

WAR PROLONGED BY TARDY NAVAL AID, SAYS SIMS

Tells Senators U. S. Delay Cost Allies 2,500,000 Tons of Shipping.

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WASHINGTON, March 10.—Admiral Sims today charged the navy department with causing the loss of 2,500,000 tons of allied shipping through "failure to act promptly the first six months" of the war, in his testimony before the senate subcommittee investigating the conduct of the war by the navy.

Admiral Sims asserted that delay by the navy department cost 1,500,000 tons in 1917, and for this loss "we could have had 1,000,000 men in France in March, 1918, instead of 300,000."

But for the "delays and military errors" Germany would have been defeated in July, 1918, Admiral Sims charged.

Only 25,000 men a month could be shipped in 1918, Sims declared. Another 1,000,000 tons was "unnecessarily lost in 1918," he added.

WOULD HAVE BROUGHT VICTORY IN JULY.

"Undoubtedly the presence of these American troops in France in March would have brought victory in July," he said.

Such a policy, therefore, cost us millions of dollars, 2,500,000 tons of shipping and prolonged the war at least four months," Sims continued.

Germany expected to be the winner within two months when he arrived in March, Sims declared. England had a grain supply then for only three weeks.

He revealed that Admiral Jellicoe and other British admiralty officials showed reluctance to take Sims into their confidence regarding the losses suffered at sea. In order to get their full confidence, Sims said he had to "impress on them that we were with the allies."

He asserted that the navy department did not communicate its first decision as to its policy to him for nearly a month after our entry into the war. It was nearly two and a half months, he said, before the decision was informed him of its plans. Most of his information about the navy's activities, he said, came to him "by accident."

CABLEGRAM FROM PAGE TO WILSON.

Admiral Sims read a cablegram sent from Ambassador Page to him on March 27, 1917, which declared: "I can not refrain from most strongly recommending the immediate sending over of every destroyer and all other craft that can be of anti-submarine use. This seems to me the sharpest crisis of the war and the most dangerous situation for the allies that has arisen or could arise. If enough submarines can be destroyed in the next two or three months the war will be won directly by our aid. I can not exaggerate the pressing and increasing danger of this situation. Thirty or more destroyers and other similar craft sent us immediately would very likely be decisive."

Ambassador Page declared that a million tons were being lost every month at that time and that by autumn, "the sea will be about clear of shipping." He declared the British army in the field was threatened because of lack of supplies and that there was food enough to last the civil population only about two months.

Most of Admiral Sims' recommendations reiterated the pressing need for destroyers and other anti-submarine craft. The navy department, Sims stated, first promised thirty-six destroyers and later cut this number to thirty-two.

Senate Asks Report on Dead in France

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The senate today adopted a resolution calling on the secretary of war to report what the war department plans to do about bodies of American dead in France.

SPORTS

Ferndale and Debonair Fives Ready for Scrap at 'Y' Saturday Night

The Ferndale Athletic club and Debonair basket tossers are ready to treat local fans to a real show when they clash on the Y. M. C. A. court tomorrow night in the final match of the annual tournament. Each team has earned a victory out of the two previous games and both will fight hard for the honors in the encounter.

Coach Squires of the Debonair athletes through a stiff drill last night, and they are in better condition for the game than they have been at any time this year. The St. Louis team, who six-foot forwards of the green and white squad are hitting the ring from every angle, and the former has developed a "dead set" for underhand basket shots. Etris probably will jump center for the Debonairs and the brunt of the assault will be taken by a team over to Anderson and Schaefer, a pair of guards that stuck up with anything in the state amateur ranks.

The Ferndale boys' fives have been drilling hard for a week in preparation for the contest and are reported ready to break all speed records. The Ferndale won the first game by a score by a one point margin and were defeated by a big score in the second round. However, they offered the "out" to Anderson and Schaefer, and determined to square themselves with their followers by finishing in front Saturday night.

National Basket Tourney Opens With Classy Games

ATLANTA, March 10.—The national basketball championship of the United States series will open this afternoon at the auditorium armory with games between the city champions of Kansas City and Atlanta. The game starts at 1 o'clock. Play will continue until 11 p. m. with teams from Los Angeles, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Chicago, Denver, New York, St. Louis, San Luis, Louisville, Houston, Charlotte and other cities taking part. Los Angeles, Houston Triangles and the New York university teams are the favorites for high honors today.

Clear Track for Kids

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 10.—Indiana university's last basketball game of the season, to have been played Saturday night against the University of Michigan on the local floor, has been postponed to Monday night. This game was scheduled early in the season by Coach Stehle as a special attraction for the last night of the state high school basketball tournament. It is understood there was some objection to any game the last night other than the championship high school contest. The Indiana team did not practice Saturday night, and the high school teams will have the use of the floor.

Butler Letter Men

Seven Butler players were recommended to receive basketball letters yesterday by Coach Head to the faculty athletic association. The final approval of the awarding of all letters, Prof. Johnson and Gelston of the faculty committee are expected to take final action on the awarding of the letters and early next week the letter men will elect the captain of next year's team.

Jones, Shockley, Wood, Bastian, Short, Slaton, Daniels are the seven players who will win their letters, providing the coach's recommendations are ap-

MURPHY HOME MORTGAGE PAID

Auto Men Quickly Complete Fund—\$1,000 for Mary.

The mortgage on the home of Sgt. Paul Murphy, slain police officer, is paid.

Harry C. Stutz and George M. Wedley walked into the office of Chief of Police Jerry Kinney today and laid down a check for \$2,500, money contributed by the automobile industries of Indianapolis within two days.

After requesting that the names of the 125 persons who contributed to the fund be not published, Mr. Stutz and Mr. Wedley went to the Celtic Building and Loan association office and paid the \$1,500 mortgage on the home.

The remaining \$1,000 will be added to the fund to take care of little Mary, the 7-year-old daughter of the dead police sergeant.

The fund which was started Monday for little Mary continued to grow with uncollected contributions today.

This is separate from a fund being raised by policemen for the widow of the man who was killed in a bank in the name of Mary Murphy, and will be used for her care and education. The fund reached \$1,013,500 today. Contributions since Tuesday noon total:

A. T. Mack, \$5; Sterling R. Holt, \$50; Alex L. Taggart, \$50; Henry L. Dithmer, \$50; Field M. McWain, \$50; William S. Smith, \$50; Landmark Brass Works, \$25; cash, \$25; Pete Brown, \$25; J. M. Taylor, \$1; Jack Sellman, \$10; Goren Bridges, 50 cents; Maurice Tavel, \$5; Eugene McIntire, \$1; J. E. MacQuown, \$1; Joseph Forster, \$1; Charles E. Lewis, \$1; Sacks Bros., \$5; Aaron Bremen, \$1; Charles Orme, 50 cents; Edward J. Keppler, \$1; S. B. Bolton, \$1; L. M. Gaster, 50 cents; Mrs. Vernon J. Albert, 50 cents; Sam Dorfman, \$2; Morris Jack, 50 cents; Thompson's Restaurant, \$1; William H. Baron, \$1; Frank Wilson, \$1; G. B. Thornton, \$5; Louis R. Pence, \$2; Wesley Alexander, \$1; Louis Simon, \$1; Henry Campbell, \$1; Abe Glazman, \$1; Oscar Malcom, \$1; Nathan Korn, \$1; Fred D. Barrett, \$1; Lafe D. Weathers, \$1; Joseph J. Dickson, \$20; A. T. Connor, \$10; cash sent to Indianapolis News, \$1; Frank M. Shikher, \$5; "Woody" Hazelton hotel, \$2; Mary Elsworth Shantz, \$5; J. E. Langner, \$1; George M. Baldwin, \$5; James M. Faris, \$5; G. A. Hendrickson, \$1; a friend, 50 cents; cash, \$1; Paul Schloss Bros. Company, \$10; John C. Loucks fire chief, \$2; Taggart Baking Company, \$50; D. S. Terry, \$10; Dr. Burrel, \$5; W. S. Henry, \$5; S. D. Plesner, \$10; William Ela, \$5; R. D. Thomas, \$5; Isbell Somerville, \$5; Lucretia Taylor Orr, \$1; F. Sayles, \$1; Mrs. Charles C. Orr, \$10; American Boller and Sheet Iron Works, \$5; A. E. Caddington, \$2; S. W. Elston, \$5; Ray Carmichael, 50 cents; C. T. Butler, \$1; Henry Slatzy, \$5; Jake Nice, \$1; Horace Stuck, 50 cents; Heze Clark, \$1; W. D. Mount, \$1; N. T. Miller, \$5; Frank H. Pittman, \$5; Theodore Harith, \$10; Mrs. Charles Mayer, \$25; Leut. George W. Rogers, \$5.

Three Seek Places as Committeemen

Three candidates filed their intentions of being candidates for precinct committeemen.

Charles H. Highbaugh, republican, precinct committeeman of Eleventh precinct, Fourth ward.

Alonzo Haskins, republican, precinct committeeman of the Fourteenth precinct, Fourth ward.

George R. Brown, democrat, of 1142 Broadway, precinct committeeman of the First precinct, Eighth ward.

MAY TAX BACHELORS.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 10.—Unmarried men who pay no municipal taxes will be taxed at a rate of about 20 cents a month. A measure including that provision was reported favorably by the city council and is being considered by the mayor's advisory board.

MOTION PICTURES.

CHARGE STOCK IS MISTREATED

Humane Society Says Crippled Animals Must Get Care.

The Indianapolis Humane society has determined to put an end to the alleged inhumane manner in which crippled stock animals handled in the Indianapolis stock yards, and to that end announced that within ten days its inspectors will start killing crippled stock as soon as it comes into the stock yards.

The movement on the part of the Indianapolis society is designed to make it desirable for stock shippers to make an arrangement to make proper arrangements for the humane treatment of crippled animals by making it extremely unprofitable for them to neglect the stock.

It is reported by inspectors that from ten to twenty-five crippled animals arrive at the stockyards daily. Heretofore, the animals have been left to die without proper care until the better stock was sold. It is charged that the crippled were sold to those who were willing to buy them and in many cases were handled in exactly the same manner as other stock. Instances are reported to have been numerous in which horses with broken legs were packed to the railroads by their broken legs.

The humane society has arranged for immediate inspection of these cripples in the event that the dealers wish to make arrangements to have them cared for on arrival, the inspectors having been granted by the board of health for that purpose.

Arrangements are not made for the relief of these crippled animals immediately on their arrival, the humane society announces that its agents will kill the animals without regard to the losses the owners may sustain.

WOMAN TELLS OF ROBBERY.

Willa Powers, colored, 235 West Michigan street, today reported she was robbed by two men on March 2. She gave no reason for the delay in reporting the robbery. She said a diamond ring, a pair of diamond earrings, a \$10 gold piece used as a neck chain charm, and a fur neck piece were taken from her.

Stock Dividend Tax Claims O. K., Says U. S.

William L. Elder, collector of internal revenue, today received official notice from Washington, D. C., to the effect that claims for credit against installments paid in past years on stock dividends may be accepted on income tax return.

Such claims, however, will not be permitted to reduce payment on the March installment unless claim on form 47A is filed setting forth in full the details of dividends received and taxes paid on them with other statements regarding the claim. The exception on stock dividends was authorized following a decision handed down by the supreme court a few days ago. It does not have any application to dividends paid on stock.

AMUSEMENTS.

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