

SIMS CONCLUDES HIS ARRAIGNMENT OF NAVY WITH 13 SPECIFIC COUNTS

(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 dictum charging mistakes and costly delays. He reiterated his declaration that his criticisms were aimed at no individual but that "responsibility for any failures" rested upon "the navy department as an organization."

MORRISON WILL HAVE GOOD ROADS SYSTEM

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

WILKESBORO, 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 Carolina, the most progressive state in this republic."

BAPTIST PASTORS AND DEACONS TO MEET APRIL 3

BELMONT, March 18. — At a meeting 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' conference. 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 deacons is to arrange the affairs of the church and look after its finances.

NO SUCH WORD AS FAIL IN HER BRIGHT LEXICON

Once Cleveland Puts Out a Candidate He Runs a Red Run — Gardner Headquarters Camouflaged in Bed of Modest Violets — Political Gossip From Cleveland County.

By W. T. East, in Greensboro Daily News. SHELBY, March 17. — In the Webb office and store building and shut off from the main street is a lawyer's office bearing the smallest visible legend—"O. Max Gardner"—but in this rather cozy 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, eyeing 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.

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 hypocrisy, 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 the 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 itself into the gaze of the blind. The claims of Mr. Gardner's nearest opponent, Cameron Morrison, have not perturbed the towns. It makes Shelby mad to hear Charlotte's big talk, but as J. W. Bailey and Goldberry 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 Hoyey did to Mecklenburg and particularly what nine counties have had a habit of doing for it, added to the ungracious acceptance of Mr. Hoyey's retirement, Mr. Morrison will be mighty lucky to get 50-50 count in this ballwick. Straw votes do not indicate political wind, but yesterday beginning at Raleigh and never ending at Shelby on the pookiest 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 unpendable; but it would seem to threaten the 7,500

INCOME TAXES NOT TO BE REDUCED UNTIL 1922

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 session 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 apprehension." Immediate losses to the government under the supreme court's decision that stock dividends are not taxable will approximate \$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 creation of a flat tax on all profits and incomes would result in lowering the average tax from 22 per cent to approximately 17 per cent. Representative Kitchin, democrat, of North Carolina, said the proposed change in the income and excess profit taxes would "switch the burdens of 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 satisfactorily."

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. Shelby Plans Big Vote. Shelby is too intent on rolling up a 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 hard to rhapsodize 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 in and the front page story of Clyde Hoyey's Mecklenburgization was seen, all the papers were dropped and women were calling each other up to tell the latest. One would expect that Shelby people would whisper what Mecklenburg has done up to Hoyey; that the populace would talk over it as friends at the wake discuss the dead friend coffin before them. But that isn't Shelby's way. The women and the children know all about it and the Mecklenburgization of Hoyey will go down into the third and fourth generations. 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, Mecklenburg 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 Hoyey retirement and invested it with political intrigue against Morrison. Charlotte boosters, this Charlotte informant said, attacked Hoyey for not yielding the congressional seat to Mecklenburg last fall. The time to confer a congressman on Mecklenburg was last fall when Cleveland was without one, not this spring when Cleveland had one to give, according to the imposing logic of the Mecklenburg-larriers.

GERMANY, RID OF ONE PERIL, FINDS HERSELF FACING OTHER DANGERS

(By The Associated Press.) Germany has cast off the governmental regime suddenly set up by the reactionary elements last Saturday morning, but advice indicates she is now facing another extreme peril in the form of a wave of radicalism. 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 Gustav 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 Seeckt, President Ebert's chief of staff, has been named commander of government forces in Berlin. 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 advice from Berlin state that red forces under command of Spartacist 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 dictators have been set up at Dortmund, Gera, Halle, Ohlig, Unna and Gelsenkirchen, according to reports, while in Leipzig workers have driven government troops from the suburbs of the city and were engaged late yesterday in street fighting. In the Rhens and Westphalian industrial districts it is said the workers are ready to follow radical leaders. KAPP'S REGIME HAS FALLEN. BERLIN, March 18.—Ellis Loring Drexel, 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 communist arising. REPORTED THAT KAPP HAS COMMITTED 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, quoting 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 reactionary 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 shrouded 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 Bentinck 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 castle 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 and day. To the right of the main entrance is a small building in which rest reinforcements. Here sentries are on guard. Behind this main gateway a distance of

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 announced that Chancellor Kapp at 1 o'clock this afternoon decided to resign. The official communique announcing the resignation of Chancellor Kapp endeavors to give a patriotic aspect to his withdrawal. It says: "The Bauer government having voluntarily decided to fulfill the most essential 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 the fatherland, which demands solid union of all against the annihilating dangers of bolshevism." PROFITEER SHOULD BEAR BURDEN OF TAXES. WASHINGTON, March 18. — Treasury officials were called today to present the department'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 yesterday. Joseph S. McCoy, government actuary, and Wayne Johnson, solicitor of internal 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 smaller ones. Representative Kitchin, democrat, North Carolina, said "the profiteer, either in war or peace, should bear the excess burden of taxation." Present tax laws are satisfactory, he said, adding that there was small possibility of any material revision during this session of congress. 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 election, by delegates attending the district convention at Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, yesterday, according to a telegram to his law office. At the same time the republicans chose 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 Spruce Pine. Whether Mr. Newell will accept the 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 unanimous in the belief that he will head 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 district. "Jake Newell will poll 3,500 more votes than Morhead would," said one democrat. "He will get labor's vote. The democrats must work hard if Newell runs." Republican leaders pointed out that Newell would have gotten the nomination at the Newton convention last fall had not another faction thrown a bombshell into the convention and nominated Morhead. It was known positively that Mr. Newell would not have refused the honor at that time, and it is on this that his friends here base their belief that he will accept this time.