

WEATHER Cloudy to-day, much colder in afternoon and at night, to-morrow fair and colder. Full Report on Page 16

Opposition to Reservations Is Cracking, Says Lodge

Declares His Proposals Will Win Virtually as They Stand; Hitchcock Sure of a Compromise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A compromise of the peace treaty will be worked out "within a very short time" through acceptance of the Lodge reservations substantially without modification, Senator Lodge, majority leader of the Senate and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, predicted today.

Senator Lodge said that Democratic opposition to the Lodge reservations was "cracking fast." All the Republican Senators, including the group of "mild reservationists," he said, would continue to stand together and demand that the Democrats accept the Lodge reservations without material modification.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Administration leader in the Senate treaty fight, said that he also looks for a compromise agreement soon that will assure ratification of the German treaty some time in January.

Hitchcock Sees Compromise

The Administration leader, however, insisted that the "mild reservationists" with whom he has been negotiating are formulating a compromise proposal of their own which they will submit to the Democrats. The "mild reservationists" proposal, according to Senator Hitchcock, will contain material changes in the Lodge reservations.

There will be a lull in the compromise negotiations until after Christmas. Senator Hitchcock did not talk with any Republicans to-day, and he said that he probably would do nothing more until the end of the week.

Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, spokesman for the "mild reservationists," discussed the Senate situation at length with Senator Lodge to-day. Breaks in the ranks of the Democratic Senators on the question of reservations to the treaty in the Senate election, the two Senators said. Senator Lenroot assured Senator Lodge that he would support any move made by the Administration leader in the matter of a compromise.

Expects Quick Compromise

"I expect to see a compromise in a very short time," said Senator Lodge. "It will be the acceptance of the so-called Lodge reservations by the Democrats substantially as they are."

"The Democrats are cracking fast in their opposition to reservations, and the cracks are running in all directions. They are not confined to any one section of the Democratic side."

The Democratic Senators, Senator Lodge explained, are not desirous of carrying the issue of reservations to the treaty into the Presidential election next year. They have been unable to agree upon any proposition for a compromise to submit to the Republicans. They are not desirous of carrying the issue of reservations to the Presidential election next year. They have been unable to agree upon any proposition for a compromise to submit to the Republicans.

Hitchcock Also Confident

Senator Hitchcock said that the negotiations he is conducting with the "mild reservationists" during the treaty fight in the Senate last session, it was said, is not included. He told Senator Lodge to-day that he would not offer any proposition to the Democrats.

Senator Lodge's statement that he expects the "cracking" Democratic opposition to accept the Lodge reservations, and that he is confident that the Foreign Relations Committee's resolution of ratification that was defeated by the Democrats upon orders from the White House on November 19, was the result of his long

Eight Insane Die In Hospital Fire

Only 45 of 53 Patients in Middletown, Conn., Asylum Accounted For

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 23.—Eight patients of the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane in this place are believed to have been burned to death to-night in a fire which completely destroyed one of the main buildings of the hospital group, a mile east of the main building.

There were fifty-three patients in the building and only forty-five had been accounted for. The building in which the fire occurred was known as the farm, and those housed therein were so-called "country" patients. They were all men, and instead of joining in a panic when the flames were discovered turned to and assisted in the effort to rescue their own clothing and some furniture. The missing patients are believed to have been burned to death when the interior of the building collapsed.

They are: Nicholas Venuck, twenty-eight, of Hartford; William Carroll, thirty-nine, Waterbury; Philo Pritchard, sixty-three, Warren; Richard O'Brien, sixty-one, Stamford; Max Soracka, fifty-two, Hartford; Edward Poelle, sixty-eight, Wallingford; Clinton S. Lord, forty-nine, Windsor, and Charles Macheleidt, fifty-five, New Haven.

The burned structure was of three stories and was valued at about \$25,000.

Laclede Hails Pershing as Noblest Son

Guest Refuses to Take Automobile at Station and Heads Street Parade Under Barrage of Cameras

LACLEDE, Mo., Dec. 23.—Laclede gave a tremendous welcome to-day to its most distinguished native son, General John J. Pershing, who came home at noon for his first visit to his native town in fifteen years. As his car was detached from a westbound train and placed on a siding the general came out on the platform and tossed all arrangements made for his reception into the discard by ignoring the automobiles provided for his party and himself and striking out up the middle of the street for the walk of two blocks to the old homestead.

He didn't even take the sidewalk, but with Mayor E. B. Allen as his escort and his sister, Miss May Pershing, walking beside him, he faced a barrage of cameras and began his triumphal entry to the business section.

Negro First To Be Recognized

The first man the general recognized as he stepped on the platform of his car was an old negro, Allen Warfield. "Come here, Allen!" he shouted, and as the negro approached the steps of the car he reached out and grasped his hand and snook his hand.

The first woman to reach the general's side was his cousin, Mrs. Mattie Parker, of Farquar, Mo.

"You're more looking fine, Mattie," General Pershing said as he grasped her hand and walked with her up the street.

At a block or two the crush proved too much for Miss May Pershing, and under the escort of Clay C. Bigger she made a detour for the paid homage to her distinguished brother.

Judge O. F. Libbey, an old-time friend of the general, was one of the first to greet the visitor. "You're not looking a bit older than you did fifteen years ago, judge," was the general's greeting. "But I'm not going to look any many more years I have known you."

"You don't know me, general," said one man, as he reached a hand over another man's shoulder.

"Oh, yes, I do," replied General Pershing. "You'll Will Frakes. I remember you well."

There are only 1,000 persons living in Laclede, old and young, but they were there to greet the general. Mrs. Howard, who is the general's sister-in-law, when he was a boy. She was too infirm to go out, but after the ceremonies were over General Pershing found time to go to her home and pay a short call.

Governor Gardner, in the name of Missouri, presented General Pershing with a medal. The speech making was on the steps of the Pershing home.

General Pershing, accepting the medal from his native state, was several times on the verge of an unconditional surrender to emotion.

General Pershing said:

"You're looking fine, honor, ladies and gentlemen, friends of my boyhood and my youth:

"It was in the years among you that I learned the loyalty of duty to country and the love of the forefathers. It was in the quiet of this village that I learned of duty to country and duty to God. Service was taught me by my father, whose character was early impressed upon me, and led me early to follow the path of duty."

Early Training Given Credit

"Whatever service I was able to perform in co-operation with the youth of the country before or during the first war I owe to the early training of my mother. Many of you know her, and she was loved by all. In later years I have learned how much I owe to the credit of the early training given me by my mother. It was in the quiet of this village that I learned of duty to country and duty to God. Service was taught me by my father, whose character was early impressed upon me, and led me early to follow the path of duty."

Old Pershing Home Vacated

A. S. Byrd, the present owner of the old Pershing home, tendered the use of the house to the committee, and early this morning the Byrd family moved out and a committee of Laclede women, with Mrs. C. Bigger as chairman, began preparing dinner.

Two tables were set with twelve chairs each, and at the head of one sat Mayor E. B. Allen. At the right of Mayor Allen sat the guest of honor, and Governor Gardner was at the Mayor's left. Next to General Pershing sat H. C. Lomax, a banker of Laclede, and the editor of "The Kansas City Post," Warren Pershing, the general's brother-in-law. Miss May Pershing, the general's sister, and others.

The women of Laclede felt that their reputation as cooks was at stake in preparing the dinner, which was made up of strictly home products, except that the women obtained oysters from the Atlantic Coast and grape fruit from the Pacific.

Final Ceremony in Opera House

The closing ceremony of the day was at the opera house, where General Pershing held a public reception, shook hands with everybody, kissed the little girls and some that were not so little, and asked about absent relatives of some of his old friends.

At 8 o'clock to-night, his private car was attached to a westbound train and taken to Lincoln, Neb., where the general will pass Christmas with his sisters, D. M. Butler and Miss May Pershing.

Banquet Vetoed, They Take Desks Philadelphia Councilmen Vote Themselves Furniture of Chambers

Special Correspondence

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Councilmen of Philadelphia are not "cheap skaters," to quote Common Councilman Bernard J. McGuigan, of the Twenty-fifth ward.

Today they sustained through a small minority vote Mayor Smith's veto of the \$3,000 appropriation for their "Auld Lang Syne dinner" and then they voted a resolution to strip the two council chambers—select and common—of furniture, roughly appraised at \$35,000, and make themselves presents of the desks and chairs they have occupied during the last four years.

In vetoing the \$3,000 dinner appropriation Mayor Smith wrote to the councilmen: "I regret to be compelled to assume this attitude, for, while I understand the spirit in which the suggestion of the retiring councilmen, I am unable to reconcile myself to the belief that the city should be required to foot the bill."

It is estimated that the furniture would bring at least half its value from a second-hand dealer. All of the desks are mahogany and are upholstered heavily in leather.

It is believed that Mayor Smith, as the result of the act of the councilmen, will veto the furniture grab resolution.

Two men who had registered a few hours previously at the Hotel Knickerbocker yesterday jimmied their way into an adjoining suite, beat and bound Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius J. Broderick and stole jewelry valued at \$7,000. They were captured in the grill room after an attempt to escape by clambering down two stories of the facade of the hotel, humanly fashion.

The robbers told the police their names are Adriano Alvarez and Raymond Rodriguez, and said they were Spanish speaking. They were taken to the West Thirtieth Street police station, where they will be held for further examination. They were identified by a door leading into the adjoining suite. Mr. Broderick got out of bed to investigate. As he approached the door it was suddenly burst open and he was thrown into the room with a jimmy. He sank semi-conscious to the floor.

The other robber rushed over to Mr. Broderick, who was sitting up in bed screaming in terror. He held him off, she was stabbed in the left hand. After a struggle the burglar eventually got her by the throat and carried her into the room. He then tore a bed sheet into strips and tied her to the bed.

Mr. Broderick had by this time regained consciousness and was on his feet giving battle to the other robber. During the fight one of the thieves went through the apartment gathering up whatever valuables he could lay hands on.

Fugitives Seen Sealing Hotel

A fugitive, during the commotion, rushed down into the lobby and found the alarm. Patrolman Martin Meyers, passing the Forty-second Street entrance, dashed up to the Broderick apartment, where he was told the robbers had got out of the window. Policeman John Nussel saw them sealing the face of the hotel on the Broadway side, and pointing a revolver at them, threatened to shoot if they did not go back. He fired one bullet, which sent them into a window on the third floor.

They then took up the chase through the corridors, where he was joined by many of the guests who had been aroused by the commotion and were running aimlessly about in the hotel. The robbers, who were finally leaped into an elevator shaft and slid down the cable to the grill-room.

They took about with gun in hand. Meyers found two men crouching behind a screen. A hand-to-hand battle followed, in which the accused men were subdued by several blows over the head.

Jewelry Found on Pair

When searched Alvarez had in his possession a gold watch with several diamonds worth \$3,500; an octagon-shaped watch with platinum chains and pearls attached, a gold stickpin worth \$300, a pair of diamond-studded cuff links and \$250 in cash. The Brodericks identified Alvarez and Rodriguez as the men who had entered their apartment, and said the jewelry was theirs. The thieves also had in their pockets false and skeleton keys, a jimmy and a blood-stained knife with which Mr. Broderick was injured in the back and Mrs. Broderick in the hand. They also carried many watchtackets calling for rings and watches of various value, and what appeared to the police to be plans of numerous hotels of the city.

Mr. Broderick said he and his wife made good shopping Monday and made many purchases of jewelry in the Fifth Avenue section. Among these was a \$50,000 pearl necklace which he had purchased as a Christmas gift for his wife. With some other valuables these escaped the hands of the burglars because they had been placed on the dresser and lingerie thrown over them.

Slid to Escape Hubbub, They Say

Despite the positive identification of the thieves by the Brodericks and others who chased them through the hotel, Alvarez and Rodriguez declared they knew nothing of the robbery. They didn't know how the jewelry got into their pockets and said they slid

Agile Thieves Bind and Rob Hotel Guests

Pair Break Into Knickerbocker Suite, Beat Man, Choke Wife, Get \$7,000 Miss \$50,000 Necklace

Trapped as They Climb Down Wall

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Sims Refusal to Accept Navy Medal May Result In Inquiry by Congress

Ex-Kaiser Reported Indicted by Allies; Dutch Haven't Refused to Deliver Him

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Law officers of the crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law officers to-day 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 to-day announces that there is no truth in a statement, published in the "Soir," of Brussels, to the effect that the Netherlands government already has 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.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congressional investigation of the distribution of Distinguished Service medals and navy crosses by Secretary of the Navy Daniels was foreshadowed to-day following the publication of a letter by Rear Admiral William S. Sims criticizing the Naval Secretary and refusing the Distinguished Service Medal awarded him for his work as commander of the American naval forces in the war zone.

Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, and Representative W. W. Lufkin, of Massachusetts, both announced that on the reconvening of Congress they would introduce resolutions calling for a thorough investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the bestowal of naval honors.

Wife's Brother Decorated

Among the Distinguished Service Medals awarded by Secretary Daniels was one to his wife's brother, Commodore Worth Bagley, whose ship, the destroyer Jacob Jones, was sunk by a submarine. He also gave a D. S. C. to his aid, Commander Percy W. Foote, who was in command of an armed guard on a transport that fell victim to a U-boat.

Of this class of cases, Admiral Sims said in his letter: "No blame necessarily attaches to the commanding officers of these vessels for their failures, but on no account should they receive a special reward for their lack of success."

Secretary Daniels to-day made public Admiral Sims's letter of refusal, which severely criticized the method pursued by him and charged that gross injustices had been shown many of the officers in the awards made. The Secretary likewise rested his case in a letter to Senator Page, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, in which he made a general statement of policy with reference to the awarding of naval honors.

"Those officers and men," Mr. Daniels wrote, "who were decorated in the war zone, and particularly those who in this service had come in contact with the enemy, should come first in the recognition for their services as shown by the action taken by the Secretary."

The only direct answer to Admiral Sims's letter which was made at the Navy Department was a report on the action taken by Secretary Daniels and the navy board of awards. It considered the recommendations for awards in the cases of the nineteen members of Admiral Sims's staff, all of whom were recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal.

Secretary's Report

This report showing the recommendation of Admiral Sims, the action of the navy board of award and the final verdict of Secretary Daniels follows:

Secretary's Recommendation	Award
W. A. Edwards, D.S.M.	N. C.
J. V. Hancock, D.S.M.	N. C.
B. A. Long, D.S.M.	N. C.
E. Thompson, D.S.M.	N. C.
D. W. Knox, D.S.M.	N. C.
G. H. Blakeslee, D.S.M.	N. C.
H. E. Yarnell, D.S.M.	N. C.
G. L. Schuyler, D.S.M.	N. C.
H. C. Twining, D.S.M.	N. C.
R. F. Smith, D.S.M.	N. C.
S. R. Leigh, D.S.M.	D.S.M.
B. A. Long, D.S.M.	N. C.
F. H. Schofield, D.S.M.	N. C.
Luke McNamee, D.S.M.	N. C.
E. A. Long, D.S.M.	N. C.
L. B. Strickland, D.S.M.	N. C.
H. R. Bricker, D.S.M.	N. C.
N. C. Twining, D.S.M.	D.S.M.

In explanation of this report, it was pointed out that Secretary Daniels had awarded just as many D. S. M.'s as the Board of Award, the change being that he reduced the award to a navy cross in the case of three officers who had done shore duty only and awarded the medals instead to men who had been on sea duty.

Secretary Daniels said his answer to the charges made by Admiral Sims is contained in his letter to Senator Page, which gives the Navy Department's policy with reference to awards. He said, however, that the lists of awards never had been closed and that open awards for additions or alterations. Cases in which officers of the navy or any interested persons believe injustice has been done, Mr. Daniels said, will be investigated, and if it is shown that fairness has not resulted corrections will be made.

Text of Sims's Letter

The complete text of Rear Admiral Sims's communication to the Secretary of the Navy follows:

"Subject: Award of decorations.

"1. As the former commanding officer of the United States naval forces in Europe, it becomes my duty to invite your attention to certain features of the list of awards to naval officers, published in the annual report of the Secretary of the Navy, Appendix I, in so far as concerns the Turkish rebels in Anatolia and head of the Turkish National movement in Asia Minor, has been assassinated, according to a Smyrna dispatch to the "Tempe."

Detroit's Mayor Gives \$2,000,000 Cousin's Christmas Gifts

Include Nurses' Home and School for Cripples

Special Correspondence

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—Mayor James Couzens of Detroit, reputed to be America's richest city administrator, announced to-day he would give nearly \$2,000,000 in Christmas benefactions to local institutions. The gifts include:

Six hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the Harper Hospital for construction of a home to house 160 nurses.

Five hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the Michigan Hospital School for Crippled Children for construction of a new home on the site of the present institution, on Grand River Avenue, an estimated cost of \$500,000 will go with the building gift.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars to the Children's Free Home.

Seventy-five thousand dollars to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum.

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Wilson Will Not Be Sent To South to Recuperate

President Walks About White House and Signs Number of Documents in Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will not be taken to a winter resort in the South to recuperate, Dr. Grayson, his personal physician, said to-day, when asked about the report that the White House patient was to be removed to a milder climate.

"There is nothing to the story," Dr. Grayson said. "I know nothing of it, and I guess I would know if the President was going away."

Included in the official business handled by the President to-day was signing of a number of documents repatriating persons who were deprived of their citizenship by reasons of serving prison terms. The President also signed a number of minor ordinances and an Executive order authorizing the payment of a full day's pay to government employees on Christmas Day.

The President was up a good portion of the day, walking about his bed chamber and along the corridors of the upper portion of the White House. Two hours during the late morning were spent in the study, where he was warmly wrapped in a blue coat while taking the air in his wheel chair.

100,000 Debt Tied Up

Besides the \$5,000 insurance money due Mrs. Shonts, the estate of her husband, who died last year, she has a claim of \$100,000 for a loan Mrs. Shonts made her husband. Payment of this money is held up pending the outcome of Mrs. Shonts's contest of the will of her husband, in which he left the greater part of his estate to Mrs. Amanda C. Thomas, a friend.

The financial condition of Mrs. Shonts, however, indicated by the dispossess proceeding is surprising to her friends in view of the provisions for her support made by Mr. Shonts up to the time of his death. From 1917 he paid his wife \$45,000 a year, which was \$25,000 more than he agreed to pay under a separation agreement. It is also known that Mr. Shonts paid a large sum for jewelry bought by his wife in Paris.

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"Mrs. Shonts has no available funds on account of the estate being tied up in litigation," he said later. "Unless she can raise the amount required before Friday she will probably be evicted. The only thing that can be done is to attempt to raise the amount."

Mr. Fife said there was no possibility of any payment to Mrs. Shonts from the estate of her late husband in time to meet her "temporary embarrassment," and that the only possible way of forwarding the eviction order was by raising the amount from friends.

The Guaranty Trust Company, administrator of the estate of Mr. Shonts, petitioned the Surrogate's Court for permission to sublet the apartment at 930 Park Avenue, where he died. This lease was made in 1916 and the administrator suggested that with the present schedule of rents in effect a charge of \$4,500 would not be too much to ask from the sub-lessee. Request was also made to the court to settle certain debts of the estate growing out of Mr. Shonts's ownership of a farm in Bucks County, Pa., and for the conversion of some tobacco stock.

Rent Due, Move Begun to Evict Shonts's Widow

Unable to Pay \$341 for Park Avenue Home Unless Friends Come to Aid, Says Her Attorney

Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, widow of Theodore P. Shonts, former president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, was served yesterday with a notice of dispossess from her apartment at 570 Park Avenue. Mrs. Shonts owes one month's rent, amounting to \$341.67. The notice of dispossess served on Mrs. Shonts by Marshal Harry Tiernon requires the widow of Friday in the Ninth District Municipal Court and show cause why she should not be compelled to vacate her apartment.

Mrs. Shonts occupies the apartment with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Bingham. Mrs. Bingham said that her husband had been paying the rent regularly, but had not paid for the current month. Her mother, said Mrs. Bingham, had been waiting for the proceeds of the \$5,000 insurance policy on the life of which Mrs. Shonts's contest of the will of her husband, in which he left the greater part of his estate to Mrs. Amanda C. Thomas, a friend.

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Bolo Pasha's Widow Weils

PARIS, France, Dec. 23.—Mme. Henriette Soumaille, widow of Bolo Pasha, who was put to death in April, 1918, for treason, was married to-day to Alexander Prat. Mme. Soumaille is fifty-two years old and is forty-sixty-two. He is said to be wealthy.

Children Turn Fete Into Riot in Rush for Gifts

Fourteen thousand children, all trying to grab Christmas presents at once, turned the largest Yuletide festival ever held in this city into a riot last night at the 71st Regiment Armory.

Police reserves from six precincts were unable to stem the rush, in which little girls were knocked down and emerged from the milder terrified and crying and with their clothing torn. Not more than 50 per cent of the children were able to get the presents to which they were entitled. At 9 o'clock they went home, tear-stained and totally minus Christmas joy.

While the rumpus was at its height Deputy Police Commissioner Wallis mounted a table and blew fiercely on his whistle for fifteen minutes, but few of his men struggling with the excited children could even hear him, much less bring about the order he demanded. Two companies of soldiers from the 114th Regiment finally were ordered out, and they formed a line through which the children were sent out of the building.

The main cause of the trouble was the presence of about seven thousand uninvited children, who had been allowed to enter the building out of misguided kindness on the part of the police early in the afternoon. The children came from all over the city, and the police allowed the early comers to enter, regardless of tickets. Hundreds of children had counted tickets, which had been issued by some unauthorized persons. All these children joined in the rush for the presents.

Deputy Police Commissioner Wallis said after the excitement had subsided that the children who had retained their tickets would receive presents at the police stations to-day.

Hundreds of Tickets Lost

Hundreds of children, however, had lost their tickets in the scuffle. Others had their own particular patrolman had himself plunged into the fracas and seized an armful of boxes, but the lack of system resulted in the girls getting boxes meant for boys, and in boys stealing away the boxes given to girls, only to throw them away when they found unwanted dolls inside.

Most of the police were doing the best they could, but a few lost their temper in the rush and were seen striking and pushing the children down the stone steps on Thirty-fourth Street.

"Get out of here, you!" cried a big six-footer, as he grazed his heel across the back of a red-capped youth he was accusing of being a repeater. When a woman remonstrated with him he replied, hotly:

"I've got eight kids of my own at home, and the one who spares the rod spoils the child. I'm here to see that none of these kids here to-night are spoiled."

Plans for Americanization

The gathering was under the joint auspices of the People's Liberty Chorus and the Police Department, and was planned as a beautiful festival of music and dancing, as well as gift-giving, which would fill the children's minds with gratitude to the city authorities and so plant a seed of Americanization.

Major Helen Bastedo, of the women's motor corps, who was conveying crippled children to their homes, in buses, said: "When children have been in buses for 4 o'clock until 9 without supper, and are frightened and torn, and haven't any Christmas presents, they're in no mood for Americanization."

Thirty clowns from the Hippodrome tried to stem the rush for presents at its beginning, but in vain. The presents were piled up against the walls of the armory and the children just helped themselves at first, for the force of policemen at the time was unable to handle them. When it was seen that order could not be restored, Commissioner Wallis ordered the program to be discontinued and began sending the children home. The secretary to Borough President Hegemann, of Brooklyn, Frank Fogarty, who was to have been Santa Claus, was not allowed to make his appearance, and the forty-foot Christmas tree reared its gaunt branches unlighted in the midst of the whirlpool.

Japan Worried By Bolshevik Raids in Siberia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Bolshevik attacks on points held by Japanese troops along the Siberian Railway which during September and October totalled 435 distinct raids, are becoming much more frequent and formidable, despite the advent of winter, with the result, it was stated to-day in well informed quarters here, that the situation of the Japanese had become so precarious as to require immediate reinforcements or withdrawal. American troops still in Siberia are further east, and consequently have suffered much less than the Japanese soldiers from these raids.

Japanese Ambassador Shidehara has been in consultation with Secretary Lansing regarding measures to be taken to meet the rapidly increasing danger and these conferences are still progressing.

Situation of United States Delicate

It has been said here it did not appear in view of the American forces in Siberia could be strengthened, yet officials still deemed it wise to maintain at least some show of military force in Siberia unless the United States government was willing to permit Japan to carry unaided the burden of resisting the eastward progress of the wave of Bolshevism, which, it was conceded, might be construed as an admission of exclusive Japanese control of Siberia in the future and the closing of the open door there.

The United States does not care to go further into Siberia, or even to add sufficient strength to its troops now there to meet the new developments, but the Japanese are so confident of their duty to hold their present lines even though it be necessary to add considerably to the number of their troops there.

Massacre of Russians Feared

It has been explained to the United States government that a withdrawal of the Japanese troops would be followed by the massacre of all of the Russian inhabitants who have given support to the Japanese and American system resulting in the Bolsheviki of the entire line of the Siberian Railway, upon which the people in the north depend for sustenance.

For the Japanese especially the situation then would be most acute, it is said, because of the advent of Bolshevism right up to the borders of Korea and across the narrow straits separating Japan from the mainland of Asia.

The exchanges between the two governments, representatives of both declare, so far have been characterized by the best of feeling, and the Japanese government has taken special pains to make the United States government understand that it desires to act in perfect harmony with it in this matter.

Admiral's Letter Assailing Daniels's Methods of Distributing Awards to Bring Demand for Probe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congressional investigation of the distribution of Distinguished Service medals and navy crosses by Secretary of the Navy Daniels was foreshadowed to-day following the publication of a letter by Rear Admiral William S. Sims criticizing the Naval Secretary and refusing the Distinguished Service Medal awarded him for his work as commander of the American naval forces in the war zone.

Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, and Representative W. W. Lufkin, of Massachusetts, both announced that on the reconvening of Congress they would introduce resolutions calling for a thorough investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the bestowal of naval honors.

Wife's Brother Decorated

Among the Distinguished Service Medals awarded by Secretary Daniels was one to his wife's brother, Commodore Worth Bagley, whose ship, the destroyer Jacob Jones, was sunk by a submarine. He also gave a D. S. C. to his aid, Commander Percy W. Foote, who was in command of an armed guard on a transport that fell victim to a U-boat.

Of this class of cases, Admiral Sims said in his letter: "No blame necessarily attaches to the commanding officers of these vessels for their failures, but on no account should they receive a special reward for their lack of success."

Secretary Daniels to-day made public Admiral Sims's letter of refusal, which severely criticized the method pursued by him and charged that gross injustices had been shown many of the officers in the awards made. The Secretary likewise rested his case in a letter to Senator Page, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, in which he made a general statement of policy with reference to the awarding of naval honors.

"Those officers and men," Mr. Daniels wrote, "who were decorated in the war zone, and particularly those who in this service had come in contact with the enemy, should come first in the recognition for their services as shown by the action taken by the Secretary."

The only direct answer to Admiral Sims's letter which was made at the Navy Department was a report on the action taken by Secretary Daniels and the navy board of awards. It considered the recommendations for awards in the cases of the nineteen members of Admiral Sims's staff, all of whom were recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal.

Secretary's Report

This report showing the recommendation of Admiral Sims, the action of the navy board of award and the final verdict of Secretary Daniels follows:

Secretary's Recommendation	Award
W. A. Edwards, D.S.M.	N. C.
J. V. Hancock, D.S.M.	N. C.
B. A. Long, D.S.M.	N. C.
E. Thompson, D.S.M.	N. C.
D. W. Knox, D.S.M.	N. C.
G. H. Blakeslee, D.S.M.	N. C.
H. E. Yarnell, D.S.M.	N. C.
G. L. Schuyler, D.S.M.	N. C.
H. C. Twining, D.S.M.	N. C.
R. F. Smith, D.S.M.	N. C.
S. R. Leigh, D.S.M.	D.S.M.
B. A. Long, D.S.M.	N. C.
F. H. Schofield, D.S.M.	N. C.
Luke McNamee, D.S.M.	N. C.
E. A. Long, D.S.M.	N. C.
L. B. Strickland, D.S.M.	N. C.
H. R. Bricker, D.S.M.	N. C.
N. C. Twining, D.S.M.	D.S.M.

In explanation of this report, it was pointed out that Secretary Daniels had awarded just as many D. S. M.'s as the Board of Award, the change being that he reduced the award to a navy cross in the case of three officers who had done shore duty only and awarded the medals instead to men who had been on sea duty.

Secretary Daniels said his answer to the charges made by Admiral Sims is contained in his letter to Senator Page, which gives the Navy Department's policy with reference to awards. He said, however, that the lists of awards never had been closed and that open awards for additions or alterations. Cases in which officers of the navy or any interested persons believe injustice has been done, Mr. Daniels said, will be investigated, and if it is shown that fairness has not resulted corrections will be made.

Text of Sims's Letter

The complete text of Rear Admiral Sims's communication to the Secretary of the Navy follows:

"Subject: Award of decorations.

"1. As the former commanding officer of the United States naval forces in Europe, it becomes my duty to invite your attention to certain features of the list of awards to naval officers, published in the annual report of the Secretary of the Navy, Appendix I, in so far as concerns the Turkish rebels in Anatolia and head of the Turkish National movement in Asia Minor, has been assassinated, according to a Smyrna dispatch to the "Tempe."

Dominion Line Ship Is On Shore Near Norfolk

NORFOLK, Dec. 23.—The Old Dominion steamship Madison, with eighty-two passengers aboard, ran ashore off Craney Island, Norfolk harbor, in a heavy fog to-night soon after leaving here for New York. Tugs were sent to the aid of the ship.

At the Old Dominion Steamship Company's offices it was said to-night that the Madison was aground on a mud flat on the southeastern side of the island and was in immediate danger. It was expected that the vessel would be floated on the high tide.

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