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DANIELS ANSWERS SIMS' CHARGES ABOUT AWARDS

Takes Sharp Issue With Admiral as to Relative Importance of Shore and Sea Duty--Honors for Enlisted Men the Same as for Admirals, Daniels Asserts

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 3.—Taking up the contentions of Rear Admiral William S. Sims in the matter of naval awards point by point, Secretary Daniels appeared before the senate investigating committee and took direct and emphatic issue with the admiral. Flanked by voluminous records from the navy department, the secretary went into detail explaining changes made in conferring decorations as recommended by the commander of the navy and the Knight board of naval awards.

The navy secretary pointed out the chief differences between himself and Admiral Sims. These were at variance as to the importance of service at sea and service on shore and questions of differences as to whether a distinguished service medal should be awarded in any circumstances to a commander of a ship sunk or seriously damaged by mine or submarine. Asserting that Admiral Sims while on sea duty both in the Spanish and world wars demonstrated high ability, the secretary said the admiral's position was wrong. Figures were presented by Mr. Daniels showing that during the last 25 years Admiral Sims had served 16 years on shore duty and nine years at sea. As justifying his contention that individual duties on shore are necessarily of secondary importance to duties afloat, Mr. Daniels asserted:

"On shore a man decides important questions in the quiet of office surroundings, with time to weigh the pros and cons and if he makes a mistake, his error or decision is not immediately followed by disastrous results. At sea, particularly in submarine warfare, the commander and all his men are in serious danger of death. He must make a decision in a flash to save the lives of men. A mistake in this emergency is fatal to commander and men."

Referring to Admiral Sims' statement that he had not recommended any enlisted men for medals "because we had nothing to give them," the secretary called attention to the fact that the secretary had made no distinction between an admiral, captain and enlisted man.

Emphatic denial was made by the secretary of Admiral Sims' statement that the policy followed in awarding medals had "shot to pieces the navy's morale." Explaining a message from the secretary asking what arrangements had been made for "Bagley," Mr. Daniels' brother-in-law, and other officers of the Jacob Jones who had been attacked, Mr. Daniels said the note was written late one afternoon when all the officers in charge of reports had gone and was written as the easiest way of getting information. There was not at that time and never has been, Mr. Daniels declared, any question of favoritism or relationship in the matter of his relations with Commander Bagley.

Mr. Daniels said he had no criticism to make of the work of the board of awards headed by Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight and that its awards were faithfully made on the basis of the meagre information at its hand.

THIRTY-TWO CASES OF FLU REPORTED

Thirty-two new cases of influenza ten of them outside the city proper, were reported yesterday, bringing the total in this immediate section to 202 cases. Of these half are outside the city limits.

None of the cases are reported as severe and physicians say the epidemic is not likely to be as bad as it was a year ago. Every precaution is urged, however, because pneumonia is more to be feared now than at any other time.

The rainy weather today is likely to affect those who venture out into it without proper wraps and it is urged that the utmost precautions be used.

MRS. A. M. DIXON DEAD

Mrs. Lottie Ray Dixon, wife of Mr. Arthur Dixon, died at her home in Gastonia yesterday from influenza. She was one of the most prominent women in the state. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

HINTS TO TOBACCO GROWERS

By J. W. Hendricks, Co. Agent.
The high price which is being paid for tobacco in causing a great many farmers to become interested in the production of this weed. For the sake of the inexperienced growers I wish to make a few general remarks which may be of some value. For this section I only recommend tobacco as a temporary "money crop," and we should only consider it as such. I would not advise any man to put out more than two acres for the first year. The labor is not so great but it is a different kind of work from any of our other crops. We will find the first year to be more expensive than the following as we will have our burns to build and several mistakes will occur from the lack of experience.

Best Varieties to Plant

As varieties I would recommend the following: "Gold Leaf," "White Oriole" and "Warne." All of which are standard varieties and have a broad field of adaptability.

Preparation of Seed Bed

The plant bed should be burned just as soon as possible, selecting a well drained, moist spot and a good fertile soil. First the leaves should be raked off in order that the heat may penetrate the soil. The ground should be thoroughly burned with brush or wood to kill the weed and grass seed, and get the soil in better physical condition. The burning is simply to sterilize the soil. The ground should be worked to a fine seed bed by either digging or plowing and then harrowing and raking. You should apply your fertilizer and work it into the soil while raking and harrowing. Do not leave too many of the ashes on bed, as the lime in the ashes is detrimental to the young plant. Use about fifty pounds of a good fertilizer to every fifty square yards. On a bed this size use about a teaspoonful of seed.

Mix the seed with dirt. Sowing both ways in order to secure an even distribution. Cover the seed evenly in the soil by the use of a board, or either packing with the feet. The bed should be framed with plank or logs and covered with canvas to protect the young plant. This canvas should be removed a few weeks before transplanting in order that the plants may harden. The transplanting should be from the 1st to 15th of May.

Character of Soil—Preparation of Land—Fertilizers

The soil best adapted for tobacco is a sandy loam with a porous yellow subsoil. The preparation of the land is very much the same as for cotton. I would recommend the use of about 800 lbs. of fertilizers per acre. A good tobacco brand should be used, carrying the analysis of 8-3-3 or 9-3-3. And in all cases your source of potash should be from sulphate instead of muriate. About 500 lbs. or 600 lbs. of this fertilizer should be put in with a grain drill and the remainder put direct in the row, and then list just as you would for cotton. Your rows should be about 25 feet apart and plants from 24 to 30 inches in the row.

Cultivation and Caring for Plants

The cultivation should begin about a week or ten days after transplanting, using the same method as you would for corn or cotton with some hoe work. The number of cultivations will vary from 4 to 6. You should begin your topping as soon as the proper number of leaves have developed, this being from 10-18, the average being 12-14.

After topping the plant will begin to send out suckers at the base of the leaves. These suckers should be removed when they are from an inch to an inch and one half in length.

A few weeks after topping, the leaves will begin to ripen and as they turn yellow they should be removed properly strung and cured so on until the entire stalk has been harvested. By using the priming method in harvesting one is able to get a more uniform grade and cure a more uniform stage of maturity.

Curing Tobacco—Construction of Barns

In curing you should let the tobacco hang in the barn a few days with little or no heat. In some cases it is necessary to yellow the leaf by heating to about 90 degrees F. After the yellowing, you should raise the heat about 10 degrees per hour until you reach from 120 degrees to 130 degrees and remain at this point until the leaf is killed then raise temperature to about 175 degrees and hold until the steam is cured. Just as soon as possible the tobacco should be removed from the barn and packed down. This will prevent its changing in color, and will enable you to use your barn for the next curing.

The construction of the barn can be of two types—either framed or the old log system. The frame system being more practicable and more economical. I would suggest that a com-

SHAH OF PERSIA WELCOMED TO LONDON



The youthful Shah of Persia and his suite photographed in the Guild Hall London after the Persian ruler had been officially welcomed to the city. Left to right: Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Lord Mayor of London, Shah of Persia, Prince Albert of England and Lord Curzon. Others in the group are members of the Shah's suite.

ALLIES TO FORCE THREE COUNTRIES HOLLAND TO YIELD TO FORM NEW LEAGUE

By the Associated Press
Paris, Feb. 3.—(Havas Agency)—The entente rejoinder to the refusal of Holland to accede to the allied demand for the surrender of the former emperor of Germany is imminent, according to a local newspaper. The newspaper says that while the note will be generally conciliating toward Germany it will consist refusal by Holland measures going as far as the breaking of diplomatic relations with Holland.

WOMEN OF STATE TO FIGHT H. C. L.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—The women of North Carolina will organize for the reduction of living costs at a meeting of representatives of the various women's organizations in the state at the Yarraborough Hotel Tuesday, February 10. The meeting has been called by Mrs. B. H. Griffin of Raleigh upon the request of Henry A. Page, fair-trade commissioner for North Carolina.

The meeting which will begin at 3 p. m. will be addressed by Mrs. W. O. Wade representing the department of justice in Washington. The women of other states are organizing against the high cost of living and Miss Edith C. Strauss is the director of women's activities, H. C. L. with the department of justice. The meeting here on February 10 does not promise to be a large one, but if it is attended by anything like a reasonable number of those who are expected, it will be a highly representative gathering. All the women's clubs in the state, together with all patriotic and civic organizations of the women are asked to send representatives.

The afternoon meeting will be followed by a bigger one at 8 o'clock when representatives of business interests in the state, civic and patriotic organizations, will be addressed by Mrs. Wade and Mrs. J. G. Weatherly, also of the department of justice.

TYBEE BEACH HOUSES WRECKED BY WINDS

By the Associated Press.
Savannah, Ga., Feb. 3.—The northeast winds and high tides on Tybee Island, a summer resort, practically destroyed the houses on the north side of the island last night. Only two of the houses were occupied and the occupants escaped being tied night.

Community barn be built as one barn will take care of more tobacco than one man should put out, and too it will make the expense a great deal smaller.

WILSON TO STAY AT CAPITAL NOW

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson is not likely to leave Washington for some time, his physician, Rear Admiral Grayson, intimated today, discussing reports from all parts of the country that he would leave the capital soon.

With the president steadily improving, Dr. Grayson said he thought it unwise to change his course of treatment.

Every possible precaution to prevent the president from taking influenza is being taken, Dr. Grayson said, every person showing signs of a cold not being allowed in the room. The president is allowed to walk from room to room on the second floor with a cane, but he has not been permitted to come down stairs except in a wheel chair.

LITTLE GROUND HOG GOES SWIMMING

Declaring that this is ground hog weather, several score Hickory persons, mostly of a combative disposition, informed the Record today that the little animal was on the job and defied the paper to disprove it. Well, if anybody else wants to take credit for this weather, he is welcome to it; up to 3:30 this afternoon there did not seem to be any over-weening desire to grab the glory.

It was rough stuff, all right, and it is to be doubted if the ground hog who will disperse weather for the next six weeks, would have ventured out at all late yesterday if he had known what he was bringing on. In any event, there will not be but six weeks of wintry weather, which everybody should be thankful.

TWO SETS TRIPLETS BLESS THIS FAMILY

By the Associated Press.
Albany, Ala., Feb. 2.—Six children, two sets of triplets—within 15 months is the birth record of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Livingstone of Albany. The second trio arrived yesterday. All are doing well.

Dr. E. E. Rogers will leave tomorrow for Asheville and Knoxville, returning to the city Monday.

Weather

For North Carolina: Rain tonight and probably Wednesday, fresh possibly strong northeast winds on the coast.

LIST PERSONAL PROPERTY AS OF JAN. 1

To the Taxpayers of Catawba County:

Under the new revaluation act, personal property must be listed as of January 1 instead of May 1 as heretofore. Listing will be done during February, March and April by the county tax supervisor or one of his assistants.

Notice of dates and places for listing will be posted in each township and will be published in all the county papers.

No one can list after May 1 without paying a penalty, as the supervisor must make a full report to the state tax commission on May 15.

Taxpayers who will be absent during this period should appoint agents to list for them.

All real estate will go on the tax books at a conservative May 1, 1919, cash value and all personal property must go on at its actual cash value January 1st, 1920.

I ask the cooperation of the whole taxpaying public in getting this done, thereby saving themselves and the county trouble and unnecessary expense, for the board of appraisers will have to raise the value of all property listed too low.

Notes and mortgages cannot be collected unless listed for taxation.

Those claiming exemption on account of debts will be required to give name and address of persons to whom debts are owing with the amount of such debts.

An exemption of \$300 will be allowed on household goods, tools and provisions.

Cotton or other crops held for market can be listed as solvent credits and used for exemption against debts.

The law gives the supervisor and board of appraisers full power to summon witnesses or use any other means at their command to locate hidden property and get it listed, so it will be practically impossible for any one to dodge.

The tax rate will have to come down practically as many times as the valuation goes up, so there is no excuse for failure to list all property at its full value.

The total increase in taxes for all purposes for this year cannot exceed those of last by more than 10 per cent, and the governor and many other leading citizens are advocating no increase at all.

State and county taxes in Catawba county for last year amounted to about \$100,000 and if the 10 per cent is put on it will only amount to \$16,000 or less than \$2 each for the 900 taxpayers in the county. Thus it will be seen at a glance that the purpose of the law is not to increase taxes but to equalize values.

For all persons whose property has been heretofore listed at the average taxes will remain the same; for those whose property has been listed above the average taxes will be less, while for the few whose property has been listed below the average taxes will be more, and this last class will have no honest ground for complaint, for they will only be required to pay their just share.

The county supervisor and his assistants will give each tax payer all the assistance needed and will be patient but will carry out the law without fear or favor.

Look out for listing dates and come prepared to answer all questions promptly.

Yours for equal taxation,
J. T. RAMSEUR,
Supervisor of Revaluation for Catawba county.

ALLIES ARE READY WITH THEIR DEMANDS

By the Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The draft of the note to be sent to Germany with a list of persons whose extradition will be demanded by the allies was ready today.

The note and the list will be handed over at once to the German representatives here. It was decided that neither the note nor the list will be made public.

COAL OPERATORS CONTENT THEY CAN'T STAND RAISE

Washington, Feb. 2.—Submitting statistics on the net earnings for 1919 of representative bituminous mines producing more than 30 per cent of the total output in the central competitive field, operators told the coal strike settlement commission that if the present 15 per cent wage increase were applied throughout the year 1920, the companies would "realize less than one per cent net return on the capital investment." Any increase in wages above that amount, they declared would mean a correspondingly greater deficit below the recognized equitable return of six per cent.

Markets

COTTON

By the Associated Press
New York, Feb. 3.—The cotton market was lower during today's early trading, owing to the easy ruling of near months in Liverpool and continued weakness in foreign exchange. Private cables attributed to the relatively weakness of March in the English market to large stocks and a poor spot demand, combined with long liquidation, and houses with Liverpool connections were sellers here. Traders found nothing in the news to disturb the more optimistic view of peace prospects, and the market rallied several points.

PRODUCE

Eggs per dozen 55c
Hens and roasters per lb. 24c
Old Roosters, per lb. 12c
Country butter, per lb. 40c
Creamery butter, per lb. 68c
Pork (125 to 275), per lb. 18c
Pork (under 125 and over 275) per lb. 17c

GRAIN

(Corrected daily by Horseford Milling Company)
Wheat per bu \$2.70
Corn per bu \$1.90
Oats, per bu \$1.00
Rye, per bu \$1.90
Cowpeas, per bu \$4.00

WANTED—WHITE WAITRESS

Good position with steam heated room in hotel. St. Cloud Hotel, Concord, N. C. 123