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Wants Fort Worth Man Step Down

Is Member Board of Directors of West Texas Tech

Sends Long Letter Giving Her Reasons

Excuses Him of Intentional Personal Discourtesy to Her

FORT, WORTH, Texas, 1:30 P. M., Nov. 30, 1925.

To The Democrat, Sherman, Texas.

While the governor's request for my resignation as a director of the Texas Technological College and the story accompanying same is not privileged matter, at the same time the Star-Telegram and Record-Telegram are carrying it in full, and you of course are entitled to the same privilege. Meanwhile I will prepare an answer later. This little episode is just a smoke screen from the real show.

AMON G. CARTER.

By the Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 30.—Resignation of Amon G. Carter, as a member of the board of directors of the West Texas Technological College, was requested in a letter today by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

The letter assures the task is unpleasant to the governor and states that she is informed that in December last year Carter "fitted up a building owned or controlled by you (perhaps a garage building) in the old-fashioned barroom way, providing a bar with the foot rail and the sawdust on the floor and behind the bar you had a man dressed in the old-fashioned bar tender white apron style" for the Old 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 a hidden vial some 30 inches in length that contained approximately one pint of beverage," the letter reads. "I have one of the 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."

Is Prominent Man.

Amon G. Carter is president of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. At the Texas A. & M. College and Texas University football game Thanksgiving day, he is reported to have admitted yelling "hurrah for Texas Aggies and Dan Moody."

The governor's letter continued:

"You, of course, remember your being at College Station on Thanksgiving day of last week upon the occasion of the annual football contest 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.

"I see from the papers that you admit that many times you cheered for Hon. 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 exclamations 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 to me. Your friends who know you best assure me (and I believe them) that when you are in a normal condition that you are a courteous gentleman to the manner born, and I attribute

your seeming accent 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 on 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 by you in the public press. Personally I gladly forget any apparent discourtesy to me and 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 cannot 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.

Lauds Educational Institutions

"It will not be denied that the foundation of our civilization is our educational 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 is set or should be set before the young 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 educational institutions shall be 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 cannot be expected. If as head of the board of the West Texas Technological College you reserve to yourself the right to appear in public 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 cannot 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 cannot 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."