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ADMIRAL SIMS SCORES NAVY REPORT

SIMS SAYS BATTLESHIP IS OBSOLETE

Veteran Naval Commander Gives Sensational Testimony Before Congress Committee—Praises Mitchell, But Does Not Favor His Plan of Separate Air Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, today vigorously opposed before the house aircraft committee the creation of a unified air service as urged by Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief.

The admiral endorsed the building up of a powerful air force by the United States, however, and declared the airplane "will play a predominant part" in the next war.

Couple the airplane with the submarine, the admiral said, and an enemy fleet cannot exist "unless steaming a zig-zag course at full speed."

"If a fleet comes up against ours with more airplane carriers and can command the air, I don't see how we can win," he added. "If there is anything I know about in the navy, it is gunfire, and after making all calculations, it is a piece of good luck if an anti-aircraft gunner hits an airplane."

"You'll fire the guns, of course, and the noise will relieve the tension."

In opposing a unified air service, Admiral Sims said that the navy needed naval officers familiar with navy tactics, operating its aircraft.

"The air force from the shore out," he said, "must be commanded by the navy, and I think with the submarine and aircraft properly developed, not necessarily exclusively, we can protect ourselves from an enemy coming across the sea."

Asked for his opinion of the recent report of the special navy board which held that the battleship remains the first line defense, the admiral replied: "I wasn't much impressed with the report. The day after it was issued the secretary of the navy issued a statement heartily approving it, but the opinion of the secretary on a highly technical matter like this doesn't amount to much."

"The findings of the board were just what a lot of people thought they would be."

The Backbone Is Broken

The recent bombing tests on the battleship Washington, the admiral added, likewise did not impress him. For some unknown reason, he said, the distance at which depth charges were exploded had been kept secret.

"Would our navy be in first class condition for battle if we put on blisters and elevated the guns?" asked Representative Perkins, republican, New Jersey.

"I don't think so," answered the admiral, adding that depth charges like those used against the Washington "probably would have blown the blisters off."

"As I understand the special board's report," asked Perkins, "the battleship remains the backbone of the navy, is that right?"

"Yes, it is; but it is broken," answered Admiral Sims.

The witness predicted that "the capital ship of the future will be an airplane carrier."

Questioned about navy administration in general, he charged that the naval officers in high positions are not in sympathy with the naval war college. Secretary Daniels permitted himself to be surrounded by officers who had not attended the college, he said, and Secretaries Denby and Wilbur continued with the same officers.

Three D'Autremont Suspects Released By O'Connell's Order

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Dan O'Connell, chief special agent of the southern Pacific, has sent a message from Esplanada, Mexico, saying he is convinced that the three suspects held there are not the D'Autremont brothers. The three men have been released.

A REFERENDUM IS EXPECTED ON CIGARETTE TAX

Date Set for September 8 and Legislature Also Provides for Popular Vote on 9 Other Measures Adopted During Session.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—If the referendum is invoked against any of the revenue producing measures enacted by the legislature, including the cigarette and tobacco tax, a tax on gross earnings of corporations and the provision that self-supporting state commissions shall pay ten percent of their revenues into the state general fund, the election will be held September 8 and at the same time nine measures adopted by the legislature for reference to the people will be voted on. This was provided for in a bill passed at the close of the legislative session last night.

Some of the legislators anticipated that interests opposed to the taxes imposed by the legislature would seek to have them repealed at a referendum election so provision was made to have the nine measures which are to be referred to the people passed upon at the same time. The measures which would be acted upon are:

Senate joint resolution No. 5, by Deane—Amending legislation inhibiting levying of income or inheritance taxes until 1940.

House joint resolution No. 5, by Buchanan—Providing that, if vacancies occur in the office of United States senator or any elective office of state, district, county or precinct, they shall be filled at the next general election, provided such vacancy occurs more than twenty days prior to any general election.

House joint resolution No. 8, by Woodward—Repealing section 35, article 1, of state constitution, providing fine or imprisonment for any person who shall bring into the state or harbor any negro or mulatto.

House joint resolution 13, by committee on resolutions—Authorizing issue of bonds by Clackamas county for refunding purposes.

Senate joint resolution No. 16, by Johnson—Providing for appointment of a commission to make investigation in relation to methods of assessment and taxation.

Senate joint resolution No. 18, by Hall—Amending constitution to permit Curry county to vote on a funding bond issue.

House bill No. 215, by Bates—Providing for western Oregon normal school at Seaside.

House joint resolution No. 2, by the Multnomah delegation—Authorizing Portland school district to levy \$300,000 above six per cent tax limitation, beginning with 1926.

House joint resolution No. 3, by Collier—Permitting Klamath county to issue bonds for refunding purposes.

The eastern Oregon normal school bill was excepted from the provisions of the special election bill, because Senator Ritter desired that this should not be voted on until the general election of 1926.

LOCAL BILL KILLED AS BELL RINGS

Senate Kills Jackson Co. Primary Measure Just Before Coffee Is Served—Motor Bus Taxes Raised—Armory Bills Rushed in, Will Be Vetoed Says Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—Oregon's thirty-third legislature, which has been in session 46 days, adjourned at 10:50 last night. Some of the members immediately started for their homes; others were leaving today. Songs, stunts and story telling marked the closing of the session, and after the final gavel fell the members enjoyed a social session when wives of the senators served coffee and cake.

The last day was marked by a deal between senate and house resulting in the passage of measures to increase the license tax upon automobile buses and trucks and to raise the license tax on peddlers' trucks running into the country five miles or more beyond city boundaries. The house finally agreed to senate amendments to the former measure, house bill 413, which sharply raised the figures over those in the bill as it passed the house.

The senate in turn agreed to pass house bill 21, the peddlers' bill, as the house had amended it.

Both these measures then went to the governor.

Assailed by Butler, Joseph, Garland and other senate members, the Jackson county plan, which was substituted for the original Jackson county primary election bill, went down to defeat in the senate yesterday by a vote of 19 to 11. The measure provided for a pre-primary assembly of precinct committeemen of the political parties, the assembly to recommend to the voters its choice of the primary candidates.

Senator Dunn of Jackson county explained the measure and it was immediately attacked by Joseph, Toole, Klepper and Zimmerman.

Senator Eddy spoke in favor of the bill, declaring it was a step toward party restoration and party honesty.

Armory Bills to Get Axe

Governor Pierce today announced that as fast as they reach him all armory bills passed by the legislature will be vetoed by him.

"Due to the failure of the legislature," he said, "to provide sufficient revenue, I shall be obliged to veto all armory bills passed at the last session. I cannot approve appropriations which exceed available revenue."

The entire armory program was disapproved by the joint ways and means committee, efforts having been made to get new armories at Cottage Grove, Forest Grove, La Grande, Astoria and Portland, and also an additional appropriation for the armory at Silverton.

Yesterday the armory bills began to pour in independently of the ways and means committee. The first to come was Magladry's senate bill No. 257, providing for an armory at Cottage Grove, and after a hard fight by Magladry and his friends it failed to pass. Later in the day the Forest Grove armory bill came along and passed. Senator Dennis, who had promised to drop an armory bill for La Grande if none of the others was pushed, then brought up his La Grande armory bill and it passed also. Passage of these two bills created sympathy for Magladry and Cottage Grove, so on motion of Senator Eddy, Magladry's bill was reconsidered and passed.

Colonel W. G. D. Mercer, who for many years has been sergeant-at-arms of the state senate and for the last several sessions its chaplain also, is made permanent chaplain by a resolution introduced yesterday by President Moser and passed.

Speaker Burdick announced the appointment of R. H. Capler, Portland; E. G. Bates, Seaside, and J. H. Driscoll, Klamath Falls, as his appointees on the commission named to study reforestation and make recommendations for laws on the same to the next legislature.

Ashby D. Dickinson of Portland was today appointed by Governor Pierce as the additional circuit court judge for Multnomah county. The appointment is under senate bill No. 81 of the session of 1925, which was passed by the legislature yesterday over the veto of the governor.

Among measures passed by the senate in the closing session were:

S. J. M. S. Hale—Memorializing congress to enact legislation which will permit the United States government to remit a percentage of the federal income tax to each of the several states.

H. B. 247, Hunter—Authorizing state forester to suspend logging and sawmill operations in time of drought.

Throws Bombshell in Naval Board



ADMIRAL W. S. SIMS

DESTRUCT'N AND DEATH IN WAKE OF HURRICANE

Over 100 People Killed By Wind Storm That Sweeps England and France—Charlemagne's Oak, 500 Years Old, Crashes Down.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—"Charlemagne's oak," five centuries old and one of the largest and most ancient trees in the forest of Fontainebleau, fell a victim of yesterday's violent storm. The gale continued today and, according to the weatherman, the end is not in sight.

The fate of the famous oak was but one item in a long tale of trees uprooted and houses unroofed in all parts of the country.

A tragedy occurred near La Rochelle where only four men out of a crew of eighteen were rescued from the stranded Spanish steamship Cristina-Rueda.

Seven members of the life saving corps were drowned when their boat capsized while trying to reach the steamer on Wednesday.

MOTHER OF MRS. STOKES TESTIFIES ABOUT PAJAMAS

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Arthur Miller of Denver, mother of Mrs. Helen Ellwood Stokes, on the stand in the conspiracy case against her daughter's husband, late today identified a picture of her daughter in pajamas astride a man's shoulders.

The man, Mrs. Miller said, was William Meyer of St. Louis. Meyer is expected to testify Monday. Adjournment until Monday cut short Mrs. Miller's testimony.

GOVERNMENT LOSES TEAPOT DECISION

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 27.—Trial of the government's suit for annulment of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease by the Mammoth Oil company will proceed on March 9, next. Judge T. Blake Kennedy of the United States district court decided today in overruling the government's petition for a continuance.

COURT OVERRULES JAP LAND LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The state supreme court in a decision today held that the treaty of 1911 between the United States and Japan is still in force and that under it Japanese residents in California can lease land in the state for residential and commercial purposes.

Gloria's Condition Improves. PARIS, Feb. 27.—Gloria Swanson, who is a patient in a clinic at Autaut, recovering from a recent operation, passed an excellent night, it was reported this morning. The film star's temperature has returned to normal.

Prince of Wales Pays Dues in Time To Keep Union Card

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The New York Pressman's union was spared the painful necessity of suspending its star member, the Prince of Wales, when a check for \$7, representing two months' dues was received from him today.

The rules of the union provide for the suspension of any member who fails to pay his dues every two months. On Saturday this period of grace for the prince would have expired and had he not paid he would have been barred from playing the trade in any union press room here. When Wales was made a member of the union last summer he paid his dues in advance to January 1.

KLAN IS BLAMED FOR ATTACK ON BORGLUM'S WORK

Sculptor's Speech Against Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta, Ga., Given As Cause for His Discharge As Sculptor at Stone Mountain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Sculptors of New York appeared today to be divided into two camps in their opinions of events connected with Gupton Borglum's dismissal as sculptor of the Stone Mountain memorial.

William J. Robinson, a sculptor of note, said that a movement was being organized among Borglum's friends and fellow artists to assure adequate protection of his interests.

"If Borglum never does another stroke of work on Stone Mountain, he has already to his credit something greater than the Egyptian pyramids," said Mr. Robinson. "But his friends will see that things are put right and stop this crucifixion of genius by a group of little two-by-four men. I was in Atlanta recently and talked to many people, so I know the inside of this affair."

"This is largely a Ku Klux Klan matter. Anti-Klan talk in Atlanta is perhaps not the most tactful thing in the world, but Borglum was never a man for tact."

The view of the other camp was expressed by Augustus Lukeman who said he considered Borglum's conduct "unmanly and undignified," and that it "brought a reproach on the art of sculpture."

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 27.—A demand for the appointment of a committee of sculptors to pass on the work done upon the Stone Mountain memorial and conduct an audit of the affairs of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial association today was before Hollins Randolph, president of the association, after the passage of a resolution by the Atlanta chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The resolution was a letter from the Georgia division of the organization, urging him to submit the difference between the association and Gupton Borglum, sculptor of the memorial, to the heroes of the Confederacy, for arbitration.

Meantime the search for Borglum and Jesse Tucker, former superintendent of work at the mountain, is being made over a half dozen states. They are sought on warrants charging malicious mischief for the alleged destruction by them of models for continuing the work of the memorial, following the discharge of Borglum as sculptor of the monument.

J. BULL MAY BE INVOLVED IN TURK WAR

England Aroused Over Hostilities in Arabia, and Near East—Will Protect Britain's Protege, Emir Abdullah—Turks Claim Recapture of Important Strongholds.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The reported invasion of Trans-Jordan by 10,000 Wahabi tribesmen still lacks confirmation and thus far there has been a tendency to regard it as at least exaggerated. For instance, it is thought improbable that Sultan Ibn Saoud would be able to assemble 10,000 warriors and Turkey not more than half that number. It is suggested if a new invasion has occurred the British may take a hand in behalf of their protege, the Emir Abdullah, who is a son of former King Hussein of the Hedjaz, Ibn Saoud's old enemy, and a brother of King Faisal of Iraq and the Emir Ali, the present nominal ruler of the Hedjaz.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 27.—The Turkish military operations against the rebels under Sheik Said in Kurdistan will, it is reported, be directed by General Ismet Pasha or Kemal Eddin Pasha. The government has ordered a partial mobilization in Anatolia, calling up reservists in the vilayets bordering on the rebel area.

A circular issued by the insurgents appeals to the population in the following words: "Your caliph awaits you. No Mohammedanism is possible without the caliphate. The present government is opposed to religion."

The Kurdish rebels are reported to have proclaimed Prince Selim, son of the former Sultan Abdul Hamid, as king of Kurdistan. Prince Selim may be the caliph referred to in the circular issued by the insurgents.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 27.—The Anatolian agency here issued a statement today saying the rebellious Kurdish forces had been repulsed and that Turkish government troops had recaptured Kharput and the town of Elaziz, recently taken by the rebels.

JAPAN RETALIATES FOR U. S. EXCLUSION

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Japanese government again has submitted to the diet the alien land law of 1910, which has never been promulgated, says a dispatch to Reuters from Tokyo. The present bill, the message states, amends the law to permit the right of land ownership to any resident alien except nationals of those countries not granting similar rights to Japan.

U. S. Women's Shoes Too Small for Armenia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—American women were asked today not to give their old shoes to the Near East relief—because they are too small.

This delicate complaint was paid by H. C. Jaquith, director of the American refugee work in France at a meeting of the Near East relief.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR. IMITATES WILL ROGER'S AND TELLS HELLOVA STORY

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., financier, philanthropist and Bible class teacher, has blossomed out as a wit.

Presiding at a dinner of Brown alumni last night, he told story after story, some of them pretty old, and imitated Will Rogers, even to gestures and drawl.

Telling how Rogers had expressed a desire to meet Rockefeller, Sr., the speaker quoted the conversation as follows: "The old guy is the one I want to

meet. He just made the money. That's easy, but he turned the hard part over to this guy here, saying: 'You can work. I'm going south to play golf.'

In closing Mr. Rockefeller told the story of the inmate of an asylum for the insane who turned over a pot of boiling water on visitors standing under a window.

"Why," asked the doctor, "did you do that?"

"Well," replied the inmate, "if you're going to be an idiot you might as well be a hell of an idiot."

The Noted Dead

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CHICAGO CO-EDS THINK KNUT ROCKNE A JOCKEY AND PREST. ELLIOT A 'COLUMBIST'

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Knut Rockne, football coach at Notre Dame university, was called a "Norwegian novelist," a "violin player," a "Scandinavian jockey," and "a member of the League of Nations," in a test given 250 University of Chicago co-eds who were asked to identify prominent men, seventy per cent answered correctly.

Charles Evans Hughes was believed to be vice-president of the United States by one of the incorrect 25 per cent.

Benito Mussolini, fascist premier of Italy, was described as a "bolshevik statesman" and an "Irish radical."

Adam Smith, founder of the modern system of economics, was identified as an "attorney for W. E. D. Stokes" and as "one of the Smith brothers, cough drop kings."

One of the girls called Charles Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard, "a column conductor for a Chicago newspaper."

Another thought Professor A. A. Michelson, distinguished astronomer and discoverer of the star Helix, was "a famous truck star."

Feodor Chaliapin, the famous Russian opera singer, was thought to be the nickname for Charles Chaplin.