Uproarious Scene at Investigation of Charges in Army Hangings--"For Two Pennies," Said Irate Member, "I Would Slap Your Face."

Washington, Dec. 13—A scene said to unparalleled in the history of the nited States Senate occurred during the vestigation of the Watson charges that nerican soldiers were hanged in France thout trial, when Thomas E. Watson, in junior senator from Georgia, lost troi of himself and going into a rage, inced in screaming and excited to officers in the United States Army, o were in attendance upon the inves-

Major George W. Cocheu, of the general staff, was the special object of the Georgia senator's wrath. Major Cocheu's only offense, according to Senator Watson himself, was that he "looked" at the Georgian in a way that aroused what Watson described as his "Southern

A "lantern-jawed dog" and a "bull-jawed brute" were expressions that Watson shouted at Major Cocheu. The officer was in uniform and on duty, and, therefore, unable to make a retort of any kind to the insults that were heaped upon him by the senator from Georgia. Major Cocheu sat ealmly through the ordeal, and not once did he lose control of himself. Watson was standing within a few foot of him shall be him shaking his fist in his face.

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The outbreak against the officer was natirely unexpected, not one among them aving uttered a word during the hearing. The officers were Col. Walter A. Bethel, who was General Pershing's thief adviser in France, Major C. W. Dinsmore, an assistant to Col. Bethel and Major Cocheu.

Senator Watson was plainly in ill-numor when he came into the room. All of the members of the committee, Senators Brandegee, Overman, Willis, Shields, and Ernst, were in their seats. Watson started off with a protest against the hearing being "narrowed to hangings without trial." Watson brought in a big bundle of letters and affidavits, sixtytwo in number, which he handed to the clerk of the committee and asked that they be made part of the record, a request that was granted by the committee. "I made five charges, but you have confined me to one," asserted Watson.

"Not at all, when we finish with the first one we can take up the others," Senator Brandegee answered."

It was at this point that the Georgia senator lost complete control of himself. Like a flash he turned on Major Cocheu who was seated at the table reserved for representatives of the War depart-

to Washington from any part of the country the makers of the affidavits, and the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been at the authors of the letters that have been placed in the record.

"We will summon any man, woman, or child you want summoned; we will summon any man, woman, or child you want summoned. We will summon any man, woman, or child you want summoned; we will summon them all," interposed Senator Brandeger at the young officer, "I would slap your face, you insolent officer. You think you are n France, don't you? You think you are n branded—but Watson ignored the Tennessee senator. "For two pennies," he repeated as in a rage, he addressed Major Cocheu, "I would slap your jaws, you lantern jawed dog."

"Is the sergeant-at-arms in the room?" demanded Senator Brandegee and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Woodworth stepped forward. "Inform the senator," said Senator Brandegee, "that he cannot insult witnesses."

Watson stopped for a moment, and then he surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised everybody in the room wannouncing in a much aggrieved tone would be a surprised by the surprised by the surprised by the surprised by the authors of the letters that have been placed in the record.

**To surprise we will summon any man, woman, we will summon them all, "interposed Senator Watson to documents filed by S

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