

WASHINGTON'S ARE UP OVER MEDAL AWARDS

Capital Is Deeply Stirred by Sims' Disclosures.

DRY-LAND ADMIRAL CITED

Excess Honor for Dr. Grayson Held to Be Limit—Comment Heard on Bagley Case.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 27.—Railroad legislation and the peace treaty are rival topics in the Washington holiday gossip as compared with the discussion started by Rear Admiral William S. Sims when he returned by parcel post a distinguished service medal awarded him by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy.

The controversy has grown from day to day as the public delved further into Admiral Sims' criticism that worthy officers had been ignored and recognition given to the unworthy. Further disclosures tend to reflect on the Knight board, which made up a list of deserving naval heroes, as well as upon Secretary Daniels.

Dry Land Admiral Cited. It is revealed that among the awards made by the Knight board, said approved by Secretary Daniels, was a navy cross to Admiral Grayson, physician to the president. Public opinion is inclined to regard this award with more disfavor than the bestowal by Secretary Daniels of a distinguished service medal on his wife's brother, Commander David W. Bagley.

When the proposed joint committee of congress to investigate the whole question of naval hero awards broke down to business, the spotlight is likely to fall promptly on Dr. Grayson. Why a dry land admiral will get soft berth in the shelter of the White House, should be given such splendid recognition while other brave fighting admirals with more ambitious records are ignored, is a question of transcendent importance.

Enough Already, Say Some. Members of congress feel that Dr. Grayson received sufficient recognition when, at the direction of President Wilson four years ago, he was promoted from the rank of commander to rear-admiral over the heads of several more deserving officers with brilliant records in the service. Admiral Grayson has seen no service at sea in recent years unless his voyage in the luxurious cabin of the George Washington to and from the Paris peace conference counted as such. What did he do to merit a navy cross, some one is sure to ask? It cannot be the manner in which he has managed the affairs of the White House during the last few months, because that covers a period since the war ended. These medals are awarded only for acts of gallantry performed during the war.

Three Great Heroes Named. An unidentified historian bringing history down to date has aptly said that there are three great American naval heroes besides John Paul Jones in their order he names them as Admiral Farragut of the civil war, Admiral Dewey of the Spanish-American war and Admiral Grayson of the boudoir.

The award of a distinguished service medal by Secretary Daniels to his brother-in-law without any recommendation from the Knight board is of course a matter of record. As Admiral Sims points out, Commander Bagley's mark of distinction was that he lost his ship at sea in a battle with a German submarine. It is a far cry from the day when an American naval officer was relieved of his command for losing his ship, whatever the circumstances, to this modern period when, instead of being humiliated he is decorated with a navy cross.

Record Hardly Notable. Aside from this, there is nothing in Commander Bagley's record at sea that stands out as a mark of distinction. Grayson, however, seems to establish the fact that a record at sea had nothing to do with the lavish and discriminatory distribution of medals. Anyway, Secretary Daniels can find justification for the Bagley award in the title saying that "blood is thicker than water."

Secretary Daniels is at considerable advantage in any investigation because he enjoys the friendship of most of the members of the senate and house naval affairs committees. When he came into the naval portfolio at the beginning of the first Wilson administration he had few friends, either in or out of congress, but since then he has grown in the esteem of republicans as well as democrats. There is a willingness to overlook blunders that are not so stupendous as to call for harsh action, but new complications have arisen, for other officers have followed Sims in spinning their decorations.

Peace Conference Continue. Conference on the peace treaty continued today with Senators McNary and Lenroot of the mild reservation republicans taking the leadership. Senator McNary was to have had a conference with Senator Hitchcock of the democratic forces, but was unable to connect.

"I want to say that there are no differences between us," said Senator McNary today, "Neither is there any complaint as to Senator Lodge's attitude. Senator Lodge has been giving us all the aid we asked and all of the aid promised. He was to see Senators Underwood and Pennington, democrats, and he did that.

"We told him we would not support the Knox resolution as reported out by the foreign relations committee, and found that he was not committed to the resolution. We believe the people want the treaty, but they want it with reservations. That is what they will get."

It is understood that the Knox resolution, which simply would achieve a state of peace by declaring the war ended, was only reported out to give the democratic side something serious to think about.

Railroaders Plan Fight. Officers of the four brotherhoods are expected to gather here over Sunday for the purpose of putting pressure on congress by declaring the railroad legislation now in conference. Their fight will be directed against both the Esch bill, passed by the house, and the Cummins bill, passed by the senate, because, in the first place, they are not in their opposition to any legislation that will make successful private operation of the roads possible.

Their efforts are expected shortly to be centered almost exclusively on the anti-strike clause of the Cummins bill, over which the chief struggle will wage in the conference between the committees of the two houses of congress. Present mutterings of a general railroad strike are expected in the next few days to rise to the pitch of open threats, but these threats are not likely to do more than

ACCUSED LOS ANGELES SLAYER, HIS MOTHER AND JUDGE TRYING CASE



—Photos from Underwood.

To strengthen the determination of the senate conference to insist on the anti-strike provision.

House Leaders Get Shock. Republican leaders in the house were astounded today to receive a letter from Representative John Langley of Kentucky, chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, saying that his committee had determined to report a public buildings bill at this session of congress. The astonishment soon grew to rage because the republican steering committee, which has all legislation in charge, was not consulted.

The leaders will never stand for any such legislation, which would call for an appropriation of \$100,000,000, with the treasury facing a deficit in the next fiscal year of \$2,000,000,000. Representative Frank W. Mondell, republican house leader, was as much surprised as anybody because he had been advising constituents that they must expect no public buildings legislation in this congress. Any public buildings authorized at this time would have to be constructed with borrowed money, it is argued, only adding to the fearful deficit already in sight.

AWARDS TARGET FOR QUIZ

(Continued From First Page.) as administrator of harbor floating equipment in Hampton Roads district. "It is submitted," the letter said, "that if the discharge of these highly responsible and largely independent duties were so successful as to meet the department's approval, the responsible officer should be recognized commensurately and those subordinate officers whom he recommended as having contributed directly to that success should also be recognized. If on the contrary the duties outlined out to the satisfaction of the department, there should be no award of decorations."

Mayo Defends Staff. Admiral Mayo declared it was evident there had been "a misconception" for decorations he made as commander of the fleet, many of which, he added, that no member of Admiral Mayo's staff received a decoration except his chief of staff and asserts that an admiral's success is responsible to a large extent "upon the loyalty, initiative and efficiency" of his staff personnel.

Failure to recognize adequately the service of men on such duty, he said, "creates an impression that duty is of minor importance," not comparable to command of a single vessel. "I would be fatal to the development of the navy as a fighting machine."

Admiral Mayo renewed his recommendations and urged that reconsideration be given meritorious cases.

Decker Makes Protest. Admiral Decker's letter notes that he had been awarded a navy cross under the published list in recognition of his services as naval attaché at Madrid.

"In my opinion," it says, "this award is entirely inadequate to the services that were performed by the office of the naval attaché and those who worked with me. The effect of this work was to keep Spain from entering the war as a combatant at the time of the enemy March offensive of 1918, also a reduction of the submarine activities off the coast of Spain."

The letter commends the services of three men associated with the writer and declares Admiral Decker should permit them "to be taken so lightly."

Captain Hasbrouck's letter is a terse indorsement of Admiral Sims' position, stating that the writer has "a higher regard for Admiral Sims' views on matters affecting the morale of the naval service than those of any other officer."

COLLEGE GIRL ATTACKED

Miss Ruth Anderson Fights Off Chloroform Highwayman.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Miss Ruth Anderson, a college girl, was attacked by a man last night at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. O. H. Oren.

A chloroformed cloth was forced into her mouth, but the young woman, who is athletic, successfully fought off the assailant and her screams brought help within a few minutes. The assailant escaped.

D'ANNUNZIO KING IN CORPORAL'S UNIFORM

Poet Says He Will Resist Expulsion From Fiume.

CHIEF AIDES LEAVES HIM

Italian Paper Calls Adventure Grotesque Drama Led by Dangerous, Naughty Boy.

FIUME, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gabriele D'Annunzio made the announcement today that he would resist any efforts to expel him from Fiume. He said he had reached the decision that the guarantees offered by the government were insufficient to warrant his leaving.

That his troops be let off without punishment for joining his crusade is one of the demands made by D'Annunzio in return for his departure, as is also the rehabilitation of Fiume and Dalmatian money. The right to reside in Fiume or any part of Dalmatia without restriction or passport, authority to decide the time and manner of the departure of the forces from Fiume, and official recognition of the medals he conferred on his legionaries as among the other demands he made.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Gabriele D'Annunzio is understood to have asked Premier Nitti to postpone his announced visit to London on the ground that his departure should be preceded by the reaching of a definite settlement of the Fiume situation.

Lieutenant-Commander Itzso, Major Gurliati, chief of D'Annunzio's cabinet, and other leaders associated with D'Annunzio, are said to have left the Fiume district. In commenting on the Adriatic situation today the Corriere d'Italia says: "It is feared that the drama of Fiume would end as a grotesque opera. The most authoritative companions of Captain D'Annunzio in his adventures are abandoning him in his dream of acting the little tyrant of the fourteenth century. He does not realize the situation, however, but dresses himself as a corporal of storm troops and plays the king among the soldiers, indifferent to the opposition of all Fiume and all Italy."

"Everybody agrees today in depicting D'Annunzio as a naughty, dangerous boy lighting a fire next to a powder magazine. Who has supplied him with nationalist matches, and is there no one to lead that bad boy away by the ear?"

PLANT HEAD IS FIRED ON

RIOTS FOLLOW RESUMPTION OF WORK IN COLORADO.

Manager of Minnequa Mill Finds 4 Bullet Holes in Auto; Troops Sent to Scene.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 27.—An attempt was made last night on the life of Frank E. Parks, manager of the Minnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, according to an announcement by Mr. Parks today. The attack on Mr. Parks was made by two men as he was returning to his home from his office. Mr. Parks did not believe the shots were intended for him until he noticed his automobile this morning and found four bullet holes in it.

Riots followed resumption this week of work in the plant after it had been closed since September by the strike. A request for troops to protect workmen at the Minnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company at Pueblo was received here tonight. Adjutant-General Spangler immediately began preparations for the dispatch of a detachment of the national guard.

Fifty Denver guardsmen under command of Colonel Dennis E. McConnis and Captain W. T. Tanager will leave for Pueblo at 11:30 o'clock tonight and will arrive there early tomorrow.

Negro Confesses Killing Giel. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 27.—Frank Kelley, a negro, arrested here today on suspicion of having been implicated in the murder last week of Catherine Dunn, a migrant in the home of Clarence S. Clark of Brooklyn, has confessed the crime, ac-



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Argentine Strike Spreads. BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—The strike on the Argentine state railroad, which began in the province of July in the extreme north, has extended to the provinces of Santa Fe and Salta, and the territory of Chaco. Trains are operating on delayed schedules, guarded by troops.

Paris Sugar Price Fixed. PARIS, Dec. 27.—The retail price of sugar has been fixed at 3 francs 20 centimes per kilogram or 1 franc 60 centimes per pound. Crystallized, unrefined sugar will sell at 3 francs per kilogram.

Reclamation Heads Called. BOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 27.—Profes-

or H. E. Murdock, agricultural engineer at the state college here, announced Friday that the federal department of the interior has called a meeting of 25 reclamation superintendents of the northwest, to be held at Bozeman, January 12 to 17, as an

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Chinese have been ordered excluded from Sonora.

part of an irrigation institute to be held.

Chinese to Be Shut Out.

Cananea, Sonora, to stop efforts to effect a rupture of diplomatic relations with the United States, according to a message sent to the chamber of deputies at Mexico City recently by Governor Adolfo de la Huerta of Sonora.

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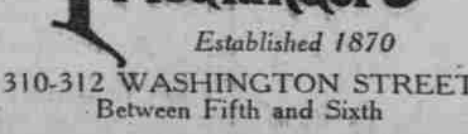
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OREGON FISHERIES FORMS

Company With Headquarters at Oregon City Incorporated. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Oregon Fisheries company, with headquarters in Ore-