



NAVY MEN IN ROW OVER WAR MEDALS

Sims Refuses Distinguished Service Award.

DANIELS' REVISION ATTACKED

High Honors Recommended by Admiral Are Reduced.

FUSS TO REACH CONGRESS

Controversy Revolves Around Relative Importance of Shore and Sea Duties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rumblings of dissatisfaction within the navy at the way Secretary Daniels has arranged the awards of decorations for war services, came to the surface today when it became known that Admiral Sims, former commander of American naval forces in European waters, had declined to accept his distinguished service medal while the awards remain as at present.

At the same time the row, which up to this time has been a smoldering one, gave indications of showing up in congress. Chairman Page of the senate naval committee asked for a report on the awarding of the decorations and Secretary Daniels transmitted it to him tonight. Meanwhile Representative Larkin of Massachusetts, a member of the house naval committee, announced that he would ask the house to call for a similar report.

Sims Causes Sensation.

Coming as the climax to published charges that Secretary Daniels had rearranged the whole list of awards, raising some officers to higher distinction than recommended and "blue-penciling" others, publication of Admiral Sims' action, created a new sensation in the navy department, and added a new chapter to the long contest in which some naval officers have complained of the secretary's administration of affairs and others have defended him with equal vigor.

The whole thing has been brought to a head by the action of Admiral Sims, who, writing an official communication to Secretary Daniels, has set out that officers for whom he recommended the distinguished service medal—highest of all naval decorations except the congressional medal of honor—received by the secretary's revision a decoration of lesser value, and that other officers whose duties and services Admiral Sims considered as of lesser value received, by the revision, the more valued decoration.

Revision Upward Asked.

At the same time it develops that Admiral Sims sent franked copies of his letter to many naval officers in Washington. His action became known first through them, and later today Mr. Daniels gave out the letter, without comment. Earlier, however, Mr. Daniels had announced that he had prepared the report asked for by Senator Page and tonight, after transmitting it to the senator, made public copies of it.

Admiral Sims, in his letter, does not appear to refuse his decoration unconditionally. He refused it under the conditions outlined, and he asks for an opportunity to explain the reasons for his original recommendations. Besides that, the admiral does not ask that the highest award be taken from any officer upon whom it already has been conferred, but he does ask for a revision upward of some of the lesser decorations.

Shore and Sea Duties at Issue.

Sims, long known as the stormy petrel of the navy, since his sensational "hit drop of blood" speech in the Guild hall at London, when he drew the attention of the foreign offices of Berlin, London and Washington, has figured in navy sensations before, and has many warm supporters among the officers. Secretary Daniels' report to Chairman Page of the senate naval committee outlines the general policy followed by the secretary in awarding medals and distinctions to naval officers and enlisted men.

Indicating that the entire controversy revolves around the old navy department disagreement as to which class of service—shore or sea—is most important, Secretary Daniels in his report said:

"The value of the duty on shore was duly recognized, but in my opinion it should be of the highest importance and responsibility in order that this duty should be recognized by the award of the same kind of medals as that given to officers charged with great responsibility and at the same time in positions of grave danger in the active war zone, and this was the standard which any particular case had to meet for an officer on shore duty to be awarded the medal."

Daniels Explains Stand.

Emphasizing his belief that officers engaged in hazardous and responsible duties in the North Sea mining squadrons, the destroyer force, the convoy and the armed guard services should be given preference in the award of high honors over officers serving on shore, even in positions of great responsibility and officers serving with ships in home waters, Secretary Daniels said that "the services rendered by these different forces was recognized."

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OFFICERS OF PACIFIC FLEET ARE HONORED

MEDALS ARE AWARDED FOR SERVICE DURING WAR.

Admiral Hugh Rodman and Seven Others Cited, According to Washington Report.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Eight officers of Pacific fleet vessels have received the award of distinguished service medals and distinguished service crosses for service in the war against Germany. This award came here today from Washington.

The officers honored are Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet; Captain Nathan Twining, Admiral Rodman's chief of staff; Rear-Admiral Henry A. Wiley, commanding destroyer squadrons Nos. 2 and 4 of the fleet; Captain Frank Berlin, chief of staff to Admiral Wiley; Commander Daniel Ghent, former commander of the Pacific; Commander William Glassford Jr., former commander of the destroyer Chancey; Lieutenant Frank Evans, son of "Fighting Bob" Evans; Captain J. H. Tomp, former commander of the mine-layer Aroostook, now commanding the naval air station here.

CREDIT RULE TO TIGHTEN

Economic Unsoundness Approaching, Says Federal Reserve Bank.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—A warning was sent out by the federal reserve bank of San Francisco today to all banks in the Twelfth federal district that in view of a "debouch of extravagance and wasteful spending" made possible to a large extent by the tremendous expansion of credit, it would scrutinize paper offered for rediscount in order to ascertain whether it was made for "commercial, agricultural and industrial purposes," and make, wherever necessary, close inquiry as to the purpose for which the money was borrowed or paper rediscounted.

"We have arrived at, or are closely approaching," the circular stated, "a condition of admitted economic unsoundness, and continuance along the same lines will certainly bring about a condition of financial unsoundness."

HOOVER IS NOT CANDIDATE

Rumors Regarding Aspiration for Presidency Dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Rumors that he would be a candidate for the presidency were dismissed by Herbert Hoover when he returned here today after his second industrial conference at Washington called by President Wilson. "I have no political aspirations," said Mr. Hoover, "and am perfectly contented with my present work, that of providing 3,000,000 European babies with milk to drink and healthy food to eat."

Mr. Hoover said he believed the situation in Europe was improved over that of last year, although Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria were still in a critical condition.

FRENCH FLIGHT IS OFF

Aviator, Downed by Vulture, Abandoned Australian Attempt.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Etienne Poulet, French military aviator who on October 14 left Paris in an attempt to fly to Australia, has abandoned the flight, according to reports from Rangoon today.

Lieutenant Poulet's machine was so badly damaged in a battle in the air with a huge vulture early this month that he was forced to land on a small plateau in the mountains near Moulmein, Burma. The aviator repaired his machine sufficiently to continue on to Moulmein.

PARIS POOR YET PRODIGAL

Even Government Is Declared in Paradoxical Position.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Illustrating the paradoxical financial condition of France the Petit Parisien compares the government, which issues paper without a covering fund, to an individual who draws checks upon a bank in which he has no money. Traditionally, Paris is a city of prodigal, but this year, however, is as great as ever in Paris.

No extravagance seems too great for those wishing to celebrate the season, say reports from restaurants showing all seats booked.

CHICAGO PACKERS CITED

Wilson & Co. Charged With Wisconsin Law Violation.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—A warrant charging Wilson & Co., Chicago packers, with violation of the Wisconsin cold storage law, was issued from the district attorney's office today.

The complaint alleges that nearly 3000 pounds of beef checks were kept in cold storage here since October 30, 1918.

AUSTRIA NEAR BREAKERS

Action by Powers Held Necessary to Save Nation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—United action by the allied and associated powers in refloating Austria is the only way of saving that country from utter chaos and economic wreckage.

This was the statement of Frank L. Polk, secretary of state, at the head of the Washington peace delegation at Paris, today on his return to Washington.

NONE FORGOTTEN IN YULETIDE RUSH

Avalanche of Shoppers Swoops Into Stores.

CHEER PREPARED FOR POOR

Goodies and Gifts Gathered for Friendless Tots.

NEEDY TO GET BASKETS

Big Brothers and Sisters of Portland Not Too Busy to Play Santa or Arrange Dinners.

The tardy Christmas shopping rush claimed Portland's streets and stores all yesterday, while thousands searched for the gifts they meant to buy at least a fortnight before or for the eleventh-hour remembrance of someone almost forgotten in the whirl of the holidays.

Merchants say that the Christmas trade this year established a record, and any number of tired clerks would vote aye to this assertion had they the time to ballot.

And while Portland in the case of the individual citizen was busily engaged in creating cheer and making advance payments on happiness, through the remembrance of folks and friends, the city was far from forgetting that not the least of its accepted holiday duties was the dissemination of happiness where it may be lacking, of Christmas cheer where the spirit of Yule must be taken by self-appointed big brothers and sisters and friends of all humanity.

Tots to Be Remembered.

Through any number of well-laid plans, upon which various clubs and organizations and private citizens have been working for weeks past, the spirit of Christmas will not be banished from any portion of Portland. There will be sparkling trees for children who aren't going to have such festivities at home, and there will be Christmas dinners galore for those who face the prospect of a lonely day.

Not because they are singled out as the needy, but because Portland wishes to make this Christmas happier than the ones they spent in camp and trench, the ex-service men of the city, who are without local friends or friends of folks, will be the guests of as many citizens as will tender the invitation.

If any home feels that it would keep Christmas and gain honor by asking an ex-service man out to dinner—well, there's the telephone. A message to community service headquarters, Main 654 Northwestern bank building, will place the prospective host or hostess in touch with a welcome guest.

Major Sponsors Plan.

The plan is sponsored by Mayor Baker and Charles F. Berg, who are appealing to Portland to issue the invitations immediately. All ex-service men who have not received an invitation to Christmas dinner have been asked to register at community service headquarters.

At the children's home, in south Portland, early this forenoon, a surprise Santa Claus commissioned by the Portland Ad club will enter with a heavily laden pack of Christmas gifts for the four-score small boys and girls who reside there. Of course, among those who have the secret it has been whispered that John T. Doucual will wear the whiskers of the old man.

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SHIPPING BOARD TO "GO LIMIT" FOR WEST

DEMANDS OF PACIFIC COAST TRADE RECOGNIZED.

Head of Delegation Reports Success of Petition for Greater Number of Carriers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The United States shipping board will "go the limit" in providing ships for the Pacific coast trade, according to the opinion expressed today to the directors of the chamber of commerce by Charles C. Moore of San Francisco, who headed the Pacific coast delegation which appeared before the board recently to ask for greater allocation of ships to the coast.

"It was plain to Chairman Payne that the united cities of the Pacific coast had completely subordinated their local interests before the board," said Moore. "A splendid case was presented to the board and it was shown that American interests would suffer unless proper recognition were given to the Pacific coast in the matter of ships with which to handle the great trans-Pacific burden of commerce."

Chairman Payne said he had never before listened to so impressive and convincing a presentation.

The pressing imminency of the problem was brought home to the board, Moore said, by declaration of Paul Reinsch, ex-American minister to China, that with adequate shipping facilities the Pacific coast would be able to double its trade with China within two years.

BAILEY ISSUES DENIAL

Texas Senator Says He Is Not Party to Land Suit.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—Joseph W. Bailey, former United States senator from Texas, declared today that he was not a party to a suit in Arizona to compel payment of \$95,000 back taxes on a land grant of 100,000 acres. He said, however, that his son, Welton Bailey, was one of the defendants "to the extent of \$40,000."

A news dispatch from Phoenix, Ariz., December 16, mentioned the former senator, his son and "several other Texans" as defendants.

CUBAN SUGAR 15.20 CENTS

New York New Crop Quotation Indicates Higher Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A wholesale price of 15.20 cents a pound, less 2 per cent for cash, was announced here today by H. H. Russell, Son & Co., the quotation for granulated sugar refined from the new crop of raw Cuban sugar.

This contrasts with a price of 9 cents a pound, less 2 per cent for cash, for granulated from the old Cuban crop, and was said to indicate a retail price of between 17 and 18 cents a pound.

5-POUND HIPPO IS BORN

Bronx Zoo Has Non-Ruminating Antiodactyl Ungulate Mammal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A five-pound pygmy hippopotamus—and non-ruminating antiodactyl ungulate mammal, much less Asiatic than the giant relative, and having in fact the habits of a pig—was born today at the Bronx zoo, the sixth specimen of its species ever held in captivity and the first to come into the world behind bars.

TWO ARMEN KNIGHTED

Pair Rewarded for First Flight From England to Australia.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Knighthood in the order of the British empire has been conferred by King George upon Captain Ross Smith, first aviator to fly from England to Australia.

Captain Smith's brother, Macpherson Smith, observer in the recent successful flight, received the same honor.

14,000 CHILDREN JOIN IN CHRISTMAS RIOT

POLICEMEN SWEEP OFF FEET BY WILD ONRUSH.

Uninvited New York Youngsters Scramble Madly for Presents.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Thousands of uninvited children for whom no gifts were provided crowded their way into the 71st regiment armory tonight and threw New York's largest children's Christmas festival into a riot.

During the uproar 14,000 youngsters were in a mad scramble for the gifts of presents, which were stacked up to the ceiling for distribution to 7000 needy "kiddies" who had been invited.

Police reserves, aided by the armory detail of soldiers, were unable to check the wild onrush. Several women fainted and scores of children were bowled over as the youngsters rushed about the floor.

No semblance of order was obtained until thousands of the youngsters had been rushed into the street. Less than 50 per cent of them managed to get a gift package.

The trouble started when clowns appeared on the floor. Children assigned to places in the building rushed out in mass formation and crowded about the funmakers. A few took advantage of the disorder to help themselves from the gift tables and the policemen present were swept off their feet and additional reserves were summoned. Children fought and scratched each other for the possession of dolls and other toys.

One frocked, red-faced youth wearing an abbreviated army coat was seen to carry away eight packages.

TURKEY PRICE IS LOWER

Small Demand Causes Break in Wholesale Market.

The wholesale turkey market broke yesterday, but it remains to be seen what effect it will have on retail prices. In the forenoon Front street dealers were selling the best turkeys at 60 cents, but the demand fell away and in the afternoon the birds were offered at 55 cents with few buyers.

Several large lots are due to reach Front street this morning and may cause a further slump in prices.

Most retailers asked 65 cents for choice turkeys, but they found trade very slow. Unless buying picks up this morning, some of them declared they would cut prices rather than carry over a large stock, as was the case at Thanksgiving.

The supply this Christmas is unusually small, yet apparently more than sufficient at the high prices asked.

SOFT ROADS WARNING OUT

Truck Drivers Urged to Wait Until Surface Hardens.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Owing to the soft condition of the roads county court yesterday issued an order to owners of auto trucks not to operate until the surface of the roads has been dragged or until they settle.

J. R. McKy, superintendent of roads for the county, said yesterday that the frost extended to a depth of four or five inches on the macadam and gravel roads and that when they thawed out they were exceedingly soft. The roads have become rutted and heavy trucks or heavily loaded wagons are driven on them it will make repairs difficult, says the superintendent.

GIFTS TOTAL 2 MILLIONS

Detroit Mayor to Make Public Benefactions.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—Public benefactions totaling approximately \$2,000,000 will be made as Christmas gifts by James Couzens, millionaire mayor of Detroit, it was announced today.

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RADICAL ACTIVITY INQUIRY ORDERED

House and Senate Leaders Announce Probe.

LODGE NAMES COMMITTEE

Seditious Documents Seized in Raids to Be Reviewed.

DEPARTMENT HELD JUST

"Ambassador to United States from Soviet Russia" Will Be Object of Special Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Institution early next month of a general congressional inquiry into radical activity in the United States was announced today by leaders in both the senate and house.

Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee, returning from New York where he saw the first boat load of undesirable leavers, American shores for soviet Russia, said that his committee planned to resume its hearings on radicalism soon after the holidays at eastern ports and that in the meantime members of the committee would review the large mass of seditious documents seized in recent department of justice raids.

Representative Johnson incidentally gave out the information that there were many radicals, anarchists and communists in western jails who would follow Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman and 247 others from this country.

Committee Is Named.

To conduct the investigation of the activities of Ludwick A. K. G. Martens, "ambassador to the United States from soviet Russia," and of Russian propagandists, in general, ordered by the senate just before the holiday recess began, Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee today appointed a sub-committee to be composed of Senators Moses, New Hampshire; Borah, Idaho, and Knox, Pennsylvania, republicans, and Pomerehne, Ohio, and Shields, Tennessee, democrats. Hearings are to be started by the committee soon after the senate reassembles January 5.

Officials of foreign governments have been notified of the action of the United States in deporting Bergman, Goldman and many of their associates; the state department today making public a message sent to "various foreign capitals," which said:

"There are being deported from the United States to soviet Russia about 250 citizens of Russia who are undesirable here. These persons, while enjoying the hospitality of this country, have conducted themselves in a most obnoxious manner, and while enjoying the benefits and living under the protection of this government have plotted its overthrow. They are a menace to law and order. They hold theories which are antagonistic to the orderly processes of modern civilization. They have indulged in practices which tend to subvert the rights which the constitution of the United States guarantees to its citizens. They are arrayed in opposition to government, to decency, to justice. They plan to apply their destructive theories by violence in derogation of law."

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PERSHING DINES IN HOME OF BOYHOOD

OLD NEGRO SERVANT FIRST TO GRASP GENERAL'S HAND.

Relations and Friends Gather to Pay Tribute—Governor Presents Medal From State.

LACLEDE, Mo., Dec. 23.—General John J. Pershing came back to his boyhood home today, ate turkey dinner, was honored by the presentation of a medal and a loving cup, visited relatives and friends of long ago, explored anew the old Pershing home and made several speeches.

In the words of Miss May Pershing, his sister, also a guest at the homecoming celebration, it was "a lovely day, quite beyond description."

And the general seemed to enjoy every minute from the time he stepped from his private car to grasp the outstretched hands of Al Warfield, aged negro, once a servant in the Pershing household, who was the first to greet him, until he departed tonight for Lincoln, Neb.

Three impressive moments marked the day.

One was public, two were private. The public one came when, acting on behalf of the people of Missouri, Governor F. D. Gardner presented to him a medal and a loving cup, in appreciation of his efforts in winning the war.

Of those in private, one took place when a group of close friends and former schoolmates presented to him another cup and another when he expressed his sympathy to the father, mother and sister of a soldier killed in France.

"And I might, in conclusion, say that the sacrifice of the boy does not exceed that of the mother."

General Pershing apparently could not see enough of the old home, and followed up earlier explorations with another four late today after he had returned from the opera house, where a public reception was held in his honor.

FLEET TAKES HOLIDAY

Battleships Will Entertain Los Angeles Children Christmas.

ABOARD THE U. S. S. NEW MEXICO OFF SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 23.—(By radio.)—The Pacific fleet has resumed operations from December 22 to January 5 and will remain at present stations to give officers and men holiday leave.

Following the custom inaugurated by Admiral Rodman when in command of the United States warship New York on the Atlantic coast, and continued by ships of his command in the North Sea during the war, Alvin Rodman has suggested that the battleships at San Pedro entertain children on board at Christmas by giving them dinner and presents.

Four battleships will entertain 800 children of Los Angeles and vicinity.

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