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## EXECUTIONS IN **MEXICO FEATURE** LAST REVOLUTION

Change In Government Made With Remarkable Absence of Fighting

VARIOUS REPORTS ABOUT PRESIDENT CARRANZA

Communication Between United States and Mexico City Cut Off; Battleship Oklahoma Ordered To Key West For Possible Duty In Mexican Waters

Washington, May 10 .- (By the Associated Press)-Mexico's latest revolution after getting under way with a remarkable absence of fighting, apparently has not been without the usual tropical season of blood-letting.

From behind the veil which obscures the events of the last few days are beginning to trickle the stories of wholesale political executions, counter-executions, and other accompaniments which have so frequently marked strug-gles for supremacy in the Latin-Amer-

ican countries. Carranza is variously reported cap-tured, in flight, or in hiding; Candido Aguilar, his sou in-law and minister of foreign affairs, executed with General Francisco Murguin, commander of the garrison in Mexico City, after a wholesale slaughter of political prosoners, in-cluding fifteen generals; forces of the revolution in control of the Capital and most of the metropolitan cities of the country while American warships and marines continued to move into strategic positions were the foremost features of today's news.

Communication Cut Off. Communication between the United States and the Mexican capital continued intermittently and uncertainly. Reports received here of the cutting of the telegraph lines which carry cable dispatches overland from Vera Cruz to Mexico City are supported by border reports that the line of Carranza's escape is held by the Revolutionists. The tele-graph lines which stretch down over the graph lines which stretch down over the lines and lines and control over the lines and lines and dashes yesterday after the lines and dashes yesterday after the lines and lines ernoon and were occupied for a few minutes with a stack of dispatches which had been accumulating for days. What

happened in Mexico City or somewhere along the line to interrupt them is one of the mysteries of a revolution. From all reports, Tampico, Vera Cruz, Monte-rey, and Puebla, as well as Mexico City, now are in the bands of the rebels, Search of Vera Cruz has failed to find Carranza. One report had him under arrest at Esperanza.

Order Prevailed Saturday.
The last message received from the American Embassy in Mexico City said quiet prevailed on Saturday morning after the departure of Carranza with no "unusual disorder," according to the State Department." State Department's announcement.
"The only untoward incident reported," the statement continued, "was

the capture of one of President Carranza's trains on May 7 at Guadalupe Hidelgo, about 275 miles north of Mex-ico City, an incident in which there were several casualties." No mention of the fate of Carranza

was made by the embassy. General Obregon, Carranza's former right-hand military man and now his opponent, has ordered that the President if captured, be treated with consideraif captured, be treated with consideration and taken to Mexico City. Report published in Mexico City newspapers and received here today flatly an-nounced Carranza's capture together with Ambassador Bonillas, Carranza's representative in Washington until a lew weeks ago and later one of the

candidates for the presidency.

Bat leship to Key West.

Meanwhile, the American government,
while continuing a policy of watchful waiting took some measures to affore to escape processes of law. For the most part, however, that class probably is far in the interior, and the Americans is far in the interior, and the Americans have been executed during the rebel-who might readily avail themselves of lion were Generals Candido Aguilar, son-aid are principally oil men and planters in law of th President and Francisco

developments. American destroyers have arrived at Tampico, joining the gunboat Sacramento and the eruiser Dolphin also has reached, that port. Other destroyers have reached Tuxpan and Vera Cruz and three more will go with the Oklahoma.

None of today's fragmentary dispatches coming from various sources, made any mention of armed resistance by the Carranza forest to the Revolutionists, but told an almost uniform story of Federal garrisons going over without a structor. without a struggle.

### PRESIDENT TAKES TIME TO SEE CIRCUS PARADE

Washington, May 10 .- President Wil Washington, May 10.—President Wilaon, always a devotee of the circus, reviewed the senson's opening circus parade today from the east portice of the
White House. Seated in a chair with
Mrs. Wilson standing beside him, he
laughed at the anties of the clowns and
several times removed his cap in achnowledgement of greetings waved to
him by the circus folk.

CARRANZA REPORTED SAFE ON BOARD SPECIAL TRAIN

Vera Cruz, May 10.—(By the Associated Press.) An official bulle-tin received here from Mexico City announces that President Carranza's train is on the Mexican railway between Apizaco and Ea-peranza. It adds that a commission has been dispatched from the capital to approach Carranza and offer him guarantees.

#### LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE POSTPONES SUFFRAGE BILL

Final Action Will Not Be Taken Before Some Time Next Week

Baton Rouge, La., May 10 .- Final ac tion on woman suffrage legislation will not be taken by the Louisiana legislature before next week, it was decided just before the General Assembly con vened at noon today.

Senator N. C. Williamson, of Milliken, who has charge of ther atification resolution after a conference with lead-ers stated he would not introduce the ratigcation measure until next Monday following inauguration of Gover-nor Parker and the installation of the newly elected lieutenant Governor as president pro tem.

The reason for delay was the desire of the ratification leaders to have the resolution referred to committee. The ommittees cannot be appointed until next Monday.

In the house, where ratification opponents admit passage of a ratification resolution is practically certain, con-ferences were being held ocer the ad-visability of introducing the resolution, calling for suspension of rules and seeking passage at once.

#### CONGRESS PROVIDES FOR PERMANENT SHIP POLICY

Without Record Vote Senate Tentatively Adopts Committee Amendments

Washington, May 10,—Without a record vote and virtually without debate the Senate tentatively adopted today committee amendments to the House bill providing for a permanent merchant marine polley. Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington, in charge of the measure, hopes for its passage before the cod of the week. Among amendments adopted were

creates to sell the merchant fleet built by the government during the war "as soon as practicable, consistent with good business methods and the objects and purposes to be attained by this act." Another would authorize the board to set aside annually during the next five years \$50,000,000 derived from the sale or operations of vessels, to be used in the construction of new vessels.

As agreed upon so far, the bill would erente a permanent shipping board consisting of seven members, of whom two would be from the Atlantic and Pacific

nesota, criticized the proposal to ex-tend to the Philippine Islands provisions regulating coast-wise trade requiring it to be entirely American owned. Such provisions, he said, would put the people of those islands in a "straight jacket," and would mean that none of those islands' produces could he brought to this country except in American ships.

### **NUMEROUS STATES JOIN** THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION

Several Carranza Leaders Re ported Executed By The Revolutionists

El Paso, Tex., May 10.-Oaxacs, Tam El Paso, Tex., May 10.—Oaxaca, Tam-nulipas, Tahaseo, Tlaxeala and Guana-juato were among the Mexican States that joined the revolution during the last few days, according to advices received here from Gen. Alvaro Obre-gon. Obregon is a candidate for the presidency of Mexico and one of the refuge to Americans. There are esti-mated to be some 6,000 or 7,000 such in Mexico, some of them draft dodgers and radicals who fled over the border ment.

he first Carranza leaders reported to aid are principally oil men and planters along the guil coast.

For their assistance the Navy Department has ordered the superdreadnaught Other destroyers have reached Tuxpam for possible duty in Mexican waters. She will take on a full company of marines before steaming South. Meanwhile the naval transport Henderson will load 1,200 marines from the navy yard and proceed to Key West to await developments. American destroyers have arrived at Tampico, joining the gunboat Sacramento and the eruiser in-law of th President and Francisco Murguia, who recently was called to the capital by his chief to protect the city against the menace of the Revolutionists. Aguilar was killed by his own troops and Murguia was executed while fleeing from Mexico City, the advices cording to these reports, Murguio ordered the wholesale execution of political prisoners including fifteen generals. This act has been characterized by the Revolutionists as being "the bloody epilogue" of the uprising.

ports of the capture of Mazatlan the principal scaport of Sinalea, by rebel forces under Gen. Angel Flores could not be confirmed late today.

#### FORMER ASHEVILLE MAN **BUYS A FLORIDA PAPER**

Jacksonville, Fin., May 10.—S. A. Lynch, president of the Southern Entorprises, of Atlanta, Gn., this afternoon announced the purchase of the Florida Metropolis, Jacksonville's afternoon newspaper, from Messrs. W. R. Carter and Rufus A. Russell, founders and publishers. W. R. Carter, as editor, and Rufus A. Russell, as business manager, retire after thirty-three years of active service.

service.

Mr. Lynch, who is in Atlanta today, controls theatrical and amusement enterprises in practically every city of importance in the South. He made no announcement of his plans in connection with the purchase of the Metropolis.

President's Clear Call To Demo-crats To Stand For Treaty Worries Them Chicago Delegation Considers Morris Hillquit Too Conserv-ative in Tone

TRY TO MISINTERPRET **REAL MEANING OF NOTE** 

Lodge Reservations That Nullify Purpose of Agreement; Southern Baptist Convention Opens In Washington This Morning

The News and Observer Bureau. 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, May 10 .- Republicans, who have been using President Wilson's silence on the treaty issue in the coming campaign as a balm for the wound campaign as a balm for the wounds within their own party, read the typical Wilsonian pronouncement this morning and in the vermacular of the African golf habitue, "they wept." Its effect was—to use another sporting term—much the same as if the player whose stoical silence affords the crowd around the table a target for verbal shots had waited for all the chips to be piled in one big pot and then displayed a royal flush.

The recention accorded the announce-

The reception accorded the aunounce-ment of the Wilson letter about the Capitol today differed from this possible situation in one respect: The losers refused to be shown and, in effect, countered with the age-old ery of a "stacked deek."

"stacked deck."
Republicans in both houses of Congress pretended to be "happy" over the publication of the President's letter to the Oregon Democrats. Not all the Democrats viewed it as "exactly the proper thing" to do at this stage of the game but the chief criticism of his reliteration of his Jackson Day message came from some of the 21 Democrats whose treaty vote is repudiated.

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"The President's declaration will meet a hearty response from the Democracy of the nation," said one of the best known Democrate in Congress this morning. "There has never been any doubt in my mind that the San Francisco convention would declare boldly the the electric of the Legens without for the adoption of the League withou nullifying reservations.

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"The country realizes more fully every day that Republican success in the last election has proven a disaster to the nation and a continuing tragedy to all Christendom. I believe the entire nation will rally to the defeat of the Republicans in the coming election under the leadership of a united Democracy standing squarely back of President Wilson and his administration."

On the lines of the President's letter given out last night, the Democrata are going to "dig in" and fight it out as soon as they frame a platform and select a standard bearer at San Francisco next mouth. Palmer, the only svowed

candidate in the field for the nomina tion, is in thorough accord with the views of Mr. Wilson. It would be un-natural to suggest that Mr. McAdoo is

Republican politicians and new papers generally were wont to constru the President's letter to the Oregon the President's letter to the Oregon Democrats as a declaration that he wanted the party to adopt a tresty plank opposed to any reservations. He said nothing of the kind in his reply. He did say that it should "indorse and support the Versailles treaty and condemn the Lodge reservations as utterly inconsistent with the nation's honor and destructive of the world leadership which it had established."

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which it had established."
"Democrats all over the country will admire the President's backbone," said Edward F. Goltra, Democratic National Committeeman from Missouri, who was in Washington today. Mr. Goltra explained that the loyal followers of the administration were becoming weary of the suggestion that the convention wil let Mr. Bryan dietate the treaty plank He could not see the Commoner in that role with beekoning hand to marshal the hosts of united Democracy is

"Another thing Mr. Bryan is going to find out when he gets to San Francisco," Mr. Goltra added, "is that the country is sick of its drastic prohibition laws. feel safe in asserting that Missouri is 99 per cent in favor of light wines and beers, but 100 per cent against the re-

Prediction that Cameron Morrison would be declared the nominee of the Democratic party as its candidate for would be declared the nominee of the Democratic party as its candidate for Governor in the first primary was made here today by George Ross Pou, of Smithfield, son of Congressman Pou and a nephew of James H. Pou, of Raleigh. Mr. Pou based his prediction on gains, he says Mr. Morrison has made over the opposition within the last three weeks, especially in those counties where he has been heard.

Baptist Convention Opens.

Washington was today preparing to receive the Southern Baptist Convention which opens its sessions here to morrow morning at 11 o'clock at Liberty Hut, near the Union staion, with an address of welcome from Vice President Thomas R. Marshall.

Hundreds of homes in the city have been thrown open for the entertainment of the delegates and every hotel is taxed to its capacity. The most of them have had reservations filed for months and tonight and tomorrow the visitors will occupy the centur of attraction. Dr. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest, arrived early today.

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TWO UNDER SENTENCES FOR VIOLATION OF LAW

Only Asks, Condemnation of Fight Between Two Wings May of Threatening Aspect, It Is Declared; Thursday Set For Nomination of Presidential Candidates

> New York, May 10. Shouting for the radicalism of German, French, Ital delegition to the convention of the Socialist party of America today launched a concerted attack on "conservative" leaders and their platform demands for popular administration of private property "for the benefit of all."

> Following introduction of a "declara Following introduction of a "declara-tion of principles," and party platform drafted under the leadership of Morris Hillquit, the "fighting minerity from Chicago," led their State's representa-tives into what may develop into a party warfare of threatening aspect, it was stated tonight.
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> J. Louis Engdahl, Samuel H. Collard

and Wm. F. Kruz, all of Chicago, and the last two under sentences for viola-tion of the war time espionage act, cap-tained the radical elements troops to-

Platform of Principles.

Before adjourning for the day the convention set next Thursday afternoon for the nomination of candidates for President and vice president. Eugene V. Debs, now serving 10 years for violation of the explonage laws, already besteen proclaimed as the party's probable candidate for President.

The Hillquit platform, "includes the following declaration of principles," over which the principal fight is being waged:

control, proposes to reorganize the government in form and articisms as as a change it from a tool of repressioninto an instrument of social and indus-

into an instrument of social and industrial service.

"The Socialits party does not interfere in the internal affairs of labor unions, bu it supports them in all their struggles, in order, however, that such struggles might attain the maximum of efficiency and success, the Socialists favor the closest organic co-operation of all unions as one organized working. of all unions as one organized working class body in their great struggle for of America must present to their mas-ters one solid front, industrially as well

as politically. For Law and Order

The Socialist party seeks to attain
its end by orderly and constitutional
emthods. Violence is not the weapon representatives of the ruling classes who stupidly believe that social move-ments and ideals can be desstroyed by brutal physical repression.
"In modern civilization the destinies

of all nations inextricably interwover no nation can be properous and happy while its neighbors are poor and mise able. The sicialist movement is world struggle in behalf of human civilization. "The Socialist party of the United States co operates with similar parties in other countries and extends to them its full support of their struggles, con-fident that the class-conscious workers all over the world wil leventually secure the powers of government in their res-pective countries, abolish the oppres-sion and chos, the strife and bloodshed of international capitalism, and estab-lish a federation of socialist republics co-operating with each other for the benefit of the human race and for the maintenance of the peace of the world.

### **GENERAL WOOD'S FORCES POW-WOW IN GREENSBORO**

Have No Intention of Letting Hiram Johnson Carry North Carolina

Greensboro, May 10,-General Wood's forces got together here today when Beb V. Walser camef rom Lexington to confer with Wood's personal representative, Gen. E. F. Glenn, concerning a plan of campaign in North Carolina. It was rumored that Wood planned to withdraw from the contest in this State because of lete primaries, but his many because of late primaries, but his man agers state he would not consider this unless Johnson also withdrew. Plans were discussed today for an aggressive campaign, and General Wood himsel-will speak in several cities of the State including Greensboro, Baleigh, Wilming ton and Asheville. He will probably be aided by Senator Moses of New Hamp shire, and Senator Reveridge.

Gen. Walser stated that Wood would not withdraw in favor of Johnson, but Wood's managers would consider withdrawal, if Johnson's managers did the

### Wood was entered in this State, because of the failure of Judge to enter his BREAKS WORLD RECORD FOR ALTITUDE FLIGHT

Pritchard's supporters to enter

El Centro, Cal., May 10.—Captain Low-ell H. Smith, commanding officer of Purpear Field here, broke what in said to be the world's altitude record for an airphase carrying a pilot and three pas-sengers today when he ascended 17,100 fort. The airphase was in the air two hours and forty minutes.

## DANIELS SHOWS SIMS FAILED TO MEET EXPECTATIONS DURING WAR BECAUSE OF PRO-BRITISH WHIMS

### With Sims England is First, America Second, Daniels Says

Secretary Daniels in his broadside against Admiral Sims before the Senate investigating committee submitted the following specific shortcomings of the Admiral:

1. He lacked vision to see that a great and new project to Develop Into Party Warfare bar the submarines from their natural hunting grounds should be promptly adopted and carried out, no matter what the cost or how radical the departure from what ultra-prudent men regarded as impracticable.

2: He seemed to accept the views of the British Admiralty as superior to anything that would come from America and urged those views even when the Navy Department proposed plans that proved more effective.

3. In public speeches and other ways he gave a maximum ian and Rumanian socialism, the Illinois of credit to British efforts and minimized what his country was

> 4. He coveted British decorations and seemed to place a higher value on honors given abroad than by honors that could be conferred by th . American government.

> . 5. He aspired to become a member of the British Admiralty and wrote complainingly when the American Government declined to permit hingto accept such tender by the King of Eng-

> 6. He placed protection of merchant shipping, with concentration of destroyers at Queenstown, as the main operation of our forces abroad, failing to appreciate that the protection of transports carrying troops to France was the paramount naval duty until I felt impelled to cable him peremptorily that such was our main mission.

# **WILSON ALL WRONG**

Thinks President Denied Information Essential For Sound Judgment

Jacksonville, Pla., May 10,-"Broken down in health by the weight of cares and anxieties such as have fallen to no other occupant of that high office, the Chief Executive has been denied the information essential to sound judgment and safe leadership" stated William Jennings Bryan here today in replying to President Wilson's plea to Oregon Democrats to go into the campaign standing four square in favor of the treaty of Versailles and against the Senate's reservations.

Mr. Bryan stated it was impossible Mr. Bryan stated it was impossible for Mr. Wilson to advise visely with-out full knowledge of the situation, which in his opinion, the Chief Executive did not possess.

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He said the Democratic party had stood by the President and fought for ratification without reservations, as long as there was any hope of securing ratification without reservations—an effort in which he heartly joined—but the effort failed. Whether the Senate acted wisely or unwisely in the adoption of reservations, it acted upon a constitutional authorit—

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He said the Senate endorsed reserv tion by a majority of eighteen and the 57, Senators—34 Republicans and 23 Democrats, who agreed upon reserve of the 77 Senators who favored ratification, but differed upon reserva

"The issue is now whether the Dem peratic party believes in the fundame tal principles of Democracy—namely The right of the majority to rule, said Mr. Bryan who also stated tha the President asks the Democratic party to make a campaign on the is with 20 Democratic Senatorsjority of the Senate, or even the m jority of the Democrats of the Sen

Mr. Bryan urges an immediate rat fication of the treaty with reservation already agreed upon leaving the nation to secure afterwards in the league such changes as may be deemed necessary In closing he stated the Democratic party cannot die; it must help solve the problems of the day." "Democratic friends of the League of Nations," he said" should join Republican fr of the league and by so doing take the issue out of the campaign and speak peace to war-distracted Europe."

#### JUST LIKE WATSON TO SWEAR OUT INJUNCTION

Thomson, Ga., May 10.—Thomas E. Watson, who ran second in the recent Georgia Presidential pref rence primary, today obtained a temporary infunction control of the control junction restraining the Bules commit-tee of the Democratic State Executive committee from deciding contests aris-

committee from deciding contests arising from the primary.

The claim already had been made that the State convention itself, which meets in Atlanta, May 18, should decide content the state of the sta in Atlants, May 18, should decide contests over county delegations. Hearings at which the Bules committee was ordered to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent was set for May 14. No candidate obtained a majority in the Presidential primary in which Attorney General Palmer led. With Mr. Watson a close second, Senafor Hoke Smith, of Georgia, came third with almost as many votes as Watson. Since no candidate, on the face of the unofficial returns, will have a majority in the convention, political observers in the convention, political observer have predicted a lively battle over Geor gin's delegation to San Francisco.

# REED AND JOHNSON

Missouri Democrat Indulges in Sarcasm On President's Last Appeal

Washington, May 10 .- President Wilson's call to the Democratic party to carry the treaty ratification issue into the campaign drew expressions today from two members of his own party. William J. Bryan and Senator Reed, of Missouri, and also from Senator Johnson, of California, leader of the Republican Irreconcilable group in the Senate treaty battle.

Senator Reed, in a statement, declared

such a platform would mean for the Democrats the losi of every state north of the Mason and Dixon line and the breaking of the "Solid South." Senator Johnson also in a statement said h

treaty shall be accepted exactly as he brought it from Versailles is the finest scheme of premeditated political suicide yet devised," Senator Reed said. "On such a platform as the President demands, it is my opinion that we will lose every state north of the Mason and Dixon line and that the solid south will

Every member of the Senate except six, Mr. Reed stated, voted for one or more of the Lodge reseavations de nounced by the President. The Presi dent or Democratic Senators who voted for reservations will face repudiation

nt San Francisco, he added.
Senator Johnson said he had consistently opposed the League of Nations in its original form and with the reservations appended." and added: "The lengue presented to us was either a good or a bad thing. If it was as good as the President and his assoclates insisted, it required neither amendments nor reservations. If was as bad as we insisted, neithe smendment nor reservation could make

good. "The President has consistently main "The President nas consistent respectation and I can respect an adversary of that sort. These for whom I have no respect in this contest are the men who were with the Presi-dent when they thought his position was popular during the discussion last year, and who then demanded the im-mediate passage of the league without reservations nor amendments and who now, with the varying popular winds embrace the so-called Lodge reservations, which they denounced for so long a time.

#### LANE SAYS AMERICANS IN MEXICO NEED PROTECTION

Washington, May 10.-Franklin Lane, former secretary of the interior and George Agnew Chamberlain, former consul general in Mexico, testified today before the Senate committee investigat-

before the Senate committee investigating Mexican affairs.

Mr. Lane declared that American oil right in Mexico were as well founded in justice and deserved as much protection as if they had been established in Pennsylvania or California, while Mr. Chamberlain declared that the attitude of the United States toward Mexico "has been one of accumulating suam-for seven years."

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Mexican commercial and official life was "fained with graft from the lowest taily clerk to the highest cabinet officer."

Mr. Chamberlain said, and only a policy of economic control of the country by the United States would re-cripblish

# FLAYS ADMIR REPLY TO CHARGES

Most Serious Charges By Sims Without Foundation and Others Unjustified

MINIMIZED AMERICAN **EFFORTS IN SPEECHES** 

Head of Navy Unsparingly Arraigns Admiral For "Pro-British Idiosyncracies; Violation of Regulations and Criticism of His Fellow Officers of Line

Washington, D. C., May 10 .- Secreary Daniels launched a vigorous ounter-offensive against Rear Admiral Sims today when he appeared before the Senate investigating committee to answer charges made by the officer against the Navy Department's conduct of the

He unsparingly arraigned the Admiral for "pro-British idiosyneracies," violation of naval regulations and criticism of the "self-sacrificing and suc-

icism of the "self-sacrificing and successful efforts" of his fellow officers.

So far as he dealt today with Admiral
Sims' charges that delay by the department had prolonged the war unnecessarily, Secretary Daniels declared the
Navy's war record stood "antouched today and for all time regardless of criticism from within or without."

"The most serious charges made by
Admiral Sims are without foundation
and the others are unjustified," he said.

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could bestow, Mr. Daniels declared and
in public speeches minimized the United States' part in the war and gave a
maximum of credit to the British. Admiral Sims did not wholly necasure up
to expectations' during the war, Mr.
Daniels told the committee. He enumerated six points in this respect including charges that the officer placed too
great stress or the imvariance of recing charges that the officer placed too great stress on the importance of pro-tecting cargo vessels, and had failed to appreciate that the protection of American soldiers en route to France

was the navy's paramount mission. Beferring to the Sims' charge that delays on the part of the Navy Department prolonged the war four months and cost 500,000 lives unnecessarily, Mr. Daniels declared he had talked with many admirals of the British navy and not one would subscribe to the charge. Admiral Sims' statement that just prior to sailing for London he received the "explicit admonition," "Don't let the British pull the wool over your eyes, we would as soon fight them as the Germans," received considerable attention from the Secretary. If the Admiral considered the words as "explicit admonition," he violated three sections of naval regulations in making many admirals of the British navy and sections of naval regulations in making them public, Mr. Daniels declared.

Benson All American.
Admiral Sims' criticism that Admiral Benson, former chief of naval operations, was anti-British was entirely un-founded and unjust, the witness as-serted. He said Admiral Benson was all American.

The testimony of other officers, in

possession of first-hand knowledge, Set-retary Daniels testified, "should be accepted by all openminded men as an absolute refutation of practically all of Admiral Sims' charges."

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Secretary Daniels testified that hed he known that in October, 1918, Sime had made statements reflecting upon the contributions of the United States army and navy to winning the war to members of Congress visiting abroad,

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