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## COMPLETE PLANS PREPARED BY NAVY FOR FIGHTING WAR

**Secretary Daniels On Cross-Examination Says Committee Exceeded Authority**  
**PROMISES TO EXPLAIN NAVY PLANS NEXT WEEK**  
**However, Senate Committee Will Sit In Executive Session To Receive Confidential Information; Secretary Turns Tables On Chairman Hale Regarding Sims' Letter**

Washington, May 21.—A reading contest between Secretary Daniels and Chairman Hale, of the Senate naval investigating committee developed today in the cross-examination of the Secretary.

Exhaustive excerpts from conflicting testimony of other witnesses as to the navy's conduct of the war were cited. Most of the interchanges had to do with the navy's plans for war with Germany prior to America's entry.

The Secretary insisted that complete plans had existed. Senator Hale said there had been much talk of these plans but that the committee had not seen them despite repeated requests.

**To Explain Plans.**  
Mr. Daniels expressed doubt as to the wisdom of disclosing them in detail. After conference with Rear Admiral Badger, head of the general board, however, he agreed that all naval plans ready in 1917 should be laid before the committee in executive session next week. The Secretary warned the committee that while no longer applicable to Germany, the plan embodied basic strategy that would govern the navy in meeting any power in the Atlantic. It was for that reason that an executive session was stipulated, he said.

Answering the chairman's statement that despite destroyer appropriations of nearly \$400,000,000 the navy had increased its fleet in the war zone by only 20 of these craft when the armistice was signed, Mr. Daniels said the time of construction for destroyers had been cut from approximately two years before the war to six months or less by efforts of the department.

Committee Exceeds Authority.  
Throughout his cross-examination the Secretary maintained that the committee which investigated the award of navy war honors, also headed by Senator Hale, had exceeded its authority in forcing "ostentatious" publication of Admiral Sims' letter criticizing the department's conduct of the war. When the chairman agreed that the committee had ordered the letter produced, the Secretary said that "some one" had previously caused its publication in the press and that Admiral Sims had it "in his pocket" when he appeared to be questioned on naval awards and produced it on order with "dramatic gestures."

Representation of the letter was "well staged," Secretary Daniels said.  
After Chairman Hale, in a preliminary statement, had stated that Admiral Sims' claims were impersonal and aimed at responsible heads and not at the navy as a whole, Mr. Daniels turned the tables on the Senator and questioned Mr. Hale regarding features of the Sims' letter. He challenged the chairman to show by reading from the letter that it referred, as Mr. Hale said, to the first few months of the war.

In reply the chairman read from the Sims' letter and testimony at great length, but Mr. Daniels insisted nothing had been read showing that Admiral Sims confined his charges to the first few months.

Secretary Daniels declared Admiral Sims had charged Admiral Benson, former chief of naval operations, with lacking the "will to win." Senator Hale replied that the charge was not directed at Benson, but at the man who had the final responsibility.

"Who do you mean?" asked Secretary Daniels.

"He referred indirectly to the chief of naval operations and directly to the Secretary of the Navy," replied the chairman.  
"And in view of that you still maintain that there were no personalities in the Sims' letter?" asked the Secretary.  
"Guilty of Negligence."  
"Yes, that wasn't a charge, it was a criticism," Mr. Hale said. If Admiral Sims thought, when he left the United States, that Admiral Benson lacked "the will to win" he should have notified President Wilson, Mr. Daniels declared.  
Mr. Daniels declined to tell the committee what took place during meetings of President Wilson's Cabinet in 1913 and 1914 with regard to naval policies and the enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine, saying that he considered this confidential.

## COAST LINE FURNISHES THRILL FOR PASSENGERS

**Train Derailed On Bridge Over Cape Fear River But No Body Injured**  
Fayetteville, May 21.—An Atlantic Coast Line passenger and express train derailed today on Cape Fear river bridge on the cross-ties without leaving the bridge and without injury to any of the passengers or crew, when the cars left the rails five hundred yards south of the bridge just after the train had left the Fayetteville yards on its run to Richmond early this morning.

## METHODISTS OPEN 23RD CONFERENCE

**Quadrennial Session of General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church**  
Greensboro, May 21.—With about 400 delegates, clerical and lay, in attendance, the twenty-third quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Protestant church began here today. The churches of 29 conferences in 21 states are represented at the conference.

## NO FURTHER TROUBLE IS EXPECTED AT MATEWAN

Matewan, May 21.—With members of the West Virginia constabulary and sheriff's deputies patrolling the streets of Matewan today and tonight, no further trouble was expected by authorities as consequence of the pistol battle between Baldwin-Felts detectives and miners here Wednesday night, which cost the lives of seven detectives and the Mayor of Matewan, a miner and a boy.

## DEMOCRATS MOOD TO A CONGRESS

**Remind Republicans of Much Legislation of Importance Needing Attention**  
**NO FORMAL ACTION BY PARTY CAUCUS, HOWEVER**  
Senator Overman Presents Name of Former Lieutenant-Governor Newlands For Place Made Vacant By Glenn's Death; Charlotte Man Edwards' Manager

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg.  
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(By Special Leased Wire.)  
Washington, D. C., May 21.—Despite the general belief until several days ago that Congress would either recess or adjourn on June 5th, there is every evidence here tonight that a combination of Democrats and progressive Republicans may halt a long adjournment of Congress during the summer months unless action is taken within the next two weeks on several measures aimed at the high cost of living.

## SENATE WILL ACT ON PROFITEERING

**Senator Harris Forces Action On Resolution Calling For Corp'n Tax Returns**  
Washington, May 21.—Continued outcry in the Senate against profiteers brought matters to a head here today when Republican leaders promised that the resolution of Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, calling for corporation income and excess profit tax returns would be taken up tomorrow for action.

## COMMODITY MARKETS STILL MARKING DOWN QUOTED VALUES

New York, May 21.—Influenced by the nation-wide price-cutting agitation that is steadily gaining ground, the principal commodity markets of the country today continued to mark down quoted values. Cotton, sugar and corn options broke violently here and in Chicago and wheat and provisions, including pork, also suffered sharp reactions. Significance was attached to the fact that the market for...  
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## LA EMBARRASSING TO NEW GOVERNMENT

**Reported That Bandit Is Holding British Superintendent For Ransom**  
Washington, May 21.—Francisco Villa, who has defied every government in Mexico since the overthrow of Huerta, already has become an embarrassment to officials of the new defacto forces.

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## ACTION ON RELIEF BILL DEFERRED BY REPUBLICANS

**Poll of Democrats Show Solid Opposition To Majority's Program**  
Washington, May 21.—Republicans leaders of the House decided today not to attempt passage tomorrow of the Soldier relief legislation. No date was fixed for calling the bill but leaders said they expect to get it before the House Tuesday or Wednesday.

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## CHICAGO BUSINESS MEN WELCOME DIXIE VISITORS

**Southerners Make Decided Hit In Presenting Their Mission In West**  
Chicago, Ill., May 21.—Chicago gave the men of the South Atlantic states a great reception today and joined the ranks of those willing to help establish new trade routes and develop the South Atlantic ports, so the country can be benefited. Large committees of Chicago business men met the Southerners upon their arrival and gave them splendid opportunities to see the sights. A luncheon at the stock yards followed, the visitors being the guest of the well known Saddle and Birkin Club.

Washington, D. C., May 21.—Senate investigation of the pre-convention campaign expenses and pledges of presidential candidates got under way today.  
Acting under the Borah resolution adopted yesterday by the Senate the elections committee authorized a subcommittee to take up the task with all possible dispatch and Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa, was named as chairman. Telegraphic requests were sent immediately to the financial campaign managers of leading candidates to attend the first session here Monday.  
Senator Kenyon's associates in the work, as named by chairman Dillingham, of the elections committee are Senators Spencer, Missouri, and Edge, New Jersey, Republicans, and Reed, Missouri, and Pomerene, Ohio, Democrats.

## FAYETTEVILLE RACE ENCOUNTER CAUSE OF WHITE MAN'S DEATH

**Deputy Sheriff Mortally Wounded and Three Others Seriously Hurt In Clash**  
**HOUSES ARE BURNED IN NEGRO SECTION OF THE CUMBERLAND CAPITAL**  
**Urgent Call For Troops To Quiet Trouble Sent To Governor; Near Riot Starts Over Altercation Between White Girl and Negro Woman; Father of Negro Woman Resists Officers By Barricading Himself With Others In House**  
Fayetteville, May 21.—At 1 o'clock this morning the situation growing out of last night's trouble with negroes, had quieted down. George Hobbs, the negro who started the trouble, had escaped, with two others who were directly associated with him. Blood hounds were brought from Raeford and a posse is following the fugitives. All the negroes in the section of town where the trouble occurred have apparently left the city. The body of Butler, who was killed, lay in front of the burned building until after midnight. Physicians in attendance upon Deputy Moore have little hope for his recovery.

## ATTACK FREIGHT PROBLEM AT ONCE

**Congestion Will Be Relieved at Number of Central Points As First Step**  
Washington, May 21.—Attack on the freight congestion which has threatened to paralyze the national arteries of transportation will be concentrated immediately at a score of junction points. Operating officials of the American Railroad Association were instructed tonight that this would be the immediate object, with clearing of side tracks at less important points and elimination of basic causes of congestion left for future consideration. Formation of committees at each of 30 "gateways" was ordered, the duty of which will be to dig cars out of the mass and see that they are forwarded expeditiously.

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**PEACE YOUNG WOMEN ON VISIT TO UNIVERSITY**  
Chapel Hill, May 21.—Students of the University of North Carolina spent their eyes wide today when 16 members of the Senior Class of Peace Institute, enjoying a day's holiday before their commencement exercises, swarmed down upon the Carolina campus and marched off with any part they chose—students in overall not barred.  
Accompanying the Peace Seniors were Miss Mary Owen Graham, president of Peace Institute, and Miss May McLeLland, dean. The whole party paid a visit to Edward Kidder "Sonny" Graham, the class mascot, who entertained them at lunch. At other times a tour of inspection was made of the University grounds, the Seniors having no difficulty in finding willing guides to point out all spots of interest; and there are rumors that a good time was had by all.  
**FILE PROGRAM TO RESTORE NORMAL ECONOMIC STATUS**  
Washington, May 21.—A program "for the restoration of normal economic conditions" was filed with the Railroad Labor Board today in behalf of the railway brotherhoods. As part of the report on profiteering in industry presented with their arguments for wage increases. The program was prepared by W. J. Lauck, who prepared the study for the brotherhoods.