

# To Provide for the Utmost Safety of Patrons and Property is the First Duty of Every Well-Managed Railroad

As a plain, unvarnished business proposition, every thinking person knows that a railroad that wilfully disregards the safety of its patrons and the intelligent fulfillment of its operating and service obligations to the public cannot long prosper.

The railroads of Pennsylvania and New Jersey fully realize the importance of properly manned trains. Were the claims of those who arbitrarily force the railroads, under the Full Crew Laws, to employ men for whom no jobs exist just and warrantable claims, the railroads themselves would be the first to recognize those claims.

## Full Crew Laws Costly

Full Crew Laws, however, have been in force in Pennsylvania and New Jersey more than long enough to convince the railroads and the thinking people that their effect has been extremely detrimental to both railroad progress and public interest.

Statistics of the Interstate Commerce Commission conclusively prove that these Full Crew Laws have worked three grave hardships—i. e.:

- 1—They actually have increased the number of casualties.
- 2—They have cost the railroads and thousands of men and women who, directly, or indirectly, as depositors in banks, trust companies, and savings funds, are investors in railroad bonds and stocks, approximately \$2,000,000 a year in wages for extra labor that formerly was more efficiently performed, at less sacrifice of life and property, by smaller but in every way adequate and competent crews.
- 3—They have deprived the people of a vast amount of improvements that otherwise could have been made with the enormous sums paid in compulsory employment of men not essential to the operation of trains or the safety and welfare of the people.

## No Trains Undermanned

The railroads of Pennsylvania and New Jersey contend that their trains never could be undermanned for the following most excellent business reasons:

First—A freight train of one locomotive at \$25,000, and 75 cars at \$1000 each, would represent an aggregate of \$100,000 in rolling stock. Is it plausible to assume that a railroad company would jeopardize that tremendous capital investment because it felt the employment of an extra brakeman at \$2.75 a day was not an economic expenditure? Would it risk the loss of \$100,000 worth of property to save \$2.75?

Second—The railroads know that, to reach full earning capacity and to get from their equipment and roadway the greatest possible service, all trains must be manned with enough men to enable them to do their work and get through their trips in the least possible time.

## Laws' Arbitrary Nature

Why should the public be grossly inconvenienced because of laws unsound in principle and prejudicial to public welfare and safety? For example: Suppose the Lackawanna Limited left New York for Buffalo with four cars. Suppose it arrived at Stroudsburg and there it became necessary to put on a fifth car to accommodate unexpected traffic. Under the Full Crew Laws this could be done only after an extra brakeman had been brought from a division point, or the Stroudsburg passengers would have to suffer the inconvenience of standing in the cars until the train arrived at Scranton. This is but one illustration showing the inconsistent and arbitrary nature of the Full Crew Laws.

## Co-operative Loyalty Needed

The railroads of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, while making it plain that their efforts to repeal the Full Crew Laws are not directed against their trainmen, point out that the interests of their employes cannot possibly be subserved by policies which are basically and economically unsound; that those interests, in fact, would be best served by a united repudiation of existing laws and co-operative loyalty to the great railroading industry of the United States, upon whose well-being and progress their own advancement and prosperity so largely depend.

The railroads now—as always—intend to man every freight and passenger train to the full requirements of safety and operating efficiency. They intend to do all within their power to expedite traffic and eliminate public inconvenience. They desire to give that absolute safety, efficiency, and service which the people demand and certainly are entitled to.

## Why Laws Should Be Repealed

However, to bring their standards up to that desired perfection which modern industrialism requires, the railroads must be relieved of such burdens as the Full Crew Laws. Employment of unnecessary men by compulsion of law foists economic damage upon the people. Such fallacious laws embarrass the affected railroads to agree that makes it impossible to best serve farming and industrial interests. Restrictive legislation that tends to cripple railroad service, safety, and efficiency by exhausting revenues which should be applied to fostering the public safety, welfare, and convenience must of necessity ultimately recoil upon the people.

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# THE MASTER KEY

By John Fleming Wilson

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And the idol lay there wrapped in the bundle under his feet. The price of Jean Darnell!

The thought worked in his mind actively. He could not refrain from following it out to its logical conclusion. Why should it be Wilkerson who returned with the plans and claimed her? Why should he (Drake) continue to play the slave?

A moment while they slept and the plans were his; then when Wilkerson unsuspectingly presented the idol and pulled out its eye there would be nothing!

It would be George Drake who held the master key to Jean Darnell's avicious heart.

So he dreamed, open eyed, staring into a future where he played the master and not the slave.

And in his waking dream he touched the bundle and felt beneath the rube covering the hard contours of the image.

Again it ran through his head like a call: You have the price of happiness beneath your hand.

Slowly he yielded to the temptation. Gradually, with eyes constantly fixed on the motionless forms of Wilkerson and Dorr, he got the bundle between his knees; then he unlaced the fastenings tremulously.

The idol came out under his hand, and he stared at it, fascinated by its ugliness and the thought of the secret that it held.

No wonder that at every sight of it natives bowed in abject worship.

It held wealth, power, love, happiness!

He shook it softly. Yes, the plans were still within; he could hear the rustle of the folded papers.

He peered around the hut, and, finding all asleep, he set the idol on his knee and bent over it.

He pulled at the eye which he had seen Wilkerson draw out. It came with difficulty. Then he held it up and looked into the dark orifice. There was nothing there.

He was about to throw the idol down in disgust when a glimmer of something bright within the head caught his attention.

He stooped over again and then froze into immobility. The spirit of the vile god was moving within.

The point of light grew into intense brightness. It approached the dark eye socket and glowed therein with frightful fire.

Drake's whole body oozed sweat; his hands clinched unwillingly about the form of the idol. He could not trust it away.

Then the socket was filled, and the devilish eye bulged outward, phosphorescent, gleaming with wickedness. Drake felt his heart burst in his bosom.

Then the snake that had lain so long hid within the hollow of the image struck forth and, having struck, slipped away.

"God!" whispered Drake, with thickened tongue, and jammed the moving eye back into place.

Then he huddled the idol itself into its bundle, laced the throgs with stiffening fingers.

"God!" he whispered again. Then he fell across the bundle dead, without a sound to waken the sleepers.

It was three hours before the dawn that Harry Wilkerson awoke and looked about him. All the rest were still asleep.

He rose softly and peered out of the window. It was very dark outside, and he could see nothing.

He turned his gaze within and saw Drake huddled over the sacks apparently sound asleep.

"The fool!" muttered Wilkerson. "I've got all out of him I want. But I suppose I've got to take him along a way yet."

He resolved to be rid of the young man so soon as he was through with Dorr. Then he paused, in deep thought, his ugly brows bent on the unconscious object of his hatred.

An instant was sufficient for him to make up his mind. He silently went to work and bound John firmly in his seat.

Then he tried to waken Drake. In shaking him he made sufficient noise to stir the natives, and they sat up and stared, sleepy eyed.

But when Wilkerson raised the swollen, discolored face and shrunk back with a muttered oath, the natives rose as one and thrust him aside from the door and pushed through, panic stricken.

Only John's servant remained, kept to his post by the fear of Sir Donald's wrath. But he could not repress a gesture of terror.

"It is the god!" he whispered.

At this John awakened and, finding himself bound, struggled violently.

"Not yet!" snarled Wilkerson. "Here's where you stay!"

In the instant Dorr realized his helplessness. He did not even remonstrate when Wilkerson drove his servant out with curses and bade him begone and fired a shot after him for emphasis.

Nor did he speak while Wilkerson hastily chose the pack containing the idol, kicking Drake's body out of the way, and left on the run.

Speech was useless. He stared down at Drake's contorted form. Beside it lay coiled a lithe serpent, its bright eyes fixed on him, its head weaving to and fro.

Unknowingly Wilkerson had left him not only to famine and thirst, but to sudden death. He bowed his head and cried in agony, "Ruth, Ruth!"

### CHAPTER XXIX.

#### Ruth to the Rescue.

IN honor of their engagement Sir Donald Faversham gently insisted that Ruth Gallon attend a ball which was to be given by the British officers. Ruth pleaded to be allowed not to go, but Consul Reynolds and his wife added their urgings to the baronet's, and even the time honored excuse of "nothing to wear" was firmly refused.

Though she said nothing to any one else about her feelings, she really could not refrain from accusing herself of disloyalty to John Dorr.

He was out in the hills risking his life to regain her fortune. Could she dance and take pleasure with a cheerful heart when she did not know whether he was living or dead?

However, she went and received the formal congratulations of a great many natty officers and the informal complaints of certain young Americans, who vowed that she was unpatriotic in choosing an English husband, and danced with Sir Donald and his friends and smiled and blushed at the compliments and frowned laughingly on the flirts and generally conducted herself as a happy bride to be should.

Faversham was delighted and told her so in many ways. And long after midnight, when Mrs. Reynolds was preparing to go home, he took Ruth out under the shadows of the garden trees and would have kissed her.

"Don't!" she said simply.

"What is the matter, darling?" he asked tenderly.

She stared out into the darkness, and he saw the pallor of her face.

"I am sure something has happened to John."

Faversham frowned. It was too bad that this man should always come between him and his betrothed. But his voice was very gentle as he answered: "That is out of the question. Achmet is very faithful, and if anything had happened I should know of it."

Ruth shook her head and insisted that she was sure. The baronet laughed at her, but she was not to be put off.

"I know John is in trouble," she said determinedly. "If you won't help me I'll go myself!"

Sir Donald argued as strongly as he could and in vain.

"I'm perfectly sure that John Dorr is in trouble," she repeated. "He's all alone up there among those awful natives and—"

"Achmet is with him," interposed Faversham.

"—and some one must go right away and help him," Ruth went on.

"You poor girl!" murmured Mrs. Reynolds. "I know how you feel, but you must get some rest. We'll talk it over later in the morning."

She drew Ruth away toward her room, with a backward glance of whimsical comfort for the baronet.

Faversham watched them go, stood doubtful for a moment, shook his head and departed.

The consul's wife found Ruth too stubborn to handle by herself, for she insisted that, as no one else would go, she would set out herself, and to emphasize her assertion began to change from her ball gown into a riding habit.

The consul came out in dressing gown and slippers when Ruth, fully clad, emerged from her room, still resisting the importunity of his wife.

He added many common sense arguments, but Ruth would not listen.

"I know that he is in trouble," she repeated.

"But if he were, which is most unlikely, you couldn't help him," Mr. Reynolds said bluntly. "In fact, you merely make matters worse."

When they found her obdurate they took silent counsel of one another, told her to wait a moment and vanished.

The instant they were gone Ruth slipped out of the house and boldly turned her face toward the hills now black against the unit sky.

All day she traveled, strangely alone in a populous country. Many natives she met, but they merely looked curiously at the white girl in western riding clothes, and as she avoided villages she escaped the notice of any one in authority.

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## Lime Starvation Causes Tuberculosis

The Medical Record (New York) of December 18, 1909, contains an article on "The Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Based on the Assumption That the Dietetic Cause of the Disease is Lime Starvation," by Dr. John F. Russell, who says: "The condition which is recognized as preceding the active development of tuberculosis in the adult may be considered as due to lime starvation. Among inorganic substances lime salts appear to be of special physiological importance. It is not in organic combination, it is difficult to suppose that the cells can appropriate them for food."

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## Appropriations Committee Visits Mary Packer Hospital

Special to The Telegraph. Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 19.—Yesterday the appropriations committee of the House of Representatives came to Sunbury and went direct to the Mary M. Packer Hospital and from there notified the chairman of the board of trustees that they were here to make an inspection of the institution. General C. M. Clement, T. J. Purdy and J. Simpson Kline, of the board of trustees, went at once to the hospital and escorted the committee, composed of Representatives Schaffer, Hamilton, Lindsey and Dedore, about the building. An inspection was made of the books, showing the financial condition of the hospital, and notes were taken of the fact that there was a deficit of \$1,417 for the year ending May 31 last and an additional shortage of \$687.04 for the seven months ending December 31.

## George Kunkel, Jr., Will Debate For F. and M. in Intercollegiate Meet

George Kunkel, Jr., son of Judge George Kunkel, of this city, will be one of the leaders on the intercollegiate debating team, of Franklin and Marshall College. He is a senior at that institution—Judge Kunkel is an alumnus—and he is one of the strongest speakers that ever represented the Lancaster college.

The other five men selected to represent the college were: C. W. Wotring, Aldus Kegeries, A. E. Martin, R. H. Hertzog and John Hostenbach. The alternates are: F. A. Stierner and Harter. The team will be coached by Dr. A. V. Hiestler and Professor De Grange.

The intercollegiate debating contests, which will start March 5, include State, Swarthmore, Dickinson and Franklin and Marshall. Each college is represented by an affirmative team debating abroad, and a negative team at home, each consisting of three men.

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