

U. S. NAVY OFFICER IN SOME TROUBLE

Many Protests Received by American Navy Dept. to Comr. Sims Remarks

Washington, Dec. 27.—The case of Commander W. S. Sims, of the U. S. S. Minnesota, who according to press reports, delivered a distinctly pro-British speech at a banquet at London, Dec. 4th, which has been regarded as an opportunity by other nations, is now in the hands of President Taft.

In response to a cablegram from Secretary Meyer asking for an official report of the sentiments expressed by Commander Sims, Rear Admiral Murdock, commanding the third division of the Atlantic fleet, to which the Minnesota is attached, has made a cable reply giving the substance of Commander Sims' remarks.

No intimation of the nature of Admiral Murdock's cablegram was obtainable at the navy department. Secretary Meyer will neither affirm or deny that Commander Sims admitted the accuracy of the published reports of his speech.

The banquet at which the speech was delivered was given in honor of the officers and men of the American fleet in the English channel and was one of the functions which marked the visit of the vessels to the English and French ports.

Replying to the welcoming speech of the Lord Mayor of London, Commissioner Sims, according to the press dispatches, said that speaking for himself he believed that if the time ever came when the British Empire was menaced by an external enemy they might count on every man every drop of blood, every ship and every dollar of their kindred across the sea.

When the matter was called to the attention of Secretary Meyer he called for a reply on the incident. Numerous protests have been received by the navy department from persons of other nationalities.

In addition, the fact is mentioned that the remarks are likely to give offence to men of foreign descent, except British in the United States navy. It is noted that Commander Sims was careful to state that the sentiments expressed were only his own personal views and in this connection the point is raised as to how far a naval officer in view of his official relation to the government can go in publicly declaring his opinions when they bear an international aspect.

MAY RECLAIM THRONES. Ex-King Manuel to Take a Course of Lectures.

London, Dec. 26.—Ex-King Manuel does not think of abandoning his sovereignty in Portugal, but is content to spend his time here reclaiming his throne. He is resolved, according to a statement published in the press, to spend the interval in fitting himself for the duties of an enlightened sovereign. He will leave Wood Norton, residence of the Duke of Orleans, where he has been a guest since his arrival next month, and reside at a house taken for him at Richmond, Surrey. He will attend lectures at Oxford university and will learn English as an ordinary student, but without seeking a degree. When he has completed his lecture course, he will make a tour of the world, especially studying British colonies. His tour will include the United States, where, as elsewhere, he will appear as a student of administrative affairs.

Many Entries for Ice Meet. Toronto, Dec. 27.—The list of entries for Toronto's winter skating meet, which will be under the auspices of the Toronto Skating Club, and which will commence at 11 o'clock on Saturday next, shows a grand array of contestants. The list has been published for a number of days, and many entries have been received. The largest number of entries in any class is found in the 2.25 pace, where no less than 200 men, women and children are entered, among them some with free-for-all qualifications. The entries in the trotting events fall short of those in the pacing classes, but this is to be expected, as there are few where near as many trotters in the country as there are pacers.

The well-known auctioneer, "Billy" Fitch, and his brother, George, of Hamilton, will have charge of the auction box.

PULLMAN CAR PORTERS UNITE. Have Already Sent in a Request to Pullman Co. for Wage Increase.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—About two hundred Pullman car porters met in Chicago yesterday for the purpose, it is said, of forming a union. The meeting was secret and very little of the proceedings became public. The union, when it is fully organized, will be along the lines of labor unions generally and will also have a death benefit feature. The porters have already sent a request to the Pullman Company for an increase in wages.

New Skating Record. New York, N.Y., Dec. 26.—Edward Lamy, today, at Saranac Lake, New York, broke the world's amateur 250 yard skating record covering the distance in 17.55 seconds. This clip is 1.2 seconds from the record of 19.45 seconds made by Leroyess in 1909.

Catch Alleged Jap Spy. Manila, Dec. 27.—United States military authorities today arrested an alleged Japanese spy in Cororog, the island whose fortifications guards the entrance of Manila Bay. The spy is said to have been caught with several military sketches and maps in his possession.

Three Trainmen Killed. Farber, Mo., Dec. 27.—Three trainmen were killed in a rear-end collision on the Chicago and Alton railway near here today. Passenger train No. 9 crashed into a freight train.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up. It is a cough and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by druggists everywhere.

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Hon. Mr. Fielding Says That the Administration of the Law With Reference to the Insolvent Farmers' Bank Needs, With the Province.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—When asked today whether the department of finance would take any action respecting the Farmers' Bank, Hon. Mr. Fielding said: "No action is necessary at present. It must be remembered that while the Dominion Parliament enacts the original law the administration of that law is in the hands of the provincial authorities, represented in each province by the attorney-general. In some cases, where information respecting falsification of returns came in the first instance of the finance department we have taken the necessary steps to set the wheels of justice in motion. In the present case, the minister placed his information directly in the hands of the attorney-general of the province or his representative and thereupon the proceedings were taken which have been reported in the press. The provincial authorities will no doubt require the co-operation of the officers of the finance department to prove the falsification of the bank returns and that co-operation will of course be given. Apart from that, there is nothing the department need do at present."

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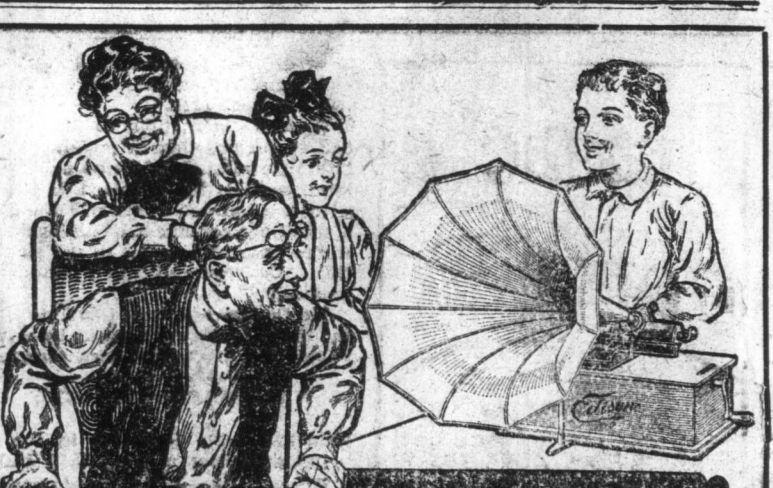
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