

'PRUSSIANIZED NAVY' HELD SIMS' DESIRE

Mr. Daniels Would Put Matter Before People.

FORMER AIDE IS SCORED

Ultior Motive Is to Make Nominal Head of Navy "Rubber Stamp," Alleges Official.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Desire to "Prussianize the navy department" was ascribed by Secretary Daniels today as one of Rear-Admiral Sims' underlying motives in criticizing the department's conduct of the war.

The original charge showed hostility to certain officers and a desire to damage the ranking officers who directed the operations during the war," said Mr. Daniels, speaking of Admiral Sims' critical letter of January 2, "and the evidence has disclosed a desire to misrepresent the secretary of the navy because he was not a rubber-stamp secretary.

Prussianism Is Charged. "But deeper than egotism and prejudice you will find a deep-seated determination to organize the navy department upon the approved Prussian plan by giving all power to the military and taking all away from the civilian."

Mr. Daniels said if the committee desired to raise the general staff issue he was willing to go to the country with it. If congress approves the plan, he declared, it should create a general staff on the German model and name some Von Tirpitz to rule the navy. He also named a secretary and member of the cabinet and civilians ineligible for the post, but should not "put some Sims in control of the navy as a nominal civilian secretary as his clerk, messenger and rubber stamp."

Head Wishes "Amouflaged." "Most of those who advocate this radical departure seek to camouflage their Prussian ideas," he said. "They say they do favor a civilian secretary and have not thought of a naval officer for secretary. What they desire is a civilian rubber-stamp secretary, with no power except to draw his salary and 'sign here' when the military chiefs tell him where to affix his name."

Mr. Daniels asserted that all recent secretaries had been confronted with a struggle to keep the navy under civilian control, and quoted former Secretaries Welles, Long and Meyer and former Assistant Secretary Darling to show the strenuous efforts they found necessary to put forth to keep authority in the hands of the civilian secretary.

Former Aide Criticized. Mr. Daniels reviewed his relations with Rear-Admiral Fiske and Pulliam, retired, formerly his aides, Admiral Fiske, he said, was a combination with six other subordinate officers in the department and a member of congress who was a former officer in the navy, "undertook surreptitiously and secretly, to impose his ideas as to duties of the chief of naval operations."

Admiral Fiske's surreptitious exploitation, had it passed," the secretary added, "would have put an officer of the navy in a position where he would have the power and authority of the Prussian chief of staff, Von Tirpitz, and the Kaiser himself, combined in one."

OLD ENGINE ON DISPLAY FIRST RUN IN NEW YORK NOW STATION EXHIBIT.

Dewitt Clinton, Nearly 100 Years Old Receives Second Great Humiliation of Life. NEW YORK, May 17.—The Dewitt Clinton, the first steamship ever to be operated in this state and the second in the country, today received the second great humiliation of its life.

BRITAIN IS AFTER OIL (Continued From First Page.)

Oil Man Asks U. S. Support Standard Oil Official Calls for Aggressive Foreign Policy.

PASADENA, Cal., May 17.—The only relief from the fuel shortage and shortage of oil and gasoline in the United States "must come through an aggressive foreign policy on the part of the United States government," tonight said A. C. Bedford, chairman of the board of directors and formerly president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Mr. Bedford is here to attend the convention of the National Electric Light Association.

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PYTHIANS CONVENE TODAY

LODGEMEN TO HOLD 3-DAY SESSION AT SEATTLE.

Degree Team of Portland Knights of Khorrassan Will Attend With Band of 35 Pieces.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—Officers of the grand lodge of the domain of Washington, Knights of Pythias and hundreds of members of the order, were in Seattle tonight to attend the annual three-day session of the grand lodge which will open here tomorrow. Sessions of the grand temple, Pythian Sisters will be held in conjunction with meetings of the grand lodge.

A delegation of 600 from Tacoma is expected to arrive early tomorrow and a special train will arrive from Portland with Oregon members, a band of 35 pieces and the degree team of the Portland Knights of Khorrassan. Large delegations are expected from Spokane, Walla Walla and Yakima and other lodges will also send large representations.

Officers of the grand lodge are: George F. Jew, Seattle, grand chancellor; Howard Patton, Spokane, grand vice-chancellor; Charles H. O'Neill, Prescott, grand prelate; H. M. Lore, Broadway, grand scribe; seal; H. M. Eggleston, Spokane, grand master of the exchequer; Edward Mills, Everett, grand master at arms; Ira E. Clark, Almira, grand inner guard; and E. B. Riley, Aberdeen, grand outer guard.

GOLD IN WINDOW STOLEN

Brick Used to Get Coin, but Shrine Prizes Are Not Touched.

A brick, thrown through a big window in the Jantzen Knitting Mills store, Broadway near Alder street, about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, enabled a thief, attracted by the prizes for events in the Shrine water sports events, to grab \$40 in gold. One little Shrine doll, attired in Al Kaid garb, saved a \$10 goldpiece for Manager Dodson, who, in his window display, had tucked this goldpiece in the waist of the apparel. When the brick struck the window and crashed through to the inner wall, making a victim of the doll, the \$10 piece rolled to safety.

The prices, all engraved, were not touched.

NITTI UNDERTAKES TASK

Italian Premier Who Resigned to Form New Ministry.

ROME, May 17.—Signor Nitti, who resigned last week, has accepted an invitation by King Victor Emmanuel to form a new ministry.

The invitation was extended today after the king had conferred with former Premiers Tittoni and Orlando.

TOWN TOPICS CHIEF DEAD

Aged Editor Passes Away at Morristown, N. J., Home.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 17.—William D'Alton Mann, 81, editor of Town Topics and founder of the Smart Set magazine, died today.

Colonel Mann invented the "boudoir car" in 1871, from which the Pullman six-wheel car originated.

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HOUSING PROBLEM ACUTE

MILLION LONDONERS WITHOUT DECENT LIVING SPACE.

Overcrowding Declared Cause of Social Conditions Difficult to Discuss Frankly.

(Copyright by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, May 17.—(Special Cable.)—"Housing conditions in London today are a shame and a danger to the capital of the British empire," the Daily News declares. It says 180,000 persons are living in houses that have been condemned as unfit for human habitation, 365,000 are living in houses injurious to health because of age, dilapidation, damp, decay or vermin, 200,000 are living under conditions of gross overcrowding, injurious both to health and morality, and more than 24,000 houses are shamefully overcrowded.

"There are islands of abominable slums in Westminster almost within hail of the houses of parliament," says the newspaper. "The royal borough of Kensington has its dilapidated

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DRAFT VERDICTS UPHELD

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WASHINGTON, May 17.—Conviction of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, and five other residents of San Francisco for violating the selective service and espionage acts, was upheld today by the supreme court.

The other defendants were E. R. Hoffman, physician, sentenced to three years imprisonment; Thomas Carey, Carl J. F. Walsh, 18 months, and David J. and Herman B. Smith, one year each. O'Connell was sentenced by the lower court to seven years.

All the defendants were members of an organization known as "American Patriots," which they claimed was formed for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the selective service act.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Coincided with the United States supreme court's decision today upholding the conviction and sentence of Daniel

Advertisement for Potitz Clothes Shop. Text: 'TODAY we'll show you what is unquestionably the largest selection of \$45 and \$50 suits in Portland. We haven't reduced them nor re-priced them, because they were priced right in the first place. Men's and Young Men's Suits \$45 and \$50. We price them that low because our policy "One Price the Year Around" enables us to undersell.' Includes address: Washington St. at Sixth.

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Large advertisement for Borden's Malted Milk. Text: 'Borden Uses the Best In the preparation of Borden's THE IMPROVED MALTED MILK. IT is the highest quality of malted milk that you can buy. This is because the raw materials and the finished product are standardized. Fresh country milk of the carefully selected Grade "A" type. Milk from healthy cows which are carefully and periodically inspected by skilled veterinarians. Wheat of the superior soft winter wheat flour variety. Barley malt—Wisconsin-grown and known as six row Manchurian barley. Enough mineral salts for bodily nerve and tissue building. Superior raw materials processed together in the pure "Borden way". The way that sixty years' experience in handling and manufacturing milk products has perfected. For lunch—as a beverage or on your ice cream, Borden's Malted Milk is delicious, nutritious and inexpensive. For convalescents, children or elderly people, Borden's Malted Milk is easily digested without taxing weak digestive organs. Be sure you ask for Borden's. It is the milk that is really "malted".' Includes image of a Borden's Malted Milk can and address: THE BORDEN COMPANY, New York City. JOHNSON, LIEBER CO., Representatives, Portland, Or. Phone Broadway 1240.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Text: 'Oh! How the Housework Drags! Who does not know women and young girls who are continually in tears—who always see the dark side—who have frequent fits of melancholia without apparent cause? Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription exerts a wonderful power over woman's delicate system. It is an invigorating temperance tonic and is prescribed for the peculiar weaknesses, irregularities and painful derangements of women. It can be procured in liquid or tablets at any drug store. LOS ANGELES, CAL.—"I suffered from nervous prostration for several years, trying various remedies furnished by the doctor. At last I tried Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, together with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, at the advice of a friend who had used them and had been cured, and my recovery was prompt and permanent. I cheerfully recommend Dr. Pierce's medicines."—ROSS FAULKNER, No. 232 South Grand Avenue. ASTORIA, OREGON.—"I saw Dr. Pierce's advertisement in the newspaper and as I had tried so many things for woman's trouble without getting any help, I decided to try Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription and I did so with good results. I think it is just great." MRS. D. BERG, care of C. R. P. A., N. Shore.'

Advertisement for Franco Flashlights and Batteries. Text: 'Homeless Hundreds of thousands of homes are damaged by fire in the United States annually. And practically all of them preventable. Thousands of them due to people groping in the dark corners with candles, matches and other open lights. Don't take chances. Get a Franco Flashlight for your home or you too, may be homeless. Franco Flashlights are safe, convenient home necessities. Wireless, non-corrosive. Do not short circuit. Guaranteed to last. Tomorrow May be too late' Includes image of a flashlight and a woman with a child.