

Attorney General Quits Post Under Heavy Fire

Resignation Came at the Request of President Coolidge and Will Become Effective at Once.

PRESIDENT WROTE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thinks Fact That Attorney General Is Being Investigated Will Interfere With His Work.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—At the request of President Coolidge, Attorney General Daugherty today submitted his resignation, effective at once.

The President's decision was based on a conviction that Mr. Daugherty could not give disinterested attention to his official duties while under the stress of the Senate inquiry into his conduct.

While disclaiming any intention to "pre-judge" the issues raised in the investigation, the President wrote Mr. Daugherty that his continuance in office must inevitably be a source of "ever increasing embarrassment."

In a letter of three terse sentences, the Attorney General replied that he was resigning "solely out of deference to your request."

The correspondence was made public at the White House without comment, but at the Department of Justice Mr. Daugherty immediately prepared a statement setting forth again his side of the question.

This statement took the form of a second letter to the President, in which the retiring Attorney General declared the grounds on which his resignation had been forced seemed to him "untenable."

Any suggestion that he could not function as Attorney General and defend himself against these charges at the same time, the letter said "was hardly warranted by the facts."

Mr. Daugherty recalled that he twice had offered since Mr. Coolidge became President to retire, but had been requested to remain. He said he was aware that the argument of "party expediency" had been used to secure his retention, but added that "cowardice and surrender of principle are never expedient."

Declaring the attack on him was only part of a definite program to discredit the administration as a whole, Mr. Daugherty declared the country was confronted with a grave crisis which must determine whether the country is to be governed by law and order, or by slander, terrorism and fear.

Immediately after signing the last letter to the President, Mr. Daugherty left Washington for a brief rest at Atlantic City.

Mr. Daugherty's resignation, promptly accepted by the President, clears the administration of those cabinet members who had become storm centers in the oil scandal.

The factor which had the greatest weight in bringing the question of Mr. Daugherty's status to an acute issue was a conviction on the part of the President that under present conditions public business is not receiving the attention merited by it in the Department of Justice.

Since the Senate investigation of the Department began on March 12th Mr. Coolidge has seen plain indications that some Department officials were giving a large part of their attention to defense of Mr. Daugherty to the apparent detriment of their regular pursuits.

There is no doubt also that the repeated charges made before the Senate committee, leading to the door of the Attorney General's office, although not involving him directly, have had their influence in finally determining his fate.

Mr. Daugherty had insisted that he be permitted to remain in office until he had been given an opportunity to fully answer all the charges made before the investigating committee. As the testimony has developed, however, it has become apparent that if he were to vindicate his department, it would become necessary for him to disprove also the charges against Jess Smith and others closely associated with him.

Resigns



HARRY M. DAUGHERTY

Daugherty tenders his resignation as Attorney General at the request of President Coolidge.

BELIEVES MEXICAN REBEL LEADER HAS BEEN KILLED

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, March 28.—Senora Adolfo de La Huerta, wife of the Mexican rebel leader, told the New Orleans Item today that she believed her husband to be dead. She added, according to the newspaper, that she and her husband had planned to come here and reside among sympathizers of the revolution, and that when this had been arranged, she came here with the understanding that he would arrive March 18th.

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Besides, the Daugherty committee disclosures, testimony has been given before the oil committee that the Attorney General dealt in Sinclair oil stock after he entered the cabinet; that he and others in the Justice Department were seeking to shield Edward B. McLean from appearance on the witness stand in the oil inquiry, and that McLean himself was a secret agent of the department.

In deciding in favor of another break in the cabinet, President Coolidge followed the almost unanimous advice of Republicans in the Senate some of whom including Senator Dohah of Idaho, have been urging for weeks that Mr. Daugherty had lost the confidence of the country.

President Coolidge's letter requesting the resignation, based the request on the Attorney General's refusal to comply with the summons of the Senate investigating committee for certain papers relating to gun-running on the Mexican border.

The incident, the President said in his letter, "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."

According to the statutes, Jas. M. Beck, solicitor general, becomes Acting Attorney General until the President appoints a head for the Department of Justice. He assumed the duties of the Attorney General immediately after Mr. Daugherty left Washington.

OLCOTT IS HEARD BY DAUGHERTY COMMITTEE

Says He Had Conversation With Man About Paying \$10,000 to Some One.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—Former Representative J. V. Wolcott, of New York City, was called before the Senate committee investigating former Attorney General Daugherty today to tell of the conversations he had with a visitor at his office in which he was told that he would be "expected to pay \$10,000 when his name was sent into the Senate" for a Federal judgeship.

Olcott said his visitor's name was Wayne Wilson, and he believed he was "with the National Surety Company."

"Neither directly nor indirectly did he tell me he was representing anybody in the Department of Justice," Olcott said.

Committee Continues Work.

Washington, March 28.—The Daugherty investigating committee was thrown out of step momentarily today by the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty but when the excitement caused by the announcement had subsided, it plodded along in its task of gathering evidence against the Attorney General.

Senator Wheeler of Montana, the committee prosecutor, announced that the Attorney General's resignation would not affect the committee's work.

Life in the Daugherty apartments, where Jess Smith, the Attorney General's friend who committed suicide lived, was gone into through the medium of Walter Miller, former valet, who told of whiskey being brought and kept there; of the many visitors, including A. B. Fall, Harry Sinclair, Will Hays, Howard Manning, Will A. Orr and many others; and of some "social games" in which some of the visitors engaged.

He had often heard, Miller said, conferences between Smith and Daugherty on qualifications of prospective Federal employees.

Much of the testimony today was from Allen J. Pickering, former auditor of the government in the aircraft case, who testified of conditions in the industry, and of the government's payments to airplane companies.

THE COTTON MARKET

Steady Liverpool Cables and Less Favorable Weather Responsible For Steadier Tone.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, March 28.—Relatively steady Liverpool cables and less favorable weather prospects appeared responsible for the steadier tone in today's early trading on the cotton market.

The opening was steady at an advance of 3 to 10 points on covering, and trade, Liverpool and Wall Street buying. There was selling for New Orleans and southwestern accounts, but offerings were comparatively light and prices soon advanced to 27.10 for May and 23.01 for October, or 23 to 24 points net advance.

Cotton futures opened steady; May 26.73; July 26.05; October 23.60; December 23.50; January 23.00.

ANOTHER ATTACK MADE ON BRITISH SOLDIERS

Second Attack on Troops at Queens-town Came an Hour After Sanguinary Onslaught.

(By the Associated Press.) London, March 28.—A second attack was made on British soldiers at Queens-town about an hour after the sanguinary onslaught last Friday on the unarmed party from Spike Island, according to statements made by some of the wounded today. An armed party, they said, was sent ashore to ascertain if all of the wounded had been accounted for. The soldiers were marching along the pier when shots were fired from a neighboring building, and an officer was wounded.

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World's Largest Aeroplane.

Rome, March 28.—A new type of aeroplane for transatlantic travel has been designed by an Italian engineer, Nicola Santo, which will be the largest air machine in the world. The cost will be about a quarter of a million dollars.

It will be 426 feet long, 153 feet wide, and about fifty feet in height, and will be fitted with sixteen Fiat engines of 700-horsepower each. Its maximum speed will be 125 miles an hour, and it is calculated that it will be able to accomplish the journey from Rio de Janeiro to Rome in two and a half days.

This immense aeroplane will be able to carry two hundred people, and will also take a large cargo of merchandise. It will be fitted with cabins, a dining-room, concert room and apparatus for wireless telegraphy.

Anderson Goes to Prison



William H. Anderson (center), ex-superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in New York, now is convict No. 75,745, in Sing Sing prison. Photo shows him in New York City, just before boarding a train for Ossining. In his left hand is a small package, which contains his toothbrush and a few other toilet articles, his total luggage. Anderson was convicted for forgery.

DANCING CAUSES BISHOP TO CANCEL VISITATION

Episcopal Minister to St. Marks Church is Banned by Bishop Manning.

New York, March 27.—Bishop Manning, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York today informed Reverend Dr. William Norman Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery, that his church would remain "without Episcopal visitation or ministrations" for its rector's refusal to discontinue eurythmic dancing in connection with services at the church.

On two occasions last December, and on March 14, Bishop Manning expressed his disapproval of the ritualistic dances. Dr. Guthrie insisted they were not banned by church law. The dances were presented in the church last Sunday.

The bishop declared that as long as Dr. Guthrie refused to heed his admonitions and to act in accordance with his counsel, the parish would remain without visitation or ministrations.

In the letter to the rector in which he made known his decision on Dr. Guthrie's attitude, the bishop said he declined to visit the parish and congregation and cancelled his visitation announced for Wednesday, June 11.

Battle Continues in Honduras

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—Revolutionists attacking the Honduran capital have regained possession of the ground taken Wednesday by the facto government troops. The battle is continuing.

25 Miners Entombed

(By the Associated Press.) Welch, W. Va., March 28.—Twenty-five men were entombed today in a mine at Yukon, in McDowell County, by an explosion. According to reports received here, the men are believed to be dead.

THREE ARMY AIRMEN KILLED IN HONOLULU

(By the Associated Press.) Honolulu, Hawaii, March 28.—Three army airmen were killed and two others injured, one seriously yesterday, in what aviation officers said was Hawaii's worst aviation accident. First Lieutenant W. G. Moore, of Nelsonville, Ohio, and Oscar Monthan, a native of England, and Private Getsinger, of Asheville, N. C., were killed; and two other privates were injured.

Thousand Young Chickens Burned at Rock Hill

Rock Hill, S. C., March 27.—One thousand chickens, ranging from a few days of age to several months, were burned last night on the Burr Clover farm of A. F. Ruff near Rock Hill, in a fire which destroyed the chicken houses there. Effort to check the blaze were futile. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Ruff today placed an order by wire with a poultry farm in Kentucky to ship him 1,000 young chicks to replace those burned. They are to be shipped today.

Wilson Left Estate of \$250,000

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—The estate of Woodrow Wilson was valued at \$250,000 in a petition for probate of his will filed today by his widow, Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson.

STABILITY

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GASTON B. MEANS WILL BE HELD BY THE COMMITTEE

Subpoena to Prevent His Trial in New York on March 31st.

Washington, March 27.—Gaston B. Means, one of the state's leading attorneys, is to be held here under the subpoena of the senate committee and therefore cannot be brought to trial in New York on March 31 on the indictments against him.

Chairman Brookhart of the senate committee today so advised the department of justice, and Attorney General Daugherty, making public the correspondence, struck back with the comment:

"This is the price exacted by Means for his manufactured story that a Jap gave him \$100,000 to give to poor old Jess Smith."

The attorneys for the government, Mr. Daugherty's announcement said, in the case against Gaston B. Means assigned for trial in New York on the 31st, have been advised by Senator Brookhart chairman of the committee, that the committee will hold Gaston Means in Washington under subpoena and prevent his being tried in New York on the 31st.

The correspondence shows that Hiram C. Todd, special attorney general at New York, wrote Senator Brookhart March 7, informing him of the delays in Means' trial that have come about thus far. He inquired of the committee as to its convenience in releasing Means to appear, advising the committee chairman that the trial date had been set for March 31, at Means' suggestion.

Senator Brookhart replied on March 24 to Mr. Todd's letter saying:

"I see no possible way to finish with him (Means) in our committee before the 31st of March and we will hold him under subpoena until we have finished."

Mr. Todd telegraphed Chairman Brookhart, March 28, as follows:

"Am I to understand from your letter to me of yesterday that notwithstanding the contemptuous conduct of Gaston B. Means in delaying his trial as explained in my letter to you of March 17, you intend to hold him as a witness before your committee on March 31, and thus obstruct the United States district court in proceeding with the trial of Means on that day as heretofore ordered by said court and as you were fully advised by my letter on March 17. Please wire answer immediately so I may present the matter to the court for appropriate action."

Later today Chairman Brookhart informed Mr. Todd in a telegram that the committee did not find it possible to allow Means to leave at this time.

"Read your telegram concerning appearance of Gaston Means for trial March 31," the telegram said, "the committee finds it impossible to release Means at this time. He is being held here under subpoena of the committee."

POINCARÉ IS STRIVING TO FORM NEW CABINET

Not Expected That His Task Will Be Completed at Present Rate Before Saturday.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, March 28.—Premier Poincaré today resumed the task of reconstituting his cabinet, but he is not making much headway, and it appears unlikely that the list will be completed before Saturday.

The ministry is expected to appear before Parliament at a Sunday sitting necessitated by the obligation to vote provisional appropriations on account of recoverable expenditures before the end of the month.

GRAND JURY GETS FACTS IN THE SINCLAIR CASE

Presentation of Senate's Contempt Charges to Grand Jury Is Begun.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—Presentation of the Senate's contempt charge against Harry F. Sinclair was begun today before the grand jury here. A report is expected before the life of the grand jury expires on Monday.

Attorney General Owen J. Roberts, special government counsel in the oil cases, were sworn in as assistant district attorneys to help present the case.

Want Fish Law Observed

(By the Associated Press.) Kinston, March 28.—Considerable trouble is being experienced by the state fisheries commission in regulating the trapping and seining in the streams in this part of the state, it was learned here today. According to J. K. Dixon, of Trenton, the inhabitants of points further down the streams are complaining of the irregular actions of those who make use of the upper streams' game. It is the hope of the commission, it was said, that a closer co-operation between the officials and those who make use of the streams may be effected so that all may profit by the increased number of fishes that will result from the observance of the fish laws.

WILL HAYS WILL BE QUESTIONED AGAIN BY OIL COMMITTEE

Request for His Subpoena Made by Senator Walsh Who Wants to Ask Him About Alleged Loan.

JOHN WALSH IS FIRST WITNESS

Called During the Day, He Having Been Called at the Request of Senator Spencer.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—Will H. Hays, former chairman of republican national committee, will be recalled by the oil committee. The request for his subpoena was made by Senator Walsh, the committee prosecutor, whose brother, John Walsh, a Washington attorney, was called at today's hearing as the first witness.

Senator Walsh wants to question Hays regarding a telegram he sent from Sullivan, Ind., which was read into the records this morning. The telegram said that "never at any time for any purpose did I receive from Jake Hamon \$25,000 or any other sum directly or indirectly, personally or on behalf of the republican national committee or otherwise."

At Jennings, the former train robber, testified yesterday that Hamon had told him of a payment of \$25,000 to Hays.

John Walsh was subpoenaed yesterday at the instance of Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri, and he insisted that he be heard today.

John Walsh Testifies.

Washington, March 28.—John Walsh, a Washington lawyer, and a brother of the prosecutor of the Senate oil committee, was called before the committee today and questioned at length by Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri, regarding his activities and connections.

"The witness said he never had been connected directly with any oil company but was general counsel for a holding company. He denied this company had any 'interest' in Wyoming or any other northwestern state."

The examination developed another row between Senator Walsh and Senator Spencer, during which the former charged that his brother had been called in an effort to "cast some suspicion on me." Both the senator and the witness urged Senator Spencer to press his questioning further, but he replied that if he had any more questions to ask he would put them later.

The committee also heard F. W. Sardeson, a Minneapolis geologist, describe the oil properties of Teapot Dome, and adjourned until next Tuesday without calling to the stand William Boyce Thompson, formerly connected with the Republican national committee.

Track Meet at University of Virginia

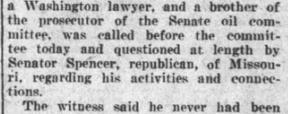
Charlottesville, Va., March 28.—The University of North Carolina will be among the colleges to participate in the track meet that will be held at the University of Virginia on April 9 and 10, according to information received here.

This meet will be participated in by five or six colleges that are members of the S. I. C. in lieu of the meet that is to be held in Alabama on the same dates, said D. E. Brown, graduate manager of the University of Virginia athletics. The great distance to the Alabama meet and a desire to strengthen the bonds between the schools of this division were given as the reason for this action. The schools are Washington and Lee, Virginia, North Carolina, V. M. I., and V. P. I.

A senator reads a hard life these days.

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