

THE RAILROADS SURRENDER

THE LAW IS SUPREME IN N. C.

The Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Attorneys Accept the Governor's Ultimatum and Those Roads Will Put 2 1-4 Rate Into Effect.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The agreement made yesterday afternoon in the office of the Governor of North Carolina by Governor Glenn for the State, and by the general counsel of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Railways on behalf of their roads, by which the 2 1-4-cent State rate goes into effect by August 8th, and which a procedure of an orderly legal contest is agreed to by the railroads, all present indictments to end, is a complete vindication of the position and demands of Governor Glenn, and is a complete surrender of the railroads to the laws of North Carolina, which they have violated since the first day of July. The full text of the important document by which the sovereignty of the State is acknowledged is as follows:

1. The railroad puts the 2 1-4-cent rate into effect not later than August 8, 1907.

2. The State to appeal from the order of Judge Pritchard discharging parties in Asheville on writ of habeas corpus.

3. The Southern Railway appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the Wake County case, and if the case is there decided against it to take the case by writ of error to Supreme Court of the United States.

4. That both sides co-operate to have both of said cases advanced and argued together and speedily determined.

5. The State at its option to indict the Atlantic Coast Line in one case.

6. All indictments and prosecutions now pending to be dismissed and no other indictments or prosecutions to be instituted for any alleged violation of the law, up to the time the new 2 1-4-cent rate is put into effect under this arrangement, as far as the Governor can control the same.

7. The Governor advise all people against bringing any penalty suits pending final determination of the questions involved and ask the people as a whole to acquiesce in this arrangement.

8. The suit pending before Judge Pritchard to be diligently prosecuted without the State, however waiving any question of jurisdiction. Signed.

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R. B. GLENN, Governor.

Messrs. Thom and Humphrey also as counsel for the Southern Railway Company undertake that the Southern Railway will not inaugurate contempt proceedings because of anything heretofore done by any of the State officers in connection with the rate litigation, and will do what it can to prevent the inauguration of any such contempt proceedings.

This arrangement between the Southern Railway and R. B. Glenn, Governor, is also assented to by George Rountree, attorney for A. Nelson Buckley and others, complainants, and Alexander Hamilton General Counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, except that they do not consent that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company shall be indicted in one case, but as to that leaving the State at liberty to do as its sense of duty may dictate.

THREATENING LETTER TO ANSON'S SHERIFF.

Mob That Killed J. V. Johnson Wrote That Sheriff Would Die if He Told Names.

Charlotte, July 25.—The state sprung a surprise on the defense in the trial of Zeke Lewis in Union county court, when, in offering rebuttal testimony, counsel produced a letter received by Sheriff Bogan of Anson county threatening him summary vengeance if he testified against any member of the mob at the trial. The letter was signed "The Crowd That Killed J. V. Johnson," and threatened the sheriff with death if he revealed the names of any man he recognized at the jail. The letter stated that there was 342 men in the mob, and, thought there might be some fools among them, at least 275 were settled men who knew what they were talking about and would do as they said.

The defense hotly objected to the admission of this letter, but the court admitted it for the jury to consider as bearing on the conduct and evidence of Sheriff Bogan, and it was read to the jury and put in evidence.

Sheriff Bogan was recalled and swore positively to the identification of Lewis as the ringleader of the mob, declaring that he talked to him twice the night of the lynching in the jail and had known him for years.

The state here rested and argument began. It is expected that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

A verdict of not guilty was returned.

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Origin of the End-seat Hog.

Cleveland Leader.

"Noah," said Mr. Darwin, "why didn't you take a pair of mastodons into the ark with you? It would have been interesting to preserve them for modern zoos."

"Yes," answered the patriarch, "and I intended to do it. But it was this way: I got all the animals in but a pair of hogs and a pair of mastodons. And instead of going together, the hogs took an end seat apiece and the mastodons couldn't get in."

Which was the origin of the species.

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A Message From the Hill Country.

Dear Mr. Editor.—May I from this faraway field have a little chat with you and your good people? As you cannot give the answer pro or con in time for we know whether to proceed or not, I will presume on your good nature—Editors have to be patient and long-suffering—and go ahead.

We have here in this country one condition which strongly reminds me of Caldwell, and this condition is most forcibly impressed upon my mind when the weather is rainy—I refer to the public roads. I think one would have to be a brave man who would venture far on the roads without first having made his will and secured a first-class incontestable life insurance policy. The dangers that would face the dauntless traveler would be many; but specially he would have reasons to fear being buried alive, or slipping off the mountain side into the other world. The other day two men had to pay the price of being too brave. They were driving a hearse with four horses over a country road, when, lo! the first thing they knew, hearse, horses and men were gliding down the mountain side at an uncomfortable rate. When they had reached the bottom of the ravine and had taken an inventory, they found one man missing, and the other so bruised, cut and broken up that he hardly recognized himself. Two horses had taken up their abode in the hearse, and the other two were seriously considering what would next befall them. The moral of this fable is that the county will probably have to pay several hundred dollars, and may be the road-overseer spend some months, as all trust, in jail. I know Caldwell cannot beat this road story.

Next let me reason with you, Mr. Editor, in regard to keeping warm. I believe we can hold our own with almost any section. Old Sol is sincerely mindful of us in this country, though we are high above the sea with mountains to the right of us and mountains to the left of us. Hence we have no need to be burdened with apparel; to be simply clad in purple and fine linen is all that is necessary. But note, to cook our meals, to iron our clothes, to light and heat our houses (when they need heat-in), we have no use for wood and coal—natural gas, nature's bounty does all these things for us. Strike a match, turn a screw, and you are ready for business—no ashes, no smoke. And too, the tariff rate is not alarming; for light, cooking, ironing, heating a house of 8 rooms my gas bill for the last three months was \$1.75. Is not this remarkable! I am well pleased with this gas arrangement; for my part have always been, when we did not have a cook, to make up the fire and bring water. Now I have only to strike a match and I have a fire, and the water is already up. Mr. Editor, when you get water works in Lenoir, as you will soon, get natural gas, too!—softly, may be you have a good deal of that now!

In this country we have fruit in abundance; apples, peaches, pears, cherries—that is when the trees bear. More attention is given to fruit here than in any place I have been. The crop is short this year, however, on account of the late frosts in the spring. Some of the apple trees are of tremendous size; they look as though they might be a century old, but are in splendid condition. Now, one thing to be remembered in regard to the people who live on their fruit farms is that they are splendid specimens of humanity—good looking girls fine looking boys. There may be

something then in living "under one's own vine and figtree."

Mr. Editor, I did want to say something about what the French called our "Labelle Revier," our grand, gloomy and peculiar river—the Ohio, which occasionally rises up in its wrath and sweeps over this broad valley from one end to the other, but I fear I shall not be able to do so this time. But this river is indeed a thing of beauty, and hence "a joy forever."

With kind regard and good wishes. Faithfully yours,
A DWELLER IN THE HILLS.

Details of Crime.

Exchange.

It is urged in some quarters that the publicity given to the details of a case like the Thaw case should be a warning. On the contrary, its tendency is to debauch the country. Detailed stories of crime and filth, even if true, do not make for righteousness, but distinctly lower the moral character of hundreds of thousands of readers, and tend to make the crimes described more common. Where one persons is warned a dozen are weakened. But a great deal that was published about the crimes preceding the murder was not true. With a basis of fact the sensational reporter turns his imagination loose, and conjures up the most sensational pictures he can draw. It makes little difference whether they are true or not since they will be read just the same. That the reports of the trial were not worse was mainly due to President Roosevelt, who, in the beginning, inquired of the Postoffice Department whether newspapers could be excluded from the mails. The hint to publishers was sufficient. Even the yellowest paper curbed the imagination of its reporters. There is, of course, a clean and a filthy way of stating the same fact, and the newspaper had in mind the danger of exclusion from the mails. Even as it was, the Canadian postal authorities seized some thousands of American newspapers as too bad for Canada. The need of reform in our entire system of criminal jurisprudence has long been felt. Something is wrong when such a trial draws crowds on the street with the hope of getting into the court-room, and turns the attention of a nation to its details for months. Perhaps many criminal trials will in the future be held private, with only a sufficient number of interested persons present to secure justice to all, and there will be more restriction on the press. Such a trial does not ruin a nation; the forces which make for righteousness are too strong for that. But it works a distinct and lasting injury. It is greatly to be regretted that this trial must be gone over again, although the interest in it has probably spent its force, and the next trial will be tame in comparison.

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