

NAVY LATE TO
START VESSEL
CONVOY--SIMS

Fleet Was Kept at Home Despite His Warnings That Danger Was in East Atlantic, He Says.

SYSTEM FINALLY WON

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Disregard by the navy department of his recommendations with regard to adoption of the convoy system was described by Admiral Sims today as "infinitely more serious" in its bearing on the war, than other cases of alleged inefficiency cited in previous testimony before the senate investigating committee.

Admiral Sims said that early in 1917 the allies were compelled by the submarines to adopt the convoy plan for protecting shipping and that on May 1 he "urgently recommended" that the United States give its cooperation, but it was not until June 20 that Secretary Daniels replied he considered American vessels having armed guards were safer when sailing independently.

Urged It Many Times
The admiral said he again urged the immediate adoption of the convoy system and stated his belief that armament merchantmen did not offer sufficient safeguard against submarine attacks.

On July 1 he received a cable outlining an entirely new plan of protecting merchant ships, formulated in the department, which he said was widely at variance with the British and French systems and which he called the department would be a "fundamental military error" resulting in "direct assistance to the enemy."

Cast Aside by British.
In answer to the navy department submitted plan he said he had advised that he present it to the British admiral. He did so and was told that the proposal had been tried out by the allies early in the war without success, and that the admiralty desired assurance of American co-operation in the convoy plan so the first convoy might sail from New York July 8.

About the same time Admiral Jellicoe wrote expressing grave apprehension for the success of the convoying system unless the United States decided to participate, the admiral stated.

Finally, on July 22, the navy department accepted the convoy plan for troop ships and later accepted it for supply vessels, the admiral testified, but only after great pressure had been brought to bear by the other allies and after many valuable weeks had been wasted.

Even as late as August 10, he said he received messages from the department asking that the convoy system be explained, although for "four months I had been exhausting my vocabulary in attempting to explain the system."

"It is very difficult for me to make clear to you now the desperation in which I found myself almost constantly during the early months of the war," Admiral Sims said. "I reiterate there was no question that these recommendations were right. The fact remains that they were actually adopted in the end."

A misconception of the problem of defending the American coast from submarine raids, was partially responsible for the failure of the navy to act on repeated recommendations as to operations abroad, during the early months of the war, said Sims.

Home Water First, Motto.
The officer said that during the first six months of the war he was told repeatedly that operations abroad would be depended upon what could be spared from the adequate defense of home waters.

This policy was adhered to, he said, despite his efforts to convince officials in Washington that it was the consensus of allied naval opinion, as well as his own, that the best defense for the American coast lay in offensive operations against submarines in the eastern Atlantic.

As early as April 19, 1917, he said, and several times thereafter, he had informed the department of the likelihood that enemy submarines would attempt raids in American waters, to divert attention and to keep our forces out of the critical area in the eastern Atlantic through effect on public opinion.

Knew of U-Boat Movements.
The correspondence read by the admiral disclosed the high degree of efficiency attained by the allied system of discovering the movements of enemy submarines.

His message to the department founded on this information gave warnings in advance of the sailing of the two U-boats which did harass shipping in American waters, of their probable mission and of the points at which they could be expected to strike.

County To Be 50 Teachers
Short Next Fall--Williams

C. O. Williams, county superintendent, returned from Indianapolis Thursday evening after attending a conference of the executive committee of the State Teachers' association. The session was called to discuss the rural school conditions, relative to the shortage of competent teachers.

"The state will be about 3,000 teachers shy next fall," said Williams, "and Wayne county will lack at least 50, outside of Richmond."

Commerce Board Head



Edgar S. Clark. Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which recently received a broad extension of power under the Esch-Cummins bill. Clark will take office March 17, and will serve until June 30, 1921.

WINCHESTER HERALD
AND JOURNAL JOIN

WINCHESTER, Ind., March 12.—Seward S. Watson, editor and proprietor of the Winchester Herald and the Beeson Brothers, editors and proprietors of the Winchester Journal announced Thursday that their respective papers had consolidated and that Thursday's issue of the Journal would be the last one under that name.

The new paper will be styled "The Winchester Journal Herald." Mr. Watson and John Oliver, long connected with the Journal, have purchased the Journal plant, and the Beeson Brothers retire. The Journal was the oldest paper in Randolph county, having been first issued in 1843 as the "Patriot" with Henry H. Neff afterwards a colonel in the Mexican war, as editor and owner. In 1853 the paper changed hands and the name was changed to "Journal," which name it has used since.

The paper was owned and edited by various persons until 1870, when A. C. Beeson of Hancock county, Indiana, purchased the plant. He edited and published the paper until his death in 1903. Since that time the paper has been managed by his two sons, Will E. and Charles H. Beeson.

Herald Is Old Gazette.
The Herald was the outgrowth of the old Winchester Gazette, which was first published in 1873, with a brief existence. In 1876 James E. Brice, former county school examiner, bought the plant and began publishing the Herald, which has continued by that name until this time. As many as 12 persons have owned and edited the Herald in the 44 years of its existence, among them being Enos L. Watson, father of Senator James E. Watson, Charles and Seward Watson, brothers, and Union B. Hunt, former secretary of state. Seward S. Watson has been the editor and publisher for the last 15 years. Both the Journal and the Herald have openly supported the Republican party during their entire history. Winchester will henceforth have two papers, the Democrat and the Journal-Herald.

Dr. Rae's Salary Raised
By First Presbyterian

W. J. Blackmore was elected superintendent of the Sunday school and all other officers of the First Presbyterian church whose terms expired were re-elected at the annual church meeting which followed a picnic supper at the church Thursday night.

Reports of different organizations of the church were reported. The general financial report made was gratifying. It was stated that Dr. J. R. Rae's salary was increased.

Members of the church voted to change the time of the annual meeting from the second Thursday in March to the first Thursday in April. Over 200 persons attended the supper.

Richmond Must Wait for
Census, Thinks Jess Stevens

It will be some time before the official census figures for Richmond will be made public, in the opinion of Jesse Stevens, district census supervisor.

"One of the Richmond portfolios was returned for correction, and it has only been a week since I sent it to Washington the second time, so it will be some time before the figures for Richmond will be announced," he said. "The county population will be delayed much longer, as there is still one precinct in the county where the portfolio has not been sent to Washington."

Census Statistics

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Population statistics for 1920 announced today by the census bureau included: Macon, Ga., 52,525, an increase of 11,860, or 22.2 per cent over 1910; Chattanooga, Tenn., 57,895, an increase of 13,291, or 29.3 per cent; Coatesville, Pa., 14,515, an increase of 3,431, or 31 per cent.

"SERVICE," KEYNOTE
OF WORK, SAYS NEW
AGRICULTURAL HEAD

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 12.—In terms of the advertising manager, Secretary of Agriculture Meredith told the members of the Merchants' association of New York Friday, of his ambition to increase the output of the department's chief product, service.

It was the first address made by Mr. Meredith since his appointment, and summarized the work done by the men in his department, while at the same time urging the advisability of increasing rather than cutting the appropriations for carrying on the work.

After paying tribute to the loyalty displayed by the employees in the department and citing cases of experts who refused positions paying much larger salaries than those they received from the government solely because of their desire to render service to the people of America, he deplored a tendency to discuss "waste," "graft" and "soft snaps."

More Farm Workers.
The number of farm workers in 1919, 13,700,000, was contrasted to the number in 1870, 5,900,000, the secretary adding that in the five years, 1915 to 1919, the average production of cereals per farm worker was 418 bushels.

"These figures are interesting," he said, "and particularly so in connection with the high cost of living. The cost of living problem is a mutual one for all of us. It is the farmers' problem, it is the laborer's problem, and it is the business man's problem."

If there are more men on the farm farming more acres, each acre producing more per acre, and each man producing more per man, giving each and every one of us today more of the six leading cereals per capita than we have had before, it seems to me the farmer is doing his part pretty well."

Columbia University
Department Head to Talk
on Teaching Situation

Dr. George D. Strayer, who will address county and city teachers and the public on the present teaching crisis, in the high school auditorium Saturday at 2:30 p. m., is known throughout the United States and abroad as an authority on teachers' education. He is said to know more than any one else in America the facts about the present shortage.

Dr. Strayer is head of the department of school administration in Columbia university. He is past president of the National Education association, and chairman at present of the commission on emergency in education of the association.

Superintendent J. H. Bentley urged Friday that every man and woman who can in Richmond and the county at large attend the meeting Saturday afternoon.

Went to Headquarters for
His; Nearly Got Away With
Richmond Police Flivver

The nerviest thief in city annals, is the verdict rendered at police headquarters on Gail Hawkins, a former trusty in the county jail, who Thursday night tried to sneak the police flivver out under the very noses of the entire force.

Hawkins was just released from the county jail Thursday after serving 65 days for petty larceny. A trusty, he had been going to the city and purchasing supplies for the jail, so he got three dozen cookies from a local bakery, charging them to the county, and then drifted around to the garage for the car.

Hawkins was caught in the act of getting away after he had difficulty in getting out because of the narrow alley, and stuck in the city jail. He was bound over to the circuit court Friday.

Mrs. Sophia Benfeldt, Widow
of Zachary Benfeldt, Dead

Mrs. Sophia Benfeldt, 70 years old, and widow of the late Zachary Benfeldt, a prominent Richmond contractor, died at 3 a. m. Friday at her home at Thirteenth street and Southern avenue.

She is survived by four sons, Walter P. of Richmond, Ernest P. and Paul A. of Lakewood, Ohio, and James O. of Battle Creek, Michigan; four daughters, Mrs. Hubert Meyer of Marion, Indiana; Mrs. James John of Miss Freda Benfeldt, of Richmond, and Mrs. Guy Graham, of Marion, Indiana; by 12 grandchildren, four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 2 p. m. Monday, and will be private. Burial will be in Lutheran cemetery. Friends may call Saturday afternoon and evening.

Military Funeral, Monday
Morning, for Roland Walls

Military funeral services for Roland Walls will be conducted by members of the American Legion. High mass will be said in St. Andrew's church at 9 a. m. Monday. Burial will be in St. Andrew's cemetery. The body will be accompanied to the cemetery by a firing squad.

News From Japan



Mrs. Zell Hart Deming, publisher of an Ohio newspaper, and the only woman member of the Associated Press, has just returned from the far east. She states that the Japanese resent the views of the American press on Korea and Shantung, and that they have only a desire for friendly relations with this country.

MUST HOLD TO OLD
IDEALS, SAYS WOOD

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 12.—Approval of the peace treaty, with reservations that will Americanize it better pay for school teachers, freedom of courts from political influences and a national department of public health, were among the things advocated by Leonard Wood, in a speech delivered here today at a luncheon given in his honor at the Columbia club.

"Hold on to the constitution," the general advised. "Just for the present conditions the world over are very uneasy. There is a curious feeling of unrest throughout the world. We want to hold on to the traditions and policies which have made us what we are. We want to hold on to the constitution. We want to stand against class legislation. We want to stand against the Autocracy Not to Be Tolerated."

"We want to stand against any autocracy of wealth or any autocracy of labor. We want to progress but we want no blind leap in the dark. We want to know that our feet are on the ground, to keep our ideals high, our eyes to the front, and not jump too rapidly just now. Hold on to the things we know are stable. Go ahead but know definitely where we are going."

"We want to keep up our public school system. We want to pay our teachers better, but you are not going to find anything that is startling or new. You know the people who do not know about the things that have gone before. The more ignorant a man is the more prompt he is in passing out new advice and new ideas."

Tribute to noted Hoosiers, with whom he has had personal contact were paid by General Wood.

"My first contact with the army was largely through Major-General Henry W. Lawton, the distinguished soldier of Indiana," the general explained. "Another I have known for years is Albert J. Beveridge. Still another distinguished son of Indiana was President Benjamin Harrison, who was the first president with whom I came in what might be called intimate personal contact. Then again, he is your own Will H. Hays, who is doing so much to push Indiana forward in the field of national politics."

Vocational Board Asks
For an Investigation

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—The federal board for vocational education has asked for an investigation of charges that it had instructed its agents to be "hard boiled" in dealing with soldiers seeking educational rehabilitation.

Chairman Fess, of the house education committee announced today that the inquiry would be started by his committee tomorrow.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Local snows and much colder tonight; Saturday fair; strong northwest to north winds.

Yesterday.
Maximum .. 57
Minimum .. 43

Today.
Maximum .. 44
Minimum .. 44

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore.—Unsettled and decidedly colder, with probable light rain or snow, with strong northwest March gale, this afternoon or tonight. Saturday probably fair; below freezing tonight.

General Conditions.—The great storm which covered the entire Mississippi valley has a north and south diameter of 3,000 miles, and an east and west diameter of 2,000 miles. It is moving rapidly eastward and the center passed over Richmond early this morning. Decidedly colder weather is following, with temperatures below freezing Friday night in Richmond and vicinity. Very warm weather covers Florida and the south, with 64 degrees above registered at San Antonio, where it was 39 above the first of the week, and at Cairo, Ill., where it was near zero the first of the week, temperature rose to 74 above.

CONGRESSMEN WOULD
VOTE FOR BONUS TO
BE POPULAR—KEECH

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Members of congress will support soldier bonus legislation "in order to get votes," Frank T. Keesch, of New York, a former lieutenant-colonel in the inspector general's department, declared today before the house ways and means committee which is holding hearings on relief legislation.

"I consider that an insult to members of congress," declared Chairman Fordney.

"I didn't mean it as an insult, but it is true," Keesch replied.

"Members of congress are influenced by the will of the people and rightly so," said Representative Garner, Democrat of Texas.

Still Considered Insult.
"I consider it an insult for any person to say that I would spend \$2,000,000,000 of the public money to be elected to congress," declared Chairman Fordney.

Representative Henry T. Rainey, Democrat of Illinois, told Keesch he did not consider his remark an insult, and that he would appeal to the committee to overrule Chairman Fordney's effort to suppress freedom of speech among witnesses.

"What was your salary before the war?" asked Representative Fearr, representative of Wisconsin, after the wrangle had subsided.

"I don't wish to give that," Keesch said.

Wouldn't Tax Millionaires.
The witness added that he was concerned over the projected decrease in bond values. He objected to the suggestion of Representative Rainey to place a tax on the 23,000 who became millionaires during the war.

"Initiative ceases when taxes become higher, and such an additional tax would be harmful," he said.

France Not Imperialistic,
Say London Post; Attacks
President for Utterance

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, March 12.—President Wilson's charge of "imperialism" against France, contained in his letter to United States Senator Gilbert M. D'Almeida, early this week, has moved the Morning Post to take up the cudgels in favor of France. The newspaper cites Mr. Wilson's present criticism and his appeal to Italians over the head of Premier Orlando last summer as showing that "under the impulse of his lofty ideals the American President is almost as impatient of the constitutional governments of modern European democracies as he is impatient of his own senate."

"Mr. Wilson's slight to France," the newspaper continues, "is particularly disturbing when one remembers the moving passages in which he recorded America's appreciation of what France suffered in the cause of human freedom. Americans and Englishmen will understand the amazement of France that he same voice which described her as the sentinel of liberty should now accuse her of being saddled with the same kind of Chauvinistic government to overthrow which she sacrificed a million of her sons."

Taxpayers Will Continue
To Make Out Lists, Says
Reid, Acting County Head

All assessors in Wayne county will continue having taxpayers fill out the itemized lists of household goods and farm implements on page four of the assessment blanks, until orders to the contrary are received from the state tax commission, David L. Reid, acting county assessor, said Friday.

The statement of Reid was made in answer to a story carried in an Indianapolis paper Thursday evening, which quoted Philip Zoercher, of the tax commission, as saying "the assessors and taxpayers are not expected to fill out the itemized lists except in the few instances where property owners and assessors are unable to agree on the accurate value of the personal property of a taxpayer."

It would be unfair to taxpayers who have already filled out these lists to have the assessors discontinue the practice of having the lists completed, say local tax officials. Officials also say that the filling out of the lists is the only practicable way of determining the correct amount of the taxpayer's personal property.

Hines Still Defendant in
Damage Suits; Situation
in Damage Suit Cleared

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson, by proclamation today designated Walker D. Hines, director general of railroad administration, as the agent of the government against whom actions at law, suits in equity and proceedings in admiralty which might arise from the government control of railroads, should be directed.

The decision announced from Washington has cleared up the damage suit here of George Raber against Walker Hines, postponed on Wednesday, March 3, because of uncertainty as to whether the defendant was still responsible. A jury was drawn, but was excused, pending word from Washington. The suit was for \$5,000, and was for personal injuries.

HOSPITAL UNION
ASKS RECOGNITION

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 12.—Recognition of the hospital attendants' union and increased wages are included in a demand made upon all New York hospitals by the New Union, which is affiliated with the American federation of labor, it was learned today. The petition states that the demand is made to obtain an adequate wage that would obviate seeking tips and places the minimum wage at \$85 a month with full maintenance.

Mrs. Timmons Divorced



Mrs. Adelaide Fairbank Timmons, daughter of the late ex-vice president, has been granted a divorce from Capt. John W. Timmons, naval officer stationed in Brooklyn.

WILSON ASKS UNITY
IN COAL REPORTS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—An effort to compose the differences between the majority and the minority of the bituminous coal strike commission will be made by President Wilson, it was said today at the white house.

Officials said that neither the majority nor minority reports would be made public, if there was a probability of bringing the members of the commission to an agreement on their principal differences—the amount of the wage advance and the hours of work.

Officials said tonight that John P. White, the miners' representative, had held out for a six-hour day throughout the negotiations between the commission in an effort to reach a unanimous agreement. The miners originally demanded a six-hour day, and five days a week.

SUBSTITUTE FOR
ARTICLE X IS UP

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 12.—A substitute for the Republican Article X reservation to the peace treaty was introduced in the senate today by Republican Leader Lodge, of Massachusetts. In general it follows the form of the draft agreed on several days ago in bipartisan compromise negotiations.

When the reservation was offered, it was declared that the Republicans that negotiation had lined up at most enough votes to ratify the treaty on that basis, but that final agreement had not yet been reached. The Republican leaders planned to obtain a vote late today.

"Save Money on Meat" Week
Is Set to Begin on March 22

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The week of March 22 was set by the department of justice today as the first "save money on meat" week. Fair price commissioners in many states have been holding conferences with retail meat dealers as a result of which the cheaper cuts of meat will be stocked to meet the expected demand.

Howard Figg, assistant attorney general, in charge of the price reduction campaign, pointed out that the nation consumed an average of 58.8 pounds of meat daily and that in buying the less expensive cuts the consumer is aiding in the campaign as well as receiving an immediate benefit.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—High retail prices in 1919 reduced the per capita consumption of beef in America, almost eight pounds, and caused the consumer to turn more frequently to veal and mutton, according to a statement today by the department of agriculture.

Slightly less pork was eaten but the total consumption of pork products was almost larger than in 1917 and the exports of pork and lard were greater than ever shown in the records of the department. The total meat consumption was less than in 1918, the per capita for 1918 being 150.08 and that in 1919, 141.98. Exports fell off.

Germans Tell Just How
They Intend To Do It

BERLIN, March 12.—The German charge d'affaires in London has handed to Premier Lloyd George a note regarding the entente extradition list, it was announced today.

After asserting that the Imperial court will be guided only by considerations of justice and will conduct an impartial inquiry, the note demands that the arrest of Germans in the occupied territories on charges similar to those enumerated in the extradition list shall cease, and that those arrested shall be delivered to German courts.

Basketball Scores

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 12.—Results of the Friday morning state tournament games were: Hartford City 33; Washington, 29; Milroy, 36; Ridgeville, 13; Emerson, (Gary) 35; Veedsburg, 14.

Technique High, Indianapolis, 30; Kendallville, 17.

125, MINERS
AND OWNERS,
FACE ARREST

Both Labor and Capital of Coal Mines Charged With Conspiracy to Raise Prices of Fuel.

ARISES FROM STRIKE

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, March 12.—One hundred and twenty-five coal operators or miners of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, today are facing arrest as the result of an indictment returned yesterday afternoon by a special federal grand jury here charging them with conspiracy in violation of the Lever fuel control act and the federal criminal code.

No names of those indicted have been made public and their identity will not be known until capias are served on them. However, it is known that more than half of the number are operators and that many of the alleged violators of the federal statutes antedates the strike of bituminous miners, which brought about the investigation by the grand jury.

The grand jury has been in session almost continuously since December 17, 1919, and it is said, examined more than 300 witnesses.

Bond for those indicted was fixed by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson at \$10,000 in some cases and \$5,000 in others. Penalty on convictions of the charges, either of violation of the Lever law or that part of the criminal code under which the indictment was brought—conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States—provides for a fine of not more than \$10,000, imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

The investigation which resulted in the indictment returned yesterday was ordered by Judge Anderson on Dec. 4, following an information against members of the United Mine Workers of America, alleged to have been instrumental in bringing about the miners' strike.

This information charged gross violation of the Lever act and Judge Anderson in instructing the jury later said it had been reported that there was collusion between miners and operators in bringing about interruptions of coal production, to bring about increased prices.

Federal officials said today that capias would be served on those indicted as soon as they could be prepared. No arrests, however, were expected before next week.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The subcommittee of miners and operators appointed to negotiate the new wage agreement for the anthracite miners resumed their deliberations in executive session here today.

Hope that the award of President Wilson's bituminous coal commission would be available as a basis of settlement in the hard coal field has virtually been abandoned, as John P. White, miners' representative, refused to sign the report.

Officials of the mine workers' union declared that this disagreement will bar any consideration being given the award to the soft coal workers.

Both mine workers and operators have agreed to proceed with the negotiations affecting the anthracite field as rapidly as possible in order to prevent a suspension of work in the Pennsylvania hard coal fields on March 31, when the present working agreement of the miners expires.

Taxpayers Crowd to
Make Returns; Monday,
March 15, Last Day

With only three more days to file returns, Wayne county taxpayers are crowding into the office of the county internal revenue officer for the payment of federal income taxes. According to A. N. Logan, county officer, there will be few delinquents. March 15 is the last day.

Sixty persons a day have been making their returns to Logan, and reports from notaries and attorneys show that every other agency in the county is working at top speed to prepare returns.

All returns must be in the office of the revenue officer by March 15, to escape a delinquency penalty. Revenue Officer Logan will check all returns that are filed here, and forward the returns before they are sent to the federal offices.

Ora E. Mook, 58, Dead
Of Dropsy at Residence

Ora E. Mook, 58 years old, died of dropsy superinduced by influenza at his home at 417 North Seventeenth street, at 8:30 a. m. Friday. He was born in Ohio and lived in New Hope for a number of years. He has been a resident of Richmond for eight years.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Mook; two sons, Joseph and Frank, of New Hope; two daughters, Myrtle and Jessie, of Richmond, and one brother, Joseph H. Mook, of New Hope. Funeral services will be held in the United Brethren church at New Hope at 2 p. m. Sunday. Burial will be in Mount Hill cemetery at Eaton. The cortege will leave Richmond at noon Sunday. Friends may call at any time.

50,000 American Dead
Will Be Brought Back

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The bodies of about 50,000 of the American dead in France will be returned to the United States while between 20,000 and 25,000 will remain permanently interred overseas, Secretary Baker today informed Chairman Wadsworth, of the Senate Military committee.