

ADMIRAL MAYO'S TESTIMONY VERY DIFFERENT THAN THAT SIMS GIVES

Tells Senate Investigating
Committee That Atlantic
Fleet was Never Better
Prepared than in Mar. 1917

PERSONNELL IS SMALL

States that very few Changes
were Necessary to put
Navy in First Class Fight-
ing Shape.

—By Associated Press—
WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The
tenor of the testimony before the
senatorial investigation commit-
tee looking into the conduct of
the navy department and the navy
officials during the late war took
a decided change of tone today
when Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo,
took the witness stand.

Up until this time all the witnesses
had borne out the main assertions of
Rear Admiral Sims that there was
lack of co-operation between the
United States and the Allies during
the early part of the war with respect
to naval policies and that the navy
was in poor condition when America
entered the war in 1917.

Admiral Mayo said today that the
Atlantic fleet was never better pre-
pared for war than when it came
from Cuban waters late in March of
the year 1917 after its winter battle
practice. He said that the person-
nel was somewhat too small for war
time operations but affirmed that on
a peace basis it was all that could
be asked.

The men, Mayo said were in the best
shape that they ever had been, were
well trained and entirely confident. He
stated that with the slight increase
necessary to go from peace time
strength to fighting strength, the
fleet was fully prepared at that time
to enter into the fighting with no
material changes.

His testimony refuted the state-
ments made by Sims that there was
any lack of harmony existing among
the naval officials and seemed to in-
dicate that the navy was in excellent
shape not only in the latter part of
the war but at the beginning.

BRYAN FIGHTING LIQUOR QUESTION

Says He Will Keep Demo-
crats from Championing
Wets in Frisco

DENVER, Mar. 30.—By Asso-
ciated Press—William Jennings Bryan
told the Denver democrats today
that he did not propose to have the
outlawed institution of the saloon
with its whiskey championed by the
democratic party at the National con-
vention in San Francisco if he could
help it.

His statement was made at a noon
meeting here and Bryan intimated

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New Classified

FOR SALE—2 good Jersey milk cows,
price both for \$175. S. J. Freese,
phone 11-F-31. Albany, Or-gon,
Rt. 1. m30a1D

FOR SALE—A good going business in
Albany on one of the best corners.
Sales \$60.00 per day. Price \$3500.
Beam Land Company, 133 Lyon St.
m30

FOR SALE—\$1500 farm mortgage
running 3 years at 6 per cent, semi-
annual interest. Beam Land Co.,
133 Lyon St. m30A

FOR SALE—300 acre farm seven
miles from Albany. Improved with
good house and near good school.
Price \$75 per acre. Beam Land Co.,
133 Lyon Street. 30m31A

WANTED—A middle aged woman
Wants work by the day. Leave word
at Democrat office in care of No. 168
m30a1*H

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MISSISSIPPI SENATE RATIFIES SUFFRAGE BILL FOR THE WOMEN

JACKSON, Mar. 29 — By
Associated Press — The Mis-
sissippi state Senate today
ratified the federal woman
suffrage amendment, revers-
ing their action of several
weeks ago when the amend-
ment was rejected.

RICH SLACKER GIVEN FIVE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—Grover
Cleveland Bergdolt, wealthy young
Philadelphian recently court-mar-
tialled for desertion because of alleged
failure to report for military service
under the draft was sentenced to 5
years in prison today according to
the results of a decision made pub-
lic here.

Arrest of young Bergdolt came by
government operatives after a sensa-
tional chase that lasted for more than
a year and a half. A half a dozen
times his capture was reported im-
minent only to have him elude his
captors and make good his escape. He
was reported surrounded in his home
at one time and was later believed to
have escaped disguised as a woman.

SOVIET WILLING TO MAKE PEACE

LONDON, Mar. 30.—By Asso-
ciated Press—George Tchitcherin, Rus-
sian Soviet foreign minister, has not-
ified Poland of his willingness to
pen peace negotiations on April 10,
as Poland suggested, according to a
wireless despatch from the soviet
government at Moscow today.

BUTLER TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

Will Seek Nomination
for Commissioner
as Republican

T. J. Butler, county commissioner
of Linn county for four terms has
announced that he will be candidate
again at the coming primaries for the
nomination on the republican ticket
to the position he is at present hold-
ing.

Butler is one of the pioneer resi-
dents of this county and has had a
great deal of experience handling
county affairs. No one has appear-
ed in opposition to his candidacy as
yet.

TEACHERS ASK FOR SALARY SCHEDULE

The Oregon state teachers associa-
tion has adopted a resolution asking
that a uniform wage schedule for
teachers be adopted to apply to all
counties in the state. The resolution
reads as follows:

"We recommend the establishment
of a salary schedule toward which
every school district in the State
should strive, providing, on the basis
of a twelve months' contract, a mini-
mum salary of \$1080 per annum for
every elementary school teacher pos-
sessed of normal school training of
not less than two year beyond gradu-
ation from a four year high school
course, and a minimum salary of
\$1200 for every qualified high school
teacher possessed of not less than
four years college or university train-
ing beyond graduation from a four
years high school course and that
maximum salaries be fixed at not less
than \$1800 and \$2200, respectively,
to be attained by virtue of continuing
professional improvement length and
merit of service."

VETERANS TAKE STRIKERS PLACE

PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—Following
the refusal of members of the long-
shoremen's union to load the steamer
Eelbeck with grain handed on the
dock by a crew which had not been
hired through the union headquar-
ters, negotiations between the op-
erators of the vessel and the union
leaders ceased yesterday. A crew of
ex-service men was secured to stow
the grain in the vessel, and the load-
ing proceeded yesterday morning, and
was continued without interruption
throughout the day.

DEATH TOLL FROM TORNADO IS INCREASING AS COMMUNICATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED IN STORM AREA

LATEST LIST OF CASUALTIES IS 258 WITH FEARS
EXPRESSED THAT IT MAY MOUNT HIGHER;
FLOODS RAGING IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN A
NEW DISASTER; LA CROSSE IS REPORTED SUR-
ROUNDED BY WATER; BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30 — Death
tolls of Sunday's tornado which
ripped paths of destruction
through eight states stood early
today at 258 with fears expressed
that reports from isolated re-
gions would increase the total.
Stricken communities today are
emerging from the wreckage
wrought. Relief measures for the
thousands injured and the
homeless are under way.

List of Deaths are Growing
CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Revised re-
ports show the deaths as follows by
states: Indiana, 95; Illinois, 30; Ohio,
26; Michigan, 11; Missouri, 1; Wis-
consin, 1; Georgia 38 and Alabama,
17. These figures are increasing rap-
idly however. Property loss is es-
timated at between \$10,000,000 and \$20,-
000,000. Rail, telegraph and tele-
phone communication has been estab-
lished with nearly all the stricken
communities in Illinois and Ohio but
many of the rural districts of Michi-
gan are to be heard from. From all
reports Elgin suffered the greatest
property loss it being conservatively
estimated at \$4,000,000.
At Joliet, the loss was \$500,000 and

there are many seriously injured per-
sons besides the three fatally injur-
ed. Districts most effected in
Chicago are: Ewing Park, Melrose
Park, Elgin, Maywood and Plainfield.
The war department has offered aid
to the stricken cities in the shape of
surplus equipment for the housing of
homeless persons. Other aid is also
being rapidly rushed from neighbor-
ing states in the form of funds, cloth-
ing and food for the storm sufferers.

Floods Raging in Wisconsin
LA CROSSE, Wis., Mar. 30.—Serious
floods are reported throughout North-
ern Wisconsin that are doing an im-
mense amount of damage to this re-
gion. Railroad tracks leading to all the
factories along the waterfront in this
city are under water this morning.
The Mississippi is still rising and the
main part of the town is surrounded
by water. It is not believed that the
city is in dangerous peril however.

Menominee River Tears Down Bridge
WAUSAUKEE, Wis., Mar. 30.—
The Interstate bridge here collapsed
this morning under the strain of the
flood waters and ice from the Meno-
minee river. The loss is put at \$25,-
000.

U. OF O.—O. A. C. ALUMNI TO MEET

Prof. Dunn to Meet Former
Students; O. A. C. to
have Representative

Every former student of the Uni-
versity of Oregon, the Oregon agricul-
tural College and the Oregon State
Normal school is invited and urged
to be present at one of the two meet-
ings which will be held at the Al-
bany public library at 7:45p. m.
At this time the alumni of the two
bigger colleges will organize to take
part in the fight for the millage bill
and the preservation of higher edu-
cation in Oregon's big public schools.
Elmud Anderson, former football
star, will call the O. A. C. meeting to
order. A member of the faculty of
the college is expected to be present
to assist in the organization.

Professor F. S. Dunn, of the Uni-
versity of Oregon arrived in Albany
this noon and will attend the meet-
ing of the University grads to help
them on their way. The University
and Agricultural College are facing
a real crisis and a hard fight is
ahead of the friends of higher edu-
cation in the state. Every member of
the alumni of both institutions is
urged to be present.

SUPREME COURT DENIES REQUEST

BOSTON, Mar. 30.—By Asso-
ciated Press—The Supreme court today
denied the request of Mrs. Emily
Hull of New York for leave to in-
tervene in the litigation between the
directors of the Christian Science
church and the trustees of the Chris-
tian Science Publishing Society.

PYTHIAN LODGE ENJOYS SOCIAL

An enjoyable social was given last
night by the members of the Knights
of Pythias at their hall. Dancing
was indulged in by the guests. A
large attendance was on hand.

STOCK SHIPMENTS ARE CALLED OFF

Chicago, Mar. 30.—By Associated
Press—Livestock shipments to the
Chicago market with the exception of
horses were all ordered discontinued
today as a result of the strike of
the members of the livestock hand-
lers union employed by the Union
stockyards transit company. Embar-
go will last until the strike has been
declared off so the company officials
say.

CHICAGO BUSINESS IS THREATENED BY STRIKE OF CLERICAL EMPLOYES

CHICAGO, Mar. 30 — By
Associated Press — Clerks,
stenographers and bookkeep-
ers of the municipal offices
went on a strike today for
higher salaries, threatening
paralysis of the city's busi-
ness.

GERMANS ASSURE FRENCH TREATY TO BE RESPECTED

By Associated Press
PARIS, Mar. 30.—Assurances
have been given by the German gov-
ernment that it will not send into the
Ruhr valley more regular troops than
allowed by the terms of the Versail-
les treaty, according to the latest
despatches which have been received
here.
Members of the French press who
were received last night by Premier
Miller and were told that if the Ger-
mans violated the terms of the treaty
by sending a strong armed force in-
to the Ruhr districts, France would
immediately take steps to occupy the
central zone whether the balance of
the allies agreed to it or not.

RULER DEFIES ORDER ISSUED

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 30.—By As-
sociated Press—Kink Christian an-
nounced today that he would refuse
to comply with the ultimatum of the
social democrats demanding the rein-
statement of the Zable ministry,
which he dismissed. It has been re-
minded that the progressive parties
will proclaim a republic.

BIG INITIATION TO BE HELD HERE

Local Maccabees Will
Entertain High
Officials

One of the largest initiation classes
ever held in Albany is planned by the
local lodge of the Maccabees in this
city on May 8. Over 100 candidates
will be here for the occasion and Su-
preme lieutenant Commander Fry of
Detroit will be the guest of honor for
the event.

This decision and the date was de-
cided upon at the meeting of the local
lodge of the Maccabees here Saturday
night. The candidates will come from
the various towns surrounding Al-
bany, chiefly Corvallis, Salem and Eu-
gene. Discussion of plans to organ-
ize a baseball team among the lodges
in Jefferson, Albany, Corvallis and
Salem also took place at the meeting.

GRANGE HALL BEING PUSHED

THE DALLES, Or., March 30.—
Seventy-five Nansen farmers in one
day excavated the basement of the
new grange hall, which is contem-
plated and then set out to raise funds
to erect the structure. Merchants in
The Dalles donated to the project,
many subscriptions reaching \$100.
Today the venture is fully financed
and the lumber has been purchased.

CAR FARE RATE UP FOR SETTLEMENT

SALEM, Or., March 30.—The Ore-
gon public service commission is ar-
ranging for a conference with mem-
bers of the Portland city council in
Salem April 5, when matters con-
cerning the recent decision of the
commissions involving fares of the
Portland Railway, Light & Power
company will be discussed.

SCHOOL BOARD MEET PUT OFF

The school board meeting which
was to have taken place last night
was called off because of the inabil-
ity of one of the directors to be pre-
sent. The next meeting will be called
as soon as it is possible to get the
entire number together and the ques-
tion of a teachers salary schedule
settled.

SOCIALIST PARTY BRANDED BODY OF TRAITORS IN THE FINDINGS ISSUED

Five Unseated Members of
New York Assembly Order-
ed Ousted in Majority Re-
port of Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Words of Document Declare
Socialist Organization is
Composed Exclusively of
Traitors.

—By Associated Press—
ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 30—
Branding the Socialist party as an
"organization composed exclu-
sively of perpetual traitors," the
majority of the judiciary commit-
tee of the New York state as-
sembly, in a report made before
the lower house of the legisla-
ture today, recommended the ex-
pulsion of the five socialist as-
semblymen.

Action on the reports will be the
special order of business to be taken
up by the assembly tomorrow. No
definite results are anticipated for
several days at least. It is expected
that approval of the report may pre-
cipitate a warm fight in the assembly.

Decision on the report covering the
charges of disloyalty against the five
unseated members of the assembly
was reached last night at an execu-
tive session of the committee. The ma-
jority report was signed by 7 of the
thirteen members of the board.

Five members of the body signed
a minority report in which it was de-
clared that the socialists should be re-
turned to their seats. Another mem-
ber recommended the expulsion of Au-
gust Cleasens, Louis Wallman and
Charles Solomon and the seating of
Samuel Orr and Samuel J. Dewitt.

The charges which caused the in-
vestigation of the socialist members
were made before the assembly by
prominent leaders of the body and
following which a judiciary commit-
tee was immediately ordered to sift
the accusations with the view to ex-
pelling the members if sustained.

ADVICE GIVEN FRUIT GROWERS

Early Prices for Output of
Loganberries are Urged
for Best Results

Many pertinent facts and much in-
formation that is of interest to the
growers of Loganberries in this vicin-
ity is contained in a letter received
in Albany from W. H. Paulhamus,
president of the Puyallup & Sumner
Fruit Growers Canning company. The
writer explains at length the basis
which should be used in computing
prices for the output of loganberries,
if the growers wish to establish a
permanent and increasing market.

Caution against an unwise policy
of demanding more than a recently
established market would warrant,
is given as well advice to the grower
to make known his prices early so
that the manufacturer can in turn
quote prices to the wholesale trade.
It is pointed out that withholding
such prices may result in a curtail-
ment which will be detrimental to the
future of the industry.

Along the lines of the letter, W. R.
Scott, manager of the Albany branch
of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit
Growers Canning company has made
a definite offer of 12 cents a pound
for all the loganberries grown in the
Willamette valley. He has also of-
fered to accept the entire output of the
valley in strawberries, gooseberries
and other fruits.

The letter from Paulhamus, which
was received here by Scott is as fol-
lows:

Realizing that the permanent suc-
cess of both the grower and the man-
ufacturer of loganberries depends
upon the proper cooperation on the
part of both, I desire to point out to
you some of the conditions that con-
front the manufacturer.

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