

WILSON NULLIFIES ACT OF CONGRESS

Receipts of Medals From Foreign Governments Forbidden.

DANIELS REVEALS SECRET

When Permission Was Given American Officers President Asked Decorations Withheld.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—After congress passed a law permitting American officers to accept decorations from foreign governments, President Wilson directed the state department to inform all European governments that the United States government did not wish any awards made. Secretary Daniels disclosed today before the senate committee investigating naval awards.

Before the president acted, Mr. Daniels said, Rear Admiral Sims had been informed by the chief of the bureau of navigation of the passage of the law and had accepted a decoration from the king of England and had authorized Admiral Rodman, then commanding the American battle division with the British grand fleet, and Rear Admiral Strauss, directing the laying of the North Sea mine barrage, to accept decorations.

Sims Requests Advice.
Admiral Sims was informed by Secretary Daniels of the president's action, the secretary continued, and he wrote asking whether he should return the medal to the king. Mr. Daniels said he replied that in view of the action taken, presumably before President Wilson's request reached the king, there was nothing that could be done and that of course the decorations already accepted could not be returned. He expressed the hope at the time, he said, that no other foreign decorations would be given except such as might be awarded for courageous conduct in battle.

The secretary said Admirals Rodman and Strauss were reluctant to accept decorations from the King of England and he read letters from them on the subject. Admiral Rodman stated that he very reluctantly "decided to accept for no other reason than that I did not wish to give offense to the British government, which holds such matters in high esteem."

Decorations Opposed.
Admiral Strauss followed the same course taken by Admiral Rodman, Mr. Daniels said.

Secretary Daniels and Rear-Admiral Sims differed regarding the acceptance of foreign decorations by American officers, the secretary told the subcommittee. The secretary said Admiral Sims recommended that naval officers be permitted to accept such decorations on the ground that it would have a marked effect on morale and efficiency, while he opposed such a plan.

"I was and am personally opposed to a foreign decoration upon the ancient American principle based upon the belief that if such decorations could be accepted there would not be wanting a few men in our service whose desire to obtain them would make them solicitous of securing foreign approval and favor."

When Mr. Daniels completed his prepared statement, he was cross-questioned by members of the committee. He conceded that Admiral Sims had served where ordered, and said that he meant no reflection by his previous testimony that the admiral had served most of his time on shore duty.

Recommendation Regretted.
Chairman Hale read letters written by Secretary Daniels praising Admiral Sims for his service during the war, and Senator McCormick read testimony complimentary to Sims, given by Secretary Daniels before congressional committees.

"Every word that I have said of Admiral Sims' ability and brilliancy in certain lines is true," said Mr. Daniels, "but if I had known what has developed since, I should not have recommended that he be made an admiral for life."

Ambassador Is Secured.
Chairman Hale placed in the record a letter from C. V. Cusachs, formerly a lieutenant-commander in the navy and assistant naval attaché to Spain during part of the war. Cusachs said he was recalled after Ambassador Willard had called the state department that of Mr. Ugoiti, owner of a Madrid newspaper, had informed the ambassador that Cusachs had told him the United States contemplated establishing naval bases in Spain, the ambassador's message adding, he said, that "Cusachs' indiscretion is fatal to our interests."

The Spanish editor, Cusachs said, in a letter later denied he had ever made the statement attributed to him by Ambassador Willard. The ambassador's behavior in telling him goodbye, the former officer wrote, was "a piece of hypocritical acting."

SUGAR STRIKE DISSOLVED

LABORERS RETURN TO WORK ON PLANTATIONS.

Japanese Domestic, Who Helped Strikers, Are Fired; Replaced With Chinese.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Indications of weakness were reported today in the ranks of Filipino laborers on sugar plantations in the Hawaiian island group, who struck several weeks ago. Seventy-five per cent of the Filipinos employed on Oahu plantation, approximately 275 men, returned to work, and a few others returned on other plantations.

Late today Curtis Iaukea, acting governor, dispatched to Pablo Manlapit, president of the Philippine union, a formal letter appealing to the strikers to return to work. The Oahu and Honolulu plantation mills were grinding yesterday with strikebreakers operating the latter.

Strikebreakers also were employed on the Honolulu plantations, the planters having enlisted 298 of these. An exodus of striking Japanese laborers from the plantations into Honolulu is expected Monday. Japanese domestics, of whom there were said to be thousands in Honolulu, have been aiding the strikers with funds, according to the planters' announcements. As a result many housewives are discharging their Japanese domestics and hiring Hawaiian and Chinese servants.

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All money contributed for the benefit of the starving thousands in Armenia and the other devastated lands of the near east in the drive that is to be inaugurated Tuesday morning will pass through the hands of an expert accountant and will be carefully audited at headquarters, corner of Broadway and Yamhill. For this work State Chairman Samuel C. Lancaster has secured H. C. Anderson of the Whitfield-Whitcomb company, a veteran in this line.

State Director J. J. Handaker reported last night that preparations for the campaign are now practically complete and that the outlook for a rapid rolling up of Portland's \$73,200 quota is very bright, as the organization this year is stronger and larger than for any previous near east relief (formerly Armenian-Syrian) campaign.

John C. Stille has accepted the chairmanship of all co-operative work to be done through the theaters and George Estes will have charge of the campaign in the fraternal, lodges and clubs, with Mrs. Bertha Lowry as his chief aide.

150 "FLU" CASES LISTED

Death Rate Throughout State Is Remarkably Low.

Nearly 150 cases of influenza, grip and colds were reported to the city health bureau yesterday. Three deaths from influenza were reported yesterday, bringing the deaths in the city attributed to the disease up to 12. One death was reported from Vale.

Although it was estimated that there were approximately 2500 cases of influenza in the state, the death rate is remarkably low.

Ten inspectors of the health bureau were ordered yesterday to visit motion picture houses to report on the ventilation and handling of crowds. Although Dr. Barrieh has no intention of closing the houses, he is eager to obtain all data possible to turn over to the theater managers for their continued co-operation.

MRS. BURR HEARD FROM

Absence of Communications to City Council Explained.

For months members of the city council have listened to the reading of communications written by Mrs. Viola Burr, who was the owner of property sold by the city because of alleged failing to pay improvement

CHAMBER RAPS ZONING

VOTE OF FOUR TO ONE CAST AGAINST PROPOSITION.

Only Small Percentage of Membership Is Represented in Balloting, However.

By a vote of more than four to one, the members of the Chamber of Commerce last week expressed their opposition to the proposed zoning law for the city of Portland. The election continued throughout the week, ballots having been sent out to all members through the mails and the polls closed yesterday at noon. In spite of the publicity given the matter and the interest which had been stirred up, a very small vote was cast, scarcely more than 10 per cent of the total membership replying.

The polls were closed promptly at 12 o'clock yesterday, and the votes were counted by P. Heatherton, office manager of the chamber, and T. H. Edwards, a member of the board of directors, in the presence of President H. B. Van Duzer of the chamber, J. P. Newell, president of the city planning commission, and Roger Simpson, manager of the board of directors, which has taken the leadership in opposition to the proposed zoning.

The count of the votes cast showed 29 against zoning and 45 for. The total vote cast was 325, as compared with a total membership of the chamber of 3200.

The proposed zoning ordinance was debated before the members' forum of the chamber Monday noon, following which the ballots were sent out. More than usual interest was stirred up in the matter when it was discovered that advocates of zoning had prepared circular letters containing duplicate ballots to send to all members of the chamber, with instructions to use the duplicate ballot in case "you have lost your ballot."

Baltimore Firemen Warned.
BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—The city board of fire commissioners decreed today that all members of the Baltimore fire-fighting force must resign from the firemen's union by February 18. The firemen will be permitted to organize a welfare association, but it must be sanctioned by the commissioners and must not be affiliated with any labor organization.

BARBER DIES IN SHOP
Oregon City Man's Dead Body Discovered by Family.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—J. E. Ferris, 45 years old, proprietor of the barber shop in the Electric hotel, and who came to Oregon City from Independence a year ago, was found dead in his room in the rear of his shop Saturday morning by members of his family.

Mr. Ferris is survived by his wife and five children, living at Third and John Adams streets. He had not been home since last Monday night, at which time he had had a misadventure.

An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Guy Mount to determine the exact cause of his death.

GORDEN AGAIN IS FREE
INDICTMENT AGAINST SUPPOSED AVIATOR DROPPED.

Six Weeks' Imprisonment Held Sufficient Punishment by Bank President.

G. Muri Gordon, supposed aviator who attracted much attention about two months ago by his proposal to fly around the world, but who has been in the county jail for the last six weeks awaiting trial on a larceny charge, will not come to trial Monday as scheduled, the indictment against him being dismissed by Presiding Judge McCourt yesterday at the request of the complainant.

Though an additional indictment is pending against Gordon charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses, he was released from jail yesterday on his own recognizance.

J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National bank, was the complaining witness against Gordon on the larceny charge. In a letter to District Attorney Evans yesterday, Mr. Ainsworth expressed his desire to waive prosecution, holding that six weeks' imprisonment had been sufficient punishment and saying that the young man, if released, had promised to make good a shortage of \$311.

Mr. Ainsworth had loaned Gordon about \$2000 for the purchase of machinery in a shop owned by Gordon, with the provision that if the machinery did not cost that amount the difference should be returned. It was charged that Gordon sent Mr. Ainsworth a bill showing that the full price charged him was \$2000, when in fact it was \$311 less.

The other indictment against Gordon is on complaint of Ashley & Rumelin, bankers, who maintain that he secured a loan of \$200 from them by making a false statement of assets.



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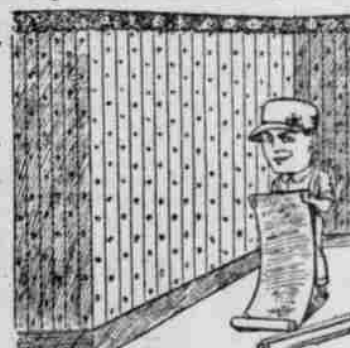


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