

Taft Called to Help Oust Daugherty

Representative Keller Names Chief Justice as Inpeach Demand to Wickersham Attorney General.

Wickersham to Testify

Washington, Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—Chief Justice Taft was named today in a statement to the House Judiciary committee by Representative Keller, republican, Minnesota, as a witness to be called in support of his demand for the impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty.

The chief justice was desired to testify, Mr. Keller wrote, in connection with his charge, formally filed, that Attorney General Daugherty had appointed, "untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous men," to high office, knowing at the time that they were men of such character.

George W. Wickersham, former attorney general, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Guy Oyster, Mr. Gompers' secretary, also were mentioned by Mr. Keller as other witnesses he would ask the committee to summon as to this particular allegation.

Fourteen Specific Counts

Regarding the committee request that he give the names of all persons who could testify as to any of the charges on which he based a demand for impeachment, Mr. Keller wrote that he would not comply except in certain particulars as he and advisors "regarded as an act of honor."

Set forth 14 specific grounds for impeachment, Mr. Keller alleged that Mr. Daugherty had practiced "fraud and deceit" on Mr. Taft while endeavoring to obtain the release from prison of Charles W. Morse, and that on Morse's failure to pay Daugherty's associates in the pardon proceedings an agreed fee he "prostituted" the office of attorney general for "personal revenue," by securing an indictment of Morse.

The reasons why Mr. Keller desired to have Chief Justice Taft and Mr. Wickersham testify were set forth in his bill of particulars. He cited the case of William N. Jones, convicted in 1907 for alleged land frauds against the government in Oregon and subsequently pardoned by President Taft. He alleged that William J. Burns, now chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice and then employed by the government, "got possession in advance" of the prospective jurors who were to be called in the trial of Jones, and placed on their names a notation as to their recalled fitness from a prosecuting standpoint.

Needs Month's Time. Mr. Keller said it would require at least a month's additional time for him to prepare full particulars in his case and that most of this time would be taken up in examining and preparing the affidavits of justice, to which he demanded he be given access.

Declaring he had evidence to prove that "Harry M. Daugherty is unfit to be attorney general of the United States," Mr. Keller said Mr. Daugherty's "consistent refusal to prosecute" offenders charged with violation of the anti-trust laws had become a "public scandal."

Mr. Keller said he had no objection to furnishing the names of Chief Justice Taft, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Wickersham and Mr. Oyster, but that in general he does not propose to have the witnesses subjected to the surveillance of the detective bureau of the department of justice, under the guidance of Mr. Burns or of Mr. Burns' private agency, especially in view of the character of the charges made against the attorney general, involving Mr. Burns.

"No do I propose," he said, "that witnesses shall be terrorized, browbeaten, driven or coerced, or intimidated out of the jurisdiction."

Charge Document Stolen

He called attention to complaints that were made on the floor of the House and Senate by members who have associated with the attorney general that since their announced opposition to the attorney general they have been shadowed by detectives and their offices broken into and papers stolen.

Mr. Keller made formal demand for documents he said were in the possession of the Department of Justice and other government departments and declared that if the attorney general was called before the committee he expected to be permitted to examine them through his counsel.

Mr. Keller declared that since Mr. Daugherty had assumed office more than 30 complaints of alleged unjust law violations had been made in writing by the federal trade commission and prosecution recommended, but that some had been investigated and the statement of Mr. Keller was sent to the Judiciary committee at its request and it is expected that members will discuss it informally Saturday afternoon. A document already has been called for December 4, to consider the Judiciary charges.

Irish Bill Pass Committee Stage in House of Lords

London, Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—Both the Irish bill were passed through the committee stage in the House of Lords today, the constitutional provisions and the consequential provisions which will have no effect until the bill is passed by the House of Commons.

It has been expected that the bill would become law this week but the report that the House of Commons would not pass the bill until after the Christmas recess has been received.

New General Manager of Burlington Here



E. Flynn, new general manager of Burlington lines west, will occupy his desk at Burlington headquarters, Tenth and Farm streets, this morning. He comes from Lincoln, where he has been general superintendent.

W. F. Thelhoff, former general manager of lines west, who has been appointed general manager of Burlington lines east, left for Chicago at 7:30 a. m. yesterday. A large delegation of officers and men from the headquarters here were at Burlington station to bid him good luck and goodbye.

Many flowers were given him before his departure, not only by his associates, but by friends he has made since he came to Omaha. Mr. Flynn is rather well known in Omaha, having served as superintendent of the Omaha division here about 19 years.

U. S. Ignorant of French Situation

So Claims Alsace Statesman on Return from Visit to America. Paris, Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—The United States knows nothing of our situation, says George Clemenceau, who has just returned from America. In his report to the senate committee on foreign affairs he tells of his warm welcome in all parts of the country, "even in Mississippi," to quote the general.

Gen. Thelhoff is senator from the Bas Rhin. He regrets having found the United States in complete ignorance of the situation in France. He was pained to find that the needs of the devastated regions and the financial state of France are known to few Americans.

"France's militarism is greatly criticized. There is no permanent military system in America," continues the general, "and it is certain that the Washington conference has left a bad impression."

"All that has been used against us by German propagandists, and there is no propaganda service maintained by France in America. The German-Americans have joined with the Irish. The result is a strong campaign in favor of the independence of Alsace and Lorraine. My presence as a senator from Alsace and my hearty protests against such propaganda had made a good impression."

"There is but one thing to do to counteract this situation, and that is the founding of a bureau of propaganda in the United States. The office should be accurately informed of that may annoy officially all questions asked. There should also be a semi-official office for the information of the press."

Three More Rebels Executed in Ireland

Dublin, Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—The free state government is continuing its policy of carrying out the death sentence against rebels captured while hearing arms.

Three men were executed yesterday, one for the possession of a revolver and the other for carrying bombs.

The men executed were John Murphy, Joseph Souter and Patrick Farrelly. All were arrested during a night attack on Oriel house, the headquarters of the government's crime investigation department, on October 15.

Harding to Run in 1924 Campaign

Secretary of Commerce Declares President Obviously Will Be Republican Candidate.

Country Forging Ahead

Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 1.—The republican presidential candidate in 1924 "obviously will be Warren G. Harding," Secretary of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover said in an interview at his home here today.

"Moreover, by that time (1924), Mr. Hoover said, "the public will be highly appreciative of the sanity and progressive character of the policies that will have brought this country through the reconstruction period."

"Nation Catching Up." Discussing national rehabilitation and recoveries of the activities affected by the world war, Mr. Hoover said: "The nation is catching up on its building program. The improvement of credit is one of the causes and the action of the Department of Commerce in behalf of the builders in getting out a building code is another."

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St. Louis Gaily Bedecked in Honor of French "Tiger"

City Takes on Festive Appearance for Visit of Clemenceau—Closely Guarded by Police.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—St. Louis was gaily bedecked in French and American flags tonight, to do honor to George Clemenceau, "Tiger" of France, who arrived here this morning on his good-will-for-France tour of America.

For miles through the business section, where he will ride in a parade at 10 o'clock, every trolley was support had been draped from sidewalk to sidewalk with red, white and blue of the two republics he hopes to weld closer.

Mr. Clemenceau, resting at the country home of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was under heavy guard. Blue-coated policemen with riot guns on their shoulders walked past the house. Inside two plain clothes men kept vigil.

Chief of Police O'Brien assisted the preparations for the parade, and the St. Louis police arrangements are being made for Saturday's parade.

Clemenceau spent almost the entire day in the Pulitzer home. Mr. and Mrs. Pulitzer took him for a two-hour ride along the Mississippi river.

This diversion and a little walk about the Pulitzer estate were his only activities.

The "Tiger's" defense of the service of black troops in the war in connection with his controversy with Senator Hitchcock about presence of negroes on the Rhine brought reaction this afternoon that pleased him greatly.

Negros Present Tribute. Not long after his arrival, delegates of the negro citizens committee of St. Louis called at the Pulitzer home and left him a huge bouquet of American Beauty roses. The card read:

"In honor and esteem of your life of service to your own people and for your noble sentiment fearlessly expressed to the meritorious service rendered by negro troops.

"Viva la France." "Splendid! I am deeply touched," the "Tiger" said when Louis Lafeyre, his secretary, showed him the bouquet and read him the card.

He retired shortly after 4, spanning his arm about 4 and put the finishing touches on his speech.

He told newspapermen he had not yet decided just what the tone of his messages would be. "I'll know in the morning," he said.

Police Say Prisoner Buried Wife Alive

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15 Persons Drowned in Wreck October 15

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 1.—Fifteen persons were drowned when the motorship Isabella was wrecked in a rough hurricane October 15, according to a report brought here by the Mexican steamer Guerrero, which grounded during the same hurricane.

The Guerrero was towed to San Diego by the British wrecking steamer Albatross. Both departed from San Pedro where the Isabella was wrecked. The Guerrero was the first to go ashore and the Isabella followed soon after.

The latter vessel was engulfed by heavy seas and of the 17 persons aboard, only a young girl and a man were saved. The Guerrero was salvaged after a month's work and the Albatross took it to tow.

Totals of \$32,000 Victory Notes Retired Since July. Washington, Dec. 1.—The treasury has retired \$32,000,000 in victory notes since the call for the redemption of part of that issue went out July 25. Secretary Mellon announced in a statement in which he called to the attention of holders of such securities that interest on them would cease December 15. The victory notes affected by the call include those bearing the distinguishing letters A, B, C, D, E, or F, prefixed by the serial number. Sixteen hundred million dollars of the notes called for redemption are still out.

Four Men Die in Hotel Fire. Portland, Ore., Dec. 1.—Four men lost their lives in a fire early today in the Ben Hur hotel, formerly known as the Park hotel, in the business district here. None of the dead had been identified several hours after the fire. All the other guests were reported to have escaped, most of them in their night clothes. The building was destroyed.

Prince Disappointed. London, Dec. 1.—The prince of Wales has been disappointed to see his father, but it is whispered about that the prince was one of the more disappointed when Lord George went on a tour of the United States. The prince is expected to visit the United States next year.

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Seores of Lake Steamers Caught in Storm on Superior

Detroit, Dec. 1.—The storm sweeping Lake Superior today and the severe weather approaching the lower lake region will find more than 150 vessels north of Detroit, 88 steamers having passed here, upstream, since Monday.

Reports reaching here tonight indicated a large number of vessels were in sheltered harbors awaiting more favorable weather.

Only one vessel had been reported in difficulty south of the St. Mary canal.

President Will Deliver Address to Congress

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Harding will deliver in person his annual message to congress on its re-convening in regular session, it was stated officially at the White House.

Immigration From Italy Barred Until After June

New York, Dec. 1.—Immigrants from Italy will not be permitted to enter the United States until after June 30, 1923, it was announced by immigration officials who said that 1,453 immigrants who arrived on the Italian steamers Giuseppe Verdi and Conte Rosso early today exhausted the year's quota by 155.

New Bloc Is Formed in Congress

Progressives Perfect Organization to Fight for Extensive Program of Government Reform.

Norris Made Chairman. By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Omaha Bee Special Wire.

Washington, Dec. 1.—A "progressive bloc" to fight for an extensive program of government reform and innovation was organized today by the 31 republican and democratic senators who are organized to represent and representatives elect who met at the call of Senator LaFollette, Wisconsin. Senator Norris of Nebraska was elected chairman of the conference.

The latest bloc will get busy at once on projects of thwarting legislation in this session deemed to represent reactionary tendencies of the republican and democratic parties and confidently expects to hold the balance of power in the next congress, in which it will be stronger.

That the new bloc is not a third party, but is organized for nonpartisan legislative effort was stressed by Senators LaFollette, Borah, Idaho, and Norris, Nebraska, in addresses to the gathering.

Outline of Program. In addition to rural credit proposals of great magnitude, the LaFollette bloc has a program including the following items:

Revision of the revenue law to provide for restoration of the excess profits taxes and higher surtaxes.

Repeal outright or drastic modification of the Cummins-Esch transportation act.

Impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty partly for his conduct in the railroad strike injunction case and partly for his failure to prosecute was grafter.

Rejection of the administration ship subsidy plan and for a continuation of a government-owned and operated merchant marine.

Restoration of the old Roosevelt policy of conservation, particularly with a view to preventing such leases as those made by Secretary of the Interior Fall of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserves.

Amendments to the constitution abolishing the electoral college and providing for earlier meetings of newly-elected congresses.

Want Direct Primary. More effective corrupt practices legislation to prevent the lavish use of money in political campaigns.

A more extensive direct primary system for all elective offices, including the presidency.

Recognition of the soviet Russian government.

In addition to the foregoing propositions, the senators here will receive the solid support of the progressives, although they are not likely to endorse it as an organization.

The conference announced its purpose in the following resolution: "That the progressive minded senators and representatives of all parties agree to meet from time to time and cooperate wholeheartedly in order to accomplish the fundamental purposes upon which we are all united, namely:

"To direct legislative action of control of government and restore it to the people.

"To this end we will oppose unceasingly special interest legislation, and in order to prepare scientifically to meet the critical situation that confronts the country we propose to create a special committee composed of members of the senate and house, cooperating with men of affairs and experts, to prepare and submit this report for consideration from time to time during this and the next congress, practical and constructive plans for dealing with the following great subjects: Agriculture, shipping, labor, national resources, railroads, credits, taxation, amendments to the constitution looking to the abolition of the electoral college and the earlier meeting of the newly-elected congresses."

Plan National Campaign. "In order to restore and perpetuate the control of the people over this government, we propose the institution of a nation wide campaign in the various states for direct, open primaries for all elective offices, including the presidency and for effective federal and state corrupt practices act."

Others attending the conference were senators McNary, Oregon; Trammell, Maryland; Ladd, North Dakota; Capper, Kansas, representing Sheppard, Texas, and Owen, Oklahoma, democratic; Senators Elliott, Brookhart, Iowa; Shipstead, Minnesota; farmer-laborer; Francis, North Dakota, republican; and Wheeler, Montana, democratic; Representatives Barker, Pennsylvania; Freese, Wisconsin; Bush, Wisconsin; Langer, Wisconsin; Kellar, Minnesota; Vreeland, New Jersey; Clegg, New York; Wilson, Wisconsin; Clegg, Wisconsin; King, Illinois; Hook, Illinois, republican; Collins, Michigan; Hendon, Alabama; Logan, North Carolina; Mead, New York; Ward, North Carolina; Morrow, South Carolina; Mansfield, Texas, democratic; and Representatives-elect Schneider, Wisconsin; Ladd, Illinois, republican; Clegg, Pennsylvania; Stewart, Missouri; and Governor Francis, Wisconsin.

Nurse Acquitted of Murder—Charge Attempts Suicide

New York, Dec. 1.—A nurse, who had been charged with the murder of a young child, was acquitted today in a court of law.

Storms Spread Ruin in Midwest

Sailors Die in Gale—Property Loss High in Minnesota, Dakotas and Wisconsin.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 1.—Eleven men, members of the crew of the Canadian steamer Maplehurst, lost their lives early this morning when the vessel went ashore at the upper or canal entrance to the Keeweenaw waterway. Nine others were saved by Capt. Charles A. Tucker and the members of the crew of the coast guard station at the canal.

Not a single life would have been lost, Capt. Tucker declared, if the men on the steamer had acted promptly and jumped when he told them to into the coast guard power boat as he brought it alongside the Maplehurst.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1.—Interrupted wire communication, delayed train service, half a dozen persons injured and damage which probably will run into several hundred thousand dollars was revealed today as the result of storms in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and western Wisconsin yesterday.

High winds, rain and snow were reported in various sections of the northwest. Rain fell in Minnesota and parts of North Dakota, while most of North Dakota was blanketed with several inches of snow. A gale was sweeping Lake Superior.

Hundreds of telephone, telegraph and power wire poles were blown down. A number of plate glass windows were smashed and numerous signs fell in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Several persons were hurt by falling signs and in an automobile accident attributed to the storm in St. Paul, and an airplane was torn from its moorings.

Two freighters were swept out into the harbor at Duluth and temperatures dropped considerably, a 25-degree fall being recorded within a few hours here.

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