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# SIMS CONCLUDES HIS ARRAIGNMENT OF NAVY WITH 13 SPECIFIC COUNT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 18 - Approaching the conclusion of his long arraignment of the navy department's conduct of the war, Rear Admiral Sims laid before the senate investigating committee today thirteen specific counts in his dictment charging mistakes and costly delays.

He reiterated his declaration that his criticisms were aimed at no individual but that "responsibility for any failares" rested upon "the navy department as an organization."

The admiral's summary of his charges follows:

"That, in spite of the fact that war had been going on for nearly three years, and our entry into it had been imminent at least from February 2, 1917, the vessels of the navy were not ready for war services when the United States enter-

"That the first few months after America entered the war were extremely critical ones for the whole allied cause, due to the success of enemy submarines.

"That this critical situation was made clear to the navy department a few days after America entered war and repeatedly thereafter by cables and letters, supported by independent advices to the government from the British ambassador in London and by Mr. Hoover.

"That the navy department supplied me with no plans of policy covering our participation in the war for three months after our entry therein.

"That, having information as to the critical situation of the allies, the navy department did not promptly assist them, and thereby prolonged the war by delaying the sending of anti-submarine ressels, none reaching Europe for hearly a month after war was declared, and two and a half months elapsing before thirty vessels arrived.

"That the navy department failed to appreciate the military value of time. That the navy department violated fundamental military principles in attempting to formulate war plans of operation without having sufficient knowledge of the whole situation.

"That the department's representative with the allied admiralties was not supported, during the most critical months of the war, either by adequate personal or by adequate forces that could

have been supplied. "That the navy department violated fundamental military principles in dispersing forces away from the critical area in order to meet diversions of the

"That the navy department, in the first months of the war, attempted the direction of details although three thousand miles distant from the scene of active operations, where the situation was changing from day to day.

"That the pavy department, in not clearly defining the responsibility and delegating authority to its representative in Europe, failed to follow sound principles, common alike to the business and

"That the navy department, by controlling the operations and movements of certain forces within the war area, violated the fundamental military principles of unity of command.
"That the navy department failed to

keep its representative abroad completely informed as to its plans affecting dispatch and disposition of forces in the war sone, and frequently reached decisions in such matters through information gained from sources other than its repreentatives in the war some."

Admiral Sims' direct testimony filled 200 large printed pages and it took him nearly 16 hours to read it. His cross examination by members of the commit tee will probably begin Friday, after which members of his staff will be heard before Secretary Daniels and officials of the navy department are called.

### MARINE COMMANDER

AT PORTSMOUTH TODAY PORTSMOUTH, Va., March 18 -Brigadier General Wendell C. Neville, U. S. M. C., who commanded the marines in the Belleau wood battle, is the guest of Portsmouth, his native city, to-

Tonight in the high school auditorius General Neville will present the French war cross awarded relatives of men who died in the war. A silver service given the general by the people of Portsmouth will be presented.

ASK AMERICAN INTERVENTION. WASHINGTON, March 17 - Peru, through Ambassador Pezet, has asked the American government to use its friendly offices to prevent a breach of the peace of South America, growing out of the attack by Bolivians on the Peruv-ian legation at La Paz.

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## MORRISON WILLAAVE GOOD ROADS SYSTEM

In Address at Wilkesboro Gubernatgrial Candidate Comes Out Strong For Extensive Good Roads Program.

WILWESBORO, March 17. - "I favor a robust good roads policy, and I declare to the democrats and the people of North Carolina that if I am elected governor of the state, I will use every faculty I possess to help put a policy through the general assembly which will result in the speedy construction of a great system of highways worthy of North Carelina, the most progressive state in this republic,"

Thus declared Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, in an address liere today, in which he went on record as favoring "a few great highways of the most practical, permanent and up-todate construction, and then a system which will let the counties know where the state and federal governments are to establish roads, so that they may know how to proceed with the construction of the local roads."

The Charlotte man was heard by an audience that filled the court nouse and was enthusiastically received, his address apparently making a deep and favorable mpression.

Mr. Morrison pointed out how a dozen counties of the northwestern part of the state, "comprising one of the richest and greatest domains" in America, have nlways lacked railroad facilities and have been largely cut off from trade relations with the balance of the state and said that in the immediate future there will be a vast outlay in the construction or a great system of highways in this

"It will be of supreme importance to in the office of governor a man who will boldly and uprightly stand for the rights of this great section in the construction of these state highways. I do not believe in favoritism to any section, but I do believe that it is to the high interest of North Carolina that the highway system of the future should link together the great counties in this northwest section and open up North Carolina to them and these great counties of North Carolina. \*\*

Wants Justice Done. Mr. Morrison promised, "if I am made governor of North Carolina, to use all the power of the great office to see that justice is done this great section in the matter of the construction of the great highways of the future and that this section shall not be postponed as was done in the matter of railroad development."

### BAPTIST PASTORS AND DEACONS TO MEET APRIL 5.

Correspondence of The Dally Gazette.

BELMONT, March 18. - At a meet ing of the Gaston County Baptist Association held in February the pastors of the association decided to hold quarterly meetings of the pastors and deacons to promote a closer relationship between the two and to discuss problems concerning the churches.

Mr. W. J. Francis, of Belmont, was elected by the pastors a member of the pastor's conference and made chairman of a committee to arrange the program, speakers and other details for the deacons' and pastors' conferencess.

It was decided that the most effective way to carry out this idea was for the deacons to do the talking, since the most important work of the descons is to arrange the affairs of the church and look after its finances.

The first quarterly meeting will take place in the First Baptist church in Gastonia on April 5, at which time the following program will be carried out. "Qualifications of a Deacon," by Mr. Grier McAlister.

"Duty of Deacons to the Pastor, to the Church, to each Other, to the Community, to Young Converts and to the Poor," by Mr. E. C. Roberts and Mr. W. L. Walters.

"Deacons and the Laymen" by Mr. R. S. Lewis, of Dallas. "Deacons and Our Denominational Schools", by Rev. M. L. Barnes.

"Deacons and Tithing," by Prof. Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia.

All pastors and deacons are especially urged to attend, as they can be assured that the talks given will be well worth their time.

### POPULATION OF HAWAII.

WASHINGTON, March 17-The population of Hawaii is 249,992, the censu bureau announced today. This is an increase of 58,083 or 30.3 per cent, as compared with 1910.

### NO SUCH WORD AS FAIL IN HER BRIGHT LEXICON

Once Cleveland Puts Out a Candidate He Runs and Runs — Gardner Head-quarters Camouflaged in Bed of Modest Violets — Political Gossip From Cleveland County.

By W. T. Bost, in Greensboro Daily News. SHELBY, March 17. - In the Webb office and store building and shut off from the main street is a tawyer's office bearing the smallest visible legend-'O. Max Gardner'' - but in this rather cosy corner is the little dynamo which is charging the great Gardner machine now doing undoubted business the state over.

One visiting Charlotte, big old town of the Signers, and hearing what the Mecklenburgers think of the Clevelandites, would have expected on reaching Shelby to see a streamer at least four blocks high and 15 miles long, encasing a good portion of the county and embellished with Max Gardner's name in letters reaching half way to heaven. But the Gardner campaign quarters have no outward and visible sign of their inward. invisible enterprise. There is not a word in town indicating that Gardner is running for governor.

Of course there is a county-wide sentiment that nobody else is running, and Shelby expects to walk up and take the governorship as easily as this city and county have always walked off with whatsoever they wished. In Shelby and Cleveland there is no such word as defeat. The oldest inhabitants cannot recall since the days of the elder Plato Durham any Cleveland man who has failed in a political race and that wonderful young man missed Congress when 30 years of age by a process which good Republicans now affect to believe the Democrats have taken from them - great skill in mathematics. But since that day Cleveland has known no such word as fail,

Just why Gardner, who has an uncommon genius for publicity, has chosen to make his Shelby head juarters so modest, no past act of his life explains. He is of rather vigorous, not to say, heroic build for the violet, and to have in his home town an office directing a statewide campaign without even a hint of the character of energy generated in that place, isn't characteristic. A stranger coming to town would not only fail to see any gubernatorial insignia, he would not find the office without skirting the Webb and Otis Mull. And when Gardner rooms were reached the out standing name on the sign would be Charles A. Burns, attorney at law.' There would be a smaller engravure on the door 'O. Max Gardner, attorney at law." but of course he isn't lawing much

Shelby End Is Interesting.

The Shelby end is interesting chiefly in the degree that it contravenes Mecklenburg. This place has endured so much ribaldry from its metropolitan neighbor that the citizenship has come almost to feel that its chief duty is to chastise the political bully which the up districters feel that Mecklenburg has made herself. There is a fine phrase in the Episcopal prayer book that interprets the situation well. It reads: "From pride, vainglory and hypoerfsy, good Lord deliver us." Shelby feels that it is the deliverer.

It has delivered rather impressively at times and that didn't help. It means to deliver on wholesale scale now and that is the object of the little quarters right here in the home town of Gardner and his distinguished kinsmen. Unless the battle becomes more furious and strategy of opponents is more impressive, he will stay here and blaze away with his Big Bertha camouflaged in a sort of back-lot office. But if the campaign increases in ferocity Gardner will go to Raleigh and if need be will girdle some big building with red bunting and put him up a sign that will obtrude it-

self into the gaze of the blind. The claims of Mr. Gardner's nearest opponent, Cameron Morrison, have not per turbed the town. It makes Shelby mad to hear Charlotte's big talk, but as J. W. Bailey and Goldbery say, "it doesn't mean anything." Mr. Morrison recently declared that he will carry the ninth by 7,500. One would call it insanity if poetic license did not encourage political candidates to talk insanely. It , is highly doubtful whether either of the candidates will exceed 7,500 votes and the Gardner men expect to sweep the district. Considering what Hoey did to Mecklenburg and particularly what nine counties have had a habit of doing for it, added to the ungracious acceptance of Mr. Hoey's retirement, Mr. Morrison will be mighty lucky to get 50-50 count in

this bailiwick. Straw votes do not indicate political wind, but yesterday beginning at Releigh and never ending at Shelby on the pokiest vestibule that the Seaboard runs, a little counting for curiosity pure and simple, was done. There were 26 Gardner men 6 Page and 3 Morrison men by inclination. One of these was uncertain because he thought Morrison in the same situation as affects the labor issue. Between Shelby and Charlotte there were still three Page men and the 15 who rode the train besides were Gardner Men. The proportion is manifestly undepe but it would seem to threaten the 7,500

## INCOME TAXES NOT TO

Secretary Houston Tells House Ways and Means Committee That Excess Profit Taxes Can Not Be Lifted For Two Years.

WASHINGTON, March 17-Income and excess profits taxes cannot be reduced until after 1922. Secretary Houston today wrote the house ways and means committee, urging an immediate simplification of these taxes and substitution of a flat tax on excess profits instead of the graduated rates of 20 and 40 per cent.

"Only very moderate reductions" may be made in the calendar year of 1922, collected in 1923, the secretary wrote. Under the plan of a flat tax, the letter stated, "it would be possible to adopt a declining rate, say of 25 per cent for the first year in which the change is in operation, 20 per cent for the second year and 15 per cent thereafter. "

Unless action is taken at the present ession of Congress, Mr. Houston said, existing taxes "must continue to be collected on the basis of the present law until the close of the calendar year 1922." Such a condition, he wrote, "is contemplated with the gravest apprehen-

sion. " Immediate losses to the government under the supreme court's decision that stock dividends are not taxable will approvimate \$105,000,000, the letter stated. Secretary Houston added, however, that the ultimate loss would be only \$25,000,-000, as much of the original loss would be regained through the sale of stocks and subsequent taxes on them. The secretary estimated that \$35,000,000 collected in 1918 would have to be refunded and \$70,000,000 would be lost on 1919 taxes.

Chairman Fordney, of the house ways and means committee, commenting on Secretary Houston's suggestion for a flat tax to supplant the present graduated system, said the repeal of the \$2,000 exemption granted under present income laws and the creaton of a flat tax on all profits and incomes would result in lowering the average tax from 22 per c approximately 17 per cent.

Representative Kitchen, democrat, of North Carolina, said the proposed change in the income and excess profit taxes would "switch the burdens from the war and peace profiteers to the little fellows, least capable of bearing the burden." Present tax laws have the approval of President Wilson, former Secretary McAdoo and Congress, he stated. adding "they are working satisfactorilv."

### HAS LEFT BERLIN

AMSTERDAM, March 18-General von Luettwitz, who commanded the troops which supported the Kapp regime, has left Berlin with his armed forces, according to a telephone message received from Berlin this morning.

majority.

Shelby Plans Big Vote.

Shelby is too intent on rolling up record-breaker against Cam Morrison to regard the congressional differences as even a minor incident in the state politics. Having withdrawn the congressman from the race this year and conceded everything to Mecklenburg, which demanded both congressman and governor, Shelby and Cleveland find it nard to rnapsodize over anything that Mecklenburg declines with an upturned nose.

If anybody thinks the war is over he might well walk around Shelby. Today when The Daily News blew m and the front page story of Clyde Hoey's Mecklenburglarization was seen, all the papers were dropped and women were calling each other up to tell the latest. would expect that Shelby people would whisper what Mecklenburg has done unto Heey; that the populace would talk over it as friends at the wake discuss the dead friend coffined before them. But that isn't Shelby's way. The women and the children know all about it and the Mecklenburglarization of Hoey will go down unto the third and fourth genera-

The Charlotte people and papers have intensified this feeling of hostility by demanding that Cleveland disgorge in Mecklenburg's favor, then when one big enough to save his district retires, Meckleaburg impeaches his motive. The Cleveland people got madder still today when they learned that at the first Morrison rally recently held the Charlotteans attacked the Hoey retirement and invested it with political intrigue against Morriso

Charlotte boosters, this Charlotte in-formant said, attacked Hoey for not yield ing the congressional seat to Meckler burg last fall.

The time to confer a congre Mecklenburg was last fall when Clevel was without one, not this spring when the imposing logic of the Meckleshure

# BE REDUCED UNTIL 1922 GERMANY, RID OF ONE PERIL, FINDS HERSELF FACING OTHER DANGERS

(By The Associated Press.)

Germany has cast off the governmental egime suddenly set up by the reactionary elements last Saturday morning, but advices indicate she is now facing another extreme peril in the form a wave of radi-

Reports from Berlin say Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, the reactionary chancellor, and his adherents have either fled from the city or contemplate going at once. Armed forces of the reactionary element are leaving Berlin today and the presence of Gustaw Noske, minister of defense, in the Ebert cabinet, who arrived in Berlin last night by airplane from Stuttgart, would seem to indicate that the constitutional government intends to assume control immediately. General von Seecht, President Ebert's chief of staff, has been named commander of government forces in Ber-

Announcement by Dr. Kapp as well as official statements from the officials of the Ebert government reflect the fear of a radical uprising in Germany. In fact, Dr. Kapp's announcement stated he had resigned from the direction of affairs so that the country might be enabled to fight bolshevism. From various cities come reports of uprisings of workers and advices from Berlin state that red forces under command of Sparticist leaders are marching on that city. As the Ebert troops have not as yet resumed full control an attack by the reds is feared.

Throughout Germany radical elements have in many places taken over direction of affairs at least temporarily.

Proletarian dictatorships have been set up at Dortmund, Gera, Halle, Ohligs, Unna and Gelsenkirchen, according to reports, while in Leipsio workers have driven government troops from the suburbs of the city and were engaged late yesterday in street fighting.

In the Rhenish and Westphalian indus-

trial districts it is said the workers are ready to follow radical leaders.

KAPP'S REGIME HAS FALLEN. March 18-Ellis Loring Dressel acting commissioner and American charge d'affairs in this city, has informed the state department in Washington now that Dr. Kapp's regime has fallen the whole danger lies in a com-

REPORTED THAT KAPP

munist arising.

HAS COMMITTD SUICIDE LONDON, March 18-Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who resigned yesterday as head of the reactionary government set up in Berlin last Saturday, has committed suicide, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam, queting a telephone message from Berlin.

FEELING AT HIGH TENSION.

BERLIN, March 17. - Whether Dr. Wolfgang Kapp or General von Luettwitz were still in Berlin tonight could not be ascertained but the military cordon about the reichstag building was still holding its position. Reports were current that the leaders of the reaction ary movement were about to quietly steal away, but they could not be confirmed by The Associated Press correspondent, who was forced to struggle through barbed wire entanglements to reach the reichstag building.

Feeling in Berlin tonight is at high tension for there is fear a clash will occur before the Kappist forces gather up their wire entanglements and leave the city. Mist and rain shrouged Berlin in gloom and the streets were wholly deserted. Occasionally a solitary shot would be heard, but no casualties were reported up to 8 o'clock.

One of Dr. Kapp's last official acts was to conclude an agreement with representatives of the Ebert government and some Prussian ministers for amnesty for himself, his staff and troops on the basis of the amnesty law of 1918, which will be made to apply to this week's offenses.

KAISER COULD NOT EVEN

BE FREED BY RAIDERS. AMERONGEN, March 17. - (By The Associated Press.) - Reinforcement of the Dutch guard at Von Bentinek castle. which since the middle ages has been protected by moats and drawbridges has made the former German emperor's refuge a veritable prison fortress, capable of defense even in the unexpected event of an attack by raiders desiring to free the exile

The eastle is situated in a big square The four sides are posted, while two of them have additional walls. The latter two sides are on the public road and on the two sides which have no walls are private paths belonging to the Von Bentincks. Constables and military police patrol the roads with loaded rifles night

small building in which rest reinforce at that time and it is on ments. Here centries are on guard. Be-

130 yards is another gate, barring the inner driveway to the drawbridge. More sentries are stationed here. Still further on where the road bends at yet another gate there is also a guard. Then turning to the right a driveway leads to the terrace on which the castle stands. Police patrol this terrace.

BERLIN, March 17-It is officially an-

nounced that Chancellor Kapp at 1 o'clock this afternoon decided to resign. The official communique announcing the resignation of Chancellor Kapp endesvors to give a patriotic aspect to his withdrawal. It says:

"The Bauer government having voluntarily decided to fulfill the most ansential political demands addressed to it, the rejection of which on Saturday led to the establishment of the Kapp government, Chancellor Kapp considers his mission fulfilled and retires, resigning the executive power again into the hands of the military commander in chief.

"In this he is moved to the conviction of the extreme necessity of of the fatherland, which demands solid union of all against the annihilating dangers of bolshevism."

#### PROFITEER SHOULD BEAR BURDEN OF TAXES.

WASHINGTON, March 18. - Treas ury officials were called today to present thedepartment's views to the house ways and means committee on raising federal revenues to meet losses as a result of the decision of the supreme court that stock dividends are not taxable. The committee also expected to discuss simplifications of present income and excess profits tax laws, proposed by Secretary Houston in a letter to the committee yes-

Joseph S. McCoy, government actuary, and Wayne Johnson, solicitor of int revenue, were to present the department's plans and to answer questions as to the best solution of the problem presented by the court decision.

Chairman Fordney was expected to present to the committee a plan calling for a flat tax on all profits or incomes with the same per centage on large and small incomes, and providing for the repeal of the \$2,000 exemption provision. Under such a plan, he stated, the rate of taxation would be reduced from the present rate of 22 per cent to approximately 17 per cent.

Democratic members of the committee however, oppose such a plan on the ground that it shifts the burden of taxation from large incomes to the smalle ones. Representative Kitchin, democrat North Carolina, said "the profites either in war or peace, should bear the encess burden of taxation." Present tax laws are satisfactory, he said, adding th there was small possibility of any material revision during this session of con

### NEWELL NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS BY REPUBLICANS

Charlotte Observer.

Jake F. Newell, Charlotte attorney and republican leader, was nominated to be the republican standard bearer in the coming ninth district congressional e tion, by delegates attending the disconvention at Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, yesterday, according to a telegram to his law office.

At the same time the republicans John P. McBee and J. J. George delegates to the national convention, with J. H. Quinn as alternate, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Sprue

Whether Mr. Newell will accept nomination could not be ascertained last night. He attended the convention and had not reached the city at a late hour. His friends, however, were almost unantmous in the belief that he will heed the call of the party.

Prominent republicans here said it would be to the interest of the party for Mr. Newell to run as the attorney is exceedingly popular all over the district. On the other hand, some democrats expressed the fear that Mr. Newell will accept, saying he is the most dangerous man the republicans have in the distr

"Jake Newell will poll 3,500 mon votes that Morehead would," said one democrat. "He will get labor's The democrats must work hard if Newell rons."

Republican leaders pointed out that Newell would have gotten the ne at the Newton convention last fall b not another faction thrown a b head. It was known positive