

ADMIRAL SIMS REFUSES AWARD OF MR. DANIELS

Umblings of Dissatisfaction at Manner of Arranging Reward for War Service Come to Focus.

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at award be taken from an officer whom it already has been conferred, but he does ask for a revision upward of some of the lesser decorations.

Sims long known as the stormy petrel of the navy, since his sensational "last drop of blood" speech in the Guild hall at London, when he drew the attention of the foreign officers of Berlin, London and Washington, has figured in navy sensations before and has many warm supporters among the officers.

Secretary Daniels' report to Chairman Page of the senate naval committee outlines the general policy followed by the secretary in awarding medals and distinctions to naval officials and enlisted men.

Indicating that the entire controversy that has now come to light, revolves around the old Navy department argument as to which class of service—shore or sea—is more important, Secretary Daniels in his report is recognized.

"The value of the duty on shore was duly recognized, but in my opinion it should be of the highest importance and responsibility in order that this duty should be recognized by the award of the same kind of medals as that given to officers serving on ships with great responsibility and at the same time in positions of grave danger in the active war zone, and this was the standard which any particular case had to meet for an officer on shore duty to be awarded the medal."

Services Recognized. Emphasizing his belief that officers engaged in hazardous and responsible duties in the North sea mining squadron, the destroyer force, the convoy and the armed guard services should be given preference in the award of high honors over officers serving on shore, even in positions of great responsibility, and officers serving with ships in home waters, Secretary Daniels said that "the services rendered by these different forces was recognized by the award of medals assigning certain medals to the officers in command of the ships and stations concerned and this plan of procedure met with my approval."

With this policy in mind, Secretary Daniels said he had changed, however, the recommendation of the board of award, and recommended Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight in the case of a number of officers serving ashore, at home, or in home waters so that such officers would receive decorations of lesser value than officers serving in the face of the enemy overseas.

Christmas Greetings Sent Overseas Men By Secretary Baker

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Baker has sent to American troops within the United States and abroad the following Christmas message: "To those who wear the uniform of the United States Christmas with its deep meaning of peace and goodwill will to men, should take on an added significance this year, in that during the new era of peace for which such great sacrifices were made, American institutions have been guarded during the 12 months past with that fidelity and devotion which has always been one of the great traditions of the United States army."

"With the New Year approaching, your country stands on the threshold of greater opportunities and prosperity than it has known in any of the glorious pages of her history. As soldiers you represent the strength of your country and in peace, as well as in war, you can prove that the foundation of democracy and the safeguard of liberty is the ability of the individual to perceive and defend the truth. I speak for your commander-in-chief and for the nation you serve when I wish you a very merry Christmas and a successful and happy New Year."

Allied Law Officers Draw Up Indictment Against Ex-Kaiser

London, Dec. 23.—Law officers of the crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law officers with regard to the former German emperor. It is reported that the conferees made out a case against the former German ruler and framed an indictment.

The Hague, Dec. 23.—The semi-official Netherlands correspondence bureau today announces that there is no truth in a statement published in the Soir of Brussels to the effect that the Netherlands government has already unofficially informed the allies that the Dutch government will not surrender the former German emperor if extradition is requested. The bureau says that as yet no action in the matter has been taken.

Opening Christmas Box Nearly Proves Fatal

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—Fred Fink, a Seattle musician, Mrs. Fink, their three children and E. I. Muller, a lodger, narrowly escaped death or serious injury when they decided to open a Christmas box, received through the mail, by breaking open the slide top rather than by pulling it out by the usual manner. The box contained an internal machine set to explode when the lid was pulled back. Fink said an attempt was made on his life some time ago.

Lloyd George to Go to Paris

London, Dec. 23.—Premier Lloyd George will go to Paris next week to confer with Premier Clemenceau, it was announced today.

Suspected Murderer Of Colorado Rancher Breaks His Reserve

Denver, Nov. 23.—Companionship of a cell mate broke the reserve last night of Alex Miller, mute farm hand, held in connection with the murder Saturday night of Adam Shank and his family near Gilcrest, Colo. For the first time he communicated in writing to another person.

Since the arrest of Miller, formerly employed by Shank, he has maintained that he could not read nor write nor understand the sign language. Last night he answered questions of his cell mate in the city jail by writing. Sheriff Frank N. Hall, of Greeley, who came here to get Miller, will examine the mute again today.

Discovery of revolver cartridges and a revolver in Miller's trunk on the Shank farm and a quarrel between the mute and his former employer Saturday over wages caused the arrest of Miller here Sunday.

The Shank family—the father, mother and four children—were shot to death in their home some time Saturday night. Their bodies were discovered by a cousin Sunday forenoon. No money or property was taken.

Best Fellows on Earth Will Carry Cheer to 200 Omaha Families

Two hundred poor families in Omaha are being remembered this Christmas in a substantial way by Omaha lodge, No. 39, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In the ruined Red Cross room of the court house a committee of Elks headed by District Judge Sears is sending out great bags of food in liberal quantities to the 200 families.

Each bag contains a chicken, five pounds of bacon, 12 1/2-pound bag of flour, 5-pound bag of cornmeal, rice, beans, coffee, tea, salt, syrup, macaroni, butter, cabbage, turnips, onions, bread, candy, oranges, half bushel of potatoes and cans of tomatoes, peas and corn.

There's enough to support a good-sized family for many days. It is an annual custom of the Elks. Every big bag is being delivered right at the door of the poor family.

Belgium Wishes to Remain Free to Chose Her Friends

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Paul Hymans, foreign minister, made a long statement on Belgium's foreign policy. Concerning the revision of the treaty of 1839, he was unable to enter into details as negotiations were unfinished. But however they might result, he said, Belgium would not enter into any agreement in the direction of returning to neutrality or restriction of her sovereign rights.

Funeral Services Held for Aged Widow of Omaha Pioneer

Funeral services for Mrs. Frederick Krug, aged widow of the late Omaha pioneer, were held at the family home, 818 South Twentieth street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. W. A. Schaefer, pastor of St. John's German Lutheran church, had charge of the services.

Mrs. Krug died at the age of 81 last Saturday night, a little more than a month later than her husband, who died November 19. The pallbearers were: Albert Cahn, Isidor Ziegler, Moses O'Brien, Joseph Middlebach, Charles Karbach, Arthur Metz, Val Peters and Hans Mohring.

That your stocking may contain the things you most desire and that the day may be one of happiness is the Christmas wish of THOMPSON-BELDEN & COMPANY

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Depths of Despair Reached By Crushed Soul of Child Forgotten on Christmas



Associated Charities Make Final Appeal for Omaha Poor.

Forgotten. All the suffering of the children of war-stricken Belgium, all the anguish of the persecuted children of Armenia, all the sorrow of the fatherless children of France, cannot compare with that crushed spirit of the American boy or girl who awakes on Christmas morn, after days of almost hopeless faith, to find that he has been forgotten by Santa Claus.

Pershing Will Visit Omaha This Morning

(Continued From Page One.) The officers who are scheduled to accompany General Pershing are: Brig. Gen. Fox Conner; Brig. Gen. George H. Vanmosele; Brig. Gen. Manin Craig; Col. George C. Marshall; Col. Richard H. Williams; Col. John G. Queketyer; Col. Henry Lee Buewies; Lt. Col. E. O. Bowditch and Capt. J. P. Schneider.

Home Town Honors A. E. F. Commander

Laclede, Mo., Dec. 23.—Gen. John J. Pershing came back to his boyhood home today, ate turkey dinner, was presented with a medal and a loving cup, visited relatives and cronies of long ago, explored anew the old Pershing house, and made several speeches.

Three Impressive Moments Marked the Day

One was public, two were private. The public one came when, acting on behalf of the people of Missouri, Gov. F. D. Gardner presented him with a medal as a token of the state's appreciation of his efforts in winning the war. Of those in private, one took place when a group of close friends and former schoolmates presented him with a loving cup, and another when he expressed his sympathy to the father, mother and sister of a soldier

Gas Company Will Be Host At Christmas Entertainment

The Omaha Gas company will be host at a children's Christmas entertainment in Metropolitan hall, 2301 Harney street this afternoon at 3 for employees of the company.

Brushed Wool Scarfs for \$10.95

Soft fluffy scarfs with figured borders, checks and plaids, come in royal blue, green, purple, cerise, brown and turquoise. They are quite as fine for street wear as for sports.

Lace Hose For \$1.50 a pair

Pure silk hose with lace stripes and all-over designs are to be had in black, navy and brown.

A Velvet Bag For \$4

Black silk velvet with a delicate frame and chain handle of silver in an exceptionally dainty bag lined with changeable silk.

A Bathrobe Priced \$5

Is as soft and woolly as one could desire, with attractive patterns in white or a contrasting color; the robes are rose, blue, pink, purple and other shades.

Children's Suede Mittens \$1 a pair

Heavy suede with a band of seal about the top, warm enough for the frostiest days.

Lace Collars For \$1.25

In patterns and shapes particularly fine on dark frocks.

Pay Increase to Policemen Formally Passed by Council

The city council yesterday formally passed an ordinance which grants patrolmen \$125 per month to start and a maximum of \$140 per month. Increases were allowed other members of the department.

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THOMPSON-BELDEN & COMPANY For the Jolly Tree It's the Assortment That Counts on the Last Day Before Christmas

To be able to choose the most desirable and appropriate gift rather than to take "any old thing" that happens to be left. Here at Thompson-Belden's you will find the most helpful service and any number of "just right" gift things—so that the last names to be crossed off your list may be as well taken care of as were the first ones.

9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Not Open Christmas Eve

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A Wash Satin Teddy for \$6.50

Flesh colored, with a daintily hemstitched top and shoulder straps and pink and blue ribbon roses about the top.

Children's Felt Slippers—\$1.75

Comfy slippers of red or blue with Indians painted on the toes, just the thing for a little boy.

Brush and Comb Sets for 75c

Tiny celluloid brushes and combs for babies have the daintiest of designs painted by hand.

A Leather Purse For \$1.25

A flat purse with a strap at the back, is of seal with a lining of brocaded material—\$1.25.

Glove Silk Vests for \$3.50

Flesh colored vests with shoulder straps of ribbon, are of a quality seldom found at this price.

Embroidered Kerchiefs—35c

Linen handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered or initialed corners, are very fine for 35c.

Table Bibs For 35c each

White drill bibs with a yellow chick in a red vest embroidered at the hem.

A Telephone Pad for 75c

To hang on the mouth-piece of the phone, an indexed pad with covers of silk brocade in rose or blue, and bandings of gold lace.

Hair Ribbons For 75c a yard

Wide ribbons of a fine quality most attractive plaids and flowered effects.

Crepe de Chine Gowns for \$10.50

Crepe de chine and satin gowns with hemstitched or lace trimmed necklines and sleeves. Wonderfully dainty and fine.

Jeweled Tuck Combs—\$1.75 each

Tiny combs with jeweled tops to tuck in Milady's tresses at just the critical spot; a novelty and a charming one.

A Cotton Crepe Dog for \$1

The most lovable sort of a cuddle toy with the cotton stuffing just soft enough to make him a desirable bed fellow. Made of white crepe with his features outlined in threads of various hues.

Trefusse Kid Gloves—\$3.75

Fine gloves of French kid, in all the desirable shades, with self-colored or contrasting embroideries on the backs, may be selected now—or a certificate for them may be purchased here—the recipient to select the size and color after Christmas.

Two-Toned Silk Hose for \$2 a pair

Heather shades that are extremely attractive in silk, red, navy or purple blended with black.

Doilies of Cluny Lace—25c and 50c

An eight-inch doily edged with wide Cluny lace is priced 25c, and a ten-inch one to match is 50c.

THOMPSON-BELDEN & COMPANY The Men's Shop Has never served so many Christmas Shoppers nor has ever been so well prepared for the last day. THESE TO PLEASE A MAN: A pair of good Gloves in shades of tan, Cordovan, gray, for business and dress wear—also the best and warmest of gloves for motoring. Handkerchiefs of fine Irish linen, plain hemstitched, cords, tape borders, embroidered initials, to please every taste. And Silk Shirts, when genuinely good, appeal to every man. We insist upon the best of qualities and they are worth all that they cost. Neckwear can't be described except to say that no style worth while is missing. Four-in-hands, bats and finest silk knits from 50c to \$5. Silk half hose—Because of welcome "last minute" arrivals we can say, "all styles, colors and sizes." Doesn't that help a lot? Bath and Lounging Robes of silk, wool blanket and Terry cloth—all sizes. Silk Pajamas in pink, blue lavender and tan—all good ones and bound to please—\$7.50 to \$15. Sateen Pajamas in plain shades are priced at \$6. Mufflers of silk and silk knits. Every color effect. \$1.50 up to \$12.



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