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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Threats by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, to slap the face of an army officer sitting within touch of his elbow threw the meeting of the senate committee investigating charges that American soldiers had been illegally hanged in France into an uproar today and brought a quick demand from Chairman Brandegee for a sergeant at arms to prevent any physical clash.

For a moment the utmost confusion prevailed. Above the din of shuffling feet as some women hurried toward the door, the voice of the chairman in strident tones commanded the Georgia senator to sit down to retire from the room. Banging the table with bare knuckles, the chairman soon restored a semblance of order, but there were many heated exchanges before the meeting broke up until tomorrow afternoon.

Major George W. Cocheu, attached to the general staff, was the officer on whom Senator Watson launched his verbal attack. It happened near the close of a brief, but turbulent meeting at which Senator Watson's charge that the committee "at a secret session had prejudged" the case was characterized by Senator Shields, Democrat, of Tennessee, a member of the committee, as "untrue and wholly without foundation."

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Members of the board said they "welcomed the suit" as a means of settling many perplexing questions, which have been the subject of many three-cornered tiffs between the transportation lines, the employees and the board.

Charged by the transportation act with settling railroad difficulties, the board has no legal power of enforcing its orders and several roads have even evaded the extent of the board's jurisdiction.