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SLEEPS NINETEEN DAYS.
DENVER, March 11.—Richard Neukirk, 17-year-old farmer boy, is slowly awakening after a nineteen-days' sleep in a hospital here. Neukirk is said to be the first person in the United States to suffer with "sleeping sickness," without first undergoing influenza.

SIMS ASKS AID FROM HOOVER IN NAVAL INQUIRY

Senators to Question War's Food Chief on Reported Peril of Allies.

ADMIRAL HEARD AGAIN

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, will be asked to testify in behalf of Rear Admiral W. S. Sims before the senate naval affairs committee investigating the Daniels-Sims controversy. Sims today requested the committee to call Hoover and Chairman Hale stated he would be called to testify Saturday.

Sims wants Hoover to corroborate his testimony regarding the desperate situation of the allies when America entered the war. He said Hoover first gave him the first realization of the possible defeat of the allies, during a conference in London shortly after he arrived.

CLASH WITH DANIELS ON COAST SHIPS.

Sims today made the disclosure that in June, 1917, he urged Secretary Daniels to completely strip the American coast of "seagoing protection" and transfer the ships to British waters. Daniels, testimony showed, refused to entertain the suggestion. In a cable to Daniels Sims said:

"I fully realize the shortsightedness of public opinion and its effect on the distribution of our forces, but the fact remains that we could well afford to strip our coast of seagoing protection and concentrate it all in the critical area on this side of the ocean."

Ten days later, finding his suggestion still unheeded, Sims sent another message to Daniels, again urging that American ships be transferred to European waters.

"I again submit that if the allied campaign is to be viewed as a whole there is no necessity for any high sea

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protection on our own coast," he said. "As long as we maintain control of the sea as far as surface craft are concerned, there can be no fear of the enemy establishing submarine bases in the western hemisphere."

Sims went on to say the anti-submarine war would be won if the enemy could be forced or led into "diverting part of his submarine effort to the United States coast, or to any other area distant from the critical area surrounding the coast of France and the United Kingdom."

REPEATS CRITICISM ON DESTROYERS.

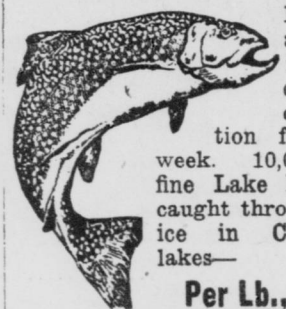
Sims today repeated his criticisms that the navy department was slow to act on his requests for destroyers.

"The repeated promises of the department to supply additional forces at definite times were not kept," he said, "and I often found myself seriously embarrassed in dealing with the allies because, acting upon the information furnished by the department, arrangements had been made for the disposition of these new forces, which involved rearrangement of allied forces, and these could not be made because of the failure of the new forces to arrive."

Replying to Sims' demand that the American coast be stripped, Secretary Daniels cabled that "the future position of the United States must in no way be jeopardized by a disintegration of our main fighting fleet," according to a cable from the secretary read by Sims.

Other official cables read showed that Sims opposed the project for building a mine barrage in the North sea, which the navy department later carried out over the opposition of British naval experts.

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POLES ARE TOO WEAK TO WORK

Famine Hits Small Towns Severely, Says Zoe Beckley.

By ZOE BECKLEY.

WARSAW, March 11.—Polish suffering is greatest in the smaller towns, where absolute famine reigns.

Marki is a typical starvation-swept village. It was established by an Englishman who built a wool spinning mill thirty-five years ago. There were 10,000 residents in 1914 when the Russians captured Marki.

The wool supply was seized and the

schools and stores closed. The peasants starved off starvation by sneaking flour and vegetables from Warsaw, after the Germans took the town from the Russians in 1915.

When the Germans left they robbed the wool mill of every scrap of copper and brass.

During the Russian occupation the farms were seized and there has been no farming and no industry in or near Marki for five years.

The English owner of the mill is in England trying to raise money to reopen the plant. Even if he is successful it will be months before Marki is able to support itself.

In the meantime—women and their babies are starving and the men are becoming too weak from hunger to help them.

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