

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 promptly take 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 delay by the navy department cost 1,500,000 tons in 1917, and but for this loss "we could have had 1,000,000 men in France in 1918, instead of 200,000."

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.

"I WOULD HAVE BROUGHT VICTORY IN JULY."

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

"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 win the war within two months when he arrived in England, 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 as regards the allied situation at first. 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 department 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 President Wilson April 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 criticism 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 by 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 navy 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 toasters 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 battle of their annual three-game series. Each team has copied a victory out of the two previous games and both will fight hard for the honors in the rubber encounter.

Coach Squires ran his 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 season. Starbuck and O'Connell, the six-foot forwards of the green and white squad, are hitting the ring from every angle of the basket, and the former has developed a "dead eye" for under-the-basket shots. Ellett probably will jump center for the Debonairs and the brunt of the defensive work will be shifted over to Anderson and Schaefer, a pair of guards that stack up with anything in the state amateur ranks.

The Houghville scrappers have been drilling hard for a week in preparation for the contest and are reported ready to break all speed records. The Ferndales won the first game of the series by a one point margin and were defeated by a big score in the second round. However, they offered the "out of condition" alibi and are 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 the Spartansburg Y. M. C. A. at 1 o'clock. Play will continue until 11 p. m. with teams from Los Angeles, Great Bay, Wabash, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Brooklyn, Salt Lake, Louisville, Houston, Charlotte and other cities taking part. Los Angeles, Houston, Tangles 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 until next Monday night. This game was scheduled early in the season by Coach Stelm as a special attraction for the last night of the state high school basketball tournament, but it is understood there was some objection to any game the last night other than the championship high school contest. The Indiana team will not get any practice after today, as 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 committee, which has the final approval of the awarding of all monograms. Fred Johnson and Goldstein of the faculty committee are expected to take final action upon 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, Ratten and Daniel are the seven players who will win their letters, providing the coach's recommendations are approved.

MURPHY HOME MORTGAGE PAID

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

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

Harry C. Stutz and George M. Weldley 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 referring that the names of the 128 persons and firms who contributed to the fund be not published, Mr. Stutz and Mr. Weldley went to the Celtic Building and Loan association office and paid the \$1,000 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 unrelenting contributions today.

This is separate from a fund being raised by policemen themselves. All of the money is being placed in a bank in the name of Mary Murphy, and will be used for her care and education. The fund reached \$10,032.50 today. Contributions since Tuesday noon follow:

A. T. Mack, \$5; Sterling R. Holt, \$50; Alex. L. Taggart, \$50; Henry L. Dittmer, \$50; Felix M. McWhirter, \$50; William Sanders, \$5; Langenkamp Brass Works, \$2; cash, \$2; Pete Brown, \$25; J. M. Taylor, \$1; Jack Sellman, \$10; Goreman Bridges, 50 cents; Maurice Tavel, \$5; Eugene McIntire, \$1; J. E. MacQuinn, \$1; Joseph Forster, \$1; Charles E. Lewis, \$1; Sacks Bros., \$5; Aaron Bremen, \$1; Charles Orme, 50 cents; Edward J. Koppler, \$1; S. Bolotin, \$1; L. Bernstein, \$1; O. Beck, 50 cents; The Fashion Place, 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. Thoreson, \$5; Louis R. Pence, \$2; Wesley Alexander, \$1; Louis Simon, \$1; Henry Campbell, \$1; Abe Glanman, \$1; Oscar Mahom, \$2; Nathan Napper, \$1; Fred E. Barrett, \$25; L. D. Weathers, \$5; Joseph J. Dickinson, \$20; A. T. Connor, \$10; cash sent to Indianapolis, \$1; Frank M. Skinner, \$5; "Woody," Hazelton hotel, \$2; Mary Elsworth Shaney, \$5; J. E. Langner, \$1; George M. Baldwin, \$5; James M. Paris, \$5; G. A. Hendrickson, \$1; a friend, 50 cents; cash, \$10; Federal Heavy Hauling Company, \$5; Thomas Taggart, \$25; M. E. Howard, \$10; Schloss Bros. Company, \$10; John C. Loucks, Jr., chief, \$2; Taggart Baking Company, \$20; D. S. Terry, \$10; Dr. Burrell, \$5; W. S. Henry, \$5; S. D. Pierston, \$10; William Ela, \$5; R. D. Thomas, \$5; J. Bell Somerville, \$5; Lucetta Taylor, \$1; C. Scyles, \$1; Timothy P. B. Burt, \$10; American Boiler and Sheet Iron Works, \$5; A. E. Caddington, \$2; S. W. Elston, \$5; Ray Carmichael, 50 cents; C. T. Butler, \$1; Henry Sidzsky, \$5; Jake Niece, \$1; Horace Stuck, 50 cents; Heze Clark, \$1; W. D. Mont, \$1; N. T. Miller, \$5; Frank H. Pittman, \$5; Theodore Haritt, \$10; Mrs. Charles Mayer, \$25; Lieut. George W. Rogers, \$5.

Three Seek Places as Committeemen

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

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

George R. Brown, democrat, of 1112 Broadway, precinct committeeman of the First precinct, Eighth ward.

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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 yards, and to that end has 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 humane society is designed to make it desirable for stock shippers and commission men 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 seventy-five crippled animals arrive at the stockyards daily. Heretofore these animals have been permitted to lie without proper care until the better stock was sold, it is charged. Then the cripples 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 shackled to runways 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.

If 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.

Willie Powell, 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.

UP IN MABEL'S ROOM!
A Frolicsome Farce of
Feminine Foibles

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MATINEES: Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, 10c to \$1.50.

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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 installment paid in past years on stock dividends may be accepted on income tax returns.

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 stock. The exemption 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.

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