

AMERICA'S FOREMOST THEATRES AND HITS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LEE & J. J. SHUBERT

Mayo's Medal List Failed to Pass Daniels

Out of 12 Awards Recommended by Navy Commander in Chief One Was Approved by Secretary

Washington, Jan. 20.—Further evidence of the confusion which resulted from the failure of Secretary Daniels to establish a unified policy with respect to the award of medals was laid before the Senate subcommittee today by Rear Admiral H. T. Mayo, who served during the war as commander-in-chief of the American fleet, with the rank of admiral.

Rear Admiral Mayo, like Admiral Sims, stated he had tried to organize a system that would place the recommendations for these awards on an equal basis, but that before this was fully carried out he had been brought to a close and he was retired from his command.

Of the twelve officers of his staff whom he personally recommended for the Navy Cross, he testified, all except one were turned down by the Secretary of the Navy. In this connection he read to the committee a letter written by him to Secretary Daniels on December 23 last, in which he urged a reconsideration of the decisions in these cases.

Admiral Mayo emphasized, however, that this letter was not intended as a protest. He conceded that Secretary Daniels had acted within his rights in rejecting his recommendations. At the same time he intimated the contention of Admiral Sims that the fleet commanders in closer contact with the fighting forces were in a much better position than the Secretary to pass on the relative merits of those entitled to decorations.

Barnett to Testify To-day
The subcommittee had finished its examination of Admiral Mayo when it adjourned. It is expected that tomorrow it will have before it Major General George Barnett, commander of the Marine Corps, who will be asked to testify concerning the awards made by Mr. Daniels to officers and men of this branch of the service.

Friends of Secretary Daniels regarded the testimony of Rear Admiral Mayo as being in a much better position than the Secretary to pass on the relative merits of those entitled to decorations.

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Many Attend the Funeral of Reginald De Koven

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The pall bearers were Judge Franklin Chase Hoyt, James L. Whitcomb, Horace Smith, Glen MacDonough, Arthur Bodansky, Richard Ordynski, Harry C. Davis, David G. Henderson, William C. Reich, Henry Hasley, Richard Aldrich, W. J. Henderson and Albert Morris Bagby.

In the family group were Mrs. Anna Farwell De Koven, the widow; her brother, Walter Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kierstead Hudson, the composer's son-in-law and daughter and Haynes, Mr. De Koven's valet for many years. Temporary interment was made at Woodlawn Cemetery.

CHARLES E. CUMMINGS
MEREDITH, N. H., Jan. 20.—Charles H. Cummings, seventy-eight, former president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, died at his home here today.

Charles H. Cummings was born at Plymouth, N. H., and began his railroad career as a brakeman when he was eighteen years old. He worked on railroads in New England in various capacities, and then went West, rising to executive positions. He retired twenty years ago, and made his home in Meredith.

THE REV. JAY BENSON HAMILTON
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 20.—Within two hours of the time set for his departure for Brooklyn this afternoon, the Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton, editor of The Bible Champion and formerly one of the most prominent ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died suddenly of acute indigestion. The Rev. Mr. Hamilton was a brother of Bishop John W. Hamilton of Washington, for his health. The body will be sent to Brooklyn to-morrow.

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