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WRANGLE OVER CHARTER FORM

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gaged, Colonel Phifer, as stated, presiding over the sessions of the executive board. His exact sentiments on the commission form have not been secured direct.

As to the general tenor of the counter proposition on which the remainder of the committee will present, however, the following facts have been clearly intimated:

First--The throwing of the city into four districts embracing the four old wards and all new territory added beyond these and within the city limits.

Second--The elimination of the executive board very probably, and the placing of all of the functions and duties of this board in the hands of a board of aldermen.

Third--The election of 24 aldermen as at present, 5 from Ward 1 and the section included within the city limits beyond it; 4 from Ward 2, including Dilworth; 3 aldermen each from Wards 3 and 4 and the territory beyond them and lying within the city limits.

Another suggested plan is to cut the number of aldermen to 15 instead of 21, this being a matter of some doubt, however.

Fourth--The retention of the water board and school board, with possibly some limitations placed thereon.

It is quite apparent from the above that the executive board is the peculiar object of irritation to a part of the aldermanic body and the severing of this body from the city government seems to be a fond dream of not a few aldermen. The reasons given for this attitude have been in part hinted at above. There are not a few aldermen who are continually restless under the very existence of the executive board, and that these aldermen have it in mind to eliminate this board would be but the normal workings of human nature in its intricate machinery, should these demand the abolition of the executive board.

Depends on Aldermanic Attitude.

The outcome in the end will depend on the vote of the board of aldermen, and if two reports should be submitted from the special committee on charter revision, one favoring the commission form, this already being assured, and a second report favoring the abolishing of the executive board and the bestowal of all these powers on a new board of aldermen of 15 or 21 members, the great fight in the process of evolution of the commission form in Charlotte will be precipitated.

A majority of the original committee favors the commission form of government, these being Messrs. E. L. Mason, E. W. Thompson, J. Frank Wilkes, Robert F. Stokes and W. A. Watson. Mr. Watson was not present last night but he declared today that he was heartily in favor of the commission form of government, and expected to stand with the majority of the committee on this issue. This leaves three members of the committee, who were not in regular attendance last night, and who are opposed, it is understood, to the commission form of government in the sense in which that term is usually accepted. Those not present last night were Aldermen Austin Austin and Stephens, and W. W. Phifer, who presided at the executive board meeting last night. Colonel Phifer does not favor the straight out commission form of government, nor do Aldermen Stephens and Austin. These dissenting members offer able arguments for their positions, but they are hopelessly apart from the majority of the committee on charter revision and it is expected that they will submit a minority report for they will not support the admirable report which the committee outlined at its session last night.

Good Things for Charlotte.

Every friend of the commission form will rejoice at the work which is being done by the revision committee. The committee last night announced that they would submit a draft of the proposed charter changes at the aldermanic session fixed for next Monday, December 9. The form proposed for Charlotte is based to a considerable extent on the Birmingham, Ala., form of commission government, though amendments have been made wherever local conditions render such more promising of good results in this city.

In the form outlined last night by the committee is included the initiative and referendum, and recall and likewise the election of officials, after a recall requiring at least one-fourth of the signatures of the qualified voters of the city, while no official may be recalled until he has been in office for a period of one year. The Charlotte plan proposes a salary of \$3,000 a year for the mayor, and \$2,500 a year for two commissioners, these three men constituting the commission government heads, and their duty being such as to require their constant attendance upon the city business, etc.

Will Opposition Weaken?

With the strong backing which the commission form will have with the people of Charlotte and business men, the question has been aptly raised, "Will the anti-commission form of government members of the aldermanic board be disposed to fall in line and let the proposition go through?" While such would be highly desirable it is seriously doubted by those who know and understand the workings of the minds of the men who do not favor the commission form. Some of these have been engaged in the almost continual fighting on the board for now nearly two years and some of them will show no compromise, holding that they cannot see the wisdom of the new plan proposed. Further the question which it is said will come before the board of the recognition of the three additional members of the revision committee, who have not yet been given places on the committee, will bestir one of the hottest fights the board has known since it was sworn in, so it is predicted. On the outcome of this fight will depend largely the success of the commission form unless it should be found possible to submit the issue direct to the people in an election for and against the commission form, a proposition on which Mayor Bland has expressed himself very clearly, saying without directly committing himself to either movement that he believes the people have a right to vote if they wish, on the been recognized as displaying a fine chief executive of the city has been recognized as displaying a fine faith in the people, and as a recognition, well expressed, of their right to say what form of government they shall have.

The biggest and most momentous thing in the political history of the city is now before the city fathers and the people of Charlotte and every move made, every expression of opinion heard, and every sign that will aid in directing the observer to the probable outcome, will be conscientiously watched.

The above summary is in no wise a criticism of municipal heads and officers but a simple reflection of the true situation as it is gathered through interviews with many city officials and search after the real trend of the epoch-making wave now sweeping this prosperous city.

NEVADA GOVERNOR DEFENDS RENO PLAN.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 5.--Contending that Nevada during the last four years in the great majority of instances, had performed a signal duty in behalf of human happiness and public morals by making divorces easily obtainable, Governor Tasker L. Addie today led a discussion of uniform marriage and divorce laws at the Governors conference.

Governor Addie insisted that divorces granted by the Nevada courts formed only a negligible percentage of the divorces given in the country as a whole.

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JUDGE WEBB ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO MEN

Charges Police Officers To Make Sweep Of Those Responsible For Vice

Judge James L. Webb turned aside from the usual deliberations of criminal court this morning to renew his warning to the men who along with unfortunate creatures whose names are on the books as defendants in this court, have been and are now responsible for the maintenance of vice in certain segments of the city. The cases against a score or more women were disposed of by submissions entered through their attorneys for running houses of ill-fame, their recognizance being taken in all and their bonds of \$200 renewed until the next term of the court. "At that time," said Judge Webb, "I will dispose of these cases some way or other. I have been giving a good deal of study to the question and I hardly know what is best and wise.

"This is a vice in which the Christian world should co-operate with the legal procedures to stamp out. The new mayor of Philadelphia is making a special study of the question and he presents some interesting views on the proposition. He has about come to the conclusion that remedial efforts rather than drastic punishment is the proper form of procedure. Boston has established a rescue home, a place where employment can be offered, where the fame of friendship that has been extinguished in those unfortunate women, can be rekindled and where they can get away from the consciousness that they are outcasts. The mayor of Philadelphia who seems to be a wise reformer has taken this view of the matter and is working to reduce rather than to stamp out the vice.

"In Charlotte I have no reason to believe that the officers have not been vigilant. I know indeed that the policemen have tried to do their duty, but their efforts have fallen only upon one-half of the underworld. There is another class who must be dealt with before this vice is properly curbed and that is the men. I want to charge the officers this morning to renew their vigilance and bring before me at the next term of the court any men who are responsible in any way for the maintenance of these places and if I send these poor creatures to the jail, I want to send to the reader at the same time, the men who must share their proportionate

PUJO COMMISSION WILL BEGIN WORK IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.--Representatives of the Pujo commission are at work in this city preparing for the resumption of the investigation of the "money trust" in Washington next Monday.

The latest phase of the committee's activity relates to the operations of the New York stock exchange. The investigation, which had just begun when the commission suspended its sessions here last Spring. Companies acting as transfer agents for large corporations whose shares are heavily dealt in on the exchange, have been visited in the last few days by one of the commission's statisticians. He expects them to be in at a certain time. With our men it is different. They take their own time."

THINGS REPORTERS WOULD MAKE GOOD DETECTIVES.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 5.--Concerning a proposal of Safety Director Stage that \$10,000 be appropriated in the first half of next year to organize and maintain a separate detective department, Chief of Police Kohler today said: "I think newspaper reporters would make good detectives. They are accustomed to be on the alert; their wits are sharpened by constant search for news; they realize the value of time because 'the office' expects them to be in at a certain time. With our men it is different. They take their own time."

"VOTES FOR WOMEN"

Will Have Prominent Place in Inaugural Parade if Suffragettes Press Carry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.--Banners demanding "votes for women" will be conspicuous in the inaugural parade March 4, for the suffragettes today will begin their campaign for a place in the line along with political clubs, "original Wilson" organizations, prancing Governor's staffs, weary foot soldiers, regular troops and other marching units of all degrees. Delegations of suffragettes from other States, especially from those which have given women the ballot, probably will be invited to fill the feminine division if the permission to march is given. Plans for bringing pressure to bear on the inauguration day committee were laid last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the Equal Suffrage League. Members of the committee today declared they could not see how the permission could be withheld and that preparations for a great showing would go forward.

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