

NIESEN RESIGNS AS PARK CHIEF

Conflicting Explanations Are Given After One Day of Suppression.

INCOMPETENCY CHARGED.

Lincoln Commissioner Austrian Says Experienced Man Will Be Appointed.

William C. Niesen, who was appointed superintendent of Lincoln park in August, announced his resignation yesterday. There was considerable variance in the statements of several of the commissioners as to the reason. Mr. Niesen's explanation also differed from that of some of the members.

Niesen sent his resignation to the members of the Lincoln park commission at their meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

When the report of the proceedings was given out no mention was made of the resignation of Niesen. It became known yesterday, however.

Says He Has New Job.

"I resigned to take another position from Gov. Dunne," Mr. Niesen said. "He promised me when I took the superintendency of the park to give me something better about the first of the year, and that position has come. I am not at liberty to make the appointment public at this time, but it was considered when I was in Springfield day before yesterday. There was no friction with the members of the park commission and I believe my work has been up to the standard."

Leo Austrian, a member of the commission, said Niesen's resignation was the result of incompetency to direct the affairs of the park.

"Mr. Niesen did not have the experience to manage a park as large as Lincoln, and that was mainly the reason for his resignation," Mr. Austrian said.

President Denies Friction.

"It's true Mr. Niesen has resigned," President O'Byrne said, "but it was of his own volition. There was absolutely no friction. We haven't decided who to elect to his place."

Bernard Jung, another member, said he had heard of some little friction between Niesen and Commissioners Rice, O'Byrne, and Winston of the shore protection committee.

Gov. Dunne said in Springfield that he heard Niesen resigned because he was dissatisfied with his salary.

"But I do not know of any state job that has been offered to him," the governor added.

OFFERS REWARD FOR GUNMEN.

Froehlich's Manager Will Pay to Have Auto Man's Assailant

Caught.

In an effort to bring about the arrest of the gang, a member of which shot Morris Froehlich, president of the Times Square Automobile company, in front of his residence, 5522 Michigan, avenue Tuesday night, Walter W. Tuff, manager of the company, offered yesterday a \$100 reward for the arrest and \$100 more for conviction. The police have not yet abandoned the suspicion that Froehlich, who will recover, knows his assailant.