

TELLS PROBERS SIMS IS WRONG IN HIS IDEAS

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, former commander of the Atlantic fleet, took issue yesterday with Rear Admiral Sims on the question of naval decorations.

Mayo, testifying before the senate investigating committee, justified the failure of the navy department to consult with commanding officers concerning decorations. Sims, in his testimony, criticized the department on this point.

Only one member of the staff that served under Mayo, as commander of the entire American fleet during the war, received a naval decoration, the admiral told the committee.

He recommended a dozen members of his staff for a decoration, all for the navy cross, the lowest grade. His chief of staff, Capt. O. P. Jackson, was the only one rewarded. All were at sea during the war, he said.

"One of my staff was the only member of my staff who received an award," Admiral Mayo said.

"The awards board was not particularly clear on policy. I talked over the policy I followed with Admiral Knight," Mayo said. "It was my idea that we should be conservative. In the record of the A. M. I. He disagrees with the views of Admiral Sims that the commanding officer should have been consulted before the relative weight of the recommendation was changed.

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New York Socialists Battle for State Legislature Seats



At the opening of the state legislature five socialist assemblymen, charged with disloyalty, were barred from the assembly until the judiciary committee passes on their eligibility to take their seats. The hearings opened yesterday. Left to right: Charles Solomon, Louis Waldman, Samuel Orr, August Clessens and D. A. DeWitt.

RIFLE LAW IN MEXICAN STATE

Cattle Man Tells of Losses from Bandit Raids.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 21.—The rifle law is the only law in the state of Coahuila, Mex., John R. Blocker, rancher, told the Fall senate subcommittee investigating Mexican conditions yesterday.

Blocker operates a half million-acre cattle ranch for a stock company and declared that frequent bandit raids, lack of protection by the Mexican government and general lawlessness in that state had cost him \$2,500,000 in profits in the last five years.

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H. Dodge Improved; to Be Taken Home

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He was taken from the drive of the Chamber of Commerce at 12:30 yesterday morning.

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Prince Will Visit Canada This Year

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The prince of Wales, who plans to leave for Australia March 15, will return by way of Canada, visiting his ranch in Alberta. It was said here yesterday. He will not go to India until 1921.

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SAYS CARMEN DELAY FIREMEN

Vigorous Complaint Filed by Chief Loucks With Board.

Vigorous complaints were lodged against the conduct of many motorists and conductors on street cars yesterday by Fire Chief John C. Loucks, who declared the fire department had been delayed on many occasions by violations of traffic rules. A list of minor accidents declared to have been caused by street cars also was submitted.

Dr. Henry Jameson, chairman of the board of directors of the street railway company, was present at the board meeting and explained the difficulties of the company.

TRAFFIC RULES * CONSTANTLY BROKEN.

Chief Loucks said street car men have persistently violated a traffic ordinance requiring all cars to stop when fire apparatus is making a run along the street car right of way. Motorists also have disregarded the speed limit and failed to observe the required distance between cars when two or more were stopped on the main lines, he said.

In two instances street cars ran over fire hose, Chief Loucks added.

Mr. Jameson explained to the board that the street railway company desired to co-operate with the city in enforcing the traffic laws, but that the discipline of street car men was bad. He attributed this to the necessity of employing new men constantly. Mr. Jameson informed the board that within the last six months the personnel of the street railway employees has changed 23 per cent, a great number of the men having taken up more remunerative work. The railway representative said that it was impossible for his company to pay wages as high as other concerns.

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At present the discipline among employees is bad, said Mr. Jameson. "We expect that to improve right along. We are anxious to co-operate with the city in every way to enforce traffic regulations and will lend every possible assistance."

The board dismissed Howard McCarty, substitute fireman, on charges preferred by the fire chief. It was said that Mr. McCarty was bad, and that he had been absent from that time. The resignations of James Shea, substitute member of the fire department, and Ernest Bereman, engineer company No. 9, were accepted by the board. The appointment of Theodore Thompson as regular member of hose company No. 20 was confirmed.

On recommendation of Chief of Police Kinney the appointments of Carrie V. Marshall, Margaret Hildebrand, Verna Sweetman, Carl Sheets, Mary Caution,

and Howard McCarty were confirmed.

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