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A SEVERE BLOW TO STATE'S RIGHTS.

The supreme court of the United States decided adversely to the states two cases touching the railroad rate laws in Minnesota and North Carolina, Monday, when Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, was denied relief from a circuit court order of contempt for attempting to execute the state law after being restrained by injunction, and Agent Wood, of the Southern Railway, at Asheville, was discharged from penalty of a police justice's court for violating the North Carolina rate law, an injunction having been issued against the operation of the law prior to the time Wood was sentenced. The decisions settle finally the much discussed questions which occupied a large place in the minds of the people last year, and, while not conclusive, will have an important bearing on the question of states rights.

Aside from the constitutional points involved in the issue, which are not clear to the mind of a layman, the decision appears to be based on common sense, though it sets at naught the time honored contention of the states rights people that the courts are coordinate. They are coordinate in dignity only, according to the decision, and the supreme power is lodged in the federal courts. The question directly at issue was as to the power of the federal court to enforce a restraining order against a state or representatives of the state in the execution of its laws, and the decision means that it can, pending the investigation of the laws. It will have the effect to limit to a great extent the state's exercise of the right to regulate railway rates in its domain, by granting the corporations

access to the federal courts. The power thus vested in the federal courts we conceive to be proper, where judiciously and wisely invoked, but fraught with much danger to the country should it be abused.

It is, to say the least, a severe blow to state rights, and, we fear, but paves the way to further and greater encroachments on that doctrine. The decision is sure to be widely commented upon throughout the country, and, besides, will doubtless affect future legislation along the line of railway rate regulation.

In the bidding for the contract to do \$50,000 worth of sidewalk paving in the city of New Bern last week sixty contractors submitted bids which ranged in price from 83 cents to \$1.25 per square yard, which is lower than this class of work has been done before. This is due in a large measure to scarcity of this kind of work owing to the financial depression which still prevails to some extent over the entire country. The point we want to make is this: That it would be doubly fortunate for this city if the bonds for improvements voted last year could be sold and the work started right away.

We can see no sinister purpose hidden under the very graceful and courteous invitation from the Japanese government to our Pacific fleet to visit the waters of the flowery kingdom and disposed to give the mikado credit for genuine cordiality in doing the thing. Besides, should harm befall our battle-ships while there, from treachery, Japan would be outwaded by the powers and her destruction would be sure and swift.

Occupying the position that we do—a comfortable seat on the fence—we can see some things, probably, that Mr. Kitchin cannot, and one of them is that he will have a hard time to save himself from his fool friends if he doesn't stop their fool talk.

Judging by what has happened recently in their conventions in the south Roosevelt and his "policies" would stand a poor show if the niggers had their way.

In answer to statements sent out to those of our subscribers whose labels show them to be more than a year in arrears we have received a number of replies, while others, only a few, comparatively, have not answered at all, and these we take it, do not want the paper continued. They shall be accommodated. Some to whom we mailed statements showed us that we were in error, and these we have properly credited, besides, we ask their pardon, and beg to assure them that the error was not of the writer's making. This will be the last issue of the paper some of our readers will get, and this we regret, but on April 1 we will comply with the law by dropping those from the list who are behind more than a year. This week we are mailing statements to subscribers in the city of Rocky Mount, and if any receiving one find it incorrect and will notify us we will gladly credit the subscription properly.

Col. Fairbrother, who is a man of unusually good judgment and who has the courage to express his opinions, says the chances are "decidedly against Kitchin." So we hope and believe.—Enfield Progress.

With the closing remark we have no quarrel, not being Mr. Kitchin's accredited champion, but with that part about Col. Fairbrother. He is brilliant, a genius and his writings are delightfully incoercive; but as for his having good judgment! Haven't you made a mistake, neighbor?

It may be frankly conceded that the conservative element of both the Democratic and Republican parties had their inning in the conventions held last week; but be it remembered that New York and Rhode Island have never been considered good grazing ground for the progressives, who are striving against special privileges, the very thing those states and others in the east have fattened on.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, of whom it was said some time ago that he would not stand for reelection this year, says that he is a candidate for the nomination again. Mr. Lacy can point with pride to his administration of the affairs of this important office.

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