

TAKE IT FOR GRANTED HARDING WILL SELECT HIS FRIEND DAUGHERTY

(Continued from Page One) counting all this part of it, the fact remains that Daugherty's career does not fit him for attorney general and that the appointment, if made, will justify the protests which undoubtedly will arise.

Daugherty is a stand-pat, old guard politician of the old school—of the oldest living school, in fact—of a school that is out of date and ought to be kept buried. He was born in Ohio and went to the legislature in his late twenties. It is of no use now to go into the upsurge, and the legislative investigation that attended Daugherty's vote for Sherman as against Foraker on that occasion, although undoubtedly that old tale, as well as other more recent investigations in which Daugherty has figured, would be dug up if he were made attorney general.

Daugherty was exonerated on that occasion, but he has never since been able to get an elective office in Ohio, although he has run for governor, for senator, and for other offices. His persistence in seeking office gives the impression of an uneasy, restless seeker after justification. It is hard to tell. You can't know the merit of the many charges that have been made against him without painstaking weighing of evidence. It is believed that much of his motive for wanting a cabinet post now is the desire for justification generally. As one of his enemies puts it, "Harry wants a gold plating to cover the mud spots."

It doesn't matter much how well deserved or ill deserved those mud spots are, nor to what extent they are the necessary incidents of the fierce fighting and biting and gouging that constitute Ohio politics. In no event should so exalted an office as attorney general be given to any man for any such personal reason as this, nor in satisfaction of such political obligation as Harding may feel he owes Daugherty.

Daugherty Not a Hanna or House All the talk about Daugherty being the Mark Hanna of the Harding administration or the Colonel House of it is sheer nonsense. Daugherty is of no such calibre as that. He has neither the force and weight of Hanna, nor the scholarship and disinterestedness of House. And Daugherty's relation to Harding is of no such character, as this sort of talk implies.

Harding may feel that certain primitive deficiencies in human relations forbid him to ignore a man who has spent a full year of his time working to make Harding president. He may shrink from being called an ingrate, not merely by party workers but by the public at large. And there may be more than the reformers would concede in this theory that the public expects in its leaders such human qualities as gratitude and loyalty. But gratitude and loyalty can't make square pegs fit round holes.

The attorney generalship is a very great office. No man should be put into it who is not big enough and unimpeachable enough in reputation to be made a justice of the supreme court. Two of the present justices, McKenna and McReynolds, came to the bench from the attorney general's office. In Roosevelt's administration Attorney General Moody was similarly elevated. Only the biggest of men and the greatest of lawyers should be made attorney general. It is a post for such a man as Hughes is. To give an office with this sort of tradition to a man whose chief place in the world is that of an old-fashioned stand-pat party politician is unthinkable.

It would really be no kindness to give this office to Daugherty. The protests that would arise on the announcement, and the tragedy of lack of such fitness that would be sure to come sooner or later, would not only be the

worst of unkindness to Daugherty but would injure Harding as well. It is all very well to talk of the requirements of loyalty from Harding to Daugherty. But that obligation runs both ways. If Harding is decent enough to offer the attorney generalship to Daugherty, Daugherty should be decent enough to refuse. The rules of the roughest sort of a political code ought to suggest that.

Daugherty has intelligence enough to know how embarrassing this one aspect of cabinet making must be to Harding's secret soul. If Daugherty's services must be recognized, let it be done in almost any way but this. Of course, all this talk of compensation is for Harding and Daugherty and the party leaders to consider. From the point of view of the public, the case has but one aspect, that is that to make Daugherty attorney general would be utterly deplorable. For that matter, the same point of view is shared by most of the more responsible Republican leaders. They view the possibility of Daugherty as attorney general with dismay.

GAMBLERS STARTED FIRE NEW BERN, Jan. 28.—Gamblers are held responsible for the fire here recently which threatened a general conflagration, according to the investigations of W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner of the state department. Blazes in the vacant house that started the fire, it appears, had been frequent, and had been put out by residents. A resident stated to the investigators that the house was never locked and that there was no key.

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Housing Shortage Declared a Grave Menace to Well-Being of Americans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Resolutions urging investigation of all alleged illegal combinations in the building industry and punishment for the guilty parties, were adopted at the closing session here today of the housing conference called by the national council of the chamber of commerce of the United States. The conference, attended by civic and industrial leaders from all parts of the country, pledged its full support to "those who are bringing the facts to light."

a proportion of the total cost of raw materials and of building, may be reduced to a point where it will be possible to proceed with construction. All member organizations of the chamber of commerce were urged by the conference to adopt "a constructive program designed to secure adequate and wholesome housing for all the people," based on a study of housing conditions in each community.

COAL PROFITTEERING CHARGE DENIED BY COAL PRODUCERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Statements by Senator Calder, Republican, New York, that the public was "molested out of a billion and a half dollars" during the 1920 coal shortage were characterized as "outrageous and below the dignity of any senator," today by Thomas H. Watkins, president of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke corporation. Testifying before the senate committee considering the Calder bill to regulate the coal industry, Mr. Watkins said he had gathered statistical reports on high priced coal sold during 1920 and that \$600,000,000 is the utmost figure that could be placed on the coal which might have been open to profiteering. The Calder bill, Mr. Watkins asserted, grew "out of a hysterical frame of mind, the feeling that somebody must be punished, and the desire to make political capital."

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