

SIMS TELLS OF TRIP
TO ENGLAND INCOGNITOVoyage Made Two Weeks Before
U. S. Entered War.

ADMIRAL IN CIVILIAN GARB

Naval Chief With One Aide Slips
Quietly Into Liverpool, His
Identity Unsuspected.

NEW YORK, April 7.—How Rear-Admiral William S. Sims, accompanied by one aide, proceeded incognito into England under navy department orders issued two weeks before the United States entered the war against Germany was told the Associated Press by the admiral here tonight on his return from overseas.

In reply to questions, he gave in simple words a straightforward account of his mission, passing with dispassionate comment over many an incident of his adventure that well could be incorporated into the most romantic of war stories.

On March 24 or 25, 1917, the admiral said, while he was president of the naval war college at Newport, he was ordered to report "without delay" to the secretary of the navy at Washington. Upon his arrival there he received in secret conference with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations.

Admiral and Aide Go Incognito

He was told that it "looks as if we shall go to war," and he was briefly explained that he was to go at once "to see the people on the other side" and reach an understanding as to how the United States best could co-operate with allied sea forces in operations against Germany. One aide would be allowed to accompany him, he was told, and his identity must not be known until it might be decided to reveal it after his safe arrival abroad.

Commander J. V. Babcock of New Hampton, Ia., aide to Admiral Sims at Newport, was chosen to accompany him and both officers immediately donned civilian clothes.

Simultaneously they dropped their names and assumed others "more suitable to the occasion," Admiral Sims said he did not clearly remember what names he bore on his incognito adventure.

"Names" Dimly Remembered.
"Babcock and I chose 'Richardson and Robertson' as near as I can recall," he said. "I can't think of the full names, and I am not at all sure that these are correct, but that's how I seem to remember them."

The admiral and his aide sailed from the port of New York March 25, 1917, on the steamship New York, and no one on the vessel recognized them and they passed the time as ordinary voyagers without feeling any unusual fear of their identity being revealed. "News of the declaration of war by the United States on April 6 reached them by wireless. It did not disturb them."

Entering Liverpool harbor on April 9 in a thick mist, the steamer struck a mine and a hole was blown in one of her forward compartments, but the admiral and his aide were "not especially disturbed" by that either.

British Admiral Waiting.

There was no reception committee to meet them at the docks in Liverpool, Admiral Sims said. They went ashore unnoticed, "like anybody else." A special train was waiting in the Liverpool railway yards, however, with Admiral Sims aboard, representing the British admiralty.

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CONVOY PLAN AIDS VICTORY

Rear-Admiral Sims Talks on Return
From Stay Abroad.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The convoy system, which many naval men had termed impracticable, overcame the German submarine menace and figures tremendously in the winning of the war, Rear-Admiral William S. Sims, commander-in-chief of the American navy's forces in European waters, declared today on his arrival here aboard the British liner Mauretania.

Depth charges and listening devices, he said, contributed materially to success in maintaining practically unbroken the trans-Atlantic "bridge" of transports and supply ships essential to the allied victory, as did the "magnificent work" of the merchant seamen, who "took their cargoes across, in convoy or no convoy." But it was the convoying scheme, worked out to a fine detail by the combined fleets of the associated powers, the officer asserted, which made possible the transportation and supplying of the great American force.

Germany was winning the war, the

Insist On



rear-admiral stated, when he arrived in England the day after the United States became a belligerent. Teuton interference with allied shipping, he added, was a serious problem, solved only when conferences of the British, American and allied commands worked out and put into practice the system of protecting vital ships which prevailed until the cessation of hostilities.

A vice-admiral while he was abroad under a temporary ranking, Sims returned in the rank of rear-admiral—his rank before the war. He came back as well to the life which the call to foreign service forced him to leave.

When he left the Mauretania, whose progress into the harbor was marked by a reception as picturesque as it was eloquent of the nation's and city's tribute to a homecoming victor, the rear-admiral boarded the naval yacht Aramis and stepped into the circle of his family. Greeting his wife, three children and three sisters, the officer chatted happily, declaring that his greatest regret in connection with the war was his inability to have his family with him, a hardship which he shared with five thousand officers under his command.

From his family the returning commander turned to Rear-Admiral D. H. Burrage, who extended the formal welcome of the navy department. To this was added by Mayor Ryan that of the city of New York, when the Aramis reached the Battery. There also greetings were extended by representatives of the navy's transport service and Rodman Wamsmaker, chairman of the mayor's committee on welcome to homecoming troops.

The Mauretania entered the harbor in mid-afternoon, delayed since early morning by a fog which shrouded the coastal waters for many miles. A great fleet of airplanes heralded the approach of the transport, bearing the admiral, his staff and 3000 troops, and escorted by a flotilla of destroyers and smaller naval craft. In a din of salutes from the harbor forts, whistles from welcoming vessels and cheers of the officers' soldier shipmates, the big vessel lay to off quarantine, while the transport-shipments took place.

As the admiral stepped aboard the naval yacht, his flag shot up the main mast and the guardship Amphitrite, which had withheld its salute while he was aboard a foreign vessel, hoisted its ensign.

The escorting destroyers remained in the lower bay, but the airplanes, with a pair of kite balloons towed by launchers, proceeded on up the bay, continuing the welcome until the admiral had set foot on home soil.

From the Battery, the party went by automobile to an uptown hotel. The admiral passed through cheering crowds and was showered by confetti from official windows.

Admiral Sims termed his reception "wonderful." He had expected no formal welcome, he said, intending to meet his family and go direct to Washington for conference with navy officials, afterward proceeding to his home at Newport, R. I.

The admiral declared the relations between his forces and the British had been ideal.

"We were a minority in the allied fleet," he said, "but we had the satisfaction of knowing that in quality we ranked ship for ship, with the best of them."

Of the merchant seamen, the rear-admiral spoke in high praise, declaring "they stood by us through it all, and some of them, it seemed, could not get torpedoed often enough to suit them." He said that the merchant mariners had been a different story to tell, but for the courage of these men. The war, he added, had seen both the navy and the merchant marine a true appreciation of the other's worth.

FLARES TO MARK ROUTE

SMOKE AND FLAME BOMBS TO
BE DROPPED BY FLYERS.

Plans for Trans-Atlantic Flight Yet
Uncompleted and Machines to
Be Used Are Not Ready.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Flame and smoke flares developed during the war and improved recently by chemical experts of the army will be factors in the trans-Atlantic flight to be undertaken next month by naval seaplanes, Commander J. H. Towers, in charge of preparations for the flight, explained at night and the other day.

The flares would remain virtually stationary on the water, indicating the angle at which the machines were being driven from a straight line.

This is only one of the many details which officers in charge of the plans for the flight have had to work out. The trans-Atlantic flight, with the planes themselves also have been necessary. None of the three of the N. C. type thus far completed of the four of the overseas voyage, and officers said today, that consequently they have not been undertaken to select a tentative date for the flight. The flight, they said, would be a 1200-mile flight in the "jumping-off" place in Newfoundland. At least one stop will be made between those two points.

OFFICIAL VACANCIES FILLED

Acting Governor of Washington
State Makes Appointment.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. W. S. Griswold, Seattle; Mrs. J. E. Burke, Tacoma, and Mrs. George P. Hargrove, Spokane, were today appointed by Acting Governor L. F. Hart to fill vacancies on the Industrial Welfare commission.

Marvin Chase, state hydraulic engineer, and Clarke V. Savidge, state land commissioner, were elected chairman and secretary respectively of the state reclamation board created by the last legislature with a \$100,000 appropriation and a half mill levy for arid, swamp and logged-off land reclamation. Other members of the board are: E. F. Benson, commissioner of agriculture; W. W. Sherman, state treasurer; E. C. Holland, president of Washington State college. Various projects have already been proposed to the board and collection of necessary data will begin at once.

FOSSIL BOOSTS GOOD ROADS

Commercial Club Gives Banquet to
Citizens of Wheeler County.

FOSSIL, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The Fossil Commercial club gave a banquet last evening to 40 citizens from different parts of Wheeler county to boost the good-roads movement. Much enthusiasm was shown. Prof. H. J. Simmons, president of the club, was toastmaster, and hearty responses were made to the following toasts: "Good Roads in Wheeler County," by H. H. Hendricks.

"Good Roads" From the Government Standpoint. Grove Blake, forest ranger, of Mitchell.

"Fossil Commercial Club in Regard to Good Roads." Charles M. Hall, of Fossil.

"Good Roads in Oregon," W. G. Trill. The Fossil Commercial club will affiliate with the state club.

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CLEMENCY FOR DEBS
IS HELD UNDESERVEDAttorney-General Will Fight
Effort to Free Socialist.

OFFENSES ARE SET FORTH

Defendant Shown to Have Opposed
U. S. in War and Urged Action
to Prevent American Victory.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Attorney-General Palmer announced in a statement tonight that he would oppose strongly any effort to obtain executive clemency for Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for violation of the espionage act. The attorney-general said he had received several communications urging him to recommend clemency for Debs.

Mr. Palmer said he believed his duty in the Debs case to be clear and was convinced that he "would be doing a grievous wrong to the country and striking a blow at law enforcement" should he adopt "any course which would interfere with the normal administration of justice in this case."

Statement Is Issued.
The statement issued by the attorney-general follows:

"Eugene V. Debs has filed no petition with either the president or the attorney-general asking for the exercise of executive clemency. The facts in his case are such that until such petition be made by him I should not feel called upon to consider making any recommendations in his case. Debs was convicted not because of his political or economic views, but because he plainly violated the law of the land."

"On June 18, 1918, during the most critical period of the war, Debs made a public speech at Canton, Ohio, in which he urged that wage-earners refrain from giving any aid to the American nation in the war, asserting that the war was brought on and conducted solely in the interests of capitalists, told his audience that they needed to know that they were fit for something better than slavery and cannon fodder, held up to admiration as martyrs to the cause of labor a number of persons who had been convicted for violating the draft act, and urged wage-earners to stand together, as a class, to prevent the success of our country in the war."

Debs Admits Offense.
"In his address to the jury, Debs said: 'I have been accused of obstructing the war. I admit it. Gentlemen, I abhor war. I would oppose the war if I stood alone.'"

"He was given a fair trial by jury. The charge of the trial judge was eminently fair, and on appeal to the supreme court of the United States that court, by a unanimous decision, affirmed the judgment of conviction."

"Both prior and subsequent to the delivery of the speech mentioned, Debs had on numerous occasions publicly urged wage-earners to adhere to the so-called St. Louis programme of the anti-war faction of the socialist party adopted in April, 1917."

"This document asserted that participation of the United States in the war against Germany was a crime against the people of the United States, declared that in all modern history there had been no war more unjustifiable and urged 'continuous, active and public opposition to the war.'"

Debs Talks Anarchistically.
"Following the action of the supreme court, the defendant has indulged in violent public criticism of the American courts of justice and practically defied the power of the government to administer the law against him. In a public speech made at Cleveland, March 12, he said: 'With every drop in my veins I desire to see the law and I defy them any day to take me to prison. If an attempt is made to imprison me I will have a general strike in support of my attitude.'"

"In this situation, it was justifiable to respect for the law and our institutions is the basis upon which every application for executive clemency must rest. Open defiance of the law is not justification for executive clemency. To make sure of that it must be enforced. I would be doing a grievous wrong to the country and striking a blow at law enforcement if I adopted any course which would interfere with the normal administration of justice in this case."

Application for a respite preliminary to a petition for clemency was received at the White House last night. At that time it was said the application would be referred to the attorney-general, Rockway Beach, Long Island, on the 1200-mile flight in the "jumping-off" place in Newfoundland. At least one stop will be made between those two points.

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HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS
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Advices Not Confirmed, but Latest
News Says Communistic Revolution Is Imminent.

BASEL, April 7.—(Havas.)—No confirmation has been received here of the reports of a counter revolution in Hungary and the assassination of the foreign minister, Bela Kun. The Frankfort Nachrichten says, however, that changes in the Hungarian cabinet are imminent.

VIENNA, April 7.—(Havas.)—The Hungarian communist government in Budapest has been overthrown, according to rumors current in official circles, the newspapers say.

Bela Kun, the foreign minister, is reported to have been assassinated. The reports do not say whether the attempted revolution in Budapest was organized by the socialists or the bourgeois parties.

The communist government in Budapest was still in office Saturday, and on that day Bela Kun in a statement said a proposition had been made to General J. C. Smuts, the chief allied representative in Budapest, that representatives of the various states of the old Austrian empire and Rumania hold a conference to discuss boundary and economic questions.

Recent reports from Budapest have indicated that the communist government was not meeting with very strong opposition, at least in the Hungarian capital, in carrying out its measures.

PARIS, April 7.—Peace conference circles had received no confirmation this afternoon of rumors that the Hungarian soviet government had been overthrown and Bela Kun assassinated. There was an inclination to doubt the accuracy of the reports.

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