

FELDER TO COMMISSION.

His Letter Declining to Appear in Response to Resolution of the Commission.

Following is the letter which was received by the dispensary winding-up commission at its meeting on Monday, from Thos. B. Felder, in response to the resolution of the commission requiring him to appear before the commission and furnish the commission all information in his possession:

Col. Felder wrote as follows to Chairman James Stackhouse and to the members of the commission:

"Receipt of your valued favor of the 19th instant is hereby acknowledged. I have been absent from the city for the past week or ten days, conducting some investigations on my own account anent the matters referred to in the second paragraph of the series of resolutions adopted by your commission at a meeting held in the city of Columbia on the 19th instant, a copy of which you caused to be transmitted to me here.

"After mature deliberation I have reached the deliberate conclusion that if your governor could with propriety create a commission who are 'all friends of mine and personal supporters' to investigate the members of the old commission, the attorney general of the State of South Carolina and the agents, attorneys and employes of the old commission, and to make 'a rigid investigation of all my (Blease's) acts as State senator, private citizen and governor of the State,' I could with equal propriety resolve myself into a committee of one to make investigations as to the said Blease, his allies and affiliates.

Claims Equal Jurisdiction.

"I think it would be conceded that my jurisdiction is equally as broad as yours; that I have the same authority to subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and to give evidence touching the premises as you possess; and I feel that I may say, without undue arrogance, that my findings of both law and facts will be just as binding and carry with them the same degree of weight and respectability as yours.

"In conclusion permit me to say that my investigations have been quite extensive, thorough and exhaustive and most satisfactory to me, and, when made public, will, in all human probability, disqualify for service some of those now seeking to pass official judgment upon the acts of my associates and myself.

"To some of you this statement may prove enigmatical, while to others it will be most clear.

Promises "Veritable Broadside."

"It does not suit the convenience of my committee to meet with yours at the time and place indicated, but if we can mutually agree upon a different time and place for an interchange of views, information and confidences, I feel safe in saying that the result will be most pleasing and profitable to the people of the State of South Carolina, if not to you and 'yours.'"

"While making no unconditional promise to do so, (for I must in these matters consult and largely yield to the wishes of others more vitally interested in the outcome of this controversy than I can possibly be, and I may add, whose views have deterred me in doing so heretofore) still, if unrestrained, will be my pleasure to deliver in the not distant future a veritable 'broadside.'

"With the assurance of my most distinguished consideration, I have the honor to be, yours very truly,

Thos. B. Felder,

Chairman of the Anti-Blease Investigating Committee."

The letter is dated May 26, 1911.

The resolution of the commission requiring Felder to appear was as follows:

The Resolution.

The following from the News and Courier is the call made for Col. Felder to appear:

"Be it resolved, That this commission meet on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1911, and that Thomas B. Felder, of the firm of Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson, be required to appear before said commission on that date, and furnish them with all information in his possession or in the possession of his firm, in connection with all matters and affairs of any and all claims due or owing to or by the State of South Carolina and from and to any and all person or persons, in obedience to the contract made with the late members of this commission in writing by the said Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson.

As to Governor.

"Resolved second, That the said Thomas B. Felder, at the same time be required to furnish all information in his possession in regard to any matter or matters connected with the said State dispensary against any officer of said institution or of this State, and particularly the governor of this State, the Hon. Cole L. Blease, in accordance with his communica-

tions heretofore made, either in person or through the press of this State, and that he also furnish any information he has in his possession, showing any connection or any dealings in person as agent for others that the said Hon. Cole L. Blease may have had with the State dispensary directors or any other person or persons connected with said institution.

"Resolved third, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by registered letter through the United States mail to the said Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson and a copy individually to Thomas B. Felder, of said firm."

"WIRELESS" MEN CONVICTED.

Wilson and Four Associates Sentenced to Federal Prisons.

New York, May 29.—Christopher Columbus Wilson, president of the United Wireless Telegraph company, and four of his associates were convicted in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court late today for fraudulent use of the mails in obtaining subscriptions to wireless. They were sentenced as follows: President Wilson, three years in the Federal prison in Atlanta; Geo. H. Parker and F. E. Butler, two years each in the same prison; W. A. Diboil and W. W. Thompkins, one year each in some New York prison.

Following a sensational charge by District Attorney Wise, that one of the jurors had been approached Sunday night in the interest of the defendants with the offer of a bribe, "even if it ran into five figures," and his charge that the men on trial were desperate prisoners who would flee the jurisdiction of the court, if admitted to bail, the judge committed the five to the Tombs to allow an appeal to be taken.

In summing up, District Attorney Wise declared that it had been shown "Wilson netted \$900,000 from the sale of 76,000 shares of stock, but in all, \$1,500,000 went into his own pocket." Each of the defendants was convicted on four counts, three in each case charging misuse of the mails, and the fourth, conspiracy. The maximum sentence might have been six years in prison and fines of \$25,000 each.

DEATH IN SPEEDWAY.

Harroun Wins Race—Great Driver, in a Marmon Car, Goes 500 Miles in Wonderful Time.

Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, May 30.—For fame, fortune and the glory of the automobile one life was sacrificed and several men injured today, in the first 500-mile race on a speedway, the greatest test of skill and endurance in the history of the sport of motor racing, won by Ray Harroun, driving a Marmon car in the time of 6 hours, 41 minutes and 8 seconds. Closely pressing Harroun for the victory were Ralph Mulford, with a Lozier, who finished second, and David Bruce-Brown, who drove his Fiat under the wire a good third.

Seventy-seven thousand persons roared encouragement to the 40 pilots that started the race at 10 o'clock this morning, and with unflagging enthusiasm cheered the leaders in the last laps of the race and watched the field pound around the course in division of the lesser honors.

Mechanic Killed.

In the most serious accident of the day S P Dickson, of Chicago, mechanic for Arthur Greiner, driving an Amplex, lost his life in an upset on the back stretch. The race had been on but a few minutes and the Amplex was in its thirteenth mile when the rim of one of the front wheels flew off. The twisted in a might spasm, hurling Greiner and Dickson from their seats. Dickson was thrown against a fence twenty feet from the car and instantly killed. Greiner was unconscious when he was picked up and it was feared he had concussion of the brain, but when he was revived at the field hospital, it was found his only injury was a fractured arm.

A series of succeeding accidents thrilled the immense crowd, pitched high to a fearful expectancy and kept the thousands of eyes strained on the track for a carnival of death that seemed imminent whenever a group of cars flashed close to each other.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrators of the personal estate of A. J. Gibson, deceased, will make a final settlement of the guardianship estate of Nina B. Gibson, minor, on the 19th day of June 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m., in the office of the Probate Judge for Newberry county, and immediately thereafter apply for a discharge of said estate by reason of said guardianship.

I. H. Hunt,
O. B. Cannon,
Administrators.

May 16, 1911.

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