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## GOV.'S LETTER TO CARTER A LENGTHY ONE

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 1.—Resignation of Amon G. Carter, as a member of the board of directors of the West Texas Technological College, was requested in a letter Monday by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

The letter says the task is unpleasant to the governor and states that she is informed that in December last year Carter "fitted up a buildings owned or controlled by you (perhaps a garage building) in the old-fashioned barroom way, providing a bar, with the footrail and the sawdust on the floor and behind the bar you had a man dressed in the old-fashioned bartender white-apron style" for the Oil Men's Association in Fort Worth.

"To this place I am informed that you invited some two or three hundred guests, and to those who came you dispensed drinks that were, to say the least, stimulating, and that you caused to be given away souvenir canes in which there is hidden a phial some 30 inches in length that contained approximately one pint of beverage," the letter reads. "I have one of these canes in my possession which, I am reliably informed, came from your place. I am also informed that at said reception given by you many became stimulated and others were under the influence of an invigorating decoction, and that you, in company with your guests, participated in the consumption of the beverage."

### Thanksgiving Game Recalled.

Amon G. Carter is president of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. At the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and Texas University football game Thanksgiving Day he is reported to have admitted yelling "Hurrah for Texas Aggies and Dan Moody."

Moody is the attorney general of Texas, who has been investigating the state highway department and who has recovered \$600,000 from the American Road Company.

At the game Carter's statements evidently aroused the ire of Governor Ferguson and her husband, James E. Ferguson, for Saturday she issued a proclamation offering a \$500 reward each for the conviction of all wealthy Texas persons for violation of liquor laws.

The governor's letter continues:

"You, of course, remember your being in College Station on Thanksgiving Day of last week upon the occasion of the annual football game between the A. & M. College and the University. If you do not remember, I can inform you that it was an imposing meeting of some 25,000 people from all parts of the State and there were thousands of young boys and girls, students and friends of both of these two great institutions, the pride of our state.

### Cheering Is Mentioned.

"I see from the papers that you admit that many times you cheered for Dan Moody and the A. and M. team. I can verify that you are correct in this statement, as you were right behind the box that I was occupying, and on two occasions when you gave vent to your vociferous exclamation you were only a few feet from me.

"I believe your statement when you say in the papers that you were not aware of my presence and that you meant no personal discourtesy toward me. Your friends who know you best assure me (and I believe them) that you are a courteous gentleman to the manner born, and I attribute your seeming affront to your unusual condition and the influence under which you were laboring at the time.

In your state it was but natural for you to have been unable to distinguish between a colonel of my staff, dressed in khaki yellow, and a town policeman, dressed in blue, who, under orders from the local authorities, ejected you from the grounds in the interest of public peace. No member of my staff laid hands on you, as suggested in the public press. Personally I gladly forget any apparent discourtesy to me, as from my own observation I know you were not responsible at the time. But your actions involve a great principle and a matter of sound public policy which I can not overlook.

"We have on the statute books a law against the unlawful sale, transportation or possession of intoxicating liquors. Also there is a law against intoxication in public places.

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### Foundation of Our Civilization.

"It will not be denied that the foundation of our civilization is our education institutions. In and around these temples of knowledge from the country school to the college and the university we seek to teach the rising generation the virtue of morality, sobriety and correct living. It is here that the proper precepts and example are set or should be set before the younger boys and girls that will aid them to become good and intelligent citizens. These simple truths are so self-evident that to state them is to prove them.

"If those in charge of the management and direction of our education-

al institutions shall by their personal deportment display those vices that are repugnant to the idea of strict morality and sobriety, then such result in the students of these institutions can not be expected. If, as head of the board of the West Texas Technological College you reserve the right to appear in a public place in the condition you were in at College Station on Thanksgiving Day, then every student who saw you could justify him or herself for doing the same thing.

"If a student at Tech. College should appear on the Lubbock campus as you appeared in College Station the faculty would promptly expel such student from the college. And yet in such case the student could plead your case and the example and the precedent set by you in justification. If the heads of our institutions can not practice and preach sobriety then our hopes for educated citizenship are vain and useless.

"It is with deep regret that I protest against your further occupying a place on the West Texas Technological Board. I plead for a better example for our boys and girls. You have set a standard that can not be tolerated. For the good of the public service I emphatically affirm that you should send me your resignation.

"Miriam A. Ferguson,  
"Governor of Texas"

Mrs. Earl Rumbo and Mrs. I. N. Mills visited in Dallas for the day