

Judge Winston's Views.

Freight Rates Discussed by This Eminent Lawyer. The Arrangement of the Southern Railway Discrimination Against North Carolina Killing Our Industries. Illustration Made.

In a recent newspaper interview Judge Winston said that the fight was just now beginning and that it would be a long one unless the railroads agreed to give North Carolina an equal showing with Virginia. At the present time and under the present rates the manufacturing industries of this State are being run down in favor of the manufacturing plants of Virginia, according to the facts presented in the recent hearing.

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS.

"The fight is not yet begun," Judge Winston said that "only lawful means would be invoked to maintain the rights of this State, but that the State has a few sovereign rights left and these will be invoked." He said that the facts that Durham had three or four roads leading into the city did not amount to anything; that the roads protect their interests and that the tendency now was to discriminate against this State.

OBJECTED TO QUESTION.

One question asked at the hearing in New York, which was objected to by General Counsel Thom, was this: "Isn't freight from New Orleans, through Durham to Lynchburg, nearly three times as high as freight from Lynchburg to Durham as in Lynchburg?" The question was objected to and the witness refused to answer. Yet, said Judge Winston, this is a fact freight from Lynchburg from New Orleans, comes through Durham and the rate here is nearly three times as high as in the Virginia town. The roads contend that they make nothing on the intra-State shipments but only on the inter-State shipments. In Virginia there are several distributing points and freight intended for this State is carried there and then sent back, notwithstanding the fact that it passes through this State. With distributing points in North Carolina it would be possible to get the same pro rata terms here as in Virginia. But this the roads refuse to do.

The arrogance of the roads is shown in the somewhat tart reply of Attorney Thom when the question was put to him as regards the price on freight from New Orleans to Lynchburg and to Durham, this question having been quoted. Attorney Thom answered, so quoted by the attorneys, that "if it develops that higher rates are charged North Carolina than are charged Virginia, then at the proper time the companies will show that this higher rate is justifiable and will never be changed." It is on account of this attitude of the roads that the Governor has decided that every lawful power of the State will be exhausted rather than see this State discriminated against and great manufacturing plants in Virginia flourish while those of this State are killed.

SECRET OF THE FIGHT.

"This is the whole secret of all this fight," said Judge Winston today. "The passenger rate is but a part of the fight. It is this freight discrimination that is killing manufacturing plants in this State. Take the Jule Carr flour mill," he said—the Carolina Roller Mills, of this city. "That mill has to pay 28 cents for grain shipped from Lexington, Ky., while Lynchburg has a rate of 11 cents. Why?" exclaimed the attorney. "The Virginia mills can sell flour at fifty cents profit a barrel and then put the product at exactly what it costs Gen. Julian S. Carr to manufacture in this city. The discriminating freight rate takes off the profit in this State and gives to another State."

But the Carolina Roller Mills is not the only manufacturing industry in the State that is suffering. There are others right here in Durham. "The James Lumber Company last year shipped fifteen million feet of lumber and in handling this one thousand cars were used. The rate was then sixteen cents. It was raised to twenty-three cents a hundred. While the raise was made here, it did not affect Norfolk, Lynchburg and numerous other places in Virginia. As a result the Virginia lumberman could ship at absolute cost to the Durham man and at the same time clear something like \$12,000 profit on fifteen million feet. Colonel James was asked about this. He said it was a fact and that business in this section was completely killed if this continued. "It is bad enough," he said, "when the people are robbed by the roads, but the worst feature is the discriminations that permit some people to stay in business and practically say that people in other sections shall not do business; that is, the rates are so discriminating as to be cut-throat in the dealings."

WOULD CEASE SOMETHING.

It is learned by intimation that this State was willing, if such a thing was possible, to cease something in the passenger rate fight if the roads would only deal fairly and squarely with the State in the freight rate charges. This, it is said, although this is not from attorney in the case, was squarely laid down by the representatives of the road in New York. It is also said that Virginia's two-cent rate will be allowed by the roads without much of a fight, while in North Carolina, said to be one of the best paying pieces of property in the system, the roads are raising a 2-1-4 cent rate. Thus the discriminations are again shown.

It is no secret that every attribute of the State will be exhausted before these discriminations will be allowed to exist. It may place some roads in the hands of receivers, but if this is done it will be nothing but right, rather than that North Carolina should suffer for the benefit of other States.

LEONARD MUST ANSWER CHARGE.

Man Wanted at Salisbury for Embezzlement Arrested in Idaho.

A. L. Adams, agent of a grocery company, has at last succeeded in locating Hugh A. Leonard, wanted by the Southern railway for embezzlement of the company's funds. The arrest took place yesterday in Idaho in one of the mining towns of the State.

Leonard is a Rowan County boy and assumed the agency of the Southern's ticket office in Salisbury in November of 1905, the illness of Agent T. E. Johnson throwing the burden upon him. He served with special credit to himself until April, when the resignation of Mr. Johnson gave him nominal and actual control. Throughout the year he was a popular man and public servant and not until February was there any hint of wrong doing.

One afternoon he left the office saying he was going to Charlotte. He was never heard from nor seen again by any Salisbury man. This summer he was spotted in Hot Springs, Ark., where he had gone to take treatment for rheumatism, but the officers were about to close in on him and he fled. The detective agency flooded the country with 250,000 photographs of him and his arrest was compassed through the aid of the pictures.

Leonard's shortage is not great though it exceeds \$1,000, is probably \$1,320. It was several days after he had gone before this was known to have been the trouble. Cards, women and whiskey played big part in the downfall of this much-liked young fellow.

He will probably be tried this week at Salisbury court.

MARRIAGE OF TWO YEARS AGO IS ANNOUNCED

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Dicks formerly of Randleman, and young Stenographer the Bride and Groom.

The Daily, of Sanbury, Pa., of Aug. 3, has the following:

"Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. Frederick Hugo Stevens to Miss Nan Pearl daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tillet Dicks of Greensboro North Carolina, which occurred at that place on November 23, 1905. The cards announce that they will be at home at The Hill, Empire Canal Zone, Panama, after August 1, 1907.

"Mr. Stephens is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Irwin, of this city. His father is Mr. Sharon Stephens, formerly well known in Sunbury in connection with its schools, and now extensively engaged in the coal business in Harrisburg; his mother was Miss Georgiana Irwin, whose early death was a sad stroke to her relatives and friends.

"Young Mr. Stephens whose marriage is announced, was located at Greensboro, N. C., doing stenographic work in connection with railroad operations when he met his bride. On account of his marked ability he was engaged by the government commission which two years ago was sent to Panama to lay out the work for the construction of the transisthmian canal, and his marriage took place before he started on that important mission. He no doubt will be engaged in that work until its completion."

The marriage was kept a strict secret in Greensboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. G. Kirkman, Mrs. Stephens left here for New York city July 25, and she and her husband sailed for Panama on July 27.

Rev. Mr. Richardson was at Muir's Camp Meeting in Guilford County last week. Mr. Richardson will do the preaching while here.

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