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## TUCKER AND COCKAYNE BANDY CHARGES ABOUT IN UNIVERSITY SQUABBLE

Trustees Say They Let Him  
Go Because He Blocked  
Progress. *July 11 - 1914*

**ACTING SUCCESSOR  
DOING EXCELLENTLY**

**Tucker Declares Cockayne's  
Letter Is One-Sided  
and Omits Much.**

"Professor Allan Cullimore, acting president, is giving better satisfaction than any president the Toledo University ever had and there is no immediate need for selecting a successor to Dr. Charles A. Cockayne, the deposed president," said William H. Tucker, one of the university trustees, Saturday.

"There was no discussion relative to a successor to Cockayne at Friday's meeting of the trustees," he continued. "The meeting was held to prepare the copy for the University bulletin for the coming school year. It will be ready for distribution within ten days. The bulletin lists the causes to be taught, the assignment of teachers and other information desired by old and prospective students.

"The meeting of trustees was not for the purpose of electing a new president, notwithstanding the report of some of Dr. Cockayne's adherents. The election of his successor will follow his leaving the city.

**"Cockayne Blocked Progress."**

"Cockayne was dismissed for insubordination. The university hasn't grown on account of him, but in spite of him. He has been a check to its progress. The trustees have wanted it to grow along industrial as well as literary lines. He has been opposed to this and there has been record.

"Cockayne knows he is out and that he can't get back. If he has the good of the institution at heart why doesn't he concede to the wishes of the majority without all this trouble? The best thing for him to do is to pack his grip and leave town.

"Cockayne has drawn the Central Labor Union and many societies into the controversy. These people are laboring under false impressions.

"Some four months ago Cockayne asked for a vacation. As school was in session at the time it was deemed best that he wait until the close of school and the vacation was refused for the time being.

"Later it was decided to dismiss him and at the close of the school year he was granted a vacation for the remainder of his contract with the university and told he need not return.

"Cockayne refused to accept the vacation, to resign or to turn over books, keys and other property of the school. He was given until July 1 in which to do so. It was after this they were taken from him by force.

"Professor Cullimore is doing fine, much better than Cockayne ever did. I cannot say that he will be continued indefinitely as acting president, that he will be promoted to president or what action will be taken, but Dr. Cockayne's connection with the Toledo University is a matter of history."

Questioned relative to the signed statement by Cockayne, Mr. Tucker said:

"The letter is one-sided. It does not cover the situation, but omits much. He is wasting his time and hurting the university. The majority of the trustees do not want him and he will not be recognized nor permitted to act as president of the institution in the future."

**Deposed Head of Toledo In-  
stitution Publishes Answer  
to Charges.**

**DECLARES TRUSTEES  
HAMPERED HIS WORK**

**"Board Never Had a Policy  
for the School, and Met  
Irregularly."**

Dr. Charles A. Cockayne, for four years president of the Toledo University, has prepared a statement which will be given wide publicity thru the press and in pamphlet form in which he answers the charges made against him by the trustees of the institution. The first paragraphs of the statement read as follows:

"Toledo University is a public institution, and the people have a right to know the facts concerning its management. Up to this time a certain sense of delicacy has deterred me from making a public statement, but the high-handed action of Monday night, instigated by five members of the board of directors, releases me from any duty of courtesy to the board and makes it imperative that I give whatever information I possess to the people directly.

**Two General Criticisms.**

"According to statements of members of the board, two general criticisms have been passed upon me: First, I did not get the results that the board had a right to expect; in other words, I was inefficient; and second, the policy I had followed was not satisfactory—was not sufficiently democratic.

"In most colleges and universities a distinction is made between the functions of the trustees and those of the president. It is the province of the trustees to direct the business affairs of the institution and to see that ample means are provided for the proper conduct of the educational work. The president is usually chosen because of his qualities as an educator and is given chief responsibility for all the professional work of the institution."

Condensed, the succeeding paragraphs state:

"That the board of trustees has had no by-laws for four years, no definite order of business and that no definite lines have been drawn between the duties of the board, the president and the officers of the school.

**No Policy Ever Outlined.**

"That the board has never had a policy for the school and that a serious difference has existed as to what the educational policy of the school should be.

"That board meetings have been called irregularly and so frequently quorums have been seldom. That the attendance of some members has been so irregular they could not keep in touch with the work and criticized without learning the facts.

"That one member has attended only one meeting in two years.

"That certain members of the board have tried to interfere with the university administration.

"That the board has ever proposed to pass on all student credits