

Q. During all that time you had no record ?

A. There was no official record, no.

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A. No.

Q. Well, what other record ?

A. Well, there was no record as a matter of fact, no original statement as to their names.

Q. Who were the officials ?

A. I beg pardon ?

Q. Who were the officials ? With whom did you correspond ?

A. We corresponded with the North Atlantic Trading Company directly.

Q. Where ?

A. At Amsterdam.

Q. The post office address ?

A. No, their street address, I think there was a street address. Damrack, Amsterdam, Holland.

Q. Have you ever been in Amsterdam since this arrangement ?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you go to their office ?

A. I did.

Q. What did you find there ?

A. I did not find anything, at least I simply found the office was locked up when I was there.

Q. Was it on a business street ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The ground floor ?

A. No.

Q. Upstairs ?

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Q. First, or second or third floor ?

A. I cannot say, I think it was the first floor.

Q. Above the ground floor ? And what was it—a room ?

A. An office, yes.

Q. An ordinary office upstairs appeared to be occupied ? Was there a name on the door ?

A. Yes, the name was on the door.

Q. What did they call it ?

A. The North Atlantic Trading Company.

Q. Did you make any inquiry of the neighbours ?

A. Yes.

Q. What did they say ?

A. They said that the correspondence came there. Some one, they said, I do not remember who, came there and the place was visited quite often. It was visited by some person they did not know.

Q. Who took the letters ?

A. I suppose.

Q. Took them away ?

A. Yes.

Q. I suppose in so important a matter that would occur very frequently ? They might have cabled for example ?

A. Yes, I suppose they did.

Q. But the business did not appear as far as you saw ?

A. It was only an address, that is all.

Q. Just an address ?