

THE Rowan county troubles, which had their origin in a contested election for sheriff last August, since which time a half a dozen men have been killed and others shot from ambush and which last week culminated in open war between the Humphrey and Tolliver factions and a general reign of terror and bloodshed, has been brought to an end apparently, without resort to the military, which Gov. Knott was implored to send to preserve the peace. Instead he sent Judge Hines, Secretary of State McKenzie and Adjutant General Castleman, who saw and appealed to each of the factions to cease hostilities and become law abiding citizens. The result was that they signed an agreement to that end and white-winged peace again reigns. So much for having a Governor who never gets hot in the collar and excited and who believes that every civil remedy must be exhausted before a resort to the military arm of the government. Many thousands of dollars were saved to the State by his forethought. Should either side of the lawless element violate their agreement, however, we hope he will be as prompt in ordering the military to the scene as he has been in resorting to civil remedies and give them orders to mow the outlaws down like cattle if needs be to bring them into subjection. The lawlessness of that section can and must be crushed.