

CENSURE--DEFEND NAVAL ACTIVITY

MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT
SEVERELY SCORES PROGRAM
OF DANIELS IN WAR

MINORITY DEFENDS DANIELS

Admiral Sims Says Administrative Delays Cost 500,000 Lives and \$15,000,000.—Commended by Majority; Assailed by Minority

Washington.—Widely conflicting views regarding direction of the American navy during the early months of the war were detailed in Republican and Democratic reports made public Sunday, of the senate and naval committee's investigation of controversies between former Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral William S. Sims. The reports constitute the last chapter in the famous Sims-Daniels controversy of May, 1920, caused by Rear Admiral Sims' letter sharply criticizing the Daniels war administration.

Include Former President.
Mr. Daniels, former President Wilson and Rear Admiral W. B. Benson, former chief of operations, were scored severely in the majority Republican report, which charged many sins of omission and commission in naval war direction. These officials were as stoutly defended and as highly praised in the minority Democratic report. Admiral Sims was commended by the majority and assailed by the minority. A "self-defensive, non-aggressive and non-helpful policy" was imputed to the Democratic administration by the majority report, which also charged that many serious delays in navy operations resulted.

Minority Findings.
The minority found that "uniform success of our operations amply demonstrated the wisdom of the policies adopted and the plans carried out by the navy department," and "instead of censure and criticism . . . the department as well as the service deserves the hearty commendation of this commission and of the American people."

Senators Hale, Maine; Ball, Delaware, and Keyes, New Hampshire, signed the Republican majority report, and Senators Pittman, Nevada, and Trammell, Florida, the Democratic minority. Each report makes a separate volume embracing detailed review of testimony from scores of witnesses during the naval sub-committee's inquiry of May, 1920.

Make Recommendations.
The recommendations were made by the majority—for appointment of a professional commission of naval officers to study and apply to the American navy lessons of the World war, and for a presidential commission, including civilians to study and recommend reforms in navy organization. No recommendations were presented by the minority.

Caused by Sims.
The investigation resulted from reading by Admiral Sims, during the committee inquiry more than a year ago into his controversy with Mr. Daniels over naval awards of distinguished service decorations, of his letter to Mr. Daniels written January 7, 1920, charging the navy department with numerous delays and derelictions in directing naval warfare. Many specific recommendations for future naval activities as "lessons of the war," were made by Admiral Sims, who was in chief command of naval operations overseas during the war.

Support was given by the majority report to many of Admiral Sims' charges. The minority asserted that "none of the charges that seemed at all serious were justified or warranted." Admiral Sims' principal contention that administrative delays were estimated to have cost 500,000 lives and \$15,000,000 unnecessarily was discussed in both reports.

HOOVER PLANS DRIVE TO ALLEVIATE HOUSE SHORTAGE

Washington.—Plans for relieving the estimated shortage of 1,500,000 homes throughout the country through the diversion of a greater proportion of the nation's \$22,000,000,000 in savings deposits into home building are under consideration by Secretary Hoover.

The commerce secretary considers there has been a tendency during the last few years for the savings of the people to find their way into commercial paper, bonds, and similar securities rather than into home building while a critical housing situation has developed with about 117 families for each 100 homes.

Ship's Passengers Landed Safely.
Ogdensburg, N. Y.—A small boat connected with land by a heavy cable, hauled 329 tourist passengers through raging waters of the St. Lawrence to safety as they were being landed from the steamer Rapids King of the Canadian Steamship line, which went on the rocks Saturday in the Long Sault rapids. The cable was attached to the tiny craft because it was feared that if the boat were turned loose, or even had a larger boat been used, the churning waters would have swept it away. No lives have been lost.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR INDICTED ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES

Millions Involved in Alleged Frauds; Warrants for Arrests Are Issued

Springfield, Ill.—Warrants were issued for Gov. Len Small, Lieutenant Governor Sterling and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park banker, following their indictment on charges of embezzlement, conspiracy and confidence game through the alleged use of interest on state funds for their personal gain.

The first indictment charged the governor, lieutenant governor and Curtis jointly with embezzlement of \$700,000. A separate indictment against Governor Small charged him with embezzlement of \$500,000, while Lieutenant Governor Sterling was individually charged with embezzlement of \$700,000. The fourth indictment charges the three with conspiracy and confidence game involving \$2,000,000 interest on state funds.

Alleged illegal operations by the governor, lieutenant governor and Curtis named in the indictment centered around deposits of state funds with the "Grant Park bank," held by the grand jury to have been a fictitious institution since 1908, when it ceased to function.

Individual bonds for each indictment were fixed at \$50,000 by Judge E. S. Smith.

Governor Small was notified of the indictment at his office through his secretary, George Sutton. Sheriff Baldwin of Winnebago county was instructed to notify Lieutenant Governor Sterling at his home in Rockford and the sheriff of Kankakee county received similar instructions of notification of Mr. Curtis.

ULSTER LEADER PLANS RETURN TO CONFERENCE

Premier Lloyd George to Make First Official Proposal to De Valera Next Week

London.—The British cabinet sat for two hours and a half Wednesday evening considering the Irish plans after which Premier Lloyd George went to Buckingham palace and laid before the king, whose interest in an Irish settlement is the keenest, the proposals for submission to Eamon De Valera, the Irish republican leader, at Thursday's conference.

The prime minister presided at the cabinet council, which was held in the house of commons and outlined for the benefit of those ministers who had not been closely concerned in the Irish negotiations the history of recent events and the premier's new offer to Ireland, which is described as being drawn on generous lines.

Whether Mr. Lloyd George has succeeded in overcoming the reluctance of Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, to join in a tripartite conference, is not known, but an announcement that Sir James is coming to London again, probably next week, is considered a favorable omen, and in any case no hint of a breakdown in the negotiations is apparent. Gen. J. C. Smuts, premier of south Africa, is holding himself in readiness to go to Ireland if needed.

Jap Laborers Deported.

Turlock, Cal.—Arrests were expected here of several Turlock men charged with having taken part in the deportation from Turlock and nearby farms of between 50 and 80 Japanese laborers early Wednesday.

Sheriff Dallas of Stanislaus county, was reported on his way from Modesto, the county seat, with warrants for five Turlock men, charged with kidnapping the Japanese.

Stanislaus county officials blamed the trouble to Industrial Workers of the World, who they charged, planned the deportation when fruit workers' wages were cut approximately 15 per cent and when Japanese remained at work under the low scale. Sheriff Dallas was reported bringing several deputies with him to make the arrests.

Jury Decides Body Is Russell's.

Roseburg, Ore.—That the body found last Wednesday beneath the wrecked and burned automobile of Dr. R. M. Brunfield, a dentist of Roseburg, was that of Dennis Russell and that he came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown, was the verdict rendered Wednesday night by a coroner's jury following a two-day inquest.

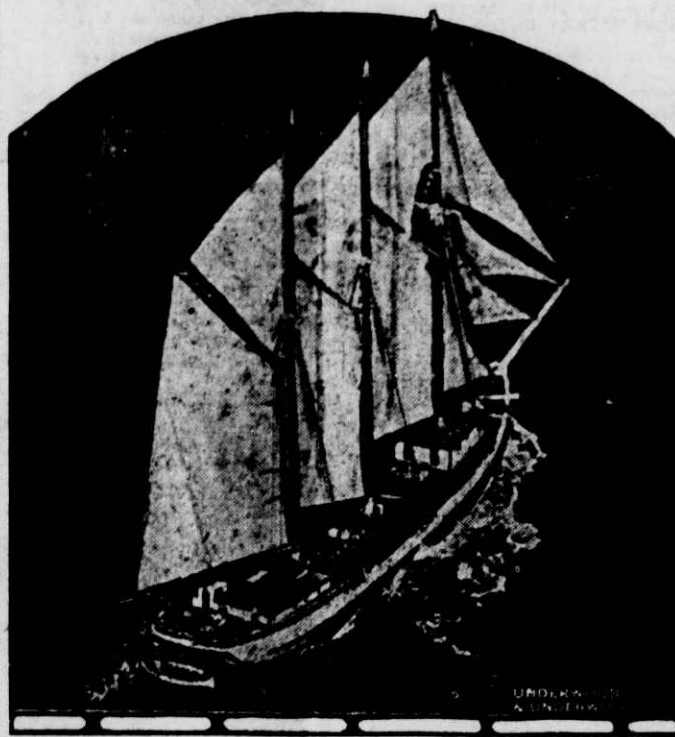
Shortage Now Over Million.

Chicago.—Following an audit of the books of the Geo. A. Hormel & Co., packers of Austin, Minn., officers of the company Wednesday afternoon announced that the total shortage of R. J. Thomson, former company comptroller, was \$1,187,000.

WALSH ATTACKS SIMS' SPEECH.

Washington.—Another verbal attack was given in the senate by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, on Rear Admiral Sims for his "Jackass" speech in criticizing Irish sympathizers in the United States. The officer was responsible the senator said, for much of the "coldness" in America toward the Irish cause. Senator Walsh said Admiral Sims had told Secretary Denby that his speech contained nothing not expressed previously in his book and other addresses.

She Held Up the Bombing Tests



After the navy planes in the recent bombing tests had located the radio-controlled battleship Iowa off the Virginia capes, the bombing operations had to be delayed for a time because this three-masted schooner calmly sailed into the field of action. The picture was taken from the air.

CLAIMS \$5,000 WAS PAID FOR RELEASE

MRS. BERDGOLL, MOTHER OF
SLACKER MAKES CHARGE TO
HOUSE COMMITTEE

MAJ. CAMPBELL IMPLICATED

Declares That Army Officer First Demanded \$100,000; Money to Be Used to Influence the "Higher-ups"

Washington.—The direct charge that \$5,000 was paid to Maj. Bruce R. Campbell, an officer of the army, for use among the "higher-ups," to obtain the release of Grover C. Bergdoll, her slacker son, was made Tuesday by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll of Philadelphia, to a house investigating committee.

Having heard the charge, the committee developed that on February 10, about 10 days after Mrs. Bergdoll swore the money was paid, Campbell deposited \$4,500 with Washburn Bros., members of the New York stock exchange, and \$2,000 more on March 8, all of which and more was wiped out by the end of June in market trading. The money was deposited Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll of Philadelphia, to a house investigating committee.

Major Campbell, who enlisted as an army private in 1901 and served overseas with the Rainbow division and who was Bergdoll's counsel in court-martial proceedings, was not present at Monday's hearing. He previously had testified that he did not get one dollar of Bergdoll's money, but at the direction of the committee, the war department has ordered him here from Camp Pike, Ark., to answer the charges.

Mrs. Bergdoll stood firmly on her constitutional rights and refused to answer questions. But when assured by Chairman Peters of immunity from prosecution, she began her story, declaring Campbell first demanded \$100,000.

Hot Retort.
"I told him to go to hell," she exclaimed. "He had tortured me into believing that my boy would be shot unless the higher-ups were paid."

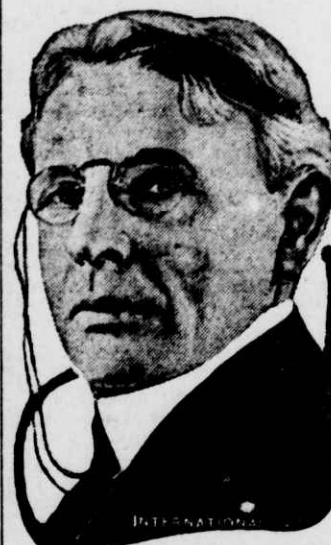
TELLS STORY OF SERIES BRIBERY IN COURT ROOM

Chicago.—The state Tuesday turned its full strength into the prosecution of the Chicago White Sox baseball players and others charged with the alleged conspiracy which resulted in the 1919 world's series scandal, sending Bill Burns, admitted accomplice of the defendants and who turned state's evidence in return for immunity, to the witness stand to tell the inside story of the reported sell-out of some of the game's greatest players to gamblers who wanted the series thrown to Cincinnati.

DAWES FORECASTS BIG SAVING.

Washington.—An estimated saving of \$112,512,628 can be effected in the appropriation of approximately \$4,000,000,000 available for government expenditures during the current fiscal year, President Harding was informed by Director of the Budget Dawes. Included in the estimated possible saving, General Dawes said was the sum of \$28,822,113, pertaining to continuous appropriations for building and construction which would be postponed for expenditures in future years.

CHARLES KERR



Charles Kerr of Lexington, Ky., who has been nominated for federal judge in the Panama Canal Zone by President Harding. He is fifty-six years old and is widely known as a historian and writer.

20 MILLIONS IN SOVIET RUSSIA FACE STARVATION

Refugees Flee Hopelessly in All Directions.—Plague of Locusts Adds to Horror

Berlin.—Twenty million persons are on the verge of starvation in drought-stricken sections of Russia, subsisting principally on moss, grass, and the bark of trees, according to the Vossische Zeitung, which quotes information "from reliable Russian sources."

Refugees are reported to be pouring into Moscow and Petrograd by thousands and to be fleeing hopelessly in every direction.

The parched earth, it is reported, is opening up great crevices and wells and rivers are drying up. Foliage is reported on fire.

All cattle in the stricken districts have been slaughtered to provide food.

Damaging Rains in Turkestan.

Riga, Latvia.—A plague of locusts is adding to the famine in Russia, according to a Moscow dispatch. A swarm of insects has greatly damaged crops in the Kubana and Black Sea governments, where special staffs have been organized and part of the army mobilized to destroy the pests.

In Turkestan heavy rains have destroyed the irrigation works, interrupting rail communication. The government has appealed to Moscow for aid.

MRS. KABER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR LIFE

Found Guilty of First-degree Murder in Plotting the Assassination of Her Husband

Cleveland.—Through mercy recommended by a jury of men, Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber escaped the electric chair, though found guilty of first-degree murder for plotting the assassination of her husband, Daniel F. Kaber.

It was the hope that mercy would be extended by those of the opposite sex which included her counsel to exclude women jurors on grounds that they are more "cold blooded and merciless than men." As a result of the recommendation for mercy, Mrs. Kaber was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Ohio reformatory for women at Marysville by Judge Maurice Bernon. There remain five others to be tried on first-degree murder charges in connection with the crime. Two of these are Mrs. Mary Brickel, mother, and Miss Marian McArdle, daughter of Mrs. Kaber. Miss McArdle was with her mother, who was lying in a semi-conscious state in her cell in the county jail when news of the verdict was brought to them by W. Poulsen, Mrs. Kaber's personal counsel.

SHIP HITS MINE.

London.—A dispatch to Lloyds from Kustendje, Rumania, says the British steamer General Turner, bound from the Danube to Rotterdam with grain and cattle, struck a mine on July 13 off Kistendje, Rumania. The members of the crew were saved.

U. S. Soldier Killed.

Coblenz, Germany.—James Higgins, a member of the motor transport company of the American forces in Germany, whose home was in Dubuque, Iowa, was burned to death Sunday night under an overturned motor truck.

I. W. W. TROUBLE ENDED.

Aberdeen, S. D.—Aberdeen's troubles with the I. W. W. are believed to be over, despite the fact that 500 more harvest hands, many of them members of the I. W. W., arrived in Aberdeen Saturday morning, following deportation of 100 or more of their number Friday night. Sheriff H. L. Elliott warned the new arrivals that they could remain "if they behaved themselves," and they have evidently decided to obey the law.

BONUS BILL RECOMMITTED

PRESIDENT HARDING ASKS THAT
ACTION ON BILL BE POST-
PONED INDEFINITELY

FUTURE ACTION PROMISED

Senate Vote on Recommittal 47 to 29.
—Republican Party Leaders Say
Party Pledge Will Not Be
Abrogated

Washington.—The administration won its battle in congress Friday when the senate, responding to President Harding's recent request, recommitted the soldier's bonus bill indefinitely to the finance committee.

The vote for recommitment was 47 to 29 and was interpreted by Democrats to mean the "death" of the bill but by Republican leaders to mean postponement for only a few months, with no substantial loss to war veterans beneficiaries.

Parties Divided.

Both parties divided on the roll call, nine Republicans voting against, while eight Democrats joined the bulk of Republicans for recommitment.

The roll call included:
For—Kellogg and Nelson, Minnesota; Sterling and Norbeck, South Dakota; Myers, Montana.

Against—Ladd, North Dakota; La Follette, Wisconsin; Walsh, Montana. Senator Johnson of California was paired with McCumber of North Dakota against recommitment.

Reject Return Move.

An effort for an order directing early return of the bill to the senate was defeated, 60 to 7, a motion of Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa, to have the bill brought back early in January being rejected. Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, thereupon announced that he would make a motion every week hereafter to bring back the bill from the committee.

Stormy clashes between Democratic opponents and Republican advocates of recommitment marked the closing debate. But they were mild as compared to the scenes which followed the roll call. Among the incidents was a challenge by Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, champion of the bill to Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, to settle a question of veracity "outside."

Senatorial dignity and rules were lost in the confusion. A half dozen senators speaking at once, clamoring for recognition by the vice president. To add to the din, a midsummer storm broke over the capitol pouring torrents of rain on the glass roof of the senate while lightning flashes vied with its lightning system. Senators could be heard only with difficulty.

CLOUD BURST SWEEPS VAST AREA IN NEBRASKA

Property and Crops Devastated Near
Andrews.—Many Thought
Killed

Alliance, Neb.—One is known to have been killed and seven others are reported to have perished, scores of ranch homes and other buildings in and near Andrews, a village 17 miles west of Crawford, Neb., have been destroyed and fields have been devastated by a cloudburst which deluged the White River canyon country Thursday.

Crawford, on the river, is attempting to prevent inundation of a portion of the city when a 14-foot wall of water which is rushing down the river canyon from the inundated district, arrives.

Thousands of head of livestock have been lost. One woman, Mrs. John Burdett, living on a small farm near the town, was swept from her bed while asleep and drowned. Others are dead, according to meagre reports reaching Crawford.

The first flood waters reached Crawford at 5 p. m., and much damage was done to the lowlands.

Five bridges were washed out on the Chicago & Northwestern railway between Crawford and Andrews, reports said.

Several farm houses and outbuildings were swept into the torrent, a number having passed Crawford. Telephone and telegraph wires for miles are down along the Northwestern road.

Employees Charged with Graft.

New York.—Employees at the immigration station at Ellis Island held indignation meetings Friday in protest against the charges made by immigration Commissioner Frederick A. Wallis that wholesale grafting prevailed there, and that immigrants had been fleeced of \$500,000. "The charges of graft are a gross libel on the integrity of the whole of the employees," said Deputy Commissioner Byron H. Uhl. "We may have a few rascals among our employees, but as a whole they are honest men and women."