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DANIELS CHARGES FORGERY

Cablegram Sims Testified Nearly Made Him Jump Overboard Shown Not Secretary's.

Original Obtained From British Admiralty Is Found to Be Signed by "A. F. Carter."

Washington, May 13.—Charges that a cablegram presented before the senate naval investigating committee during the testimony of Rear Admiral Sims, bore a forged signature were made Thursday by Secretary Daniels. He referred to a message which Admiral Sims had presented as part of his criticism of the navy department and which purported to have been signed by the secretary.

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

The concluding paragraph of the cablegram read:

"In regard to convoys, I consider that American vessels having armed guards are safer when sailing independently."

Mr. Daniels testified that immediately upon reading the admiral's testimony he knew he never sent such a cablegram and he started an investigation and finally found the original dispatch in the British embassy, which it had been sent, and that the name signed to it was "A. F. Carter, by directions of chief of naval operations."

"The statement that it was signed 'Daniels' is untrue" said the secretary. "No such telegram signed 'Daniels' ever sent to Admiral Sims. In his testimony, he reiterated 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 of a particular method to protect shipping and was resisting 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 changed the signature, Mr. Daniels declared, adding that the admiral owed "an apology to me and to the country for the impression undertaken to be made by his testimony based upon a false signature."

Much of the secretary's testimony was devoted to the controversy over convoying troop ships. He insisted that the admiral's course regarding the protection of troop ships caused the department "much anxiety" and finally he "bluntly" told Sims that everything was secondary to the safe-guarding of vessels carrying American soldiers.

Mr. Daniels charged that Admiral Sims withdrew the destroyer escort from the first convoy as soon as it arrived abroad, leaving the transports without protection for the return voyage. Admiral Sims, he said, finally was instructed to protect the ships when they left France.

Own Reports Contradict Sims.

Referring to Sims' testimony that the first troop convoy, sent over in June, 1917, was not attacked by submarines and that there was no submarine within 200 miles of the place where the attacks were said to have occurred, the naval secretary presented messages from Admiral Sims giving accounts of such attacks. The first of these messages was dated June 30, 1917, and said:

"First group attacked by submarines, longitude 25 degrees, 30, before arriving at first rendezvous. Second group attacked longitude 8. Strongly believe that enemy obtained information by intercepting and deciphering dispatches sent me from naval attaché's code."

"On the next day, July 1, 1917," Mr. Daniels said, "Admiral Sims sent this cablegram: 'It is practically certain that the enemy knew position of the first rendezvous and accordingly sent a submarine to intercept before juncture with destroyers.'"

"We had no reason then and have no reason now, to doubt Admiral Sims' own positive statements made at the time that the convoy was attacked; the report of Admiral Cleveland and the official report of the French general staff to the same effect."

Sims Tied Up Leviathan a Month.

Mr. Daniels also testified that Admiral Sims had objected to the use of the former German liner Leviathan as a troop ship, on the ground that her great length made her a better target for torpedoes than smaller vessels. He also said the admiral had contended that the ship should be operated at Liverpool rather than at Brest, because of better facilities for handling her cargo.

The department, the secretary said, followed the admiral's advice with the result that the Leviathan had to await an entire lunar month at Liverpool before she could get out of the harbor. Later the Leviathan operated out of Brest where her turn-around "was measured in hours instead of weeks and she broke all records in the number of troops transported."

Mr. Daniels presented various official documents to support his contention that the convoy system was originally sponsored by the American navy and that it was not adopted fully until several months after the United States entered the war and had sent many destroyers and other craft overseas, thus providing the ships to make the operation of the convoy system possible.

Debs Nominated for Presidency for Fourth Time as "Lincoln of Wabash," to Salvos of Cheers From Convention, but Tears Flow as Orator Touchingly Describes Leader in U. S. Prison.

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's national convention here.

Cheer upon cheer greeted 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 continued as all those who had been able to crowd their way into the convention hall strained forward, eyes bent on the platform, where was set a life-sized portrait of Debs, framed in black.

Nominated by Indiana Friend.

Debs was nominated as "the Lincoln of the Wabash" by Edward Henry a delegate from Indiana, Debs' home state.

In his nomination speech, Henry described with such effect a visit which he had paid Debs shortly after the Socialist leader entered the penitentiary, that four of the delegates broke down and wept.

Morris Hillquit, one-time candidate for the New York mayoralty and chairman of the convention's platform committee, has predicted that the party in 1920 will poll from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 votes. In 1908, when Debs ran for the presidency, he received 420,973 votes. In 1912 he received 897,011.

65 Years Old; 10-Year Term.

Debs began serving his 10-year sentence for violation of the war-time espionage act April 13, 1918. Debs, who is 65 years of age, has been given the presidential nomination by his party four times previously. He was a Democrat before he became a Socialist. In the late seventies, he served two terms in the Indiana legislature from Terre Haute, his home town. He was once a candidate for congress from the Fifth Indiana district. In 1894, from May to November, he served a sentence in jail

for contempt of court in an Illinois conspiracy case. His present imprisonment results from investigation of a speech in Canton, O., June 16, 1918, which led to his arrest two weeks later for opposing the war and urging labor to cease all activities which in any way tended to prolong it.

Every atom of influence and energy in the Socialist party went into the fight to keep Debs out of jail, but each appeal was turned down. The American Federation of Labor convention in June, 1919, voted down a resolution favoring clemency for him.

Won Fame in Big R. R. Strike.

The name of Debs as "head of the Socialist party of America" has gone round the world. Russia sought his release in appeals through diplomatic channels. With Premier Lenin of Russia he last June was elected an honorary president of the world labor congress.

In 1893, Debs organized the American Railway union, which within a short time won the celebrated Great Northern strike. In the same year, the Pullman strike broke out and Debs and his associates were placed on trial for conspiracy to obstruct the movement of the mails. One of the jurors reported "sick" and the trial was "temporarily suspended." Technically the trial is still pending.

Debs is also credited by the Socialists with having helped to organize all the unions which now comprise the "big four" of the railroad brotherhoods.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SEPARATE PEACE STRICKEN

Lodge Proposes Excision and Agreement Is Then Made for Final Vote on Knox Plan Saturday.

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

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

The agreement was made by unanimous consent, after negotiations between Senator Lodge and Senator Underwood, of Alabama, the Democratic leader.

Mr. Lodge's motion to strike out came as a surprise. He did not explain his reasons for the motion, which was sustained in the absence of any objection.

The section stricken out had drawn particular fire from the Democrats and from Senator McCumber, Republican, of North Dakota.

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day, because one or two senators who desire to speak were absent when the vote was put over.

BILLINGS WILL OBSERVE "SHIP-BY-TRUCK" WEEK.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Billings, May 13.—Plans are being made by the Billings Automobile association for a demonstration program for national "ship-by-truck" week, May 17-22. Arrangements will be perfected at a meeting next week. A \$50 prize is to be offered high school students for the best essay on the "ship-by-truck" movement.

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Lusk Damage Suit Draws Attention

Special to The Daily Tribune. Missoula, May 13.—Seven criminal cases and 27 civil cases are set for trial in the district court during the May term, which has just begun. The three most interesting of the criminal cases are those in which F. S. Lusk, Paul Quessel and Charles B. Effinger are defendants.

The Lusk case grew out of a circular that the defendant, who formerly was president of the First National bank here, is alleged to have issued concerning Philip S. Brown, a Missoula attorney.

Quessel is said to have been identified as one of the group of men that assaulted Fred Miles and robbed him of several hundred gallons of whisky on July 31 of last year. He was apprehended in St. Paul.

The others are liquor cases.

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Would Fully Advise Automobile Tourists of Game Conditions

Special to The Daily Tribune. Helena, May 13.—Names of fishing streams, regulations regarding hunting, fishing and carrying firearms will be posted at every automobile tourist camp in Montana during the next few weeks, according to J. L. DeHart, state fish and game warden.

Mr. DeHart says that many cities in the state are providing for these camps and they are being put in largely through the efforts of the commercial and civic organizations and it is his aim to see that tourists are given every opportunity to learn the game laws and be directed to good fishing streams in the interests of attracting visitors to the state and preserving the law without painful and costly explanations to tribunals.

Winifred Drillers Go On a Vacation

Special to The Daily Tribune. Lewistown, May 13.—The drillers at the Kansas-Montana near Winifred have taken "vacations" and through their action drilling has again been temporarily stopped. It is expected that Manager W. T. Brown will very quickly have the drill going again.

FRANCE WILLING TO RUN.

Washington, May 13.—Senator France of Maryland, in a formal statement, has announced that if the Republican national convention could find no other candidate to support the principles which he outlined in a recent speech as those for which the Republican party should stand, he would be willing to become the party standard bearer.