

ADMIRAL MAYO TAKES ISSUE WITH SIMS

U. S. FLEET O. K. IN 1917 SAYS MAYO

Atlantic Fleet Never Better Prepared Than Just Before U. S. A. Entered War. Former Commander in Chief Testifies Before Senate Committee—Admits Short in Men and Certain Units, But Fleet Is Short Now—Sims' Testimony Refuted.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Rear Admiral Mayo, war-time commander of the Atlantic fleet, replied before the senate naval investigating committee today to many of the charges made against the navy by Rear Admiral Sims. Mayo told the committee that the naval policy of neutrality, confirmed by the people in the presidential election in November, 1916, was primarily responsible for the inability of the United States to throw the full weight of its resources into the war immediately upon entering it.

There was a feeling he said, not only among our legislators, but extending to some extent to our military establishments, that the participation of the United States should consist largely of furnishing money and supplies.

Taking up Sims' charges that the navy did not have a broad general policy when war was declared, he said the office of the chief of naval operations, responsible for preparation of such plans was not organized until 1915 and that without this office conditions in the navy immediately preceding and during the war would have been "chaotic."

Refutes Sims
The admiral testified that the impression given "in previous testimony" that submarine movements were accurately followed from the time the United States entered the war and that consequently no destroyers were needed to screen and protect the Atlantic fleet was not correct.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "it was not until the latter part of 1917 or early in 1918 that the system of locating submarines became accurate and reliable and even then all a submarine had to do to avoid being located was not to use its fleet. Hence taking the ships of the fleet to sea without screening them was not justified."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The Atlantic fleet never was better prepared for war than when it came from Cuban waters late in March, 1917 after its winter battle practice, Rear Admiral Mayo, former commander in chief of the fleet today told the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

The personnel was on a peace basis and was somewhat inadequate the admiral said, but officers and men were confident and well trained and target practice in southern waters had shown gratifying results.

No written plan of policy for the participation of the fleet in the war was given him when the United States joined the allies, Rear Admiral Mayo testified, but in conversations with Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations.

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OREGON GROWERS BUY MEDFORD ASSOCIATION PROPERTY FOR \$50,000

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 30.—The Oregon Growers Co-operative association has purchased the fruit packing plant of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association at Medford according to announcement of J. O. Holt, manager of the packing department of the State Growers' association. The plant hereafter will be operated by the larger association and will handle apples, pears and other fresh fruits grown in the vicinity of Medford. The purchase price, it is said, was \$50,000. Mr. Holt said today that the Growers' association had signed up 6000 acres of fruit in the territory between Medford and Grants Pass.

GERMANY WILL NOT VIOLATE TREATY TERMS

Ebert Government Assures France Only Troops Allowed by Versailles Treaty Will Be Sent to Ruhr District—Revolution Disappears as Quickly as It Came.

PARIS, Mar. 30.—Assurances have been given by the German government that it will not send into the Ruhr valley more regular troops than are allowed by the terms of the Versailles treaty. A German delegation called on Premier Millerand late last night, told him the German troops in the Ruhr district did not exceed the number allowed and declared no more such troops would be sent there without authorization from the allies.

Receiving members of the French press last evening M. Millerand declared if the Germans violated the terms of the treaty by sending a strong armed force into the Ruhr district, France would occupy part of the neutral zone, whether the allies agreed or not.

THE HAGUE, Mar. 30.—(Havas)—The Dutch government is reported to have given Germany 4,000 tons of wheat and barley for revivulating towns in the Ruhr valley.

ESSEN, Mar. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—All but one stipulation of the Berlin government relative to the cessation of fighting in the Ruhr district have been accepted by the central committee in charge of anti-government operations here, according to a notification sent to Berlin tonight. Exceptions were taken to the fourth condition regarding the surrender of arms and ammunition.

The government was informed that this condition will be accepted if construed in accordance with the Bielefeld agreement.

Otto Bowsenpen, military commander of the reds, who has just

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BIG TORNADO DEATH TOLL TOTALS 165

Reconstruction Work Starts in Devastated Areas—Property Damage Is Estimated From \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000—Indiana and Georgia Are States to Suffer Most—Red Cross and Citizen's Relief Committees Get to Work.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Scattered reports as wire service is restored to isolated sections of nine states visited by Sunday's series of tornadoes, today raised the death toll to 165.

Reconstruction work in the devastated regions is well under way, with the Red Cross and citizens' committees providing funds for the immediate needs of the sufferers. Estimates of the total damage done range from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Tabulated reports by states at noon today gave the number of dead as follows:

- Indiana, 37; Illinois, 27; Ohio, 30; Michigan, 12; Georgia, 38; Alabama, 17; Nebraska, 1; Missouri, 1; Wisconsin, 1.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—The death toll of Sunday's tornadoes which ripped paths of destruction thru sections of eight states stood early today at 158 with fears expressed that reports from isolated regions and deaths among the injured would increase the total.

Stricken communities were emerging today from the wreckage wrought by the storm and relief measures for the thousands of injured and homeless were well under way.

Tabulated reports by states today gave the number of dead as follows:

- Indiana, 36; Illinois, 26; Ohio, 26; Michigan, 12; Georgia, 38; Alabama, 17; St. Louis, Mo., 1; East Troy, Wis., 1.

An unverified report that fifteen white persons were killed at Stovall, Ga., a village near La Grange, was being investigated and should, this prove true the death list would be increased to 175.

A number were reported missing in various localities and it was feared that some of these might be found to have been killed.

No accurate estimate of the total property damage, which runs into the millions, could be made today. In Illinois it was estimated that the material loss was \$5,000,000; in western Ohio, \$2,000,000; Michigan, \$2,000,000 and Georgia, more than \$1,000,000.

State troops still patrol the storm swept areas of Illinois and the Red Cross and civilian committees are giving aid to the homeless.

But one death occurred yesterday among the injured and hospitals reported that most of the hundreds of patients would recover.

MEDFORD FORGER CAUGHT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—Gordon Nelson, of Coquille, Ore., is in the county jail here today charged with having issued a worthless check for \$175 drawn on the First National bank of Medford and cashed by the Northwestern National bank of Portland.

Nelson, according to information in the hands of the sheriff, has passed spurious checks in several Oregon towns.

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 30.—The United States biological survey office for Oregon and Washington, located here since 1915, when the office was established, will move to Portland next Monday, it was announced here today. Offices will be in the post-office. Stanley Jewett, inspector, is in charge. The office employs from 20 to 25 trappers in the two states. Inspector Jewett will move also his collection of birds and mammals, the largest private collection in the north west and exceeded by few eastern collections.

BRYAN WILL FIGHT WET FORCES AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION



DENVER, Colo., Mar. 30.—William Jennings Bryan, upon arrival in Denver this morning from Lincoln, Neb., en route to Los Angeles denied he is a candidate for nomination as president of the United States.

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 30.—William Jennings Bryan told Denver democrats in a noon meeting here today that "the outlawed institution of the saloon with its whiskey" would not be championed by the democratic party at the San Francisco convention in June if he could prevent it.

PACKERS REQUEST GOVERNMENT TO RULE ON STRIKE

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—No fresh receipts of livestock were on hand today at the stock yards here and trade was confined to dealings in a few animals held over from yesterday. The strike of stock yards employes continues, and quotations were not available on any branch of the market.

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Livestock shipments to the Chicago market, with the exception of horses, were under an embargo today as the result of a strike of 900 members of the Livestock Handlers union employed by the Union Stockyards and Transit company. Provisions were being made to divert hundreds of cars of stock on the outskirts of the city to other markets. Cattle receipts dropped yesterday to 1500 head and hog receipts to 2000 because of the embargo.

Demands for increases of from \$30 to \$10 a month with elimination of Sunday work were presented by the strikers. They now receive from \$115 to \$145 a month, according to company officials.

The union heads have telegraphed Washington asking that federal mediators be sent here following refusal of Federal Judge Alschuler, who has arbitrated other stockyards troubles, to act unless the men first went back to work.

Calling of the strike caused no increase in meat prices, although the five big packers say their plants will be entirely shut down within a week if the strike continues. Average hog prices yesterday were \$11.75, as compared to \$15.10 last week and \$19.75 a year ago.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—The National Retail Druggists association will hold its spring convention at San Francisco, it was announced today. The dates will be either in late May or early June. Twenty prominent British merchants will be present.

KENTUCKY NEGRO HANGED BY MOB

PARIS, Ky., Mar. 30.—Swooping down unexpectedly upon officers who were taking Grant Smith, negro, to jail at Paris last night, a crowd of forty men captured the negro and hurried him in an automobile out the Maysville-Lexington pike at May's Lick, Fleming county, where he was hanged to a telegraph pole.

Smith, who is 40, disappeared two months ago after alleged assaults on Ruby Anderson, 14, daughter of a farmer of Flemingsburg, Fleming county, Kentucky. He was arrested in Michigan last week.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy young Philadelphian recently court-martialed for desertion because of his alleged failure to report for military service under the draft was sentenced to five years in prison, according to a decision of the court made public here today.

The sentence, effective today, is for hard labor in the jail at Governor's Island. In addition, Bergdoll's rights of citizenship are forfeited as a result of his conviction.

BOLSHEVIKI AGREE TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED BY POLAND

LONDON, Mar. 30.—George Tchitcherin, the Russian soviet foreign minister, has notified Poland of his willingness to open peace negotiations April 10 as Poland has suggested, according to a wireless message from Moscow today. M. Tchitcherin suggests that the meeting be held somewhere in Esthonia.

WARSAW, Mar. 30.—Russian bolshevik forces which have been attacking the Polish front in Podolia, have suffered severe losses and at points have withdrawn to the Eastward, says an official statement issued at army headquarters here today. Polish troops have pursued the enemy and have retaken territory which was lost in the savage fighting of last week, it is said.

VICTORY LOOMS IN FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S VOTE

Mississippi Senate Reverses Action of Several Weeks and Ratifies the Federal Suffrage Amendment—If House Follows Suit Women Can Vote in Coming Election.

JACKSON, Miss., Mar. 30.—The Mississippi state senate today ratified the federal woman suffrage amendment thus reversing the action of several weeks ago when the amendment was rejected.

The vote on the ratification resolution was a tie and Lieutenant Governor Rouseff cast the deciding vote. The roll call showed that ten senators had reversed their positions since the unfavorable vote several weeks ago. The house rejected the amendment February 18, by a vote of 106 to 25. House leaders, learning of the senate's action, said the session which was to adjourn Saturday, might be prolonged to allow another vote in that body.

Suffrage leaders who had abandoned hope of favorable action, immediately notified their supporters throughout the state to return at once to the capital and renew the battle. Should the house act favorably on the resolution of ratification, Mississippi's action would complete the necessary thirty-six states for ratification of the amendment and would permit women to vote in the November presidential election in most of the states.

DOVER, Del., Mar. 30.—The house committee on revised statutes, to which the joint resolution for the ratification of equal suffrage had been referred, voted today 4 to 3, to report the measure out "on its merits." The negative votes were cast by democrats.

Both the senate and house committees probably will report the ratification resolution this afternoon so that a vote may be taken tomorrow.

MILLIONAIRE DRAFT EVADER IS GIVEN 5 YEARS AT HARD LABOR

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"TEDDY JR.," IS AGAINST EXPULSION

Assemblyman Roosevelt to Vote and Speak Against Ousting of 5 Socialists From New York Legislature—Majority Report Officially Submitted Brands the Socialists as Traitors and Unfit to Take Political Office or Party Membership.

ALBANY, Mar. 30.—"I cannot approve of the expulsion of the entire representation of a party from the legislature," Colonel Roosevelt said today. "Whatever I may do or say I shall do as an individual and not as a part of any movement agreed upon with others."

Mr. Adler, who on the first day of the session introduced the resolution demanding the suspension of the socialists, said his position was virtually the same as that of Colonel Roosevelt.

"I am not a party to any concerted action," he added. Seven of the thirteen members of the committee signed the majority report.

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 30.—Branding the socialist party as "an organization composed exclusively of perpetual traitors," a majority of the judiciary committee of the New York state assembly, in a report transmitted to the lower house of the legislature today, recommended the expulsion of the five socialist assemblymen, August Claessens, Charles Solomon, Louis Waldman, Samuel Orr and Samuel A. Dewitt.

Minority reports were submitted by members of the committee who dissented from the findings of the majority.

Action on the reports will be made a special order of business in the assembly tomorrow.

While no concerted action has been taken by those who are opposed to the expulsion of the socialists, Majority Leader Simon L. Adler, of Monroe and Assemblyman Theodore Roosevelt of Nassau, will speak and vote against that program.

Enactment of a law to prevent any organization which occupies all its membership from admitting to the official ballot of a political party on the position of a political party is advocated.

The report reviews evidence heard during the recent 24 days trial, purporting to show that the socialist party opposed prosecution of the war, opposed all legislation for industrial and military conscription, pledged its members to work for the repeal of the conscription law, advised resistance to conscription of life and labor and urged the repudiation of war debts.

"Disloyal Charged
The socialist party of America," says the report, "is not a loyal American organization or political party, disgraced occasionally by the traitors, but is a disloyal organization composed exclusively of perpetual traitors. Therefore, the act of a member of that party in subscribing to the constitutional oath of office to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York should be utterly disregarded as a patently sham and a mere cloak for treachery."

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PARIS AGREES WITH WILSON ON TURKEY BUT WHO WILL FURNISH TROOPS?

PARIS, Mar. 30.—It was said at the foreign office today that the French point of view regarding Turkey and Armenia is in agreement with that of President Wilson as to the desirability of the largest possible Armenian state and the expulsion of the Turks from Constantinople. The question is raised, however, as to how these ends can be achieved without the force necessary to deal with the trouble certain to result among the Mussulman population. President Wilson's note on the Turkish question was delivered to Premier Millerand by Ambassador Wallace during the session of the council of ambassadors in Paris yesterday. It would require a force of several hundred thousand men to back up a decision to eject the Turks entirely from Europe, a high official said. The establishment of an Armenian state of large dimensions also would involve the necessity of a military force to protect it, as in a great portion of the new state the Armenians would be in the minority and exposed to the hatred of their enemies. This task, it was declared at the foreign office, always had been considered the great humanitarian task for President Wilson to perform. The question was, it was added, whether he was ready to furnish the required force.