

PLEAS DISREGARDED, SAYS ADMIRAL SIMS

Months Lost in Dispatching Battleship Squadron.

HERBERT HOOVER CALLED

Food Administrator Will Testify as to Dangerous Situation Created by Submarines.

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 said 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." He read also a message from the navy department, showing that after the four were selected, it was necessary to dock them before they could proceed, a delay of another two or three weeks.

British Signals Adopted.

Tribute to the officers and men of 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 abandonment of all the American codes and signals and adoption of the British system.

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."

He declared he was wholly unable to conceive of any war policy, especially in a world war, based upon requirements of possible future wars.

No Answer From Department.

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 the dispatch of ships, and then denied the request, but a month later reversed its position and ordered the sixth battle squadron abroad; that he had secured the dispatch of all available ships to the war zone on April 23, 1917, but no ships arrived until a year later, although 45 were available in the United States the day war was declared, in addition to many owned by private concerns; that although he asked on June 23, 1917, that American submarines be sent to the war zone to help combat the U-boats, it was four months before his request was complied with and five more arriving four months later.

Admiral Sims requested that the committee endeavor 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.

Ball Replaces Poindexter.

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

Admiral Sims, in making his request that Herbert Hoover be called, said he would like to have the former food administrator testify before he proceeded further in order that there should "be no doubt in my mind that I have substantiated the part of my letter in which I described the gravity of the crisis which we faced in 1917, and pointed out how near to disaster the lack of action by the department at that time brought us."

LABOR PINCH FORECAST

Federal Director of Employment Views Oregon Situation.

SALEM, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Practically all workers in the state are employed at present and there will be a serious shortage of labor by June 1, according to W. H. Fitzgerald, federal director of employment, who passed today in Salem conferring with C. H. Graham, state labor commissioner, and other officials. Mr. Fitzgerald makes his headquarters in Portland and is returning there after a tour of southern Oregon. He says labor conditions are satisfactory in practically every section of the state and that all men seeking jobs are being placed as fast as they file their applications.

When road work and other summer activities open he predicts that trouble will be encountered in obtaining a sufficient number of men to carry on the work.

PASCO REPUBLICANS BUSY

Franklin Club Organized and Campaign Plans Laid.

PASCO, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—At the office of Attorney M. L. Driscoll Tuesday night a number of leading republicans gathered to plan the coming campaign. To fill the vacancy in the chairmanship of the county central committee, M. L. Driscoll was elected to act until such

time as the county central committee can meet to name a permanent chairman. Fred McCoy was elected temporary secretary.

At the meeting the Franklin County Republican club was organized. Another meeting will be held next Monday night, membership fee of \$2 will be charged to provide funds for the club. At the Monday night meeting permanent officers will be elected and the policy of the club determined.

PROFESSOR GETS OFFER

Services Wanted by Company at Twice Present Salary.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 11.—(Special.)—Dr. A. E. Caswell, professor of physics in the University of Oregon, now on leave of absence to do research work at Princeton on a fellowship granted by the National Research council, has received an offer of a position with one of the leading electrical companies of the country at a salary of \$6000 a year. News of this offer came in a personal letter from Dr. Caswell. According to the letter, he is assured of \$4000 at the end of the first year, with a practical certainty of drawings at least \$6000 within five years.

Dr. Caswell's salary at the beginning of his leave of absence last fall was \$3000. This offer is typical of others made to faculty members within the last few months.

DISTRICT MAY ENLARGE

Plans Proposed for Greater Paving Activity at Kelso.

CELRO, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—Plans for an enlarged improvement district for the paving of the two Pacific highway approaches and the west side streets leading to the Coal creek road were discussed last evening by the city council and resolutions are being prepared organizing such a district. The proposed districts on the Pacific highway have been dropped in favor of the larger district. Property abutting the paved streets will pay two-thirds of the cost of the paving and the balance of the district one-third.

The council also passed resolutions setting a hearing for April 6 for a sub-sewer district, which will provide sewers for Allen street east of the present sewer district.

CLUB NAMES NEW HEAD

Clarke County, Wash., Republicans to Fight Triple Alliance.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—Charles Greely of Pioneer has been selected president of the Clarke County Republican club, succeeding J. L. Sutherland, who resigned to get into the race for county attorney. Fred W. Tempes will act as executive secretary, providing the nominations made by the committee are acceptable. A meeting of the club will be held in a short time.

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Attorney Carl E. Wimberly, president of Umpqua Post, American Legion, was selected to succeed Mr. Young.

STICKERS DECRY BRITAIN

Investigation Follows Complaint of Chicago Firm.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Postal inspectors began an investigation of complaints from a Chicago manufacturing firm that anti-British stickers had been pasted on its mail recently, after the letters had left the office.

The stickers, placed on the reverse of the envelopes, read: "Buy nothing that is made in England."

Friend Joins Farm Bureau.

THE DALLES, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Friend is the latest addition to the farm bureau membership of Wasco county, having been organized yesterday by County Agricultural Agent Philarty. F. Hayden was elected chairman; Edward Beach, vice-chairman, and J. W. Depriest, secretary-treasurer. The following project leaders were appointed: Roads, A. Nice; squirrels, Edward Beach; certification, N. C. Brubaker; corn and silage, Charles Ulric; legumes, James Bessett; potato culture, William Brown; community center work, S. A. Barton. The bureau may later decide to build a community hall.

Albert Grilley Shows Improvement.

Albert M. Grilley, executive secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., who is seriously ill at Good Samaritan hospital, was reported to show considerable improvement yesterday. Attendants said he had a good chance to recover. Mr. Grilley submitted to a major operation last Tuesday and following the operation his condition was said to be critical.

Estacada to Have Lath Mill.

ESTACADA, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Estacada is to have a lath mill, outside parties having leased the mill of J. W. Reed of this city for this purpose.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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UNIFORM DRESS ADOPTED

High School Girls Take Steps to Curb Extravagance.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Extravagance in dress will be eliminated from the Roseburg high school, according to a vote taken by the girls of the student body last night, when 180 cast their ballots in favor of uniform dress regulation, while only 16 favored the old order of things.

Legion Meeting Called.

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POST ELECTS COMMANDER

American League at Ashland Plans to Establish Clubrooms.

ASHLAND, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—William Briggs was re-elected post-commander of Ashland post of the American Legion at a meeting held in conjunction with a banquet at the Hotel Austin here last night. Other officers elected were: Vice-Commander, C. A. Malone; adjutant, Oscar Silver; treasurer, Glen Simpson; historian, Edwin Dunn; chaplain, John Riggs; executive committee, H. G. Wolcott, L. D. Mowatt, P. L. Ashcraft Jr., Ural Coleman and J. E. Enders.

This post now has about 140 members and is planning to establish clubrooms in the Ashland armory. A concert and dance with the O. A. C. wadent band is being arranged. A women's auxiliary is to be formed.

NEW MILL POSSIBILITY

Pittcock-Leadbetter Company Officials Meet With Vancouver Council.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 11.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the city council and officials of the Pittcock-Leadbetter company, was held today concerning a waterfront site owned by the company where it is understood there are to be extensive improvements made, and perhaps a big mill erected. Nothing definite was done at this meeting, but another is to be held tomorrow. It was admitted that a new mill is being contemplated for this city.

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ALBANY SESSION CLOSES

METHODIST WOMEN COMPLETE MISSIONARY MEETING.

Home Society Convention for Eugene District Ends—Symposiums Have Place on Programme.

ALBANY, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—After a successful session of two days, the annual district convention of the Woman's Home Mission society of the Methodist church of the Eugene district completed its work and adjourned this afternoon. Mrs. Mary C. Bliss of Los Angeles, a national field worker of the organization, gave an address at the forenoon session today on "How to Get and Keep Our Young People."

Elk Delegation Planned.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 11.—

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Marshfield and Mrs. J. M. Miller of Eugene. Miss Olla G. Davis of Portland spoke on "An Inspiration" and Mrs. Seice of Salem on "Our Conference Work."

A symposium with five-minute stories of the mite sex was participated in by Mrs. H. O. Roman of Eugene, Mrs. T. J. Butler of Albany, Mrs. P. E. Allen of Marshfield, Miss Grace Blackwell of Cottage Grove and Mrs. J. W. Wiseman of Portland.

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(Special.)—At a meeting held last night by Centralia lodge, No. 1083, B. P. O. E., preliminary plans were laid for sending a big delegation of Elks to the annual state convention, to be held in Vancouver in August. Clem- ent Scott of Vancouver district, deputy grand exalted ruler, attended last night's meeting and delivered an address on patriotism, during the course of which he strongly complimented the Centralia lodge on its growth, appearance and work. A big class of candidates was initiated.

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