

GEN. BLISS CLAIMS SIMS CHARGES UNTRUE

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American Troops With British
Says Officer.

INDIVIDUAL UNITS ONLY

General Pershing's Original Orders as
Commander Overseas
Made Public

Washington, March 23.—The controversy started by Rear Admiral Sims' criticisms of the Navy Department's conduct of its war activities was broadened tonight by the entry of the War Department to deny some of the admiral's statements regarding the land forces.

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

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

Flatly Denies Charge.

"Not only at no time did I make any recommendation for the brigading of American troops with the British army," Gen. 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 22d of November, 1917. 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."

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

Individual Units.

In Gen. 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 Gen. Bliss' alleged recommendation was made in discussion by the admiral of the most effective manner in which the United States forces abroad could have aided the Allied causes. 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 Gen. Bliss recommended."

ARRESTED, TRIED AND HANGED FOR MURDER IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS

Augustine, Texas, March 23.—Previous Texas court records involving the death penalty probably were broken here today when John Hood Price, a negro, was hanged for the murder of John Kennedy, a farmer, less than twenty-four hours after his arrest.

The negro was captured at 4:30 p. m. He was quickly indicted by a special grand jury and a trial jury immediately sworn in. A night session was held in county court and the negro sentenced to death. At 11 o'clock today 200 persons visited the hanging of Price in the court house square.

Kennedy was killed at home here March 18 by two charges from a shotgun fired through a window. Price and Kennedy had quarreled the day before.

WHAT OUR COUNTY FARMERS ARE DOING

Mr. H. C. Cousar of Jordan has a fine six acre Bermuda pasture. By having this permanent pasture Mr. Cousar can raise a much larger number of cattle and hogs, and he has some fine hogs too, than he could if he had to depend on a swamp or temporary pastures. Clarence Poe in the Progressive Farmer says, Livestock and pastures are inseparable. You can't have one and not the other, if you are in business to make money.

D. Marion Evans over near Workman has a fine Hereford bull and that this bull is making himself popular in that section is easily seen for there is a large number of white faces over there since Marion bought him. Men buy purebred sires and stand them for the use of their neighbors are valuable men for their neighborhood, county and state and people who live in the neighborhood of such men are fortunate for they can come in daily contact with these builders of the livestock industry and in time will unconsciously put into use better methods of breeding and raising livestock.

\$325.00 is offered in prizes by business men of Manning to the three boys clubs which will be conducted in Clarendon this year, most of which has been offered by Mr. C. R. Sprott of the Manning Oil Mill. Sixteen prizes ranging from \$35.00 to \$5.00 are offered and Mr. L. L. Baker, State Leader of Boys Clubs, says this is the best set of prizes offered in any county in the State. Now we want to see a large number of boys join these clubs and show the people of the State that Clarendon boys can do better farming than the boys in any other county. In another article in this paper these clubs are described and the prizes listed. Parents talk it over with your boys and send in the blank provided, properly filled in.

J. Elbert Davis near Davis Station, who is putting in a dairy herd this spring is also planting all his corn with velvet beans. He is also having his share croppers and renters do the same and has bought the bunch velvet bean for them. These not only furnish a great amount of feed for his cows but help to keep up the fertility of the soil. Mr. Davis accompanied C. A. McFaddin, District Agent, to Darlington last Saturday where they attended a purebred Guernsey cattle sale. Mr. Davis will soon have the material on the ground for his barns, silo, etc.

Farmers near Manning should not forget that there is a cooperative canning factory in Manning which we want to keep running at full capacity this summer. We want string beans, tomatoes, okra, and all kinds of fruit to can. We will can on shares, buy your fruit or vegetables outright, or can all you have for yourself for a certain percentage. Farmers within a radius of eight miles of Manning will find the canning factory a profitable market for their fruit and vegetables. The factory can use almost any amount so plant an acre or half acre more than you need for home use this year and bring the remainder to the cannery.

The Bradham Duroc Farm has purchased Ira Jackson's herd boar for a very large consideration. Ira Jackson is ranked as the leading Duroc breeder of the United States and the fact that Bradham's have purchased his herd boar means much to the farmers and breeders of Clarendon county, the State, and the South. It means that right here at our door can be found the best bred hogs in the South. The Bradham Brothers say since they are breeding Durocs they might as well breed the best and it looks as if they are.

A. M. Musser,
County Agent.

GETTING READY FOR WAR

Copenhagen, March 23.—Estonia and Livonia, two of the former Russian Baltic provinces, now independent nations, are preparing for war, says a dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende from Kovno.

Concentration of troops in large numbers on the frontier is reported. Great Britain has tried unsuccessfully to mediate the dispute over boundary.

HAPPENINGS OF 26 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1894.

Mr. E. P. McLeod returned home from Florida yesterday.

Col. H. L. Benbow is quite sick at his home near Summerton.

Mr. Clarendon Barron returned home this morning from the Charleston Medical College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thomas and child of Florence, visited the family of Mr. F. C. Thomas last week.

Miss Jessie McLean of Red Springs, N. C., and Miss Boyle of Patterson, N. J., spent a few days last week visiting the family of Mr. Joseph Sprott.

The cold wave struck Manning yesterday morning and played havoc with the gardens.

Dr. L. W. Nettles of Foreston, has been appointed a member of the State Medical Board.

Last Friday two large swarms of bees were taken at Mr. J. B. Hudnals place just over Black river.

Last Monday night a certain man in town was forced to pick up his bed and walk in order to find warmer quarters.

We have on our table a head of oats taken from Mr. R. C. Gayle's field near Pinewood. The head is seven inches in length and well filled out. Mr. Gayle has ten acres just like it, but he does not propose to show it up to the candidates when they come around soliciting votes this summer. He banter the county on an oat crop.

A County Suggested.

Intendant—L. I. Bagnal.
Wardens—F. O. Richardson, Louis Levi, W. C. Chandler, J. H. Rigby.

Dispensary Report.

Following is the report of the Manning Dispensary for the month of February:

Gross Sales	\$1,351.90
Cost at Invoice prices	1,034.52
Gross profit	\$317.38
Expenses	105.60

Net profit to town and county \$211.78

C. ALLEN McFADDIN WITH HOME BANK AND TRUST CO.

Mr. C. A. McFaddin who has been employed by the Agricultural Department for eleven years in its demonstration work, and who, for several years, has been in charge of all the work in fifteen Counties as District Director, has resigned his position in order to accept a similar position offered him by the Home Bank & Trust Company, to work among its customers in this County.

This Bank realizes the danger to the business interests of the County that is immediately ahead of us and desires to do everything possible to aid its customers in preparing for the emergency.

Mr. McFaddin's services will be entirely free.

WATER AND POWER PLANT

Monroe, La., March 23.—Fire early today destroyed the municipal water and power plant, placed the city without fire protection and put newspaper and other industries dependent on electrical power out of business. Water will be provided today, but it was estimated it would be months before electrical power could again be manufactured locally.

TO GUARANTEE INCREASES

Madrid, Mar. 23.—The government in order to terminate the railroad strike, proposed tonight to guarantee the increases in wages demanded by the men, and it is considered highly probable that the railroads will return to work tomorrow. The government has promised the companies to do everything in its power to secure the passage of the bill providing for increased rates.

SOME WILD CHARGES

Macon, Ga., Mar. 23.—"The league of nations is a league of treason," declared Senator James A. Reed of Missouri in an address at the city hall auditorium here tonight before a crowd estimated at 1,500 persons. The senator attacked the candidacy of Palmer, for upholding the present administration, and he attacked President Wilson, charging that "he is trying to deliver this country to the house of Morgan and the nations of Europe."

Senator Reed was introduced by Former Congressman Charles L. Bartlett, and he was accompanied to this city from Atlanta by Former Senator Thomas W. Hardwick.

BOYS' AGRICULTURAL CLUBS ORGANIZED

There will be three phases of Boy's Agricultural Club Work conducted in Clarendon County this year, viz., Peanut Club, Cotton Club, and Pig Club. The Peanut club and Cotton clubs are something new and have been added to the list of Club activities mainly on account of the presence of the boll weevil.

The Peanut is getting to be one of our most valuable crops and one that is well adapted to most of the soil of Clarendon county and if the boys entering the Club will carry out instructions as to selection of plot, preparation and fertilization of the soil with proper cultural methods there is no reason why they should not succeed in making a good crop and getting handsome returns for their labor, besides they will gain much information that will be of great value to them in their farming operations in the years to come, as there is no doubt that the peanut hereafter will enter very largely into our farming operations as one of the money crops.

The Cotton Club is also a new phase of Club work and is introduced for the purpose of teaching and training the boys in the proper methods of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions. The boll weevil is here to stay and if cotton is to be grown in the future new methods must be worked out and put into practice, such as work in this club will do. This also furnishes the boy a splendid opportunity of making money for themselves.

The Pig Club has been organized in Clarendon county for several years and has done fairly good work but we want to see more boys avail themselves of the opportunity of learning how to raise purebred hogs at a profit. In combating the boll weevil livestock plays a very important part and swine raising is one of the best and quickest ways of making money from livestock as well as keeping up the fertility of the soil.

In order to encourage the boys to enter these clubs and in doing their best the following prizes have been offered and will be awarded according to the official rules governing each phase of the work.

Peanut Club.

C. R. Sprott, President of the Manning Oil Mill Company offers as first prize \$30.00, second \$25.00, third \$20.00, fourth \$15.00, fifth \$10.00, sixth \$5.00.

Cotton Club.

C. R. Sprott, President of the Manning Oil Mill Company offers as first prize \$30.00, second \$25.00, third \$20.00, fourth \$15.00, fifth \$10.00.

Pig Club.

The Manning Board of Trade offers as first prize \$25.00, second \$20.00, third \$15.00, fourth \$10.00, fifth \$5.00. The Bradham Duroc Farm offers an additional prize of \$10.00 to each of the above prizes.

There will also be valuable State prizes offered in each of these Clubs for which the members will have the opportunity of contesting for. All white boys in Clarendon county between the ages of ten and eighteen January 1st, 1920, are eligible for membership in one or all of these clubs. Boys desiring to join any one or more of these clubs should fill in and cut out the blank below and mail to A. M. Musser, County Agent, Manning, S. C.

Mr. A. M. Musser,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

I desire to enroll in the following Club:
Peanut _____
Cotton _____
Pig _____ Club.
My name is _____
My address is _____
R. F. D. _____
Father or Mother's name _____

Sometime during the latter part of April all those who have joined or sent in their names to one or more of these clubs will be invited to Manning for instructions and to attend a luncheon which will be given them by the business men of Manning.

San Francisco, March 23.—Mental irresponsibility as a result of being gassed in France was put forward in testimony by Mrs. E. V. McGinnis, of St. Louis, today, pleading for the acquittal of her husband, a former army captain, charged with bringing his stenographer to California in violation of the Mann Act.

NORTHERN LIGHTS KICKING UP HEELS

Aurora Borealis Goes on Spree.

BAD NIGHT FOR WIRES

Telegraph Companies Get Competition From Skies and Finally Succumb For Time.

New York, March 22.—Aurora borealis was attacked tonight with spring fever. He kicked up his heels, danced all over the sky and put telegraph wires out of commission from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Far West.

The wire chief at Western Union headquarters tried to take patents "puls" but reported that company had no instruments strong enough to measure the voltage in the electrical currents which swept across the heavens. Nature's sky larking in the northland made telegraphy an impossibility for 15 minutes—a record in this vicinity—and caused a flurry in newspaper offices all over the country, when news westward bound was held up.

There were interruptions in telegraph service early in the evening, but the complete tie up came at 9:45. By 10 o'clock Western Union reported it was beginning to recover some of its circuits, but a realignment or balancing was necessary.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company which also reported its telegraph service was completely demoralized, said the northern lights had not interrupted its local or long distance telephone service. Cable terminals were hard hit, while wireless apparatus waged an unequal fight against nature for command of the air.

There will be many a stiff neck in New York tomorrow. Men, women, and children elevated their faces 45 degrees to miss not a flash of the free electrical display. The encyclopedia lists various types of the phenomenon—arcs, rays bands, curtains and coronas—and there were star gazers to be found who solemnly swore they had detected each type.

Night hawks sat like the streets or perched skyscrapers until well toward midnight, staring at the heavens. Riverside Drive and the parks were crowded until a late hour while along Broadway's nature's light defeated electric signs for supremacy of interest.

Washington, Mar. 22.—The aurora borealis was visible in the far South tonight, in some sections the electrical display having been seen for the first time in years. In Columbia and Charleston, S. C., the northern lights were seen distinctly and Montgomery Ala., and cities in Tennessee reported a remarkable exhibition.

Throughout North Carolina and Virginia great bands of light flashed across the skies and in Washington the display had the appearance of beams from great search lights.

The electrical discharge played havoc with wire communication throughout the South from early in the evening until shortly before midnight, the only lines escaping with minor interruptions being those south along the coast.

FIRE AT SPARTANBURG RESULTS IN DAMAGE

Spartanburg, March 23.—Fire here early today, originating it is believed, from spontaneous combustion, did considerable damage to the plant of the Spartan Grain and Mill company, situated in the warehouse of the Piedmont & Northern railway on Spring street, and for a time threatened the extensive structure. The principal loss was in water damage to the stock of feed and grain stored in the building. Officials of the company said their loss was covered by insurance, but they were unable to estimate its extent. The building was not greatly damaged.

MAY REMOVE LIQUOR

Parkersburg, W. Va., Mar. 23.—Liquor may be removed by the owner from his home in West Virginia to his new permanent residence in another state, according to a ruling handed down here today by Charles Lively, federal prohibition director.

WILL ABANDON COAL PRICE CONTROL

President Issues a Warning Against Profiteering

FOR A JOINT CONFERENCE

Partial Absorption of Increase to Miners Expected Will Now Be Permitted.

Washington, March 23.—With a warning against profiteering, President Wilson today ordered abandonment of government control over bituminous coal prices and asked miners and operators to negotiate a new working agreement on the basis of the majority report of the coal strike settlement commission.

The President ordered termination of price-control on April 1, when the working agreement becomes effective. This will permit, at least, partial absorption in coal prices of the increase in miners' wage, established at twenty-seven per cent by the commission's majority report. The increase in wages, the commission estimated, will entail an added annual cost of \$200,000,000 and includes the four per cent increase awarded the miners in settling the recent strike.

No Unreasonable Prices.

The operators, however, were reminded by the President that unreasonable prices must not result from the relinquishment of price-control and the addition of increased wages to their expenses.

The date of the joint conference of operators and miners to formulate a new wage agreement had not been set tonight. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, while awaiting a conference with officers of his union on the matter, issued a statement saying that the miners were ready and willing to participate in a meeting with the operators.

Reports Made Public

The majority and minority reports of the coal commission also were made public at the White House and both were included by the President in his letter to the operators and miners. Notwithstanding the lack of unanimity in the commission's finding the President said it was to be assumed the two groups would regard the majority award as binding. The minority report would be laid before them, he said, for their guidance in reaching an agreement.

The President in restricting control over prices restored the fuel situation so far bituminous is concerned to the status existing prior to November 1, when the bituminous miners went out in a nation-wide strike.

The executive order, however, does not affect the Tide Water Coal Exchange which was re-established February 25, and which controls export of coal.

TO ANSWER MINE WORKERS TONIGHT

New York, March 23.—The anthracite mine operators notified the mine workers late today that they would reply tomorrow night at 8 o'clock to the proposal of the coal diggers to remain at work after April 1, pending negotiations of a new wage agreement, "providing the operators agree to make any wage award retroactive to that date."

Unless a new wage agreement is reached by April 1, when the present contract expires, the reply of the anthracite operators will determine whether there will be a suspension of work in the hard coal region after that date. The general scale committee of the miners, by virtually a unanimous vote today, decided that they would not remain in the mines at the expiration of the present agreement unless the employers agreed to make any wage award retroactive.

BILL OF LONG STANDING

Richmond Va., March 23.—At the hearing today of the West Virginia debt commission, Col. Joseph Button presented a claim for \$50,000 which he contends is his salary as clerk of the commission for 26 years.

The hearings were held before Robert E. Scott, special commissioner and the entire day was devoted to hearing the testimony of H. T. Wickham, one of the commissioners. The latter held that in his best judgment the sum left after all debts are paid, be divided among the holders of certificates according to the interest they may have in the case.