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TELEGRAMS

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Washington, Md.
British Government
the United States
1917, saying Britain appr
the United States was do
down submarines, it was merely a clause
of International politeness, Admiral
Sims told the Senate Investigation Com-
mittee this morning. They were thank-
ing us for sending six destroyers, said the
Admiral. The delay by the United States
navy in getting into the war in earnest
was again scored by the Admiral,
who repeated his declaration that the
failure of the United States navy to
cooperate fully with the Allies during the
first six months after the United States
declaration of war, cost half a million
lives, fifteen billion dollars two and
a half million tons of shipping and pre-
vented victory over Germany by July
nineteen-eighteen. He said that although
he had repeatedly urged that every des-
troyer and small craft which could be
sent to sea be despatched immediately
to the East Atlantic, the focus of all lines
of communication to England and France
which was the critical area his recommen-
dations was not complied with until
about six months later. He had also re-
commended that two divisions of Amer-
ican dreadnoughts be sent to a base
at Brest to guard against raids in the
English Channel by German cruiser
forces, but his recommendation was en-
tirely disregarded. He insisted that
he had been badly handicapped by the
department to keep him informed of its
plans and read excerpts from his mes-
sages urging the adoption of the convoy
system and said that they would show
that great losses were sustained, due to

the resistance of the United States in
taking up the convoy system. He then
read a departure message sent him in
May and signed by Secretary Daniels in
regard to convoy, reading: "I consider
American vessels having armed guards
are safer when sailing independently."
When I got that message I was about
ready to jump board, continued Ad-
miral Sims, and added, that he realis-
ed that the Department did not under-
stand or appreciate the situation.

Paris, March 20th.—Advices from
Lussels and Aix-La-Chapelle announce
that about one hundred thousand Spar-
tacists with twenty guns and armoured
automobiles, captured Essen on the nine-
teenth inst., where they proclaimed a
Soviet Govt comprising Mulheim, Ober-
hausen, Elberfeldt and Kettwig, defeat-
ing Government forces, who re-
took refuge partially in the
occupation, where they
Ty Spartacists during the
night on the twentieth captured
the city of Essen, which was evacu-
ated by German troops without resist-
ance. The Belgian posts on the right
bank of the Rhine took the left bank
without being troubled. All precaution-
ary measures have been taken for resist-
ing possible attempts against the bridges
of the Rhine.

Paris, March 20th.—According to lat-
est advices Herr Noske, who had resign-
ed owing to violent attacks by Herr
Scheidemann, has decided to retain his
post, the Social Democrats and the Centre
having adopted a vote of confidence in
favour. The Government has decid-
ed to remain at Stuttgart until order has
been restored in the capital, where vio-
lent fighting is taking place. The gen-
eral strike continues, no trains are run-
ning and no newspapers are appearing.
The greater number of the public build-
ings are occupied by faithful troops of
the Govt. An attack in force by the Spar-
tacists is anticipated. Negotiations are
proceeding between the Govt. and the
syndicates, who demand the departure
of Ministers Heine and Noske, and vari-
ous measures of social reform. Progress
by the Spartacists is reported from West-
phalia, Chemnitz, Essen and Kiel, where
the sailors removed their officers, and
the whole Ruhr basin is in the hands of
the Communists. Severe fighting is tak-
ing place in various other cities, notably
Leipzig, and everywhere there have been
many killed and wounded.

Paris, March 20th.—M. Millerand, in a
statement to the correspondent of the

Daily Chronicle, declared that France,
without pursuing a policy of vengeance
with regards to Germany, would demand
the execution of all the reparations stip-
ulated by the treaty of Versailles and
would never agree to any revision.

Paris, March 20th.—According to a des-
patch from Berlin, a note from the Su-
perior Council has informed the Vice-
Chancellor that the Entente would boy-
cott commercially a Monarchist or Bol-
shevik Germany.

London, March 20th.—Signor Scialoja,
in an interview, declared that negotia-
tions had made such progress that he ex-
pected to return to Rome within eight
days, essential points of the treaty with
Turkey having been regulated. He added,
that Italy was in accord with the Allies
regarding the frontiers of Hungary which
would be unchanged.

Madrid, March 20th.—The Minister of
Foreign Affairs has laid before the Cham-
ber a proposal for a credit of three hun-
dred thousand pesetas for the expenses
of Spain in the League of Nations.

Berne, March 20th.—A vices from
Berlin state the Attorney-General Reich
has commenced proceedings against the
members of the Knapp government, and
chiefly against Generals Knapp and
Luttwitz and Herr Jagow.

Barbados, March 20th.—It is notified
for general information by His Excel-
lency the Governor that he has been
informed by His Majesty's Secretary of
State that His Royal Highness the Prince
of Wales would leave England on 16th
March and arrive at Barbados on 26th
and leave on 27th March. It has been
decided that the ball at the public build-
ings in honour of His Royal Highness'
visit shall be a subscription one.

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