

SEC'Y NAVY CALLS SIMS SHORE HERO

Daniels Takes Emphatic Issue With Rear Admiral—Only 9 Years at Sea Has Warped Sims' Judgment In Secretary's Opinion—Denies Wrong to Grant Medals When Officer Loses Ship—Did He Play Part of Man Is Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Taking in the contentions of Rear Admiral William S. Sims in the matter of naval medal awards, Secretary Daniels today before the senate investigating sub-committee took emphatic issue with the admiral. The secretary went into detail in explaining changes he made in conferring decorations as recommended by the commanding officers of the navy and by the Knight board of medal awards. He outlined the chief differences between his views and the views held by Admiral Sims. These were of variance as to the importance of service at sea compared with service on shore and differences on the question of whether a distinguished service medal should be awarded under any circumstances to a commander of a ship sunk or seriously damaged by enemy submarines or mines. Asserting that Admiral Sims while on shore duty, both in the Spanish-American and world war "demonstrated ability of a high order," Secretary Daniels said "the position of Rear Admiral Sims in placing shore duty above sea duty in the danger zone is, no doubt, influenced by his own record."

Only 9 Years at Sea

Figures were presented by Mr. Daniels showing that during the last 25 years Admiral Sims had served about nine years at sea. As justifying his contention that individual duties ashore are necessarily of secondary importance to duties afloat, Mr. Daniels asserted:

"On shore a man decides important questions with time to weigh the pros and cons, and if he makes a mistake his error in decision is not immediately followed by disastrous results. At sea the commander is in the flash of a single moment, often when his ship has been attacked, and when coolness and poise are necessary to save the lives of scores and hundreds of men. A mistake in this emergency is fatal."

With this as an impelling reason the secretary said he disapproved of the disparity between honors to men ashore and afloat as recommended by the Knight board and accordingly reduced or eliminated a number of awards for shore service.

In support of his contention that a commander of a ship sunk or damaged by submarine attack was entitled to a medal if he showed proper qualifications even though the ship was unable to combat the submarine, Secretary Daniels cited numerous instances in American naval history and also pointed to instances of such awards during the world war.

Play Part of a Man

"In the stiletto attack of submarine warfare," said Mr. Daniels, "it is not the fact that a man strikes or is struck that tests true metal and true naval leadership. The question is: Does he play the part of a man, with chivalry and thought only of others and his country? And has he by preparation and foresight done all that is possible to meet any and every emergency? And when he faces a court of his brother officers, do they find that he has measured up to the terrible ordeal to the high naval traditions? Admirals Mayo and

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PRESIDENT WILSON IS IMPROVING, NOW ABLE TO WALK WITH CANE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson is not likely to leave Washington for some time, his physician, Rear Admiral Grayson, intimated today. With the president steadily improving, Dr. Grayson said he thought it would be unwise to change his course of treatment. Every possible precaution to prevent the president contracting influenza is being taken, Dr. Grayson said. The president's improvement from week to week is noticeable, Dr. Grayson continued. He is allowed to walk from room to room on the second floor with the aid of his cane, but so far as not been permitted to venture below stairs out of his wheel chair.

NOW EXPECT TO GET I. W. W. JURY IN A FEW DAYS

MONTESSANO, Wash., Feb. 3.—The state exercised its third prerogative challenge today in the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, one of the victims of the Centralia Armistice day shootings. It was the seventh prerogative challenge to be issued since the beginning of the effort to secure a jury on January 26.

S. L. Tuffree, electrician, Aberdeen was in the place of E. E. Switzer, farmer, of Oakville, was called for examination. Mr. Switzer was seated.

The defense then exercised its fifth prerogative, excluding G. B. Burns, officer of Hoquiam. This makes a total of eight prerogatives that have been exercised, leaving only ten more before a permanent jury is secured.

Counsel for both the prosecution and defense today estimated that a jury might be secured by Thursday afternoon.

Opening of court was delayed half an hour this morning when it was reported that Bert Bland, one of the eleven defendants, was ill. His condition was found to be not serious, however, and he took his place in the courtroom with the other defendants.

Of ten names of the regular jury venire left in the box, only three answered a roll call this morning, seven being reported ill. They were excused for the day and it was thought a special venire of 300 would be called upon today. Members of this special venire have been attending court since the trial started January 26.

CLEMENCEAU MAY VISIT JAPAN BEFORE RETURN

PARIS, Feb. 3.—(Havas) Dr. Viard, who is accompanying former Premier Clemenceau on his trip to Egypt, is quoted by the Excelsior as saying the itinerary will include Cairo, Khartoum, a trip up the Nile, and probably a visit to Syria, Persia and India. It is also said the former premier may visit Japan before returning to France.

Tacoma Doctor Fined.

TACOMA, Feb. 3.—Dr. David M. Angus, convicted in federal court in January of the illegal sale of narcotics on 40 counts, today was sentenced to pay a fine of \$675.16 by Judge E. E. Cushman.

GOVERNOR NAMES COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE KLAMATH RAILROAD

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—Governor Olcott today named I. N. Day of Portland a member of the commission provided by the special session of the legislature to investigate the feasibility of special railroad and highway development in central and south central Oregon. The other members of the commission are Senator Roy Ritner of Pendleton, appointed by the president of the senate, and Representative Denton G. Burdick of Redmond, appointed by the speaker of the house.

At present two rival railroads, one a Harriman and the other a Hill line, extend from the O. W. R. & N. road on the Columbia river, to Bend. It is proposed that one of the lines be removed from its present location and extended from the Bend terminal to Klamath Falls. The plan is to utilize the bed of the removed railroad for a state highway. Should this be done there would be both a highway and a railroad from Klamath Falls through Bend to the Columbia river.

HOLLAND WILL BE FORCED TO YIELD KAISER

Allies On Second Refusal Threaten to Break Diplomatic Relations and Declare Blockade—Crown Prince Heads List of Germans to Be Surrendered for Trial.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—(Havas) The entente cordiale to the refusal of Holland to accede to the allied demand for the extradition of former Emperor William is imminent, according to the Petit Parisien. The newspaper says that while the note will be generally conciliatory, it will consider, in case of a new refusal by Holland, measures going as far as the breaking of diplomatic relations or a naval blockade of Dutch ports.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The list of Germans accused by the allies of war crimes and whose extradition is to be demanded, is headed by former Crown Prince Frederick William and several other sons of the former German emperor. The list will be handed to Baron Kart von Lersner, the German representative here, this afternoon.

Included in the list are Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former German imperial chancellor; Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General Erich Ludendorff, formerly first quartermaster general; Field Marshal von Mackensen, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the Duke of Wurtemberg and a number of other princes and titled officers.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The draft of the note to Germany with the list of persons whose extradition is to be demanded was completed by the council of ambassadors today. It was decided by the council that neither the note nor the list should be made public here.

The committee also discussed the reply to Holland in answer to the refusal of that country to surrender the former Emperor William.

The request of Poland for arms and supplies was under consideration for some time today by the council.

ENGLAND ALARMED BY MONEY MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Austen Chamberlain, the chancellor of the exchequer, discussed with leading bankers, political leaders and others this afternoon the situation that has arisen from the adverse rate of exchange. The greatest secrecy was maintained in connection with the proceedings, a report of which is being prepared for presentation to the cabinet.

PENN. OIL PRODUCTION RECORD IS BROKEN 1919

OIL CITY, Pa., Feb. 3.—In spite of unfavorable weather conditions during January 2114 wells were completed and production aggregated 452,397 barrels in the oil regions of the country, according to the monthly review of The Derrick made public today.

The production figures showed an increase of 3,314 barrels more than the previous high record of last November. Of the total number of wells drilled, 426 were "dusters" and 147 produced gas.

MISSING CONCRETE TENDER DRIFTS TO GRAYS HARBOR

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 3.—A wireless message was received today by the coast guard cutter Algonquin stating that one of the concrete water tenders which was lost a week ago while being towed to San Francisco by the tug Slocum has drifted ashore near Grays Harbor today. The hull was in three pieces and there was nothing to indicate its name.

POSTMASTER MYERS IS STUBBORN, REFUSES TO OBEY WILSON'S ORDER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.—Frank S. Myers, postmaster at Portland, continued to assert his claim to the position today, notwithstanding the fact that President Wilson yesterday signed an order removing him from office. Pending action by the senate, affirming or failing to concur in the president's order, Myers stated he would continue to occupy his office. Orders were being given by Chief Inspector Renshaw and he was in charge of the actual operation of the postoffice. Politics alone were responsible for the attempt to remove him, according to Myers, and if he can obtain a hearing to establish the fact, he hopes the senate will not concur in the president's dismissal order.

2 SETS TRIPLETS IN 15 MONTHS

ALBANY, Ala., Feb. 3.—Six children—two sets of triplets—within 15 months, is the birth record in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Laytonstone of Albany. The second trio of children was born yesterday and all are well.

OFFICERS ARMY NAVY GET HIGHER PAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Pay increases for officers and men of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard and public health services aggregating \$59,500,000 for the next year are provided in a house bill passed today by the senate. Commissioned officers will receive an advance of 10 per cent and enlisted men above the rank of private will receive an increase of 20 per cent. Efforts to amend the measure so as to provide more money for privates were unsuccessful.

NORTH BEND RAISES ALL SCHOOL SALARIES

NORTH BEND, Ore., Feb. 3.—A monthly increase of \$10 in the salaries of all grade teachers receiving less than \$100 per month, and a like increase in the salaries of all high school teachers, including Superintendent Robert Goetz, has been announced by the board of education here. The increase will become effective at once.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

The total assessed value of real and personal property in New York state is \$13,155,677,813, the report of the state tax commission shows.

Augustin Edwards, Chilean minister to Great Britain, will leave London today for Stockholm to present his credentials as minister to Sweden. His appointment as minister to Sweden came as a surprise to diplomatic circles, as one man rarely is accredited to two such important countries with such divergent political situations.

Two petitions have been filed in the superior court of Martinez, Cal., for letters of administration of the estate of Charles M. Belshaw, former state senator, who was killed, together with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sherwood of Spokane in an automobile accident last November.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE TO ENTER WASHINGTON POLITICS

SPOKANE, Feb. 3.—The National Non-Partisan league will place a complete state ticket in the field in Washington next fall, it was announced here today by J. L. Freeman, state manager of the league.

ITALIAN SHIPS ARE CAPTURED BY ANNUNZIO

Insurgent Leader Seizes Torpedo Boat and Auxiliary Loaded With Munitions and Food Stuffs Taking Them to Fiume—Jugo-Slavs Fire On Italian Steamer.

TRIESTE, Feb. 3.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, insurgent leader at Fiume, has seized the torpedo boat Orsom and the auxiliary ship City of Rome, bound from Ancona to Pola with munitions and food-stuffs for the Italian naval forces. The vessels were brought into Fiume yesterday.

ROME, Feb. 2.—Reports have reached this city that the Italian steamer Danubio has been attacked at the city of Trau on the Dalmatian coast and that she was forced to lower her Italian flag. It is said that passengers on the vessel were insulted and some were wounded during the attack. Considerable excitement has been caused by this report which follows rumors of similar incidents at Svaldo and other cities on the eastern shore of the Adriatic.

Commenting on the incident the Giornale d'Italia, after citing other recent "Jugo-Slav provocations" again urges the government to insist upon the application of the treaty of London.

9 CASES OF SMALL POX IN ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 3.—Only a few cases of influenza were reported to the health officer today.

According to a summary of the situation made by City Health Officer Shoemaker, there were 229 cases of influenza reported of his office during January. Forty-five cases were reported on January 22 and 23. Since that time the number has decreased until only nine were reported January 31. During the month nine cases of smallpox were quarantined in this city.

WILL AGAIN ATTEMPT BREAK PITTOCK WILL

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.—An amended petition seeking to break the will of the late Henry L. Pittock, has been filed in the probate court on behalf of Mrs. Caroline P. Leadbetter, wife of F. W. Leadbetter, attacking the last testament of her father on similar grounds but with more wealth of detail than the first petition.

The new attempt on the will, it was learned today, centers about the allegation of undue influence, the petitioner alleging that C. A. Morshen and O. L. Price, trustees under the will, conspired to "secure large influence, power, emoluments, salaries and commissions" by persuading the late Mr. Pittock to draw up an instrument preventing heirs at law and the minority stockholders of the corporations in which decedent was a stockholder, from having any power to regulate the business policy of the estate or corporations or enjoying any of the Pittock estate except "a relatively insignificant income monthly."

PASSENGERS PORTLAND TACOMA TRAIN ROBBED

SEATTLE, Feb. 3.—Passengers who arrived here early today on a night train from Portland reported to the police that a thief went thru their personal effects on the train and stole \$135 in cash and checks for \$2,535. They said their suspected a negro passenger who left the train at Tacoma.

REVOLUTIONISTS NOW CONTROL VLADIVOSTOK OPPOSE FOREIGN AID

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Revolutionists have entered Vladivostok and are in charge of the town, the war department was advised today by Major General Graves, commanding the American expeditionary force in Siberia. General Graves' message dated January 31, said the crowd in the city were orderly and that the allied forces were controlling the streets to prevent riotous people and by preventing looting. The revolutionists' platform, the general said, declared for the end of civil war in Siberia and the intervention by foreigners in the internal affairs of the country.

GIRL TO MARRY THE BROTHER OF HER PARAMOUR

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 3.—Miss Emily Knowles, and her five months' old son, who were released by the immigration authorities at Ellis Island yesterday, arrived here today accompanied by Mrs. Cora M. Sinker, of Baltimore, Md., wife of the father of the child, and Mrs. Sinker's brother-in-law, Guy S. Sinker, whom Miss Knowles had promised to wed. Percy H. Sinker, of Baltimore, former flying lieutenant, whose romance with Miss Knowles while he was at an aviation camp in England, led the young woman to come to this country with her child, was not a member of the party.

The party were greeted by Mrs. William Rattersby of this city, with whom Miss Knowles is to make her home pending her marriage. Mrs. Rattersby is an intimate friend of Miss Knowles' family in Manchester, England. Their meeting was very affectionate and the baby, Alfred Ray Knowles, came in for a warm share of the welcome. Taxicabs took the party to the Rattersby home.

BELGIUM CONSIDERS AN ANTI-GERMAN ALLIANCE

PARIS, Feb. 3.—(Havas) Discussions relative to the question of a defensive alliance between France, England and Belgium have progressed materially during recent conferences at Ypres, according to a Brussels dispatch to the Excelsior. It is said the Belgian government has drafted and sent to the French government a general outline for the projected common defense in case of a future German attack.

WOODMEN HOSPITAL HEAD A VICTIM OF THE "FLU"

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Dr. J. A. Rutledge, superintendent of the Modern Woodmen tuberculosis sanitarium at Colorado Springs, died here today following an attack of influenza. Dr. Rutledge was on his way to Honolulu when he was compelled by illness to go to a hospital here.

PRESIDENT NARROWLY ESCAPES THE FLU; \$25,000 REWARD FOR A CURE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson contracted a cold several days ago and had a narrow escape from influenza, his physician, Rear Admiral Grayson, said today. Every precaution is now being taken to protect the president, Dr. Grayson said, and no person with even the suspicion of a cold is permitted to enter his room.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Influenza and pneumonia, which yesterday appeared to be on the wane, took a sharp upward spurt today, and at the same time deaths from the two diseases reached 195, only six less than the

NOT CENT SPENT BY NEWBERRY

Judge Murfin for Defense Denies Senator Newberry—Funds Used Were Within the Law and Contributed by Friends—Americanism Cause of Intense Efforts to Elect Former Secretary of Navy.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 3.—Truman H. Newberry entered the 1918 senatorial campaign in Michigan at the solicitation of others and not in furtherance of a scheme to get a seat in the senate, said James O. Murfin of Detroit, in outlining to the jury in United States district court the attitude the defense would assume toward the charges of conspiracy and fraud for which 123 men are on trial.

Judge Murfin explained the defense's view of the specific details of the offenses charged in the six counts of the indictment, emphasizing that conspiracy is the essence of the charges.

It was pointed out that on the first four counts "the gist of the charge is not fraud in the election, corruption in the election, but that these respondents are charged with conspiring to aid, abet, assist and encourage Truman H. Newberry to commit an offense to wit:

"The offense of spending more of his money than the law allows." It was further argued that under the Michigan law, as long as expenses come within the eleven enumerated classes in the statute, there is no limit as to the amount of money a committee of a candidate's friends can spend in his behalf.

"It is my purpose," Judge Murfin told the jurors, "to point out to you in exact detail everything that was done by anybody connected with this campaign. The campaign was unusually hot, and in analyzing and considering what these respondents did, the atmosphere under which they did it should be considered."

War Fever at Height

"Our country was at war and the situation was critical in the extreme. The fate of the civilized world was hanging in the balance."

"While there had been rumors in Michigan that Henry Ford would be a candidate for the senate, his candidacy was actually announced on June 14, 1918."

"Rightly or wrongly, there was a very general feeling that Mr. Ford did not represent the type of American who at that critical juncture should represent his state in the United States senate."

"Rightly or wrongly, many people remembered his campaign against military preparedness. Many people remembered his well meant, misguided efforts to bring about what now appears would have been a German peace. Many people were bitter over the fact that he was not active in the war and that none of his family had become active in the war."

"On the other hand, Commander Newberry had had an honorable record in the Spanish-American war, when in the navy. He had been secretary of the navy in the cabinet of that militant American, Theodore Roosevelt."

Newberry in the War
"Within forty-eight hours after our country threatened to enter the world war he volunteered and in the spring of 1917 was commissioned a lieutenant commander and made aide to the commandant of the third naval district at New York. His brothers and his two sons were also in military service."
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