for firm insistence on American rights, I stand for the enforcement of American rights on land and on sea without fear, unflinchingly, with regard to all nations, and in respect to American lives, American property and American commerce"

Demand Made For Carranza to Consent to Co-operate of U. S. Troops

New London, Conn., Sept. 23.—General Carranza must consent to the co-operation of American troops fighting Villa and the other bandits who infest Mexico.

The American delegates came to this conclusion today after three weeks' discussion. Mexican envoys have placed the entire situation before the first chief and expect his reply by Monday.

Factors have convinced the American that Carranza is utterly unable to pacify Mexico without the military assistance of United States.

WILSON TO BEGIN WESTERN TRIP OCT. 5th

New York, Sept. 23.—President Wilson begins his western special campaign at Omaha on Oct. 5, it was announced at Democratic national headquarters today.

WILSON DEFENDS THE EIGHT-HOUR MEASURE

A FIERY SERPENT IT SWEEPED TO AND FRO IN THE AIR

Graphic Description of Burning of Zeppelin Over England Last Night

SET ON FIRE BY HOSTILE SHELLS Flame Lit The Big Airship Fell With a Crash to The Ground—Sky Aglow For Many Minutes.

London, Sept. 23.—A dispatch from Essex gives the following graphic description of the destruction of a Zeppelin:

"At midnight a Zeppelin passed over here. We could hear the humming of the engines and saw the searchlights flickering in the sky. Ten minutes later we saw it going in the direction of London. Guns were firing and shells were bursting around the airship, which disappeared northwards. The guns suddenly ceased. We held our breaths, expecting the same thing to happen as at Cuffley."

"There was silence. The Zeppelin had disappeared. Its engines were again heard. After a few minutes heavy gun firing was heard eastwards and shells were seen bursting around the Zeppelin."

"Suddenly a red spot glowed in the sky, the size of a foot. All saw immediately that the Zeppelin was afire. "Flames swept it back and soon it was afire from end to end. It looked like a fiery serpent shooting through the sky, with red flames stabbing its sides. Almost immediately there was a chorus of weird sounds coming eastward. Steam whistles and sirens were sounded from the river, sending forth screams of triumphs. The streets were crowded and the people were actually dancing with happiness. It was a pandemonium of joy."

"The Zeppelin's fall seemed to go upwards, with its nose down. Suddenly, amidst the flames, its back seemed to break. The Zeppelin made a headlong dive to the ground, its fiery tail oscillating. Flames lit the sky. Within half a minute the flaming wreck smashed to the ground a red furnace. The sky burned all together about five minutes before the monster dropped."

Having Too Many Things Many nervous, irritable dissatisfied, unhappy women would become calm and contented if they would store, throw, sell, exchange or give away half of their belongings.

W. Parkhurst Runyan, chairman of the National Business Men's League, introduced the President. Mr. Runyan said:

"We wish to acknowledge our appreciation of the constructive legislation President Wilson has given us. It is reasonable for the wave of prosperity we are now enjoying, and he has kept us out of war."

The last statement by Mr. Runyan was applauded for several minutes. The President said: "I need not tell you what a sense of gratification it gives me that you should come hearing this generous message which I have just heard from your chairman. There is a sense in which the business men of America represent America, because America has devoted herself time out of mind to the arts and achievements of peace and business and the organization of the energies of peace."

Felt It His Duty In Face of Strike to Protect One Hundred Million People

PRESIDENT OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN Speaks to Delegation of Two Thousand at Shadow Lawn and Plainly Discusses Relation of Capital and Labor—Praises Federal Reserve Act. Heartily Applauded.

Shadow Lane, Sept. 23.—President Wilson opened his campaign here this afternoon with a defense of the Adamson law and praise for the Federal reserve act. The meeting was arranged for the Business Men's League, of New Jersey and the attendance was approximately 2,000 persons.

"I never had franker conferences than I had with both sides to this controversy," he declared. "When I saw there was no chance for an agreement I felt it my duty to the 100,000,000 people of this country to interfere."

"The railroad executives wanted to know how they were to meet extra burden in wages. When they asked for legislation which would protect them through increased freight rates I was willing to arbitrate that point by appointing a fair commission to observe the law in operation and report."

"When men say we must not let any organization interfere with the interest of society I answer 'Amen.' At another point he said: "It is the duty of the government to see that no other organization grows stronger than itself."

"America will never say to men: 'You must work whether you want to or not.'"

"We are now out in the open as competitors for the competency of the world," he said. The sentence which followed was an answer to Mr. Hughes' charge that current law is faulty and dangerous. Mr. Wilson said: "Reaction in this matter would shut us up like a province. To turn back now would be craven."

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"There have been times when it looked as if Americans were interested in only herself but in these recent years American business men have seen how the markets of the world were waiting for their service and as they have sought and obtained entrance into these markets a new vision has come to them f what the development of the resources of America means; of what the organization of American efficiency means; of why

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TAFT AND TEDDY TO BURY HATCHET

Will Appear On Same Platform at Big Meeting In New York

New York, Sept. 23.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Wm. Howard Taft, the only two living ex-presidents, are going to patch up their historical differences and shake hands and be friends once more.

BOLL WEEVIL FOUND IN GEORGIA COUNTY

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 23.—The boll weevil has been discovered in Burke county. It was thought the weevil would not reach the district for two years more.

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The train of 19 cars arrived over the New Bern branch and after a short stay in the city, was transferred to the W. C. & A. tracks and proceeded South.

In the train was the Ambulance Company, Field Hospital and Troops A. and B. cavalry, together with all equipment, such as horses, wagons, tentage, etc. The enlisted men were traveling in tourist cars and the officers were in a Pullman car.

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