

THE PAPERS FILED

The Indiana Case Reviewed By Government.

WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT IT.

Postmaster General Payne Sends the Letters Bearing on the Case to the Senate.

Washington, Special. — Postmaster General Payne forwarded to the Senate all the papers in the case of the Indiana, Miss., postoffice, which postoffice was discontinued by the administration because of the forced abandonment of the office by its negro postmaster, Minnie V. Cox. The correspondence shows that A. B. Weeks, a lawyer-in-law of Mayor Davis, of Indianapolis, began his candidacy for the office as far back as April 1, 1902, when he began sending a long series of letters and telegrams to the Department. The papers include an extract from a letter of a postoffice official dated January 23, 1903, narrating a conversation which, it states, took place at Oxford, Miss. In this letter Mayor Davis of Indiana, is quoted as saying that if Minnie Cox should again take charge of the Indiana postoffice "she would get her neck broken inside of two weeks." On January 3, last, John C. Daugherty, United States special attorney at New Orleans, telegraphed to Assistant Attorney General Pradt, at Washington, that there are numerous negro county and municipal officers serving under Democratic administrations through the Southern States. Mayor Davis, of Indiana, wrote the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General on January 23, last, requesting copies of all letters written the Department regarding the postoffice and stated that the postmaster was requested by all of the citizens to continue in office. Fourth Assistant Postmaster Bristow desired to furnish the copies of the letters. The correspondence shows that A. B. Weeks wrote the Department several letters during last April, in one of which he requested that he be appointed at once, and in a letter dated May 30, 1902, he stated that he was anxious to get the appointment, supplementing this on June 2 with a letter urging his own appointment and giving reasons why it should be made. On September 19, he wrote the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General that there was a determined effort of the people to make the postmaster resign or give up the office in some way, because she is colored, and requesting that his application be remembered. On October 9, Weeks wrote the President that he had the assurance of Minnie Cox, the postmaster, "that she will forward her resignation in the next few days," and presenting his own application, on the ground that he was the only white Republican at Indiana. On December 13, he wrote the President that he would be glad to come to Washington so that it could be seen how competent he is. Six days later he wrote that he was the only good friend the administration has among the white people of Indiana, and later he forwarded a petition of colored citizens of Indiana and vicinity in behalf of his appointment. On January 1, he wrote the President that the postmaster has abandoned the office; pressed his claims for the appointment and said that he would be glad to have the President wire him to qualify. Later he wrote the President twice asking that the postoffice be established, stating that Minnie Cox would not take charge of the office again and urging his own appointment. The papers also show that several other candidates, notably John Sharkey Montgomery, Mrs. B. D. Watts, Miss Mark Hicks Hogan and Mrs. Lillian Green, applied for the office in October on the understanding that Minnie Cox had tendered, or was about to tender, her resignation. Inspector Fitzgerald, on December 15, submitted a detailed report relative to the circumstances which, cause the people of Indiana to order W. W. Cox, a railway postal clerk, and two other persons, to leave that place, presumably on account of their color.

An Extra Session.

Washington, Special.—The President has signed a proclamation calling an extra session of the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Congress, to meet March 5th. The proclamation follows: "By the President of the United States of America.

"A PROCLAMATION. Whereas, Public interests require that the Senate should convene in extraordinary session; therefore, I Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capital in the city of Washington on the 5th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"By the President:

"JOHN HAY, Secretary of State."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR MARCH 8.

Subject: Paul at Ephesus, Acts ix. 13-20 —Golden Text, Acts ix. 17—Memory Verses, 18-20—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

Vagabond Jews defeated (vs. 13-17). 13. "Vagabond—strolling." They were similar to modern gypsies and fortune tellers. Certain Jews who went about from place to place, professing by charms and spells to cure diseases. "Exorcists." Men who, by the authority of the name of some powerful being solemnly assumed to require the demon to depart so effectively as to be obeyed. "Call over them." Knowing that Paul cast out demons through the name of Jesus, they thought that by using the same name they could produce the same effects. "Adjure you." We bind you by an oath; we command you as under the solemnity of an oath. "Whom Paul preacheth." No doubt they had often heard Paul proclaim the divinity of Christ in the hall of Tyrannus.

14. "A chief priest." Chief priest in the New Testament usually refers to men of the priestly order who were also rulers in the Sanhedrin. This man was a Jewish chief priest of distinction, and had held the office of a ruler.

15. "Evil spirit answered." The evil spirit in the man spoke through the man. Compare Mark 3: 11. "Jesus, I know," etc. That is, I know His power and authority and I know Paul as His servant. "Who are ye?" You have no power or authority, you are not His followers and so only pretenders in the use of His name.

16. "Both of them." It appears that only two of the seven sons were present on this occasion. "Prevailed." The man in whom the demon was raging tore off their clothing and wounded their bodies, so that they fled in disgrace from His presence. Several similar instances are recorded. See Mark 5: 3; 9: 17-20; Luke 9: 42. "Naked." This need not be taken in its strict sense. It could be applied to those stripped partially of their raiment.

17. "This became known." Gradually the news was spread abroad. "Fear fell." This occurrence caused a great sensation, and produced a fear of that mysterious power which was ascribed to the name of Jesus. The Ephesians were so bound in belief in magic that it seemed necessary to show that the gospel was mightier than these other powers, which came from Satan, the father of deceit. "Was magnified." The transaction showed that the miracles performed in the name of the Lord Jesus by Paul were real and proved the doctrine he taught. Impostors could not work such miracles, and those who pretended to do so only exposed themselves to the rage of the evil spirits. It was thus shown that there was a real, vital difference between Paul and these impostors, and their failure only served to extend his reputation and the power of the gospel. Even demons are compelled to glorify Christ when God so wills it. The name of Jesus is glorified: 1. In His servants by their victories; 2. In His enemies by their defeat.

Many converted (vs. 18-20). 18. "That had believed." These were either professed Christians whose conversion had not been genuine, and whose consciences were now so powerfully wrought upon that they were led to confess their sins, or new converts to Christianity who, before this time, had not received the light on these things. "Came and confessed." When the conscience is truly awakened there will always be a humble confession of sins committed. "Declaring their deeds." They told how they had been connected with superstitious practices, and had indulged in witchcraft and sorcery which were not consistent with Christianity.

19. "Curious arts." Arts or practices requiring skill and cunning, such as magic and sleight of hand, which are practiced so extensively in Eastern countries. Such arts were very popular at Ephesus. The celebrated "Ephesian letters" were small slips of parchment in silk bags, on which were written strange words and sentences, and were carried about on the person as charms or amulets to shield from danger, or to procure good fortune. "Books." There were no books then such as we have now; these books were parchment rolls which contained their mysteries and described their heathen practices. "Burned them," etc. Confession is cheap, but reformation is often costly. A false penitence would have sold these books, and kept both the money and the credit for piety. Such a burning pile must have attracted great attention and caused a commotion in Ephesus. "Before all men." Publicly. The course these people pursued would: 1. Show that they renounced the sins of which they had been guilty. 2. Show that they never expected to return to them. 3. Remove others from being injured by them. 4. Be a public testimony in favor of the truth. 6. Show their joy in their conversion. "Fifty thousand pieces." The sacrifice was very great. The 50,000 pieces of silver, if reckoned in Jewish money (shekels) would be about \$35,000; if in Greek (drachmas), as is more probable, about \$9300. But this gives no idea of the purchasing power of the money. A day's wages then was only a penny, and at the rate of wages here, the sum would amount to from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

20. "So." This word "so" is a divine "Amen," a testimony of approval coming from heaven. "Mightily." With overwhelming force and strength which nothing could resist. "Grew." The truth grew in favor with the people, and there were many conversions and accessions to the church. The word of God grew in power and intensity and led to marvelous deeds of self-renunciation as well as to the manifestation of great solemnity and joy. "And prevailed." It prevailed, 1. Over the corruption of the natural heart—leading those who had heard the gospel to turn from dead idols to serve the living God. 2. Over the opposition of the powers of evil—manifested in the exposure of Sceva's sons and the deliverance of the man possessed. 3. Over the besetting sins of believers—enabling those who had received the word to shake themselves free from the love of magic and the fascinations of money. While the church was being stirred to confession and reformation, a deep impression was also being made upon the community, leading to fear and veneration if not to conviction and conversion. We should notice also "the absolute exclusiveness of Christianity which admits of no compromise." It cannot mix with other religions, but must prevail over them.

A writer in the Revue Generale des Sciences claims that cancer has not increased. His explanation of statistics showing a very large increase in nearly all countries is, that more cases of the disease, especially internal cancer, are identified now than formerly. The same writer asserts that cases of cancer are far more frequent in cities than in the country.

Paternal government has reached an almost unprecedented pitch in a Mexican city, in which the Mayor has sent out orders that every house in the town must be repainted within a month. Evidently the local autocrat desires that the place shall have a gay and dainty look which will please visitors and attract settlers possessed of capital and enterprise. It cannot be that the worthy magistrate is a surreptitious partner in a paint shop!

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