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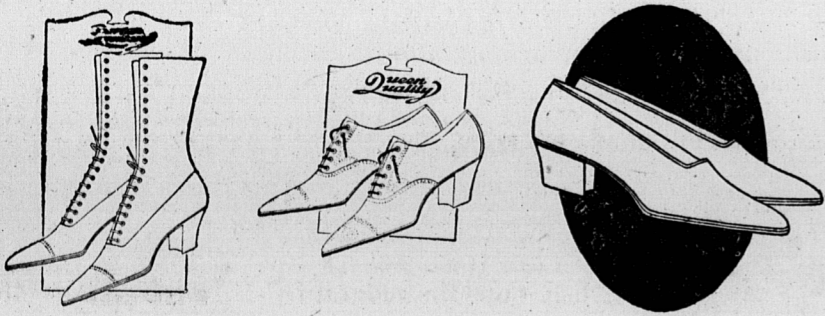
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Gen. Bliss Denies Sims' Charges of Brigading Plan

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The controversy started by Rear-Admiral Sims' criticism of the American Navy Department's conduct of its war activities, was broadened last night by the entry of the War Department to deny some of the Admiral's statements regarding the land forces.

General Tasker H. Bliss, American representative in the Supreme War Council, not only denied categorically that he had recommended the brigading of United States troops for foreign armies, as testified by Admiral Sims, but declared "the truth is exactly the reverse."

General Bliss made his denial in a letter to Secretary of War Baker, who transmitted it, together with a copy of the original order assigning General Pershing to command the forces overseas, to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and he in turn sent both on to Chairman Hale of the Senate naval sub-committee, at the same time making all the correspondence public.

"Not only at no time did I make any recommendation for the brigading of American troops with the British army," General Bliss said, "but the truth is exactly the reverse. The only times that I ever came in contact with Admiral Sims in Europe were while I was in London with the American mission (the so-called House mission) between the 8th and 22nd of November, 1917.

Says Proposal Never Discussed.

During that entire time the idea of brigading or amalgamating American troops with foreign armies, had not as far as I know, entered the head of anyone, nor did I ever make such a suggestion, much less a recommendation.

General Bliss said he told the Supreme War Council that such a thing as permanent units with the British or French would be "intolerable to American sentiment," which led the presiding officer, M. Clemenceau, to declare that "this point was settled," and nothing was heard thereafter on the subject.

In General Pershing's original orders, as commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, it was specifically provided that American troops were to operate as individual units.

Rear-Admiral Sims' statement Monday concerning General Bliss' alleged recommendations was made in discussion by the Admiral of the most effective manner in which the United States forces abroad could have aided the Allied cause, Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, read from an unsigned letter found in Admiral Sims' file urging that American troops passing through Great Britain be brigaded with the British forces. He called the document "British propaganda" and said it was part of an organized effort to prevent the formation of

a separate American army. Admiral Sims replied that while he had not written the letter he objected to having it called propaganda and said it was "pretty good military reasoning" and "what Bliss had recommended."

Charges Facing British.

Cross-examination of Rear-Admiral Sims was concluded yesterday by the Senate committee.

Admiral Sims was charged by Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, with a desire to "turn over the whole States" to the British during the war regardless of protection of the coasts of the United States and with having "favored the French or British policy, certainly not the American policy, of sending raw, untrained troops to France."

"The testimony before this committee, proves to my satisfaction that you relied very largely on the British Admiralty for your opinions and recommendations," declared Senator Pittman. "You talked of your belief that the American Expeditionary Force transport system had broken down and on November 9, 1918, you still thought General Pershing's supply arrangements behind the Argonne front had broken and you never expected him to succeed there."

"That is the veriest kind of rot," retorted the Admiral. "No officer of my experience, not to say record would allow himself to be governed by such polities."

The hearing yesterday was confined largely to technical questions regarding the placing of responsibility for alleged failure to adopt the convoy system earlier in the war. Senator Pittman asserted that the United States did not rest entirely with the Admiral Sims but "headed," in charging the murder of 500,000 men to the Navy Department, because of the alleged lack of prompt naval co-operation by the United States.

Frequent heated verbal clashes between Senator Pittman and the witness enlivened the hearing for the spectators. At 2:30 point the Senator shook his fist at the officer, "Don't shake your finger at me," admonished the Admiral. "It won't do any good."

"You are not on the bridge of a ship," retorted the Senator. "You will follow Senate procedure, not navy methods, here."

"Well you don't need to use police court methods," replied Admiral Sims.

Captain Horace Lanning, assistant chief of the Bureau of Navigation during the war and for a time acting head of the bureau, is expected to testify today.

FOREST WEALTH OF CANADA

St. John Telegraph.—In Canada particularly in Quebec and British Columbia, there still is a large supply of timber, and in Quebec the Crown forests are the envy of the Continent. In New Brunswick our extensive Crownlands are of immense value, and with reasonable conservation will increase in value as the years go by. But for New Brunswick and for all Canada the exhaustion of the American forests must be a reminder of the wisdom of avoiding in time the American mistake of exploitation without limit. So far as the Crown forests of Canada are concerned, the Provinces must not eat up their capital, but must live upon the interest, content to cut no more annually than growth will replace, and even to so limit the annual operations that the forest reserve will be gradually enlarged. There could be no better investment. To increase this asset is banking money at a high rate of interest. Moreover, there is to be considered the influence of the forests upon stream flow, and so upon agriculture. A very large portion of our land is unfit for agriculture, but will grow merchantable timber.

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Shipping News

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The big cold storage and refrigerating plant of the Newfoundland Fisheries Company has been sold to English interests who plan an expansion of the plant.

STEWARDS CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR

Three stewards on the C. P. O. S. liner Scotia, were in the police court at St. John's yesterday on charges of selling liquor to third class passengers on the voyage.

One passenger said nearly sixty were drunk on the trip. The liquor sold at 25 and 30 shillings a bottle. The case is unfinished.

NESCO COMING TO HALIFAX

The following special Marconi telegram was received at Halifax by the Herald yesterday:

"Noon twenty fifth, steamer Western Comet towing steamer Nesco to Halifax, 210 miles east Sable Island."

The tow is making slow progress probably not more than two knots an hour, and it will be some days yet before the distance from her present position to Halifax can be covered. Meanwhile as far as is known everything is going smoothly on board the disabled steamer and it is hoped that with reasonably fine weather the

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According to the Quebec dispatch eleven of the ship's oilers and firemen had arrived in that city and reported they had left the steamer on account of bad conditions existing on board. They further stated that only three fishermen and four oilers were left on board to care for the machinery.

Mr. Harvey's denial effectively deals with the report.

NICELY CAUGHT

They were sitting out a dance. He: "Here comes the young parson. I wonder if he means to join us?" She (tridgily): "Wouldn't it be advisable for you to propose first?"

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