

NINETY DAYS ASSURED Aldermen Concur in Action of the Common Council.

FRIENDS OF EXTENSION WIN. Opposition Protested Earnestly, But Lacked the Votes.

PASSENGER AND POWER CO. PLANS Waiting on Street Committee Before Going to Work—Fight Probably Be Renewed in Committee—Mr. Thompson Succeeds Alderman Cutchins.

The Board of Aldermen last night concurred in the action of the Common Council in extending the time ninety days in which the Passenger and Power Company may further negotiate with bondholders of the old company.

As on the previous night, at the Council meeting, officers and attorneys of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company were interested spectators.

MAJOR CUTCHINS'S SUCCESSOR. Technically, there were two meetings of the Board. The first was held under a call to elect Major Cutchins's successor; the other under a call to consider the railway matter.

At the conclusion of the reading Mr. King moved that the Board concur in the ordinance.

Mr. Allen vacated the chair to move as a substitute a half-dozen lines, to be added to sub-section 3, providing for forfeiture of the ordinance at the end of the ninety days in case the company fails to comply with the conditions.

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amendment, which was lost by a vote of 5 for 9 against, as follows: For—Messrs. Allen, Drewry, Gordon, Hardwicke, and Montgomery. Against—Messrs. Baten, Burton, Donahoe, Ferriter, King, Lawder, Mosby, and Whittier.

The vote then occurred on the ordinance granting ninety days' extension. It was not recorded. Apparently the eyes outnumbered the noses in about the proportion of the vote whereby the opponents of the Allen amendment defeated those who favored it. No division was called for.

Upon the announcement of the result, the Board, at 9:45, adjourned.

Fight in Committee, Next. The Passenger and Power Company announced its readiness and desire to commence the construction of the old properties immediately. Its plans are in the hands of the Street Committee.

It is believed there is a majority in the committee favorable to the new company. Therefore, while a minority will very likely renew the fight against the company in committee, the odds are that their protest will be unavailing.

It is very probable that Messrs. Meredith and Cocke, and perhaps other attorneys, representing minority bondholders, will appear to resist any changes in the existing routes. Their contention, it is understood, is that the property is security for the bonds of their clients, who must be consulted before the property is disturbed. It is a general principle, in fact, attorneys have so intimated to the Council, that the minority holders would might take prejudicial to their interests, to the point of carrying the matter into the courts.

The Passenger and Power Company proposes to exert every effort to get in three months. The fact is recognized, however, that there are legal obstacles in the way of acquiring certain of the bonds.

LECTURE BEFORE WOMAN'S CLUB. Captain Webster Delights the Ladies—Society Notes and Personal.

Captain Webster, of the United States navy, gave a delightful illustrated lecture before the members of the Woman's Club and their friends last evening at the Young Men's Christian Association.

Captain Webster's illustrations were all of the most interesting nature. He has travelled, and his lecture was clever and exceedingly interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ameal Baughman, on Grand Avenue, gave a delightful party on Wednesday evening to about fifty friends of their daughter, Miss Sarah Baughman, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Arnette and Mrs. Edw. J. Ford, who will be the guests after they have been returning to Norfolk, after they have been visiting Miss E. E. Bryan and Mrs. Fred. Bryan, of Ghent.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven, of "Cravenhurst," Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craven, of the Jefferson Hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. Craven, of the Colonial Dames in the State of New Jersey.

Miss Florence Dillard left yesterday for Washington, where she has been invited to play in concert at the Corcoran Art Hall. On next Tuesday evening she will play in Norfolk at a large concert to be given in that city.

WILL BE A FRUIT PORT Newport News as Distributing Point for the West.

PART OF A BIG SCHEME. Steamers to Be Run There and to Charleston.

SOUTHERN GETS A NEW LINE. This System Acquires the Queen and Crescent With 1,442 Miles, Thus Reaching Cincinnati, New Orleans, and Meridian.

It was learned here last night that a scheme is on foot to make Newport News a great fruit port for Virginia and the West.

Mr. Martin M. K. Paulsen, of Baltimore, representing the West Indies Trading Company, is in the city, and will to-day confer with President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, with a view to learning what that road will do in the way of furnishing facilities needed for the easy handling of cargoes of fruit, and their rapid transportation westward.

Mr. Paulsen will also meet President John Skilton Williams, of the Seaboard Air-Line, for the purpose of ascertaining from him the facilities of a similar nature which the Seaboard can offer for the handling of fruit at Charleston, and the terms it will make for the transportation of the fruit northward.

Mr. Paulsen's company is closely allied with a corporation formed in Chicago this week for the purpose of fighting the Fruit Trust. The new company is composed of 25 of the leading wholesale fruit dealers of the United States. It is capitalized at \$5,000,000. It is understood that many times this amount can be obtained whenever needed.

It is furthermore an open secret that the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company is behind the anti-trust organization. President Cowan, of the Baltimore and Ohio, is a large stockholder in the West Indies Trading Company, which, as stated, is closely allied with the Independent Fruit Importing Company. In 1888 the West Indies Trading Company began the importation of fruit to Newport News, and a specially fast train was put on to carry the fruit to the city.

Whether Newport News and Charleston are made terminal of the line depends upon the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Seaboard Air-Line," said Mr. Paulsen.

The Chesapeake and Ohio has splendid wharf facilities at Newport News, which are now in process of enlargement. If the plans and hopes of Mr. Paulsen and the new fruit company are realized, it will mean the employment of probably as many as 200 additional men at Newport News.

Southern Buys the Queen & Crescent. It was learned here yesterday that the Southern railway has practically completed negotiations for the acquisition of the Queen and Crescent railway from Cincinnati to New Orleans and Shreveport.

Negotiations have been in progress for some time, conducted with great secrecy. It is reported, and the deal has now reached a stage where consummation is practically assured.

If the Southern has acquired control of the Queen and Crescent route, the former will probably come very nearly to third place in point of mileage of railways in the United States, the Queen and Crescent comprising 1,142 miles of track. It extends from Cincinnati by way of Chattanooga and Birmingham to New Orleans. At Meridian, Miss., 64 miles south of Cincinnati, one branch extends to New Orleans, a distance of 186 miles, and another to Shreveport, La., a distance of 312 miles.

The acquisition a few days ago of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis by the Southern created a flurry in the railroad world. This road comprises only 385 miles. Interest in the acquisition of the Queen and Crescent, with more than three times as much mileage, will be correspondingly greater.

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CANNED ROAST-BEEF AGAIN. It is Now to Be Supplied to the Army in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The War Department officials have been compelled to resort to the use of canned roast-beef for the subsistence of the army in the Philippines. This is due to the fact that it is absolutely essential that the soldiers shall be served with fresh meat, and because of the impossibility of providing refrigerated beef or cattle on the hoof under existing conditions.

The suggestions for its use came originally from the Subsistence officials in the Philippines, and the chief commissary officer at Manila recently cabled a requisition for an immediate delivery of about 100,000 cans of roast beef, and subsequent deliveries at the rate of about 50,000 cans a month.

COURTS FOR PORTO RICO. Governor Davis to Sail To-Day—His Escort Ready.

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THE TURKISH SWARL. Our State Department Proceeding With All Due Caution.

MINISTER STRAUS UPHELD. Officials Entirely Satisfied of the Accuracy of His Statement.

EUROPE'S APPROVAL OF OUR STANCE. General Willingness That We Should Be Pioneer in Collecting from the Sultan.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Secretary Hay returned to Washington to-day from New York. It is apparent that, though determined upon positive action in connection with its just claims against the Turkish Government, the State Department is proceeding decorously, and with due precautions against being led into the assumption of any position which it cannot maintain.

It may be stated by authority that the State Department is entirely satisfied of the accuracy of Minister Straus's statement relative to the promises made to him by the Porte, notwithstanding the attempted explanations and efforts to becloud the issue by declarations that the Sultan's promises were conditional.

EUROPE'S APPROVAL. The approval which the State Department's latest action seems to have received in Europe was anticipated, it being realized that the increase of 3 per cent. in military powers having claims similar to our own against Turkey, being themselves prevented from initiating any forcible demand upon the Turkish Government by reason of the jealousy of their neighbors, an entirely willing that the United States Government shall act as a pioneer in the matter, and clear the way for a prosecution of their own just claims.

It is also believed here that the European Powers are hopeful that the attitude assumed by the United States in the present instance will indirectly serve to deter the Turkish Government from the proposed arbitrage increase of 3 per cent. in customs duties, which it seeks to make in defiance of the joint protest of the European Powers.

ALL FERROUH'S POSITION. Mr. Ferrouh, the Turkish Minister, said to-day that he probably would hear from his government in a short time concerning its attitude toward the proposed arbitrage increase of 3 per cent. in customs duties, which it seeks to make in defiance of the joint protest of the European Powers.

It appears that our government is lending its moral support to this protest, for, while not joining with the others in a combined note, our charge, Mr. Griscom, has been instructed to make representations on our own account in opposition to the increase of duties.

Crab and Devilled Crabs at E. A. STUMPF'S RESTAURANT, Eighth and Main streets.

Hammond. The best Roses, Violets, Carnations, and other Cut-Flowers always on hand. Special attention given to weddings and decorating.

Plan-A Great Bargain-Colby. It cost us \$87 to get the Piano from Philadelphia, where it had been placed in storage in a warehouse by the Purchaser. Paid upon the piano was \$150. This Colby Piano sold at \$100, but we will cut the price in half. We guarantee it the same as new. Call and examine this most artistic piano-fine mahogany case.

CHAMBER FURNITURE. There never was such a stock of Chamber Suits in Richmond as we are showing right now.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, April 20.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia—Showers Saturday, and probably Sunday; brisk easterly winds. North Carolina—Rain, followed by clearing weather Saturday; Sunday fair; brisk, southeast winds.