

THE INDIANOLA FIGHT.

NEGRESS RESIGNS POSTMASTER-SHIP UNDER DURESS.

President Roosevelt Decides That All Must Suffer For the Element Which Drove Her Out.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The feature of the Cabinet meeting to-day was the decision to close permanently the postoffice at Indianola, Miss., from which the postmaster, Minnie M. Cox, colored, resigned under compulsion a few days ago, since which time the office has been closed. The bondsmen have brought the matter to the attention of the authorities here with a view to being relieved of the responsibility of accumulated mail. The Postmaster General has had a thorough investigation made and has become satisfied that the woman was obliged to resign under duress—in fact that her life was endangered. Having represented this state of affairs to the Cabinet, after a long discussion, the decision above noted was reached and the office will not be re-opened until the people in the district are ready to accept this woman as their postmaster.

During the afternoon the President discussed with several members of the Cabinet other features of the case of Mrs. Cox, Postmaster General Payne being in conference with the President for an hour or more. It was decided, finally, to issue a formal statement concerning the Indianola case. Secretary Cortelyou, for the President, made the following:

"The postmaster at Indianola, Miss., is Mrs. Minnie M. Cox, a colored woman. She served three years as postmaster under President Harrison. When President McKinley came in she was again appointed in 1897, nearly six years ago. Her character and standing in the community are endorsed by the best and most reputable people in the town. Among those on her bond is the present Democratic State Senator from the district, together with the leading banker of Indianola, and an ex-State Senator from the district, also a Democrat. The postmaster and her husband own from ten to fifteen thousand dollars worth of property in Sunflower county. The reports of the post office inspectors who have investigated the office from time to time show that she has given the utmost satisfaction to all the patrons of the office, that she is at all times courteous, faithful, competent and honest in the discharge of her duties. Her moral standing in the community is of the highest. Her reputation is of the best. Few offices of this grade in any State are conducted better.

"The Postmaster General recently received her resignation, to take effect on January 1st, but the report of the inspectors and information received from various reputable white citizens of the town and in the neighborhood show that the resignation was forced by a brutal and lawless element purely upon the ground of her color and was obliged under terror of threats of physical violence. The mayor of the town and the sheriff of the county both told the postoffice inspector that if she refused to resign they could not be answerable for her safety, although at the same time not one word was said against her management of the office.

"On January 1st the bondsmen of the postmaster telegraphed that the postoffice was closed, that the postmaster claimed that her resignation was in the President's hands to take effect January 1st, and that there had been no advice of the appointment of her successor. The telegram closed with this statement: 'Prompt action necessary for relief of business interests.' In the view of the President the relief of the business interests, which are being injured solely by the action of the lawless element of the town, is wholly secondary to the preservation of law and order and the assertion of the fundamental principle that this government will not connive at or tolerate wrong and outrage of such flagrant character.

"By direction of the President, the following telegram was sent by the Postmaster General to the bondsmen:

"The postmaster's resignation

In view of the fact that the bondsmen of the postmaster at Indianola, Miss., have been unable to secure a successor, the President has decided to close the office permanently.

The Year 1902 Has No Precedent in Volcanic Losses.

The year just ended was especially tumultuous below the surface. Its volcanoes and earthquakes began with a bang in May, and every subsequent month brought forth new disasters of a like nature. These disasters extend from Alaska to South America, but they were not confined to the Western hemisphere, for there were disastrous earthquakes in Turkestan and the Caucasus region. Mount Pelee and Mount Soufriere on islands in the Caribbean sea were, however, the chief internal disturbances of the year. Over 50,000 lives were lost from volcanic fury, and to this number should be added 12,000 lives lost from earthquakes, bringing the total loss on account of subterranean forces up to 62,000.

Nor is this all. Violent winds destroyed during the year 4,500 lives, and floods swept away 8,000 victims. In destructive fires 1,600 lives were lost during the year. Altogether about 80,000 persons perished in the old year from causes beyond their control. Perhaps this is not an unprecedented fatality, but the year certainly has no precedent in volcanic losses. It stands unrivalled in that respect, and perhaps ever will.

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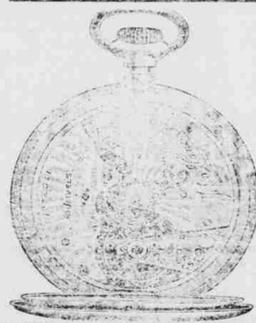
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