

SENATE ENDS QUIZ ON NAVY CONDUCT

COMMITTEE TO RUSH REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS.

SIMS LAST WITNESS HEARD

Concludes with an Outline of Legislation for Reorganization of Department.

Washington, D. C.—The senate investigation of the navy's conduct of the war has been completed and Chairman Hales said he hoped to have ready within a week a report embodying the committee's findings.

Rear Admiral Sims was the only witness, but the chairman read into the record supplementary statements from Rear Admirals Pullam and Pike, replying to the portions of the testimony of Secretary Daniels. Admiral Pike reviewed his efforts to obtain reorganization of the department when he was aid for operations and declared but for his efforts the navy would have entered the war without the two principal agencies the secretary and his advisers declared to be vital—the office of chief of naval operations and the administrative plan.

"Instead of abusing me," Admiral Pike said, "I submit that the secretary ought to thank me for saving not only the navy but himself."

Admiral Pullam denied statements by Mr. Daniels to the effect that he was a "disciple of von Tirpitz" and "wished to Prussianize the navy."

He declared that he had devoted his life to the problem of organization and preparedness and that he was "proud to have my name linked with the names of Sims and Fluke."

Admiral Sims told the committee that Secretary Daniels had attempted to "gloss over" the criticism of the department's conduct of the war and reiterated the charge that Mr. Daniels "failed to direct the action required both before and during the war to meet the urgency of the situation."

In conclusion, the admiral submitted an outline of legislation for reorganization of the department under which the civilian secretary would have two assistants, one civilian and one military, the first to be charged with handling of all civil questions, including contracts, industrial matters and appropriations, and the other to be responsible for all matters of a strictly military nature.

The bureau chiefs would be directly under the military adviser who would be responsible for the efficiency of the navy, its readiness for, and its conduct in war.

Diaz Willing to Surrender.

Vera Cruz—General Felix Diaz has agreed to surrender his entire forces to General Guadalupe Sanchez, revolutionary commander, according to reports. General Diaz arrived at Misantla in the state of Vera Cruz and in transmitting the proposal to give himself and army up, asked for guarantees of safe conduct to the city of Vera Cruz, where he intends to take a steamer for some foreign port, the report said.

Outbreak Feared in Brazil.

Rio De Janeiro.—A serious outbreak of political conflict is feared in the state of Espirito Santo, Brazil, as the result of an election dispute in which Philomeneo Ribeiro was defeated by Nestor Gomes for state presidency. Ribeiro alleges the election was won by fraud.

Egan Found Guilty.

St. Louis, Mo.—After being out all night a jury in the state circuit court here returned a verdict finding George W. Egan, of this city, guilty of making false statements when making applications for fire insurance on a building belonging to him which was destroyed by fire.

Bandits Sentenced to Hang.

Chicago.—Joe Constan, Antonio Lopez and Sam Sepap were sentenced by a jury to be hanged for the murder of Anton Varetto in a holdup on January 15. The convictions raised the total death sentences imposed in Chicago this month to ten.

Embargo on Sugar Near.

Washington.—The senate agriculture committee ordered a favorable report on the McNary bill providing for an embargo on sugar exports. The committee believed this would help reduce the retail price of sugar.

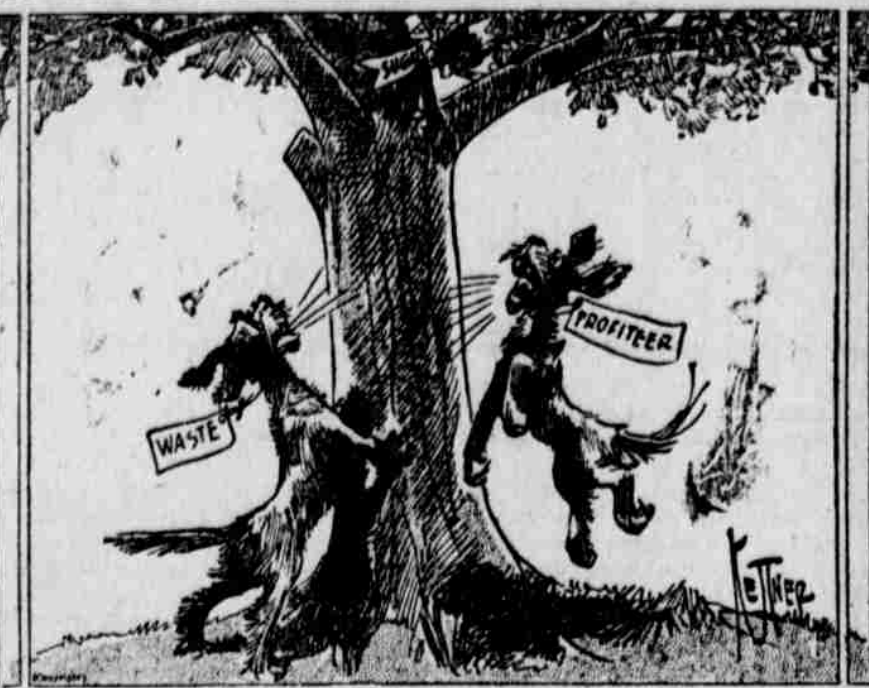
Flour Up Again.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Flour prices advanced 25 cents a barrel at all local mills.

To Fight to Better End.

Chicago.—Outlawed by the regular labor unions and denied recognition by the United States railroad labor board, insurgent railroad strikers have amalgamated their forces to "fight to the death," according to H. B. Reading, organizer and leader of the recent outlaws strike. The amalgamated organization, which has not been given a title, has a membership of 250,000 railroad employees, Reading said. He said all are on strike. The amalgamation was made, he said, at a secret meeting of outlaws leaders.

The Household Pet Up a Tree



UNITED STATES HAS FIRM GRIP ON THE OIL SUPPLY

Ambassador to U. S. Declares His Country's Foreign Policy Is Directed Against No One.

New York.—Sweeping denial that Great Britain was seeking to monopolize the world's fuel oil supply was made here by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, speaking at the Pilgrims dinner. Statements that Great Britain had such intentions, he added, were as completely without basis, in fact, as charges that Britain today was moved by militarist impulses.

"I say without fear of impending criticism," Sir Auckland declared, "that British foreign policy is directed against no man, but is inspired by the desire to seek peace, to bring order out of chaos, to extend the boundaries of freedom, to improve the lot of the oppressed and to increase the material prosperity of the world. That is our program; these are the principles by which I, as British representative in the land, am guided from day to day."

The ambassador touched also upon reports that the British government was trying to pool the war debts of Europe, "and to drag you (the United States) into the pool."

"You may seek far and wide for evidence on which that statement could be based," he said. "You will not find it. If you look closely you will find my government trying to pour oil on the troubled waters of Europe, and you will also find onlookers who seize the oil as it is poured and throw it on the fires of anti-British feeling here."

"I realize that the traditional hatred and ancient grudges die hard. I think I can make full allowance for these things, but I do plead with each and all to realize that if they have oil to pour they will better serve their day and generation and the cause of all humanity by selecting troubled waters to receive their libation and avoid smoldering fires."

In answering what he characterized as "wild duck" publications as to the British purposes, the ambassador dealt with the British navy, saying that while more than a thousand ships, including four battle cruisers, were under construction when the armistice was signed, one cruiser, the Hood, too far advanced to permit cancellation, was the only major ship completed.

"We have not at present a single capital ship building or completing and not one ship, large or small, has been laid down since the armistice."

Interchurch Supporters Win.

Philadelphia, Pa.—After an all-day debate, the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States voted down the proposal of the executive commission to withdraw support of the interchurch world movement, and voted to recommit the whole matter to the commission for a revised report to be made as soon as possible. All proposed amendments and substitute resolutions were sent back to the executive commission.

Schooner in Distress.

San Francisco.—Naval authorities here ordered two destroyers to proceed to the aid of the schooner Oceania Vance when the steamer Humboldt reached here and reported having spoken the craft off Point Arguello, about 200 miles south of here in a water logged condition. The captain's wife, Mrs. Charles Sexton, and two babies are aboard the Vance in addition to the regular company of eight. The Humboldt reported that the Vance refused to accept a tow.

Sugar Too High by 50 Per Cent.

Washington.—Retail sugar price can be reduced 50 per cent. J. H. McLaurin announced here following a conference held with Attorney General Palmer.

Santa Fe Train Wrecked.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 808 was wrecked at LaJoya, fifty-two miles south of here, due to soft track resulting from high water, according to a report received here. The engineer and fireman were killed and about thirty passengers injured. All of the cars are reported to be lying on their sides in the water. A special train with doctors and nurses had been ordered to the scene from Socorro and the wrecker has been ordered from Belen, which will also take all available doctors.

HUERTA NAMED NEW HEAD BY THE MEXICAN CONGRESS

Balloting for His Successor Postponed from July 4 Until September 5.

Mexico City.—President Venustiano Carranza committed suicide rather than be taken prisoner, according to a telegram given out at the headquarters of Gen. Gonzalez. It purports to have been sent from Cerro Azul, state of Puebla, the morning of Thursday, May 20, by Col. Rodolfo Herrera, who, previous reports have stated, was responsible for Senor Carranza's death.

Adolfo de la Huerta, of Sonora, was named president ad interim of Mexico by the extraordinary session of congress. He received 224 votes against 28 for Pablo Gonzalez. Gen. Antonio Villarreal was the only other candidate. After one hour and a half of balloting, Gov. De la Huerta received the necessary two-thirds majority.

The new incumbent holds office under the "Agua Prieta plan" and has already postponed the presidential elections from July 4 to September 5, under authority of the "Agua Prieta plan," which makes him supreme chief of the liberal constitutional army. He exercised the same authority in calling the extraordinary session of congress.

King Must Give Up Morganatic Wife.

Paris.—King Alexander, of Greece, is reported to have been married morganatically to Mademoiselle Manos, daughter of a former aide de camp to his father, ex-King Constantine. The Greek legation in Paris has refused to confirm or deny this report. King Alexander's marriage is said to have been the culmination of a boyhood friendship and occurred before he was in direct line to the throne. The king and his wife are living at the same hotel here.

Carranza's Body Met by Few Faithful.

Mexico City.—A dingy little train of three wooden coaches brought the remains of Venustiano Carranza, murdered president of Mexico, back to his former capital. Driven by a rusty crippled engine, the train slowly puffed its way into the city on the narrow gauge railway. Not more than 150 persons witnessed the arrival of the body. The faithful watchers included most of the foreign diplomatic corps. George Summerlin, American charge, was conspicuous in a high silk hat.

Would Revive War Rail Control.

Chicago.—Reorganization of war time management of railroads for the purpose of making a short cut towards relieving railroad congestion was proposed at a hearing of officials of 30 railroads, operating out of Chicago, here. A committee of three, representing railroads, shippers and the government was appointed to work out a general plan and lay it before the railroad officials at a meeting to be held in a few days.

French President Falls from Train.

Montargis, France.—Paul Deschanel, president of the French republic, fell from a window of his train when it was a short distance from here. The train was moving at the time, but after his fall M. Deschanel walked a mile and a quarter in the darkness until he met a track worker. The workman accompanied the president to a signal station nearby and telephoned to this city for an automobile which arrived within half an hour.

Sugar Up Again.

New York.—The American Sugar Refining company advanced the price of sugar 1 cent to 22½ cents, marking the third advance of its kind within a week. "The necessity for this advance arises by reason of the increasing cost to the company of raw sugar," the company statement said.

Glass Plant Burns.

San Francisco, Cal.—The plant of the Illinois-Pacific Glass company here was destroyed by fire. Officials of the company estimated the loss at \$1,000,000. Three firemen were injured, none seriously, in fighting the blaze.

Wet Bill Signed by N. Y. Governor.

Albany, N. Y.—The Walter bill legalizing the manufacture and sale of beer containing not more than 2.75 per cent of alcohol by weight was signed by Gov. Smith.

U. S. TROOPS HALT PLAN TO LYNCH VIRGINIA NEGRO

Trouble Follows Alleged Killing by William Turner of Morgan Moore, Naval Employee.

Washington, D. C.—A detachment of cavalry from Fort Myer was called out to disperse a mob of more than 1,000 persons which surrounded the jail at Alexandria courthouse, twelve miles from the limits of the District of Columbia, attempting to obtain possession of William Turner, a negro.

Arrival of the cavalry which had been requested by the sheriff of Arlington county scattered the mob which had formed threatening to lynch the negro.

Turner is accused of shooting to death T. Morgan Moore, an employee of the naval torpedo plant at Alexandria, Va., and of having attempted to attack Miss Pearl Clark, of Washington, Moore's fiancée and secretary to Representative Britten, of Illinois. The negro, bearing two wounds, was arrested about two hours after Moore was killed. Turner later confessed, according to the authorities.

Moore and Miss Clark, according to the report, made to Virginia and Washington authorities by the latter, were seated in an automobile near the Virginia end of the Potomac river bridge, connecting Washington and Virginia, when the negro approached them. Pointing a revolver at Moore, Miss Clark said, the negro demanded money. When Moore refused, Miss Clark said she became frightened and jumped from the machine and negro started after her. Then Moore, according to Miss Clark, seized a revolver from a door pocket of the automobile and fired at the black. In an exchange of shots Moore was shot through the heart and the negro struck in the leg and hand. According to Miss Clark he continued to pursue her until she had given him some jewelry.

Moore and Miss Clark, whose home was in Chicago were to have married soon.

Outbreak in Northern Italy.

London.—Troubles have broken out in the northeastern provinces of Italy, according to Milan advices to the London Times. In Carnia, the unemployed set up a soviet government which, however, lasted only a day, the troops re-establishing order. But as a protest a general strike was declared in the whole of Carnia and extended to Friuli. In Verona the strike is aggravated by the solidarity of the workmen. The latest example of what the correspondent calls the "strike mania" is prisoners refusing to work and demanding an eight-hour day.

Many Bands Under Arms in Mexico.

Washington, D. C.—Advices from Mexico indicate that the revolutionists have much to do before a stable government can be established. Military leaders are reported in various parts of the republic with small forces of men under arms either still loyal to the Carranza regime or for other reasons hostile to the de facto government. These groups are recognized by Mexican observers here to be possible nuclei for the organization of new revolts.

Carranza Killed by Own Men.

El Paso, Tex.—Venustiano Carranza, president of Mexico, and head of the seventy-second government that country has had since 1821, was assassinated at 1 a. m. Friday by Col. Rodolfo Herrera and his soldiers at Tlaxcala, Inangao, Puebla, according to messages received here from Gen. Alvaro Obregon, dated at Mexico City. "There were found six or seven more bodies of the men in Carranza's party," said one message from Obregon. "It is not stated who these men might be."

Senate Acts on Appropriation Bill.

Washington, D. C.—The senate passed the annual army appropriation bill carrying \$415,919,000 and sent it to conference. The bill provides for an increase of approximately \$42,000,000 over the house bill, but \$353,000,000 less than the appropriation for the present fiscal year. The principal senate increase was \$12,475,000 for the army air service, making its total \$40,000,000.

Vegetables Drop in Chicago.

Chicago.—Prices of all vegetables dropped 5 to 35 per cent on the Chicago market in the last ten days, according to commission merchants, who stated that cabbages were selling at \$3.50 a crate where they were at \$4.50 last week. Onions, they said, had scored a 30 per cent decline, and oranges have dropped 15 per cent. New potatoes sold for \$1.50 less than a week ago.

Johnson to Get Ofegon Delegation.

Portland, Ore.—Practically complete returns from all counties of the state show Senator Hiram Johnson leading Major General Leonard Wood by 1,322 votes for the presidential endorsement at the Oregon primary.

Bad Storm in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn.—One person dead and more than ten injured was the toll of two tornadoes that swept Castle Rock, Minn., about fifty miles south of here, and a strip of countryside near Red Wing, Minn. Five persons were injured at Castle Rock when a number of buildings in that town of less than 200 population was struck, while the second twister wrecked the farm home of Godfrey Swanson, near Red Wing, killing his 11-month-old son and injuring Swanson, his wife and her sister.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

Miss Emma Heimers, plucky telephone operator at Howe, proved herself a heroine May 21, by notifying citizens of the town that the Bank of Howe was being robbed. The exchange is across the street from the bank. When Miss Heimers saw three suspicious looking men enter the building and draw the curtains, she sounded the alarm which resulted in the quick apprehension of the bandits and the recovery of the loot, said to be about \$10,000. In a gun battle between authorities and the bandits, two of the latter were mortally wounded, the other taken prisoner, and two of the officers were seriously hurt.

According to advice in federal court circles at Lincoln, an effort is being made by prominent Lincoln and Omaha attorneys to secure from President Wilson a pardon for Thomas L. Matters, Omaha attorney, charged with violation of the national banking laws in connection with the failure of the First National bank of Sutton some years ago.

The Pullman Co. has been granted an increase in Nebraska rates by the state railway commission amounting to approximately 20 per cent on berth, compartment and drawing room rates and a minimum charge of 50 cents for seat rates, which now range from 25 cents up. The order is effective until October 31, 1920.

A report issued by a committee of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, after a lengthy study on comparative state school systems, shows that Nebraska stands twenty-second among all states of the union, with a percentage of 57.1. Montana heads the list.

L. H. Earhart, manager of the Omaha branch of the federal reserve bank, declared that the local branch at this time, despite the recent curtailment of credit, is handling agricultural and cattle paper equal in amount to one-third of its total rediscounts.

A small tornado swept Pender and vicinity, tearing down numerous barns and outbuildings and injuring one man. Practically every window on the west side of streets in Thurston were blown in and crops in the district were damaged.

Owing to recent bank robberies in Nebraska and Kansas, business men of Beatrice are talking of organizing a vigilance committee to assist the officers in running down this brand of criminals.

The town of Ewing has brought legal action to force voters of the suburb of Croesus to vote in the town of Ewing by bringing the suburb of Croesus within the corporate limits of Ewing.

Assistant Adjutant General Bross of the G. A. R., serving the last year under Department Commander Strode, has been reappointed to that position by the new department commander, Joseph H. Presson.

Dodge county officials are at a loss as to what has become of Dan Cupid. For two weeks not a marriage license has been issued, breaking all records for paucity of romance.

Nebraska druggists will assemble in Omaha June 15 for the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical association at Hotel Rome.

Nebraska's assessment roll will total \$770,000,000 this year, according to Secretary Osborne of the State Board of Equalization, an increase of \$200,000,000 over 1919.

The Kearney Amusement park, which has become one of the attractions of tourists traveling over the Lincoln highway, opened May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Wakefield are the proud parents of triplets, born one day last week. The babies weighed eight pounds each.

Hundreds of people from adjoining counties witnessed the tractor and truck demonstration at Ogallala.

Gossip around the stock yards at South Omaha indicates that the car situation is rapidly improving.

Air mail service between Omaha and Chicago is being maintained strictly on schedule.

Government statistics show that the per capita bank deposits in Nebraska amounted to \$362 at the close of last year. This represented that amount for every man, woman and child in the state.

Miss Anna Yokel, recently a candidate for the democratic nomination for secretary of state, will sever her connection with the board of control, where she has been employed as bookkeeper for some time. Miss Yokel avers she was dismissed for political reasons, while board members lay it to incapability.

Corn planting in the South Platte territory of the state has moved along rapidly the past ten days and the work is virtually finished.

Twenty-seven passengers were injured and two trainmen hurt when a passenger train plowed its way through two rear cars of a freight train on a switch at Trenton.

J. H. Presson, Omaha, was elected commander of the Nebraska G. A. R. at the forty-fourth annual encampment at Fremont. Mrs. Martha A. Carmony, Omaha, was elected president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Beatrice High school won high honors in the eighteenth annual track and field meet of the Nebraska high schools at the State University, Lincoln, May 15. The Beatrice youths captured first place in the group three competition, Lincoln finished second and Omaha third. The group two championship went to Wilbur, while Dewitt was victor in group one. Over 300 youths, representing more than thirty schools, were on the track, the greatest in the history of Nebraska track sports history.

Changes recommended in Nebraska marriage laws by the children's code commission include: Physical examination of applicants for licenses, a period of five days between application for and the issuing of a license, consent of parents for persons under 21, and punishment by a term in prison for false affidavits. Age of majority for girls is to be raised to 21.

Loyal Harmon, 5, was drowned, and the little lad's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burch Harmon, farmers of Nemaha county, narrowly escaped death when an automobile driven by Mr. Harmon plunged into a lateral drainage ditch near Auburn. The road bridge over the stream had been swept away by high water. The accident occurred after dark.

A prairie dog "town" of more than four thousand holes, in Holt county, was destroyed on the Hopkins ranch northeast of O'Neill, by county Agent Lancaster. The animals were gassed with carbon gas, one hundred pounds or ten gallons of gas being used.

Joe Curtis, charged with implication in a cattle rustling band that was broken up in Hooker county by the arrest and sentencing to the penitentiary of Jesse Ingram, was bound over for trial at the next term of district court at Mullen.

Roy Dinney, 15, was killed, and his brother, Albert Dinney, 11, and Roy Anderson, 20, all of Wakefield, were seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Northwestern passenger train near Wayne.

Citizens of Howell have subscribed more than \$1,000 for the support of the Howells baseball team this season.

In a baseball game between Leigh and Schuyler, Pitcher Wightman of the latter team struck out 21 Leigh batters. Schuyler won 6 to 2.

Another oil gusher has been struck near Osage, Wyo. It is controlled by Alliance men, who report oil men are flocking to the field from all parts of the country and experts declare that the field will soon be the largest in Wyoming.

Nellie Johnson, an inmate of the home for feeble minded children at Beatrice, lost her life in the institution when a coffee urn full of boiling water overturned, scalding the child to death.

North Bend is the first city in Dodge county to grant a bonus to teachers who have been on the force for the past year. The school board has voted each of the instructing force an additional \$50.

The sum of \$615,000 was spent for improvements on the Lincoln highway in Nebraska during 1919. Paving was laid on portions of the thoroughfare in Dodge, Hall, Dawson and Lincoln counties.

Jack Prince, famous builder of automobile speedways, plans to build another track at Omaha, work to start on the venture next spring. The old saucer in the city was torn down last year.

The seed corn situation in Nebraska and in fact over the entire country, is quite serious, according to Lawrence Coy of the Coy Seed company of Valley.

Potash plants at Hoffland, Antioch and Lakeside, which have been shut down for some time, due to floods and lack of coal, are to resume operations in a few days.

Many distinguished women from all parts of the country are expected to attend the Nebraska suffrage convention at Omaha June 13.

It is estimated that Omaha is short 2,500 houses and that it will require eight years to make up the lost time in building operations.

A terrific wind and hail storm damaged crops and outbuildings to a considerable extent at Sidney and the surrounding district.

Reports reaching stockmen at South Omaha indicate that the lamb crop of the west will be far below normal this year.

Lester I. Dunn of Lincoln has been appointed deputy state labor commissioner to replace J. H. Jeffry, who resigned.

Lincoln High school won the Amherst cup when its debating team defeated Omaha on the state question, "Resolved, That Congress Should Prohibit Strikes on Railroads Doing Interstate Business." The contest was held at Omaha.

The Masonic lodge of Table Rock has purchased the upper story of the Hulda block, west of the public square, and will remodel it to make them a permanent home. Their expectations are to make it one of the most attractive lodge rooms in the state outside of the larger cities.

City commissioners of Kearney are advertising for bids on about 30 blocks of paving.

Overflow of the Platte river inundated the low land around North Bend, Rogers and Schuyler, and caused some damage to bridges and crops.

President Platt of the Crab Orchard bank, which was robbed the other night, reports that the loss of the institution would not be more than \$200.

A revival of political debating after the fashion of the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858 is planned by women voters of Dodge county.