

REGULAR AS THE CLOCK IS MINNIE COX'S SALARY

Well Paid for Playing Postmaster at Long Range. Livingstone of Georgia Says His People are for Gorman

Washington, July 25.—Special.—The name of Minnie V. Cox, the negro postmaster at Indianola, Miss., will be stricken from the civil pension roll, created by President Roosevelt, April 1 of next year. In the meantime her salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum has been reduced to eleven hundred dollars, and this is the amount she will receive as a reward for her fidelity in failing to return to the Indianola post office despite the assurances of Senator McLaurin and officers of the town that she would be protected. The action of the department is probably the last chapter in a case which excited national interest for a time. Last winter Minnie Cox, alarmed by a petition of the patrons of the Indianola post office, asking for her resignation, closed up her office and sent the resignation to Washington. The president declined to receive it, claiming that it was written under threats of personal violence. She was afraid to return to Indianola and reopened the post office, but the president ordered her salary to continue with the result that for over three months she has drawn from the government at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum for no service, and will continue on the rolls at eleven hundred dollars, dating from March 31 last. The office being presidential, the salary is adjusted on the basis of the cross receipts accruing for the four quarters ending March 31. When the question came up for readjustment last April the officials of the department, not knowing what action to take in view of the order of the president, referred the matter to the assistant attorney general. He held that under the law the receipts govern the salary which must therefore be reduced in proportion to the decrease in receipts. No money having been taken in during the last three months of the post office the year the salary was therefore reckoned on a nine months receipts basis, and eleven hundred dollars was fixed for this year's pension. The action of the department is important in that the readjustment rule is to be followed, which means that as no receipts will be taken in this year there can be no salary next year. The eleven hundred dollars which Minnie Cox will receive as a more present. So far as can be learned she is not even in the state of Mississippi. Paradoxical as it may seem the post office department at the same time has reached the conclusion to cut off the salary of the clerk who assisted Minnie Cox in assorting the mail, though neither rendering service to the government, he would seem as much entitled to a pension.

Winston. The crew travels with a complete modern equipment necessary to clearing away wrecks of all kinds. There is considerable talk here today over the prospects of work beginning at an early date on the new railroad shops at Spencer. While nothing has been given out officially it is certain that ground will be broken very soon. A number of leading officials of the Southern were here yesterday arranging for bids on an enormous amount of building material. The plans for the enlargement of the shops were exhibited to a number of gentlemen. The increase of the plant at Spencer will mean the building of three to four hundred additional homes and an increase in the population of from two to three thousand.

LONDON NOT ALARMED

Flurry in New York Stock Market Does Not Unsettle Things There

London, July 25.—Comparatively little interest is taken in financial circles here in the liquidation in the New York market, which is believed likely to clear the atmosphere. The American holdings of English people are insignificant and as a matter of fact, there has been much selling recently and profits were reaped from the falling prices in New York. A strong feeling prevails that the level of prices has been reached, which caused this morning an advance in Americans and a consequent better tone of the market. At the opening the general average of prices was a dollar above parity, with some trading on New York orders.

CASSIUS CLAY BURIED

A Fight Over the Will Is the Next Thing in Prospect

Lexington, Ky., July 25.—General Cassius M. Clay, the sage of White Hall, author and famous abolitionist, was buried in the Clay lot in the Richmond cemetery at two o'clock this afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Millward of Lexington and was one of the largest held in Madison county in years. Hundreds of people have visited White Hall and viewed the remains of the aged soldier. The pall-bearers were nearly all grandsons of General Clay.

BLOODY ENGAGEMENT

A Naval Officer Reports the Fighting at Ciudad Bolivar

Washington, July 25.—A telegram received at the navy department today from Lieutenant Commander A. E. Culver, commanding the gunboat Bancroft, contained official confirmation of the bloody war between Venezuelan government troops and insurgents, which resulted in the capture of Ciudad Bolivar by the loyal forces. The telegram, which was dated Port of Spain, Trinidad, July 25, was as follows: "A serious engagement has taken place, resulting in the total defeat of the revolutionists. Approximate estimate of total loss in killed 200. Quiet has been restored in Venezuela."

NATIONAL PARK

Friends of the Appalachian Project Discuss the Plan of Campaign

Asheville, N. C., July 25.—Special. President Rutherford Hayes, of the Appalachian National Park Association, James H. Cutler, of the General Electric Company, and others held an informal conference at Hotel Berkeley today, at which time the probable character of the campaign in behalf of the park bill was discussed. It has been determined to enlist, if possible, the services of Representative Littlefield of Maine, who has already manifested an encouraging degree of interest in the bill. While here on his return from Alabama, where he went with the Thompson Congressional party, Mr. Littlefield discussed the provisions of the measure with its friends, and what he then saw and learned insured his friendship. Not only has Mr. Littlefield been approached on the subject with a view to prosecuting the campaign during the long session, but the information was obtained today that some writers of national reputation would in all probability be asked to come here, study the situation for themselves and then give their impressions to the world.

TURKISH LAUNCHING

American Woman Smashes the Wine Bottle on the War Vessel

Philadelphia, July 25.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering of diplomats, foreign and American naval officers, and prominent citizens of Philadelphia, the Turkish cruiser Medjidia, the first war ship ever built for the Ottoman empire, was launched today at the Cramp shipyard. The sponsor for the new addition to the Sultan's navy was Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp, and the baptism was an evasion of the

Koran's teaching turned into a graceful compliment to the American people. The Koran forbids a Turkish woman participating in a christening at which wine is used. The difficulty was overcome by the selection of an American woman, Mrs. Cramp, to break the bottle on the bow of the sea fighter. When the Medjidia glided down the ways at 1:45, grouped about the christening platform were a dozen Turkish officials. They included Chekib Bey, Turkish minister to the United States, his two sons, Ali Bey and Osman Bey.

BOOKBINDERS

DID NOT STRIKE

Miller Presented Himself for Work and Was Assigned to His Old Position

INLAND WATER-WAY

Representative Small and Engineer Winslow on Inspecting Tour

Norfolk, Va., July 25.—Special.—Hon. John H. Small of North Carolina and Captain E. E. Winslow, United States engineer of the fifth North Carolina district and this port, left today to inspect the route of the proposed inland waterway from this city to Beaufort. Captain Winslow and Congressman Small held a lengthy conference at the custom house yesterday and arranged for the trip today. They will visit Elizabeth City and other points along the proposed routes and will probably return here Tuesday. Congressman Small is very enthusiastic over the question of an inland waterway and is confident that the government will become interested in the project when all the details are explained. Secretary Lumsden of the Norfolk chamber of commerce in a few days will send to the engineer department in Washington a voluminous report from seaport cities along the Atlantic coast who are anxious to see the new waterway completed.

Fought With a Knife

Sallsbury, N. C., July 25.—Special. Near Statesville, one day this week, John Sowers, whipped a young son of Etta Smith, who became enraged at the conduct of Sowers and a fight followed. Will Smith, a by-stander, undertook to separate the combatants and he himself received severe wounds in the face and arms at the hands of Sowers who used a knife with telling effect.

Two Blacks Lynched By an Illinois Mob

One Hanged and Burned and the Other Beaten to Death. Lives of Two White Men Sacrificed

Danville, Ill., July 25.—1 a. m.—The county jail was surrounded by a mob tonight, demanding a prisoner contained therein. Sheriff Whitlock appealed for aid, and in the meantime, as a result of a combat with the mob three persons were shot. It was about dusk tonight when the mob formed in the outskirts of the city, the avowed intention being to take James Wilson, the confessed assassin of a white woman, from the county jail, and hanging him. When news of the mob's intent got out the negroes of the city assembled in an attempt to prevent it carrying out its purpose. Threats failed to stay the avengers, and a negro, whose name is not known, but who came here recently from Evansville, fired into the mob. The bullet found a target in Henry Gatterman, a young butcher, and he fell, mortally wounded, expiring in a few minutes. This diverted the attention of the

extent the labor unions are influencing the work of the establishment. Miller reported for duty this morning shortly after 10 o'clock. There was no strike of the employes, though it was plain that he was not at all welcome. The action of the bookbinders' union at its meeting last night was responsible for the attitude of the workmen. This action was communicated to Public Printer Palmer this morning in the following letter:

International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local Union No. 4, Washington, July 25, 1903. Hon. F. W. Palmer, Public Printer. Dear Sir:—At a meeting of local union No. 4, held last night, the arbitration committee was instructed to confer with the international officers of the Allied Printing Trades Council and the officers of the American Federation of Labor, looking to an adjustment of the issue now facing us. Pending the adjustment the members of our union will be permitted to work with W. A. Miller under protest, our deference to the order of the president of the United States compelling us to take this course.

POPE LEO LAID AWAY

From Mortal Sight

Strange Blending of the Mediaeval and the Modern in the Ceremonies in St. Peters—The Body Occupies a Historic Niche

Rome, July 25.—After obseques consecrated by the usage of centuries, Leo XIII. was immured tonight in the niche of St. Peter's which has been the temporary resting place of many popes. Among the funerals of great men, including sovereigns and presidents of several countries, which I have witnessed within two decades, this was unique. The pageantry of death is always imposing. This was both mediaeval and modern. It is a pity that it was not kept entirely mediaeval according to the traditions of the church, as was done in 1878, when Pius IX. was entombed at midnight in the vast, empty cathedral amid the gloom which was broken only by the torches borne by the mourning prelates. Tonight four thousand spectators pressed around the bearers of Leo's bier and great clusters of electric lights blazed over the scene. Few only could enter the choir chancel, where the principal ceremonies were held. Solemnity there was none among the thousands who remained in the nave waiting the entombment of the pontiff. The view of Rome and the noise of their voices drowned the majestic requiem that was sung by St. Peter's matchless choir. Yet it was a memorable spectacle belonging to another age, whose impressiveness could not be destroyed even by modern irreverence.

End of Lying in State

Rome, July 25.—On the stroke of midday, as the noon gun from the castle of St. Angelo was fired, the lying in state of the body of Pope Leo XIII. came quietly to an end. Those few who still lingered at the gates of the chapel of the sacristy of St. Peter's were ordered to leave, and some two or three hundred persons, including Cardinal Gossens, who arrived from Mechlin just in time, passed slowly out of St. Peter's into the sunlit plaza, and the world's last farewell to the great pope was over. Ten minutes later Italian infantry and gendarmes poured out of the basilica and lined up on the steps in imposing array. The outer gates were then closed and the body of the late pope was left to the tender care of those who had watched by Leo XIII. in his life time. The preparations for the evening's interment were immediately commenced.

OIL ON THE FIRE

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RAILROAD NEWS

The Southern Building New Bridges—Enlargement of the Shops at Spencer

Sallsbury, N. C., July 25.—Special. The Southern Railway is building three large new iron bridges on the main line between Lexington and Greensboro, one at Abbott's Creek, one at Richfork and a third at Leonard's. The bridge force is now at work on these improvements which will cost many thousands of dollars. It is learned that the bridges are very heavy ones and will be suitable for use after the work of double tracking this part of the road has been completed. The Southern's wrecking crew, in charge of Capt. G. W. Bell, has returned to Spencer after being away several weeks clearing up wrecks at Rockfish, Va.; Saluda Mountain, and