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HAMPERED BY INSUFFICIENT STAFF--SIMS

Given Only One Officer Over Period of Months, Admiral Charges — Nears End of Long Testimony.

CIVILIANS WERE USED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Nearing the end of his long statement to the senate investigating committee, Rear Admiral Sims today elaborated his charges that the inadequacy of his staff abroad prevented for several months maximum efficiency in the United States' naval participation in the war.

He testified that he was unable to bring the navy department to a realization of the importance of his post, and the necessity for providing a large staff at the outset, to compile and digest allied naval information and direct the early details of American cooperation on the seas.

Admiral Sims said he arrived in London in April, 1917, with but one aid, and immediately, realizing the magnitude of the task confronting him, cabled the department requesting that three additional assistants be sent him at once.

Placed in Destroyer Charge

Before he received any reply, he was placed also in command of the destroyer force abroad, and thereupon asked for three more officers, including a chief of staff, expecting that the request would be granted without question.

The last of April one officer arrived and was assigned to the destroyer base at Queenstown. Admiral Sims said, but no word came from the department regarding his reiterated requests for at least six assistants.

Throughout June he remained in ignorance of the department's plans and received no further aid, the officer said. An American civilian who had resigned from the navy in 1914 to enter in business in London volunteered to assist him, the admiral said, and this man with his one aid comprised his entire London staff.

Couldn't Even Decode Messages

"My staff was then wholly inadequate even to code and decode messages to and from the department," he commented, "much less attempt to compile vitally necessary information."

In June, a medical officer was ordered to his staff, the admiral said, and about the same time Secretary Daniels cabled him authority to employ clerical assistance, and spend any sum needed for the discharge of his duties, but nothing was done regarding the officers he had asked sent to assist him in his technical duties.

In repeated messages, Admiral Sims said he urgently recommended that a special officer be detailed to the British admiralty to coordinate convoy plans, but never received an answer. Finally he detached the captain from a destroyer and assigned him to this duty.

Two Small Rooms Allotted.

"We had reached the limit of physical endurance," Admiral Sims said. "We were established in two small rooms at the embassy and dispatched were pouring in on us every day. I only wish that I were capable of describing the conditions in my office at this time."

On July 7, Captain N. C. Twining was detailed to be his chief of staff, the admiral said. Continual differences with the department were demonstrating the need of closer liaison between his office and Washington, the admiral said, due to his inability to send and reply to letters and cablegrams.

Throughout July he continually warned the department that troop convoys were being endangered by lack of proper assistance abroad, the admiral said and protested against the department's inclination to send him young and inexperienced officers, and keep the older ones in home waters.

Farmers to Hold Meeting for County Agent Plans

No definite plans have as yet been made by E. F. Murphy, newly appointed county agricultural agent, he said Wednesday.

"I do not wish to make any plans for the county agent until I meet with the members of the Wayne County Farmers' federation," said Murphy, "and get their views. Then I will be able to line up my own work."

"We will hold a meeting soon to find out some of the things the farmers want me, as county agent, to do. In other words I intend to accomplish what the farmers want me to accomplish."

A meeting of the farmers will probably be held at the courthouse within the next few days.

SHIP TO BE CHRISTENED FROM LINCOLN WELL

(By Associated Press)

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 17.—Water from a well from which Abraham Lincoln many times slaked his thirst, will be used to christen the ship "Evergreen City" at Bristol, Pa., next Saturday. Miss Margaret Fenton, chosen by popular ballot as the official representative of Bloomington at the launching will take with her a bottle of the water to break against the hull as the vessel starts down the ways.

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Ex-Kaiser's Son, Who May Be in Plot



Prince and Princess Eitel Friedrich.

QUOTAS GIVEN TO QUARTERLY BODIES

(By Associated Press)

BISMARCK, S. D., March 17.—Five known dead and thousands of dollars damage to property was the toll of the two-day blizzard which swept this state—the worst in more than 30 years. The storm early today was reported to be gradually subsiding with temperatures sinking.

One girl gave her life to save her sister and brother while the heroic efforts of another youth proved futile and he and his three brothers perished on the prairies during the storm.

Girl Dies for Children.

When their sleigh was wrecked near Center by the wind, Hazel Miner, aged 18, took off her coat and wrapped it and blankets around her small brother and sister. For 24 hours they lay in the snowdrifts before they were found by searching parties. Hazel was dead but her action in bundling up the little ones saved their lives.

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After making his three brothers as comfortable as possible, he set out for help. Twenty-four hours later, his father found him and the other three brothers, frozen in deep snow drifts.

The actual arrival of allied forces caused little alarm, nor were there any signs of panic except in Stamford. Shopkeepers near the war office there closed their places of business when it was heard the allies were coming, but the troops inspired confidence and the stores were soon reopened.

All the allied powers participated in the movement, being under orders from the British commander in chief; here the Italian contingent, including detachments having mestoles on their rosters. Four thousand bluejackets and marines were landed by British warships.

STABILIZATION OF COAL TRADE SOUGHT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Legislation designed to stabilize coal production and transportation was introduced today by Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican of New Jersey, who said the advisability of its enactment had become apparent from investigation of the coal situation by the subcommittee of which he is chairman.

Senator Frelinghuysen's bills, which were referred to the senate interstate commerce committee hearings, would terminate government control of the industry as now exercised under the Lever act.

Coal would be transported in spring and summer at rates 15 per cent below and in winter and fall at 15 per cent above existing tariffs. Appointment of a federal coal commissioner would be provided with authority to investigate the coal situation and to regulate storage.

In presenting the bills, the New Jersey senator charged Director General Hines of the railroad administration with having used "truthless and illegal" methods in handling the coal situation and with assumption of powers which he was not given in the transfer of fuel administration authority to his office.

Timothy Nicholson to Get Home Next Sunday

Timothy Nicholson accompanied by his son-in-law, Dr. William V. Coffin of Whittier, Cal., will arrive in Richmond Sunday.

Mr. Nicholson has been ill for some time at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Whittier, but is now greatly improved and able to make the trip to his home in Richmond, it is thought.

Dr. Coffin, who is financial director for California Yearly Meeting, is coming east to attend various conferences connected with the financial drive in April.

Marphy's Rooms To Be in Southwest Courthouse Wing

The office of E. F. Murphy, newly appointed county agent, will be open for the first time Saturday, County Superintendent C. A. Williams said Wednesday.

Murphy will occupy the old horticultural society room in the southwest wing of the courthouse. It is the plan of Murphy to maintain office hours on Saturday only, and to spend the rest of the week working in the field.

BRYAN AGAIN URGES QUICK RATIFICATION

Commoner Hurls Self Into Midst of Treaty Wrangle—Says Senate Majority Must Decide Policy.

IRISH CLAUSE REJECTED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Bryan arrived here today from Florida, enroute to New York to deliver an address Friday night and immediately became a participant in the eleventh hour negotiations of Democratic senators working for a compromise on the peace treaty.

Although Mr. Bryan said he did not intend to visit the senate nor intervene in the treaty situation, Democratic senators began to consult him before he had finished his breakfast.

Mr. Bryan gave out another statement urging ratification of the treaty.

"For Democratic senators to join with the 'irreconcilables' in defeating the treaty," he said, "is unthinkable in advance of its being actually accomplished, and it would be unspeakable afterwards."

"Suicidal" Policy Attacked.

Mr. Bryan said it would be "suicidal" for the Democratic party to deny the right of a majority of the senate to declare the senate's policy.

"We have the right to appeal to the people to reverse the act of the majority," he said, "but we have no right to resist that majority to prevent the people speaking through their representatives."

"The Democratic party can not hope to make much headway combatting the fundamental principle upon which it stands," he said.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Hastening to clear the way for final action on the peace treaty, the senate shocked off a St. Patrick's Day debate on the Irish question, by tabling 54 to 21, a proposal to declare by reservation that Great Britain should proclaim Ireland free.

Following the introduction by the Republicans of a new reservation to the peace treaty, intended to replace the more definite international pledges of Article X, claims were made of further Democratic gains for ratification, with the Republican qualifications attached.

The new reservation, drafted by Senator Lenroot, declares the United States would "view with grave concern" any threat against the peace of Europe, and would consider what action it would take in the premises.

While not many members of the administration forces have had an opportunity to study the reservation and its effect, some senators predicted its adoption would palliate resentment over the reservation to Article X, which President Wilson has declared would "cut the heart" from the league of nations.

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Grounded Submarine Fast; Bodies are Still in Hold

(By Associated Press)

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 17.—Repeated attempts to tow to "deeper water" the submarine H-1, which grounded Saturday off Redondo point, Magdalena bay, with the loss of four lives, have failed through snapping of the lines, according to radio messages from commander McCrary of the destroyer Sinclair.

Stormy weather is interfering seriously with the work, he reported. Navy officers here expressed fear that the season soon would drive the submersible so deeply into the sand it would be difficult to save her.

The body of Lieutenant Commander James R. Webb, killed when the H-1 grounded, was believed still to be aboard the diver, the messages said.

The body of seaman Joseph Kauffman had not been recovered.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana—By the United States weather bureau. Fair tonight; Thursday partly cloudy.

Yesterday Maximum 48
Minimum 38
Noon 36

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore.

Fair and continued moderately cold tonight; several degrees below freezing; Thursday increasing cloudiness.

General Conditions—The weather has now cleared over the Central States with a general fall in temperature of from 15 to 25 degrees. A storm of great size covers the far west and severe cold weather for the season has moved southward from Alaska and is now central over Saskatchewan and the northern border states west of the lakes. The maximum temperature at Battleford, Sask., is 10 degrees below zero and the minimum is also 10 below, and it is from 10 to 26 below in Alaska. The western storm will probably arrive by Friday.

Friday will bring rain over the southern and central states and snow over the north. A severe blizzard is raging in North Dakota, the worst since 1888.

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BATTLE NAMES RING THROUGH FRANKLIN SOLDIERS' HISTORY

Twenty-two men were sent into the military service of the United States during the world war, from Franklin township, Wayne county. Of this number, only one has not been recorded for county history. W. O. Seany collected the records. Following is the individual record of service:

William Lee Henry entered the army July 24, 1918; assigned to field artillery, headquarters department ninth brigade; discharged Dec. 27, 1918.

Joseph Henry Busby was assigned to Company F, 60th regiment, fifth division infantry; embarked from New York April 29, 1918; arrived in France May 12, 1919; battles, Anould Sector, Argonne-Meuse offensive; suffered gunshot wound in left foot; sailed for home Dec. 26, arriving Newport News, Jan. 7, 1919; discharged April 17, 1919, bugler.

Willard Ross Burt entered service as hospital apprentice, second class, and was assigned to 80th Company, eighth regiment, hospital duty; discharged Oct. 4, 1919, Norfolk, Va., as apprentice first class.

Received Praises and Awards.

William Rhodes entered service as musician first class; assigned to 52nd infantry band, regular army, sixth division; promoted to sergeant drum major; battles, Marne, St. Mihel, Meuse Argonne, Plate River, Italy, and Champagne offensive; wounded twice; cited July 29, 1918 by General Petain for liaison work at the Marne, Medaille Militaire; and Oct. 18, 1919 by General Mangin for aiding M. G.; arrived in this country April 30, 1919, and is still in service.