

CHARTERS GRANTED THIS MORNING BY THE SEC. OF STATE

Charters Were Issued To-day to Several Companies, Santord Mebane and Durham Capital Being Interested. One Manufactures Furniture, one Buggies.

Confirms Trustees Sale of Carolina Northern R. R. From Lumberton to Marion, S. C. Annual Report Devoted to Miscellaneous Factories, Etc., Issued.

Special to The News.—Raleigh, Dec. 20.—A charter was issued for the Broadway Lumber Company, of Sanford at a capital of \$200,000 by W. J. Edwards and others. Charters were also issued to the Almarine Furniture Manufacturing Company, of Mebane, capital \$100,000, by T. H. Harrison, Danville D. A. White and others and the Durham Buggy Company, capital \$20,000, by W. T. Obsien, George W. Waters, J. E. S. Tagg and others.

An order by Judge Thos. R. Purnell in the Federal Court confirming the recent trustees sale of the Carolina Northern Railroad from Lumberton to Marion, S. C., and a deed is directed to be made out conveying the property to the committee of bondholders by whom it is purchased. Parties interested in the transaction, who are here announced that it is the plan of the purchasers to extend the road from Lumberton to Raleigh by way of Fayetteville and from Marion to Charlotte, S. C., thereby establishing a through line from Raleigh to Charleston. They have already procured a charter that has been issued in South Carolina for "The Raleigh and Charleston Railroad Co." and will operate under its provision in both States having the charter duplicated in North Carolina. Wilton McLane and Steven McIntyre of Lumberton, and W. C. Miller of Charleston, were here advocating the confirmation of the sale and J. M. Johnson of Marion, represented T. C. McNeely and others who opposed confirmation. L. C. Williams of Richmond, was also here, representing interests connected with the sale.

Can a man hold the office of county coroner and at the same time be appointed a member of a board of directors of a state institution is a question that came up in the executive office of Governor Glenn. Friends are urging the appointment of Dr. T. M. Jordan on the board of the Eastern Hospital for the insane at Goldsboro and he is now coroner of Wake county.

The commissioner of labor and printing is just completing the chapter of his forthcoming annual report devoted to miscellaneous factories including all establishments other than cotton and woolen mills and other principal manufactures. The chapter shows 428 factories of this class as compared with 232 reported last year, a gain of 195. The capital interested in these factories aggregates \$135,000,000.

There has been received from Major John G. Young of Winston-Salem, an old silk confederate battle flag that was taken by the ladies of Yadkinville and presented on May 10, 1861, to the York and Gray Eagles, under command of Capt. J. K. Connelly. It bears an inscription: "We scorn the sordid lust of pelf; and serve our country for herself." The flag was received today in the office of the Secretary of State and will be given a place in the Hall of History in connection with the State museum.

DEFICIENCY OF \$12,000.

Was declared the incoming train on of \$12,000.
By Associated Press.—Washington, Dec. 20.—The Secretary of War has forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for transmission to Congress a deficiency estimated at \$12,000 for the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers of the Southern branch at Hampton, Va., for dredging and filling with a view to reclaiming about eight acres of land.

Members of Commission.—Washington, Dec. 20.—The President appointed Joseph Bucklin Bishop as a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Engineer Wallace. Mr. Bishop has been secretary and historian of the commission.

Felix Sussier Dead.—Paris, Dec. 20.—Felix Gustave Sussier, the former Commander in Chief of the French Army is dead.

Hummel Convicted.—New York, Dec. 20.—A. P. Hummel was today convicted by the jury considering the case for conspiracy.

House Adopts Bill.—Washington, Dec. 20.—The House adopted the conference report of the Panama Canal emergency appropriation.

CLAIM AND DELIVERY SUIT.

Cape Fear Manufacturing Company Brought Claim Against Southern Railway.
Special to The News.—Greensboro, Dec. 20.—The Cape Fear Manufacturing Company brought a claim and delivery suit yesterday afternoon against the Southern Railway for two cars of lumber. The plaintiffs say that the company claimed freight charges on a very much exaggerated weight of lumber hauled from the Coast line part of the load. That upon a demand by them to have the cars reweighed they refused unless \$2.50 per car was paid for reweighing. It seems that one of the yard men of the railroad, not knowing of the refusal of the manufacturing company refusing to weigh the lumber weighed it himself and gave a corrected weight, making much less than the original weight which had been complained of. The plaintiffs offered to pay freight according to corrected weights, which the railroad refused, refusing also to deliver the lumber, and the claim and delivery for his possession was brought. The action will develop some very important points to shippers, equal in extent to that developed by the suit of the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company in trying to compel the railroad to deliver coal on its sidetracks.

Two weeks ago an application of the Southern Railway United States District Judge Boyd issued an order restraining the city of High Point from further work of street improvement on High street, claimed by the railroad as its right of way. A motion of that part of High Point to dissolve the injunction was heard this afternoon. Judge Boyd after hearing a great many affidavits, modified the injunction so that the city could complete certain portions of necessary work suspended, and referred the whole matter to a special master to be agreed on Wednesday, who will go to the scene of contention, take evidence and report his findings to the circuit court.

IN POLICE CIRCLES.

House at Atherton Mills Entered and Robbed of Clothes and Money.
T. P. Watters, who hails from Burke county, was arrested this morning by Patrolman Mack Earnhardt on a warrant issued by the Sheriff of Burke county charging him with abandonment. Watters pleads innocent. The residence of Mr. G. T. Coleman, who resides at the Atherton Mills, was entered some time during last night and robbed of two coats and a \$10 bill. The thief entered the bedroom of Mr. Coleman and escaped by the window without disturbing any of the inmates of the house. This makes the third or fourth time in the last two months that houses in the Atherton mill section have been entered. Patrolman House went out to the Atherton mill section this afternoon and brought back with him a good Cleveland bicycle that was found there by Will Friday, colored.

RETURN OF NOMINATIONS.

Senator Morgan Asks for Return of Nominations to Isthmian Canal Commissioners—Is Refused.
By Associated Press.—Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—In the executive session of the Senate Senator Morgan wanted the Senate to request the return of all nominations for the Isthmian Canal Commissioners which had heretofore been confirmed. He asserted that the Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals had held no meeting since the nomination of the commissioners, and that the Senate did not accede to the request.

Presidential Appointments.

Washington Dec. 20.—The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Nathaniel H. Alexander as receiver of public moneys at Montgomery, Ala.

TWO FIRES VISIT NATION'S CAPITAL

Destroy Several Commission Houses Entailing a Loss of \$100,000. Theatres Saved. Loss Partially Covered by Insurance.

By Associated Press.—Washington, Dec. 20.—Washington was visited by two fires entailing an approximated aggregated loss of \$100,000. The first fire started in the H. H. Juelg Piano Company's building, at 1206 G street, N. W., from which four women were rescued, extending to an adjoining building of Muddiman & Co.

The second fire occurred in the Heart Commission House section, starting in the agricultural implements establishment of the P. H. Heldskell, Jr., & Co., two doors from the Majestic Theatre, on C street, and destroying several commission houses. The Majestic Theatre was saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

CENSUS BUREAU BULLETIN.

Shows Quantity of Cotton Ginned from 1905 Growth.
By Associated Press.—Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—The census bureau bulletin showing the quantity of cotton ginned from growth of 1905 to December 13 to be 3,282,191 bales, counting round bales at half bales as compared with 11,971,477 bales on the same date in 1904 and 8,526,344 bales of same date in 1903.

TRIAL OF HUMMEL.

Charge to Jury Begun by Justice Rogers.
By Associated Press.—The charge to the jury trying Abraham H. Hummel, a lawyer, for conspiracy, was begun by Justice Rogers in the Supreme Court.

A GENERAL STRIKE WAS PROCLAIMED AT MOSCOW TO-DAY

Strike Proclaimed To-day Instead of To-morrow. All Street Railroad Service is Suspended. In Baltic Provinces Situation Grows Worse.

New Mutinies at Sebastopol. Over 1,600 Soldiers Disarmed and Under Guard. Troops Revolts. Mantel of Snow Covers Great Part of Country.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—On account of some confusion, the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow today at noon instead of tomorrow. It was inaugurated with a complete suspension of the street railroad service. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse and in the Caucasus a renewed outbreak of Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror.

At Sebastopol, new mutinies have occurred and 1,600 soldiers have been disarmed and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff, revolted and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

The weather is very cold. Deep snow covers the country as far south as Kiev. It is believed that a few days of hunger and starvation will easily drive the people to desperation and provoke uprisings and attacks on the strikers and perhaps a general pillage.

Government Helpless.
In the Government circles confidence is expressed that the Proletariat organizations cannot effect a complete stoppage and that the strike must be of short duration.

The leaders declare that the government is again helplessly ignorant of the magnitude of the struggle confronting it. From the nature of the appeals of the leaders to the troops it is evident that they expect to precipitate a crisis in the army. It has been decided that the strike beginning tomorrow shall extend to everything in the camps, railroads, manufacturers, wholesale and retail stores and all the government work except the water works.

Bakeries in the cities will not be closed so long as they do not raise the prices. The helplessness of the government is demonstrated by the inability of interior minister Durnovo, last night to get through instructions to arrest the members of the Workmen's Council of Moscow. The government is even unable to forward instructions to General Linvitch, Commander of the Manchurian Army.

Fires Into Train.
Moscow, Dec. 20.—After the strike was declared the incoming train on the Kursk Road was fired into by armed strikers. The engineer and several passengers were wounded. The strikers generally seem to be provided with arms. Great excitement prevails here.

Laying in Supplies.
The inhabitants are hurriedly laying in supplies of food as if to stand a siege.

PRIZE FIGHT TONIGHT.

Bob Fitzsimmons and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien to Meet on Mat Tonight For 20 Round Bout.
By Associated Press.—San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Bob Fitzsimmons and "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien will meet in the Mechanics Pavilion for a 20 round boxing bout tonight. Widespread interest is being taken in the bout. Fitzsimmons was the public choice yesterday by odds of 8 to 10. Not a great volume of money was handled, but heavy wagering is expected today.

A MURDERESS AT 17.

Stayed in Prison 34 Years—Granted a Parole.
By Associated Press.—Trenton, N. J., Dec. 20.—Libbie Garbrandt, the Paterson murderess, was granted a parole by the Board of Pardons by a vote of 5 to 3. She was convicted of murder in the first degree when 17 years old, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. She had been in the State prison 34 years.

NEW POWER GIVEN.

Secretary of Navy To Have Power To Dismiss Midshipman.
By Associated Press.—Washington, Dec. 20.—Chairman Foss, of the House Naval Committee, introduced a bill empowering the Secretary of the Navy to dismiss a midshipman from the naval academy.

Debate Continued.

The House continued the general debate on the reference of questions in the President's message. It was decided to conclude the debate tomorrow.
Mr. H. M. Sloan, of Davidson, was in the city today with 100 bales of cotton on the market.

TENNESSEE COAL AND IRON CO.

Reorganized. John W. Gates Now Heads Board of Directors.
By Associated Press.—New York, Dec. 20.—Important changes in the organization of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company were made at the meeting of the directors and John W. Gates now heads the Executive Committee. At Wall street it was said that the company is now controlled by Republic Iron and Steel Company. The following new directors were elected: C. S. Guthrie, L. C. Hanna, E. W. Oglethorpe, Grant B. Schell, S. C. Cooper, John W. Gates, E. J. Berwind and Oakleigh Thorne. The old directors who remain in board are D. H. Bacon, chairman of the directors and F. S. Withabee, L. T. Beecher and S. L. Schoonmaker. The Executive Committee is now composed of John W. Gates, C. S. Guthrie, G. B. Schley, L. C. Hanna, E. W. Oglethorpe, D. H. Bacon and S. L. Schoonmaker. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1 per cent on Common stock and 2 per cent on preferred.

TATLOCK BEFORE COMMITTEE.

Tells of Workings of Washington Life Insurance Company.
By Associated Press.—New York, Dec. 20.—John Tatlock, president of the Washington Life Insurance Company testified before the Insurance Investigating Committee regarding the operations of his company.

TRANSMITS REPORT.

Secretary of War Gives To Congress Estimate For Appropriation.
By Associated Press.—Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary of War transmitted to Congress the estimate for the appropriation made by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, including \$125,000 for the purchase of additional land at Southern Branch, Hampton, Virginia.

OFFICERS ARREST WHOLESALE THIEF

Jim Hemphill, Col., Taken in this Morning. A Search of His House Reveals the Fact that The Negro Has been Stealing Right and Left.

Sergeant W. H. Pitts and Officers Youngblood and McCall, made a very important arrest this morning as the result a wholesale thief has been landed behind the bars. When he caught up with him the officer recognized the negro as Jim Hemphill, a driver for Wadsworth Son's.

Mr. Pitts inquired as to what was in the sack and Hemphill gave an evasive answer. An investigation was made and it was found to contain corn. Hemphill admitted that he had taken it from Wadsworth's stable and also admitted that he was on his way home.

Thinking that a search of the negro's premises might reveal additional evidence of crime, they proceeded to Hemphill's home, No. 711 East 11th street. There they found abundant evidence that Hemphill is one of the worst thieves who has ever been apprehended in Charlotte.

Under the house was found a large quantity of corn, both on the ear and shelled; in the yard were seven fine hogs and there were to be seen a number of the very finest breeds of chickens.

On entering the house the officers were struck with the abundance of good things to be seen on every hand. There was about 300 pounds of flour, a large quantity of sugar and coffee, and, in fact, everything in the eating line in the greatest quantity.

But, it was not until a large packing trunk was opened that the exact extent of the negro's crime came to light.

Officer Pitts was the first to investigate the contents of the trunk and what he found made his eyes open wide. Packed neatly in this trunk were 10 pairs of trousers, 8 coats and vests, four pairs of men's shoes that came from Gilreath & Co and Thompson's, several pairs of women's shoes and numerous other articles of wearing apparel, both for men and women. In addition to the above, there were silk handkerchiefs galore and collars by the dozen. As for undershirts, there were enough to last Hemphill his life time.

In another section of the trunk was found a lady's cloak and several dress patterns.

All of the articles are now displayed at this police station and the owners will be found, if possible.

The men's clothing, for the most part, are second hand. Sergeant Pitts thinks that Hemphill has been stealing from the different pressing clubs of the city. As for the other articles, he thinks the negro has been plying his thievery among the different stores of the city.

During the day, several of the stolen articles have been identified. Mr. Butler at the Gray Drug Co's store, picked out one of his suits in the lot and the shoes and several of the other articles were identified by merchants. Hemphill was arraigned before the Recorder this morning and was held in a \$500 bond for trial tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

RESCUE THE WOMEN, GALLANTRY AMONG PRISON CONVICTS

Men in the Tolls, Forget They are Criminals and Remember Only That they are Still Men When Women are in Peril. Promise to be Their Own Jailors.

Convicts, Converted Into a Fire-Fighting and Life-Saving Corps, Rescue 654 Women From Women's Wards and Hospital Beds. Estimated Loss \$50,000.

By Associated Press.—New York, Dec. 20.—Men forgot they were convicts and remembered only that they were men on Blackwall Island, when the male prisoners, marshalled by their keeper into a fire fighting and life saving corps, bore from the flaming floors of the women's wards, five hundred and ninety-four frantic women, and from the hospital beds fifty more.

All inmates were saved and the fire confined to women's workhouse. Although only part of the convicts were used in rescuing the women, those who remained locked in cells, made frantic appeals to be allowed to help.

As the screams of the women penetrated to their cells, some convicts fell upon their knees beating the bars with their fists, and imploring the guards to let them out to fight the fire. When refused, they begged the guards to go to the rescue, promising they would be their own jailors.

Loss is estimated to be \$50,000. Extent of the Fire.

Crowded ferry boats and hundreds of passengers were unloading at the terminals when the series of explosions occurred. Great alarm prevailed and when the ferry boats, despite the flames, kept landing passengers from New Jersey at portions of the docks and terminals which were not on fire the police from four stations had to be summoned to keep order.

Several employes of railroads were severely burned and five men were reported missing after the fire was under control. The new ferry houses of the Newark, Lackawanna and Western and Jersey Central Railroad were almost total losses. One small freight shed belonging to the Erie and part of its dock was damaged. The fire started in a paint shop in the Lackawanna building presumably from the defective electric wire.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS CHAIR.

Death of Wealthy Parkersburg Merchant Puzzles the Police.
Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 20.—Fred Schaefer, a retired German merchant of Parkersburg, wealthy and married to a young and beautiful wife, was found dead in his chair this afternoon, having been dead since Saturday morning. His wife, when she recovered consciousness, was lying on the floor near her husband's dead body, where she had been unconscious since Saturday morning.

She came to herself this afternoon and notified a neighbor that Mr. Schaefer was asleep and she could not wake him. Investigation showed that he had been dead for two days and a half. She remembered nothing after they ate their breakfast together Saturday morning, and could not be convinced at first that this is not Saturday.

Coroner Davidson and Prosecuting Attorney Laird have taken the matter in hand and will have the stomach of the young and beautiful wife, was ascertained there is no known cause or even a theory as to who could have poisoned the couple. There was no robbery, and there was no cause for murder or suicide. The domestic life of the couple was happy and their relations most affectionate. She is his second wife and is about twenty-two years old, while Mr. Schaefer is sixty-six, but they were as much in love apparently as any bride and groom, and Mrs. Schaefer was almost constantly with her husband. Not the slightest suspicion of murder or suicide on the part of either Mr. or Mrs. Schaefer exists.

DECISION ON R. R. RATES.

Interstate Commerce Commission Announced Decision.—Say Rates Charged Were Reasonable.
By Associated Press.—Washington, Dec. 20.—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced its decision in the case of R. C. Brabham, et al against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway Company involving charges of unreasonable passenger fares from Ellenton, S. C. to Augusta, Ga. and Jackson, S. C. to Augusta, Ga. The Commission decide that rates are reasonable.

FAULT IN McCLELLAN STATUE.

Sculptor's Design Has "Little Mac" Wearing a Slouch Hat.
New York, Dec. 20.—State Historian Hugh Hastings called on Mayor McClellan today to talk over with him the alleged blunder in the design of the statue of the mayor's father, Gen. Geo. B. McClellan, which is to be erected in Washington.

LIBERAL DONATIONS.

Charlotte people Responding to the Call of the Children. The charity-loving people of Charlotte are responding to The News' Santa Claus fund.

Yesterday and today contributions have been coming in, but more is needed. If any one desires to contribute to this fund, The News will gladly receive contributions to date:

A. H. Glasgow	1.00
L. L. Harris	1.00
H. M. Efrid	1.00
E. F. Withers	2.00
Cash	5.00
"	.50
"	.50
"	.50
"	1.00
"	1.00
"	1.00
Mildred Finlayson	1.00
C. N. G. Butt	2.00
E. F. Withers	2.00
Cash	5.00
Master Paul McKane	.50
Little Miss Walburg McKane	.50
Dr. H. J. Walker	1.00
J. A. Russell	1.00
News family	10.00
Heriot Clarkson, Jr.	1.00
Francis O. Clarkson	1.00
Edwin Osborne Clarkson	1.00
Thos G. Clarkson	1.00
Brevard Nixon	1.00
James W. Gibbon	.50
Miss Corinne Gibbon	.50
Miss Mary Rogers Gibbon	.50
W. H. Durham	2.00
W. H. Dula	1.00
Cash	.50
E. D. Latta	2.00
Harold Hooper	.50
Helen E. Haas	.50
Cash	.50
C. W. Till	1.00
T. C. Guthrie	1.00
J. D. McCall	.50
Brevard Nixon	1.00
Stewart & McRae	1.50
F. R. McNinch	2.00
H. M. McAden	2.00
J. B. Hester	1.00
T. S. Franklin	5.00
Dr. R. J. Brevard	1.00
E. M. Brown	2.00
Cash	1.00
W. W. Ward & Son	2.00
H. A. Dunn	.50
Col. H. C. Cowles	.50

Death of Well Known Negro.
Sid Conner, colored one of the best known negroes in Charlotte, died this morning at his home, No. 222 East Boundary street. The funeral will take place from Friendship Baptist church, tomorrow afternoon.

The deceased had been employed at the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company for a number of years.

Marriage Tonight.
Deputy Register of Deeds, B. F. Powell, today issued a marriage license to Mr. Luther Carter, who will tonight wed Miss Susie Moyie. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride, on North Brevard street. Rev. W. L. Nicholson will be the officiating minister.

Postponed.
Miss Bessie Berkheimer announced to the entertainment "The Carnival of Seasons," which was to have taken place at the city hall this evening has been postponed until tomorrow evening on account of the inclement weather. The entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock.

GREAT DAMAGE BY FIRE.

Many Railroad Buildings Destroyed. Loss \$50,000.
By Associated Press.—New York, Dec. 20.—Fire destroyed fully half of the immense railroad terminal buildings at the foot of West Twenty-third street, on the Hudson River. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Both Chairman Rollins and Mr. Newell Endorse Him for Postmaster. Appointment to be Sent to the Senate Either To-day or To-morrow.

Mr. John A. Smith, of Bessemer, was here today returning from Washington where he has been in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Gastonia.

Mr. Smith tells The News that both chairman Rollins and Mr. Jake F. Newell have endorsed the application of Mr. B. G. Bradley, and that his nomination will go to the Senate either today or tomorrow.

The matter of selecting a postmaster to succeed Mr. C. H. Holland, the present incumbent has been the paramount issue over at Gastonia for several months past. As soon as it was learned that Mr. Holland would have to vacate, his wife made application for the position.

She went to Washington, saw the "powers that be" and for a time, it looked as if she would land the plum. But the department has made a ruling in such cases whereby the wife of a postmaster who retires under fire, cannot fall heir to the husband's position. Because of this and the exceedingly strong backing of Mr. Bradley, Mrs. Holland lost out.

Mrs. Holland's application was endorsed by many of the most influential citizens of Gastonia. She made a good fight and many will regret to learn that she did not make a winning fight.

Mr. Bradley is a good and influential citizen of Gastonia and his friends hope and believe that he will make a most excellent official.

ALL IS AGAIN QUIET AT SHANGHAI THOUGH WARSHIPS REMAIN

Business is Again Resumed in Shanghai and all is Apparently Quiet. U. S. Gun Boat Arrived to Reinforce Baltimore. British Cruiser Expected.

Deadlock From Mixed Court Dispute Continues. Taotai Demands Dismissal of British Assessor and Police Inspectors' British Consul will not Yield.

By Associated Press.—Shanghai, Dec. 20.—All is quiet. Business is resumed, the volunteers and sailors landed but the warships remain as a precaution against a renewal of the rioting.

The U. S. gunboat Villalobos arrived to reinforce the Baltimore and another British cruiser is expected. The deadlock growing out of the mixed court dispute continues. The Taotai demands the dismissal of the British Assessor and police inspectors. The British Consul refuses to yield. The foreign residents support the Consul.

AS TO EXPLOSIVES.

The Mayor and the Recorder Again Lock Horns.
The small boy is having his fun popping explosives on the streets and he is doing this because Mayor McNinch and nine of the board of aldermen say he can.

Yesterday evening Mayor McNinch asked the members of the board of aldermen whether or not the stick and cap, sold by a number of dealers in the city, came within the ordinance prohibiting explosives to be fired on the streets.

Nine of the 12 aldermen gave it as their opinion that these explosives did not come within the meaning of the ordinance. The consequence was the small boy made a dive for the different stores and there, arming himself with sticks and caps, went forth to do noise.

Recorder Shannonhouse instructed the police that the ordinance prohibiting the selling and the exploding of fireworks on the streets, was still a law and that he, as Recorder, would have to enforce the law.

This morning, in the Recorder's court, a small negro boy was before the court, charged with making himself offensive by using his stick and caps on the streets, in the presence of a number of ladies who were startled and very much annoyed with the loud reports. The court adjudged the boy guilty and he was taxed with the costs.

Mayor McNinch, every one concedes, acted in the best of faith and his soul pained in the matter, but he gave the small boy a chance and allow him certain privileges that he thought were innocent.

But, the law says that it is a misdemeanor to fire explosives on the streets and Recorder Shannonhouse says that his duty, as a judicial officer, is to enforce the law, and this he intends to do.

It has been suggested by a number of prominent citizens that the explosives be allowed the small boy two days, Saturday and Christmas day, which is Monday.

A prominent physician and one of Charlotte's best citizens said today that he was actually afraid to come on the street with his horse, because of the noise. He said that two or three other physicians had told him they had been prevented from seeing several of their patients because they were afraid to bring their horses on the streets.

Last night, at one of the principal hotels of the city, a prominent lady who has been sick for some time, was greatly annoyed by the continual explosion on the streets and her physician says that on account of this her condition is very much worse today.

From a number of other sources The News has heard of many people who have been both annoyed and disturbed because of the incessant popping of explosives on the streets.

It has been suggested by a number of the wisest heads that the city authorities get together and say just what they feel and what shall not. It's very evident that the people, the majority of the people, do not desire that the streets be monopolized by the boy with his explosives. And, besides, the business people—the merchants of the city—declare that their business has been seriously interfered with because of the liberties extended the small boy.

PRESSURE ON ROANOKE MAYOR.

Churches Act Upon His Alleged Refusal to Enforce Laws.
Roanoke, Va.,