

## Breach Between Greek King and Premier Venizelos Cause of Painful Surprise In Entente Capitals; Bulgaria Is Still Silent

### CONSTANTINE ACCEPTS PREMIER'S RESIGNATION, CAUSING SERIOUS CRISIS

Greek Ruler and Prime Minister Unable to Agree on Next Step Greece Should Take In Balkan Affairs.

BULGARIA EXPECTED TO ATTACK SERBIA SOON

Assumed From Silence of King Ferdinand That He Has Definitely Cast Lot With the Central Powers.

London, Oct. 6.—Word was received from Athens today that King Constantine had accepted the resignation of the Venizelos cabinet, the members of which were unable to agree with the king concerning the next step in the fast approaching Balkan crisis. The retirement of the premier and his associates came unheralded after the chamber of deputies had registered a vote of confidence in the ministry.

General telegrams from Athens today say that the prime minister relinquished his office at 9:30 o'clock last night. No reason was given for the action, though a former clash of opinion between the king and Premier Venizelos resulting in a temporary retirement of the minister left little doubt that the present instance involved the now familiar issues which was raised by Venizelos—that Greece should strike at once in behalf of Serbia and the entente powers.

It now seems certain that Bulgaria has aligned herself with Germany, Austria and Greece and the situation will doubtless be brought to a head by the landing of allied troops at Saloniki.

This procedure was regarded as effectively placing Greece definitely with the entente powers as she was considered as virtually having acquiesced in the counter move against Bulgaria.

Although the time allotted for Bulgaria to reply to the Russian ultimatum expired yesterday afternoon, King Ferdinand has not seen fit to send an answer in any form. It is assumed that hostilities in the new field cannot be averted.

If Bulgaria joins the Teutonic powers her entry into the war will be under conditions less favorable than a few weeks ago. The Russians with reinforcements and a slowly increasing amount of artillery seems to be striking harder blows daily and the official German communications no longer register measurable advances. The situation in the west has reached the stage of

### Athens Is Excited Over Cabinet Resignations

Athens, Oct. 5, via Paris, Oct. 6.—The resignation of Premier Venizelos of Greece was altogether unexpected. When he conversed with the Associated Press correspondent today there was in his manner that which indicated the utmost confidence in the future course of his government. In the meantime King Constantine had come to Athens from Patos, the summer residence of the royal family, and summoned the premier to the palace.

### Opening of Haywood Fair Scores a Big Success

Waynesville, Oct. 6.—In spite of inclement weather conditions the opening day of the Haywood county fair was a success and approximately 2,000 people were on the grounds yesterday. To a certain extent the rains interfered with the arrival of some farm and livestock exhibits. The midway attractions are excellent; they extend from the main entrance of the fair grounds to the stock pens. This morning the clouds lifted and good weather promises to prevail. Today is Western Carolina day. The principal feature on the program is the singing contest. Exactly 15 choirs are entered for this competitive event

and large crowds are following their favorite choir to the scene of the "big sing." This is one of the chief drawing cards at the fair. This afternoon will be taken up largely with free midway attractions and field sports. Beginning at 2 o'clock the first exhibition of horses will take place. Thursday is set apart by the fair association as Canton day. There will be a baseball game between teams from Canton and Sunburst. The baby show, the spelling contest and the first judging of livestock will also take place tomorrow.

Every train coming into Waynesville continues to bring visitors and indications are that all records for attendance will be broken.

Paris, Oct. 6.—The reported breach between King Constantine of Greece and Premier Venizelos which resulted in the resignation of the prime minister was totally unexpected in Paris and caused painful surprise. French editors have hard things to say of King Constantine, whose German connections have always been viewed with some suspicion on the part of those who have been working to secure aid of Greece for the entente powers.

It is considered that although King Constantine signed the mobilization order and consented to the landing of French troops at Saloniki he does not want to make war against Bulgaria, the ally of Germany. It is pointed out that Bulgaria wants Saloniki and that Germany covets Asia Minor. The newspapers assert that Bulgaria is "digging the grave of Hellenism."

It is admitted that the task of the Anglo-French forces has become harder but it is asserted with equal emphasis that the task is not beyond their strength.

Paris, Oct. 6.—In the Artois region artillery exchanges continue with particular violence in the vicinity of the forest of Givenchy, according to the report of the French war office.

### ASHEVILLE BOY SHOT IN BATTLE

Kiffin Rockwell Is Wounded In Desperate Fighting In Champagne District.

### HAD LATELY JOINED AEROPLANE SERVICE

Recently Wrote His Mother That He Enjoyed Operating Flying Machines.

Kiffin Rockwell, younger son of Dr. Louisa A. Rockwell of Asheville, was wounded in the back and head during the attack made by the French Foreign legion on the German trenches in the Champagne district on September 29, according to a Paris dispatch to the New York Sun dated October 3. The cablegram appeared in the Sun on Monday and is as follows: "Paris, Oct. 3.—D. W. Thorin of Canton, S. D., received a letter today from Kiffin Rockwell, an American in the French Foreign legion dated 'Red Cross Train, Oct. 3.'

"I am wounded in the attack (in Champagne) we made on September 29," writes Rockwell. "I got hit in the back and head, not seriously though. I don't know how the rest of the bunch fared except Trunkard, whom I met with a couple of bullets in the left shoulder. But he seemed quite cheerful."

"We got all shot to hell. Battalions A1 and A2 suffered most from the flank fire of the German machine guns. It was a fine death trap for the legion. 'You should have seen the attack! All the boys stuck to it and carried the boche trenches and the forest where the Germans had a strong position. I tell you those boches got away quick and lively!'"

The Sun's article was Mrs. Rockwell's first intimation in regard to the injuries sustained by her son. On September 5 she received a letter from Kiffin Rockwell saying that he had joined the aeroplane service and was enjoying the training. On September 10 Mrs. Rockwell received a letter from Mrs. Weeks, an American woman in Paris who aided the Asheville boy in securing an appointment to duty in the aeroplane department. Rockwell and a son of Mrs. Weeks had been together in the battle of Arras last May when Rockwell was wounded and Weeks was listed with the missing and is thought to be a prisoner.

The Asheville member of the Foreign legion was in a hospital for three months after the battle of Arras, and later enlisted as an aviator. On September 15 Paul Rockwell wrote his mother from Paris that his brother was making rapid progress in the art of flying. Mrs. Rockwell therefore, did not learn until this morning, when a Gazette-News reporter showed her the Paris dispatch, that her son had rejoined the legion.

Dr. Rockwell stated that she could not understand why her son was in the charge made by the legion unless it had been found necessary to recall every man available for the desperate efforts made by the allies against the enemy in the last days of September. She added that her son, Kiffin, had probably not yet had time to master the air craft instruction and that was temporarily called back to serve with the legionaries.

### STATE WINS VICTORY OVER SEABOARD COMPANY

Railway Pays Costs and Abandons Suit Against Tax Increase.

Special to The Gazette-News: Raleigh, Oct. 6.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway company has withdrawn its suit against the state based upon recent three and one-half million dollar assessment increase and agreeing to pay all costs of action, was allowed by the corporation commission to abandon action. The Seaboard protested against raising its property from seventeen million to twenty and one-half million, alleging discrimination and almost confiscation. The state wins a great victory.

### NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Governor Receives Praise For Refusal to Pardon Person County Man Who Has Luxurious Jail Quarters.

### MAY BE CENSURED BY PEOPLE OF DAVIDSON

Lester Davis Recently Pardoned Said to Have Kept Up Retailing Business While on the Roads.

(By W. T. Bost)

Raleigh, Oct. 6.—Chief Justice Clark declares that the dog decision of the Supreme court last week taxing the Warren county males \$3 a head and the males \$2 is not a new thing and not such a courageous act of a chief justice.

"There are 35 counties besides Warren which have a dog tax," the chief justice said. "You will probably remember that in the legislature last spring many counties had tried the tax and found it a good revenue producer. Some of the counties whose newspapers have spoken with something of surprise at the decision of the court, have a dog tax of some character, though I do not know what their law is."

The counties which give Warren company are Alamance, Ashe, Avery, Camden, Chatham, Cleveland, Currituck, Durham, Forsyth, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Hoke, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, (the township in Greens Creek), Moore, Orange, Pamlico, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Union, Wake, Warren, Watauga and Wayne.

Wake began this dog agitation in 1919 and has observed nearly 40 per cent of the state in dog tax territory. Praise and Blame. Governor Craig continues to receive praise from Person county temperance people who are delighted with his courage in declining to pardon Dan Andrews from a service in Person county jail.

Rev. J. A. Beam of Roxboro assured the governor that the people of Person are beholden to the chief executive for standing squarely against the liberty of this de luxe prisoner who has rigged him up a fine office in jail, according to the delegations protest, and keeps abreast with the times.

But Lexington people who happened to be here declare that the governor is to catch it from Davidsonians. The Lester Davis pardon is the cause of it. They declare that Davis has done a thriving business at retailing while the prisoner was serving his time and that he has been having a big time on the roads with his automobile, joy riding of fellow prisoners being urged against Davis. Davis is said to have spent quite a lot of his time between work hours at his home in Tyro, using the automobile in that pleasure trip. These objections, however, have not reached the governor.

Governor Craig has granted an extradition to South Carolina for one James Sanders, now held in Gastonia for assault with intent to kill.

Arthur L. Fletcher, until recently editor of the Lexington Dispatch and associate editor of Southern Good Roads, has come to Raleigh to join his brother A. J. Fletcher of Fuquay Springs in the practice of law.

The Fletchers will practice here and in the tobacco town. A. L. Fletcher holding down the Raleigh office and A. J. Fletcher the Fuquay. They have opened in the Pullen building and had their first case under the partnership when they won for Smith, plaintiff, against Lee defendant, in the majority fight of Fuquay.

Miss Parker Wins. Miss Louie E. Parker will take charge of the West Durham postoffice soon according to a dispatch received from Congressman Pou recommending here as the success of Mrs. Thornton Rowland, resigned. The West Durham postoffice pays \$2000 in salary and was therefore worth the contest among six women. Mr. Pou had been besieged by partisans of them all, Miss Parker appearing to have had the lead throughout according to her friends. The message simply said that Mr. Pou will recommend Miss Parker who has had service in the office.

### CARSON PLEADS SELF DEFENSE

Unwritten Law Also Enters Into the Case—The Defendant on the Stand This Morning.

### SWORE HURST WAS ADVANCING WITH KNIFE

Carson Swore He and His Wife Had Separated on Several Occasions—Old Fort Witnesses.

(By W. T. Bost)

Entering a plea of self defense, into which the unwritten law enters, Sam Carson, charged with the murder of Hiram Hurst during last August, took the stand in his own behalf in Superior court this morning and swore to improper relations between his wife and Hiram Hurst and further swore that Hurst was advancing on him at the time of the shooting. Carson swore that he only shot in self defense; that he believed that Hurst's father was carrying a gun for him and that he was in fear of his life at times.

Carson testified that he is 51 years old, born in Madison county, and raised in this county. He is married, with six children. He knew the deceased, who was 20 years of age and lived about one mile from Carson. Up to the time of the homicide, he stated he was friendly with Hurst, never having any trouble with him. Hurst weighed about 175 and Carson 120, on scales today. He testified that he had been paralyzed in the right side and had a bullet wound in the left leg which still causes me to limp. Hurst was a married man, his wife being in the state asylum for the insane, he stated. He swore that Hurst knew his wife. He identified a picture as being that of his wife and two children, taken two years ago. His wife's name is Della, he stated. Defendant said that he lived about one-quarter of a mile from the scene of the homicide. Described in detail the path where the body was found and the surroundings.

Carson said that he saw Hurst a week or two before the killing. The day of the homicide, he swore that he was hunting for rabbits, with a loaded shotgun, giving this as the reason for aving the gun at the time he met Hurst. He said that he met Hurst in the path which has been described and spoke to him, asking him what he was doing. Witness swore that Hurst said that he (Carson) had been meddling with his business and came on him with a knife, at which time the witness swore he fired at Hurst. He said that he saw him fall and that Hurst was a dangerous man. After the shooting defendant said that he went to where some boys were plowing and toldingle, he said, that he was in trouble and told him that Hurst was attacking him with a knife when he shot him.

He said that he next saw Fred Carson, his nephew and told him the same story of the shooting and asked him to see if Hurst was hurt and to look for his knife. He said that he told John Ingram that evening that he understood that Hurst's father had a gun for him and would kill him. He said that he went to Earl Gutherie's between the killing and surrender to the sheriff; he said that he was within three miles of the scene of the homicide all the time.

The defendant said that he was standing eight or ten feet from Hurst when he shot him. He denied that he had ever been in the granary which the sheriff described in his testimony. He said that he was 13 steps from the house when the shot was made and denied that he cut any holes in the granary. He stated that he first discovered the alleged improper relations between Hurst and his wife when Hurst hired his wife during the harvest last July. He said that he next found notes in his wife's pockets, one of which he swore was in her handwriting, but said that he had not seen it since and said that he had not seen his wife for several weeks. He said that he again saw two notes in her pocketbook from her to Hurst, which he said she stole from him and he never knew what became of them. The state objected to the introduction of the contents of the notes for this port.

### BERLIN ACCEDES TO U. S. WISHES

Bernstorff's Communication Virtually Ensures Settlement of All Controversies Over Submarines.

### OFFICIAL WASHINGTON PLEASED AND RELIEVED

With Settlement of Arabic Case, President Wilson Is Expected to Send Protest to Great Britain.

(By W. T. Bost)

Washington, Oct. 6.—Germany has completely acceded to the American demands for settlement of the Arabic case. The imperial government, in a letter presented by its ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, to Secretary Lansing, disavows the sinking of the vessel, announces that it has notified the submarine commander who made the attack, expresses regret for the loss of American lives, and agrees to pay an indemnity to their families. Official Washington was both gratified and relieved by the diplomatic victory. The communication delivered by the ambassador pursuant to general instructions from his government spread absolute confidence that there would be no more submarine controversies between the United States and Germany, for the document reveals that stringent orders have been given to submarine commanders to prevent a recurrence of such incidents as the Arabic.

Since this case embraces the principles for which President Wilson contended in his notes following the torpedoing of the Lusitania and Falaba, concessions made by Germany to the American viewpoint were generally regarded as paving the way for amicable settlement of all the cases which have threatened severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Count von Bernstorff left here last night happy over the results of his work, expressing the confident hope that relations between Germany and the United States would continue to improve.

With the settlement of the Arabic controversy, the dispatch to Great Britain of the long delayed American note on interference with trade is expected within a few days.

President Wilson has consistently refused to send his communication while the issues with Germany were pending, because the Berlin government, had through its notes, given the impression that on the action which the United States took with one set of belligerents depended its own conformity of international law. As the issues with Germany appear now to be adjusting themselves, the president, it is known, feels free to press Great Britain for a modification of the orders in council and restrictions of American trade.

It was not until the German ambassador submitted his letter yesterday that the change in the relations between Germany and the United States became definite. Previous suggestions which Count von Bernstorff has made were considered unsatisfactory. In New York last Saturday, the ambassador had submitted a draft of a letter on the Arabic case, but since it did not include admission of liability and agreement to pay indemnity, its terms were not acceptable to either President Wilson or Secretary Lansing.

### CRAFT ENGAGED IN WAR GAME HAS EXPLOSION

Newport, R. I., Oct. 6.—An explosion followed by fire took place on board of the torpedo boat destroyer Cummings while the vessel was engaged in war maneuvers off the coast. The Cummings was immediately headed for this port. The explosion took place in a forward compartment and two men were badly burned by oil flames. The fire was soon extinguished, but the commander decided it would be best to start back to Newport.