

BENSON ASSERTS HE WARNED SIMS TO KEEP NEUTRAL

Washington, May 6.—(U. P.)—Admiral W. S. Benson, before the senate naval investigating committee today, said "he did not think" he told Admiral Sims that "we would as soon fight the British as the Germans."

SITUATION WAS DELICATE

"Whatever was said," he insisted, "was to impress upon Admiral Sims the delicacy of the situation when he was sent to London." "Did you ever have any idea that we could possibly fight on the side of Germany?" Chairman Hale asked.

AD CLUB HOBNOBS WITH AIR PILOTS



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to me to see the two services fighting side by side. I have many friends in Great Britain and the British government has decorated me. The injustice that has been done me and the embarrassment it places me under makes it impossible that I can visit there again."

gon manager, takes much the same position. Lowden, he contends, has been gaining strength day by day. At the beginning he was virtually unknown in Oregon but as the Oregon voters have come to know him and what he stands for they have turned more and more to his support, because of the Lowden position and principles, and he can see no reason why they should desert their principles for the sake of expediency.

JOHNSON'S RIVALS ALARMED There is no disguising the fact, however, that the Johnson victory in California, and the impending invasion of the state by the senator and his associate campaigners, has thrown a good sized scare into the opposing camps. The Wood single shooting proposal, favorite weapon in times of impending political catastrophe, demonstrates that fact, so far as the Wood camp is concerned.



Above—Some of the Ad clubbers trying to find out what makes an airplane fly. Below—E. N. Strong, 245-pound president of Portland Ad club, smiled even more broadly when he landed than when he ascended toward the sky.

"It was like riding on a railroad trestle, a sublimated railroad trestle without the bumps." Thus President E. N. Strong of the Portland Ad club described his sensations as he clambered down from his first airplane ride at Guide Lake flying field, Wednesday noon.

With his 245 pounds of avoirdupois carefully balanced by two men of ordinary weight, President Strong was lifted into the air at Morrison street bridge. "We're going about 20 miles an hour," he remarked to Pilot Vernon when they were well up in the air.

"Make it 70 miles and you'll be right," corrected the "silly pilot." "Anyway," continued the head of Portland's ad men when he reached the ground, "I got a stronger conviction of the beauty of the Rose City than I ever had before. No wonder people from all over the world want to visit us. I also got an appreciation of the possibilities of flying, and believe me, the day is coming when few of us will take the trouble to walk or motor."

CANDIDATES APPEAR BEFORE DOCTORS FOR EXAMINATION Candidates for office took their medicine before the assembled membership of the city and county medical society at its meeting Wednesday evening. Dr. A. E. Mackay presided, and a long list of candidates for judicial, congressional and legislative offices answered the invitations sent out to them several days ago by attending the meeting and stating where they stood in regard to sanitary and health legislation.

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The present standing of Democratic candidates, counting both instructed delegates and claims to uninstructed delegations: McAdoo, 121; Edwards, 118; Cox, 100; Hoover, 41; Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, 35; Champ Clark, 35; Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith, 35; State Senator Simmons of North Carolina, 24; Owen, 20; Hitchcock, 16; Bryan, 10; Gerard, 10.

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATS OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION

New Haven, Conn., May 6.—(U. P.)—The Connecticut state convention, with National Chairman Homer S. Cummings presiding, went on record here today as opposed to prohibition as it is now constituted.

ACTIVE WESTERN CAMPAIGN TO BE STARTED FOR PALMER

Chicago, May 6.—(U. P.)—An active campaign on behalf of the presidential candidacy of A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general, was started throughout the Western states today with the arrival here of C. C. Carlin, chairman of his campaign committee. Chicago will be the headquarters for the campaign, Carlin stated.

WOMAN ELECTED DELEGATE BREAKS MICHIGAN DEADLOCK

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 6.—When Michigan Republicans in state convention Wednesday, were unable to get together on the fourth delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention, Governor A. E. Sleeper arose and nominated Mrs. Grace Greenwood Brown of Ann Arbor.

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