

DAUGHERTY RESIGNS FROM CABINET

Eight Killed, Over 100 Injured in Oklahoma Tornado

200 Homes Demolished at Shawnee

Storm Sweeps Path Several Blocks Wide—Property Damage Estimated at Thousands of Dollars.

School House Wrecked

Shawnee, Okl., March 28.—Six persons are known to have been killed, a score or more seriously injured and approximately 100 others slightly injured when a tornado struck the northwest part of this city late today.

Oklahoma City, Okl., March 28.—Two persons were killed at Noble, Okl., about 25 miles south of here, by a tornado that struck that little town late today, according to information received by the telephone company here.

HEAVY RAIN AT BEATRICE FRIDAY

Beatrice, Neb., March 28.—Heavy rains visited this section of the state this afternoon, flooding the streets and lowlands. The ground is thoroughly soaked and farmers say dry weather is needed so that they can get their oats crop in.

CHICKEN THIEF TO JAIL FOR ONE YEAR

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 28.—Jesse G. Moulden, 24, arrested last week on a chicken stealing charge, later pleading guilty before County Judge Messmore, was sentenced to one year in the state reformatory today by Judge Colby of the district court.

GAIN IN EARNINGS OF ROCK ISLAND

Chicago, March 28.—The net operating revenue and the balance in income of the Rock Island lines for February, 1924, are greater than for the same month of any other year in the history of the company, according to figures made public from the general offices in Chicago.

Hurt When Trimming Tree

Shenandoah, Ia., March 28.—Frank Matthews, 75, Farragut pioneer, suffered a hip fracture, severe bruises and cuts in falling from a tree which he was trimming. He was brought to the Hand hospital, Shenandoah.

We Have With Us Today

J. B. Reynolds, Kansas City, President American Life Convention. Mr. J. B. Reynolds holds not only the honor of being the father of the American Life Convention, but is as well its first and latest president.

GUM MAGNATE NOT TO BACK JOHNSON

Los Angeles, Cal., March 28.—Rumors that he had withdrawn his support from the presidential campaign of Hiram W. Johnson were confirmed by William Wrigley, Jr., in a statement issued today.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: M. C. Ranch, Omaha; Fred McCarron, Omaha; Charles Ramsey, Grand Island, Neb.; Anna Duerksen, Grand Island, Neb.; William Weitzel, Omaha; Marie Tobolski, Enola, Neb.; Leslie Gierardorf, Omaha; Wilfred Poulter, Chicago, Ill.; Beatrice Mack, Omaha; Fred McCarron, Omaha; Opal Barber, Omaha; Anita Sorel, Omaha; Lella Roark, Omaha.

Now for Pity's Sake, Timothy, Keep Your Eyes on the Road Ahead.



Levi Keiser Not to Handle Own Affairs

Judge Shepherd Upholds the Decision of Lower Court.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wahoo, Neb., March 28.—Levi Keiser, 79, tonight lost his appeal to district court against a sentence imposed by county court that he was incompetent to handle his own affairs.

Wahoo, Neb., March 28.—Judge G. N. Parmenter, before whom the original trial of Levi Keiser was argued, was called to the stand in district court here today to testify to the contract made with Keiser after the close of the first hearing.

The contract was drawn up and signed by Judge Parmenter, attorneys for both defendant and plaintiff and the defendant himself, after the court had ruled that the aged bridegroom of Irene Buel, Ashland attorney, was incompetent to handle his financial affairs.

Judge Parmenter's testimony was only one of the surprises during the hearing this morning. Kelso Morgan, counsel for Keiser, challenged a certificate of deposit that was introduced as evidence, declaring it had been tampered with since the first trial.

The contention was disproved and he apologized to the plaintiff.

Keiser was on the stand most of the morning correcting testimony he had given Thursday.

Mexican Rebel Chief and Entire Staff Executed

El Paso, March 28.—Rebel Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, one of the chief tanks in the recent revolution and companion of Adolfo de la Huerta, revolutionary chief, and his entire staff of officers were executed shortly after their capture in the battle at Matamoros, Vera Cruz, according to information received in Juarez circles today.

Better Milk Wanted

Shenandoah, Ia., March 28.—Fay Williams has been elected head of the Shenandoah Dairymen's association, organized to insure Shenandoah a purer and safer milk supply.

Summary of The Day In Washington

Attorney General Daugherty resigned by request of the president. Alfred J. Pearson of Iowa was nominated to be minister to Poland.

Harry F. Sinclair contempt case was presented to a federal grand jury.

John Walsh, brother of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, was questioned by the oil committee and denied interests in oil in Wyoming or any other northwestern states.

The senate debated the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty and Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, introduced a resolution to investigate Secretary Mellon's business connections.

Representative Langley, republican, Kentucky, indicted by a grand jury in connection with liquor cases, made bond and appeared before the house investigating committee at an executive session.

The railroad labor board was defended before the senate interstate commerce committee by Hale Hobbs, chairman of the executive committee of the Association of Railway Executives, and Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio.

The Daugherty investigating committee delved into life in the Daugherty-Jesse Smith apartments questioning the former attorney general's former valet. A subpoena was issued for W. J. Burns, to testify about files relating to Mexican revolutionary enterprises.

BEATRICE MAN SHOT BY BANDITS

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., March 28.—According to information received here, Charles Murdock, 26, formerly of Beatrice, was shot and killed in an encounter with bandits who attempted to rob the bank in which Murdock was employed at Chickasha, Okl. Murdock was shot twice, once in the arm and once in the stomach, dying an hour later. The Murdock family left Beatrice eight years ago.

Woman Who Jumped From Pullman Window Found

Miles City, Mont., March 28.—The woman who jumped from a Pullman car attached to an eastbound Northern Pacific passenger train on Wednesday night was found one mile east of Gladstone, N. D., today, according to information received at the local Northern Pacific offices here. The identity of the woman was not given in the report received here, which stated that she is apparently unhurt. It is expected that she will be put aboard an eastbound train and carried to her destination, which is understood to be Chicago.

Senators Turn Attack on Mellon

Indictment of Sinclair Requested of Grand Jury—Department of Justice Probe to Continue.

Oil Hearing Ends in Row

Washington, March 28.—Developments in the congressional investigations today were: 1. President Coolidge requested and received the resignation of Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty. Solicitor General James M. Beck was placed in charge of the Department of Justice temporarily. The names of Judge Kenyon of Iowa, Chief Justice Rugg of the Massachusetts supreme court and Harlan Stone, former professor of law in Columbia university, are said to be under consideration for the vacant cabinet post.

2. Indictment of Harry F. Sinclair for contempt in his refusal to testify before the senate oil investigating committee was requested of the grand jury in the District of Columbia. Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special government counsel in the oil cases, were sworn in as assistant federal district attorneys to help present the case.

3. Resignation of Attorney General Daugherty will not affect the investigation of the Department of Justice administration, the Brookhart committee announced. Witnesses heard included Mr. Daugherty's former butler, who claimed to have witnessed the resignation of the attorney general.

4. The oil investigating committee hearing ended in a partisan row over the irrelevancy of testimony now being put into the record. A development in the investigation was the testimony of F. W. Sardon, geologist of Minneapolis, that on the face of reports of the committee's experts, the oil supply in Teapot Dome, leased to Sinclair, would exceed 100,000,000 barrels, as against the 26,000 barrels the experts had estimated.

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President Coolidge to Mr. Daugherty:

"You are not in a position to give me or the committee what would be disinterested advice as to public interest * * * you are placed in two positions.

"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 adviser as attorney general.

"These two positions are incompatible and cannot be reconciled.

"I can see no way but for you to retire as attorney general, and I am therefore compelled to request your resignation."

Mr. Daugherty to President Coolidge:

"Solely out of deference to your request, and in compliance therewith, I hereby tender my resignation. * * * I most respectfully request that it become effective forthwith."

The Next Step:

A new attorney general will probably be named without delay. It is possible that Curtis D. Wilbur, newly appointed secretary of the navy, who is a lawyer by profession, may be transferred to this portfolio.

Judge William S. Kenyon of Iowa also is mentioned.

James M. Beck, acting solicitor of the Department of Justice, became acting attorney general at noon Friday and will act until the new attorney general is appointed.

It will be the duty of Mr. Daugherty's successor to look over records in the office, desired by the committee, and give the president "disinterested" advice. Thus Mr. Coolidge will be able to determine whether their submission is consistent with the public interest, or their refusal by Daugherty was for his personal interest.

Daugherty, Out of Cabinet, Fights on to Prove Charges Groundless

Writes Letter to President as "Private Citizen" Declaring Reasons for Which Resignation Asked "Untenable."

By International News Service. Washington, March 28.—Within an hour after the White House announced the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty, Daugherty made public a letter to Mr. Coolidge written as a private citizen, in which he described the grounds on which Mr. Coolidge asked for his resignation as "untenable."

The position taken by the president—that Daugherty could not defend himself from attack and efficiently fulfill his duties as attorney general—was disputed by Mr. Daugherty. He declared the president's contention in this regard to be "hardly warranted by the facts."

He called attention to the fact that he had hired counsel at his own expense to defend himself, and denied that employees of the government had been put to work in his personal behalf in what he described as "this so-called investigation."

Sounds Warning Note. The attorney general bluntly told the president that he was following a "dangerous doctrine" in forcing the resignation of a cabinet officer simply because charges were made against such an officer, and before there was a "fair hearing" on such charges. A precedent is thus established, the attorney general contended, that is "dangerous."

The second letter of the attorney general follows: "My Dear Mr. President: 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 that 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 indiscriminate delivery of the 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

Daugherty's Pithy Points in Note Written Coolidge as From Private Citizen

"I did not seek your advice." "I was advising you for your guidance in similar situations." "Counsel has been engaged to defend me."

"The Department of Justice was giving its undivided attention to public business."

"To hold that an attack upon a cabinet officer disqualifies him from further official service is dangerous."

"Such a view would put the entire government at the mercy of more clamor."

"Those who attack me are the same who fostered violence and anarchy, and grafted, during the world war."

"The scandal, gossip, rumor and innuendo dragged out by the so-called investigation have reacted upon the authors."

position to advise other departments, if similar requests were made, what course they should pursue.

"Your suggestion that I cannot function as attorney general and defend myself against the charges at the same time I believe is hardly warranted by the facts. You know 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 department is at its peak in efficiency and accomplishment, and I am prepared to demonstrate this fact before any tribunal if opportunity is offered."

"Your suggestion that an attack upon a cabinet officer disqualifies him for further official service is a dangerous doctrine, Mr. President. All the pretended charges against me are in fact charges against the government, and a member of the cabinet is to be incapacitated or disqualified by the pre-ferment 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 attacks, no man in any official position is safe, and the most honorable, upright and efficient public servants would be swept from office and stable government destroyed by clamor."

"I have often advised you that my

Accedes to Request of President

Action Comes as Result of Refusal to Give Office Records to Senate Committee.

Ends Long Fight

Washington, March 28.—Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty retired from the cabinet today under conditions that amounted virtually to a removal from office by President Coolidge.

Mr. Coolidge asked for the resignation of Mr. Daugherty in a 60-word letter, in which he said matters had reached a stage where it was necessary for the president to have the "disinterested advice" of an attorney general, and, in view of the investigation now proceeding against Mr. Daugherty, he did not think he was capable of rendering that sort of advice.

The president got Mr. Daugherty's resignation in a 60-word reply that was as brusque and brief as the president's letter was lengthy and explanatory.

Daugherty's retirement from the government ends a fight against him that has been in progress almost ever since he was appointed by the late President Harding, and which has been particularly severe for a year past. In the last six weeks, or since the passage of the Wheeler resolution of investigation, pressure upon him has been terrific.

Put Up Fight. The attorney general fought back with a determination that his friends called "magnificently courageous" and his enemies termed "perverse stubbornness."

Always he was insistent that he would not resign under fire, or so long as the charges made against him and his administration remained unproved.

Daugherty was more to Harding than a mere campaign manager—he was a close friend and associate of years standing, and Harding brushed aside all objections to his friend.

From time to time, during the Harding administration, enemies of the attorney general made sporadic drives against him, but always they fell down against the stone wall of Mr. Harding's opposition.

A year ago these drives against the attorney general culminated in the introduction of impeachment by Representative Keller, republican, of Minnesota, who acted as a group of Daugherty's enemies inside and outside the government. The resolution came to nothing, and Daugherty continued in office, apparently more solidly entrenched than before.

Harding's Death Severe Blow. Harding's death was a severe blow to Daugherty in a personal way, and so crushed was he that he was the first resignation placed in the hands of the new president after the Harding funeral. At that time, however, President Coolidge is said to have placed his hand on the attorney general's shoulder and observed that he (Coolidge) believes he (Daugherty) was a "much maligned man" and he asked him to remain. Daugherty consented with some reluctance, for, as he told friends, with Harding gone he did not care particularly whether he remained in the cabinet or not.

Then came the renewed drive against the attorney general—an offshoot of the Teapot Dome investigation. His enemies seized upon the fact that Daugherty never protested against the oil leases, and pressed charges of "incompetence." Although he had been ready to retire last August, the renewed assaults apparently aroused the attorney general's fighting spirit, and he fought his detractors savagely, determined not to rest until under attack.

The pressure, however, became too strong on Mr. Coolidge. Witnesses

Too Much Said Already, Remarks Daugherty on Way to Atlantic City

Philadelphia, March 28.—Former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty spent 20 minutes between trains in Philadelphia, on his way to Atlantic City this afternoon, and had nothing to say regarding his resignation.

"There has been too much said already," Mr. Daugherty remarked. "I have been a private citizen too short a time to be used to get out while under attack."

Posing for photographers, one of them asked him to step down from the train, and he remarked with a smile, "I don't step down for anybody."

"Where are you going to stay at the shore?" one newspaperman asked.

"Mostly on the boardwalk," he replied.