

SAVS PENROSE LIES IN ATTACK ON NAVY

Daniels Asserts Sims' Words, Used Year Later, Nearly Same as Senator's.

Senator Boies Penrose, republican, Pennsylvania, and not Rear Admiral Sims, originated the basic charges against the Navy Department contained in the admiral's letter of January 7, Secretary Daniels asserted today before the Senate committee investigating the naval conduct of the war. Mr. Daniels recalled that the senator in a speech in the Senate August 24, 1918, declared that procrastination on the part of the Secretary of the Navy delayed the termination of the war at least three months, cost \$15,000,000,000 and many lives.

The words used by Senator Penrose were almost identical with those used by Admiral Sims more than a year later. Mr. Daniels said: "Either Admiral Sims is a plagiarist and appropriated his views and charges from Senator Penrose or by the new science of mental telepathy the views of the senator were communicated to Admiral Sims," declared Mr. Daniels. "Penrose comes from Pennsylvania and Sims was appointed to the Naval Academy from that state. Did they collaborate or exchange mental telegrams?"

The committee might have "saved thousands of dollars in paper and hundreds of thousands of words" by investigating Senator Penrose's charges, the witness added.

Says Senator Imposed Upon.

Senator Penrose was "imposed upon by some informant almost as reckless in his figures as Admiral Sims was in his accusations," Mr. Daniels continued. "It is also worthy of note," he said, "that at the very time Penrose was making this speech Sims was writing to Capt. Pratt threatening an investigation of the conduct of the war."

Mr. Daniels said he would not answer the Penrose charges at length, even though he had just learned of them, because his answer to Admiral Sims covered the matter fully. He devoted the rest of his speech to a resume of the Navy Department's war construction activities, comprising approximately 1,000 vessels, nearly three times as many as there were in the entire Navy when the war started. He paid high tribute to Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief constructor, who, he said, had no superior in the world.

DENIES PROFITEERING BY RETAIL GROCERS

President of National Association Blames Wholesalers and Jobbers, in Addressing Convention.

ATLANTA, May 18.—Denial that any member of the National Retail Grocers Association had profiteered in food at the expense of the public was made here yesterday at the opening session of the association's twenty-third annual convention by John A. Ulmer, president of the association.

Addressing President Wilson and Attorney General Palmer for what he described as "wonderful yarns they told to newspaper editors profiteering," Mr. Ulmer asserted, neither they nor other public officials had found a single case of profiteering among members of the association.

Admitting there had been some convictions on these charges, he said it was in cases of grocers, who had not really profiteered, but who lacked money to employ legal defense. Many officials, he said, had hung the term "profiteers" at the grocers and other tradesmen to win the plaudits of the public. Blame for high prices was placed by Mr. Ulmer on the wholesalers and the jobbers.

Mr. Ulmer's address was preceded by addresses of welcome from Mayor Key and representatives of local bodies.

The "cash and carry" system among grocers and the "credit and delivery" system was discussed and will be brought up at another session. Reports of officers took up the afternoon, during which there also were entertainment features. The evening was given over to social events.

HEARS PLEA FOR RAISE OF 10 TO 25 PER CENT RATES

I. C. C. Examiner Takes Up Petition of the American Railway Express Company.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A hearing on a petition filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the American Railway Express Company, asking permission to raise rates 10 to 25 per cent, was held here yesterday before F. H. Barclay, commission examiner.

Statistical data showing increases in operation costs were presented by Charles A. Lutz, vice president. These increases, he testified, amounted to 26 per cent since 1914. His examination was postponed until June 23 to permit commercial organizations contesting the proposed increase to examine the data.

George S. Lee, traffic manager, testified the increase allowed in rates for first-class freight had been used as a basis in estimating the express rate increases required.

Attending the hearing were representatives of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, Merchants' Association, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, chamber of commerce of Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., Atchison, Kans., and Sioux City, Connecticut Oyster Growers' Association, Oyster Growers and Dealers' Association of Maryland, National Publishers' Association and National Wholesale Grocers' Association.

After sessions here, lasting all this week, the examination will be shifted to Chicago May 24 and later to other sections of the country.

HUMILIATED SECOND TIME.

Railway Train of 1831 "Dragged Through Streets."

NEW YORK, May 18.—The De Witt Clinton, the first steam railroad to be operated in this state and the second in the country, yesterday received the second great humiliation of its life.

In 1831, in attempting an "official run" from Albany to Schenectady, it broke down and was assisted to its destination by horses. Yesterday, almost a century later, it was dragged through the streets of New York from the shops where it has been stored to the Grand Central station where it has been placed on exhibition, by large motor trucks, the horse's successor.

The old "iron horse," without its tender, weighs only 9,420 pounds. In winning the distinction of being the first successful locomotive in this state, it attained a speed of almost thirty miles an hour between Albany and Schenectady. Fired with yellow pine it showered sparks on its passengers, burning their parsnips, but screamed gloriously into its terminal to the music of bands and the roar of cannon.

Allocated to Pacific Companies.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Notice of allocation by the Shipping Board of twelve passenger vessels to Pacific coast companies for operation between the Pacific coast and far eastern ports was received yesterday by H. H. Eby, district director of operations. The ships are of 22,500 tons deadweight.

Keeping Up the Quality and Hammering Down the Prices

The Hecht Co.

Men's Cotton Hose
Special 35c
3 Pairs for a Dollar
Black, White, Gray and Tan Hose in a medium weight and fashioned with a reinforced heel and toe.
—Main Floor.



MEN!!!
a Sale of
Trousers
\$3.95
You Men who wish to economize have an unusual opportunity tomorrow. Worsted, Cotton and Wool-mixed Trousers have been especially priced for one day. Neat stripes—sizes 32 to 42—HURRY!
—Main Floor.

A Five-Dollar Sale of Women's Low Shoes
for the only reason that the Shoe Shop insists on doing its part in hammering down High Prices
Including One-eyelet Ties, Oxfords, Plain Opera Pumps, Pumps with Buckles, etc. In plain tan, mahogany, black suede, fawn suede, black kid, patent kid and gunmetal calf. Welt and turn soles, high French and Baby French heels. All sizes.
Looks Like \$15—Worth \$10—Sale Price, \$5
—Main Floor, North Annex.

New—Perfect
Kiddies' Fancy Top Socks
Special 35c
3 Pairs for \$1.00
Planned for on a large scale—every fancy style top that you could wish for is on hand.
Full Mercerized Socks with turn-over tops.
—Main Floor, South Annex.

for One Day Only
Kiddies' Barefoot Sandals and One-Strap Slippers
\$1
Cool and comfortable white canvas slippers with white elk soles and heels. Sizes 6 to 11.
Also Barefoot Sandals and Creepers. Sizes 2 to 5½, for babies.
—Third Floor.

A Sale of Screen Doors
Natural Finish
Special \$1.95
Four-inch frames, with close wire mesh cloth. Three sizes—just as pictured. Bring your measurements.
—Third Floor, South Annex.

Five Groups in This Best in Washington
Sale of Summer Rugs
46 Import Stenciled Grass Rugs, size 9x12
91 Seamless All-Fiber Rugs, size 8.3x10.6
6 Wool and Fiber Rugs, size 8.3x10.6
61 Seamless All-Fiber Rugs, size 6x9
B W Price, Your Choice.
\$8.90
The B W monogram means that the item has been shopped on in every store and is actually "Best in Washington" (Verified).
—Fourth Floor.

A One-Day Sale of
Women's Jersey Dresses
Special \$11.85 Special
There is absolutely no substitute for the Jersey Dress, for wear any season of the year. This special offering includes the most favored styles and colors of the season.
Women's Accordion Pleated Capes \$10.95
Very Specially Priced Wednesday
The extremely low price may create a false impression. They are not cheaply made of inferior materials, but of all-wool navy serge.
—Second Floor.

Kiddies' Wash Dresses, \$1.95
Special at
Every one admires how daintily these cute little dresses are fashioned—their cunning belts, collars and pockets are arranged in a very interesting manner and at the price, you could hardly pay for the material alone.
Plain colored chambray, kiddie cloth and checked ginghams. Sizes 4 to 6.
—Third Floor.

Philippine Hand-Made Blouses \$4.95
At the remarkably low price of
A choice of three well-known makes—Fleur de Lis, Blue Bird or Bozarts and three or four attractive models to select from. Swiss Batiste Blouses, with hand-drawn fronts, collars and cuffs; tiny small pearl button trimmings. Sizes from 36 to 46.
—Second Floor.

Women's Brassieres \$1.25
Very Specially Priced
Heavy mesh brassieres in flesh color. Just the garment for service—and they are tailored to fit perfectly.
—Corset Shop, Second Floor.

The Lingerie Shop presents for Wednesday A Sale of Women's Cotton Undermuslins
36 Women's Gowns
30 Women's Petticoats
50 Women's Envelopes
48 Women's Drawers
18 Women's Combinations
Special Choice
\$1.19
Pajamas for Women, Special \$2.19
Percale Pajamas, in two-piece styles. Full cut garments, well made and neatly finished. Pink or plain white.
Jersey Silk Petticoats, Special \$6.95
Heavy Silk Jersey Petticoats, with plain or changeable taffeta flounces—well fitting and in good combined shadings.
—Lingerie Shop, Second Floor.

Money-Saving Specials from the Girls' and Kiddies' Shops
Children's Colored Sweaters, \$2.95
Excellent quality yarns, made into coat and slipover models—both heavy and light weight. Tan, rose, copen, navy, and brown. Sizes 4 to 10.
Infants' Flannelette Wrappers, Special, 49c.
Open Front Flannelette Wrappers, trimmed with blue and pink scallops or figured facings.
Infants' Short and Long Dresses, Special, 95c
Cute little Dresses, in Bishop and yoke styles. Soft, fine materials, some have hand stitching, others embroidered or trimmed with lace. Sizes 1 to 2 years.
Kiddies' One-Piece Diaper Drawers, Special, 39c
Dainty little garments, of a fine material and finished with hamburger embroidery. Sizes one to three.
Children's White One-Piece Pajamas, 95c
Cambrie and nainsook drop-seat Sleeping Garments. Sizes 6 to 12.
—Third Floor.

Two Remarkable Boys' Shop Specials
Who Ever Heard of Boys' Serge Middy Suits at \$6.95
True blue navy Serge Suits, trimmed with braided collars and cuffs—long or short trousers. Sizes 4 to 8 years.
Boys' Summer Nightshirts
Very Special 79c
Mothers should anticipate their summer needs now and buy them in quantities. Durable cotton fabrics, trimmed at the collar or comfortable V neck. Sizes for boys 4 to 16 years.
—Third Floor.

A Most Unusual Collection of Fine Cretonnes, Special, Yard 89c
Two large tables have been filled with specially priced cretonnes for tomorrow at 89c. For slip-covers, furniture covering, hangings and for all drapery purposes.
109 Pairs of Cross-Striped Silk Snowflake Curtains \$3.85
Cream ground and green ground striped in blue, tan, rose, pink and green.
—Third Floor, South Annex.

The Hecht Co.
The Store of Specialized Shops
Seventh at F

Just Received—a large shipment of Edison Re-Creations
Including many old and new popular selections—you much wanted favorite may be in this assortment.
—Second Floor, South Annex.