NITTI'S OVERTHROW PLOTTED IN ROME

Affray at the Royal Palace Revealed as Attempted Coup by Nationalists.

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Geneva, June 1.—The bloody affray in front of the royal palace in Rome between Nationalists and royal guards was in reality an attempted Nationalist coup to overthrow Premier Nitti's government and bring about forcible annexation of Fiume and Dalmatia by Italy, according to uncensored news received here.

The intention of the conspirators, whose leader is supposed to be General Peppino Garibaldi, was to prevent negotiations with the Jugo-Slavia, which the new cabinet has decided to resume without delay. The plot failed because Premier Nitti was warned in time. All the Nationalist plotters were arrested, but afterward released in consequence of the protests of the Italian press. The Nationalist papers deny the existence of a plot and attack Premier Nitti violently accusing him of having yielded to Socialist pressure.

Barely reconstituted, Nitti's cabinet is again gravely menaced by these incidents. Your correspondent understands that Premier Nitti is firmly resolved not to allow himself to be intimidated by the Nationalists and to resume the conference with the Jugo-Slavs immediately. This time the conference probably will take place not in Italy, but somewhere in Switzerland.

NEWSPRINT PAPER TAKES BIG PRICE JUMP SOON

New Schedule of Prices as Fixed by Canadian Export Paper Co., Go Into Effect July 1st.

Montreal, June 1.—The Canadian Export Paper Company, Limited, this morning announced its schedule of export newsprint paper prices for the third and fourth quarters of the current year, the new prices showing very large advances over those prices recently prevailing on their export paper prices.

For the third quarter of 1920, which commences July 1, next, the new prices will be 5 1-2 cents a pound at mill, which s equvalent to $110 per ton. For the fourth quarter of 1920 which commences October 1, next, the new price will be 6 1-2 cents a pound, mill, which is equivalent to $130 a ton.

The Canadian Export Paper Company, Limited, controls approximately $25,000,000 per annum of the export paper output of five of the leading Canadian newsprint producers.

It is generally expected that the other Canadian producers of newsprint paper in Canada will advance their prices in line with those adopted by the Export Paper Company, as is usually the case, and that for the last six months of this year the highest prices yet paid for export newsprint from Canada will be netted by the companies.

SAMUEL STARTS FOR PALESTINE JUNE 20

London, June 1.—Herbert Louis Samuel will assume his duties as High Commissioner in Palestine July 1. He will leave for Palestine June 20.

The authorities in Palestine have appointed a new council for the community of Jerusalem. It will consist of six persons, Jews, Mohammedans and Christians. Each sect will have two representatives. The president of the council is a Moslem, Raghed Biz Nashshili, and the vice-president is David Yellin, president of the Hebrew Academy.

MAINE HAVING FIRE TROUBLES

Augusta, Maine, June 1.—The State Forestry Department was notified today that forest fires had become serious again in Aroostook County and that the fire warden's crews had been doubled.

Smaller fires were reported in Washington County. There has been no rain for five weeks in these two counties. In other sections of the State fires are in progress in brush and waste lands.

Melbourne, Australia, June 1.—The Prince of Wales by the advice of his physician will take a week's rest after the Victorian festivities before proceeding to Sydney. He is due at Sydney on June 16.

CONSTIPATION or COSTIVENESS

Constipation, although generally described as a disease, can never exist unless some of the organs are deranged, which is generally found to be the liver.

There is nothing more productive of general ill health than constipation of the bowels, and a regular action is absolutely essential to general health. One of the most common, painful and troublesome troubles caused by constipation is piles, and unless the bowels are kept open by the use of a good laxative such as Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills the whole system will be poisoned and many different complications of diseases arise, so if you would be well, keep your bowels regular.

Mr. A. Roder, Hastings St. E., Vancouver, B. C., writes:—"I desire to express my thanks for what Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills have done for me. I had been suffering from constipation for two years, and also had a bad cough and headaches. I tried all sorts of cures and remedies, but got no relief until I was advised to try your pills. I got great relief after the first few doses."

Get Milburn's Laxa-Liver Pills when you ask for them or send 25c. and they will be sent by return of mail by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GO ON BORROWING MONEY

Minister of Finance so Informs Retail Merchants Who Waited on Him Yesterday.

Ottawa June 1.—The burden of collecting the "discriminatory and confusing" luxury tax, which they consider "ill-advised, poorly conceived and poorly devised" was asked to be removed from their shoulders by the Retail Merchants of Canada at a special interview with Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, in the Chateau Laurier this morning, at which some 200 retailers from all over Canada were present. Instead of making the retail merchants collect the tax, they ask that it be collected at the source of supply, namely, from the manufacturer and importer, and absorbed in the same manner that all systems of taxation are absorbed. Full sympathy and co-operation with the Government was expressed by the retailers through Mr. Henry Watters, Ottawa, who acted as chairman of the meeting.

Sir Henry Drayton listened for an hour and a half to the reading of the memorandum which had been prepared and to a dozen or more speakers representing the various sections of the retail trade who voiced the objections to the luxury tax.

In replying he did not answer any specific objections, nor indicate if any change would be made in the budget proposals.

One of the most striking statements in Sir Henry Drayton's reply was: "In the interest of everybody, the Government desires to check extravagance, and pull down the cost of living. Perhaps we are already setting our faces towards lower prices. The Government wants to encourage efficiency in business. But we are not going on borrowing money."

Carpentier Did Not Receive Real Test

Walter St. Denis writes from New York:

When Georges Carpentier finally boxed in public here, he made his first professional appearance in the show held in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory for the benefit of the Navy Club. Naturally, boxing fans watched his exhibition with keen interest.

It told them little. After he had sparred briefly with Jules Lenares, the Belgian boxer, lately arrived here, the consensus of opinion was that judgment on Carpentier's ability must be deferred until he engages in a real contest. Exhibition bouts, as a rule, and particularly when they are of the calibre of the one seen here, are not to be considered true tests of a boxer's worth. Certainly, George's little setto with Lenares did not justify the formation of an opinion as to his chances against Champion Jack Dempsey or other ranking American mittmen.

Carpentier's performance consisted of two minutes of shadow-boxing and two two-minute rounds. It served only to prove that he is nimble of foot and fist, and to enable the spectators to size him up physically. He "strips well." He is not of the rugged Dempsey build. In truth, the two men are physical contrasts, but Carpentier is well developed especially in the legs and through the shoulders. His muscles are smooth and rippling—not the bulging knots which the uninitiated associate with great strength. His arms are comparatively slim. Altogether, Carpentier, while he strips much bigger than he appears when clothed and is a trim athlete gave one the impression that he is still too frail for the champion.

The Frenchman is as fleet as a deer and light as a feather on his feet. As he flitted around the platform, punching at an imaginary foe, now and then ducking or sidestepping, he stepped high. When he went into action against Lenares he demonstrated that he boxes on his toes. He does not "et" himself flat-footed as most heavy punchers do, but strikes while in full flight. He is as agile as an acrobat. At times his boxing tactics brought up visions of the peculiar style Johnny Dundee affects on occasions. Carpentier bounded rather than glided into or away from the attack.

NOTHING LIKE IT.

Winnipeg, Man., June 1.—Aviation as a recreation from the hardship of farm life and a means of rapid transit to the city, and its pleasures, is attracting the attention of many farmers' sons, who, during the war, were connected with the air forces. Application for details from over thirty Manitoba and Saskatchewan farmers have been received by a local aeroplane company. Two small "Curtiss" planes were sold recently to Manitoba farmers.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING.

Regina, Sask., June 1.—Approximately 375 contracts have been entered into this season by wool growers in this province and the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Ltd., under which the growers' clips will be marketed through the co-operative. These contracts represent over 31,000 sheep and over 221,000 pounds of wool already definitely in sight. Approximately 150 contracts have been received from Manitoba.

B. C. BOOM ON.

Victoria, B. C., June 1—The northern part of British Columbia is on the eve of a tremendous boom, according to Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, who recently spent three weeks in the north country. Settlers are pouring in on every boat and train, land is being cleared up and farmed everywhere, goods are being shipped in in large quantities, business is good and everybody is optimistic, said Mr. Pattullo, upon his return here.

RHODES SCHOLAR.

Edmonton, Alta., June 1.—Walker Dunham, B. A., of Lethbridge, was awarded the Rhodes scholarship for 1920 by the Alberta committee of selection for Rhodes scholarships at a recent meeting of the committee. He will enter upon a three-year course of study at Oxford in January, 1921.

HAS SOLVED THE SECRET VERTICAL AIRCRAFT FLIGHT

Louis Brennan Believed to Have Made Important Discovery Which Will Revolutionize Flying.

HIS EXPERIMENTS PROVE SUCCESSFUL

Details of Invention and Hangar Where Work Carried Out Closely Guarded.

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By Paul Brewster.

London, May 31.—Leading British aviation experts believe the secret of vertical assent, descent and hovering in flight by heavier than air machines, has been definately discovered by Louis Brennan, whose torpedo has been adopted by the British government. Such a discovery it is admitted would revolutionize flying, making possible the rise or descent of airplanes from the roofs of building or decks of ships.

Brennan has been engaged for some time on experiments with the helicopter. The perfection of the helicopter lift machine has been the cherished aim of aircraft inventers for the past dozen years. Detail of the Brennan invention are closely guarded and his hanger, where the experiments have been conducted is being guarded night and day. "My lips are sealed," but I promise the machine is quite revolutionary in design, combining the best points of previous helicopters with an adjustable propellor scheme, "was Brennan's sole comment.

Brennan has received a large financial reward and the Order of Commander of the Bath for his invention of the Brennan torpedo.

NO CHANGE IN FLOUR SITUATION

Minneapolis, Minn., June 1—The Northwestern Miller's weekly review of the flour trade says that termination of Government control, June 1st, seems to have had no immediate effect on the market. Wheat prices have had a rapid though not complete recovery after the thirty cent drop of a week ago, and flour prices have risen correspondingly with very little actual business reported. Stocks in buyers' hands would be adequate if the railroads could make deliveries. Mills are, in general, not anxious for business until conditions are more settled and delivery of old orders is cleared up. The flour output last week was about the same as in the preceding weeks, or about eighteen hundred thousand barrels, or close to fifty per cent of estimated capacity.

TORONTO GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Toronto, June 1.—The grain quotations on the Toronto Board of Trade today were as follows:

Manitoba Oats No. 2 c.w., $1.17 3-4; No. 3 c.w., $1.17 3-4; No. 1 feed $1.14 3-4; No. 2 feed, $1.13; extra No. 1 feed, $1.15 3-4, Fort William in store

Manitoba Wheat, No. 1 northern, $3.15; No. 2 northern, $3.12; No. 3 northern, $3.08.

American Corn No. 2 yellow nominal $2.40 track Toronto, prompt shipment.

Canadian Corn feed, nominal.

Manitoba Barley, in store Fort William, No. 3, $1.80; No. 4, $1.60; rejects $1.56; feed, $1.56

Ontario Oats, No. 3, $1.10

Ontario Wheat, No 1, $2 to $2.01; No. 2 f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights, No. 3, $1.92 to $1.93; No. 1 spring, $2.02 to $2.03.

Barley, malting, $1.87 to $1.89.

Buckwheat, 1.75 to $1.80.

Rye, No. 2, $2.20 to $2.25.

Ontario Flour, winter, in jute bags, government standard, prompt shipment, delivered at Montreal, $13.25 Toronto nominal.

Manitoba Flour, government standard, $14.85.

Millfeed, carloads, delivered Montreal, shorts $61; bran $54; good flour, $3.75 to $4.00.

Hay, baled, track Toronto, car lots, No. 1, $30 to $31; No. 2 mixed, $25 per ton.

Straw, car lots, $16 to $17.

NEW YORK FUNDS

Montreal, June 1.—New York funds after opening at 12½ had a break at 12 per cent premium, but it is reported can now be sold at 12 1-4 per cent.

Sterling in New York is quoted at 3.89 1-4 for demand and 3.90 for cables, while sterling in Montreal is quoted at 4.38 for demand and 4.38 3-4 for cables.

LYALL HAS MANY BIG CONTRACTS

Montreal, June 1.—At annual meeting of Lyall, President William Lyall, replying to questions, said company had $9,000,000 of contracts. Impression was present dividend would continue.

RECLAMATION WORK.

Saskatoon, Sask., June 1.—Survey work for reclamation of several townships of what the Government engineers believe can be made the best lands in Saskatchewan, will commence soon in the Moose Range north of Tisdale, states G. F. Horsey, of the reclamation service, Department of Interior. A survey party of 15 men has left for the north to undertake the initial work in this connection.

The drainage branch of the department has a considerable programme in the West, and in the three prairie provinces has ten engineers working. Last year a complete survey was made of 13,000,000 acres in the Waterhill Lake district region, of Kinistino, and it is hoped to have construction gangs working there this summer.

COST OF PARLIAMENT BUILDING IS $7,361,360

The Right to Deposit Certain Masonic Papers in Masonry Questioned.

Ottawa June 1.—(Canadian Press)—The total cost of the new Government station and heating plant, which heats the Parliament buildings, was $538,921. The total cost of the tunnel through which the pipes run, conveying the heat from the plant to the buildings was $157,166. This information was given by Dr. J. D. Reid in the House of Commons today. He said that the total cost of the new Parliament buildings to date was $7,361,360.

The floor of the Commons chamber in the new Parliament buildings cost $2,955. The floor is built of teak, imported from India, with small ebony strips. It was purchased from wholesale lumber dealers by the contractor who manufactured and laid it.

J. C. Brouillard, Drummond and Athabaska, asked whether a newspaper report to the effect that the Government had agreed to deposit certain Masonic papers in the masonry of the Parliament buildings, was correct. Mr. Brouillard quoted a news despatch to the effect that members off the Masonic order had arranged this. He wished to know, also, whether other societies would be accorded a like privilege.

Mr. J. D. Reid said that no arrangement of the nature indicated had been made, and there was no suggestion that these papers should be placed in the Parliament buildings.

QUEBEC TAKES UP CHILD WELFARE WORK

To Be Carried Into the Most Remote Regions of Colonization by the Gov't.

Quebec, May 31.—(Canadian Press.)—That in the interests of maintaining the splendid birth rate in the Province of Quebec and of preserving the precious lives of children, the Child Welfare Campaign, which had been started in cities by patriotic ladies, will be carried into the most remote regions of colonization by the officers of his department, was the announcement made here tonight by Hon. J. E. Perreault, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries in the Gouin Government, when he delivered an address in connection with the Child Welfare Exhibition, which was opened in the Quebec Railway Building this afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick.

DOME MINES IN GOOD CONDITION

Annual Report Should be Stabilizing Influence in Connection With Gold Mining.

Toronto, June 1.—Information, relative to the approximate contents of the coming annual report of the Dome Mines should be a stabilizing influence in connection with the Gold Mining industry of this country. The fact that costs were down to around $3.50 a ton speaks volumes for the efficiency of the operation, while the high mill heads is an indication of the strong physical conditions for the mines.

The only retarding factor at this time is the shortage of labor. The belief exists, however, that this will be remedied about the end of the summer.

LATE SHIPPING.

Port of Montreal, June 1—Arvd Rosina, Cardiff via Sydney; Joannis, Cardiff via Sydney; Therros, Cardiff via Sydney; Thordis, Christiana; Canadian Miller, Liverpool.

Sld:—Turcoman, Avonmouth; Canadian Miner, St. Johns, Nfld.

Halifax, N. S., June 1—Ard—Stmrs Royalite, Montreal; Bark Guilli, Liston; schr Marshall Foch Lunenburg, N. S.

Sld—Stmr De Soto, New York; tug Boston, Montreal, Cable ship Edouard Germac, sea; schr Frances Louise, St. Johns, Nfld.

'LONGSHOREMEN OF SYDNEY READY TO QUIT

Threaten to Tie-up Shipping Unless Their Wage Demands Are Granted.

Sydney N. S., June 1.—The members of the North Sydney Longshoremen's Union have given their employers until June 5 to consider their demands for increased wages, made some days ago, and in the event of refusal being made a strike, which will paralyze shipping to a large extent in that port, will probably be called. The men submitted their demands, which are greatly in excess of wages paid elsewhere, on Friday last. They ask for seventy-five cents per hour, time and a half for over time and double time on Sundays and holidays. Feeling exists among the employers that the rates demanded by the men are unreasonable and, although they are willing to compromise they are of the opinion that to grant the men's full demands will be impossible. The directors of the Reid-Newfoundland Company the North Sydney Agency, which employes at times as many as seventy or eighty 'longshoremen are to sit in St. John's Nfld tomorrow and will consider the demands of their employes. The North Sydney Union now numbers over one hundred members.

Chicago's Upward Climb To The Lead

New York, May 31—Chicago's upward climb to first place in the National League after hovering around last place in the early weeks of the season is the outstanding feature of the major league pennant race to date. The Cubs won their eighth straight game yesterday.

Cleveland still retains the lead in the American League despite a falling off fro mthe fast pace of the previous week. The New York Americans which won seven games out of eight last week, mainly through "Babe" Ruth's batting, have advanced to third place, behind Boston. Wasshington went into fourth place yesterday by winning its sixt game in a row while Chicago was losing to Cleveland.

The steady pitching of Alexander, who has won ten straight games, and Vaughnan, with six straight victories promises to aid the Chicago Nationals in warding off attacks on its leadership.

Cincinnati was the only other National League team able to maintain better tmnan a five hundred pace last week, winning four out of seven.

The world's champions batted hard, but their pitchers were ineffective in many contests.

Although Brooklyn, Boston and St. Louis improved at the bat, the teams failed to give a dequate fielding support to their pitchers. Pittsburg and Philadelphia lacked batting power New York appears unable to get an upward start.

While the Cleveland Americans were busy shifting pitchers toward the end of the week in the hope of victory the New York Yankees advanced to within striking distance by four straight victories over Boston, which previously had won six consecutive games.

Ruth of the Yankees made six home runs during the week, bringing his season's total to eleven. The Yankees had little difficulty in hitting the Red Sox twirlers, while the New York staff appeared in excellent condition.

The opposition averaged more than six runs a game against Chicago, which seems to be losing its grip on the first division.

The White Sox succeeded in administering the first defeat to Bagby, of Cleveland, who had won eight straight from the beginnin gof the season. gave able support to its pitchers.

Washington wasted few hits ang St. Louis, whose players are in the midst of a batting slump lost its seventh consecutive game yesterday. Philadelphia's pitchers have been pounded hard and are but a step ahead of Detroit, which is making strenuous efforts to rise from last place.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS

Montreal, June 1.—Dividend declaration: Gould Mfg. Company 1 3-4 p.c. on common and 1 3-4 p.c. on preferred. Payable July 1st to record June 19th. Dominion Textile Co. Ltd. 1-3-4 p.c. on preferred for quarter ended June 30 payable July 15 to record June 30.

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DIED.

PETERS—At his residence, Queenstown, Queens County, on June the first after a short illness, Samuel L. Peters, in his eighty-fourth year leaving a wife and three sons to mourn.

Funeral on Thursday the 3rd at Upper Hampstead on arrival of the steamer Champlain.

OBITUARY.

Samuel L. Peters.

Queenstown, June 1.—The death of an old resident and one of the county's prominent men occurred at Queenstown, Queens County yesterday, when Samuel L. Peters died in his eighty-fourth year. The late Mr. Peters had been ill but a short time and his death was therefore unexpected. He is survived by his wife, one brother Thomas A9. Peters of Hampton, and three sons Cecil and Clayton of Calgary, Alberta and Bentley at home.

The late Mr. Peters was a former judge of the Probate Court, and was also for many years provincial fruit inspector. He was, throughout his whole life, a staunch Conservative and at all times displayed a warm interest in all movements tending to the community's and country's greater good.

The funeral will be held Thursday at Upper Hampstead on the arrival of the steamer Champlain.

Miss Chapman and Miss E. Chapman of Dorchester are registered at the Royal.

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IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Anagance, N. B.,
May 31, 1920.

Editor of The St. John Standard,

Dear Sir:—In a recent issue of your valuable paper I noticed a piece written by Doctor G. W. Flemming of Petitcodiac, in reference to the conditions of the roads in and out of Petitcodiac in different directions while it is true what the Doctor has said, and with all due respect to him having been privileged to have conversed with him enough to know him to be a man of broad views along many lines and especially when it comes to the public welfare of things in general. While he has spoken a mighty truth. But when he or I or any other sane man would undertake to tell of the dreadful condition of the roads, not only where the Doctor has mentioned, but also in this upper end of Kings County, from Anagance to the Post Road, so called also to Corn Hill, over the Anagance Ridge, makes me think of the old Biblical story, when the Queen of Sheba went to see King Solomon. She admitted the half had never yet been told, thus with the miserable state of these roads you would have to see for yourself some places, bushes growing in them, other places sawdust has been used along with slabs for filler, it would keep the English language busy to express it in words, thus methinks to give up in despair. Get in your waggon, buggy or car, go humpty bumpty along, try to dodge one hole to only run into another, try to pass a car or a team to get a slap in the face with a bush: May science and invention hurry along and speed the day when aerial travel will be a grand success, so that conditions can be bettered. But in conclusion, until that day arrives, let us at least hope the split log drag, etc., might be used to pull some of the ridges into the wheel ruts and holes, trusting I have not intruded to much upon your valuable time and paper space.

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SIMS SUGGESS 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.

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Washington, June 1.—Reorganization of the navy department designed to obviate the mistakes which he changed 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 unprpparedness 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 whom should be delegated all questions of a strictly militry nature.

"Purely from the standpoint of business efficiency," said Admiral Sims in concluding his testimony, "and of insuring return of the money invested, it is evident that Congress should require the maximum utilization of the expert knowledge which it creates. The present laws go into too much detail as regards the various essential but subordinate parts of the navy department organization without providing for the co-ordination of those parts."

Admiral Sims also introduced into the record the commendatory reference which Secretary Daniels made to him in a speech at London on May 1, 1919. The references were taken from London papers of the following day, which were quoted in extenso in the Public Ledger's Washington despatches of May 17th.

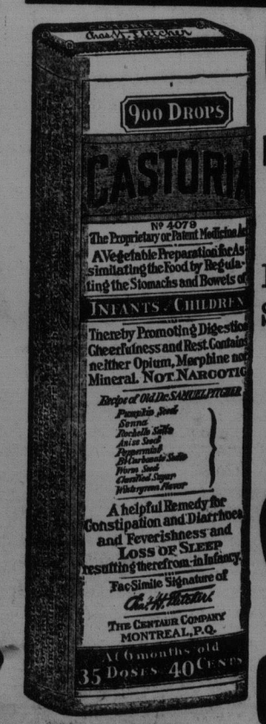
The need of a military assistant secretary as stressed by Admiral Sims. In discussing his functions he said:

"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 ensure that 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 occur the fact should always 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. Witness 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 showed conclusively



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