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SENATORS HAVE STRUCK TARTAR IN "WILD BILL"

Assistant Attorney General Donovan Is As Peppery and Hard Boiled As Was in Trenches

SARGENT IS AMIABLE

But Passes the Buck on the Aluminum Matter to His Lieutenant and Gives It No More Concern

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Washington, Jan. 15.—The Senators who are conducting an inquiry into the "aluminum trust," supposedly formed and dominated for years by Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the Treasury, have struck something of a tartar in "Wild Bill" Donovan, assistant attorney general. "Wild Bill" has handled the matter for the Department of Justice, and he has been as peppery and "hard boiled" on the witness stand as he was in the trenches of France.

Attorney General Sargent, first called before the Senate Committee of Inquiry, proved himself to be the amiable soul that Washington always has regarded him. Ever since Mr. Sargent came to town last summer with a little handbag and carrying his galoshes in the other hand, the capital has regarded him as a picturesque and lovable figure, just out of the rock-bound New England hills.

General Sargent quietly but effectively "passed the buck" on the aluminum matter to his flag-department, "Wild Bill." He said Colonel Donovan was handling the matter and he gave it no further concern.

"Wild Bill" has had something of a wild time with the Senate inquirers. He has had to face the most dreaded of all the Senate cross-examiners. Senator Walsh of Montana, the terror of the oil investigation of two years ago, has had "Wild Bill" personally in hand for several days. Senator Caraway of Arkansas, another hombucker of the Senate, has mixed it up with "Wild Bill," and there has been plenty of tart conversation. "Wild Bill" has admitted it was against the customary usage of the department of justice to issue statements during the pendency of an inquiry but he felt he was justified in asking the issuance of the aluminum statement as an offset to announced newspaper attacks upon the method of handling the aluminum investigation by the department. He felt he acted for the best interest of the government, and when pressed on his phase of the matter he sharply deadered:

"I've learned by obligations to my country in other places than around this committee table."

"Wild Bill" folded his arms, leaned them on the mahogany committee table and looked his inquisitors squarely in the face. It was plain to see what was in his mind. He was living over again the days in France. It also was the first time that one of the world war veterans, come to high place in the government, had directly challenged the august Senate to a showdown on personal patriotism. The influence of the war veteran has not been as great as or sudden in Washington as it was immediately after the war between the states, but it is growing. More and more of the men who saw service in France are coming to Congress. It won't be long now until a world war bloc of considerable proportions will be not only a probability but an actuality.

"Wild Bill" is one of the most distinguished of the veterans at present in Washington. He won about all the decorations a grateful country could give him. He received the distinguished service cross, the croix de guerre, the Italian war cross, and finally the highest gift of all, the Congressional Medal of Honor. This medal Colonel Donovan promptly deposited with the New York chapter of the Veterans of the Rainbow Division, saying "this medal was won by our entire command."

"Wild Bill" was a Buffalo lawyer before he became a fighter. Now he is recognized in Washington as the fighting spirit of the Department of Justice. The story is told of three doughboys who one day were discussing their Heutenant colonel, this same "Wild Bill." One of them summed it all up when he said:

"He is a blanket-blank, blank, hot by God, he is game one."

When the story reached Colonel Donovan's ears, he exclaimed: "That's what I want for an epitaph."

GIVE ARGUMENTS RESERVE BRANCH

Washington, Jan. 15.—Application of the Richmond federal reserve bank for authority to establish a branch was before the federal reserve board again today with no prospects of immediate decision. A dozen citizens of the Carolinas presented arguments for the branch.

MAN CAPTURED AFTER SHOOTING UP CHERRYVILLE

Cherryville, N. C., Jan. 15.—Jesse Vandyke who threatened to "shoot up" the town last night and who caused residents along South Mountain street to seek cover, was arrested near midnight after he had given his pistol to his wife.

Chief of Police A. L. Painter, who fell before the gunfire of the youth, was in Lincolnton hospital today in a critical condition with a pistol wound in his forehead.

Another victim, Horace S. Arnsworth, will recover from an abdomen wound, physicians said.

Police declared that the man "had been drinking" when they affected his arrest in the home of his mother in law, Mrs. Lester Bellinger.

His arrest came after several hours of excitement in the town with Vandyke shooting in every direction.

LACK OF FUNDS BLOCKING WORK ON DIRT ROADS

Repair of "Weak Links" in Highway System Depends on Early Action by County Commissioners

ROAD BOARD "BROKE"

The Pasquotank Highway Commission would like very much to undertake to repair "weak links" in the County's unimproved dirt roads system, but it has no funds for such a program, De-Clases S. G. Scott, chairman, Mr. Scott says he is favorably inclined toward a suggestion to repair the roads placed with crushed rock or other material, but in the absence of funds for such a purpose, he and the other members can generally feel justified in agreeing that what funds are available should be spent for hard-surfaced and naval craft.

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