

## COOLIDGE DISMISSES DAUGHERTY, WHO SCORES "PARTY COWARDICE"

### ATTORNEY GENERAL BITTER AT PRESIDENT'S ACTION

#### Party Chiefs Want Hughes to Succeed

Washington, March 28.—Harry Daugherty, who fell from his high estate as a cabinet member and party chieftain, is blind in one eye. He cannot see very well out of the other. He has been condemned to die in a year or so by his physicians, because of an incurable ailment. He has a son in a hospital, while his wife and daughter are sick in Florida. But he nevertheless goes down fighting, whether the shots are directed at him from the White House or from a two-gun man appearing before the senate investigating committee. It is Democratic opinion that he was the gravest and most heroic figure connected with the administration. A vast number of people still believe him honest according to his lights, although not a man of the highest ethical standard, and not always wise in his choice of friends.

Naturally there is a difference of opinion as to what the effect of the day's development will be, politically. Daugherty has many friends, and these would visit reprisals upon the President if they could. They feel that the President finally went over to the ghouls, the grave diggers and character assassins, that there has been a "surrender of principal," as the attorney general said in his statement, to a fancied party "expediency". They saw in the letter of the President, asking Mr. Daugherty to step down, only a pretext.

#### Makes "Botch" of It.

Up to a certain point some of the enemies of the attorney agree with what his friends are saying about the forced retirement. Some of the senators who several weeks ago took the position that Mr. Daugherty should retire fear the President has made a "botch" of it. Their point is that the friends of the attorney general would have "felt offended" had the President taken action some time ago, but that their offense would not have run so deep as it does today, because the President has now weakened at a critical juncture when the fire on Daugherty is the hottest and most malicious. They say the President could easily have arranged for the senatorial committee to get such documents as they actually needed for the consideration of cases in hand and that Daugherty would have yielded a point if Mr. Coolidge had shown any disposition to stand by him. They feel sure, do those opposed to Mr. Daugherty that the President has done the right thing at the wrong time. The result is that those altogether pleased by the President's action are very limited in number. The fact that Daugherty had hitherto expressed a willingness to resign is also receiving wide attention.

#### Coolidge Not Damaged

But while the friends of Daugherty are considerably wrought up, while even disinterested persons feel that the retiring cabinet member got the best of the correspondence today and while the friends of the President fear he has exercised poor judgment in the time and methods employed in getting rid of the man who "made" his predecessor, it is doubtful whether the President will be damaged very much politically. Daugherty will be out, and a man on the outside is apt to find himself in a more or less helpless condition. By the middle of April Mr. Coolidge will probably have enough delegates pledged to him to make certain his nomination. Mr. Daugherty will pass out of public life discredited largely by the act of the President himself, and the President will be the leader of his party. And party men will not want to break with the party leader. The fighting Irishman may be obliged, therefore to bow to the inevitable.

#### C. of C. Meeting

The Col. B. Y. Graves C. of C. will meet Saturday afternoon April 5th at 3 o'clock with Mary Zilla Carter, at her home on Cherry street. Everyone be present and lets pay up our scholarship pledges. Leader.

## Text of Mr. Coolidge's Letter And Daugherty's Response

Washington, March 28.—The correspondence between President Coolidge and Mr. Daugherty concerning the latter's resignation from the post of Attorney General is given in full below:

### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE TO MR. DAUGHERTY

President Coolidge's letter to the attorney general requesting his resignation was written under date of March 27. It follows:

"My Dear Mr. Attorney General: Since my conference with you, I have examined the proposed reply you suggest making to the demand that you furnish the committee investigating the department of justice with files from the department, relating to litigation and to the bureau of investigation. You represent to me and to the committee in your letter that it would not be compatible with the public interest to comply with the demand and wish to conclude your letter with a statement that I approve that position. "Certainly, I approve the well established principal that departments should not give out information or documents, where such a course would be detrimental to the public interest and this principal is always peculiarly applicable to your department, which has such an intimate relation to the administration of justice.

"But you will readily perceive that I am unable to form an independent judgment in this instance without a long and intricate investigation of voluminous papers which I cannot personally make, and so I should be compelled to follow the usual practice in such cases and rely upon your advice as attorney general and head of the department of justice. "But you will see at once that the committee is investigating your personal conduct and hence you have become an interested party, and the committee wants these papers because of a claim that they disclose your personal conduct of the department. Assuming that the request of the committee is appropriately limited to designated files, still the question will always be the same. In view of the fact that the inquiry relates to your personal conduct, you are not in a position to give to me or the committee what would be disinterested advice as to the public interest.

"You have a personal interest in this investigation which is being made of the conduct of yourself and your office, which may be in conflict with your official interest as the attorney general. I am not questioning your fairness or integrity. I am merely reciting the fact that you are placed in two positions, one your personal interest, the other your office of attorney general, which may be in conflict.

"How can I satisfy a request for action in matters of this nature on the ground you, as attorney general advise against it, when you as the individual against whom the inquiry is directed necessarily have a personal interest in it? I do not see how you can be acting for yourself in your own defense in this matter, and at the same time and on the same question acting as my advisor as attorney general.

"These two positions are incompatible and cannot be reconciled. I am sure you will see that it is necessary for me to have the advice of a disinterested attorney general, in order that I may discharge the duties of my office in this and other matters. I feel certain that you will know how deeply I regret that this situation has arisen. It only illustrates the difficulties which are certain to recur with ever-increasing embarrassment, and your inability to perform satisfactorily the duties of attorney general under present conditions.

"You will readily understand that it is not now my intention to pre-empt the issues which remain to be developed into this investigation. I recognize that you are entitled to a full and fair hearing. But as there is no way by which you can divest yourself of the interest you have personally in the investigation, I can see no way but for you to retire as attorney general, and I am therefore compelled to request your resignation. Very truly yours, "CALVIN COOLIDGE."

#### WHEN EGGS IS AUTOS

"How did I get this car?" said the fellow who was driving the \$5,000 auto.

"Why this car was hatched." "Hatched?" exclaimed the other.

"How d'ye mean hatched?" "Sure," replied the car owner. "I read a New York World Poultry Annual and got so interested I started to raise chickens and hatched enough of 'em to buy a car."

You can do the same. Send 10 cents for postage to the New York World and get a Poultry Annual.

### DAUGHERTY'S REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT

The Attorney General's resignation was tendered in the following brief letter:

"My Dear Mr. President: I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 27, by the hand of your secretary, requesting my resignation as attorney general of the United States.

"Solely out of deference to your request and in compliance therewith I hereby tender my resignation. While you do not state when you desire my resignation to become effective, I most respectfully request that it become effective forthwith.

"Yours very truly, "H. M. DAUGHERTY, "Attorney General."

#### Here's the Hot Shot

A second letter from Mr. Daugherty to the President was made later at the department of justice:

"Under separate cover I have just handed you my formal resignation as attorney general of the United States, to take effect forthwith. Now that I am no longer a member of your cabinet, I feel constrained as a private citizen, in all kindness to call certain matters to your attention.

"Your request, Mr. President, for my resignation is based on grounds which seem to me untenable. As you will perhaps remember I did not intend to seek your advice with regard to compliance with the demands of the senate committee for the indiscriminate delivery of confidential files of the department of justice, or parts thereof. As I explained to you, my duty was clear, for I had frequently been called upon to determine this question. My answer was ready, as I informed you, and furnished you a copy thereof.

"My sole purpose in taking the matter up with you was to let you know the position I was compelled to take in the interest of the public business and for the protection of the government, that you might be in a position to advise other departments what course they should pursue, if similar requests were made.

"Your suggestion that I cannot function as attorney general and defend myself against these charges at the same time, I believe is hardly warranted by the facts. You know that I have employed counsel, at my own expense, to take the responsibility of representing me at the hearings before the senate committee in order that I could devote my time to the public business, which I have been doing continuously.

"Those employed in the department have given no time belonging to the government to this so called investigation, except to furnish data required by the various congressional committees. The business of the departments is at its peak in efficiency and accomplishment, and I am prepared to demonstrate this fact before any tribunal if opportunity is afforded.

"At your suggestion that an attack upon any cabinet officer disqualifies him for further official service is a dangerous doctrine. Mr. President, all the pretended charges against me are false. But whether true or false, if a member of the cabinet is to be incapacitated or disqualified by the preference of charges against him, no matter how malicious and groundless, and he is compelled to give up his responsible position and sacrifice his honor for the time being because of such attack, no man in any official position is safe, and the most honorable, upright, efficient servant could be swept from office and stable government destroyed by clamor.

#### Attack Well Known

"I have often advised you that my elimination is part of the program now being carried out, the origin of the persistent and vindictive attempt to discredit me as attorney general is well known. It principally proceeds from two sources: the powerful individuals and organizations who resent my successful action in conformity with my sworn duty to save this country from violence and anarchy during an industrial crisis far more serious than the general public has ever known; second from those equally powerful individuals and organizations, guilty of graft upon the government during the world war while the youth of our land was making the supreme sacrifice for the nation.

"I have to the best of my ability discharged my sworn duty to prosecute all such individuals and organizations but the task has been beyond my power.

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## TOO QUICK TO PUT PEOPLE IN JAILS

Says Governor Morrison—Declares Should Have Opportunity to Make Bond

Charlotte, March 28.—Although standing up fervently for the administration of the prison systems of North Carolina and the manner in which officers of the law conduct themselves and handle the arduous duties laid upon them, Governor Morrison assailed the practice of "committing men to jail indiscriminately and without giving them an opportunity to make bond" in his address to the social service conference at the chamber of commerce luncheon Thursday.

"We have drifted into the unfortunate habit in North Carolina," the Governor said, "of being too hasty in committing men to jails and prisons before the fact of their guilt or innocence has been established.

"I disapprove of the manner in which many of these cases are now being handled and I commend any movement which will tend toward a reform of the present system which allows officers of the law and committing magistrates to send men to jail and to prison without ample opportunity to give bonds required.

Although the governor was severe in denunciation of such practices being committed in the state, he said he stood up manfully for the officers and keepers of the prison otherwise.

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E. L. Brannock, Notary Public.

## LARGE BEEKEEPER CLOSES OUT BUSINESS

### High School Debate

The query "Resolved: That the Inter-Alleged War Debt should be Canceled," debated by representatives of the local high school and the Lexington high school here Friday night resulted in a vote of the judges in favor of the team from Lexington, the vote being two to one.

The visitors were Miss Frances Thompson and Cloyd Philpotts, the local team was composed of Frank Patterson and Andrew Durnin.

Both teams handled the big subject assigned to them in a very creditable way, our boys having the affirmative and the visitors the negative side.

Judson Ashby, president of the class presided and several musical selections were rendered consisting of a solo by Miss Eleanor Long, a duet by Miss Long and Miss Julia Prather, and a solo by Miss Agnes Galloway, they were accompanied by Miss Ruth Dobbins, pianist.

The visitors were accompanied by a teacher Miss Brown, Mrs. Joe Thompson, mother of Miss Frances, and Mr. Philpotts, father of Cloyd.

The young people enjoyed an informal dance in the home of Miss Julia Prather after the program was over.

Our team was also defeated at Lexington the score being two to one there in favor of the Lexington team.

### Nurses Entertain Preachers

The graduate and pupil nurses of Martin Memorial hospital entertained at a six o'clock dinner Friday evening in compliment to Rev. E. I. Olive who leaves this week to make his home in Chapel Hill.

Yellow candles and jonquils decorated the table in the hospital dining hall.

Those invited to share the hospitality of the nursing staff were Rev. E. I. Olive, Rev. Z. V. Roberson, Rev. J. H. West, Rev. H. K. Boyer, D. D., Rev. D. V. Price, Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Ashby, and Dr. Noffsinger.

### Eli Winesett Buys Entire Beekeeping Outfit of F. L. Johnson—Will Operate the Business Near Wilmington, N. C.

When two big cattle cars filled to the roof with 550 colonies of bees and the supplies that are required in caring for them left this city last Saturday morning the biggest deal in bees that this part of the state has known was pulled off. Between five and six thousand dollars was involved in the deal when Eli Winesett recently of the state of Oregon bought the entire business of Fred L. Johnson who has been engaged in the production of honey here at this town for ten years.

The bees were in outyards from five to twenty miles away from town and from fifty to one hundred colonies at a place. It required a week for a half dozen men to prepare the bees for shipment and haul them to town. It was necessary to place screen wire over the top and entrance to each colony. Thus prepared the bees are supposed to be able to remain closed in their hives for many days. The cars will be stopped at a country town a few miles from Wilmington and there the bees will be hauled out and placed in outyards about the country where suitable locations can be found.

Mr. Winesett has been engaged in the production of honey in Oregon for several years and made a success of the business, operating several hundred colonies and producing many tons of honey each season, but the quality of the honey was such that it sold for a low price on the market. For this reason Mr. Winesett decided to close out his business in that state and engage in the same line here in North Carolina where the price of honey is much higher for the reason that the quality is much better.

The section of country around Wilmington has the reputation of being a fine place for bees. Those engaged in the business there are able to get satisfactory results almost every year and the quality of the honey is such that it is no trouble to find a ready market for all that is produced.

Many people remember well when almost every home in this section had a few bees in "gums" somewhere about the house. They required but little attention and produced sufficient honey for home use and often some for the market. It would be hard to tell why, but for some reason the bees have practically disappeared from the homes of the people, and now but little honey is produced here outside of what is produced by the professional beekeepers.

The reason for the failure of the bee here seems to be that the seasons have changed and many of the sources of honey destroyed. Only a few years ago and poplar honey of a very dark color was common on the market, but no poplar honey is produced now, and the reason may be that most of the poplar trees have been hauled to the lumber mills.

There has been much said about the using of sugar in the bee business in this section. The seasons have been such for years that it was necessary to feed the bees in the early spring and often in the late fall for the reason that the bees were able to get nothing from the fields, and it was either feed them or see them perish. With the advance in the price of sugar the profits in beekeeping in this section were much reduced, for it did and will require sugar to prepare a colony for gathering a honey crop.

The main source of honey here now is the sourwood tree and this has become uncertain. For some cause the sourwood often fails to produce any honey. When it does produce it gives a grade of honey that surpasses anything known in these parts and once a man has eaten sourwood honey he never appreciates any other kind. During the year just passed the bees that Mr. Winesett has moved away produced as much as seventeen thousand pounds of as fine honey as one could wish but during the five years preceding they hardly paid expenses. It was for this reason that they were sold and moved to more productive fields. The favorable seasons were too far apart and the profits from them too uncertain.

## World News Briefly Told

**MONEY FOR STARVING GERMANS**—Disregarding party lines the lower house of Congress has adopted a resolution to appropriate ten million dollars for the purchase of food supplies for the destitute women and children of Germany.

**SAVING OUR HELIUM GAS**—President Coolidge has created a national reserve, comprising 7,100 acres in Utah which is rich in helium gas, and is said to be the largest reserve of this priceless material in the world. Helium is used to inflate the dirigibles and is inflammable. It is hoped no Denby or Sinclair will ever get hold of this reserve.

**SOME HOPE FOR RUSSIA**—Even in soviet Russia you must be honest. Alexander Krasnoschokoff, once a famous lawyer of Chicago, but now living in Russia, has been sentenced by a Russian court to six years' solitary confinement for misuse of the funds of a bank of which he was an officer. His brother was convicted with him.

**STATE COLLECTING MORE MONEY**—State income tax collections have gone past the \$3,500,000 mark. This is better by a half million than this time last year, and indicates good profits and good salaries during the year 1923 for the North Carolina folk. This money is used to maintain the state highways and pay interest on the road bonds.

**ACTIVE IN BUSINESS AT 84**—Geo. F. Baker of New York, head of one of the largest banks in this country, spent his 84th birthday in Asheville playing golf and devoting himself actively to business matters. He happened to stop in Asheville while scouting around over the nation looking after his many interests.

**TAKE NOTICE YE HUNTERS**—While flying from New York to Buffalo last Thursday a government airplane narrowly escaped destruction by colliding with a flock of wild geese. The machine at a height of 8,000 feet encountered a flock of about 500 Canadian geese flying in a "V" formation. To the luck of all the flock broke into a circular formation in time to avoid a collision.

**TRAVELING SOME**—When the ship President Harding left New York last Saturday it carried Burton Holmes and E. M. Newman, two famous globe trotters. These men travel in pursuit of world information and photographs. During the past 30 years they have covered more than two million miles and are still "traveling some", in their effort to keep their less fortunate brethren informed.

**RATS TO BE EXECUTED**—The city of Greensboro has employed a public executioner whose task is to exterminate the rats of that city. Poison and not electricity will be used, and the campaign will rage for three weeks. Statisticians say that each individual rat during a year will destroy \$1.52 worth of property and our neighboring city wants to save this loss.

**GLAD WE LIVE IN THE SOUTH**—Insurance reports say that Penn., N. J., Mass. and N. Y. lead the country with the highest death rates from diabetes. The disease is said to be more fatal to foreigners. The southern and western states show the lowest death rate from this disease.

**HUDSON SEAL OR REAL SEAL WHICH?**—Uncle Sam has on hand 20,000 genuine seal skins, and is having trouble selling them. The craze among the women is to have a "Hudson seal" coat, which government experts say, is nothing more than our river muskrat dyed black.

**THE RADIO REACHING OUT**—A radio station recently asked for a straw vote by its listeners on the subject of modifying Volstead act. Forty seven thousand paid telegrams were received in 24 hours. This indicates that prohibition continues to be as live a subject as a wildcat.

**FOR HEIGHTS UNKNOWN**—The third expedition for the conquest of Mount Everest, highest peak in the world, started from Darjeeling, British India, under the leadership of Gen. Bruce, who headed the 1922 expedition. The last effort failed to reach the top by about 1500 feet. Several men have given their lives in the efforts made to conquer the unknown heights.

**WILSON'S ESTATE \$250,000**—When the will of the late Woodrow Wilson was filed for probate in Washington last Friday the value of his estate was placed at \$250,000. Mr. Wilson owned no real estate his property being in bonds of various kinds. The only debts left by Mr. Wilson are those connected with his funeral, which will not exceed \$2,000.

**STRIPES FOR THE HIGH**—Wm. H. Anderson, one-time Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of the state of New York, is now plain prisoner No. 75,745 in Sing Sing, and has been assigned to the task of unloading and stowing coal. Anderson was convicted of stealing large amounts of money belonging to the Anti-Saloon League. He received a two year sentence and all the higher courts refused him any more trials.