

Lookin' On
By a Bystander

NORTH CAROLINA: KILLER!
I've read so much lately of electrocutions that they've just naturally made me nauseated. Three in one day and one another day on successive Fridays—well, course you don't have to read about 'em if you don't want to, but because some folks do, some others have to.

Did you ever try to live through the last hours and last minutes of life with one of these poor devils? There they sit on lonely Death Row, waiting for the warden to come down the walkway to tell them their time has come. Then begins the march of the "last mile." Down in that fateful chair he sits—waiting those few short seconds until the fire strikes him dead.

Say, did you ever see a fellow die in the chair? Well, I saw one. Course, if it came in line of duty, I could stand it again—and again—and again, maybe. But I have no hankering of curiosity for it as I once did. It's a quick death, but, my God, it's death just the same. A youth in the blusu of young manhood! In the finest of health! There he sits! In a few seconds he is no more! He's gone, you don't know where—certainly to that bourne from which no traveler ever returns.

The State of North Carolina says you can't kill a human being. Yet, this all-powerful State steps in and does the very thing it says you can't do. I say it has no more right to take a life than I have, and I know I haven't, and don't want any such right. The State of North Carolina has no right to take from a man what it cannot give back again to him. The State of North Carolina: Killer—and shall it be said, Murderer? Is it any less than that?

In my own mind I fought for many years to make up my opinion what I really thought about capital punishment. Several years ago at last I reached my conclusion—against capital punishment. No, sir, I just simply don't believe in it. Oh, crime ought to be punished; don't get me wrong. I'm in favor of punishment. But there are prisons for that. The old idea of an eye for an eye is archaic. If you believe in the new dispensation Jesus taught, you won't believe in capital punishment. God gave life, and only God gave it. I say let God alone take it away if it must be taken.

Some folks argue capital punishment ought to be retained as a crime deterrent. Well, there have been more electrocutions in North Carolina in the last twelve months than ever before in the 25 years there has been an electric chair. Talk about capital punishment to check crime? Well, it aint checking it, not a bit of it. If there weren't more crime, there wouldn't be more electrocutions. The very argument defeats itself. If you ask me, I think it's time to try something else. Certainly it won't be any worse than the methods we're using now.

OUR JUDGE PARKER
I'm going to give some space here for a tribute to the Greensboro Daily News paid a few days ago to Judge R. Hunt Parker. He's better known in Vance county than any other man on the bench, in this or any other State. And it's no exaggeration to say he's more highly thought of, Hunt Parker impressed a whole lot of folks the first time he came here as solicitor. And he's grown bigger and bigger ever since with every visit. They've tried to beat him, but they aint made no headway at all. Every time his majority is bigger than before, so this time when he was up for judge, why they had all give up all hope of ever beating him, and nobody dared try it. Just keep your eyes on Hunt Parker. He's just begun to climb. He's a young man and he's got plenty of head sense. Talk about knowin' law, but he knows his'n. And the folks over North Carolina are finding it out. Yes, sir, you are going to hear a whole lot more about Judge Parker. Just mark that down somewhere.

But here's what the Greensboro paper said about him while he was running that big case down at Goldsboro the other day:

1820—Mary A. Livermore, noted Boston editor, reformer, lecturer, suffragist, and author, born in Boston. Died there, May 23, 1905.

Soldier of Fortune



Peter Ivanoff is officially dead in Soviet records. He flew a Soviet plane to Persia and didn't go back. So U. S. S. R. sentenced him to death and executed him "in absentia." Now he's in U. S., preparing for nonstop flight from New York to Costa Rica, where he conducts the Latin country's only flying school.
(Central Press)

HE WORKS AT JUDGING.
If we were after just as much justice as we were entitled to, we think we'd about as soon be tried before Judge R. Hunt Parker, now presiding over the Grice-Sasser trial at Goldsboro, as any man living. With no thought of disparaging any of the possibly as efficacious but

certainly less meticulous members of our judiciary, here is a jurist who works at the job of judging as if he were going to be held to strict account for his output. Learning after a jury had been selected from a special venire of 350 Wayne county citizens that two of the jurors had answered falsely ques-

tions, concerning an expressed opinion on the case and relationship by blood or marriage to a principal therein, he jailed the offending talesmen, threw out the jury and ordered a venire drawn from Johnston county. It was just a short time ago that farther down east Judge Parker was charging a grand jury to go into the

accounts of guardians with minor heirs, and while urging necessity for doing something other than reporting the offices and records of the county officials and the county home in good order he stated as his belief that 40—we believe that was his figure, anyhow it was unconscionable enough if it were less—per cent of

the estates of minors was being stolen from them. Judge Parker speaks plainly, acts abruptly. We seriously doubt if he is popular among lawyers who love to dawdle and postpone. We suspect that many a shyster with a questionable client would rather have the itch than try a case before him.

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