

Forgery Charged By Secretary of the Navy

Cablegram Read By Sims In Criticising the Navy Was Forged Sec'y Daniels Says

Dispatch That Made Sims "About to Jump Overboard" Was Sent Through the British Embassy and the Name Signed To it Was A. F. Carter, By Direction of the Chief of Naval Operations, Daniels Testifies, and "The Statement That it Was Signed 'Daniels' is Untrue.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 13.—Charges that a cablegram produced before the senate naval investigating committee during the testimony of Rear Admiral Sims bore a forged signature were made by Secretary Daniels today. He was referring to a message which Admiral Sims had presented as part of his criticism of the navy department and purported to have been signed by Secretary Daniels.

"Somewhere, somebody is guilty of signing my name to an official dispatch which the original produced shows that I never signed," Mr. Daniels told the committee "or of altering the dispatch by erasing the real signature and substituting 'Daniels'."

"The concluding paragraph of the cablegram read: 'In regard to convoys I consider that the American vessels having armed guard are safer when sailing independently.'"

Mr. Daniels testified upon reading the admiral's testimony that he knew he never sent the cablegram and started an investigation. "I knew if my name appeared on such a cablegram some one forged my name to it."

The secretary said he finally found the original dispatch in the British embassy through which it was sent and the name signed to it A. F. Carter, by direction of the chief of naval operations.

"The statement that it is signed 'Daniels' is untrue," said the secretary. "No such telegram signed 'Daniels' was ever sent to Sims. In his testimony he reiterated over and over that this dispatch made him 'about ready to jump overboard' and that it was signed with my name, conveying the impression that the civilian secretary of the navy had personally passed upon the question and particular method of protecting shipping and resisted the adoption of the convoy system."

"I knew I never entertained the opinion stated in the dispatch he displayed. Admiral Sims should produce the person who altered the signature 'Daniels' declaring the admiral owes an apology to me and to the country for the impression undertaken to be made by his testimony, based on the false signature," said Mr. Daniels.

Much of the navy secretary's testimony today was devoted to the controversy over the conveying of troops.

NEWARK TENT CITY TO HOUSE EVICTED

200 Homes of Army Canvas Will Be Fitted With Electricity and Other Comforts. New York, May 13.—Within two days a tent city, in which a large number of evicted tenants of Newark, N. J., will live until they can obtain rooms, will be completed in the Vallsburgh Playground, on South Orange Avenue. The Government furnished 200 army tents yesterday, and men began laying water pipes and stringing wires, for each tent will be equipped with electric lights. The playground is 300x386 and is fenced off. The tent dwellers will enjoy the privileges of many shower baths in a pavilion on the grounds. Their food will be cooked in a large community kitchen at a small charge. Streets, on the plan of military company streets have been laid out, and the tent colony will have constant police protection. Other features are to be a Red Cross tent and a welfare organization tent, each 50x60. The tents are of heavy waterproof canvas, each big enough for three or four persons.

The work, for which the city has appropriated \$25,000, is being done by Board of Education employees and soldiers, under the direction of Thomas W. Kelly, a former machine gun captain, now a member of the Board of Education. In the great number of eviction cases heard in Newark District Court in the past few days, most of the landlords have won, and it is believed every tent in the playground will have been filled by the end of the week.

MOST IMPORTANT BREAK IN STRIKE

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., May 13.—Six hundred shophmen, trainmen and yardmen of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad who have been on strike at the important terminal of Dickerson Run, Pa., returned to work today, it is announced at the general offices of the company. This is the most important break in the strikers ranks since the strike was called a month ago.

ARMED AND MASKED MEN AGAIN ACTIVE

Many Reports Reached London Today Regarding Activities of Ireland. (By Associated Press.) London, May 13.—Reports of an unusual number of activities by armed and masked men in various sections in Ireland were received in London today. The reports began to trickle in early in the morning and by noon they had reached the proportion of an avalanche. As at Easter time, many police barracks were attacked.

TORNADO IN LOUISIANA

Some Property Damage Done But No Lives Lost in Severe Storm Near Tuscaloosa. (By Associated Press.) Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 13.—A tornado struck the vicinity of Lock 7 at Wedworth early today doing considerable damage on the government reservation. Thirteen trees were blown down, a large coal house was destroyed and chimneys from lock houses were blown down. No loss of life is reported.

To Abandon Honor System.

(By Associated Press.) Des Moines, May 13.—Abolition of the honor system among students at the Northwestern university is announced by the faculty dean Roy C. Flickinger of the college of liberal arts stated that the reason for suspending the system was that the students failed to live up to the confidence placed in them and that there was cheating during the examinations under the honor system. He said that some member of the faculty would be present in the future while examinations were being given. The honor system was instituted five years ago.

TWO KINGS AND QUEENS AT LADY CURZON WEDDING

Ceremony in English Royal Chapel Outrivalled in Splendor Anything in Recent Years. London, May 11.—Two kings, with their queens—the sovereigns of Belgium and Great Britain—were among the distinguished personages who attended today the wedding of Lady Cynthia Curzon, daughter of Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, and Lieut. Oswald Ernald Mosley, M. P., in the Chapel Royal. The affair was one of great splendor, outrivaling anything of a similar nature in London in recent years. Besides the royal personages, there was a host of diplomats and other prominent people present. An additional notable touch was lent to the occasion by the fact that the King and Queen of the Belgians had come by airplane on Saturday from Brussels for the purpose of attending the wedding. After the ceremony Lady Curzon gave a reception at Carlton house terrace, to which a hundred guests were invited. Among the guests at the wedding were John W. Davis, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Davis.

Officer L. D. H. Brown yesterday afternoon held up a five passenger Overland automobile on North Long street, secured a gallon of corn whiskey and arrested the driver, Jesse Craven, colored, also taking possession of the car. The defendant will be given a hearing in the county court tomorrow.

Dailies Out of Newsprint.

Johnson City, Tenn., May 13.—Due to inability to get newsprint the Morristown Daily Mail is issuing its paper three times a week while the Greenville daily is issuing on book paper.

CHARGES "SOMEBODY" WITH FORGING NAME

HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS



ROBERT MITCHELL KILLS HIMSELF

Train Dispatcher on the Yadkin Committed Suicide. DIED IN VIRGINIA

Mr. Robert Mitchell, train dispatcher on the Yadkin road committed suicide at the home of his sister at Crosette, Virginia, this morning. A message was received here about noon by Mr. W. P. Ayers, of the Southern's dispatch service. Mr. Mitchell had been in ill health for some time and had spent several months in Virginia in the hopes of being restored. Mr. Mitchell was well and most favorably known in Salisbury where he had lived for a number of years. He had held the position of train dispatcher on the Yadkin road for some years and was regarded as a most excellent man and efficient employe of the road. He had been in bad health for some time, and a few years ago went west and spent a while seeking restoration to health. Mr. Mitchell left Salisbury in January and spent some time with his sister. He returned to Salisbury the first of May and remained some days, but suffered a collapse and had to give up his work. He returned to Virginia about a week ago. The news of his death will be received with saddened hearts by many friends of the man. He has many friends here, being held in the highest regards by those who knew him.

ROBBED ON WAY TO WEDDING

Man Says He Lost \$1,000—Aided by Baltimore Brother. Richmond, Va., May 13.—Assaulted and robbed near Union station, Washington, while en route to Cambridge, Mass., to be married, Robert Byron Whitman, war veteran, wandered penniless about the nation's capital for several days trying to borrow funds to return home. He made his way to Baltimore and secured from his brother, Roy W. Whitman, of that city, sufficient money for transportation back to Virginia. He returned to Richmond today. According to his story he was robbed of \$1,000, representing his savings since he was mustered out of service. He said three footpads attacked him, knocking him almost senseless. The wedding was set for last Wednesday. Whitman made his money at the Newport News shipyard. He says that he will return there in order to recoup his finances before again considering matrimony.

Dempsey to Be Tried June 7.

San Francisco, May 13.—The date for the trial of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, and his manager, Jack Kearns, on selective draft evasion charges, was set for Monday, June 7, in the United States district court, here today.

MEXICAN OFFICIALS CROSS THE BORDER

Others Awaiting Transportation to This Side.

SOME HARD FIGHTING

Former Lieutenant of Carranza Forces Shoots to Death Nephew of Calias and Takes Possession of Town in Name of Carranza.

(By Associated Press.) Brownsville, Texas, May 13.—Governor Gustavo Espinosa Mireles of the Mexican state of Coahuila crossed the American side at Rio Grande City, Texas, early today according to a report from United States army headquarters at Fort Brown. Mireles was quoted as saying Governor Rafael Cardenas of Pampulitas, Governor Jose Delos Santos, of Nuevo Leon, and Governor Severino Martinez of San Luis Potosi, are now across the Rio Grande opposite Fort Ringgold, Texas, awaiting transportation to the American side.

Rebels Recapture Town.

Brownsville, Texas, May 13.—Mexican rebel forces that had evacuated Reynosa, 60 miles west of Matamoros, when they were advised early today that a train load of federal troops were approaching from Monterey recaptured the town a few hours later and sent a courier demanding the surrender of Matamoros. A large band of rebels were reported six miles west of Matamoros at noon.

Nephew of Calias Shot.

Yuma, Arizona, May 13.—A former lieutenant of the Carranza forces after shooting to death Capt. Carter G. Calias, nephew of Gen. P. Elias Calias at San Luis, a small garrison town in Sonora, early today took possession of the town in the name of the Carranza regime, according to a telegram received here and later corroborated.

Furious Fighting Yesterday.

Vera Cruz, May 13.—Furious fighting between the rebel troops and the federal forces commanded by Carranza occurred yesterday at Hacienda Tamariz on the Mexican National railroad north of San Marcos in the state of Puebla, according to dispatches received here.

The area of the battle field is reported to be approximately five square miles. President Carranza, it was said in a wireless message to Mexico City, directed in person the operations of his troops for eight hours on Tuesday.

Terrific storms have swept the mountains where the fighting is going on and telegraph communications are interrupted near their immediate vicinity of the scene of battle. It is known that rebel reinforcements have been sent to San Marcos and it is reported that artillery is being rushed forward to force the surrender of the troops still loyal to the president.

American destroyer 292 and the transport Maumee arrived here today.

N. Y. SALOONS ARE RUN FULL BLAST

So Charged Judge in Sentencing Man Declared With Murder in the First Degree.

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 13.—Saloons in this city are run full blast providing law breakers with "abundance of liquor of the very worst kind" because of the law enforcement of the prohibition law, Judge Nott declared today in the court of general sessions in passing sentence of from 7 to 14 years on Frank Murray, who plead guilty to first degree manslaughter.

Attorneys made strong plea for clemency on the ground that the prisoner's mind was inflamed by "the vile stuff sold by saloon keepers nowadays." Murray was indicted for first degree murder.

TAFT NOT IN RACE, HE SAYS.

Laughs at Being Even Mentioned as a Possible "Dark Horse."

Chicago, May 13.—William Howard Taft, asked here if he were personally interested in the coming Republican national convention, laughed and replied: "No, not at all, not a bit; no sir." "Are you going to attend the convention?" "I never attend conventions," he replied. "I haven't attended a convention since 1880 and I was a reporter like you at the time and covered it for the press." "You are not a dark horse, then, in any emergency?" Mr. Taft was again stirred to laughter and announced "No!" Asked who was his favorite candidate he avoided a reply by entering a waiting automobile.

Mr. George L. Letts, the superintendent of the Redpath Chautauqua arrived in town yesterday. Mr. Letts is an experienced platform man and will be glad to do anything to make this year's program a complete success. He reports that the program is the best ever given and that means much for the people.

The first five presidents of the United States ended their terms of service each in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

GLAD U. S. IS DRY!



MRS. ROBERT PEEL

NEW YORK—Mrs. Robert Peel, wife of the son of Sir Robert Peel, and grandson of the late Robert Peel, premier of England, is said to have remarked, "I'm glad we are in America and that there is prohibition here," when the steamship Finland docked recently. Her husband "was the life of the ship" on the way over, according to the captain.

BAPTIST WANT A PROHI CANDIDATE

Call on Both Parties to Name a Dry Candidate.

LETTER FROM WILSON

E. M. Poteat Makes a Plea for the Unity of the Northern and Southern Churches—Same in Fundamentals.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 13.—Resolutions calling upon both the democratic and republican party to admit planks for the strict enforcement of the prohibition amendment and not to nominate any candidate for the presidency who was not known to be pledged to this position was adopted by a rising vote in the Southern Baptist convention here today.

President Wilson in a letter announced to the meeting that the churches of America were now facing the question of aiding church people in other parts of the world to realize their ideals of a just and orderly peace.

A plea for unity of the northern and southern Baptist churches was made by E. M. Poteat, of Boston, secretary of the conference of laymen of the northern Baptist church. He declared that both the northern and southern churches were the one in fundamental issues and should get together.

Reports of the vastness of the Baptist seventy-five million campaign commission was taken up at the session today of the Baptist seventy-fifth annual convention of Southern Baptist. Foreign missions, the education board, and the Baptist Southern Theological Seminary were also discussed.

TO INVESTIGATE IRISH CASES

British Government Decides to Look Into Cases of Irishmen Now Under Arrest—Police Barracks Destroyed.

London, May 13.—The British government has decided to create a special judicial body to examine the cases of Irishmen under arrest it was announced in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, government leader.

Police Barracks Destroyed.

Dublin, May 13.—At least 19 police barracks in various parts of the Ireland were wiped out in the course of widespread destruction of property by active bands of armed men in various parts of Ireland last night. Five income tax and customs offices were raided and the papers burned.

SLOVAK ENVOY MURDERED.

Brabovsky Said to Have Been Jailed and Beaten by Hungarians.

London, May 13.—According to a Bucharest message to Reuter's agency, M. Krabovsky, who was reported to have disappeared while attending a meeting of the interallied commission at Bekes-Csaba, Hungary, was imprisoned by the Hungarians and so severely beaten that he died on April 29. The murder was attributed to attempts Krabovsky made to secure a union of Slovakia with Hungary, according to the correspondent.

Krabovsky was in Hungary under the protection of the interallied commission and attended the peace conference in London as a Slovak delegate.

"FOR HIRE" AUTO TAX ONLY \$1.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, May 13.—One dollar tax, the amount fixed by State law, is all municipal authorities in North Carolina have a right to collect from operators "for hire" automobiles under the law, according to a decision of the state supreme court handed down here late yesterday. The decision will probably mean the loss of thousands of dollars in tax to cities in the state as the license "for hire" automobiles in some places is as high as \$50 a car.

The decision was rendered in the case of Hallman Fink of Concord, who was convicted of operating an automobile "for hire" without having paid a \$20 city tax. The supreme court holding that the city ordinance prescribing the tax was contrary to the provision of the general law and ordered the case dismissed.

NEW AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION TO BE ASKED FOR

Will Introduce Bill to Put Tax Amend. to Voters.

TO REDUCE TAXES

Is a Result of Agitation Following Revaluation.

Insurance Men Invited to Raleigh—New Textile Company Added to N. C. Long List—Ballots for the June Primary Being Printed.

(By Max D. Abernethy.)

Raleigh, May 13.—Democratic leaders interested in the completion of the tax reform measures in North Carolina are making preparations to introduce in the special session of the legislature in July a bill which will put a new constitutional amendment before the voters of the state in the November election with the view of reducing the present constitutional limit of taxation.

The proposed bill providing for the reduction already has the endorsement of Governor Bickett, who made it clear some time ago that he would urge the general assembly to enact the legislation, advocates of revaluation and members of the state tax commission. There is every reason to predict that the bill will be passed and that it will be voted upon in the November election and will carry without opposition.

This step is taken as the result of agitation which followed the passage and operation of the revaluation act, it being pointed out that the property was being listed at true value and that consequently property owners were going to suffer under the new system. The proposed bill is considered a safeguard against subsequent legislation, which might not be as conservative in the expenditure of money as the present body. The amendment to reduce the present constitutional limit of taxation, will, of course, be based on the increase in valuation of property under the revaluation act. Just what the reduction will be cannot be determined at this time and is a matter which will have to be worked out by the tax commission's experts, subject to the approval of the general assembly.

No opposition is anticipated by the advocates of the proposed bill since the reduction suggestion is downward and not upward. In levying taxes under the present system the levy cannot be more than sixty-six and two thirds cents on the \$100 valuation. To square this with the true valuation under the revaluation act a constitutional amendment is necessary. In addition the endorsement of the governor, advocates of revaluation and members of the state tax commission the amendment is provided for in the platform of the Democratic party which was adopted at the state convention here in April.

Insurance Men Invited.

An invitation has been extended to all insurance agents in North Carolina to come to Raleigh Friday to attend an informal meeting at which J. Stanley Edwards, of Denver, Colorado, president of the National Association of Underwriters, will be the principal speaker and guest of honor.

Reservations are now being made for those who will attend at a big barbecue which takes precedence over all speech making. W. K. Upshaw, of Raleigh, is master of ceremonies and reservations are being made by him. It is expected that every district in the State will send one or more representatives. A brief business session in addition to the social features will be held. R. F. Williams is acting secretary of the Raleigh district and has sent invitations through the press to all North Carolina insurance men.

New Textile Co.

Another new textile manufacturing company has been added to the long list in North Carolina, a charter having been issued yesterday to the Belk Mills Company, of Charlotte, with an authorized capital stock of \$250,000 and \$4,000 has been subscribed by W. H. Belk, E. F. White and J. G. Parks.

Sample Ballot.

Chairman Wilson G. Lamb, of the State Board of Elections, has received a sample of the eight hundred thousand ballots now being printed for the primary on June 5. The Democratic State ticket follows:

For United States Senate: Lee S. Overman, Aubrey L. Brooks.

For Governor: Robert N. Page, O. Max Gardner, Cameron Morrison.

For Lieutenant Governor: F. C. Harding, W. B. Cooper.

For State Auditor: Baxter Durham, D. A. McDonald.

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FOUR CANDIDATES NEGRO BISHOPS

Made Possible by Action M. E. Conference.

R. E. JONES OF N. C.

Election of Fourteen New Bishops Called For—Largest Ever Balloted for in Any Conference.

(By Associated Press.)

Des Moines, May 13.—Four candidates for negro bishoprics, were made possible by the action of the Methodist general conference and being urged for election today. All have been prominent for years in work among their race. Those mentioned included R. E. Jones, of the North Carolina conference.

The election of 14 new bishops were called for in a report of the committee of Episcopacy which is ready to be presented today to the M. E. church conference in session here.

In addition to this number three men who are at present missionary bishops will be raised to the full general superintendency, making 17 in all, the largest number ever balloted upon at any former general conference of the church. The committee reported through the subcommittee on episcopal residences and recommended seven new residences. Indiana is the only city in the United States which is added to the present list. In addition to the seven new residences there are also seven new bishops to be elected to fill existing vacancies, five by death and two by retirement.

The seat of one Episcopal area is recommended to be changed in Africa.

DEBS PICTURE SUBS AS HE'S IN PEN

Federal Convict Nominated by Socialists for President Amid Wild Demonstration—Picture Hoisted on Platform.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 13.—Eugene V. Debs federal convict No. 2,253, was nominated by acclamation for the presidency of the United States at the Socialist party national convention here today. Cheers upon cheered the naming of the Socialist leader, now serving a ten year sentence in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta for violation of the espionage act. The din was continuous as all who could crowd into the hall streamed forward, eyes bent on the platform where a life size portrait of Debs was exhibited draped in black.

Cotton Advances.

New York, May 31.—Reports of further rains in the Central and Eastern belt sections led to further advances in the cotton market at the opening today. Cables were disappointing but attracted practically no attention and after opening 15 to 19 points higher, prices here sold 18 to 37 points above last night's closing figures. There was foreign and domestic trading along with the buying while scattered coverings advanced which met rallied sales around 38.45 for July and 36.30 for October.

Cotton futures opened steady:

May 40.60

July 38.20

October 36.10

December 35.20

January 34.45

Peace Resolution Changed.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 13.—The provision in the Republican peace resolution questioning the president to open negotiations with Germany for a separate treaty was stricken out today on motion of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader.

After the provision was stricken out an agreement was reached for a final vote on the resolution at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.