

SIMS SUGGEST REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

Recommends a Civilian and Military Head for Naval Affairs.

REPLYS TO SECRETARY DANIELS' ATTACK

Contended That Evidence of Navy Department Witnesses Bore Out His Contentions.

By F. W. WILL.
Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co., Washington, June 1.—Reorganization of the navy department designed to obviate the mistakes which were charged were made during the world war was suggested by Rear Admiral Wm. S. Sims at the final hearing of the sub-committee of the Senate naval affairs committee, which has been investigating the accusations brought by Admiral Sims that because of unpreparedness and inefficiency on the part of the navy department the war was prolonged for months.

To this end Admiral Sims proposes that there should be a cabinet officer, a civilian to act as the head of the department as the direct representative of the President, and that he should have two assistants—one, a civilian, to deal with all civil questions, and a military assistant to whom should be delegated all questions of a strictly military nature.

Admiral Sims also introduced into the record the commendatory references which Secretary Daniels made to him in a speech at London on May 3, 1919. The references were taken from London papers of the following day, which were quoted in extensive detail in the Washington Post.

The need of a military assistant secretary as stressed by Admiral Sims. In discussing his functions he said: "The military assistant shall be held strictly accountable, subject to the supervision of the secretary as regards national policy, for the military efficiency of the navy, its preparation for war, and its conduct in war."

"All measures of a strictly military nature must, of course, be in accordance with general political policies laid down by the secretary, but the law should specifically require that the responsibility as regards military consequences shall rest entirely with the military assistant, unless he is clearly and definitely overruled by higher authority. Having the responsibility for military results placed squarely upon him, the military assistant must have the necessary authority to enable him to execute in such results will be satisfactory."

In other words, the Congress should require by law that when the expert advice and assistance which it provides are overruled or disregarded, the fact can in no wise be obscured as a matter of official record; and when such occurs the fact should be known to the Congress, when acting in the discharge of its constitutional duty of supervision over the navy.

"The present system allows great chances for obscurity of responsibility. Witnesses in the present senatorial efforts to fix responsibility, in concluding his rebuttal testimony before the committee today, Rear Admiral Sims reiterated that the testimony of the witnesses called by the navy department should conclusively

that it was unprepared at the outbreak of the war in personnel, material and ships.

Analysing the department's own testimony, Admiral Sims showed that his estimate regarding delay had been mistaken. "The point is not testimony," he said, "which has received the most violent criticism from the secretary himself, and from many of the leading officers in the department, is my estimate of the prolongation of the war by delays on the part of the navy department. My estimate has been called a gross and wanton attack upon the whole navy—an outrage upon the service."

"But it can be stated, as proven, that the American intervention, as it became effective, and in proportion to it, became effective, depreciated the German morale, and thus hastened the breakdown of the German military power. Our earlier intervention would have resulted in checking the submarine menace earlier, thus saving a great many ships, and thus making possible the early transport of American troops."

"Generally speaking, in any war the value of the services of a military force depend upon the extent to which they contributed to the final victory, to a shortening of war, and to the reduction of losses. Any delay in making such forces effective, inevitably result in unnecessary sacrifices."

Rear Admiral Sims answered specifically various charges brought against him by Secretary Daniels in the course of the hearing, especially his alleged alteration of the signature of a telegram, his fondness for decorations and his anxiety to become a member of the British Admiralty.

Admiral Sims said that the telegram in question was sent through the British Embassy because it was feared at the time that some knowledge of the American naval code had leaked out. "I have a copy of this telegram which was made by the historical section of the London headquarters," he said, "which shows the signature 'Daniels.' These historical files have been in the navy department about a year and contain the original of which my copy is a carbon. The majority of the messages received during the early months of the war were similarly signed 'Daniels.'"

In discussing the matter of decorations, Admiral Sims said he thought a little of such honors that he had never worn any. As a matter of fact, the Admiral said, he is on official record in the department as being opposed to all decorations.

The proposal that he be made an honorary member of the British Admiralty, Admiral Sims said, originated with a suggestion made by Admiral Benson.

At the conclusion of the testimony of Rear Admiral Sims a statement from Rear Admiral W. F. Fullam, denying that he and other officers were trying to "frustrate" the navy, was read into the record. Admiral Fullam denounced the unpreparedness due to pacifism.

A similar statement by Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fisk was read. The committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. The question of naval reorganization will probably not be taken up until the next session of Congress.

GEN. MOTORS MADE ELABORATE PLANS

Output This Year Calls for 612,000 Vehicles.

(Furnished by F. B. McCurdy & Co.)
New York, June 1.—Despite the railroad tie-ups and other difficulties, which have been hampering automobile Manufacturers General Motors Corporation has been keeping well up to its 1920 production schedule which calls for 612,000 vehicles. It produced 188,900 passenger cars, motor trucks and tractors in 19 weeks, ending May 22, against 140,800 in same period of 1919, an increase of 48,000. Output thus far in current year has been at rate of nearly 10,000 vehicles a week against 7,415 a week in 1919, in planning a production of 612,000 passenger cars, trucks and tractors in 1920. General Motors has figured on increasing 1919 output of 461,600 vehicles by fifty per cent.

City Will Help Fire Sufferers

Mayor Instructed to Find Out How City Can Assist Victims of Forest Fires—Tax on Travelling Circuses.

At the council meeting yesterday, Com. Frink brought up the question of aid to persons left destitute by forest fires. He thought the mayor should take action on behalf of the city of St. John.

The mayor said he would take the matter up with the premier. The commissioners went into committee and discussed the matter of levying a license fee on travelling circuses.

The mayor suggested that circuses with 25 cars or under be charged \$250 and those with 25 cars and over \$300. Com. Frink—Why not make it \$10 a car?

Com. Thornton—These shows sometimes give us trouble. We have to stop police to protect the public. We should control the price of tickets. It was decided to make the license \$300 for 25 cars and over, \$225 for under 25 and over ten cars and \$10 per car for under ten cars.

T. H. McCauley, manager of the N. B. Power Company has written the city council offering the members of the Editorial Convention which comes here next month the free use of one street car or a special car if wanted. The city says thank.

WEDDINGS.

Hastings-Woodrow

On the afternoon of June 1 a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Woodrow, West St. John, when their second daughter, Elsie McNeil, was united in marriage to Ernest Hastings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hastings, of Rothesay, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. P. Dunham.

Elton costume of navy blue tulle with jade hat of georgette trimmed with white feathers. She carried a bouquet of American beauty roses. After the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served and Mr. and Mrs. Hastings left by the evening train for a trip to Boston and New York, where they will settle in Buffalo where the groom has a position with the Donner Steel Company. Mr. Hastings was four and a half years of age when he was in the Second Division at Truro.

A number of very lovely gifts were received by the bride including a chest of silver from the Dominion Express Company and a \$500 Victory Bond from the groom.

Special to The Standard

Ford-Fraser

Moncton, N. B., June 1.—The marriage of Joshua Ford, of the Albert Mill Co., Hillsboro, Albert, to Elsie Fraser, of Halifax, was held at the Moncton Hospital nursing staff, solemnized in St. Bernard's church this morning by the Rev. Francis Walker in the presence of a few friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ford left this afternoon for P. E. Island on a short wedding trip.

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Bernier-Murray

Chatham, N. B., June 1.—The marriage of Alice G. Murray, only daughter of Mrs. Catherine Murray, Chatham, and Joseph John Bernier, son of Charles Bernier, Campbellton, was solemnized at St. Michael's Cathedral this morning. They were attended by Miss May Thistle, Lowell, Mass., cousin of the bride, and A. Bernier, James Murray, the bride's brother, and Avo Maria, and the Children of Mary rendered several hymns. Regina Barb, organist, played the wedding march. The wedding reception was held at the home of the bride, luncheon being served at noon. The bridal party moved to Newcastle and Mr. and Mrs. Bernier left on the Limited for a trip to Montreal, Toronto, Niagara, New York and Boston. On their return they will reside in Campbellton.

Special to The Standard

Connors-Larracy

Moncton, N. B., June 1.—A wedding of much interest took place in St. Bernard's church this morning when Miss Ailie M. Larracy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Larracy, Irishtown, and former clerk in the C. N. R. office, was united to the Rev. C. N. R. Connors, a well known C. N. R. employee. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. N. R. acting pastor of St. Bernard's church. The wedding was witnessed by a large number of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Connors left this morning for St. John and Boston on a two weeks' wedding trip.

BIGGEST CAKE EVER AT SERBIAN FEAST

Birthdays of 150,000 American Benefactors Celebrated.

New York, June 1.—The biggest birthday cake ever baked commemorating the birthdays of the 150,000 Americans who have aided in the "adoption" of fatherless Serbian children, was cut at the Hopwood yesterday afternoon. Thousands of American children who attended the party were delighted by a series of songs, dances and recitations, and later filed up on the great stage for slices of the cake and to drop in a big trunk dolls, toys and other presents they had brought to be shipped to the unfortunate children of Serbia.

The party was given under the auspices of the National Birthday Committee of the Serbian Child Welfare Association. Tickets were sold at \$75 each, which is equivalent to the yearly cost of maintaining an orphan at the association's relief stations in Serbia. The cake measured five feet in diameter and was 300 thick. It was decorated with 366 candles, one for each day of the year 1920.

Vivian Rich, Fox star, is at Del Monte, California, making exterior for "A World of Foals," under the direction of Frank Dealy.

ITINERARY OF THE BRITISH EDITORS

One Round of Entertainment Planned for Them on Their Visit to Montreal.

Montreal, June 1.—Representatives from British newspapers, who are coming to Canada to attend the Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa, will arrive in Montreal from Quebec on two special trains, operated by the Canadian National Railways, on the evening of August 2. On their way here they will pay a visit to the Laurentide Pulp and Paper Mills at Grand Mere. In this city they will be accommodated at the Windsor and Ritz Carlton Hotels.

The next morning, Tuesday, August 3, they will be taken for a drive, and then given a luncheon on Mount Royal, as the guests of the city of Montreal. That evening, Lord Atholstan, Chairman of the Canadian Press executive, will give a dinner, which will be held at the Hotel Windsor. On the morning of August 4, they are to be the guests of the Harbor Commissioners, who will take them for a tour around the harbor, after which the Canadian Club of Montreal will entertain them at luncheon.

At three that afternoon they will leave Montreal to visit Macdonald College, at St. Anne's, where tea will be tendered them by that institution and Lady Atholstan. From St. Anne's they are to continue straight to Ottawa, and the conference begins the next day.

Comparison of the Weather Conditions

Remarkable Dryness of Last Month But Once Equalled During the Past Fifty-Nine Years.

The following account of existing weather conditions compared with former years shows our readers the remarkable dryness of the month of May, just closed, which has but once been equalled during the past fifty-nine years. The following data was furnished by D. S. Richardson, of the Dominion Meteorological Observatory and shows the dates and amount of rainfall for the past May:

81—0.68 inches.
82—1.22 inches.
101—0.41 inches.
102—0.02 inches.
15th—0.65 inches.
31st—0.18 inches.

which makes a total of 1.66 inches of rain for the entire month and of this the greater portion fell on the 9th. The normal precipitation for May is 3.71 inches. In May, 1887, exactly the same amount of rainfall was recorded as in the past month, and the greatest rainfall for May was 19.16 inches in 1866.

The mean temperature of the month was 49 degrees, which is just about normal. The highest recorded was 74.4 on the 26th and the lowest 29.8 on the 10th. Bright sunshine was considerably above the average with a total of 233 hours. Fogs were infrequent.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA RECEIVED

Collector Lockhart has received the following instructions from Ottawa: Department of Customs and Inland Revenue, Service:

Ottawa, May 29, 1920. I beg to advise you that until complete plans are matured covering the taxation of the building, structural and financial condition of the House of Commons, you will please be guided by the following instructions:

1. The taxes under the resolution are to be classed as follows:—
Luxury Tax as per section 1 of the resolutions.
Sales Tax as per section 7 of resolutions.

2. Luxury tax is payable on the first and fifteenth of every month. Manufacturer's tax and sales tax are payable on the first of every month.

3. Tax collected under each of the classes above mentioned shall be shown on separate entry forms, that in no case shall the total amount collected cover more than one class of tax, even though the same person may be paying on two classes at the same time.

4. A temporary entry form (no number) is being sent to you forthwith. It is to be used for the collection of all taxes under the resolutions and under the Special War Revenue Act and amendments thereto.

5. Entries for luxury tax must be sworn to and shall be accompanied by (a) the duplicate sales slip or invoice to which the entry refers, and the full amount of the tax, and (b) a sworn statement of the manufacturer or wholesaler as to the total amount of sales shown by his sales records, and the total amount of tax due on the same; or a certified statement of the chartered accountant in the employ of the manufacturer or wholesaler to like effect, and (c) an accepted cheque or cash for the full amount of the tax.

6. All entries are to be filled out, in duplicate, by the persons paying the tax.

7. The sworn declarations called for by these instructions may be made before any inland revenue officer (including temporary officers), officers of customs, commissioner of the high court of justice or justice of the peace.

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Another Royal Suggestion

GRIDDLE CAKES and WAFFLES

From the NEW ROYAL COOK BOOK

THERE is an art in making flapjack pancakes, griddle cakes or waffles, call them what you will. But it is an art very easily and quickly acquired if you follow the right recipe.

Here are some recipes for a variety of breakfast cakes that will make grandmother envious. The secret, of course, is Royal Baking Powder.

Royal Hot Griddle Cakes

3 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar

Mix and sift dry ingredients; add milk and melted butter; beat well. Bake on slightly greased hot griddle.

Griddle Cakes with Eggs

1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar

Mix and sift dry ingredients; add beaten eggs, milk and melted shortening; mix well. Bake immediately on hot griddle.

Backwest Cakes

2 cups buckwheat flour
1 cup flour
4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar

Sift together flours, baking powder and salt; add liquid, molasses and melted shortening; beat three minutes. Bake on hot greased griddle.

Waffles

2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon Royal Baking Powder
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; add milk to yolks of eggs; mix thoroughly and add to dry ingredients; add melted shortening and mix in beaten whites of eggs. Bake in well greased hot waffle iron until brown. Serve hot with maple syrup. It should take about 1 1/2 minutes to bake each waffle.

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JAPANESE CABINET CONSIDERS FINANCES

Silk Exchange continued closed, and violent fluctuations occurred in the Tokyo and Osaka cotton yarn markets.

Tokyo, May 31.—(Associated Press.)—In view of the pacific conditions in Yokohama banking circles yesterday the Cabinet took up for special consideration today the general economic and financial condition of the country. It decided to prevent any aggravation of the situation, and to measure to ease the money market through modifying loan restrictions of the Bank of Japan and doing every thing possible to encourage exports.

The morning newspapers view the financial depression with uneasiness, forecasting that the situation will be aggravated before it has recovered completely, which, however, they consider certain.

In addition to financial assistance to merchants and banks of good credit, the Hoshi Shimbun says that the government has decided to redeem matured domestic loans with the view of amplifying funds in the market, thus utilizing the surplus deposited with the Ministry of Finance for advances to industrial, commercial and agricultural enterprises.

Polish shores are renowned for the beauty of their hands; they place great value on their hands about all other charms.

DELEGATES TO PRESBY. ASSEMBLY

Those Who Represent Miramichi Presbytery Have Been Named.

Chatham, N. B., June 1.—The Commissioners from the Presbytery of Miramichi who will attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which opens at Ottawa tomorrow evening, are Revs. A. Craze, Bass River; J. H. A. Anderson, Chatham; A. D. Archibald, Bathurst; A. J. McNeill, Doaktown, Miramichi; and Willard McDonald, Upper Miramichi; James Paterson, Newcastle; P. A. Forsythe, Whiteville, and Thomas Scott, Stonehaven, Miramichi.

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used along with elabo for filler, would keep the English language to express it in words, thus making it to give up in despair. Get in a wagon, buggy or car, go bumpily along, try to dodge one hole only run into another, try to pass a car or a team to get a slip in the road with a back. May science and attention hurry along and speed the when aerial travel will be a grand one, so that conditions can be better. But in conclusion, until that arrives, let us at least hope the a log drag, etc., might be used to some of the ridges into the wheel and holes, trusting I have not intended to much upon your valuable and paper space.

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