

SIMS-DANIELS ROW REVIVED BY LETTER

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, June 26.—Sims and Daniels' row over the navy's conduct in the war was revived today with the publication of a letter from Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker, commander of the seventh naval district in Florida, in which he charges that Secretary Daniels in his testimony before the senate investigating committee "intentionally and deliberately misrepresented certain acts of Rear Admiral Sims, Fulham and Flies." The letter dated June 17, advised Chairman Hale of the committee that it was published in the Army-Navy Register, a service magazine. Admiral Decker said he also had sent a copy to Secretary Daniels.

The Admiral declared in the letter that "from my personal knowledge of Mr. Daniels' character I am led to believe that whatever is cited in his statement to the discredit of the officers is so perverted and twisted as to give the actual facts a false meaning."

CUMMINGS' KEYNOTE SPEECH

(Continued from page 2.)
 under our tutelage, we have more votes in the league of nations than any other nation. How could we, in good faith, urge that these nations be given a voice and deny a voice to such self-governing nations as Canada, New Zealand and the rest, which relatively speaking, made far more sacrifices in the war than our own country? It is desirable that all countries should have an opportunity to be heard in the league; and the safety of each nation resides in the fact that no action can be taken without the consent of all.

Responsibility for the Defeat of the Treaty

It was the design of Senator Lodge, from the outset to mutilate the treaty and to frustrate the purposes of the administration. And yet Senator Lodge, with the help of the irreconcilables, having torn the treaty to tatters and thrown its fragments in the face of the world, has the effrontery to suggest, in his address at Chicago, that the president blocked ratification and postponed peace.

The trouble with the treaty of peace is that it was negotiated by a democratic president. It is not difficult to assess the responsibility for its defeat. The responsibility rests, not upon its friends, but upon the enemies. The foreign relation committee, immediately following the last election, was reorganized with a personnel consisting of the open foes of the treaty. Amongst the number was Senator Borah, who declared that he would not be for a league of nations were the Savior of mankind to advocate it. Senator Johnson, Senator Knox and Senator Moses, whose hatred of the president amounts to an obsession, were al-

so members; and Senator Lodge was chairman. The treaty was referred to the committee thus studiously prepared for its hostile reception. The members of this committee adopted every subterfuge to misrepresent the documents which they were supposed to be considering as statesman. Deputations of foreign born citizens were brought to Washington in an effort to color an exaggerated impression of popular opposition.

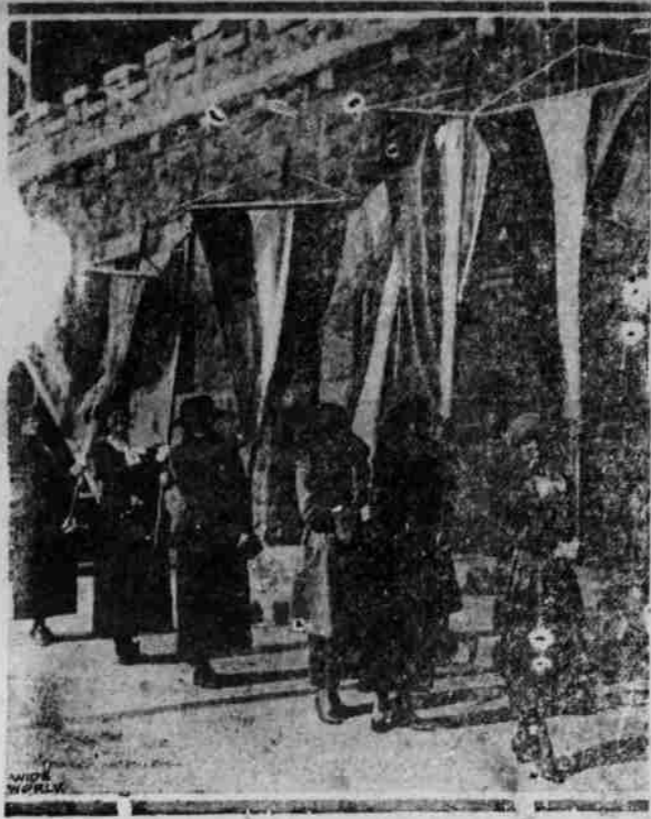
The senate had even begun the discussion of the treaty months before it terminated its debate until nine months after the submission of the treaty. It took the senate nearly three times as long to kill the treaty by protracted debate and by confusing and nullifying amendments and reservations as it took the representatives of the allied governments to draft it.

It was not the business of the President, when he brought this treaty back from France to join with Mr. Lodge and other republican leaders in their deliberate purpose to destroy it. Had he initiated, suggested or assented to changes which would have substantially altered its nature, it would have been a distinct breach of faith with his associates of the Peace Council and a violation of American pledges. Everyone acquainted with diplomatic usages, or with the plain requirements of honesty, understands this. The foolish invention that the president refused to permit the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" has been so often repeated that many honest people believe in its truth.

In every speech made during his tour, the president stated entire willingness to accept any and all reservations not incompatible with America's honor and true interests. It is the plain intent of the covenant that the Monroe Doctrine is excluded, that domestic questions are exempted, that no American can be sent out of the country without formal action by congress and that the right of withdrawal is absolute. If there are words which can make these meanings clearer, they will be welcomed. It is not reservations that the president stands against, but nullification.

When the president came back from Paris in February, 1919, he brought the first tentative draft of the covenant of the League of Nations. He gave publicity to it. It was published throughout the land. He invited the friends of such a league to submit criticisms. Former President Taft offered four amendments; former Senator Root offered six amendments, and Mr. Hughes suggested seven. It is a meeting of the committee on foreign relations at the white house in March, 1919, other changes were suggested. These amendments were taken back by the president to Paris and their substance was actually incorporated in the revised draft of the league. Dr. Lowell, president of Harvard University, in his joint debate with Senator Lodge, invited the latter to suggest consecutive amendments which the president might incorporate in the draft; but he refused so to do. At no time has he offered destructive criticism. So in-

WOMEN VOTERS PICKETING THE COLISEUM DURING REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION



This photograph shows part of a long line of women voters who picketed the Republican National Convention at Chicago. The suffragists are seen marching past the Coliseum. They represented widely separated sections of the country.

tolerant was his attitude that he would not even consider a compromise proposed by former President Taft of his own party and which was secured of the support of forty democratic senators. Senator Lodge knew that he controlled the senate, and that in his own time and way, he could destroy the treaty.

This is the sordid story of its defeat. No blunder, crime against civilization has ever soiled the pages of our history. The last chapter was written at Chicago.

The republican platform not only repudiates the league of nations, but raises, without discrimination, all of the republican senators who participated in its defeat. Its words of benediction fall alike upon the irreconcilables, the Lodge reservationists, the mild reservationists and those who proposed a separate peace with Germany. It is consistent in one thing only, the recognition of the fact that he open foes of the treaty, the secret foes of the treaty, and the apparent friends of the treaty who conspired

with its enemies, are equally responsible for the destruction of the instrument itself. It would be idle to inquire by what political ledgerdeman this meaningless and yet ominous declaration was prepared. It is enough to know that the "Old Guard" sold the honor of America for the privilege of nominating a reactionary for president.

The Cause of Peace

The war had set a great task for statesmanship. The best thought of the world demanded that a serious attempt be made by its leaders of the allied governments to formulate a treaty of peace which should prevent the recurrence of war. Every rightful impulse of the human heart was in accord with that purpose. From time immemorial men have dreamed of peace; poets have sung of it; philosophers have written about it; statesmen have discussed it; men everywhere have hoped and prayed that the day might come when wars would no longer be necessary in the settlement of international differences.

For the first time in the turbulent annals of the human race, such a project had become feasible. The destruction of militarism, the crumbling of thrones, the dissolution of dynasties, the world-wide appreciation of the inner meaning of war and the final triumph of democracy had at last made it possible to realize the dearest dream that ever crossed the night of man's dark mind. The opportunity for service was as great as the need of the world and the failure to render it must stand as a reproach for all time.

It is said that if the dead who died in the great war were placed head to feet, they would stretch from New York to San Francisco, and from San Francisco back again to New York; and if those who perished from starvation and other causes collateral to the war were placed head to feet, they would reach around the globe itself. At this very hour, millions of men and women and little children are the victims of our hesitancy. How can the heart of America be closed to these things?

I have been many miles in this country and it has been my fortune to visit most of the states of the union. It has so happened that I have been in many states when the boys were coming from the front. I have seen the great avenues of our splendid American cities lined with the popular, cheering and cheering again as these brave lads marched by happy that they had come triumphantly home. But I have never witnessed these inspiring sights without thinking of the boys who did not come home. They do not rest as strangers in a strange land—these soldiers of liberty. The generous heart of France enfolds them. The women and the children of France cover their graves with flowers and water them with tears. Destiny seized these lads and led them far from home to die for an ideal. And yet they live and speak to us here in the Homeland, not of trivial things but of immortal things. Reverence and pity and high resolve—surely these remain to us. In that heart of hearts where the great works of man are wrought, there can be no forgetting. Oh, God, release the imprisoned soul of America, touch once more the hidden springs of the spirit and reveal us to ourselves!

Let the true purpose of our party be clearly understood. We stand squarely for the same ideals of peace as those for which the war was fought. We support without flinching the only feasible plan for peace and justice. We will not submit to the repudiation of the peace treaty or to any process by which it is whittled down to the vanishing point. We decline to compromise our principles or pawn our immortal souls for selfish purposes. We do not turn our backs upon the history of the last three years. We seek no avenue of retreat. We insist that the forward course is the only righteous course.

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