

REVENUE COLLECTOR FULLY EXONERATED

Official at Terre Haute, Ind., Held Blemishless by Mr. Foulke.

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Commissioner Foulke, of the Civil Service Commission, in his report on the investigation of alleged violations of the law and rules in the internal revenue office at Terre Haute, Ind., which was made public yesterday, exonerates Internal Revenue Collector Bonnell from willful wrongdoing. After summing up the facts the report states that it would be manifestly unjust to remove Bonnell from office under the circumstances, and that any further steps of the Commission will depend upon the collector's future action.

Bonnell was accused of discriminating against the Democrats in favor of the Republicans in the administration of his office and of endeavoring to coerce the political action of his employees at an election by the illegal use of his official influence.

The compensation of the storekeepers and gaugers in the internal revenue service depends upon the assignments of work given them by the collector. It was charged that Bonnell, by discriminating against the Democrats in his employ in the matter of assignments, made it almost impossible for some of them to remain in the service. After presenting evidence on this point Commissioner Foulke says in his report:

Mr. Foulke's Conclusion.

"It seems conclusive from this evidence that there has been discrimination against the Democrats on account of their political opinions, and that civil service rule 3 has been violated. It seems clear, however, that Collector Bonnell believed he had the lawful power to do what he did; that he believed this from the statement made to him on what he considered adequate authority. Collector Bonnell had only recently taken office, and is not presumed to have the same intimate knowledge of his powers and duties as a collector as one who has been long in the place."

The Commissioner points out the injustice of dismissing Mr. Bonnell, when the latter thought he was acting lawfully, and continues as follows: "If the future assignments are made without regard to the political opinions of the men assigned, I recommend that no further action be taken by the Commission. He should be informed, however, that this must be done."

Charge Against Mr. Bonnell.

Collector Bonnell was charged with trying to influence the result of a primary election held in February of the current year by stating that if the men did not vote as they were expected to they would be laid off from their assignments. It was claimed that colored ballots were used for certain delegates for the purpose of ascertaining how the employees had voted. Commissioner Foulke found no evidence to warrant the charge that Bonnell prepared these ballots or was aware of their existence, or had used his office for the purpose of controlling an election.

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Senator McMillan yesterday introduced in the Senate the bill "to regulate the operation of street railways in the District of Columbia" prepared by the District Commissioners.

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