

SAYS ACCEPT THE RAILROADS' OFFER

CORPORATION COMMISSION GIVES PROPOSAL UNQUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT.

IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

No Other State in the Country At Any Time Has By Any Means Gained a Like Concession From the Railroads.

Raleigh.—"After much study of the whole situation, and mature consideration of all the circumstances and conditions, the Corporation Commission unanimously recommends the acceptance of the proposition, with the firm conviction that it will save the people a large amount of money and give renewed impetus to our industrial and commercial development." This is the concluding paragraph of a four-page letter from the Corporation Commission to Governor Craig as to the latest amended proposal of the railroad companies for the settlement of the interstate freight rate differences.

Continuing, the letter declares that the proposition offers such substantial reductions in rates from the West as to amount to a compliance in good faith with the original agreement and makes such adjustment of the matters involved in the suits of the Corporation Commission against the railroad companies as to warrant their withdrawal.

The reduction applies, the commission sets out, to a very large territory, embracing the Buffalo-Pittsburg zone and all territory west thereof and north of the Ohio river, and all territory west of the Mississippi river to the Pacific Coast. Furthermore, the commission declares that the reductions offered will save the shippers of the state \$2,000,000 a year based on the railroad earnings for 1912, the proposal constituting the largest and most comprehensive concessions in freight rates ever made by any railroads to any state at one time.

The letter pronounces the proposed adjustment the greatest achievement in railroad regulation ever gained by any state by any means, and has been accomplished in a remarkably short time at insignificant expense compared with magnitude of matter.

State University Serving Farmers.

The following letter from Acting President Edward K. Graham to the Educational Committee of the State Farmers' Union contains announcements of more than usual interest: "Your letter outlining certain educational policies of the Farmers' Union for the advancement of North Carolina has been received and read with keen interest. All of the proposals contained therein should win not only the intellectual approval of the people of the state, but their active interest in putting them into immediate effect. The University will give you its aggressive support in every detail of this work."

W. A. Devin Gets Judgeship.

Raleigh.—W. A. Devin of Oxford was commissioned by Gov. Craig as Superior Court Judge in the Tenth Judicial district to succeed Judge H. A. Foushee of Durham, who resigned on account of poor health. Judge Devin convened his first court in Durham county Monday. A number of the friends of Hon. S. M. Gattis of Orange county came to make a special plea for his appointment, but the telegram notifying Mr. Devin of his appointment was being sent from the Governor's office when they arrived.

May Try Nance at September Term.

Rockingham.—Recent developments render it now probable that George S. Nance will be brought to trial at the September term of Criminal Superior Court, which convenes soon. Alienists of note have been summoned on both sides to be present at that time on behalf of the state.

Many Fail to List Their Taxes.

County Auditor J. A. Davidson turned over to the solicitor and grand jury the names of 1,200 people in Guilford who failed to list their property or poll tax for 1913. Bills will be sent in most of the cases, which will mean the largest criminal docket ever heard of in the state. Members of the police forces of Greensboro and High Point and other officers have worked industriously to get the names of all people liable for tax who failed to list, and the number secured indicates that it is complete.

STATE NEWS AT WASHINGTON

Has More Money For Farmers, If Needed.—Treasury Department Will Not Stop at \$50,000,000.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that John Skelton Williams, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, informed a North Carolina delegation that the department would be extremely liberal in responding to applications for money by Southern banks to move the cotton crop.

If the \$50,000,000 already set aside for this purpose is not sufficient, more Government funds will be deposited. Moreover the time for repayment will be extended.

This assurance was given by Mr. Williams to Representatives Stedman and Doughton, who called at the Treasury Department, accompanied by S. C. Hobbs of Clinton and J. C. Kennett of Greensboro, members of a committee from the Farmers' Union.

They went away well satisfied with the attitude of the department toward the farmers.

It now seems that two terminals for distribution of parcel post packages will be established in North Carolina, at Charlotte and Raleigh. Representative Webb was reassured that Charlotte will be made one of the depots for the state, if satisfactory rentals can be arranged.

Representative Pou and John C. Drewry of Raleigh called at the Post-office Department. Mr. Drewry declared upon leaving that a depot will be located at Raleigh. That city has already given the department the choice of two free sites for the depot. And investigation is being made and something definite may be known in a week.

Representative Faison recommended the appointment of William Felton as postmaster at Bettie, Carteret county.

Good Roads Work in Henderson.

At the joint September meeting of the County Commissioners and Good Roads Commission, just held at Henderson, it was decided to invite the old road force, under Mr. T. P. Rose, with the good roads force under Mr. Mulligan. All the mules, horses, implements, etc., were turned over to the Good Roads Commission. The force was divided into three sections, one of which is at work on the Middleburg road, in charge of Overseer Rose; another is working the road between Henderson and Epsom, and is in charge of Overseer Sharp; and the other section, under Mr. Haven, is on the road leading from this city to Kittrell.

Conductor Killed on Interurban.

C. M. Sigmon, a freight conductor on the P. & N., met instant death in the Gastonia yards of the railroad. The train had just arrived from Charlotte and some cars were being placed on a siding. Just how the accident occurred is not known. His body was very badly mangled. Engineer Williams was backing and Conductor Sigmon was signaling with his lantern. All at once the lantern failed to signal and the motorman, going to the rear, arrived in time to see the colored brakeman dragging the wounded man from under the wheels.

Death By Unknown Parties.

Coroner Wood and County Attorney John N. Wilson have been carefully conducting the investigation of the shooting of Officer Wicher, which took place at High Point recently. The case was heard before the jury: R. E. Blair, C. A. King, J. L. Sechrist, Geo. A. Matton, H. A. Moffitt and R. B. White. After thorough investigations heard before this well selected jury, a verdict was reached and rendered that Officer Wicher came to his death by unknown parties.

Examines Infected Cotton.

George R. Bennett of Enfield, agent for the farmers' co-operation demonstration work for this part of Halifax county, was at Scotland Neck in the interest of his work. He was exhibiting a number of bolls of cotton which were infected with what he called cotton anthracnose. Mr. Bennett says he has found quite a bit of cotton infected with this disease, and estimates the damage in many fields at from 10 to 25 per cent.

No Jail Sentence For Holland.

Judge Charles Cooke, in Wake Superior Court, suspended the four-months' jail sentence imposed against J. J. Holland, the Seaboard Air Line section master, for killing Van Stewart for persistent indecent exposure of his person close to the Holland home. Over eight hundred people petitioned for the suspension of the judgment, and Annie Stewart, mother of the negro killed, wrote the judge that she understood the provocation under which her son was shot, and joined in asking mercy for Holland.

THOUSANDS VIEW BODY OF GAYNOR

BODY OF MAYOR GAYNOR LIES IN STATE IN NEW YORK CITY.

GREAT TRIBUTE PAID HIM

Despite Rain 75,000 Persons Pass the Bier in the City Hall.

New York.—In a double line that never seemed to diminish as the day wore on, thousands of persons filed through the flower-filled rotunda of the city hall and past the body of William J. Gaynor lying in state.

Unmindful of a heavy downpour of rain and threatening skies, the people came in a continuous stream silently to find places in the long, slow moving procession that extended for half a mile along Lower Broadway and through City Hall park to the city hall. It was New York's spontaneous tribute to its dead mayor.

In the long line were street cleaners in their white uniforms, policemen, firemen and men high in the official life of the city and state, but for the most part the procession was made up from the great so-called middle class.

About a fifth of the crowd was made up of women and children and many of the leaders carried small wreaths or bouquets of flowers which they placed near the coffin.

Fully one hundred thousand persons viewed the body before the doors closed, it is believed.

"It is a remarkable tribute," Mayor Kline said, as he viewed the great silent crowd. "No king, no emperor ever had a tribute paid to him like this great outpouring of citizens. It is tribute from the hearts of the people."

Three policemen and three firemen in reliefs of a half hour stood rigidly at attention during the night beside the coffin, which was draped in the stars and stripes and the mayor's flag, while beneath could be seen the colors of the union jack placed there at the request of the Gaynor family in recognition of the courtesy extended by the city of Liverpool upon the arrival of the mayor's body in that city after his death at sea. Crossed branches of palms of victory were the only floral decorations on the cover of the coffin.

ASSASSIN OF MADERO KILLED

Colonel Cardenas Killed to Keep Him From Revealing Orders.

Washington.—Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Cardenas, alleged by the Constitutionalist of Mexico to have been the assassin of Francisco I. Madero, former president of Mexico, has himself been assassinated, according to a dispatch received at the headquarters of the Constitutionalist here.

The advices state that Cardenas was killed at Michoacan, where he had been sent by Provisional President Huerta to take command of federal troops. He was assassinated, it was said, for fear he might reveal the orders he received on the night of February 22 when Madero was killed and when Cardenas was in command of the soldiers conveying Madero from the national palace to prison in Mexico City.

Negro Is Lynched for Double Killing.

Franklin, Texas.—Will Davis, negro, was lynched here after he had shot and killed Tom Hodges, aged 29, and Tom Rushing, 27, and badly wounded Will Maxwell, on the Rushing farm, ten miles north of Franklin. Hodges was killed first, following a dispute, and Rushing and Maxwell were shot when they attempted to arrest Davis. The negro was captured by a posse and hanged to a tree.

4 Girls Killed Preparing for Wedding.

Budapest.—Four girls who were to become brides were killed by lightning near the village of Nagy-Varad. The girls were picking flowers to decorate the church for the weddings. They were overtaken by a storm and took refuge in a grotto, which lightning struck. The bodies were found in the wreckage.

Great Cavalry Review for President.

Washington.—President Wilson will be given an opportunity during the first week of October to review the largest aggregation of mounted troops of the regular army that has assembled in Washington since the grand review in the late sixties of the seasoned veterans led by Generals Grant and Sheridan. This aggregation, composed the Tenth, Eleventh and Fifteenth regiments of cavalry, has been encamped at Winchester, Va., since the middle of July and will break camp October 1.

NEW YORK PRIEST AND WOMAN HE SLEW



Hans B. Schmidt, assistant priest in St. Joseph's church, New York, confessed to the horrible slaying of Miss Ann Aumbeller. Schmidt, in his story to the police, told of how he murdered his victim while she slept, dismembered the body, packed the pieces in bundles and dropped them from the Fort Lee ferry boat. Last February Schmidt obtained a license, performed his own marriage ceremony and set up housekeeping in the Bronx, where he murdered the woman September 2.

U. S. FLEET WILL STAY HUERTA'S MESSAGE PACIFIC

WILSON ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT TAKE DICTATION FROM PRESIDENT HUERTA.

Vessels Will Be Kept in Mexican Waters Just as Long as It is Necessary.

Washington.—So far as the Washington administration is concerned, it became known that no move is contemplated in the Mexican situation at present. The elections of October 26 are awaited here with keen interest, and the next step in the policy of the United States is likely to make its appearance thereafter.

Administration officials read long excerpts of General Huerta's message to the Mexican congress published in Washington, but no formal comment was made. It is understood that the administration does not attach much importance to the document, though there are passage in it which did not pass without careful notice.

The references to the expiration of the period during which American warships were authorized to remain in Mexican waters caused some discussion. Inasmuch as the ships are permitted to remain another month, or until after the general elections are held, no statement of policy in this connection is likely to be made until that time. Informally officials let it be known that the vessels would be kept in Mexican waters indefinitely if the United States deemed it necessary for the protection of its nationals.

ROLL OF CRIME FOR PRIEST

Was Not Only a Murderer, But Counterfeiter and Thief.

New York.—That Hans Schmidt, the Jekyle-Hyde priest, whose double life was exposed when he was arrested and confessed the murder of Anna Aumbeller after killing the girl and dismembering her body in a Bradhurst avenue flat, hired another apartment in which he presumably planned to conceal himself, was developed from police discoveries.

Girl Killed; Body Thrown in River.

Newark, N. J.—The body of Alice Hopper, 16 years old, who had been missing from her home in Kearny, N. J., was found in the Passaic river at Harrison, her skirts weighted with stones. William Tolen, chief of police of Kearny, and the girl's relatives declared that she had been murdered and her body cast into the river. The stones, weighing 12 or 14 pounds, had been placed in the lap of her outer skirt and her skirt drawn up to form a basket, and the hem was knotted at the rear of the waist.

HUERTA'S MESSAGE PACIFIC

VERBAL BOMBS WERE LACKING WHEN PRESIDENT ADDRESSED MEXICAN CONGRESS.

Huerta Admits Relations Are Strained, But Says He Expects an Adjustment.

Mexico City.—Provisional President Victoriana Huerta delivered his semi-annual message at the opening of the second session of the Twenty-seventh Mexican congress. In it he promised to spare no efforts to bring about the unrestricted election of the president and vice president of the Mexican republic next month, declaring that it would constitute the greatest triumph of his career to turn over the office to his successor with the country at peace as he hoped to do.

General Huerta said the strained diplomatic relations between Mexico and the United States had caused the Mexican nation to suffer unmerited affliction, and had retarded the pacification of the country. Nevertheless he hoped for an early solution of the differences between the two nations and to see Mexico and the United States once more united in bonds of friendship.

The message was disappointing to many who had expected that Provisional President Huerta would deal at some length with recent diplomatic changes. This subject, however, he said, "being so delicate and the permanent commission of congress being already informed," he passed with a bare mention.

VICTORY FOR THAW IN COURT

U. S. Judge Aldrich Indefinitely Suspends Habeas-Corpus Hearing.

Littleton, N. H.—Counsel for Harry Kendall Thaw laid the foundation for plans to carry his case to the Supreme court of the United States—if such a step is found necessary. When the governor of New Hampshire passes on the matter of the extradition of Thaw to New York, at the hearing to be held at Concord, the findings, if adverse to Thaw, will be reviewed by the United States district court, and, should a decision against him then be rendered, successive appeals will be taken until the case reached the highest court in the land.

Immigrants Wanted for the South.

Washington.—A delegation representative of Louisiana and particularly New Orleans business men, headed by Senator Ransdell of Louisiana and M. K. Trezevant, general manager of the New Orleans chamber of commerce, conferred with Acting Secretary Post of the department of labor, with a view to diverting part of the tide of immigration through the port of New Orleans. It was pointed out that the South needed immigrants, and that the facilities for handling them in New Orleans were superior.

MAN ENTITLED ONLY TO WHAT HE EARNS

MORE INTELLIGENT DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH WILL INSURE MORE PROSPERITY.

SO ASSERTS A. J. OREM

Also Attacks Sale of Watered Stocks. Wright Makes Plea for Correction of the Election Laws.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Southern Christian Citizenship Congress, under the auspices of the Civic League of America, opened at the auditorium to the accompaniment of near sensationalism revealed in the address of A. J. Orem of Boston, who, in his treatise, styled "From Theocracy to Theocracy," all but put outright Socialism into the book of good citizenship.

Owing to his presence at the capitol, where he sat late in the matter of the McNaughton pardon arguments, Gov. John M. Slaton was unable to preside at the gathering in Taft hall. Seaborn Wright of Rome, Ga., closed the evening session with an impassioned appeal for a correction of the election laws.

In introducing Mr. Orem as the principal speaker of the evening, William D. Ushway declared that he had given the principal orator carte blanche in the matter of subject and text. Mr. Orem lived up to his rights. In part, he said:

"Greater problems confront the present generation than have confronted any previous generation in the history of the world. Present day questions are broader and more world wide than former ones. Their consideration must be of broader scope. I believe that modern intelligence is being directed, however, to their successful solution.

"All forms of government have been tried with more or less success. If government administration is in the interest of a few, disregarding the rights of the many, government will be had, no matter what the form. Modern civilization is tending towards democracy. Nations are more and more being educated to recognize the rights of the individuals. Economic problems and social problems will never be solved until governments are administered with due regard to human rights. Human rights should be more sacred than property rights.

"A more intelligent distribution of wealth will insure more prosperity and happiness. To this end each man should have what he earns and no more. He is not entitled to any portion of what other men produce except that obtained through honest barter or other equitable means."

MADERO SLAYING NOT CRIME

Such Is Decision of Mexican Military Court After Investigation.

Mexico City.—The deaths of the late President Francisco I. Madero and Vice President Jose Maria Pino Suarez were not brought about by a punishable crime, according to a decision pronounced by the military court here.

The investigation lasted six months. It was started by the military commandant of the federal district immediately on the conclusion of the ten-days' battle in the streets of Mexico last February, which resulted in Provisional President Huerta coming into power.

Among the witnesses was Major Francisco Cardenas, who commanded the escort which conveyed President Madero and Vice President Pino Suarez from the national palace to the penitentiary. Two subordinate officers of rural guards and residents in the vicinity of the jail also were examined.

Father and Baby Killed.

Clayton, Ga.—Emanuel Nichols, aged 35, a farmer living ten miles northwest of here in Rabun county, and his two-year-old baby girl, are dead, while his son and daughter, Conrad and Myrtle Nichols, have been bound over to the grand jury for voluntary manslaughter, as a result of a general shooting melee in the farmer's home. It is said the farmer's wife killed her own baby as she sought to kill her husband.

Recall of Diaz Not Encouraging.

Washington.—News that Gen. Felix Diaz, nephew of Porfirio Diaz, had been recalled to Mexico to become the candidate of the Huerta faction in the coming presidential election aroused much interest here in official circles. The general feeling was that the return of Diaz meant a compliance with President Wilson's principal demand, that General Huerta should not be a candidate. So far as arguing an era of peace, however, the outlook was described as discouraging.