

Ordinance Held Up By Objection to Brevard Street Route

Development Today is That N. S. Officials Are Closed With Mr. Geo. Wadsworth With Reference to Road Coming Through His Property.

Brevard Street Route Opposed by Mr. C. W. Johnson, Of Highland Park Mfg. Co.—Objections as Stated at Yesterday's Meeting.

At 2 p. m., the hour of going to press, Col. W. B. Rodman, of the Norfolk Southern, is advised with Mr. George Wadsworth of the Pogram-Wadsworth Land Company. It is understood that he will in all probability come to terms with Mr. Wadsworth.

As told on The News' bulletin yesterday afternoon, the meeting of the board of aldermen with the officials of the Norfolk Southern Railroad for the purpose of taking action on a proposed ordinance providing for the coming of the Norfolk Southern to the city and the route of entrance, resulted in the hearing of the ordinance, but postponement of action by the aldermen until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The road wishes to enter the city on Brevard street. Mr. C. W. Johnson, representing the Highland Park Manufacturing Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer, objected to Brevard street being used by the Norfolk Southern.

This objection, with all that it suggested and maintained, resulted in action being taken by the aldermen on the proposed ordinance, which action had been anticipated as affirmative.

ROUTE.

The route proposed by the ordinance framed yesterday by the city officials and Col. W. B. Rodman, and other officials of the Norfolk Southern, and other officials of the road, is this: Whereas, the City of Charlotte is willing to grant unto the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, or its associates or assigns or successors, a right of way for said railroad over and across certain streets in the said City of Charlotte:

Therefore, said city of Charlotte doth hereby grant unto the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, or its assigns or successors, a right of way for a main railroad, standard gauge, over and across and along the following streets in the said city of Charlotte, to-wit: Over and along that part of North Caldwell street from the boundary of the city southward to Caldwell street extended; thence along Caldwell street extended westwardly to North Brevard street; thence southwardly along North Brevard street, on that part of said street which is west of the center line thereof, to Thirteenth street; thence westwardly along Thirteenth street to "A" street extended, or to and across the tracks of the North Carolina Railroad and the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, and thence southwardly along "A" street, or "A" street extended, as far south as Sixth street; and thence along "A" street southward to the line of the original boundary of the town, subject, however, to any ordinance which may be passed in regard to a subway bridge at the intersection of East Trade street (or East avenue) and "A" street.

In the event the said Railroad Company should find it necessary to go along Thirteenth street eastwardly from Brevard or "B" street, in order to make suitable entrance into said city, right and privilege is hereby granted to extend said track along Thirteenth street as far eastwardly as necessary.

The said city does hereby give and grant unto said railroad company, its successors or assigns or subsidiary company, right and privilege of crossing any streets of said city, or crossing the same, along which said right of way is granted.

near future. Mr. Johnson contended further that for a very small outlay of money a strip of land west of Brevard street, for the length that the railway track would traverse that street, could be had. He said that the utilizing of this street by both the Norfolk Southern and street railway track would seriously impede the traffic of other vehicles on the widest and most important street between the city and Charlotte and that it would be practically useless for further use as a street.

Mr. Johnson represents considerable real estate interests on Brevard street. He also is said to be spokesman for the Wadsworth Land Co., which has large holdings in the area. He was prepared to say that the cost of a right-of-way through the real estate in question would be only nominal. He said he was most anxious to have the Norfolk Southern come to Charlotte and has given a subscription to aid its coming. He would not object to the Brevard street route as injurious as it would be to the property he represents; if there was no other way for the road to enter, "but," said he, there are other routes, equally as desirable.

I asked the members of this board to go out and look the route over before giving the road the right-of-way along Brevard street.

The Highland Park Company has spent \$15,000 or \$20,000 to put the street car line on Brevard street and make the street what it is. To run a railroad track and trains on the street will ruin the street and damage us. I can't say how much.

"I want the Norfolk Southern as much as any one and if Brevard street was the only route I would make no objection as much as it would injure our property. But it is not necessary for the road to use Brevard street."

Mayor Bland called for an expression from Mr. W. S. Alexander. Mr. Alexander: "I wish other gentlemen have given three weeks of our time to bringing the Norfolk Southern here. It represents millions of dollars to Charlotte. It looks to me as if the property is enhanced instead of damaged. There is nothing lying adjacent except manufacturing industries. I think the Norfolk Southern would enhance the property value the same as the Southern Railway did. Two railroads are better than one."

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Johnson argued the point for some minutes, and then Col. Rodman was asked to speak for the railroad.

Col. Rodman: "The Norfolk Southern said Col. Rodman means to build a railroad if it can to Charlotte, to help Charlotte and to help itself." Col. Rodman went over the proposed route of the road from Norfolk to Raleigh and from Raleigh to Charlotte, naming the various links necessary to make.

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Charles W. Morse Leaves Hospital

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 27.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, whose prison sentence was recently commuted by President Taft, left the army hospital at Fort McPherson this morning. He was brought to a downtown hotel where he will stay until he is able to be moved elsewhere. It is probable that he will be taken to some Florida resort.

Morse was accompanied by his wife and sister, Miss Jennie Morse. He was conveyed from the military reservation in an ambulance. His physicians thought the removal from the hospital where he spent so long a time after his transfer from the federal penitentiary would aid his improvement.

For the first time in more than two years the noted prisoner is from under the eye of government officials. The most of that time he spent in the penitentiary. About two months ago he was taken to the military hospital. Since his freedom was given two weeks ago he has remained at the hospital too ill to be moved, according to his doctors.



CARDINAL'S ENTHRONEMENT. Photograph of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, who took part in the exercises attendant to the enthroning of His Eminence Cardinal John Farley, at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday afternoon, January 25th. The cardinal is the central figure of the picture.

Senator Tillman Declines To Reply To Watterson

"Marse" Henry's "Chauenge" Passes Unheeded by "Pitchfork" Ben—Watterson Should Produce What Proofs He Has, Says Tillman.

Watterson Adds Fuel to Fire With Additional Statement—Flatly Contradicts Wilson—Proposes Arbitration Board to Settle Issue.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina, today declined to reply to Colonel Henry Watterson's "challenge" of last night in connection with the Watterson-Tillman-Harvey-Wilson controversy.

"If Colonel Watterson has any proofs of what he says, he ought to publish them. I have nothing more to say."

This was Senator Tillman's only comment. It had been reported earlier in the day that he would make a detailed reply. Colonel Watterson in the meantime had issued another statement, in which he said:

The Tillman-Watterson-Harvey-Wilson episode held the attention of all Washington today and the South Carolina senator's reply to the Kentucky editor's challenge was awaited with intense interest. Senator Tillman did not reach his office until late in the forenoon when he indicated that an answer soon would be forthcoming. In the meantime Col. Watterson added fuel to the fire with an additional statement in which he said:

"In my letter to Senator Tillman I promised proof of any statement made by me that might be disputed. Governor Wilson denies that I had any authorization from him or any agent of his to raise money for his campaign. I have the proof that I not only have authorization but that I actually raised a considerable sum. I hold myself ready to furnish this proof to Senator Tillman at once if he will do me the honor personally to call upon me as I am confined to my hotel and cannot call upon him."

"If Senator Tillman's single avowal after inspecting this proof be either equivocal or insufficient, I propose that Governor Wilson name two confidential friends, I naming two, the four to name a fifth, and this court of gentlemen established to determine the issue between us."

THE WEATHER

Forecast For North Carolina: Cloudy tonight, colder in extreme west portion; Sunday unsettled, probably rain west portion. Light to moderate variable winds, mostly north.

Liberal Party Will Compensate Churchill

By Associated Press. Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 27.—The liberal party, according to report current here, hopes to compensate Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, for his disappointment ever upset of his plans to speak in favor of home rule at Ulster Hall.

To do this they will organize a demonstration in connection with his visit to Belfast on more striking lines than would have been the case of the home rule meeting had been allowed to proceed.

The military authorities in Dublin have arranged to send troops here, both from the capital and other points should their presence be considered necessary for the maintenance of order.

Sensational Declaration.

London, Jan. 27.—Hilaire Belloc, former liberal member of parliament, in a speech today declared that he actually was in a certain newspaper office when orders came from an authoritative quarter for the conservative press to demand home rule in 1910.

This happened just before the general election at a time when part of the unionist press was already waiting in favor of home rule all around.

Five Days Adrift at Sea in Unmanageable Gasoline Launch Without Food Or Water

By Associated Press. Manila, Jan. 27.—Terrible hardships were suffered by two school teachers, Arthur Young and his wife, of the town of Maasin, island of Leyte, while on a visit of inspection of the schools of the district. Accompanied by their three-year-old child they started out from Maasin in a gasoline launch which soon became unmanageable. As there were no car in the boat they could not reach the shore.

The little craft drifted out to sea. For five days and nights they floated about without meeting any other vessel. They had neither food nor water with them and were almost in despair when they were cast upon the beach of Siquitor island, 200 miles from Maasin. When they landed Mr. and Mrs. Young were both fearfully emaciated and suffering but the child was quite well.

Rebels Resort To Dynamite Campaign Against Manchus

Italians Release French Steamer

By Associated Press. Rome, Jan. 27.—The French passenger steamer Tavignano, which was seized by Italian boats last night off Biban, Tunis, has been released.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Italian torpedo boats which seized the Tavignano last night also shelled several barges which were going out from shore to unload the steamer.

According to a special dispatch received here today from Bangazon, a coast town on the frontier between Tunis and Tripoli, the capture of the Tavignano and the shelling of the barges occurred in French waters. Indignation over the incident is very great.

South Needs Compulsory Education

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 27.—Citing an amazing array of facts to demonstrate the "need of compulsory education in the south," Prof. W. H. Hand, of Columbia, S. C., state high school inspector of South Carolina, spoke before the 8th annual conference of the National Child Labor Committee today.

After showing that Kentucky stands forty-third in the list of states and territories in the percentage of illiteracy of native whites ten years ago and over with over 166,000 such illiterates, South Carolina forty-fourth with 54,000 and North Carolina forty-ninth with over 175,000, Professor Hand said:

"The south could once boast of an aristocracy capable, broadminded and highly trained. The conditions conducive to such a society have been swept away, and the south today is pre-eminently the land where training and fitness of the masses are indispensable."

Professor Hand showed that the entire volume of illiteracy had remained practically stationary during the ten years from 1890 to 1900 except in North Carolina, where the number increased. He said in 1900 the South Atlantic States had 2,472,895 white children between the ages of 5 and 20 years. The school attendance for that year was less than half the total number.

"One of the most unpromising features of this already gloomy prospect is that in most of the southern states illiterate females outnumber the illiterate males," said Professor Hand.

"When the state has provided schools for all the children, it has performed only a part of its duty. If a universal school tax is justified on the ground of the popular education is a necessity, compulsory attendance by the state is also justifiable. The state has no right to levy and collect taxes for a specific purpose then permit that purpose to be defeated at the hands of indigent or selfish parents."

Evident Intention of Dynamiters to Pick Out Most Prominent Officials and Military Officers Opposed to Republican Movement.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—President Sun Yat Sen of the provisional Chinese republic, has issued an ultimatum declaring the Manchu throne must be abdicated by eight o'clock on the morning of January 29, the date set for the ending of the armistice between the government and the republicans, or an attack will be made on the capital.

This information reached here today in a cablegram to the Chinese Daily Free Press.

Peking, China, Jan. 27.—Local agents of the revolutionary party recently intimated that a dynamite campaign was not improbable in the near future. Yesterday's and today's outrages may be the beginning of a series of similar crimes. It is evidently the intention of the dynamiters to pick out the most prominent officials and military officers who are known to be opposed to the republican movement.

Republican agents who do not attempt to keep the nature of their mission in Peking secret, declare that fighting will not be resumed immediately although isolated conflicts may occur. They communicate openly with the staff of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, many of the members of which have expressed revolutionary sympathies.

One of the revolutionary agents here makes the assertion that he has been received by Premier Yuan Shi Kai who promised to release a number of suspected dynamiters who have been imprisoned recently.

General Liang Pi, a high Mandarin official and former commandant of the imperial guards, was injured, perhaps fatally today, by a bomb thrown by an unknown Chinaman in a military uniform. The man hurled the bomb from the side of the road as Liang Pi was alighting from his carriage to enter his home.

The assailant was himself instantly killed by the explosion.

General Li was a strong reactionary and had been suspected of implication in the recent assassination of General Mu Lu Cheng.

Japan States Position. Tokyo, Jan. 27.—Japan intends to adhere to the principle of the integrity of the Chinese empire. So much was gathered from the replies of Viscount Uchida, the foreign minister, to the interpellations introduced at a meeting today of the committee of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Inukai, the leader of the nationalist party, who has just returned from Shanghai, asked the foreign minister: "Is the Japanese government adhering to the principle of the integrity of China?"