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TELLS CARTER TO QUIT TECH BOARD

Gov. Ferguson Accuses Publisher of Bad Conduct.

DONS FIGHTING ARMOR

Governor and Husband Launch Attack on Their Foes.

Austin, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press).—The Fergusons put on their fighting armor today and thrust back at those demanding a special session of the Texas legislature, while Attorney General Dan Moody in court continued his attack on state highway contracts.

Adopting a militant attitude after several days silence, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson launched into the fray with an anti-liquor weapon and a definite statement given in an interview, that she would not call a special session as demanded by 50 members of the legislature. While liquor, the anti-saloon league, a highway suit, and vacancies on the highway commission were bobbing to the surface, the governor took time to issue five proclamations for elections to fill vacancies in the house of representatives which was construed by some as having a bearing on a possible special session.

Speaker Lee Satterwhite countered with a statement, at Amarillo, Texas, that he would call the house of representatives to meet January 4. The call, he said, would go out December 16.

The outstanding development of the day was a demand by the governor on Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Fort Worth Record-Telegram, that he resign from the board of regents of Texas Technological College. Mr. Carter, whose papers were among the first to demand the resignations of Frank V. Lanham and Joe Burkett from the highway commission, was charged plainly by the governor, in a letter, with being a dispenser of beverages.

The governor wrote that she had been informed that Mr. Carter had been seen carrying a stimulating potion in a hollow walking stick and at a recent oil men's convention he had erected a bar and had served a "decoction" to his guests. In view of this information, the governor said, she believed his usefulness as an example for college students was at an end.

Mr. Carter recently purchased the Fort Worth Record from William Randolph Hearst and has within the last few months conducted in his paper a thorough survey of the highway situation.

In a proclamation issued Saturday, Mrs. Ferguson offered a reward of \$500 for the conviction of any liquor law violator worth \$5000, and mentioned in connection with, "a wealthy north Texas newspaper publisher." This proclamation followed an incident at a Thanksgiving football game in College Station, Texas, in which Mr. Carter was escorted from the ball field after he had shouted in a commendatory fashion for Dan Moody, while in the proximity of the governor's private box.

Mr. Carter told the Associated Press today he would make a public reply to the Ferguson letter as soon as he had received the letter.

The \$500 reward proclamation brought the Texas Anti-Saloon league tilting into the lists. The league, through its superintendent, the Rev. Atticus Webb, challenged the governor "to make good" on her reward proposition.

"Will the reward apply to all those already convicted who are worth more than \$5000?" Rev. Mr. Webb asked.

"We'll take down the bet as fast as she put its up until her funds are exhausted."

He said the league had recently obtained the conviction of a wealthy bootlegger after he had once been pardoned by the governor. He assured the governor that the reason Methodists had criticized her administration was the prolixity of her pardons and admonished her "to enforce the law and they won't worry you."

While the governor was apparently developing her counter offensive the attorney general was sticking to his law affairs, insisting on the Hoffman Construction company of Eastland, Texas, paying into the treasury \$100,000, an on cancelling approved estimates of \$296,000.

The attorney general refused to permit the defendant to pay \$68,756 to sub-contractors for work completed. Further hearing in the case was postponed until December 16, because of the illness of the company's president.

A question arose today as to the legality of paying expenses of a special session with funds subscribed by individuals. If the speaker calls the session for impeachment purposes, such a session is without power to vote its own expenses, according to attorneys. The hint was thrown out here today that it would be dangerous for the legislators to accept such funds. Speaker Lee Satterwhite said yesterday a fund of \$300,000 had been subscribed for the session.

The two vacancies in the highway commission had not been filled today, though it is known Mrs. Ferguson has made offers to certain prominent men. R. Q. Lee, president of the west Texas Chamber of Commerce, and of state wide prominence, has refused an appointment, it was learned today.

The reported statement of Mrs. Ferguson that she would not call a special session is the first announcement purporting to come from her on this question. The statement was said to have been made in an interview with a special correspondent of an eastern newspaper, but since the Fergusons have denied a number of statements attributed to them in interviews, this announcement is not taken here as official.

The Fergusons generally talk freely in interviews, but they are so busy it has been difficult to get appointments with them and local correspondents have had to watch so many angles of the situation, together with the routine news of the capitol, that they have not been able to maintain a constant watch on the Fergusons. Either the governor or her husband may give spontaneous interviews at any time and newspaper men here have found their task the same as "covering" two governors.