

tor Walsh, Democrat Member of Naval Affairs Committee. Request for immediate consideration denied on objection of Republican Leader. Replying to inquiry Chairman Hale stated, "The Admiral produced the letter because I insisted and I am willing to assume responsibility". Said he had not sent letter prior to its reading and Senator replied that the Admiral had it conveniently at hand. Senator Thomas characterized it as "gross violation of somebody's confidence". General Barnett of Marine Corps and Rear Admiral Grant were witnesses today. Barnett took view with Sims' testimony that controversy had been encountered because Secretary failed to formulate definite policy to follow. General said law was specific enough to guide commanding officers in making recommendations. Declared that his recommendations were not carried out in most cases of officers who served in U. S. and he had expressed regret to Secretary. Feels that they should have consulted him before changing his recommendations. Admiral Grant said he had recommended all commanders of battle ships who served under him for the Distinguished Service Medal, but that Captain Clase of the "Minnesota" was the only one to get it, others receiving Navy Crosses.

ROME. Improvement noted today in railway strike. Martial law rules in many cities and troops are used to curb strikers and guard trains as strike is said to have taken on revolutionary character. Catholics refused to join walkout. Press merely opposes strike.

HALIFAX. Disabled transport "Powhatan" without light or steam and fire-rooms flooded was plunging about in heavy seas this afternoon three hundred miles from this port with no immediate prospect of having her passengers taken off. Was towed for eight miles by freighter "Western Comet" which then was forced to abandon effort. "Northern Pacific" and other boats sending by waiting for weather to go dead. Hope that late today it would be possible to get line aboard or take passengers off. "Martha Washington" also ordered to stand by.

WASHINGTON. Board of officers appointed to examine accounts of Lieutenant C. F. Bennett, Naval Disbursing Officer in charge of Accounts of Officers on duty here today submitted report showing apparent defraud of about seventy-five thousand dollars. Lieutenant Bennett went on ten days leave December 22nd and has not been heard from since December 28th. Prior to disappearance he had been in bad health and under care of medical officers for several months. His reputation had been that for integrity and efficiency.

WASHINGTON: Japanese object in agreeing to cooperate with United States in supporting Czecho-Slovak troops in Siberia has been attained and withdrawal

of troops from Siberia was decided at meeting of Advisory Diplomatic Council here. Asserted at meeting it is said that Japan had territorial ambitions in Siberia and troops now going there are merely to replace losses.

WARSAW: Poland and whole of Europe is threatened with epidemic of infectious diseases which are spreading westward from Reuven Tuberculosis raging over whole of Galicia.

LONDON: Dispatch to "Central News" says Supreme Court at Paris has decided that a force of two hundred thousand will be sent to oppose Bolshevik in Caucasus.

ANNAPOLIS: New York has been chosen as the place for the next Army-Navy football clash, provided a field can be found. This was decided last night.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, Jan. 19th.—The provisions of the new Taxation Bill have been submitted to the Chamber of Deputies, but are in no way binding on the new Government. They include a complimentary tax to the war profits tax a tax on increased wealth acquired during the war even by the most legitimate means, and taxes on refined oils, petroleum and essences.

Paris, Jan. 19th.—Sir William Goode, Director of Relief Missions, has received information from Budapest, stating that on January 11th, only one day's grain reserve remained and that owing to heavy falls of snow, starvation would doubtlessly result.

London, Jan. 19th.—Heavy engagements have taken place on the North-west frontier of India, in which the imperial forces suffered severe losses. The Derajat column, while advancing into the country of the Mahsuds, encountered stronger opposition north of hbidanghi and came to close quarters with the enemy, sustaining three hundred and eighty-five casualties, including eight British officers killed and twelve wounded and missing, a number of Indian officers being also killed or wounded. The Masuds lost one hundred and thirty killed and more than three hundred wounded.

Londonderry, Jan. 19th.—In the municipal elections in this city last week the Unionists were defeated. The council is now composed of nineteen Unionists and twenty-one Sinn Fein or Nationalist members.

Paris, January 19th.—The Cabinet of M. Millerand has been formed. He takes the Premier-ship and the portfolio of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the other members being as follows: Justice, M. L'Hopiteau; Interior, M. Steep; War, M. Lefevre; Marine, M. Landry; Commerce, M. Isaac; Agriculture, M. Ricard; Finance, M. Francois Marsal; Colonies, M. Sarraut; Public Works, M. Letrocquer; Instruction, M. Hounerat;

Labour, M. Jourdain; Hygiene, M. Breton, M. Jourdain and M. Letrocquer are the only members of the late Clemenceau Cabinet.

New York, Jan. 20th.—Severe storms have been experienced in the Atlantic for the past weeks and shipping is being delayed. Many distress calls for help have been received from vessels labouring in heavy seas. Some being short of coal. Gales and snowstorms are reported from many quarters and the harbour of New York is filled with floating ice, rendering navigation hazardous.

London, Jan. 20th.—From a high diplomatic source the Daily Chronicle learns that it is regarded as certain that Holland will decline to hand over Ex-Emperor William, and that it is possible, in order to aver strained relations between the Allies and the Dutch Government, that an arrangement will be effected by which the Ex-Kaiser will be interned under conditions agreeable to the Governments concerned.

Paris, January 20th.—Baron Von Lersner has expressed the opinion that the efforts to secure the ex-Kaiser will prove futile, it being certain that Holland, never will surrender him for trial on charges not provided for by any constitutional law or treaties regarding extradition.

Paris, Jan. 21st.—The Jugo-Slavs submitted to the Supreme Council yesterday, their utmost effort in the way of concession in order to effect an agreement with Italy. They accept the Internationalization under the League of Nations, of Fiume and Zara, concede to Italy the islands of Lussin and Pelagosa, and agree to the demilitarization of the the Adriatic Islands, with the condition that the island of Lissa remains Jugo-Slav. The rights of Italians in Dalmatia to choose Italian nationality without leaving Jugo-Slavs are recognized by the Jugo-Slavs who also agree that Italian national rights in Dalmatia, and their industries, shall be guaranteed by an International convention. They refuse to make alterations of the line drawn by President Wilson. The Council, yesterday afternoon, held a further discussion upon Great Britain's announcement of her inability to send her quota of troops into the plebiscite areas of Germany, the discussion resulting in the British offering to send naval detachments to Memel and Danzig. During the session, M. Clemenceau, having indicated that he would turn over the affairs of the Council, Mr. Lloyd George, Premier Nitti, Ambassador Wallace and Baron Natsui, extolled M. Clemenceau in brief and formal farewell addresses. No definite arrangements were made by the Council before disbanding for the turning-over of the Turkish Adriatic and other problems to other hands, but it was indicated that the proposed conference of Ambassador would be empowered shortly to continue this work. Premier Nitti left for Rome and Mr. Lloyd George for England.