

BRAND LUDENDORFF

Vorwaerts, Socialist Paper, Calls Former War Chief Only a Theorist

New York, Oct. 15.—In an open press feud between Ludendorff and the Socialists, Vorwaerts makes a bitter counter-attack, says a copyrighted dispatch from Berlin to the World. "The old Roman generals after their lost battles plunged themselves on their swords," it says. "Ludendorff plunges into ink, Ludendorff continues his efforts."

Vorwaerts charges Ludendorff with cowardice.

"Where was Ludendorff when the catastrophe broke," it asks, "and when Noske, with a determined hand, gathered up the few remnants of the disintegrated army to save Germany from a Russian chaos? Ludendorff had run off to Sweden. Now that we again have relatively firm ground under our feet, Ludendorff has no higher ambition than to undermine the narrow foundation bearing the German state. Herr Ludendorff struts about in Achilles' armor. On a closer view he is nothing but a theorist."

NEAR FIGHT IN SENATE

Reed Keeps up Nagging Till McCumber in Anger, Advances Upon Him

Washington, Oct. 15.—During what was perhaps the bitterest colloquy that has taken place in the Senate since the Treaty debate began, Senator McCumber, the insurging Republican, and Senator Reed, the insurging Democrat, clashed and a personal encounter seemed imminent when the presiding officer interfered with a ruling that silenced Mr. McCumber.

The difficulty arose over the Shantung settlement, a settlement which Senator Lodge in a vigorous address had attacked and which Senator McCumber, while not defending as satisfactory, supported as the only solution of the Japanese-Chinese issue short of armed intervention by the United States.

Senator McCumber had spoken for some little time, growing more and more direct in his declarations as he went along. Again and again Senator Reed interrupted the speaker and for a while Mr. McCumber patiently replied to the nagging tactics of Mr. Reed. But Mr. Reed so obviously was bent upon irritat-

ing Mr. McCumber that the latter finally declined to be interrupted even for a question.

Then turning to the Senate Mr. McCumber declared that only a few months ago Senators were acclaiming Japan as an ally; they were supporting her enthusiastically and all but embracing the Japanese as friends and brother in arms. But it now had come to pass, he charged, that these same Senators have turned upon Japan as an enemy, accusing her of playing the part of international thief and of having and holding stolen goods.

This statement aroused the indignation of Senator Reed. He challenged it as a violation of the rules of the Senate in that it impugned the motives, the loyalty and the patriotism of Senators. Just how this impugning came about was not easy to understand, inasmuch as it was Mr. Reed himself who had made the thievish charge against Japan, but he, nevertheless, pressed the point, and loudly demanded a ruling. Just as loudly Senator McCumber thundered across the aisle at Mr. Reed that bullying and bluffing and bulldozing did not go with him, or words to that effect.

In a moment the Chamber was in a state of tenseness. Senator Ball, of Delaware, the mildest of men, was in the chair, and while he pounded gently for order, his pounding made little or no impression upon the Senators. Mr. Reed held his ground, demanding a ruling, while Mr. McCumber advanced threateningly toward him with clenched fist aloft, shouted a second time that he stood squarely upon

his rights; that he defied the Missourian to trample upon those rights, and that if Mr. Reed did not like that sort of language he knew what he could do about it.

Reed turned upon his heel, however, and walking away from his opponent said that he would withdraw his point of order. But this did not satisfy Mr. McCumber. The latter himself then demanded that the official stenographer read the statements which had been challenged and when they were read Mr. Reed returned to the center of the chamber and renewed his demand for a ruling. The chair then ruled Mr. McCumber out of order; but before the belligerent Westerner surrendered, he served notice upon the Senate that he had not a work to take back, intimating very broadly to Mr. Reed that if the latter felt himself insulted, there were no rules of the Senate which applied outside of the chamber. But Mr. Reed, triumphant in the ruling of the chair, had no comment to make at the time.

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