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## BENSON TOLD ME TO WATCH BRITISH—SIMS

Admiral Amplifies Charges  
When Pressed for Name  
at Senate Inquiry.

## NO FURTHER COMMENT

WASHINGTON, March 22.—It was Admiral W. S. Benson who warned Admiral Sims "don't let the British pull the wool over your eyes," Sims declared at the senate naval inquiry today.

Several weeks ago Sims told the senate naval subcommittee that such a warning had been given to him during a conference of the navy department as he was about to sail for Europe only a few weeks before this country entered the war.

WAS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AT TIME.

Benson at the time of the alleged ultimatum was chief of naval operations. He is now head of the shipping board.

Sims said the incident occurred either just before or just after he had been in Secretary Daniel's office receiving his orders to go to Europe.

"It was just after I came out of the secretary's office, or just before I went in. I can't remember which, that these instructions were given by a certain official of the navy department," Sims said.

"I have tried to avoid any personal reference."

HALF-ARRESTS ON  
HIS NAME.

"I think the committee should have the name of the officer," Chairman Hale stated.

"Well, it was Admiral Benson, who was then chief of naval operations," Sims said. "He received no further instructions from him, so I need not be informed, followed by nothing and told me in all seriousness, 'I left immediately.'

Sims referred to Benson as being "incredibly anti-British," and said his statements were repeated in substance on two occasions.

He said that he met Benson in Paris six months later the admonitions were repeated in substance and a third time the same thing happened in London.

"I regarded this as a personal prejudice on the part of Admiral Benson."

SIMS REPEATS  
ALLEGED INSTRUCTIONS.

The instructions Sims alleges Benson gave were:

"Don't let the British pull the wool over your eyes. It is none of our business pulling their chestnuts out of the fire. We would as soon fight the British as the Germans."

Senator Pittman, democrat, pointed out that the incident occurred before the United States declared war.

"But I was being sent over because we were going into the war. I knew it perfectly well," Sims said.

"I also knew it," Pittman observed sarcastically.

"Your pre-knowledge was perfectly remarkable."

Senator Pittman attempted to show Sims had given to the press his letter of Jan. 7, which contained the sensations about the navy department.

"You are trying to show I fixed this thing," said Pittman. "I'm a sprin chicken in this business and I'm not putting my head into a noose unnecessarily."

Sims admitted that contents of his letter might have leaked through the navy department, but denied any connection with the alleged leak.

"Do you think it was improper to disclose sacred secrets as you did in your letter?" Pittman asked.

"Not when the interest of our country is at stake," Sims retorted hotly.

BRINGS APPLAUSE  
FROM CROWD.

"We naval officers made up our minds on one thing—that we would never go into another war like we went into this."

Evidence was introduced by Pittman designed to show Sims favored using "a good portion" of American drafted men as shipboard laborers, opposed creation of a separate American army in France and urged that American naval forces be considered only a "branch" of the British grand fleet." He offered documents in support of his points. One listed E. H. Pittman, Pittman, but at that time ambassador in London, and that a movement opposing an American army and favoring brigading of Americans with British and French forces. Pittman declared this was British "propaganda" aimed at Pershing and a separate American army. Pittman read a memorandum which he had been found in the personal files of Admiral Sims, unsigned, which formulated a plan for future.

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## GERMAN PEACE UP IN CONGRESS

Form of Resolution Subject of  
G. O. P. Conference.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The question of establishment of peace with Germany was before congress today. Republican leaders were in conference in an effort to agree on the terms of a resolution which would declare an end to the state of war with Germany.

The Knox resolution has precedence in the senate and it is possible this matter will be taken up today. In the house of representatives Tinkham of Massachusetts has introduced a resolution providing for ending the technical state of war, and Britton of Illinois today was to offer a similar bill. The British government has appointed a European trade council, consisting of the president and the secretaries of commerce, labor, treasury and state department to work out and report to congress a plan for securing the resumption of commercial intercourse with European nations.

Some efforts were being made in the senate to bring up on a motion to vote on the resolution in which the peace treaty was rejected, but it was extremely doubtful whether this would meet with any degree of success.

The whitehouse still maintained silence concerning the president's plans for the future of the treaty, but a statement was expected before the end of the week.

Republican National Chairman Will H. Daws conferred this afternoon with Senator Smith and other republican leaders on congress. It was understood that the resolution was with regard to proposed legislation re-establishing peace with Germany.

## Boston Labor Men to Shun New Party

BOSTON, March 22.—The Boston Central Labor Union was on record today as opposed to the plan to affiliate with the proposed national labor political party. The vote was 51 to 20.

## Supreme Court Will Recess Two Weeks

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The supreme court announced today it would recess after conclusion of hearings on the liquor cases, set for next Monday, until Monday, April 12.

## U. S. Navy Budget Exceeds England's

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The proposed expenditures for the naval establishment of the United States during 1920 exceed that of Great Britain by \$100,000. Present exchange rates, Republican Leader Mondell declared in the House.

## Fire at Lambs Club Routs 100 Actors

NEW YORK, March 22.—One hundred actors were forced to flee to the street in pajamas early today, when fire was discovered in the Lambs club on West Forty-fourth street just off Broadway. A few Lambs, who had not gone to bed, extinguished the flames before firemen arrived.

## Here's First Snake Story of Spring

Snakes!

The first of twenty-five new street cars purchased by the city arrived today from Cincinnati. The cars will arrive about five each week. These, in addition to the ten remodeled cars now on the street, will relieve the car shortage, officials say. The new cars are longer and wider than those now in use and have a much greater capacity, according to Dr. Jameson.

According to Dr. Jameson the street railway company is in such a financial condition that it is impossible to make improvements to be made by the city, until an increase in revenue is made.

It was suggested that members of the board of workers and other city officials confer with the public service commission in an effort to have the cost-of-service plan or one similar, adopted, so that funds can be raised for street railway improvements.

PLAN IN OPERATION

The cost-of-service plan is now in operation in Cleveland, Ohio, and several other cities, according to Dr. Jameson.

If the system is adopted here it will enable the street railway company to have loans for extensive improvements, according to Dr. Jameson. At present there is no market for bonds of the company and it is said to be impossible for it to raise funds through the sale of bonds or loans.

The cases were prepared by Prosecutor Clark Adams.

## Refuses to Dissolve Ship Injunction

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Motion for the dissolution of the injunction proceedings brought by William Randolph Hearst to prevent the sale of twenty-nine 700-ton German ships was overruled today by Justice Balmer in the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

A motion to dismiss the case was taken under advisement.

DR. JAMESON  
REFUSED TO  
DISMISSE CASE

## Plans Being Shaped to Welcome Legion

Plans are being made today for the mass meeting to be held next Monday night at Tomlinson hall to officially welcome the American Legion, its national officers and headquarters employees to Indianapolis.

Tickets may be issued for the meeting and it is indicated that a great crowd will attend at no charge will be made, according to James H. Lowry, director of arrangements.

COMPANY "BARELY  
BREAKING EVEN."

He also said that the company was barely "breaking even" under the present 5-cent fare.

"We are not endeavoring to say what the city should or should not do regarding this proposition," said Dr. Jameson.

"We are not trying to fix the situation today. It is imperative, however, that a plan be adopted that will enable our company to obtain revenue with which to make ordered improvements for the benefit of the city. The street railway company stands ready and eager at all times to co-operate with city officials in every way possible, and it is our desire to make improvements to be made by the city, until an increase in revenue is made.

Mr. Jameson said today that improvements now contemplated by the street railway are extensions of the Illinois street line, and with the addition of new cars and improvements at the power house. The establishment of a system of substations for the purpose of distributing electric power is also under consideration.

Dr. Jameson explained that such improvements are necessary on account of the weakened electric power now noted on outlying lines.

## Fire on North Side Does \$2,000 Damage

Fire which started in the home of William Small, 1160 West Twenty-eighth street, from a defective fuse, today caused a loss of \$2,000.

The fire spread to the home of Frank Neffinger, 1165 West Twenty-eighth street, which was damaged \$1,000. The fire also caused damage amounting to \$100 to the home of J. C. Russell, 1173 West Twenty-eighth street, and \$100 to the home of E. C. Sprague, 1161 West Twenty-eighth street.

"We appreciate the fact that the street railway company was unable to give better service this winter due to an inability to get deliveries on cars, ordered," said Mr. Miller, "and it is our desire to have the company order such cars as will be needed, so that the service will be on hand by next fall and thus avoid the usual congestion and delay of traffic.

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## Senate Asks Wilson for Data on Island

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The senate today unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the president to state if the Island of Yap has been ceded to Japan by the allies, as reported, and if so, when the United States has taken regarding it.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Lodge, republican, of Massachusetts.

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## Plane Carries Two to Death in Nebraska

Investigation today is being made by

Coroner Robinson to determine the cause of the death of Frank S. Hammel, 68, of 2550 Central avenue. Mr. Hammel became ill after eating Friday and died Saturday.

Mr. Charles L. Morris of New York, a daughter, who has been visiting her parents, believes Mr. Hammel was poisoned by canned salmon. She ate some of the salmon and herself became slightly ill.

Dr. Morris, who has been attending the woman, prepared the meal and claims her father ate a quantity of the salmon, which was in the house.

Mr. Hammel had been in the hospital for a number of days.

For many years Mr. Hammel had been in the chinaware business in Greenfield. After coming to Indianapolis he was a salesman for Kipp Bros.

Funeral services will be held from the family residence at 1:30 tomorrow. Burial will be in Greenfield.

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## Rolling in From Florida HOOSIERS END SEASON OF WINTER VACATION

IMMIGRATORY Hoosiers are follow-

ing the birds back from Florida

and other semi-tropical winter

resorts, glad to get back for the

balmy spring weather of the north.

Reports for Indiana's economic

conditions are piled up on railroad

offices, says J. H. Held, Pullman agent.

"We've already seen the first home-

bound people from Florida, and we are

now doing everything we can to

take care of the exodus."

Mr. Held explained that the sea-

son for the return of Florida sojourners

differs according to geographical locations, east-coast folk

## CAR COMPANY ASKS TO BASE FARE ON COSTS

### Plan Tried in Cleveland and Elsewhere Laid Before Board of Works.

### MORE REVENUE NEEDED

The cost-of-service plan of regulating street car fares in Indianapolis is before the city administration today.

The proposed plan, which has been adopted in some other cities, was discussed before the board of public works and was taken under consideration by the board.

Dr. Henry Jameson, chairman of the board of directors of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, was present at the board of works meeting, and explained the various questions concerning the proposed plan.

Under the cost-of-service plan, Dr. Jameson explained, street car fares are regulated by public bodies on the basis of revenue obtained by the company and the cost of operation, allowing a stable margin of profit to the company.

If the traffic brings the company an exceptional margin of profit the street fare would be reduced. If the return is small the fare would be increased.

NEW CARS BEGIN  
ARRIVING IN CITY.

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