

LAFAYETTE WAS A TRAITOR, SAYS SENATOR WATSON

Inquiry Ordered After Hot Defense of Charges.

Untrue, Pershing Says

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 4.—Gen. Pershing declared here today that the charges brought by the senate against Senator Watson were "the most outrageous and untrue accusations that could possibly be made and absolutely without foundation."

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—[Special.]—After three hours of heated debate the senate today decided to broaden the scope of the proposed inquiry into allegations that American soldiers were executed without trial in France during the war.

Instead of being confined to the charges of Senator Watson, Georgia, the inquiry may be enlarged to cover the conduct generally of officers in the expeditionary forces, particularly in their treatment of private soldiers under their command.

Efforts to discharge the special investigating committee and abandon the inquiry broke down completely today. Senator Simmons, North Carolina Democrat, offered a motion to reconsider the Lenroot resolution, adopted earlier in the week, to investigate Watson's charges. The Simmons motion carried, and a new resolution was then offered striking out specific mention of Watson's charges and placing virtually no limit on the investigating powers of the committee.

Members of Committee. The special committee, as now constituted, consists of Senators Brandegee, chairman, Ernst, Kentucky; Willis, Ohio; Overman, North Carolina, and Shields, Tennessee. The committee will meet Monday to arrange its plan of procedure. It probably will proceed at once to summon witnesses to sustain Senator Watson's assertions and to call upon the war department for whatever data it may have bearing upon the controversy.

Senator Watson read a telegram from a man who said he was an ex-soldier and had seen the gallows Watson referred to. The sender of the telegram said the scaffold told him twenty-one men had been hanged and that others were awaiting execution. He said he was anxious to come to Washington to testify, but was "broke." Senator Watson said he would send him carriage.

Great Lakes Letter Writer. Another writer, who gave his name as Ernest M. Jeffrey Great Lakes, Ill., stated that he had seen a man hanged at Moesia. The letter was written on Red Cross stationery. In the midst of the reading of the letter Senator Lodge, Republican leader, called for the regular order.

"You can demand it if you are afraid of what I am going to read!" Senator Watson shouted. Senator Lodge insisted, and the reading of the letter was halted.

Senator Watson defied the senate to expel him. "Expel me if you will," he said. "Is the Republican majority so afraid of the matter with the general staff? Is it frightened? Does it want to hide in a committee room?"

Barracoon for "Little Newt." In sarcastic language Senator Watson paid his respects to former Secretary of War Baker, who issued a statement yesterday denying the Watson charges.

"Little Newt had to get in. Poor little Newt!" The Georgia senator, a noted authority on French history, turned his snarl upon France, called "civilized" by Mr. Baker.

"Yes, France is civilized, all right," the senator said. "She charged us even for the trenches our soldiers fought in. France is not a howling wilderness, but a civilized country from which Lafayette came upon a written contract with Silas Deane pledging us to make him a citizen which he before he would leave France. He did not even have sense enough to drill a company of soldiers, besides which he said:

"Some of these days, when somebody gets up here and blows off about Lafayette, I am going to take him down a peg or two. I know Lafayette, and Washington knew him, and it was not Washington who had him released from that Austrian prison into which he was put when the French army chased him to kill him. It was Napoleon Bonaparte, in the treaty of Campo-Formio.

"Yes, I know Lafayette. He betrayed every French government that trusted

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Young women who are employed by the federal bureau which are located in the Letter Stores building are indignant over the action of their bureau chiefs in ordering the removal of mirrors from the restrooms. The bureau chiefs explain that the young women spent too much time before the looking glasses. The group in the above picture is expressing its indignation over the situation.

him, and the only independent command he ever had in America came very near getting bagged by Benedict Arnold, and it was only the James river that saved Lafayette and his command from being captured."

The members of the new committee said privately that they would limit the inquiry to the principal charges made by Watson, and did not intend to order a general investigation of the conduct of army officers.

EXECUTIONS FOR CAUSE

Harry D. Green of Elkan, Green & Co., who made a special investigation of conditions in France as chief historian for the adjutant general's department of the A. E. F., said yesterday there was no foundation for the charges made by Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia that soldiers were hanged in France without trial and sometimes without being convicted.

Mr. Green mixed with the soldiers as well as the officers. He said there were no rumors of men being hanged unjustly.

He said two Negroes had been hanged at Brest for an attack upon a 50 year old woman who was the keeper of a disorderly house. The woman did not die, but the men were hanged in spite of the protests of the French officials.

This case, Mr. Green says, is the nearest to an injustice which he encountered.

A white second lieutenant, he said, was shot at La-sur-Tille in the presence of 3,000 Negro troops. This execution, Mr. Green said, followed a trial and conviction of the officer for rape and murder. Only Negro troops and a few white officers witnessed the execution.

This was ordered by the colonel in command to still the murmurs among the Negro soldiers that the army officials were singling out the Negroes for the penalty of death.

At St. Nazaire, Mr. Green stated, a captain in the medical corps was executed for inoculating enlisted men with disease germs instead of a typhoid fever preventative. This captain, said Mr. Green, was from Cincinnati and of German parentage.

32 Accusations Against Massachusetts Official

Boston, Mass., Nov. 4.—Petition for disbarment of County Attorney Pelletier of Suffolk county, proceedings for whose removal from office are pending, was filed with the Supreme court by Attorney General Allen late today.

Thirty-two allegations charging Mr. Pelletier with deceit, malpractice, gross misconduct, conspiracy to extort and corruptly aiding and abetting to extort were included in the attorney general's petition.

GLEAMING NOSES SNIFF IN SCORN AT U. S. TRICK

Mirrors Removed to Keep Girls at Work.

Noses gleamed through the gloom. They had gleamed thus since the break of day. Stray strands of hair straggled pathetically down necks. Several skirts hung awry. It was a grievous spectacle. And all because—

When the 500 odd girls working in the federal board, the United States public health service, and the bureau of war risk offices, on the seventh, eighth and ninth floors of the Letter Stores building came to work yesterday morning, they found rough, grim carpenters at work in their washroom.

The carpenters were busily removing from the walls the long mirrors.

Girls Are Indignant. Instead of bouncing blithely into their chairs, the girls clustered about, holding a series of impromptu indignation meetings.

"Even barracks have mirrors in 'em," protested a blond.

"My goodness! Do they want us to look like a bunch of hags?" queried a brunette, fingering a useless powder puff. For it is an established scientific fact that, without a mirror, a powder puff is useless.

Finally the desecrating carpenters moved off, stacking the mirrors in the hall. The girls bolted into the room. Not only were the walls mirrorless, but the little shelf, where they had parked the puffs in happier days, had been removed. Another chorus of indignation.

"I hear they're going to put somebody at the door with a stop watch, and time us," rumored a girl.

Delegations of girls throughout the day waited on C. W. Spofford, manager of the eighth district of the veterans' bureau.

Boss Tells Reason. The harassed Mr. Spofford was finally discovered far from the madding crowd in his corner office. He threw up his hands.

"I've handled men—lots of 'em," he said. "But girls! You know, during the last half hour of the day, when they're still supposed to be working, the nose-powdering procession starts. And several fifteen minutes during the day. We had to do something."

"No," grinned Mr. Spofford, who was really not so misogynistic as he seemed, "the mirrors are going back pretty soon. Maybe the little scags today will teach 'em a lesson."

CRIMINAL COURT HUMS; 10 SENT OVER YESTERDAY

Crowe Spurs Drive to Clear Dockets.

With ten men sentenced to the penitentiary yesterday by Criminal court judges and with two juries to return verdicts today, State's Attorney Crowe last night expressed himself as highly gratified. This expression was coupled with instructions to his assistants to "keep up the good work," so the jails might be less congested and more speedy trials become possible.

Three youths who pleaded guilty to murder yesterday and threw themselves on the mercy of the court, were sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge John J. Sullivan. They are James Jablonski, Frank Rychlewski, and Charles McDonald.

Killed South Side Druggist. They killed Albert N. Lawrence, a druggist, in an attempted robbery at 1259 West 79th street. Sergis, Charles Gratton, James Scully, and Lewis Teala were commended by the court for capturing the trio an hour after the commission of the crime.

Herbert Washington and Lowell Hill were sentenced to from ten years to life imprisonment by Judge John R. Cavely for highway robbery. Judge Harry Fisher sentenced Louis Clementi, 18; Frank Minor, 18; Ralph Sesto, 19, and Joseph Mistrella, 17, to Pontiac for one to ten years for robbery, and Ralph De Luce, a poolroom keeper, from one to ten years at Joliet for receiving the property stolen by the boys and encouraging them to steal more.

Murder Verdict Due Today. Milo Wilson, colored, charged with the murder of William Rainey during a holdup in Rainey's poolroom at 4058 South State street, will hear the jury's verdict this morning. Judge George Kersten ordered a sealed verdict. A verdict is expected today also in the case of James Sweeney and Harry Bartlett, alleged bombers for the stationery engineers' union.

Steel Company Head Asks Receiver; Names Employee

Petition for receivership for the Interstate Iron and Steel company was filed in the Circuit court yesterday by attorneys representing Selig Morris, formerly owner of a controlling interest in the concern. Morris alleges fraud on the part of George S. Davis, a former bookkeeper.

UNCLE SAM OILS VACUUM-CLEANER FOR ELLIS ISLAND

Abuses Miss Forbes Told Of to Be Corrected.

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—[Special.]—President Harding has directed a thorough house cleaning at Ellis island to eradicate such abuses in the treatment of immigrants as were exposed by Miss Genevieve Forbes of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE staff.

It was stated at the White House today that an investigation instituted some time ago had revealed deplorable conditions at the big immigration station, that many reforms had been accomplished, and that more are in process of formulation.

Shakeup for Island Force.

The president, after studying the disclosures of incompetence of employees and ill treatment of immigrants, came to the conclusion that the system of administration at the island is responsible for the conditions, and ordered not only a shakeup in the force of inspectors but a revision of the rules and regulations which make it difficult to obtain properly qualified employees.

Mr. Harding expressed the determination to clean up the island and thereby end the ceaseless complaints of arbitrary and inhuman treatment of immigrants.

The state department, it was disclosed today, also has initiated reforms at Ellis island as a result of formal protests from the British government against alleged mistreatment of British citizens at the immigration station.

Say Britain "Misunderstands."

Department officials, when their attention was called today to the fact that Great Britain had recently been discussed in the house of commons, said that investigations into charges of mistreatment of British subjects had revealed that there had been misunderstanding of a large measure on the part of the British government with relation to several complaints, but that some things that had been called to this government's attention were being remedied. Details of the complaints made by the British government were not disclosed at the department.

Thinks Conditions Improved.

New York, Nov. 4.—W. W. Husband, commissioner general of immigration, said today that the United States has expressed its "sincere regrets" to Great Britain over treatment of certain British subjects at Ellis island.

Commenting on the statement made in the house of commons yesterday by Cecil Harmsworth, under secretary of foreign affairs, that repeated representations to the United States on the matter had had no tangible results, Mr. Husband said:

"I don't know what is meant by 'tangible results.' We have expressed our sincere regrets and are sure it cannot happen again. We have been trying to work under a very drastic immigration law. I do not believe there would be any trouble over any case similar to the ones complained of if it should arise now."

Complaints about conditions at Ellis island have proved to have only about 10 per cent of justification, he said, but are being assiduously circulated as trade propaganda against the United States.

Mr. Husband also declared that foreign steamship companies were responsible for the hardships suffered by immigrants who are refused admission because the quotas for their countries have been exhausted.

OMAHA AIRMEN ESCAPE MISHAP IN DAY OF STUNTS

Race, Jump, and Walk the Wings.

BY MORROW KRUM.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 4.—[Special.]—Two airplane races, a parachute jumping contest, stunt flying, and thrilling wing walking featured the second day of the International Aero congress.

The first race—a contest for commercial airplanes of manufacturers' rating of less than 100 miles an hour—was won by Casey Jones, who flew a Curtiss Oriole ship over the ninety mile course at a speed of 109.33 miles an hour. Second in this contest was N. C. Tortensen, whose Oriole covered the distance and crossed the finish line two minutes after Jones.

There was not an accident. In fact, the entire day was unspooled by crashes.

The second race, a contest for airplanes of speeds lower than seventy-five miles an hour, was won by F. A. Donaldson of Spirit Lake, Ia. Donaldson covered the ninety mile course at an average speed of 69.04 miles.

The two races topped a day of thrills. One of the greatest sensations came when Walter Smith, Chicago air mail pilot, led a squadron of mail ships across the field. The thunder of the mighty Liberty motors in the De Havilland planes started every person on the field. There was a great publicity move for the air mail.

Albert Acosta was presented with the Pulitzer trophy tonight at a banquet given the flyers by the Omaha Association of Commerce. With the cup goes a check of \$5,000. His official speed, 176.7 miles an hour, was confirmed by the Aero Club of America as being the world's record over a closed circuit.

"KITES" \$1,500,000, CAUGHT; KANSAN KILLS HIMSELF

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Nov. 4.—[Special.]—Arthur E. Hazen of Le Roy, Kas., 35 years old, whose filing at frenzied finance resulted in the need of two banks and the "kiting" of \$1,500,000 of worthless paper, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in the city jail here, where he was a prisoner. He was arrested Wednesday while attempting to pass a worthless check.

Unschoolled, almost penniless, without financial standing or backing of any kind, Hazen entered upon a career of check "kiting" that extended over several months.

When the bubble burst the Farmers' State bank at Neosho Falls, Kas., and the People's State bank of Le Roy, Kas., found themselves enmeshed in financial straits which threatened ruin.

WEEKS ADVISES PARDON OF FIVE ARMY PRISONERS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 4.—Pardon for five American soldiers convicted by court martial with the murder of Capt. George Lancelotti of the British army in Germany last year, has been recommended by Secretary Weeks. The men—James A. O'Dell, Roy O. Youngblood, George Van Gilder, Carl J. Bryan, and Jim B. Richardson—are serving life sentences in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

The secretary's recommendations would, if approved, give the men the option of returning to their old organizations and serving the remainder of their sentences or of applying for immediate discharge from the service.

Mr. Weeks based his recommendations on the ground that court martial had condemned "innocent men."

WOMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE. Mrs. Bridget Mahan, 1032 Jackson boulevard, committed suicide yesterday in the kitchen of her home by inhaling gas. She is survived by a son and young daughter.



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