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SENATOR ROBINSON TEARS TO PIECES PEPPER'S "BLAME IT ON HARDING" SPEECH.

Challenges Republicans, Including Senator Lodge, To Point To Any Bill That Had Been Delayed Because Of The Tea Pot Dome Investigations.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

Responsible Republicans in the administration, in Congress and in their party's national organizations are still chagrineg and dispirited at the aftermath of Senator Pepper's "keynote" speech before the Republican State convention in Maine. Their discomfiture is due not only to former Attorney General Daugherty's cynical retort with the suggestion that the Coolidge administration is trying to save itself from the consequences of recent exposures of official corruption by the slogan, "Blame it on Harding," but also because of the opportunity that the speech gave Democrats in the Senate to disprove Senator Pepper's charge that the invesetigations of various Cabinet officers had not impeded legislation.

Senator Robinson (Ark.) Democratic leader in the Senate, taking Senator Pepper's speech as a text, challenged the Republicans, including Mr. Lodge to point to any bill that had been delayed because of the investigations. The Republican rank and file in the Senate were hushed to silence by Senator Robinson's philippic against the propaganda that has been started to mislead the public into the belief that the investigations were part of a Democratic plan to block legislation and discredit the Coolidge administration. He made Senator Lodge admit that there had been no delay in passing appropriation bills as Senator Pepper alleged.

Turning to President Coolidge's responsibility for the misdeeds of Republican officials, high and low, Senator Robinson said:

"What has been the course of the head of the administration, President Coolidge, for whom the Senator from Pennsylvania assumes to speak? When he came into office he announced that his ambition was to continue the policies of his lamented predecessor, and in order to do that he kept around him and close to him all the agents and advisers whom Harding had selected. Long after the Attorney General, Mr. Daugherty, either rightly or wrongly, had become discredited throughout the nation the President expressed his confidence in that officer, and refused to permit him to resign.

"Twice the former Attorney General asked permission to retire, and the President said, 'No; I believe in you, and I need you,' and he remained in the Cabinet. After this body had ordered an investigation of the Department of Justice and of the Attorney General, the President said that he still had confidence in that officer, and that he would not permit him to resign."

Senator Robinson declared that Mr. Coolidge knew at the time the investigation began as well as when he demanded Daugherty's resignation that the Department of Justice was not functioning efficiently, but that fact did not prompt him to appoint some one else. As the fight on Daugherty continued, Senator Robinson said, one after another Republican Senators, including Mr. Pepper, went to the White House to urge the removal of the Attorney General as a matter of political expediency.

"At last, when he (Daugherty refused to surrender to the committee which was investigating him papers which the committee believed to be important to the investigation, the President called for his resignation and removed him from office, after having declared to the world that this man, his friend, his Attorney General, charged with many deficiencies and inefficiencies, was entitled to a hearing," Senator Robinson said.

"The removal did not take place so much because the country needed a new Attorney General, not so much because of the Attorney General's alleged inefficiency, but rather because the Attorney General had become so unpopular that the longer the President retained him the more it imperiled the President's popularity."

Answering Senator Pepper's statement that "the Democrats have aimed at us (Republicans) and hit America," Senator Robinson showed that every resolution on the subject of the investigations no win progress had the support of all the Republican Senators present at the time of their adoption save one—Mr. Elkins of West Virginia.

"When you are told that the Democrats have been muckraking, remember that this is a Republican Senate and that every measure adopted must be passed by a majority. When you are told that the Democrats are scandalmongering, scavenging, obstructing legislation, remember that every investigating committee has upon it a majority who are Republicans.

"We did not aim at our country when we fired straight at the former Secretary of the Interior, Albert B. Fall. We did not aim at America when we disclosed the questionable transactions of Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Doheny. We did not aim at America when the Senate passed unanimously, with the single exception, a resolution introduced by the Senator from Montana (Walsh, Dem) in connection with Mr. Chase, son-in-law of the former Secretary of the Interior.

"Surely it is not striking a blow at this country to uncover the criminality of men high in authority who have betrayed their trust and neglected their duty to the men who saved this nation," continued Senator Robinson, referring to the investigation of graft in the Veteran's Bureau.

"If that is the view of the Senator from Pennsylvania, if he is willing to risk the effort to deceive the American people into the belief that this (Democratic) side of the Chamber is impelled by a partisan and malicious motive to uncover fraud and criminality in the Government, then we will meet the issue, and we will meet it by an appeal that will ring from limit to limit of this country and thrill the heart and inspire the soul of every man and woman living in this Republic who believes in honest and clean government.'"

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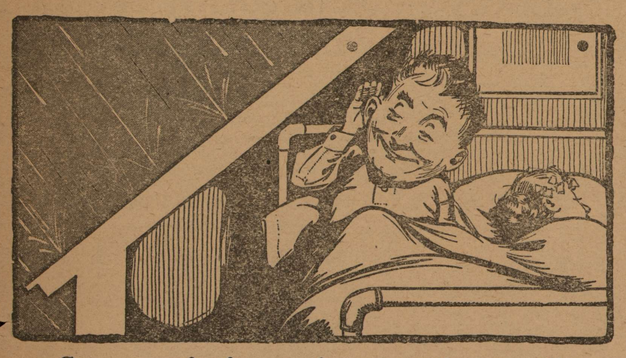

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FIRST ISSUE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH PAPER TO APPEAR TOMORROW.

The first issue of "The Cross," a four-page paper published by Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, will make its appearance tomorrow (Easter Sunday).

Rev. Richard W. Wickes, the editor, has arranged for its distribution in his church each Sunday.

BRADSHAW RESIDENT COMPLAINS OF DOGS.

Mary Brown has written a letter to the County Commissioners complaining of the depredations of dogs at Bradshaw and urging that the dog license law be enforced.

SERIES OF SPECIAL SERMONS ANNOUNCED.

Rev. Richard W. Wickes, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, is to deliver a series of sermons on Sunday evenings. Dates and topics follow:

Appril 20—The Argument from History.

April 27—The Argument from Testimony.

May 4—The Argument from Humanity.

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May 18—The Argument from Concession.

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C. F. MAISEL, SR., DIES

Catonsville Man Succumbs To Heart Attack—Was Father Of Base-Ball "Stars."

Father of two International League ball players, Christian F. Maisel, Sr., died at his Catonsville home from heart trouble.

Mr. Maisel was in his 73rd year. He was connected with the Spring Grove Hospital.

Frederich C. (Fritz) Maisel, now playing with the Orioles, and Geo. J. Maisel, with the Toronto Club, are two of his sons; three other sons also survive. They are: Christian F., Jr.; Henry F. and Ernest F. Maisel; three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Becker, Mrs. Henry Weiss and Mrs. Walter Vankeen, and 10 grandchildren.

WOODS FIRE ON SATYR HILL ROAD.

There was a woods fire on the property of Henry Laurback, on the Satyr Hill Road, near Loch Raven. There was about eight acres burned over. The fire was extinguished by the Towson and Parkville fire engines.

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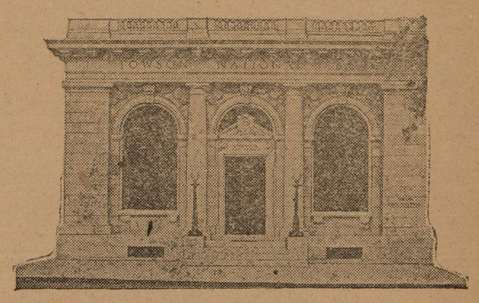

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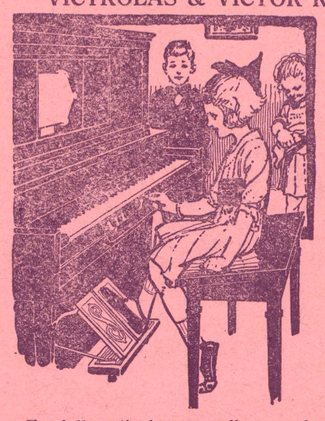

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