

# Plans Kept Secret By Navy-Sims

## Delay and Confusion Resulting From Admiral Telling Committee—Says Allied Teamwork Was Impaired.

Washington, March 13.—Documentary evidence in support of his charge that the navy department failed to keep him informed as to his policies was presented today by Rear Admiral Sims to the Senate Investigating Committee.

"Delay and confusion resulted from the department's failure to notify him of important dispositions and movements of naval forces within the area of his command as well as elsewhere, he said, adding that the result also was to create in the minds of allied officials an impression that he was not supported by and in the confidence of his government.

Because of his ignorance of the department's plans the admiral continued, the allied admirals carried on direct negotiations with the navy department in Washington. Allied teamwork was impaired and American interests suffered as a result, he said, adding:

"Undoubtedly at times such independent negotiations resulted in direct conflict with my recommendations."

Admiral Sims told the committee the first intimation he had that he was not in full confidence of the department came soon after he submitted his first report from London. He learned then by accident, he said, that an agreement had been reached by the navy department and British and French naval officers in Washington early in April regarding the disposition of American naval forces. The terms of this agreement were cabled to Admiral Jellicoe by the British representative on April 13, 1917, he declared.

The officer also charged that without notifying him beforehand the department arranged with the French navy attaché to send ten or more yachts to combat submarines of the French coast; arranged to establish two naval bases in France; sent naval aviation forces to that country; dispatched six destroyers from Boston to a hundred cannon to France on naval colliers; started a campaign in the newspapers for a North Sea mine barrage; dispatched the fifth destroyer squadron from St. Johns to Queenstown and sent four additional destroyers from New York to join his forces.

Some of these vessels, he said, arrived overseas before he knew of their allocation to his command. In most cases, he said, he received belated information from French and British sources but seldom in time to make proper adjustments and arrangements for receiving the ships.

The admiral declared that while he protested continually against the department's failure to keep him informed, the situation was not remedied.

"That great confusion existed with regard to the establishment of the bases in France and that the department itself did not know what it wanted," he said, adding that he had written a letter he received early in August from the officer assigned to command the Bordeaux base. This officer, he said, wrote that "the situation in France is not clear to me" and that when he had asked upon being ordered to the command of the base what his duties were he had been unable to obtain any information.

# Dockmen's Strike Again Catches Rum Runners

## EFFECTIVE THIS MORNING—MEN INVOLVED TOTAL 8,000—HIGHER WAGES GIVEN AS REASON FOR STRIKE

New York, March 13.—The strike of local longshoremen, checkers and dock workers to enforce demands for an increase in wages and adjustment of working hours which was unanimously voted last night, became effective this morning.

The unions involved claim a membership of between seven thousand and eight thousand but no figures were obtainable early today as to the exact number of men who obeyed the strike call. Steamship owners said, however, that if the full membership walked out coastwise shipping would be nearly tied up. The companies affected include the Mallory, Clyde, Morgan, Old Dominion, Southern Pacific and the Ocean Steamship Company Lines.

The longshoremen now are paid 65 cents an hour for a basic eight hour day with one dollar an hour for overtime. They demand \$1 an hour and \$2 an hour for overtime. The checkers want an increase from \$25 a week to \$38.50 and a reduction of four hours a week. The dock workers want a 25 per cent increase in wages over their present scale of \$3 a week.

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# Catch Rum Runners

## Two Had 75 Gallons In New York Taxicab—Offered Policeman \$100 Bribe—Held Under \$1,000 Bonds For Investigation.

Arrested about 12 o'clock last night by Sergeant Benjamin Brown, of the Strafford police, Louis Wagner of 53 Sutter avenue, Brooklyn; Theodore Black, of 442 Stone avenue, Brooklyn and Morris Goodwin, of 99 Christopher street, Brooklyn, are being held today on technical charges of breach of the peace, under \$1,000 bonds, until the United States authorities can determine how the trio came to be in possession of 75 gallons of spirit alcohol which was found in the automobile in which they were riding, and which they were taking to Waterbury. Bribery charges have also been entered against Goodwin, in addition to the technical charge of breach of the peace.

The three men, riding in a New York taxicab which was being driven by Wagner, arrived in Strafford about midnight last night, and stopping in front of the town hall, inquired in no uncertain tones the wench by Waterbury. Sergeant Smith, who was on duty at the time, started to investigate the racket, and it is alleged that Goodwin, who was riding in the back seat of the machine, told the driver to offer the policeman some money. Goodwin is said to have made the offer of \$50 and then raised the ante to \$100. Both bribes were refused, and Sergeant Smith summoned the three men to the station.

The men were taken out of the machine, and while searching the car, the officer discovered 75 gallons of spirit alcohol in five gallon tins. The liquor was confiscated and the men were taken to the station. The three men were taken out of the machine, and while searching the car, the officer discovered 75 gallons of spirit alcohol in five gallon tins.

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# Proclamation States That Government Has Ceased

## Von Kapp Named Chancellor for New Party—Socialists Have Declared General Strike—Troops From Baltic Enter Berlin and Occupy Government Buildings—Old Regime Preparing Armed Resistance.

Paris, March 13.—(Havas)—A proclamation issued in Berlin today declares that the power of the state has passed into the hands of General Director Von Kapp, who becomes chancellor and has appointed General Von Luettwitz, commander in chief of the military forces, Berlin despatches state.

The proclamation declares that the national assembly dissolved. It is announced that a new government is being formed. The Socialist parties have declared a general strike, the despatches add.

The issuance of the proclamation followed the occupation of the Wilhelmstrasse where the government buildings are situated, by troops who had returned from the Baltic and had been in barracks at Doberitz in the suburbs. The troops entered Berlin this morning, it is stated.

President Ebert and his wife left Berlin at five o'clock.

Official bulletins declare the "plotter's" plan to move on Berlin and with the aid of the Doberitz garrison overthrow the government. Among those said to be involved are Captain Fabst and Dr. Von Kapp, Pan-German propagandist. Both were formerly identified with the bridge command by General Von Luettwitz and were prominent in the fighting here during the early revolutionary period. Troops recently returned from the Baltic states also are said to have been implicated in the alleged conspiracy.

Under the name associated with the new revolutionary movement in Germany are many which indicated its reactionary character. It would appear therefore that Germany is in the throes of the long expected and frequently predicted transition to a revolutionary, monarchist struggle.

The Dr. Von Kapp reported as having assumed the chancellorship it seems probable, is Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, a former conservative member of the Reichstag, and General Director of the German Agriculture society. He was one of the deputies who early in 1918 urged the government to speed up the U boat building program. He became president of the German Fatherland party, the notorious pan-German organization which urged that Germany carry on the war to the bitter end. After the abdication of Emperor William and the signing of the peace treaty, Dr. Kapp was one of the men for whose arrest the independent socialists clamored, on the ground that he and his assistants had been responsible for the continuation of the war and the hindrance of peace negotiations.

Major General Baron Von Luettwitz, who according to the despatches has been named commander in chief, was military governor of Belgium for a period in the early days of the war. He later was a commander on the Western front. When the German treaty came up for action by the government last June, General Von Luettwitz was one of the leaders in opposition to the peace terms. He has an American wife who was a Miss Cary of Cleveland. He also has been classed as thoroughly Prussian.

Before the war General Von Luettwitz had held the post of Military Attaché of the German embassy at London and later, from 1914 to 1918, he was in command of the German troops in the East. He was born on April 9, 1865. His father, Max Freiherr Von Luettwitz, died in 1887. His mother, Irma Von Gial-Gyula, is still living.

The new commander in chief's name was Mary Curtis Cary, took place on July 14, 1892. She was born on January 6, 1869. The couple have two children, Irma and Gustav.

There has been a strongly held belief both inside and outside Germany that the pan-German, monarchist party was merely biding its time and awaiting an opportune moment to seize control of affairs. It was this belief, for one thing, that caused the Allies to wonder when they considered the nearness of former Emperor William's retreat at Amerongen to the German border and prompted their strong representations to Holland of the danger to the peace of Germany and the rest of Europe of his presence there. In response to this the Dutch government promised to keep a close guard over the ex-ruler. Former Crown Prince Frederick William, a refugee in Holland had his retreat at Wieringen is further removed from the German border.

While there has been no hint in the early reports of an overturn at Berlin to indicate that the movement looked to a restoration of the Hohenzollern dynasty, the fact that the development is apparently of a monarchist nature, will cause close attention to be given to the indications that have come from Berlin that the reactionary movement was possibly precipitated by the fact that a Hohenzollern prince, Joachim Albrecht had been arrested and was about to be tried and possibly imprisoned in connection with the recent demonstration against French officers at the Hotel Adlon.

STOLEN SHOES. Morris Kirchner of 156 Colorado avenue reported to the police this morning that someone entered his shoe store sometime last night and stole six pairs of shoes valued at \$40.

DIES AT 118 YEARS OF AGE. Natchez, Miss., March 15.—Lysia Robinson, a negro, 118 years old died last night. One of her great grand children is fifty years old.

# Gov. Holcomb To Preside At A. L. Meeting Tuesday

## WILL INTRODUCE AMBASSADOR GERARD AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL WICKERSHAM AT PERSHING RECEPTION

Governor Marcus Holcomb will preside at the meeting which will be held at the Casino next Tuesday night under the auspices of Harry G. Congdon Post, of the American Legion.

Ambassador James W. Gerard and former U. S. Attorney General Wickersham will be the principal speakers on the occasion. General Pershing has been invited to attend the meeting after the banquet given in his honor at the Casino which will start at 8 o'clock and General Pershing is expected before the end of the speeches. Patriotic songs will be rendered by Mrs. Charles B. Davis, the noted contralto.

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# REDDING RANCH OWNER'S RANSOM RAISED

Chicago, March 13.—Ransom for Peter W. Summers, American ranch owner charged near Salina Cruz last week by Mexican bandits under Jesus Morelos, was raised from \$500 to \$25,000 today. The ransom was raised last day for payment according to a telegram from American Consul Burlingame at Salina Cruz to two sisters of Summers here.

Informing through the state department that the ransom had been set at \$25,000, the state department, through the office of the brother, Luke D. Summers of Chickasha, Oklahoma, raised the money and forwarded it to Senator Owen of Oklahoma to be turned over to the bandits. Their hopes were blasted, they said, with receipt of the message from Consul Burlingame who added:

"One or two thousand dollars if available might save him. No funds available here."

The sisters, Mrs. S. K. Switzer and Mrs. J. A. Humphreys, were informed from Washington that the state department was doing everything possible to have Summers released.

A late dispatch today says that Mexican federal troops have brought about the release of Summers.

# EDWARDS DOESN'T WANT HIS NAME IN PRIMARIES

Springfield, Ill., March 13.—A telegram from Governor Edward I. Edwards to New Jersey, asks that his name be left off the Democratic ballots as a candidate for president at the preferential primaries in Illinois, Tuesday, April 13, was received by Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson today.

The request was refused as time for withdrawal has expired.

# TURKEY CAUSING ENGLAND WORRY

London, March 13.—Official England is showing evidences of anxiety over the settlement of the Turkish problem and the rapidly developing in southwestern Asia. The attitude of indifference or defiance assumed by the Turkish nationalists, signs of unrest throughout the Moslem world and activities of Russian Bolsheviks in Afghanistan combine to give a serious aspect to the tangle.

Advices stating Prince Faisal, son of the King of the Hedjaz, has been proclaimed king of Syria add another element to the situation which may easily lead to trouble in that region. Allied governments have not indicated what their attitude toward the new kingdom and its ruler may be, as the movement was first rapidly estimated by officials up until the last few days.

Turks in Constantinople are apparently ignoring allied plans for enforcing the territorial peace with the country and protecting non-Moslems, reports declare, and the fact that there is a strong demand for the expulsion of the Sultan from Europe has caused hardly a ripple at the Turkish capital.

WOMEN ARRESTED. Ella Johnson, of 121 High street, and Emma Garnett, of 28 Lumber street, who were arrested last night upon the complaint of their Hutton, Emory P. Sanford of his property at West Redding Station. The building is a large one and serves as the railroad depot, express office and the general store conducted by the owner, the upper floor being used as a residence. The purchasers are J. Beardsley Sanford and John Wheeler of Seymour and they will carry on the store which has been maintained there by different owners over a long period. They are

# STORM WARNING.

New York, March 13.—The Weather Bureau here today issued the following storm warning throughout the country: Northwest storm warning displayed 11 A. M., Eastport to Hatteras. Second disturbance over southeast Pennsylvania moving rapidly northeast. Strong shifting winds becoming northwest this afternoon, reaching Gale force and continuing throughout Saturday night. Northwest storm warning also displayed south of Hatteras to Jacksonville.

# POLICE SHOOT AND KILL TWO ARMED NEGROES

## Baltimore Negro Mob Threatens Reprisals on Patrolmen.

Baltimore, Md., March 13.—Two armed negroes who attacked police men were shot and killed in different parts of the city last night, and a negro burglar was shot with a rifle as he leaped from the second story window of a home in northwest Baltimore. The burglar was captured by western district policemen when he applied for treatment at University Hospital.

The first man killed was shot down by an enlisted military policeman from Camp Holabird after the negro had fired several shots at Patrolman Eaton, northeastern district, at St. Matthews and Dallas streets.

The second man was killed by Patrolman K. P. Seid, central district, when the negro, after firing three shots at another negro, turned on the patrolman and fired at him.

Police were threatened by a mob of negroes.

# FUCHS DIVORCE CASE POSTPONED

Divorce proceedings brought against Maximilian J. Fuchs, the Stamford resident who is charged with having failed to account for over \$25,000 worth of copper while he was an official in Baer Bros.' plant in Stamford, have been postponed because lawyers in the case desire to file additional pleadings.

Margaret Eiden Fuchs asked for a divorce on the ground of cruelty and infidelity. She named Adelaide Dobos as the defendant. Mrs. Fuchs is a resident of Roselle, N. Y., and respondent. In addition to the divorce action Fuchs has been sued by two different actions by Baer Bros., who want an accounting for the copper they say is missing.

Mrs. Fuchs has started suit against Adelaide Dobos for \$25,000 damages, alleging that the New Rochelle woman alienated Fuchs's affections from his wife. The divorce action was assigned for trial in the Superior Court yesterday afternoon but went off the docket.

# SERG. VIRELLI IN TWO COURT CASES

Serg. Frank Virelli of the State police figures in two lawsuits which are assigned for trial before Judge Keeler and Jury in the Superior court next week. Both actions resulted from an automobile collision at Maplewood and Wood avenues, Doberstown, N. J., on November 19, 1918. In one suit Serg. Virelli claims \$2,000 damages from Abraham Ginsberg of this city, owner of the car which struck the sergeant's machine. Ginsberg is charged with negligence.

In the second action Serg. Virelli is sued for \$5,000 by Fannie Horwitz of this city, who was a passenger in Ginsberg's car. She claims to have been thrown to the street when the car crashed and says she was so badly injured that she had to undergo an operation. She accused Serg. Virelli of reckless driving.

# ITALY READY FOR TOURISTS

Washington, March 13.—The Italian government, according to consular advice to the department of commerce, is overlooking nothing in its plans for smoothing the way to prospective American tourists. A big movement of American sightseers, it is held, would go far toward rectifying the present exchange.

# POPULATION FIGURES.

Washington, March 13.—Population statistics for 1920 issued today by the census bureau included: Lancaster, Pa., 53,150, an increase of 5,953 or 12.5 per cent. Knoxville, Tenn., 77,818, an increase of 41,472 or 114.1 per cent.

# DISCOVER BOOZE IN RESTAURANT IN MAIN STREET

## Chinese Proprietors Placed Under Arrest for Federal Agents.

While investigating a short change charge made against Wong Kong and Sadio Kong, proprietors of a Chinese restaurant at 867 Main street, early this morning, Patrolmen Edward Daily and William Foster came unexpectedly upon a store of liquor which it is alleged was being sold in the eating house. The booze was confiscated and the man and woman were placed under investigation on technical charges of breach of the peace. In the City court this morning, the cases were continued for one week and bonds were fixed at \$300.

The matter will be investigated by United States Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery. The officers' attention was first directed to the restaurant by Charles Pluskucky, of 28 Warren street, and Wassel Raback, of 60 Elm street, who engaged in a heated argument with Mrs. Kong, alleging that she had short changed them. The pair went out into the street and told the officers about the quarrel, and it was during the investigation which followed that the liquor was discovered. It is alleged that both Kong and his wife made an attempt to throw the booze away before the officers entered the restaurant.

Pluskucky and Raback were also locked up last night, on charges of breach of the peace. Their cases were continued for one week in the City court today, and bonds were fixed at \$25.

# WAR DEPT. CITES THE BULLARD CO.

In recognition of efficient work accomplished during the war, the Bullard Machine Tool Company was yesterday presented with a citation together with a certificate of merit, by Major General Edwards on behalf of the War department and the Secretary of the War.

"For the construction of plant, the development of manufacturing methods and for quantity production of the 155mm. guns."

The citation is as follows: "For the construction of plant, the development of manufacturing methods and for quantity production of the 155mm. guns."

One of Mr. Smith's nieces was Nellie Carter, now Mrs. Charles E. Hughes. One of his nephews is "Dutch" Carter, who was one of Yale's greatest pitching stars.

Mr. Smith always expressed a dislike toward making many changes in the room and was known to fret when the housekeeper would suggest a new wallpaper or a new carpet or other articles. It is the impression hereabouts that few changes were ever made in the appearance of the room.

To prevent sleeplessness after drinking coffee at night, eat a pickle or lemon to counteract the effect.

# Coal Controversy Waits Decision Of President

Washington, March 13.—The labor controversy in the bituminous coal industry—which has engaged the attention of the government almost continuously since the break between employer and employe in the national strike last fall—today is awaiting the personal decision of President Wilson. The commission appointed by him to suggest a settlement having split in its award, two proposals which have originated from it are before him for consideration.

The majority report signed by Henry M. Robinson and Rembrandt Peale, representatives respectively of the House and mine operators, suggests an increase in pay of 25 per cent. over the scales of 1919, while the minority, signed by John P. White for the miners, recommends establishment of the government almost constant during the seven-hour day and approximately 35 per cent. increase in wages.

Both miners and operators are watching the situation closely while at the White House hope was expressed that a consolidated report could yet be drawn out. Both reports give a good deal of attention to other issues raised in the strike but the question of the hours of work is considered paramount. Miners going on strike demanded a six-hour day and five day week with 60 per cent. increase in wages.

# ONE KILLED, 11 ARE WOUNDED IN ITALIAN STRIKE

Rome, March 13.—Strikers and Royal Guards clashed at Catania, Sicily, and shots have been exchanged. Reports state one striker has been killed and that eleven persons were wounded in the fighting. Of these eight were members of the Royal Guard.

# Baby's Body Wrapped In Paper Found On Porch

The body of a new-born baby girl, neatly dressed and wrapped in a newspaper was discovered about 6 o'clock yesterday morning by John Connors, on the front porch of his home, 921 Central avenue. The discovery was reported to the police about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the body was taken to the funeral parlors of Rourke & Boucher to await possible identification.

Connors first noticed the strange bundle on his porch, as he was leaving his home about 6 o'clock. Un-

# 400,000 PEOPLE IN FRANCE ARE OUT ON STRIKE

Paris, March 13.—Officials of the federation of labor today estimated that nearly 400,000 persons are on strike in France.

# Great Dirigible Will Be Built In Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Mar. 13.—The world's largest dirigible will be built at the Philadelphia navy yard. In it a company of navy men will attempt flight across the Pacific.

# JUDGE COATS DEAD.

New Britain, Conn., March 13.—Judge John Coats, 78, died at his home here this morning after a long illness. He was a reformer in the court of Connecticut and well known in legal circles. He was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, of Mayflower fame.

# BOMB EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR IN SOFIA THEATRE

Zurich, Switzerland, March 13.—Four persons were killed and twelve injured by the explosion of an infernal machine in a theatre at Sofia during the course of a conference, according to advices from the Bulgarian capital. It is believed other victims are under the ruins. Police authorities have made a number of arrests in connection with the outrage.

# State Highways Obtain Motors From War Dept.

Washington, Mar. 13.—Approximately 24,000 motor vehicles intended for war purposes were turned over to the Department of Agriculture by the War Department for distribution among the state highway commissioners for use in road building, allotments being based on the amount of Federal aid for roads which the states receive. Already 12,000 have been delivered to states and the remainder will be distributed as fast as railway cars can be secured for their transportation, which will probably be two or three months after. Equipment promises to be of great aid in carrying out the large road building program for 1920.

# Fastening the newspaper, he discovered the dead child which apparently had lived but a few hours after birth. Connors took the body to Rourke & Boucher's morgue, where he is employed, and no report was made to the police until after 4 o'clock.

The child was neatly dressed and wore a rosary on her left wrist. A religious picture was found pinned to the clothing. There were no other marks of identification on the body or clothing.