

FLEET NOT KEPT READY TO FIGHT, SIMS CHARGES

Declares Months Were Lost Before Dispatching Squadron of U. S. Battleships To Join British Forces.

Washington, March 11.—Charges that the Atlantic fleet was not kept in readiness for battle during the war, were added by Rear Admiral Sims to his arraignment of Navy department policy in testimony today before the senate investigating committee.

He told the committee that frequent pleas for American warships were disregarded and months were lost in dispatching a squadron of battleships to join the British grand fleet. When the squadron finally was ordered abroad, he said, it was composed of four ships of different types, evidence that other ships to form a homogeneous unit were "not ready for sea service."

Tribute to the officers and men of the battleships was paid by the admiral, who said the work of fitting into the British fleet was accomplished in four days, one of the finest exhibitions he had ever seen. Service with the British, he pointed out, necessitated the adoption of all the American codes and signals and adoption of the British system.

Requests Were Refused.

Requests for American forces to supplement the allied naval patrol, Admiral Sims asserted, were refused at first by the Navy department on the ground that the future position of the United States must in no way be jeopardized by any disintegration of our main fighting fleet.

Admiral Sims charged that it was three months after the United States entered the war before he received a statement of the Navy department's policy; that for seven months the department failed to answer even his cables with regard to sending battleships and then denied the request, but a month later reversed its position and ordered the Sixth fleet squadron abroad; that he first urged the dispatch of all available ships to the war zone on April 23, 1917, but no ships arrived until a year later, although 43 were available to the Navy department the day war was declared, in addition to many owned by private concerns; that although he asked on June 26, 1917, that American submarines be sent to the war zone to help combat U-boats, it was four months before this request was complied with and that five submarines were sent, five more arriving four months later.

Wants Hoover Called.

Admiral Sims requested that the committee call Herbert Hoover to substantiate his statements that the war was in danger of being lost by the allies because of the German submarine campaign.

The committee agreed to ask Mr. Hoover to appear Saturday to tell of food conditions in the allied countries in the summer of 1917.

Senator Ball, republican, Delaware, replaced Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington, on the committee, the latter resigning because of inability to attend the sessions.

Prominent Omaha Testify for Negro Accused of Attack

Melville D. Cameron, 216 North Thirty-second avenue, vice president and treasurer of a local company, agreed neither time nor expense in defending his negro house servant, Richard Smith, against the charge of attempted assault against Zeta Monahan, 22-year-old white girl, October 29, 1919.

Smith was discharged because he was at our home during the time when the assault is alleged to have happened," said Mr. Cameron. "I'd defend him as I would a white man whom I knew to be innocent." Mr. Cameron engaged Stout, Rose, Wells & Martin, corporation lawyers, to defend his servant.

"I left Dick at home that night of October 29 particularly because Mrs. Cameron was alone while I was at church," he said.

"Dick was working about the garage and cellar all the time from 6 to 8 p. m.," Mrs. Cameron testified. The attempted assault occurred at 6:30.

Among the other prominent persons who testified in his behalf were Frank Morsman, son of Vice President Morsman of the Nebraska Telephone company, and Clarence Walrath of the Walrath & Sherwood Lumber company.

Securities Turned Over To Sister of A. J. Seaman

Thomas H. Weirich, superintendent of the Welfare board, and Mrs. Harriet E. Wolf of Los Angeles were named special administrators for the estate of the late Albert J. Seaman, aged recluse, yesterday. Mr. Weirich announced that \$3,400 in building and loan securities found had been deposited to the credit of Mrs. Wolf, who is Seaman's sister.

He also stated that the Seaman estate includes \$40,000 in convertible bonds. Unless keys to the safety deposit box, rented by Seaman in the State Bank of Omaha, are procured shortly the box will be forced open, he said.

Rumpus Results at Church At Perjury Charge of Women

John R. Webster stirred up a rumpus at the First Baptist church Wednesday night when he termed as "perjurers" republican women who have registered as democrats in order to obtain the election of Mrs. E. B. Towl, dry democrat, as delegate to the national convention. Mr. Webster's rebuffs was occasioned when boosters for Mrs. Towl, who is an active member of the church, urged republican women to change their registration in Mrs. Towl's behalf. Under the law, participation in a primary election is limited to party affiliation. Mrs. J. H. Dumont said that the trouble was caused by a few over-zealous citizens.

BEAUTY OF BRITISH MOVIES COMES TO AMERICA



A pretty California miss and her "dancing kid," which has attracted much attention. Whenever his pretty mistress plays her ukelele the "dancing kid" performs.

SENTRY AT FORT FIRES ON TRIO OF HIGHWAYMEN

Automobile Thieves Pursued by City Police Escape Through Army Reservation.

A Fort Omaha sentry fired three shots at a trio of suspected highwaymen at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when they broke into the reservation grounds after leaping from a stolen automobile pursued by a squad of city detectives. They escaped.

As John D. Dohse, proprietor of a grocery store at Thirtieth and Fort streets, started home in his car at 2:30, he noticed three men jump in a waiting machine and follow, he reported to police.

When Dohse stopped in front of his home at 3024 Larimore street, the other car drew alongside also. He darted into his home and called police.

Police responding in the emergency car saw the three men leap from their car into the Fort Omaha reservation grounds.

Apartments occupied by Charles Burke, Stratford Terrace, Park avenue and Pacific street, and I. L. Van Santa, 3205 Poppleton avenue, were ransacked by specialty thieves Thursday night. Silverware and odd articles of jewelry comprised the loot.

The Army and Navy club house, Seventeenth and Howard streets, was entered by burglars Thursday night and a box of cigars and some small change taken from the secretary's desk.

The automobile from which the trio of suspected highwaymen escaped near Fort Omaha belongs to O. H. Gibbs, 3211 North Fourteenth avenue. It had been stolen shortly after midnight from Seventeenth and Farnam streets.

Titus' Name Is Withdrawn As Shipping Board Member

Washington, March 11.—The nomination of Louis Titus of San Francisco to be a member of the shipping board was withdrawn from the senate today by President Wilson, acting upon the written request of Mr. Titus.

In his letter to the president, several days ago, Mr. Titus said, "I was an oil producer, and that because the board considered prices for oil too high, his presence might embarrass the board and lead to criticism of it."

School Building Burns.

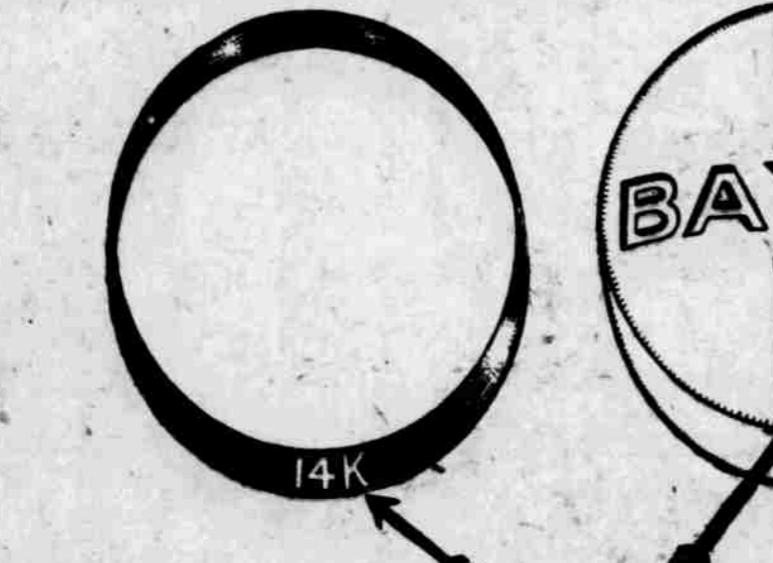
Twenty-five children in a private school operated by Mrs. E. A. Holyoke at 534 Fortieth street, escaped without alarm or fright when the building caught fire from a defective fuse at 12:30 yesterday. Damage done to the building totaled \$1,000.

Urge Irish Consulate

Resolutions to urge the foreign relations committee and the house of representatives in Washington to act favorably on the Mason bill, now pending, which calls for an appropriation of \$14,000 to establish a United States consulate in Ireland, were adopted at the regular meeting of the Irish Self-Determination club of Nebraska in the Omaha Labor temple Thursday night.

"BAYER CROSS" ON GENUINE ASPIRIN

Always insist upon true "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin"—In "Bayer package"



The "Bayer Cross" on Aspirin tablets has the same meaning as 14-Karat on gold. Both mean Genuine!

"Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" should be taken according to the safe and proper directions in each "Bayer package." Be sure the "Bayer Cross" is on package and on tablets. Then you are getting the genuine Aspirin prescribed by

FRENCH WRITER SCORES WILSON TREATY LETTER

Charges Aimed at Marshal Foch by Implication, Says Political Editor of Echo De Paris.

Paris, March 11.—President Wilson's charges against France made in the letter he sent early this week to Gilbert M. Hitchcock, democratic leader in the United States senate, are said by "Pertinax" political editor of the Echo De Paris to be aimed at France by name, but at Marshal Foch by implication. "The so-called imperialism" of France, says the writer in discussing Mr. Wilson's letter, "consists in the conviction fortified by all the lessons of history, that to guarantee itself against attacks from central Europe it must hold the Rhine bridgeheads."

"Pertinax" says President Wilson went to the session of the supreme council on May 9, 1919, much perturbed and read to ministers Clemenceau and Lloyd George a letter from Pierrepoint B. Noyes, American member of the Rhineland commission, who declared the agreement reached on May 11 for the administration of the Rhineland was more brutal than its authors themselves would desire, as it provides for intolerable oppression of 6,000,000 inhabitants of the region during many years."

Quotes Marshal Foch.

The writer declares Marshal Foch in discussing the plan evolved by this commission, said: "The Germans asked for an imperial commissioner and they were given not only a commissioner, but a civil administration commission which is much more than they claimed."

"These words of Marshal Foch," he continues, "characterize the whole business today. In consequence it is plain to see the Rhineland shares fully in the life of United Germany and the distribution of the coal there. Germany goes so far as to distinguish between inhabitants she supposes favorable or unfavorable to us."

"In a word the work of France is compromised by Mr. Wilson after such examples of our moderation. President Wilson has no right to talk of our imperialism."

Federal Board Has Announced More Big Financial Gains Here

Additional financial gains for Omaha for the week ending March 3 were announced yesterday by the federal reserve board at Washington, which published a report on bank debits for that period, in which Omaha ranked 12th.

That was the highest position this city has ever held, it was explained at the Chamber of Commerce, and placed Omaha ahead of Kansas City, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and Buffalo, all of which have greater population and have in the past been ahead of Omaha.

Bankers explained that many consider bank debits as a more reliable and fairer system for comparing financial transactions than bank clearance statements. The bank debits credited to Omaha in the statement were \$103,754,000. Great regional and industrial centers alone ranked Omaha in the statement, and San Francisco and Los Angeles were the only cities west of the Mississippi ahead of Omaha.

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Brief City News

Quits City Staff—James Brown, a member of the city electrician examining board, has resigned to accept a position as superintendent of the Le Bron Electrical works. He will be succeeded by John Gibb.

Objects to Permits—Applications for soft drink parlor licenses, brought before the city council yesterday morning by C. Caniglia, 1201 South Sixth street, and Harry Norman, 2303 N. street, were set aside until next Tuesday, when City Commissioner Ringer objected to the licenses being issued.

Weds Five Couples—Rev. Charles W. Savidge married five couples Wednesday: Miss Ollie Shearer and Helger Sandeau, Miss Alice Fitzpatrick and Chester M. Weston, Miss Edith M. Lewis and Walter F. Carr, Miss Cleo Bryan and Clarence S. Bullock, Miss Flocia Miller and Wayne R. Munson.

Rabbi Cohn Lecture—Rabbi Frederick Cohn will deliver the third of a series of lectures at the

Temple this evening, on the subject of "Evolution and Judaism." This will be the third address on the general topic of evolution in celebration of the centenary of Herbert Spencer, which occurs next April. The remaining lectures of the course will be: "Evolution and Christianity," April 14, and the "Goal of Evolution," May 7.

Mayor Is in East.

Mayor Smith left for Chicago Wednesday night on business unknown to his secretary and to other city commissioners. Concentration of democratic forces in Omaha yesterday is one theory advanced by a city commissioner for his sudden departure.

Harney Widening Costly.

The proposed widening of Harney street from Twentieth to Twenty-fourth street will cost \$187,475, according to the report of an appraiser made during the city council meeting yesterday.

The CANDY Cathartic

"I LIKE 'em!"

Cascarets

FOR CONSTIPATION

THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

EVERYBODY'S STORE

Friday in the Downstairs Store

Specials on the Second Floor

Billy Burke Pajamas \$2.85

200 Billy Burke Pajamas of Windsor crepe, pink, blue, yellow and white, trimmed with braid and buttons, special, \$2.85.

Corsets, \$1.75

1,000 Corsets of pink or white coutil, med. and low tops, fancy top trims. Special at \$1.75.

Brassieres, 45c

1,000 Brassieres, of pink and white mesh, button front and back. Special 45c.

Children's Mina Taylor Dresses, \$1.95

Children's Mina Taylor Dresses, Chambrays and gingham, plaids and stripes. Special at \$1.95. 2 to 6 years.

With the Spring Days and Sunny Skies Overhead Comes the Longing for **New Spring Apparel**

Never before has there been such a very great variety of modes to select from, and every garment seems to have that smart and jaunty look that is typical of this season's styles.

Dresses

Of a fine quality taffeta, georgette, flowered voile and satin, short, medium and long sleeves, are these dresses, in the most desirable colors and styles, blue predominating. Dresses which will give you lots of service, and are duplicates of much higher priced models, \$18.75 to \$39.50.

Skirts

Skirts for dress, street or sport wear, a varied assortment in novelty silks, silk poplin, Jersey and wool cloths, in the most up-to-date modes. For the woman who must practice economy we advise a visit to our Downstairs Ready-to-Wear Department, you'll be surprised at the unusual values, \$9.95 to \$18.95.

An assortment of dainty

Blouses 85c

Which is a very low price for blouses of this kind. They are odd lots that are mused from showing and counter display. Sizes are 34 to 46.

A special value.

Women's Union Suits 59c

Women's Union Suits, low neck and sleeveless, cuff knee, made of very fine white cotton, in large sizes only, 40, 42, 44. Special 59c.

Take advantage of this sale of

Kimonos 95c

Women's cotton crepe kimonos, floral effects, trimmed with border of self material, limited number. Special 95c.

You will want covered pair of these

Gloves

Automobile driving gloves, one-half regular price. Workman's horsehide gloves and mittens, 49c to \$1.50.

Attractive Spring Footwear

For the Woman Who Is Particular

\$9.95

Black and "Nut" Brown Suede, two eyelet tie, long slender effect, hand turned soles, and high covered heels.

Mat kid, "Coco" Brown, white kid and patent one eyelet tie, plain toe and covered heel.

Mat kid, white kid, patent leather and "Nut" brown oxford ties, plain toe and covered heel.

Many other pleasing styles in pumps and oxfords, priced from \$4.95 to \$9.95.

Splendid Values in Undermuslins

Night Gowns, 69c

Pink Batiste Night Gowns, kimono effect, trimmed with dainty hand embroidery, 69c.

Pink Batiste Billy Burkes \$1.95

Pink Batiste Biffo Burkes, trimmed with narrow lace. A splendid value, \$1.95.

Bloomers, 69c

Pink Batiste Bloomers, fitted top and elastic knee. Specially priced for one day only, 69c.

Children's Drawers, 19c

Children's Muslin Drawers, self trimmed in ruffles and tucks, 19c.

A Wonderful Value in Children's Middies 2 for \$1

Middies of white Linonette cloth, with sailor collar of red and blue braid trimmed. Special 2 for \$1.00.

An Opportunity to Buy Children's Dresses at 95c

Children's white Batiste Dresses, ages 2 to 6 years, narrow lace and tucks used as trimming. Special at 95c.

A Very Special Value. Corsets \$1.45

Corsets, pink and white coutil, low and medium bust, 3 pair pattern, special \$1.45.

Brassieres 45c

1,000 Brassieres, front and back fasteners, special for one hour, 45c.

Garden Tools of All Kinds Featured in a Special Sale Friday

Spading Forks

Four-tine malleable steel blades, D handle. Special 69c.

Spading Forks, heavy angular three steel ferrule caps, bronze finish, malleable D handle, \$1.40 each.

Hoes

Garden Hoes, polished, riveted blades, blood finish, has long handle, accented steel, 99c.

Garden Hoes, one piece solid steel blade, with socket, blood finish, selected handle, 79c.

Ladies' Hoes, 5 inch blade 4 foot handle, bronze finish, 69c.

GARDEN SPADES

Garden Spades or Shovels, solid back, D handle, \$1.69

Garden Rakes

Malleable iron, blood finish, with straight teeth:

12 prong for 49c
14 prong for 59c
16 prong for 69c

STEEL RAKES

Wrought Steel Braced:

14 prong for 79c
16 prong for 89c

BOW RAKES

Solid bow and curved teeth, drawn from one piece of steel, gold bronze finish:

14 prong for \$1.19
16 prong for \$1.39

Lawn Rakes made of tinned wire, 24 tooth, long handle, 69c.

Ladies' Floral Sets

Bronze finish 3 piece set, consisting of heavy steel spade, 5 tooth soil rake, solid shank steel hoe, the set, \$1.75.

Garden Hose

Molded Garden Hose, corrugated, 1/2-inch size, fully guaranteed, at 18c foot.

Seeds

Blue Grass Lawn Seed, 50lb. White Clover Seed, 50lb. Flower and Vegetable Seeds, all fresh stock, package, 5c.