

## DOVER-BLAIR ROW SQUARELY JPTO HARDING

Dismissal of Two Presidential  
Appointees Brings Old Is-  
sue to Sharp Crisis.

### MELLON MAY RESIGN

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WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Dover-Blair row is squarely up to President Harding. A crisis has been reached in the feud between the two treasury officials as a result of the latest developments, and a showdown seems inevitable. Powerful political influences are being exerted to have the President take a hand in the affair and settle the long-standing controversy.

Explanation of the ousting of two recent appointees of Elmer Dover, assistant secretary of the treasury, ordered by Secretary Mellon at the behest of David H. Blair, collector of internal revenue, was sought at the White House by Iowa Senators and Representatives. Members of the delegation, headed by Senators Cummins and Rawson, were angry over the dismissal of A. D. Sumner, an Iowan. Later, John T. Adams of Iowa, chairman of the Republican national committee, called at the White House and held a long conference with the President.

### TWO OFFICES CONSOLIDATED.

Later the President sent for the deposed officials and talked with them for half an hour. The removal of Sumner as deputy commissioner in charge of accounts and C. C. Childs, Ohio, as supervisor of collectors in the Internal Revenue Bureau was accomplished by the consolidation of the two offices. Sumner has long been prominent in Iowa politics and Childs, a Yale football star, was an officer of the Thirty-Second division in the war.

These developments have brought about a tense situation. The President

has shown a disposition to get at the bottom of the whole controversy and weigh the evidence presented by both sides. In the absence of Mr. Dover, who is on a tour of inspection of the customs service on the Pacific coast, it was said the President called in his appointees to get their views. Mr. Dover is expected back in Washington June 3. Meanwhile it was said he has wired to his friends here.

The rupture in the relations between Mr. Dover and Mr. Blair has become so serious that it is believed the President can no longer remain aloof. The outcome of the quarrel was a matter of wide speculation in official circles. Should the President determine to take a definite stand in the matter, which many high Administration officials believe he must, his decision may have a far-reaching effect.

Because Secretary Mellon has stood firmly behind Mr. Blair throughout his controversy with Mr. Dover, it was pointed out that Mr. Mellon is sure to stand by his aid. On the other hand Mr. Dover came to his present position with strong political backing, including that of Attorney General Daugherty and a powerful group of Senators. Should the President uphold the ousting of his friends say his position would be untenable.

Friends of Mr. Blair say that he has been assured by Mr. Mellon that he would quit the Cabinet on the event Mr. Blair was ever forced to resign.

In the event the President yielded to the requests of Dr. Dover's political friends and asked for Mr. Blair's resignation and Mr. Mellon should quit the Cabinet many well-informed officials believed the treasury portfolio would be offered to Gen. Charles G. Dawes, who has announced that he will retire as director of the budget July 1.

### Woman's Car Found; Also Another One

Early today an automobile owned by Mrs. Hattie Melore, 2711 North Meridian street, was found at Washington street and Capitol avenue. The car had been reported stolen Tuesday night. An automobile which had been parked on Washington street near Capitol avenue for two days was taken to police headquarters. In a box in the car was found a death wreath purchased from a florist at Cleveland, Ohio. The police believe the car was stolen. It bore an Ohio license number.

## PHILIPPINES' INDEPENDENCE IS FAR DISTANT

Both President and Secretary  
of War Stand Firmly Back  
of Forbes' Report.

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WASHINGTON, May 25.—Independence for the Philippines or a change in the administration of the islands which would jeopardize American holdings now, or in the future, is not on the program of the Government. Both President Harding and Secretary Weeks stand squarely back of the Wood-Forbes report on the Philippines and in opposition to the independence movement. The Government's view doubtless will be communicated to the Philippine mission, which is expected in the United States shortly to urge independence. Administration leaders are convinced that the welfare of the islands demands a continuation of American control.

"What the Philippines need most of all is capital for the development of the island's resources," said Secretary Weeks today. "American capital will not go out there unless a definite policy is maintained and assurance given of stable conditions. The best thing the Philippines could do for themselves is to advocate that the United States remain in the Philippines for the next twenty-five or thirty years. Such an attitude on the part of the natives would go a long way toward bringing capital and enterprise to the islands."

The Secretary of War said that thus far he has not received a communication from the members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Manila, reiterating the recent declaration of their directors that the territorial government is essential to the islands, owing to the fact that they are part of the American public domain wherein investments were made in good faith. Secretary Weeks indicated, however, that present American investments in the island had nothing to fear from any purchase policy likely to be adopted by the present Administration.

## Two Automobiles Reported Stolen

Two automobiles were stolen last night. Frank Baker, 1635 Woodlawn avenue, asked the police to search for his automobile, which disappeared from Virginia avenue near Washington street. Ralph H. Spense, 3219 North Capitol avenue, said his automobile was taken from Senate avenue and Market street.

## Fighting in Streets of Rome Is Fatal

ROME, May 25.—One person was killed and more than forty wounded in fighting that raged throughout the night between Fascist and Communists in the San Lorenzo quarter of Rome. One hundred and fifty arrests have been made.

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