

SIMS SAYS NAVY DELAY IN WAR COST MANY LIVES

Reiterates Statements Before Senate Committee Probing Admiral's Charges.

Washington, March 10.—Rear Admiral Sims gave the senate naval investigating committee today what he asserts was indisputable evidence that the Navy department fell down almost completely during the first six months of the war.

Numerous messages sent by the admiral to the Navy department during the early days of America's participation in the conflict and other documents were offered as proof that despite the officer's urgent and reiterated requests that every available vessel be sent to the critical area of submarine activities, the department neither followed his recommendations nor informed him of its plans and policies.

The lack of whole-hearted American co-operation with the allies from the start, the admiral said, resulted in prolongation of the war until November, 1918, when it could have been ended in July; needless sacrifice of 500,000 lives; expenditure of \$15,000,000,000 which might have been saved, and gain of 2,500,000 tons of shipping.

Information Accidental.

Most of his information regarding American naval plans, he said, was obtained accidentally at the admiralty or through visiting armed guard officers.

When he advised that the convoy system proposed by the British admiralty be put into immediate operation, Admiral Sims said he received a cablegram from Secretary Daniels, stating that "in regard to convoy I consider that American naval vessels having armed guards are safer when sailing independently." Later adoption of the convoy system he said indicated the wisdom of his recommendation.

Taking up the situation created by the submarine menace, the admiral said that in June, 1917, he told the department the efforts then

being made to curb the U-boats was not succeeding and the necessity again was presented "of sending all destroyers, tugs, yachts and craft which can reach the critical area, by themselves or be towed part way.

Willing to Co-operate.

The department in reply, he said, stated that "the department recognizes the necessity of sending all anti-submarine craft which can be spared from home waters into active European waters and when such craft become available will send them," and announced "willingness to co-operate in every way."

In a letter to the ambassador on June 15, 1915, he made most of the assertions that brought the present investigation reviewed the entire situation quoted from messages exchanged with the department and closed with the statement that the "war will be won or lost within the next few months" for "if the shipping losses continue at the present rate it must be lost because the allies cannot win." The admiral did not say what was the result of the letter.

Suffragists Victors In W. Virginia Fight

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They thrill as few words do or can. This was the encouraging conclusion of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, in a statement issued here on receipt of news that West Virginia had ratified the federal suffrage amendment.

With West Virginia won and the Washington and Delaware legislatures meeting soon in special session, the opinion expressed at headquarters was that "the struggle is over."

"People who have followed the course of woman suffrage from the outside with indifference or small understanding of what has been at stake," said Mrs. Catt, "will have no comprehension of the real message which the West Virginia victory carries to women. To us it means that the nation is won, that the 70-year struggle is over, that the women of America are enfranchised women."

"And now whatever comes out of granting the suffrage to women, it is safe to predict that it will never be responsible for any offering to the general welfare except those things which have been well considered and intelligently endorsed."

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Wilson Unjust to France In Letter to Hitchcock, Declares Andre Tardieu

Present Circumstances Due to Prolonged Debate in Senate Over Ratification of Peace Treaty by the United States, Says French Delegate—Declares France Now Executing Treaty Practically Alone.

Paris, March 10.—Andre Tardieu, who was a member of France's delegation in the peace conference, said today regarding President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock:

"French public opinion will be in accord with that of the government that the reproach of imperialism cannot apply to France. It is not upon the peace treaty that such a reproach can be based. The treaty was judged and defined by President Wilson himself, in solidarity with the heads of the other governments, in the response addressed by them on June 16, 1919, to Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation.

"That was a capital document," said M. Tardieu, who continued: "But this is the situation: 'First—We asked that part of the league of nations create an organized armed force as an essential condition of disarmament in the different countries.

"Our proposition was rejected three different times.

U. S. Promised Guarantee.

"Second—The United States promised us their guarantee in case of unprovoked attack, as well by the treaty of Versailles as by the special treaty between them and us, and neither of those treaties is ratified.

"Third—The treaty of Versailles imposed upon the allied and associated powers a certain number of common military duties—occupation of the left bank of the Rhine, Schleswig, Danzig, Memel, Allenstein, Marienwender, Upper Silesia and Teschen. Excepting a few thousand Americans on the Rhine, no French troops which everywhere bear that charge alone, or nearly alone. The treaty was to be executed by several. We are executing it nearly alone.

France Called Upon.

"Fourth—The negotiations in Paris had in view participation by all the allied and associated powers in the occupation of mandated territories. Here, again, the United States disappeared, and to protect the populations against massacres in Constantinople, Anatolia, Armenia and Cilicia it was again France that was called upon.

"Therefore, I repeat, it is unjust to accuse us of imperialism. No one in France protests against the continual increase of the American navy. Our army, like the American navy, is what circumstances require it to be and it is not France that created those circumstances.

"It is the debate going on for months in the United States over ratification of the peace treaty that created them. Every one knows my respect for President Wilson, but I think that in his last letter to Senator Hitchcock he has been unjust to France."



Andre Tardieu.

Bryan and his policies through three presidential campaigns? Was Senator Hitchcock a "reactionary" and a "Wall street tool" when he supported Mr. Bryan for congress and employed him as an editor and newspaper? Was Senator Hitchcock a "Wall street tool" and a "reactionary" a few weeks ago when Brother Charley invited him to have a seat on the Bryan delegation as a delegate to the San Francisco convention?

Absentee Dictator.

"Senator Hitchcock's attitude has been that of an honorable, upright man. He took the position, personally and with his newspaper, every time that Bryan was a candidate, that Mr. Bryan was entitled to have the support of this state and to have men elected as delegates who were friendly and interested in Mr. Bryan's candidacy and who desired to have him nominated.

"The contrast between these two men measures the difference between greatness and mediocrity. He assumes that he is better than other democrats. He claims to be a sort of super-democrat, different from the ordinary man. Like the Pharisee of old, he thanks the Lord that he is not like other democrats. He claims to be a sort of 'holier than thou' citizen.

"This last statement is but another example of the Bryan brothers attempting to dictate to the democrats of Nebraska from Mr. Bryan's home in Florida regarding the internal policies of the state. This non-resident who keeps a mythical residence in Nebraska for political purposes only, assumes the role of an absentee dictator and with the pretensions of a Pharisee and the methods of a Machievelli, undertakes to direct the democrats of Nebraska and to bulldoze them into sending him as a delegate with permission to disregard instructions given to him by them.

"Senator Hitchcock's friends welcome the issue. They will meet Bryan in every precinct in Nebraska. Senator Hitchcock is entitled to fair treatment. He is entitled to have the wishes of the democrats of this state regarding instructions in his behalf respected not only by Mr. Bryan but by every other man who aspires to be a delegate to the San Francisco convention. If the preference vote in Nebraska is for Senator Hitchcock, he is entitled to have a set of delegates elected who are friendly to him and interested in helping him secure the nomination. The question is whether the instructions of the democrats of Nebraska or the wishes of a would-be dictator shall control the action of the delegation from Nebraska at the San Francisco convention."

HOUSTON PUTS BAN ON FUTURE FOREIGN LOANS

Allies May Be Allowed to Postpone Interest Payments for Three Years.

Washington, March 10.—Announcement by Secretary Houston that no further loans would be made to the allies was believed to indicate the adoption by the treasury of the policy favored by the debtor nations deferring interest payment for the next three years or more.

Under authority granted by congress to extend \$10,000,000,000 credits to the allied nations, the treasury has made loans amounting to \$9,659,834,649. Secretary Houston said that the remainder of the credits authorized would not be granted as it was thought sufficient advances had been made.

Discussing the question, treasury officials said that in view of the exchange situation and the unsettled economic condition of the European nations during the reconstruction period, it would seem advisable to permit them to postpone interest payments for at least three years. Then, it is believed, they would be in a position to meet their obligations.

Enormous Sum Due.

With the interest on the loans computed at 5 per cent the total due, the United States yearly is about \$470,000,000, an enormous sum for the war-weary countries to pay at present. If interest is funded into long-term obligations the interest on the payments thus deferred will amount to only \$23,000,000 yearly, which can be paid and the credit of the debtor nations maintained. Treasury officials are working on recommendations to submit to congress as to the course to be followed if deferred payments are permitted. It has been suggested that the interest on the interest be charged off, but the proposal has met with strong opposition in congress.

America's chief debtors are Great Britain with \$4,277,000,000; France, \$3,047,974,777, and Italy, \$1,621,336,986. Belgium's debt is \$343,443,000 and Russia is charged with \$187,729,750. Rumania, Serbia, Greece, Cuba, Czechoslovakia are other countries listed on the books of the treasury.

Parcel Post With Lithuania.

Washington, March 10.—Opening of a parcel post service with the Lithuanian department. Parcels up to a weight of 22 pounds will be accepted at a rate of 12 cents a pound.

Federal Prohibition Officer Defies "Public Officials"

Chicago, March 10.—Maj. A. V. Dalrymple, federal prohibition officer for the central states, has issued a statement in which he defied "public officials" who, he said, by their actions, hindered the enforcement of prohibition and stated that

no orders ever were received from Washington prohibiting officials from making arrests and seizing liquor without warrants.

"We know what rights we have and we intend to enforce the law," said the major. "If the district attorney refuses to prosecute our cases we will find some one who will."

Mayorality Fight in Kansas City Started

Kansas City, Mo., March 10.—Mayor James Cowgill was nominated for re-election by the democratic city convention. Mayor Cowgill will be opposed by Matthew Foster, a wealthy real estate owner, republican nominee.

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Hitchcock Men Accept Challenge of Bryan

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will be wholly immaterial to him. Before any instruction is binding on him, it will be necessary for him to be elected as a delegate to the San Francisco convention. The democrats of Nebraska are not very much in the humor of sending a man as a delegate who insolently tells them in advance that he will not be bound by an instruction given. The probabilities are that Mr. Bryan will be sitting in the press gallery at San Francisco just as he did in St. Louis four years ago.

"In every emergency, Mr. Bryan always resorts to 'Wall street influence' as the reason for his conduct. This 'Wall street' talk is stale and unprofitable. The public records disclose that the immediate members of Mr. Bryan's family got very close to Wall street and to Mr. Bryan in 1904. The Bryan family is an authority on Wall street influence. They got nearer to Wall street money and Wall street influence than anyone else ever did in Nebraska. The scurrilous reference to Senator Hitchcock does no credit to Mr. Bryan and is beneath the dignity of any man who assumes to speak in the name of others. Was Senator Hitchcock a "reactionary" and a "Wall street tool" when he and his great newspaper supported Mr.

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