

### FAVORITISM SHOWN IN AWARDS NAVY REWARDING IS CHARGE

Washington, Dec. 23.—Congressional investigations of charges that Secretary Daniels has shown favoritism in awarding distinguished service medals by disregarding recommendations of high naval officers, are under way today.

The immediate cause of the investigations is the refusal of Admiral Sims to accept a medal from the secretary, because of Daniel's alleged awarding of honors to men who, in Sims' opinion, do not deserve them.

Secretary Daniels stated he had received from Sims a letter of protest this morning in which he refused to accept the medal, and one from Senator Page, Vermont, chairman of the naval affairs committee, asking complete details of the awarding of the service medals.

Representative Lufkin, Massachusetts, also gave notice today that as soon as congress reconvenes he will introduce a resolution asking Daniels for a report on the awarding of naval medals. He promised that the house naval affairs committee will go to the bottom of the dispute.

"The department has been pleased to award me a Distinguished Service Medal as an expression of its appreciation of the success of the forced march under my command," Admiral Sims is understood to have written, "but since the success of the forces abroad was chiefly due to the loyal and efficient service of the officers recommended for distinction—and to them belongs the credit—I am necessarily pleased in a position which renders it impossible for me to accept this award under the conditions now existing.

Injustice Charged. "This becomes my duty because this list (the one finally issued by Daniels for war decorations) contains a number of instances of injustice to distinguished officers, the effect of which won the morale of service cannot fail to be very detrimental."

In response to Chairman Page's request, Daniels is preparing a statement containing information showing all recommendations for awarding admirals, captains and other commanding officers, the action of the naval board upon all such recommendations and its complete report, the action taken by Daniels.

"As soon as this data is ready," Daniels said, "it will be sent to Chairman Page and given to the public."

Lufkin in a statement charged Daniels with arbitrary action and said Sims' charges demand that the real facts be made known.

Alfred G. Lunn, from the University of British Columbia, has been appointed professor of poultry husbandry at Oregon agricultural college to do instructional work and extension work over the state.

### Gilbert Wanted to Help Santa; He Gets a Name

Here's how easier the Cherrians are to help Santa Claus. Some time ago R. M. Gilbert left this city. He was given an honorary membership in the Cherrians.

Tuesday he came back to Salem and met J. F. Hutchason, head of the Cherrian Christmas cheer committee.

"I understand you're helping Santa Claus give the kiddies some Christmas cheer."

Well, how about it? I haven't received a name yet. You'd better get me on this or I'll be peeved. I'm as anxious to help Santa Claus as any of you.

He was given a name and he'll help Santa bring Christmas cheer to some needy youngster who will not know the joy of yuletide otherwise.

### YOUTHFUL TRIO GETS LIFE TERMS; KILLED 'FRISCO TAXI DRIVER

Redwood City, Cal., Dec. 23.—Life imprisonment was the sentence given John Helm, Lawrence McCarthy and Gordon Tescher today when they pleaded guilty before Judge Buck to a first degree murder charge.

The three youths, none over 19 years of age, were given the lightest sentence possible. They had killed Michael Needham, San Francisco rent car driver.

The three boys killed Needham November 1 on the highway between here and San Francisco. A blow on the head crushed Needham's skull. They then bound Needham securely and left him dying, hidden behind bushes along the roadside. The three confessed that they wished to rob Needham of his automobile. The youths drove eastward, hoping to cross the mountains and return to their homes in Indiana. They were caught at Ogden, Utah.

Officers left here this afternoon with the three to take them to San Quentin prison. Helm is a former soldier.

### 15 Billions Circulating In United States, Report Shows

Washington, Dec. 23.—Money in circulation in the United States and that held by the treasurer and the federal reserve system aggregates \$15,409,000,000, the federal reserve board announced. This is \$47.93 for every person in the country. The per capita, January 1, 1919, was \$47.93, the highest in history.

J. V. Casey has purchased 3100 acres of land 13 miles east of Roseburg which he will plot into small tracts and sell to homeseekers. A fine macadam road has been built thru the tract by the county.

### IRISH PAPERS FAIL TO SEE ANY MERITS IN HOME RULE PLAN

By George MacDonogh (United Press staff correspondent) Dublin, Dec. 23.—Irish press of every shade of opinion today attacked Premier Lloyd George's new home rule plan for Ireland as outlined in the house of commons yesterday, branding it "impracticable" and "unworkable."

Apparently there was not one phase of the premier's scheme that appealed to the Irish newspapers. Morning editions attacked it from every angle, predicting it never would be enforced if tried.

They accused the government of knowing in advance the scheme would not be accepted.

Some newspapers saw in the premier's introduction of the bill a scheme to "mislead world opinion" regarding Ireland. They asserted his speech was "mainly for the consumption of America."

The government's offer of home rule, with refusal by Ireland, would be used as investigation for further repressive measures, it was pointed out.

The Independent, which recently was raised by radicals for its attitude toward the attack upon Lord French, hotly characterized Lloyd-George's plan as "wrong, unfair and unacceptable."

The Unionist Irish Times saw in the premier's plan, "not peace, but the sword." It summed up opinion thus:

"Nationalists will reject the bill because it never could become a measure of full self government; unionists will reject it because it repays their historical self sacrifice with political annihilation."

"Three quarters of the Irish people will reject the plan."

Sinn Fein leaders asserted the premier's plan had fallen upon "un-hearing ears."

### VANCOUVER WEDDING IS ASKED ANNULLED

The coming of grief of another Vancouver, Wash., marriage is noted in the divorce proceedings filed by Laura M. Glandon against John M. Glandon. Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged in the complaint.

Glandon persisted in smoking in the same room while his wife was ill, tobacco being exceedingly nauseating to Glandon, she claims.

The couple were married at Vancouver, August 23, 1918. Mrs. Glandon asks for absolute divorce, temporary alimony pending suit, \$25 per month and permanent maintenance for their two month's old child, \$20 per month as well as a one-third interest in a 20-acre tract of land near Salem.

### Christmas Hope of Beer Gone; Court Postpones

Washington, Dec. 22.—The supreme court dispelled all hopes for Christmas beer when it failed today to hand down its decision on cases attacking the right of the government under war prohibition to prohibit the sale of 2.75 per cent beer.

No decision will be announced now until January 5 or after.

The government on January 5 must file briefs showing cause why the New Jersey and Rhode Island suits should not be considered, Chief Justice White stated. This is an unusual procedure.

### NEED COMPANIONS TO CONVICT WOMEN STATES MAGISTRATE

New York, Dec. 22.—"No New York jury will convict a woman of murder if she wears a charming gown, a coquettish hat, and snivels into a black-edged lace handkerchief," declared Magistrate Jean Norris, announcing that the Women Lawyers' association, of which she is president, is about to campaign vigorously for legislation to entitle women to serve as jurors.

The association is a national organization. Mrs. Norris believes within a few months such pressure will be brought to bear upon the legislatures of the country that women jurors as well as women voters, within one year will be nationally recognized.

"Tonight beginning my second month as the first woman magistrate," said Mrs. Norris, "I see more clearly than ever the need for women judges on every bench, and for fifty-fifty juries. By that I mean juries of six men and six women and one judge of each sex on the bench."

"Men in judging women are inclined to let sentiment run away with reason. It takes a blend of both sexes for the jury box to arrive at a just decision. And I do not think that the sex element will warp the judgment of a fifty-fifty jury. If anything, it will bring men and women into happier co-operation."

### HOWAT AGREES TO END STRIKE; RELEASED

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas District of the United Mine Workers, was today released from jail and allowed to return to Kansas, where he agreed to call off the strike of miners in his district.

Called before Judge Anderson, Howat agreed not only to call off the strike, which has been in effect since last July, but also to order miners back to work who struck in protest at Howat's arrest.

Howat's action was the result of insurance brought upon him by William Green, secretary of the mine workers' union.

The international officers sent out telegrams to all Kansas locals ordering them to return to work immediately.

### Oregon Stock Soars As Fans See Team In Action

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 23.—If Oregon doesn't beat Harvard it is not going to be Coach Shy Huntington's fault. He had them out both for morning and afternoon workouts yesterday and although the public was barred it was known there was no loafing on the field.

Oregon stock is going up since the arrival of the team has given southern California fans a chance to "look 'em over."

### Scott Nearing Refused Place To Speak In Spokane

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.—Scott Nearing, former Pennsylvania university professor, charged during the war with sedition, may be barred from speaking here. He is scheduled to address a radical organization January 9.

The school board, to which the request for use of a school auditorium was made, is against allowing Nearing to speak in a school building.

### Trial of Mrs. Woodcock Is Continued By Court

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Judge Ward today granted a continuance until January 9, in the case of Mrs. Alice Woodcock, charged as an accessory in the murder of Edward Kelly.

Edgar Woodcock who was found not guilty of murder in the same case, was not in court with his wife today.

Under the ruling of Judge Ward last Saturday Mrs. Woodcock will not be released on bail.

### Hitchcock Calls Senate Leaders Into Conference

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, today invited a number of senators, both democrats and republicans, to a conference of the peace treaty. In inviting the senators, Hitchcock said the conference was for the purpose of framing a compromise if possible which would insure the support of two-thirds of the senate. The conference will be held during the recess, although a definite date has not been fixed.

### LITTLE BRASS BAND WELCOMES PERSHING TO HIS HOME TOWN

LaCleda, Mo., Dec. 23.—General John J. Pershing came back to his own country folk today.

"Johnny's in town," LaCleda's six piece brass band—tuned up for the occasion—struck up when the special train carrying General Pershing and his party from St. Louis slowed up in front of the little red station here at noon today.

LaCleda, Mo., Dec. 23.—LaCleda waited early today for "Johnnie" to come marching home.

Met by European crowned heads, honored by congress and acclaimed throughout the land, General John J. Pershing is coming back to his home folks today as plain "Johnnie."

Rank and glory will be forgotten and the simple "glad to see you, Johnnie" will be extended by LaCleda today.

Pershing will eat fried chicken, loughneuts, apple pie and cookies with the hometown folks.

Decorators last night finished the work of stringing bunting, flags and other decorations from telephone poles over the signs and across the fronts of village stores.

More than up LaCleda's three hundred, wearing their Sunday clothes, headed by Mayor Ed Allen, were down at the little red station watching the trains come in. While they stamped about in the snow or gathered about the glowing coal stove inside, they listened to old timers tell about everything Johnnie Pershing did when he was just a boy about town.

And Pershing, judging from these historians, was a regular boy.

Bicycles, phonos, gigs, automobiles and pedestrians cluttered up the roads into LaCleda before dawn. The stream of vehicles seemed unending. The crowd along the roads was like that coming to the annual county fair except it was bigger and instead of prize squash or apples they carried flags and pictures of Pershing.

LaCleda's one puzzle was where to put them. The town's hotel burned last week.

### MUTINY STARTS WHEN CROP GAME IS BLOCKED

New York, Dec. 22.—Two petty officers and 11 sailors and firemen of the United States army transport America, which docked at Hoboken yesterday afternoon were in the ship's brig early today charged with mutiny.

The men charged with mutiny are alleged to have refused to stop playing craps when ordered to do so by the commander of troops aboard. Their shore privileges at Brest were taken away. It is said, but they endeavored to go ashore nevertheless. The firemen threaten to let the ship fires go out. It was reported six members of the crew were in the ship's hospital from wounds received in a fight over the crap game.

The leader of the alleged mutineers was said to have an I. W. W. card in his possession.

### RAID UPON ROOMING HOUSE NETS LIQUOR

While investigating reports of alleged boot-legging activities at the Glen bootlegging house, Sheriff Needham with Deputies Fowler, Holmes and Smith descended upon the lodging house at 9:30 p. m. Monday night and seized two gallons of wine and beer.

J. C. Smith, proprietor of the place and the housekeeper, Marie Harris, denied allegation that the place was being conducted as a house of immorality and that there was any liquor in the establishment. But upon search the officers discovered eight quart bottles of mixed liquor concealed under a porch in the rear of the establishment.

Smith and the Harris woman were arrested late this afternoon by Sheriff Needham. Smith on the charge of having liquor in his possession and the woman on the charge of selling intoxicating liquor.

According to Sheriff Needham the pair were selling the liquor at 50 cents per drink.

### Tiny Girl Waits, But "Grandma" Isn't On Train

A wee mite, about 8 years old, quietly sobbing and alone in a corner of the Oregon Electric waiting room, attracted the attention of Police Matron Myra Shank, Monday afternoon.

"I can't find my grandma," the little girl sobbed. It developed that the girl had been very anxious to meet her grandmother who had planned to arrive on train No. 5 due in Salem at 4:15 p. m. and that she had been permitted to go to the station alone.

However, no "Grandma" arrived, although the small mite waited until the last passenger from the train had hurried away. Upon being reassured by Matron Shank that "Grandma" would probably arrive on a later train, the little girl decided to return home which she said was on Norway street, and asserting stoutly that "I can go home alright."

### RATE REVISIONS ORDERED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Sweeping rate revisions on railroads in the southwest and long the Mississippi river were ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission today in its decision in the Memphis-Southwestern case.

### Strike Over And Frisco Waterfront Again Quiet

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Commerce in and out of this port has been normal for two weeks, according to A. P. Hammond, spokesman for the Waterfront Employers' union.

Wages have been standardized and the stevedore strike is over, but the employers of the union have refused to re-employ the strikers on the grounds, they say, that an agreement with the new Longshoremen's association prevents them doing so.

The stevedores who struck, however, are employed on wharves not governed by members of the Employers' Union.

### Princess "Pat" Mother Of Son Born Sunday

London, Dec. 23.—Lady Ramsey, formerly Princess Patricia of Connaught, is in excellent health following the birth of a son Sunday. It was officially announced.

"Princess Pat" a cousin of King George and a daughter of the Duke of Connaught, former governor general of Canada married Commander Alexander Ramsey of the British navy in February of this year.

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