Members Listened With Deepest Emotion to Recital With Full Realization of Import of Clash Between **Chairman of Military Affairs Committee** And President of United States.

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The scene in the senate when Senator Chamberlain as chairman of the military affairs committee of that body, defended hmiself against the charge of the president that he had, "distorted the truth," with reference to certain utterances the senator from senate so profoundly moved and it speech in New York, reflecting upon activities, in the military establish-democracy. ment, was most dramatic and historic and I do not recall ever having seen that august body so wrought up as during the reading of certain letters telling of negligence and inhumanity toward the men in Khaki. The scene was memorable. The galleries were packed; there were few absentees on tion will make an effort to include the floor and about the walls of the a survey of the rivers of that state chamber representatives and others for power purposes in some of the entitled to admission were banked six bills now pending, looking to the entitled to admission were banked six and eight rows deep. There were no interruptions and no applause. The air itself was charged with the gravity of the situation. Everybody realized the deep significance the clash be-tween the president of the United States and the chairman of a great senate committee in time of war. Not a clash between political opponents, but members of the same party, charged with the responsibility for the "winnin," of the war," and the charges made by Senator Chamber-lain shocked the senate as it shocked the nation

### Senators Show Emotion.

Speaking in an ordinary conversational tone with no oratorical effect, quietly and impassionately, this softvoiced senator scored a theatrical triumph that few great actors have ever achieved as he stood in the center of a isle with a paper in his hand reading a letter to the American people from the father of a soldier who died recently at one of the cantonments. You remember that letter. You re-You remember that letter. You re-member the story of the father who, with his wife, had gone to the camp having learned from other, than army sources, that his son was ill of spinalmeningitis. In an unheated room in a frightful condition of un-cleanliless the boy had been found. He died under the most distressing circumstances without proper attencircumstances without proper atten-tion. The father gained permission to take charge of the body and went to the room to obtain it.

On trying to enter and pushing the door open it struck an obstruction, and looking past the door into the room the horrified father saw the dead body of his son lying on the floor. The object that the door had struck was his son's head.

anger, grief and sorrow, but never anything just like this inarticulate protest of indignation and pity, which sprang simultaneously from the lips of almost everybody within sound of Senator Chamberlain's voice. A low sition of the chair in which he sat. sob and then an ominous silence, I cannot recall ever having seen the under cover at the edge of the parlor fireplace when Rooney, Dolan and Danbaum went down stairs.

### Nebraska's Water Power.

detective was in the front room when Rooney came down and the sergeant said he gave the wounded nan a The Nebraska delegation has been in receipt of letters the past week drink of water. "None of the officers went back from citizens of that state calling at-

tention to he golden opporunities which awaits Nebraska, if the delegaupstairs after they came down," said Madsen, which was disputed by Van Deusen and Dolan. The Surrender Described. Madsen added: "I called to them to surrender and they surrendered to me and Barta and then I called to the other officers." Van Deusen then explained that he went outside to prevent any of the bandits escaping through windows, as he recalled that when his former

partner, Tom Ring, was murdered. the men got away because the out-side of the building was not watched. "When I was outside a man fired at me three times from the bathroom window and I put him back. A woman from the house at the north turned dances as it has always been before, but around tables piled high with

a flashlight on me and I told her for God's sake to turn it off," said Van surgical dressings, bandages and gar- Deusen. ments in all stages of construction, Danbaum said that nobody could find Madsen and called the sergeant a liar when the latter doubted that from the freshly cut to the nearly finished, all destined to go to France.

Relgium or Italy as the case may be. Even the first fady of the land is busy Danbaum called the police station from the house. at the White House and many a "I'll bet you \$5 that Danbaum called knitted helmet, sweater or wristlet the station from this house," inter-"I'll bet you \$5 that Danbaum called

has gone over the seas to shivering vened Dolan, reaching into his pocket soldiers with the name of Mrs. Wood- and displaying the currency. and displaying the currency. Madsen called Danbaum a liar and

soldiers with the name of Mrs. Wood-row Wilson tucked away inside of it. that the boy who "draws" it may know whose fingers fashioned it. Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice president. is at the head of the seantorial hostesses who are working hard every day in a special room in the senate office building, along these same lines. The wife of each cabinet officer heade a large committee of the work.

Van Deusen to Madsen: "You were

Madsen contended that no other

in the safest place of anybody." Dolan to Madsen: "You did not fire . bullet."

heads a large committee of the wo-men in the families of the officials under him, doing the same work, ex-cept in the departments of com-merce, labor and justice, the women of these circles working independent-ly with other organizations. Danbaum: "We are all hars and only one man is telling the truth." Asked what the re-enactment showed, Acting Chief Dempsey and Superintendent Kugel agreed that it

Sergeant Madsen **Disputes Story** Bitter feeling has been engendered

between Sergeant Madsen and the **Detectives** Told detectives involved. Neither the chief nor the superin

(Continued From Page One.) leaning against a dresser and Danbaum about to enter when Rooney to preclude any such situation they told him he had been shot. intend to have disputed points Dolan said: "Felix told me his gun

was empty and I told him mine was empty also and then we held our As matters now stand, there is seeming irreconcilable difference of empty guns over the me in the room, when we heard Van Deusen downopinion between Sergeant Madsen and the detectives, who by inference stairs saying he was coming up, but two women were hanging to him." have exchanged charges of cowardice. "I Don't Want to Be a Hero."

Van Deusen then explained that he am not looking for honor nor fired three shots from the bottom of do I care to be called a hero," said he stairs and showed where one bul-Sergeant Madsen, whoc ommanded let had plowed into the wall over a the detail of detectives that captured bookcase at top of the stairs. Rooney, Dolan and Danhaum then were said the five jewel robbers Thursday night, "but I will resent to the limit to have gone downstairs where the of my ability all insinuations against injured detective was placed on a my courage when called by duty. "It is true that I did not go up the chair. A dispute arose over the po-

stairs when poor Frank Rooney was tured and I did not want him to get Van Deusen claimed that Madsen was shot. We were not definitely sent to hurt. the housei n which the robbers were

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investigation in the council chamber. as they are not satisfied to let mat-ters rest at their present status. found and were simply investigating blace to stay and the only reason I knew the house and went to the door. was the fact that being younger they I followed immediately and was at were too fast for me. It looks bad the foot of the stairs when Dolan, with three men's word against one, Danbaum and Rooney came down. but I know I am right so do not fear

"Rooney sat in a chair and Dolan the outcome. tendent are inclined to the belief that and Danbaum left the house for more this ruction will have any bearing ammunition. I remained on guard gation, but I feel sure I will be vin- the Chicago man in a bad place with upon the trial of the five bandits, but and borrowed a gun from Rooney as dicated of cowardice charges as I the toe hold. Attending physicians upon the trial of the five bandits, but and borrowed a gun from Rooney as I was all alone. I think it was Mc-Kay come down stairs and I fired once at him and he want back. Dan-baum then emptied his revolver at the stairway. "When they offered to surrender I can say nothing ill of any of the boys. Their courage is to be ad-mired and I am proud of them, but I feel that I should be definitely eleared of cowardice charges as I the toe hold. Attending physicians declared that Cutler's ankle was bad-by sprained. **St. Paul Man Knocks** Out Australian Read Des Moines, Ia, Feb. 2 – Johnny

"When they offered to surrender John Barta was with me in the house and we took them out on the porch where I kept them 'covered' while Barta 'fanned' them. I did not leave

the house until they were under arrest

### Ordered Bee Reporter Out.

"The Story about Danbaum using the telephone is all bosh. The first man to use the telephone was a Bee committee of railroad men assisting reporter and I ordered him out of the house because there was one uncap-

"I did not attempt to hunt a safe Gray, formerly president of the Great Northern.

**Zbyszko Trims Cutler:** Duluth, Minn., Feb. 2.-Wlade's Zbyszko tonight defeated Charlie Cutler of Chicago after one hour and 13 minutes of wrestling. The police stopped the bout after the Pole had

"I expect there will be an investi-

being assigned to lead as brave men as I had with me on that night."

Holden Resigns From

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—Johnny Schauer, of St. Paul knocked out Jack Read, the Australian light-weight, in the twelfth round of their contest here tonight. Read hit the Federal Railway Board ngton, Feb. 2.—President olden of the Burlington rail-tesigned from the advisory Washington, Feb. 2 .- President Hale Holden of the Burlington railroad has resigned from the advisory

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## cleared up.

room the horrified father saw the dead body of his son lying on the floor. The object that the door had struck was his son's head. A great sob went up from the tense audience. Senator Tillman wept and there was a suspicious display of handkerchiefs on the part of other senators, as the full horror of the re-cital dawned upon them. It was an expression of emotion not often wit-nessed even in the playhouse. It was something new to that dignified body, which had known applause, mirth, Dollar-a-Year Circle . A surprisngly large contingent of Nebraska, prncipally Omaha, people are established in Washington in the "dollar-a-year" circle. With some of them this is a literal salary. With others it is merely figurative and their inducements amount to a per annum sum of four figures. Those not in the dollar-ayear class, are here in "the service," under orders from the army or navy department. Bee Want Ads Bring Results. Dollar-a-Year Circle . Superintendent Kugel agreed that it did not show anything materially "You saw it all for yourself," re-plied Chief Dempsey. "There is no question as to the cir-cumstances of the shooting of Roo-ney nor of any of the material facts of the affair, but some dispute as to the showt applause, mirth, Dollar-a-year class, are here in "the service," under orders from the army or navy department. Bee Want Ads Bring Results.



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