

KELLER SIDESTEPS DAUGHERTY INQUIRY

Falls to Obey Summons of Committee on Impeachment Hearing

POSTPONE UNTIL TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Keller, of Minnesota, failed to appear today before the House Judiciary Committee in response to a formal summons. At his office afterward it was stated that he had intended to appear but to respond to the subpoena served on him late yesterday after he had dramatically announced his withdrawal from further participation before this committee in the present case of impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

Whether the committee will undertake to compel his appearance or to hold him before the bar for contempt will not be decided before tomorrow, postponement of further proceedings until that time having been taken at the request of Attorney Jackson H. Balslev, who stated in a letter to Chairman Volstead that he was representing the Minnesota member.

Immediately there was inquiry as to whether Mr. Keller would appear tomorrow. James J. Mahoney, an attorney of Boston, who presented Mr. Balslev's letter, said he was unable to answer that question. Mr. Keller would not on any of the previous occasions. Announcing that Mr. Balslev's letter asking for a postponement because of the pressing business engagements he had made for today, Mr. Keller "excused" for the non-appearance of Mr. Keller, Chairman Volstead ordered that his name be called.

Facing the crowded committee room, the House sergeant-at-arms called Mr. Keller's name three times, but there was no response. Chairman Volstead said the letter gave no excuse and he ordered and directed the sergeant-at-arms to call Mr. Keller's name three times. This was done, but without response and there followed a discussion as to what should be done.

Representative Graham, Democratic, ranking Republican of the committee, asked that it report to the House with recommendations for action against Mr. Keller for contempt. Other members, however, suggested that the postponement should be granted and Mr. Graham said he would not press his motion. Attorney Mahoney, replying to committee members, he could not say whether Mr. Keller would appear tomorrow, but that this would depend upon the advice given him by counsel.

Finally the committee voted to grant Mr. Keller's request for a delay until 10:30 A. M. tomorrow. Mr. Keller's request to assist further in the proceedings came in yesterday as a dramatic climax to the third day of the hearings. He had prepared a statement to read to the committee, but did not go. Several members wanted him to read it, while others wanted to know if it was his purpose to "lecture" the committee.

When Mr. Keller arose to read his statement Paul Howard, attorney for Mr. Daugherty, demanded the regular order, which called for testimony on specification No. 7. Several members asked if the statement had direct bearing on the seventh accusation or upon the fourth, which had just been closed. Mr. Keller refused to explain further than to assert it referred to the committee's "product of the case."

"To it your objection," Justice Goodkowitz, Republican, of West Virginia, asked. "I may," retorted Mr. Keller, "restating his insistence to be heard in his own right as a member of Congress and author of the Daugherty charges."

"Sit down," commanded Mr. Volstead. "I refuse to sit down," retorted the Minnesota member. Walking over to the chairman's desk he tossed the paper to Mr. Volstead and said with apparent agitation: "I submit it to you, then. You read it."

Keller Quits Proceedings. "Look here," shouted Mr. Volstead, "you can't control the committee. You can't bully us. This committee runs these proceedings." There was confusion as Mr. Volstead again shouted: "Sit down, sit down."

KING PLEDGES AID TO BRITISH LABOR

Hopes to Alleviate Unemployment Conditions. He Says in Proroguing Parliament

NATIONS MUST CO-OPERATE

London, Dec. 15.—The British Parliament was prorogued today until February 13. The program for the adjournment went through without a hitch despite the widely heralded efforts of a small body of the Left Wing Labor members to prevent the rising of the House of Commons until a remedy was found for the unemployment situation.

George Lansbury, leader of the Labor "leftists," attempted to block the proceedings, but the move proved a weak one. It resulted merely in the opponents of the prorogation, being so completely headed over by a learned and humorously delivered ruling by the speaker that Mr. Lansbury speedily submitted and even thanked the speaker for the manner in which the latter dealt with the incident.

At the outset Mr. Lansbury asked the Speaker whether before the King's message, known as the King's Roll, he would be permitted to introduce a bill to amend the House of Commons of 1922 when the House of Commons had the doors against the "Black Roll" and the Speaker was held forcibly by his courtiers. Mr. Lansbury said he looked back to those men as the preservers of the privileges and rights of the Commons.

Question of Privilege Barred. The speaker in a long ruling, containing many witty passages, pointed out that according to parliamentary procedure, the proroguing and summoning of the Parliament was a matter for the Crown to deal with. He contended that the Commons still maintains all its rights and privileges, but that Mr. Lansbury's claim, reduced to its essence, was in reality that the Commons should be consulted on the advice of its members, should be consulted by the majority. Therefore, no question of privilege could arise.

King George's Speech. The King's speech in his address to the Commons, which was read by the Speaker, stressed the need for the economic restoration of the world, asserting that the task of restoring conditions that would be favorable to economic stability was causing deep concern in Europe and in the United States.

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PRESIDENT MAY MEET GOVERNORS NEXT WEEK

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—President Harding, it was said today by the White House, is considering the advisability of inviting Governors of the various States now attending a conference at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., to meet here next week with him and Administration officials for a discussion of the prohibition question.

GOVERNOR CALLS KLAN U. S. MENACE

Lively Discussion at Conference Over Prohibition Enforcement Topic

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 15.—State executives attending the fourteenth annual conference of Governors here turned from their discussions today to an inspection of the Klan as a national menace. Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, taking the floor, declared he opposed introduction into the conference of either the Klan or the prohibition question, which previously had been brought up by Governor Parker, of Louisiana, in an address in which he declared prohibition was almost a farce and that the Klan should be curbed by Federal legislation.

As to Governor Parker's assertion that prohibition was not being enforced, and his opinion that the sale of light beer should be permitted under Government supervision, Mr. Morrison said he was "astonished" at what he described as the Louisiana Governor's willingness to surrender to "lawless anti-prohibitionists" on the one hand and his desire to fight what he conceived to be lawlessness in the Klan on the other. Governor Parker rejoined that he did not conceive his attitude on prohibition to be a yielding to lawlessness.

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FARM RELIEF BILL FAVORED IN SENATE

Norris Measure Reported Out by the Agriculture Committee

DISPLACES SHIPPING BILL

Washington, Dec. 15.—The bill of Senator Norris, Nebraska, to establish a \$100,000,000 Government corporation to finance sale of agricultural products, was ordered reported favorably today by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

It was indicated that the bill, around which the next phase of the fight for agricultural relief legislation promises to center, would be brought into the Senate in the near future and an attempt made to have it replace the administration shipping bill. The Norris proposal has not been given Administration approval, and yesterday Eugene Meyer, director of the War Finance Corporation, told the Senate Banking Committee he was opposed to it.

The Agriculture Committee voted a favorable report on the bill after interrupting its hearings on farmer relief, but the Banking Committee continued today to hear testimony regarding various proposals for expansion of agricultural credit.

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CELEBRATION WOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH POLITICAL MATTERS IN EUROPE

Participation might conceivably have been possible although not on any basis that would involve cancellation of allied indebtedness to the United States.

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