

The Resignation of Gano Dunn

The resignation of Mr. Gano Dunn as special consultant to the O. P. M. in Washington, which was announced on Friday of last week, terminates the services as dollar-a-year man of one of the ablest business leaders called in as advisers in Washington. Mr. Dunn produced the first two of what is intended to be a series of reports on the steel industry's productive capacity as affected by changing developments. Both reports aroused much interest and were welcomed by the President as well as by the steel industry. It is understood to be Mr. Roosevelt's intention not only to have these periodic reports on the steel industry continued but to have similar reports and periodic surveys made of other important industries vitally affecting the national defense program.

Mr. Dunn brought to his surveys not only a thorough mastery of factual analysis but the broad outlook that comes from intimate contact with constructive business activities in all parts of the world. The company of which he has been president for twenty years—the J. G. White Engineering Corporation—has tackled large construction jobs in every continent. It is directly due to the pressing demands upon him made by his business interests that he felt obliged to resign after having been constantly on the job in Washington for many months.

It is encouraging and inspiring that men of this caliber have been able and willing to drop their large business interests and devote themselves wholeheartedly to work in Washington which receives neither recognition, praise nor pay. There are always plenty of men glad to get on the government pay roll. Others are willing to work without pay provided they receive public commendation. But Mr. Dunn is one of those who have been motivated by a high sense of public duty. A distinguished inventor, a capable engineer and an experienced administrator, possessing many of the traits of the scholar, he has applied in his career a form of the old French code of *noblesse oblige*, and has acted on the theory that his gifts and abilities should be directed to something more than his business interests. This is why he served on such government bodies as the Science Advisory Board, the Business Advisory Council and the Committee of Civil Service Improvement. This is why he became the head of the Cooper Union Institute. This is why he served as a dollar-a-year man on the O. P. M. New Yorkers have long known and appreciated his public spirit. As the nature of his work in Washington becomes better known it will become even clearer that it is the country's loss that he has

had to drop his duties with the O. P. M. and devote himself once more exclusively to his own affairs.

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