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JUSTICE MAKES KNOWN THE CARRIERS' REPLY

The Railroads Claim There Are No Strings Tied To Their Proposal

COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL PASS ON RATES

New Schedules Will Be Applied Just As Speedily As Possible

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—The officers of three railroad companies, replying to the resolution introduced in the House, handed their answer to Representative Justice today for transmission to that body. In the answer the carriers assured Mr. Justice that the offer was made in good faith, that it meant what the Governor and the Corporation Commission thought it meant, and that the carriers were relying on the fairness of the people of North Carolina to give the railroads square treatment.

The officers say they will put the rates into effect as quickly as it is physically possible after the Interstate Commerce Commission has inspected them, this being absolutely necessary because the lower rates in question violate the principle of the long and short haul clause. The carriers, it is said, could not apply the rates until permission is given but since Hon. Edgar E. Clark, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been in the confidence of the North Carolina Commission and has advised Chairman Travis to accept them, the Governor and the Commission have not anticipated any trouble on that score.

When the House convened at noon, E. J. Justice made a lengthy statement, in which he presented the interstate carriers' reply to the inquiries propounded Saturday, through Mr. Justice, as to phases of the proposal for rate reduction and probable time for its application, if accepted by the legislature. The reply states that the proposal means as to rates from the West, that proportional rates proposed to be established South of Virginia cities will apply from points west of Buffalo Pittsburgh Zone, whether based on the Ohio river crossings, or on Virginia cities; that after acceptance of the proposal by legislature it will have to be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission, after rates in detail have been worked out and then these printed schedules distributed to agents, but that certainly the new rate will be applied just as speedily as possible, and application will be made in the utmost good faith, possibly within sixty days after the Interstate Commerce Commission makes its orders "the principle that reductions must not extend beyond the borders of the State, though special order by the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been eliminated and that there is no restriction contemplated in the proposal to bar the State from retaliatory legislation, the railroad companies have entered negotiations in spite of the compromise to meet the wishes of the people, relying for their protection, upon the sense of fairness and justice of the representatives of the people and upon the faith that if the State should accept the proposal, such course will there after be pursued by the State as would be in keeping with the spirit of the settlement.

CHAMPION BILLIARD PLAYER OUTPLAYS LOCAL ARTISTS.

In the game of billiards played at the Elks Club Saturday night between John Malone, the champion player of New York, and Thomas Daniels and Hugh Walker of this city, the champion was the winner. Malone played hink billiards while Messrs. Cutler and Walker played an unrestricted game any way counting. The score was one hundred to seventy-five in favor of Malone. The pocket billiard match between Malone and H. Cutler, Jr., and Walter Barrows was also won by the champion. Mr. Malone left yesterday morning for Wilmington.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS COMING

Fall Reunion To Be Held In New Bern October 7, 8, and 9.

FIRST SESSION ON TUESDAY

An Elaborate Program Has Been Prepared For The Occasion.

Scottish Rite Masons from all over the state with the exception of Buncombe, Mecklenburg and New Hanover counties which have consistories of their own will gather in New Bern on October 7 to attend the fall reunion of the conferring of degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive.

Among the many visitors who will be present to assist in the work will be John A. Nicholls, W. F. Randolph, Clyde Cotton, Clyde F. Wood and Herman Carr, of Asheville; W. S. Liddell, F. M. Winchester, D. P. Byers and W. H. Lambeth, of Charlotte. These visitors are from consistory Number 2 and number 1 and those who are to take the various degrees will come from different sections of the State.

The reunion will continue for three days. The first session will be held Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. On that night degrees up to the ninth will be conferred. Wednesday the first session will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon and during the afternoon and evening nine more degrees will be conferred. Thursday the first session will be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the remaining degrees up to the thirty-second will be conferred.

Elaborate care has been exercised in arranging the program. There will be two banquets during the three days that the Masons are in the City. Each day's program includes many musical selections and great care has been taken to make the sessions intensely interesting for the members. The choir which will furnish the vocal selections during the convention is composed of C. T. Pumphrey, J. J. Tolson, Jr., L. C. Tolson, J. W. Watson, and Mrs. Mamie Benton, all of this city.

The following committees will have charge of the reunion and will attend to the various duties assigned them during the three days that the reunion is in progress:

Reception: A. H. Bangert, Chairman; B. B. Hurst, A. F. Doane, W. L. Bell, W. L. Bell, F. H. Sawyer, William Dunn, C. T. Ward, M. H. Allen, J. J. Rhodes, J. W. Stewart, E. B. Hackburn, M. W. Nelson, W. W. Swain and W. E. White.

Membership: H. T. Patterson, Chairman; Thos. Gold, J. F. Lane, J. B. Baird, G. A. Hurst, E. M. Koonce, Jacksonville; M. W. Nelson, T. W. K. Kellum, J. C. Morris, W. M. Webb, C. D. Jones, N. F. Rowe and H. B. Smith.

Executive: W. S. Simmons, Chairman; J. E. Warren, H. T. Gowan, W. T. Shull and J. H. Parker.

Credentials: Robert DuVal Jones, Chairman; W. A. McIntosh and T. A. Henry.

Refreshments: E. B. Hackburn, Chairman; A. H. Bangert and J. B. Dawson.

It is expected that the reunion will be one of the largest attended and most successful ever held.

PAINT AND POWDER CLUB ASSIST'S NEW BAND.

The members of the Peoples Band were out yesterday securing subscriptions to be used in getting their instruments out of the express office and quite a neat sum was secured. Among the other contributions was one of ten dollars from the Paint and Powder Club. This organization is also planning to give a benefit performance for the band at an early date.

NOTICE.

Pupils who wish to rent school books may get the books on Monday and Tuesday from 2 to 5 o'clock. The book rent is the same as last year, payable in advance, viz: 1st and 2d grades, 50 cents per year. 3d and 4th grades, \$1.00 per year. 5th and 6th grades, \$2.00 per year. 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades, \$3.00 per year. No books will be given out on Wednesday until after 3 o'clock. H. B. CRAVEN, Supt.

NEW CLERK FOR FEDERAL COURT

It Is Understood That Col. P. M. Pearsall Will Soon Take Charge Of New Bern Court.

TO SUCCEED GEORGE GREEN

No Official Announcement Has Been Made By Clerk Of Eastern District.

While no official announcement has been made it is generally understood that George Green, who for the past twenty-five years has acted in the capacity of deputy and clerk of the Federal Court in this city will within a short time be succeeded by Colonel P. M. Pearsall.

The new clerk of the Eastern District, Alec. L. Blow, was in New Bern last week and while here it is understood informed Mr. Green of his intention to put a new man in the office. Mr. Green's books have been checked up and were found to be in excellent condition and it will be possible now for Colonel Pearsall to assume charge of the office at any time.

Just when the change will be made is not known. Probably not until after the next term of Federal Court. Colonel Pearsall was interviewed last night by a Journal reporter but stated that he was not in a position to give out any information at the present time on account of the fact that the matter had not been definitely decided.

While Mr. Green has always capably performed his duties, and has been highly commended upon his work by his superiors in office, Colonel Pearsall is a gentleman of ability and his friends feel assured that he will capably fill the office.

MONSTER SHARK CAUGHT NEAR MOREHEAD CITY

Greensboro Man Hooked Seven Hundred Pound Fish And Succeeded In Towing Him To Shore—Was Eighteen Feet In Length

A shark which measured eighteen feet in length and weighed seven hundred pounds was caught just off Beaufort Inlet Sunday morning by J. G. Darden who, in company with a party of fishermen, had gone out for the purpose of catching trout.

Mr. Darden and his friends secured a launch early in the day and went out to a point near the sea buoy, which is just off the inlet. For thirty minutes or more the fish bit freely, then suddenly the hooks were left unmolested and despite the fact that the anglers used their utmost efforts to induce the fish to take the bait, there was nothing doing.

Believing that there were sharks around and that these fish had run the smaller ones away, Mr. Darden baited a large hook which had been taken along specially for shark fishing and threw it overboard. Within less than two minutes after the hook had settled in the water there was a mighty tug on the line and Mr. Darden knew that he had hooked a large fish and at once

THAW'S ATTORNEYS MAY GIVE UP HIS CASE

Greatly Displeased With His Propensity For Giving Out Interviews And Statements. Thaw Suffering With A Bad Cold.

(Special to the Journal.) Concord, N. H., Sept. 29.—Thaw and his New Hampshire lawyers are almost at the point where they are to part company and unless Thaw desists from giving out so many statements and interviews his attorneys declare that they will drop the case and let him either fight it out alone or get someone to carry on his fight for him.

In an interview tonight with Thaw's lawyers they stated that they were greatly displeased with the tactics being pursued by their client. Thaw's latest statement is to the effect that he will return to Poughkeepsie and stand trial, and this, his attorneys believe, may seriously imperil his chances of defeating present extradition proceedings.

In a conference tonight Thaw's attorneys discussed a plan to force

ALLEGED "TIGRESS" IN JAIL.

Lula Taylor, Is Charged With Selling Spirituous Liquor.

Lula Taylor, colored, was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner C. B. Hill yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging her with retailing spirituous liquors without a government license. Probable cause was found and the defendant bound over to the next term of Federal Court under a bond of one hundred dollars in default of which she was committed to jail.

It was to the Taylor woman's house that Allen Joyner, a colored hack driver, is supposed to have carried two visitors several days ago and it was from her that they claim they purchased two half pints of whiskey. Joyner was placed in jail a day or two after the incident occurred and now the woman will be incarcerated in the same building until the next term of court when the entire affair will be aired.

THE JOURNAL TO POST BULLETINS ON BALL GAMES.

On October 7, the championship baseball series between the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics will begin. The Journal has made arrangements to secure detail reports of each of these games at the end of each inning and these will be posted on a bulletin board in front of the Journal building, No. 45 Pollock street, each afternoon during the game. Out of town patrons of the Journal can secure any information regarding these games by calling up the office over the long distance telephone.

How happy the average married man would be if he were only half as well satisfied with his wife as he is with himself!

KILLS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LEADER

Unknown Murderer Slays Mrs. Rebecca Gay Of Los Angeles, California.

BODY FOUND BY CLEANER

Struck With A Gas Pipe As She Sat In Her Office.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 29.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay, fifty years old, one of the best known Christian Science practitioners in Southern California, was murdered in her office at the W. W. Hellman Building, last evening, as she sat in a rocking chair. The body was found at 5:30 o'clock this morning by a woman who cleans the offices.

The murder, after beating the woman to death with a piece of gas pipe covered with paper, hurled the body to the floor and concealed it from view with letters and newspapers taken from a table. Most of the papers used were copies of the Christian Science Monitor. The murder was committed in the inner office of the two-room suite occupied by Mrs. Gay.

The officers believe that Mrs. Gay was struck suddenly while she was sitting in her rocking chair, with her head bent forward probably in prayer. The first blow was on the left temple, and fractured her skull. This blow caused death, the detectives say. The murderer, however, struck the woman repeatedly several times until her skull was crushed. Then he threw her from the chair to the floor.

Investigation by detectives indicated that the murderer made his departure leisurely after having murdered the woman. He covered the body with papers, went into the front office, where he washed his hands at a bowl in a small closet. After wiping his hands on a towel, he threw the towel on the pile of papers covering the body. The police believe the crime was committed by a negro, who for many years has had a grievance against Mrs. Gay.

Mrs. Gay told a friend a short time ago that she had a vision of being murdered in her office. Mrs. Gay was the divorced wife of John J. Gay, a capitalist of San Diego. She is survived by a brother, Lenuel P. Connor, an attorney, of Natchez, Miss., and a sister, Mrs. R. W. Bailey, of this city. Her life was insured for \$4,000 by a New York company.

A blood stained collar, found on a roof beneath the open office window of Mrs. Gay, was the most promising clew to the murder that detectives possessed tonight. They believe it was discarded by the slayer.

SALVATIONIST TRANSFERRED TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

Captain J. M. Satterfield, who for more than a year has been in charge of the local branch of the Salvation Army, has received notice from headquarters that he is to be transferred to Spartansburg, S. C. Captain Satterfield does not know just when he will leave New Bern or whom his successor will be, not having received definite instructions from headquarters, but he thinks that two or three weeks will elapse before the change is made.

MRS. G. W. BRINSON IS CRITICALLY ILL.

A message received here yesterday by her brothers, J. K. Land and T. A. Land, was to the effect that Mrs. G. W. Brinson, of Arapahoe, was critically ill at that place. Messrs. Land will leave this morning for Arapahoe, to be at their sister's bedside.

WILL ENLARGE PLANT.

Pine Lumber Company Award Contract For New Building.

An ever increasing volume of business has caused the present quarters of the Pine Lumber Company to become inadequate for their needs and the company has decided to erect a brand new mill as an addition to their present plant. The plans for this structure have been drawn and the contract for its construction has been awarded to H. S. Hancock, a well known contractor and builder. Mr. Hancock will begin work on this building within the next few days and will rush it to completion as quickly as possible.