

YIELDS TO THREATS

Negro Postmistress in South Forced to Resign.

PRESIDENT TAKES ACTION

He Defends the Woman and Condemns Conduct of Lawless Whites Who Drove Her Out—Postoffice Closed and Will Remain So.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The feature of the cabinet meeting today was the decision to close permanently the postoffice at Indianola, Miss., from which the postmistress, Minnie M. Cox, colored, resigned under compulsion a few days ago, since which time the office has been closed.

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 long discussion, the decision above noted was reached, and the office will not be reopened until the people in the district are ready to accept this woman as their postmistress.

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Firearm at Hotel Confesses Allow-ing Her to Leave. DENVER, Jan. 2.—W. C. Hughes, employed as fireman at the Brown Palace Hotel, was arrested today as a result of his confession that on December 16 he permitted two unknown men to place the bodies of two infants in one of the furnaces in the boiler-room, where it was consumed. He says they were carrying a box, which they said contained a baby which they wanted permission to bury in the furnace. Believing they were joking, he opened the door for them. Later he discovered that a baby's body had actually been contained in the box.

Counterfeiters' Den Raided. WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 2.—Secret Service Agent George Foster, of Washington, after a long investigation, succeeded in locating counterfeiters' den at 23 West Second street, this city today, and it was raided by the police. Blagni Malesoro, better known as "Mike Rosa," Sathin Malesoro, his wife, and Nicola di Pace, his brother-in-law, were arrested and the plant captured. It was an unusually large one, comprising 10 molds, a number of mixing pots, dies, presses and other counterfeiting paraphernalia. The parties will have a hearing before Acting United States Commissioner Howell, among the material captured were about 100 counterfeit dollars and some partly finished notes.

Wants No Place Among Rogues. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The right of the police to keep a man's photograph in the rogues' gallery is to be decided by the courts. Jacob Owen today secured from Justice Scott, in the Supreme Court, an order directing a Commissioner of Green to delete a copy of his photograph from the rogues' gallery. Owen should not be restrained from keeping his photograph in the rogues' gallery and circulating copies among the different police precincts.

To Be Tried for Poisoning. ASHFORD, Conn., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Lelia Manning, charged with the murder of her husband in the Brookline, Conn., jail for some time on suspicion that they were connected with the death of Wilson's mother by poison, were given a preliminary hearing at Warrenville, Conn., and remanded to jail without bond, for trial before the Superior Court here next March, on the charge of murder.</