

WEEKS AND PERSHING UNDER WATSON FIRE

Shrapnel Hurlled at Secretary and General.

CHARGES DENIED RENEWED

Nurses Declared Victims of Alleged Army Outrages—Letters and Telegrams Are Submitted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 5.—In presenting further support for his charges that American soldiers were hanged overseas without court-martial, Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, tonight in the senate turned his fire on Secretary Weeks and General Pershing for their denial of his assertions.

Alluding to a statement made today by the war secretary that "no decent man" would make charges with respect to army nurses such as were made several days ago in the senate, Senator Watson, while disclaiming any intent to attack the nurses as a whole, said he would leave to no impartial tribunal to judge whether he or Mr. Weeks was the more "decent." He said his charge as originally made was "that officers in too many cases made courtesans of the nurses."

"And I can prove it," he exclaimed. Reading General Pershing's statement, as made yesterday in Nashville, Tenn., that the Watson charges of illegal hangings and inhuman treatment of prisoners of officers was a "most outrageous and untrue accusation," the senator declared.

"When the general denounces a senator as a liar, he had better remember that it is within the power of the senate to bring him here, and a time may come when we will do that. If he talks that way about more senators, it may be done."

Letter From Nurse Read.

"I'm not going to lower myself," the senator continued, "to the level of either Secretary Weeks or General Pershing by indulging in abuse. I simply content myself with saying that it was grossly improper for either of these gentlemen to condemn another publicly without the slightest investigation."

Senator Watson then read a letter from an unidentified Richmond, Va. woman, who said she had served months as an army nurse. The letter said "officers made courtesans of the nurses wherever possible and nurses who resisted were subjected to personal indignities."

Mr. Watson also said he had been told by a former nurse that she had been compelled to report the assault of an officer.

More telegrams and letters in support of his illegal hangings charges also were presented by the senator. He submitted another photograph of what he said was an army gallowa in France, which photograph he said had been smuggled into the country by a Huntington, W. Va., private.

"Apparently there were as many gibbets as hospitals," said the senator, who for the first time gave the name—Clintonsville—of the man who he said had told him of hearing from a gallowa guard that 21 soldiers had been hanged without court-martial.

Witness Ready to Testify.

He presented a telegram from Ayer stating that an affidavit was being forwarded for the use of the special committee that will meet Monday to determine procedure in the investigation of the senator's charges.

Another telegram presented by the senator was from George Cartwright, Aaron, Ga., who said he served in the 45th engineer corps and declared Mr. Watson's charges of illegal hangings were true. Senator Watson said this witness would appear before the committee and "face the nabobs of the general staff."

The senator read another telegram which asked that the senate investigation include "the case of Albert Purcell of Cincinnati," about which the informant said he had been able to learn nothing from the war department. The message said Purcell's death occurred at a camp at San Antonio, Tex.

William Gibbons of Cleveland had written, Mr. Watson said, that he had two photographs, one taken before and the other after the hanging of a soldier against whom the soldier said the charges lacked definiteness.

Alleged Outrages Cited.

The senator also said that a former-service man now living in Washington had given him a statement as to the hanging of four negro soldiers "on one gallowa at one time, each clad in the uniform that General Pershing wore."

The same soldier had informed him, he said, that these men were hanged without court-martial.

Another soldier had informed him, he said, that the body of "a negro convict, the black cap still over his face," had been exhumed and sent to the home of a white woman in Rochester, N. Y., whose son was killed in action.

"Just such a case happened in my home county in Georgia," he added.

William T. Collins of Titusville, Pa., in a letter presented by Senator Watson, said he saw a negro hanged, but did not know if there was a court-martial. Another correspondent from Elmira, N. Y., said he had "seen two negroes hanged" in France, and Harry D. Waldron of New York, an ex-sergeant, the senator said, offered to give evidence of "cold-blooded murder in the American expeditionary forces and destruction of files of the Red Cross."

Official Figures Passed.

Finally, after presenting an affidavit from Joseph D. Conwell of Philadelphia stating that he saw a negro hanged in uniform, Senator Watson said the executions cited by him already had passed the figures given by the war department and Chairman Wadsworth of the senate military affairs committee.

"The further we go the worse it gets," he concluded. "The more we stir it the worse it stinks."

WATSON ALLEGATION DENIED.

Soldier Declared Hanged Said to Be Doing Prison Term.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Nov. 5.—O. A. Daigle, Beaumont and Houston advertising man, today declared that the alleged hanging of a negro soldier by American army officials in the La Rochelle area of France during the war, referred to by Senator Watson of Georgia, never took place.

The negro, according to Daigle, is William Curtis, now serving a life term at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 5.—A

private in the 238th labor battalion, is serving a life sentence in the federal prison here, Warden Biddle said.

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"If I have alluded to co-operation that would be large enough to include the American and European interests for their maximum good, I do not consider this at all impossible. I should like to assist in finding a form of co-operation among the great powers which will attend the conference, a co-operation which will remove rivalries and yet satisfy more fully than now all their ideas of national interests. I think it can be done, and I am grateful to the United States government for having undertaken to call us together."

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