

## WILSON CALLED BRITAIN'S NAVY HELPLESS IN 1917

Daniels Reads Letter at Sims  
Hearing Complaining of  
Lacking Convoy.

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WASHINGTON. May 12.—"Helpless to the point of panic" was the characterization of the British navy made by President Wilson on July 4, 1917, three days after we entered the war, in a cable to Rear Admiral Sims, United States naval attaché in London, asking for reports as "exactly what the admiralty has been doing."

The president's cable, read today before the Senate subcommittee investigating charges made by Sims against the navy department, by Secretary of State Daniels, made the statement that the term used by the British admiralty is "what their plans and methods do not seem to us efficacious."

From the beginning I have been really surprised at the failure of the British admiralty to use Great Britain's great naval superiority in an effective way," the president declared.

"In the presence of the present submarine emergency they are helpless to the point of panic."

EVERY AMERICAN  
PLAN REJECTED.

"Every plan we suggest they reject for some reason of prudence."

"In my view this is not a time for prudence but for boldness even at the cost of great losses," Daniels continued to quote the president's cable.

"In most of your cables you have quite properly advised us of the sort of aid and information desired from us by the admiralty."

"The trouble is their plans and methods do not seem to us efficacious."

"I would be very much obliged to you if you would report to me, confidentially, of course, exactly what the admiralty has done, and what they are doing, and what they have accomplished, and did, and are doing, your own comment and suggestion based upon the independent thought of the whole situation, without regard to the judgment of any one on that side of the water."

"The admiralty was very slow to adopt the plan of convoy and it is not, I judge, placing convoys on adequate scale within the days of the beginning to keep small craft with the great fleet."

SHIPPING DEMANDED  
ADEQUATE CONVOY.

"The absence of craft for convoy is even more apparent on the French coast than on the English coast, and in the channel."

"I do not see how the necessary art supplies, and supplies of food and fuel all are to be delivered to British ports in any other way during the next few months than under adequate convoy."

"There presently will not be ships or tankers enough, and our shipbuilding plants may not begin to yield important results in less than eighteen months. I believe that you will keep these instructions, and send them to yourself, and that you will give me such advice as you would give if you were handling it if you were running a navy of your own."

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

In reply to the letter Admiral Sims "sent a long cablegram of generalities."

"He told of a 'combined sea and land attack to force back the German right flank and deny them the use of Zeebrugge as a provisioning base.'

This was the kind of a bold and audacious thing the president and the department had been urging from our entrance into the war, but even then, as Admiral Sims declared, "that was impracticable."

Daniels charged that Sims in his reply, referred to the plan of the United States for preventing the egress of the submarines "as impracticable."

Hoisting Engineers  
Given Wage Raise

An agreement has been reached between the hoisting engineers and the Building Contractors' association of Indianapolis, according to Charles Kern, president of the Marion County Building Trades' association.

The engineers will receive from \$1 to \$1.25 per hour, the scale being regulated by the kind of work demanded.

The old scale was 85 cents an hour.

## WATSON FLAYS ADMINISTRATION

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lyng cause of most of the troubles of the nation.

He demanded that as a measure of security a party which believes in protection should be placed in power.

INTIMATES THIRST FOR  
WAR WITH MEXICO.

In discussing Mexico he intimated that the republican party hopes immediately to enter upon a war with that country.

"President Wilson, in his first term, began and in his second term continued the policy of the American policy of 'watchful waiting' in our relations with Mexico," he said.

He said the democratic platform declared that it would protect to the limit the lives of American people, and that the administration has failed to carry out that platform policy.

He criticised the writing of notes by

President Wilson to the Mexican government.

"This law does not deny the right of an army to fight war if he sees fit to do so; on the contrary it expressly provides that that right shall not be interfered with."

"But there is a clear line of distinction between a strike on an interstate railroad and a strike by an ordinary labor organization."

"In the entire delegation of Indiana there is no one who is called in question because we aided in placing in the measure certain provisions for the arbitration of disputes arising between employers and employees on the transportation lines of the country."

"I have no apology to offer for that vote."

"The entire delegation of Indiana voted for the railroad law that was finally enacted and our conduct in this behalf is called in question because we aided in placing in the measure certain provisions for the arbitration of disputes arising between employers and employees on the transportation lines of the country."

"Because of this course, Germany was naturally led to believe that we would not fight, no matter what happened to us."

GERMANS THOUGHT  
THEY COULD LIMIT.

"They knew of all these wrongs being perpetrated on American citizens in Mexico; they knew that our soldiers on this side of the border had been shot down by Mexicans on the other side and that our troops were not permitted to fire a single shot to defend our fallen and dying comrades; they knew that our president had given up to the world that we were too proud to fight and as we were felt perfectly free, so far as we were concerned, to mark out a space in the Atlantic ocean and serve notice to all nations that any vessel coming within that area would be ruthlessly destroyed."

Senator Watson declared that Presi-

dent Wilson should have sent an army into Mexico immediately after trouble started there.

Senator Watson then entered a discussion of war and other governmental expenses.

"The members of the investigating committee inform me that there have been expended by the war department alone approximately \$18,000,000,000, and they say there is ample proof to show that well-nigh \$9,000,000,000 of this sum was spent most foolishly and extravagantly expended, and that in large one-half of this vast sum was useless and ineffective in the prosecution of the war," he said.

"PUBLIC SHOULD  
FROWN ON STRIKES."

"In this law there is provided a fair, impartial tribunal—the railroad labor board—for the settlement of all disputes concerning the wages of those who are engaged in their impelling motive, millions of lives are thereby imperiled."

"The first time in the history of the world that a code has been enacted for the protection of railroad wage workers."

"However, since we have created a tribunal which will render to the railroad wage workers a sure and certain justice, we never hope to secure through a strike, the public can and ought to say to these workers, engaged as they are in public employment, that they must not resort to strikes to settle their disputes."

"A widespread and insidious propaganda has been started by our political enemies to the effect of convincing the people of the country that this has been a do-nothing congress, and that statement will be constantly echoed throughout the country during the approaching campaign."

"I measure my words when I say that no congress in recent years, with a single exception, has accomplished as much in the same space of time as the one now in session in Washington."

ANARCHY SPREAD  
ALARMINGLY.

"Every true friend of order and liberty has been alarmed at the spread of anarchy throughout the land."

"The president himself is largely responsible for this condition."

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