

SENATOR LODGE, ASSAULTED BY PACIFIST, USES FISTS

Almost Knocks Down Leader of Peace Loving Delegation Who Calls Him Coward When He Refuses to Vote Against War Declaration.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Attacked by a small group of pacifists from his own State, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, today came out the victor in the first engagement of the "war session" of Congress at the Capitol today. Blood was spilled, but it was the blood of a pacifist.

Senator Lodge belied his sixty-seven years by striking his chief assailant a stunning blow in the face before others intervened for his protection. Alexander Bannwart, of Boston, national secretary of the Woodrow Wilson Independent League, of Massachusetts, struck the first blow at the Senator. The encounter occurred just outside Senator Lodge's office door. It terminated quickly when David B. Herman, a telegraph messenger, and Ward Davies, of Cambridge, Ariz., pounced upon Bannwart and beat him. Senator Lodge was none the worse for the encounter except for a slight bruise on his face. Bannwart was arrested immediately by Capitol police, who drove back the crowd. He was released later in police court on \$1,000 bail.

Senators Are Indignant

Deep indignation was stirred up among Senators by the attack on Senator Lodge. Later Senator Lodge gave out this version of the affair:—"I had nothing to say except this, 'We must agree to differ.' Then this man, whom I afterward learned was Bannwart, said, 'You're a disgrace, coward, addressing me personally. I went forward closely up to him and said, 'You are a liar.' He struck me and I struck him. Then the whole party rushed at me and pushed me against the wall."

"A young man from Arizona who was in the corridor with a message, my secretary, and Senator Stone's messenger, intervened for my protection and drove them off."

The group of pacifists called at Senator Lodge's office at eleven o'clock this morning to plead with him to vote against war with Germany. Senator Lodge met them at the door. Bannwart did most of the talking. He was accompanied by the Rev. Paul Harris Drake, pastor of Christ Church, Dorchester, Mass., and Mrs. Anna May Peabody, of Cambridge.

During the brief interview Bannwart told the Senator that he greatly misjudged the sentiment of the Massachusetts if he thought the people of that State wanted war. Senator Lodge replied that if the President should ask for a declaration of war he would vote for it. The pacifist declared that war was cowardly.

"National degeneracy and cowardice are worse than war," Senator Lodge replied. "We must agree to disagree."

Senator Lodge thereupon determined to close the interview, but the pacifist group pressed upon him. There are several versions of what

followed immediately. Bannwart declares that Senator Lodge said to him:—"Any one who is a pacifist at a time like this is a coward." To this Bannwart said he replied:—"Any one that wants to go to war is a coward."

Senator Lodge denied this version and says that Bannwart called him a coward.

Senator Lodge's blood was up. Just then Bannwart struck him in the face. Senator Lodge countered with a smashing blow that caught the pacifist full in the face, knocking him nearly off his feet. The pacifist group then pushed the Senator against the wall.

Just at this time, Ward Davies, who was passing in the corridor, saw Bannwart strike Senator Lodge. He jumped into the fight, flooring Bannwart with a heavy blow. A general melee followed. David B. Herman, Senator Lodge's secretary, and others joined in the fray, and when Bannwart was pulled from under sprawling bodies by the police he was badly mauled.

Senator's Face Bruised

Senator Lodge appeared in the Senate chamber at noon when that body convened. Beyond a slight bruise on the face he was none the worse for the encounter. He smiled broadly when his colleagues questioned him about the encounter.

That the incident may lead to some law, by which members of Congress may be protected against repetitions of the act, was seen in the attitude of Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts. Senator Weeks said:—"The unprovoked and disgraceful assault on Senator Lodge today has a far wider significance than simply an assault on an individual. There is no law, as far as I know, for providing punishment for an offense of this kind different than in the case of ordinary assault."

"When Representative Brooks assaulted Senator Sumner in the Senate chamber, a case not materially different from this in many respects, he was unseated by the House of Representatives. Of course, no such action can be taken in this case, and I am not convinced that a different law should apply to Senators and Representatives, even when Congress is in session and they are performing their official duties from that applying to any other individual, but it is well for the country to take notice that those who claim to be trying to keep the country out of war are among the most intemperate of our citizens and they do not hesitate to attack those who hold different opinions."

"In my judgment, such people should be watched and if they are American citizens should be compelled to take the oath. I doubt the good faith and loyalty of men and women who are so far lost to proprieties as were those who committed this offense," New York Herald.

operations, so that there is a very pressing danger that the needs of the suffering Serbian people will be overlooked by the public.

There must be no reaction so far as the work of the Serbian committee is concerned. Money is not only needed and needed badly right now, but even when the great peace is declared the demand for funds will still for quite a time be incalculable.

When in the future the Serbs exhausted by fighting and journeying are able to resettle in their own land, they will find blackened ruins and devastated fields instead of comfortable homesteads and prosperous farms. Houses, schools, hospitals, churches, farm buildings all will have to be rebuilt; the land must be reclaimed and cultivated, new seeds and fertilizer provided, farms restocked; roads and bridges must be repaired and order generally substituted for chaos.

Nor must this work be undertaken in such a way that it will tend to make matters of the Serbs. Every measure of relief that is being offered must be on an economic basis that will recognize the new farmer's lack of present capital, but also his future ability to pay for what is being done for him. In the meantime, funds are necessary to provide for the daily necessities of the thousands of women and children who have found shelter with our allies.

It is anticipated that Canada will continue to participate by generous contributions through the Canadian Serbian Relief Committee, Toronto.

BRITAIN RELEASES DUTCH GRAIN SHIPS AT HALIFAX.

London, April 7.—Although the Dutch government has reiterated its intention not to permit Allied merchantmen to enter Dutch ports, Great Britain has agreed to release the Dutch grain vessels held at Halifax and permit them to return home with-out calling at an English port, according to Reuters' correspondent at The Hague.

Schooners Sold.

For a price said to be \$140,000 the five-masted schooner Henry O. Barrett, built at Bath 19 years ago and owned principally by Boston men, has just been sold. The Barrett will be formally transferred to new ownership on her arrival at Boston from Passamaquoddy, Me. The purchase price paid for the schooner is one of the highest offered for a sailing craft in recent years.

The Disby fishing schooner Albert J. Lutz and Dorothy G. Snow have been sold to British Columbia parties for \$11,000 and \$12,000 respectively. The vessels will leave shortly for British Columbia waters and will be engaged in the Pacific halibut fisheries. The managing owner of the former was A. J. Lutz, of Moncton, and the latter vessel was owned by Joseph E. Snow of Disby.

SERBIA OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT.

Just at the present time Serbia is not figuring very heavily in military

BRITISH CAVALRY COMES TO ITS OWN IN SOMME BATTLE

Canadians Now Face the Bavarians on Large Section of Western Battle Line.

Canadian headquarters in France, via London, April 7.—(By Star Telegram.)—To the great satisfaction of everyone here the remarkable April snowstorm has been followed by frost and bright sunshine, which has permitted a resumption of operations, and raids have been carried out along the enemy positions. The hard fighting Bavarians still confront the Canadians on a large section of the line. Few of them have been taken in recent encounters. Our experience has been that they remain in their dugouts at the risk of death by bombing, rather than come up on the call to surrender.

Our aerial position has been changed greatly for the better and the "Red Devil," the formidable enemy machine has been causing trouble, has now learned to respect the British machine.

From the Somme area comes further information regarding the great battle of Easter. Some of the best bits of work done by the British villages was accomplished by horsemen, who took to the fields and carried light guns with them which proved useful in driving away the machine gun sections used freely by the enemy to cover his retirement.

Self Denial Day.

What have you denied yourself at this Easter? Only one day is left before the little messenger in your home will be called for and it is earnestly hoped that the offering will fitly show your appreciation of the efforts put forth by the returned wounded heroes, the men of the navy and the starving Belgians. This is the season of sacrifice and we should be willing to sacrifice something of our pleasures in such a worthy cause.

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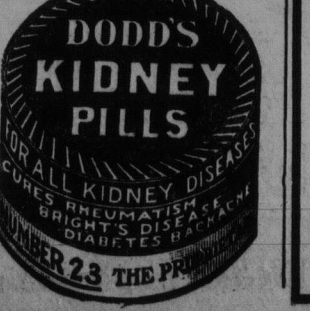
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