

Daugherty Says Charges Unfounded; Resignation Amounted to Removal

Establishes "Dangerous Precedent, He Tells President Coolidge.

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elimination is part of the program now being carried on. 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 beset with peculiar difficulties by the fact that the official record in most of these cases was made up by men supposedly representing the government in these transactions who were either knowingly or stupidly parties to the crime. This partnership of the rascal and the war profiteer has ceaselessly sought to break down the faith of the American people in me and the Department of Justice.

"In the high court of impeachment their attempt to fasten guilt upon me collapsed in disgrace to its originators, and they did not dare to appeal again to the constitutional courts.

"In the lower courts of scandal, gossip, rumor and innuendo, to which appeal is now made, it will have no better success with the people of this country who read and think and believe in justice and the square deal, but coupled with threats of similar treatment of other public men it has impressed politicians who think everything of personal and party expediency, and nothing of the principle involved, with the necessity of offering me as a sacrifice to propitiate the vengeful interests which seek my destruction.

"Request 'Untimely.' "I can not escape the conviction, Mr. President, that your request for my resignation is also most untimely. It comes at a time when the truth is banishing falsehood from the public mind, even though I have not as yet had an opportunity to place upon the witness stand before the senate committee a single witness in my defense or in explanation or rebuttal of the whispered and gossipy charges against me.

"No better evidence of the failure to substantiate charges of wrongful action on my part could be offered than the character of the proceedings by the senate committee engaged in conducting the present inquiry. If my accusers had believed me guilty they would have been scrupulously careful to select as members of the tribunal men of judicial character, with open minds, in order that an unprejudiced verdict might be rendered.

"The choice as majority members of this committee of men, some of whom who have openly, bitterly and falsely assailed me under senatorial immunity, and who have also assailed my ability, and who have also assailed my administration of the Department of Justice; the designation of a member of this court as prosecutor who is the responsible author of the resolution against me; the refusal to apply to the proceedings any rule of evidence to grant me the customary immediate right of cross-examination at an early opportunity for rebuttal and, above all, the character of the witnesses, including blackmailers, bootleggers, confessed corruptionists and discharged and discredited government employes, not one of whom has given testimony that would be admitted evidence in the most loosely conducted court of the land; all this proves to fair-minded men that in the absence of competent and credible testimony the elements of control of this committee seek to convict by immaterial and malicious gossip retailed by irresponsible witnesses. In such a tribunal, by such methods, and out of the mouth of such witnesses, an honest man could be convicted of any crime.

"I am aware, Mr. President, that the suggestion has been made to you that my retirement from the cabinet would serve the ends of party expediency. Had I believed this I would have retired when this contention was first raised.

"Offered to Retire. "Twice since you became president and when I could have done so without criticism, I have offered to retire from your cabinet, and you have in each instance requested me to remain, because, as you were kind enough to say, of your satisfaction with the splendid accomplishments of the Department of Justice under my administration.

"After this recent attack and while under fire I stood my ground because I believed that cowardice and surrender of principle are never expedient and that every sacrifice of justice to clamor is followed by demand for still greater sacrifices.

"From the beginning this attack upon me has in fact been an attack upon the administration and the republican party which my assailants are seeking to discredit for partisan purposes. Since the assault upon me began, the purpose to attack every administration official of prominence, including the president himself, has been publicly revealed.

"The American people confront a crisis in national affairs equal in gravity to any we have faced in all our history. Is this to remain a government of law and order, of constitutional procedure with its guaranties of individual rights and its safeguards for equal justice to the highest and the humblest, or is it to become a government by slander, by terrorism and by fear?

Could No Longer Give "Disinterested Advice" to Chief Executive.

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whose testimony the attorney general contended would not be acceptable in court mounted the witness stand in the Wheeler investigation and testified to amazing and startling cases of graft and corruption among the closest friends of the attorney general. Never did they directly charge him with corruption, but always his friends, some of whom, like Jesse W. Smith, were dead. Their stories could neither be proved nor disproved, because the people concerned—Smith, Harmon and others—were dead, but the cumulative effect of these sensational charges was such that President Coolidge finally yielded to the enormous pressure and requested the attorney general's resignation.

President's Letter.

The following letter from the president to the attorney general was made public:

"My Dear Mr. Attorney General: Since my conference with you, I have examined the proposed report you suggest making to the demand that you furnish the committee investigating the Department of Justice with files from that 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 the position. Certainly I approve the well

established principle that departments should not give out information or documents, where such a course would be detrimental to the public interest, and this principle 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 can not 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 since the committee is investigating your personal conduct, 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 to the committee what would be disinterested advice as a 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 interests as the attorney general. I am not questioning your fairness or integrity. I am merely reciting the facts 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 grounds that 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 adviser as attorney general.

"Two Positions Incompatible. "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 the attorney general under present conditions. You will readily understand that it is not now my intention to prejudice the issues which remain to be developed in 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 interests 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."

"The reply of the attorney general was brief. It follows: "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.

"Very truly yours, "H. M. DAUGHERTY, "Attorney General."

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"Yours very truly, "HARRY M. DAUGHERTY."