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ADMIRALS DIFFER ON MEDAL AWARDS

Mayo Takes Direct Issue With Sims' Views.

SEA DUTY HELD DESERVING

Daniels and Knight Board Are Deemed Within Rights.

ROW REACHES SENATE

Senator Lodge Says Charges Make Investigation an Inquiry of Navy's Conduct in War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Direct issue with Rear-Admiral William S. Sims on the two leading controverted points in the medal decorations dispute was taken today by Rear-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, wartime commander of the United States fleet, in testimony before the senate sub-committee investigating the medal award controversy.

Reading his letter to Secretary Daniels giving his views on the decoration awards, which views he said were not presented as a protest, Admiral Mayo first disagreed with Admiral Sims as to the relative importance of sea and shore duty. Admiral Mayo explained that he wrote to Secretary Daniels because he did not believe the Knight board of awards or Mr. Daniels had given sufficient consideration to the importance of the duties performed by officers who served at sea with the Atlantic fleet.

Admiral Sims in his testimony and also in his letter to Secretary Daniels declining the distinguished service medal contended that too much importance was attached to the services of officers who served at sea as compared with those who administered important posts on shore.

Mayo differs with Sims.

The second point on which Admiral Mayo differed with Admiral Sims was the question of the award of medals to the commanding officers of ships sunk or seriously damaged by torpedoes or mines. While stating that a broad general policy along that line would not be a good thing for the service, Admiral Mayo admitted that in the cases where the commanding officers' conduct was of an especially meritorious character a proper reward should be given.

Admiral Mayo approved without qualification the action of the Knight board and Secretary Daniels in awarding distinguished service medals to Captain Christy of the cruiser San Diego, sunk by a mine, and Commander P. W. Foran of the transport Republic, sunk by a torpedo.

Admiral Sims severely criticized the action of Secretary Daniels in insisting on the awards to the commanding officers of ships sunk by the enemy.

GENERAL MORDECAI DEAD

Civil War Veteran Former Commander of Benicia Arsenal, Cal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Brigadier-General Alfred Mordecai, United States army, retired, died today at his home here.

General Mordecai was a graduate of the West Point Military academy in 1861, and served through the civil war. He was chief of ordnance in the army of the James, and later in the army of Tennessee and the army of the Cumberland.

After the civil war he was an instructor at the Military academy for several years.

General Mordecai commanded Benicia arsenal, California, from 1899 to 1902, and retired after 40 years service in 1904.

NAVY PAY RISE FAVORED

Republican House Leaders Agree on Early Action on Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Republican leaders today agreed on early action on a naval pay increase bill, providing increases from 30 to 50 per cent for enlisted men. No increases would be given to officers under the house measure. The programme, it was said, was adopted to overcome opposition and speed action for financial relief of enlisted men.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt announced the personnel on a board of inquiry to investigate conditions at the Newport, R. I., naval station, which led to charges by John R. Rathbone of immorality in the navy.

ITALY HAS MARTIAL LAW

Railroad Strike Causes Suspension of Courts in Big Cities.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the principal cities of Italy, as a result of the railroad strike, says a Turin dispatch to the Petit Parisien.

TRIESTE, Jan. 20.—The strike of members of the railroad unions here, authorized by a vote of the men last Saturday, became effective this morning.

The railroad men predict that from \$5,000 to 100,000 railroad workers will join in their demand for an eight-hour day and a six-day week with a minimum wage of 14 lire a day.

VETERANS' AID PROPOSED

Senate Resolution Would Promote ex-Servicemen's Welfare.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A joint congressional committee of three senators and representatives to consider legislation promoting the welfare of former soldiers, sailors and marines was proposed in a resolution introduced today.

Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, was the author.

YEARLY FAMILY BILL ESTIMATED AT \$2334

DENVER ATTORNEY LISTS COST OF KEEPING FIVE.

Food Bill Totals \$877; Housing \$346; Clothing \$465—Sickness, Insurance, Savings Figured.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 20.—It costs \$2334 a year to support a family of five in Denver, according to figures submitted today to the board of arbitrators seeking to end the wage dispute between the Denver Tramway company and its employees.

The motormen and conductors are getting 48 cents an hour and have demanded a raise to 70 cents an hour. The company insists that it cannot grant any increase under the 6-cent fare now in vogue.

The following budget, along with the report of the United States bureau, was introduced today by Attorney Wayne C. Williams, representing the tramway employees:

Groceries, meat, fish, milk, \$877.24; housing, light and gas, \$366; clothing (man), \$120; clothing (woman), \$128; clothing (boy 2 years), \$88; clothing (girl 2 years), \$78; fuel, \$50; sickness (doctors, dentists, oculist), \$85; education, \$25; household equipment, \$75; insurance, \$40; savings, \$100; miscellaneous, \$52; recreation, \$32; lodges (union, fraternal, tramway), \$36; laundry, \$31.

BOY FOILS HIGHWAYMAN

Marshfield Youth Saves Watch by Blow on Chin.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Jack Hames, a 17-year-old school boy, outwitted a highwayman last night after being accosted for a match. The attempted robbery took place on Fourth street, where several other similar affairs have been reported recently. As Hames was handling the man the requested match he was confronted with an automatic pistol and told to deliver his valuables. He handed out \$2 from one pocket and proffered six he had in another.

As the highwayman reached for the boy's watch, he was off guard for a moment, and Hames landed him an uppercut on the chin, reeling him into a nearby ditch. Hames was so frightened to capture his man after he was down, and ran to Central avenue to give the alarm. The robber escaped.

IMPASSE NEAR IN FIGHT ON TREATY

Senate Committees Are on Verge of Break.

CONFERENCE SO FAR FUTILE

Ultimate Agreement of Factions Held Improbable.

NEW MOVE IS SUGGESTED

Pact May Again Be Brought to Floor of Senate for Consideration of Reservations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Disagreements in the bi-partisan conferences looking to compromise on peace treaty reservations today brought the senate leaders' committees to the verge of a break and caused a movement among the senate rank and file to work a different solution of the treaty deadlock.

Open rupture today of the leaders' conferences was averted, temporarily at least, by passing over the dispute on the Lodge reservation regarding equality of voting power in the league of nations.

The bi-partisan conference will meet again late tomorrow, but with leaders of both factions doubtful as to the possibility of ultimate agreement.

New Move Soon Possible.

Prospects of failure of the leaders' conference and of formal suspension of their sessions today moved "mild reservation" republicans and a few democrats not members of the leaders' committees to discuss independent moves toward a solution of the treaty situation. One "mild reservation" republican spokesman said such a move would be forthcoming if conferences of the leaders fail within a few days to give more assurances of a compromise.

Two plans for future action were considered today by the senate rank and file should the leaders' conference fail. Several of the "mild reservation" republicans were said to favor a combination with the democrats to bring the treaty again to the floor of the senate for open consideration of compromise reservations. For effectiveness of this plan reliance would be placed upon public pressure which it is believed would develop in favor of a compromise.

"Round Robin" Suggested.

Another plan, championed by a democratic advocate of compromise, contemplates a "round robin" petition to bring republicans and democrats into a joint caucus. The "mild reservation" republicans, however, were reported opposed to the bi-partisan (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

"DRUGSTORE" RUSE IN CALIFORNIA EXPOSED

PLANS OF "DOCTORS" TO EVADE LIQUOR LAW FOILED.

Licenses Held Intended to Make Illegal Use of Federal Statutes to Be Denied.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—The alleged endeavor of a ring of self-styled doctors to obtain drugstore permits for the sole purpose of selling ardent liquors and habit-forming narcotics were revealed today by Frank M. Silva, federal prohibition enforcement officer for California. Silva said he knew the names of the doctors and had arranged with the internal revenue officers to have the licenses refused them.

The alleged conspirators had expected to make use of the provisions of the federal statutes permitting physicians to prescribe liquors for their patients to the extent of one pint in any 10-day period, Silva said. They had intended to stock their stores with the usual drugstore articles as a shield to their real activities, he said.

The liquor arrived here from different parts of the country too late to be exported before the prohibition amendment became effective.

Saloonkeepers were given ten days of grace today to remove all signs dealing with alcoholic liquors, as required by law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Hearing of the case instituted to test the constitutionality of the federal constitutional prohibition enforcement act, in behalf of wine interests of California, was set for Friday by United States District Judge F. H. Rudkin here today.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX HIT

Federal Trade Commission Member Fixes High Price Blame.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Describing the excessive profits tax "as one of the foundation stones" of "the present intolerable price structure," William B. Colver of the federal trade commission, in a paper read tonight before the Purchasing Agents' association of New York, declared that "if you knock the whole thing out, the price structure would come down two or three stories at least."

For every dollar that gets into the public treasury through the excess profits tax, Commissioner Colver estimated that between \$4 and \$5 was taken from the ultimate consumer in excess prices. Admitting that repeal of the excess profits tax would result in a big revenue loss to the government, he proposed "a reasonable small direct tax that everybody can see, evidenced perhaps by a stamp on gross sales."

MASSACRE HEADS GUILTY

Behaeddin Chakir and Dr. Nazim Are Under Sentence.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday, Jan. 19.—The trial by courtmartial of Behaeddin Chakir and Dr. Nazim, directors of the committee of union and progress, on charges of having organized massacres of Armenians and Greeks during the war, ended today with their conviction. Both are at present refugees in Germany.

Behaeddin Chakir was sentenced to death and Dr. Nazim to 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor.

ARMY PAY VEXES NAVY

Daniels Wants 6 Months' Pay For Widows of Sea Service Men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Attention of congress was called today by Secretary Daniels to the failure to provide for the navy in the bill passed last month, granting six months' pay to widows or other dependents of army officers and men, who die in service.

The recognition of the army alone has "caused discontent" in the navy, the secretary said.

NAVY INQUIRY ORDERED

Conditions at Newport, R. I., Station to Be Investigated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A board of inquiry, headed by Rear-Admiral Dunn, commandant of the first naval district, has been appointed by Secretary Daniels to investigate conditions at the naval station at Newport, R. I., which led to charges by John R. Rathbone of immorality in the navy.

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WHOLESALE ASSASSINATIONS IN MAY OR JULY INTENDED.

Public Officials, Prominent Citizens and U. S. Agents Listed; 18 Extremists Arrested.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—A plot for wholesale assassinations by the disaffected of bombs next May day or Fourth of July is believed by the police to have been frustrated by the arrest in two raids yesterday of 18 extremists, said to be members of the Union of Russian Workers.

Public officials, prominent citizens, agents of the department of justice and police were to be included in the "honor list" of proposed victims, it is asserted. The police think the bombs were to have been sent by express or hurried by fanatics.

This information was forthcoming today following preliminary investigation of papers seized in the raids. Material for use in the manufacture of bombs, including those of the pipe variety, was found.

The plotters' plans were only in the preliminary stages, it was said.

The Union of Russian Workers still exists despite the deportation of its chief, it is said here for years, and continues its conferences, it was stated, but since federal and police raids began each meeting has been held at different homes.

The extent of the plot, believed to have been designed as another bomb demonstration similar to that of last May day, when Attorney-General Palmer and other prominent public men received explosive packages through the mails, has not definitely been determined.

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Climatic conditions will govern the inauguration of the new bolshevik offensive, it was said, and geographical features of the Polish frontier make it most likely the advance will be from the east.

The military establishment of Poland is known to comprise 22 divisions, about 240,000 men, but the equipment is so varied in design and quality as to make it almost impossible for the republic to organize a tactical army capable of taking the field as a compact unit.

As an instance of military weakness, the fact is cited that no less than four designs of rifles, including special ammunition, are in use.

Under Trotsky's command are about 250,000 men of the red army, backed by the Pretorian red guard and augmented by the militia of the cities. Observers here term "the militia of Russia," the mujik masses, who, it was said, are given the alternative of military service or starvation, government issues of rations being withheld from eligible recruits who attempt to escape service.

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"In the Caucasus, insurgent attacks against Derbet had been repulsed and the bolshevik advances toward Praskovaya Ilkewich had been repulsed. The Caucasus army was holding the line astride Barint-Ekaterinodar railway, 120 miles southwest of Barint.

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He appeared before the supreme council yesterday with a representative of the Azerbaijan, with reference to the integrity of the territory of those governments and its eventual defense against bolshevik attacks, and it was understood that the council considered measures for aid to the states for defense of their frontiers in case of need.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A dispatch to the Central News from Paris says the forces the supreme council will send to oppose the bolsheviks in the Caucasus are expected to number 200,000.

The correspondent adds it is reported that there is a serious communist uprising in Bessarabia and disturbances in Sofia.

There has been no announcement that it was the purpose of the supreme council to dispatch forces to the Caucasus to oppose the advance of the bolsheviks. A dispatch from Malta, dated last Friday, announced that orders had been received there for a number of naval vessels to leave Malta, apparently for the Black sea. A battleship, two destroyers and a steamer sailed Friday.

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CITY JAIL PRISONERS GET NARCOTIC DRUGS

INMATE CONFESSES LEARNING HABIT BEHIND BARS.

Source of Supply Is Mystery to Police—Lawyer Rumored Connected With Traffic.

Prisoners in the city jail have been for some time receiving considerable quantities of narcotic drugs, and at least one prisoner learned the morphine habit while confined there, according to an announcement by the police last night. The fact that the jail had become a school for drug addicts was discovered when one of the internes from the emergency hospital found marks from a hypodermic needle on a prisoner's arm in giving him a physical examination. The prisoner broke down and made a full confession.

The manner in which the prisoners secure their drugs is a mystery to the authorities. They are convinced that the narcotics are smuggled into the jail by visitors, however, and rumors has connected the name of an attorney with the scandal. The police, however, refuse to divulge the name of the suspect.

It has been the custom for years to sentence drug addicts to the city and county jails so that they could be compelled to undergo medical treatment. The police say now that it may be necessary to segregate the drug users to prevent them from persuading men sentenced for minor offenses.

As a preliminary measure, the police probably will allow the addicts to see no more visitors. Packages sent to prisoners are always subjected to close examination for drugs and dangerous weapons. On one occasion the jailers found small packages of morphine in the middle of oranges which had been cut open and carefully fitted back together.

JAPAN TO QUIT SIBERIA

Withdrawal When Purpose Is Accomplished, Announced.

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—All Japanese troops in Siberia will be withdrawn "upon the accomplishment of the main purpose for which they were dispatched to Russia," according to a "fundamental Siberian policy" promulgated by the Japanese imperial diplomatic mission here today. The Nippo Jiji Japanese language newspaper here, from its Tokyo correspondent.

No explanation was given regarding "the main purpose" in the cablegram. This purpose has not yet been accomplished, the cablegram said.

ARMENIAN TOTS BAREFOOT

Children Shoeless in Snow, Say Near East Relief Workers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Thousands of children in Armenia are walking barefooted on the snow because of the scarcity of shoes, members of a commission engaged in relief work for the near east relief committee reported upon their arrival here today. Shoes there cost 1200 rubles, which is as much as a person could get for working two months if he could find something to do, they said.

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GOVERNOR KILLS SIXTEEN BILLS

Eleven Road Measures Are Disposed Of.

STRAIGHT PARTY ACT IS HIT

Wrong Principle Seen in Designation of Roads.

MESSAGE GIVES REASONS

Sanction of Electorate Wanted on Legislation Affecting Method of Choosing Officers.

SALUM, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Eleven so-called local road bills passed during the special session of the legislature and having for their purpose the designation and location of state highways and post roads were vetoed by Governor Olcott today.

The veto ax also fell upon five other measures passed during the special session, including Senator Howell's bill relating to the release of sureties on bonds; the straight-party ballot bill, introduced by the committee on judiciary; Representative Thrift's bill providing for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis and other diseases of livestock and creating the office of county meat and herd inspector for Coos county; the bill designed to validate, ratify, confirm and improve the expenditures of all moneys and all contracts entered into by the board of county commissioners of Multnomah county in the construction of what is known as the "vetera houses," and the bill introduced by the committee on irrigation and designed to validate the organization of certain drainage districts.

Road Bills Disposed Of.

Road bills affected by the executive veto follows:

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S. B. 54, by Thomas—Creating a post road in Jackson county.

S. B. 53, by Baldwin—Designating certain Coos county roads as post roads.

S. B. 60, by Lachmund—Designating certain roads in Marion county as part of the state highway system.

S. B. 57, by Baldwin—Designating certain Klamath county roads as part of the state highway system.

S. B. 55, by Rddy—Creating a post road in Douglas county.

S. B. 61, by Hays—Designating certain Coos county roads as part of the state highway system.

S. B. 58, by committee on roads and highways—Designating certain Clatsop, Tillamook county roads as part of the state highway system.

H. R. 4, by Gallagher—Designating certain roads in Malheur county as part of state highway system.

H. R. 20, by Wright—Designating certain roads in Sherman county as post roads.

Senate Is Addressed.

The governor's veto message addressed to the president and members of the senate and dealing with senate bill No. 59 also covers the ten other road bills which by today's action of the executive are relegated to the legislative scrap pile.

"I return to you my message," said Governor Olcott, herewith senate bill No. 59 with my disapproval. This is one of a series of 11 measures introduced at the special session of the legislature having for their purpose the designation and location of state highways and post roads. Former legislatures have provided by law for a state highway commission. This commission is armed with machinery properly to investigate and determine where state highways should be located. Without regard to the merits of the various bills in question, I deem the method of determining the location of state highways as followed in these bills is ill-advised and founded on wrong principle."

With regard to senate bill 22, introduced by Senator Howell and relating to the release of sureties by bonds, the governor had the following to say in his veto message:

"This is a bill apparently designed to make it easier for surety companies to evade the responsibilities which they enter into when becoming surety upon a bond. It has been the experience of many, including the state, that surety companies too often endeavor to use the laws to evade their responsibilities."

Voters' Sanction Wanted.

In his veto message disapproving the so-called "straight party" ballot bill the governor said:

"It seems that an attempt is made in this bill so to amend our election laws that the so-called 'straight party' ticket may be put into use. Any such sweeping change as this in the ballot vitally affects every voter in the state of Oregon. Such vital changes which go toward the heart of our form of government should be finally passed upon by the people alone. As a matter of principle, I would be unwillingly opposed any time to allow such legislation to be enacted into a law without its first receiving the sanction of the electorate."

In placing the stamp of disapproval on Representative Thrift's bill providing for the eradication of livestock diseases and creation of the office of meat and herd inspector of Coos county, the governor said:

"This bill provides for the creation (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)