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CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17, 1908.

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GLENN PAYS TRIBUTE TO CHARLOTTE IN HIS WELCOME TO MAYORS

He Outlines Some of the Important Questions of the Day Which it is Needed for Municipal Leaders to Consider.

Ex-Mayor McCall Speaks for the City and Mayor Boyden, of Salisbury, Responds in a Neat Little Speech.

Mayor Franklin called the Municipal Convention to order at noon in the Academy of Music.

The mayor called on Rev. Dr. Herman H. Hulsten to make the opening prayer.

Upon motion of Mayor Johnson, of Raleigh, Mayor Franklin was unanimously chosen temporary chairman of the convention and Mr. T. B. Meares, of Wilmington, temporary secretary.

Gov. Glenn's Address. Mayor Franklin then introduced the governor of North Carolina, Hon. Robert B. Glenn, to welcome the convention to the state.

The governor said he had been called upon to address farmers, manufacturers, teachers, veterans, insurance men, bankers, and the like, and yet he believed he had never been called on to welcome a body

perous and temperate at the same time. (Applause.)

Charlotte Takes the Lead.

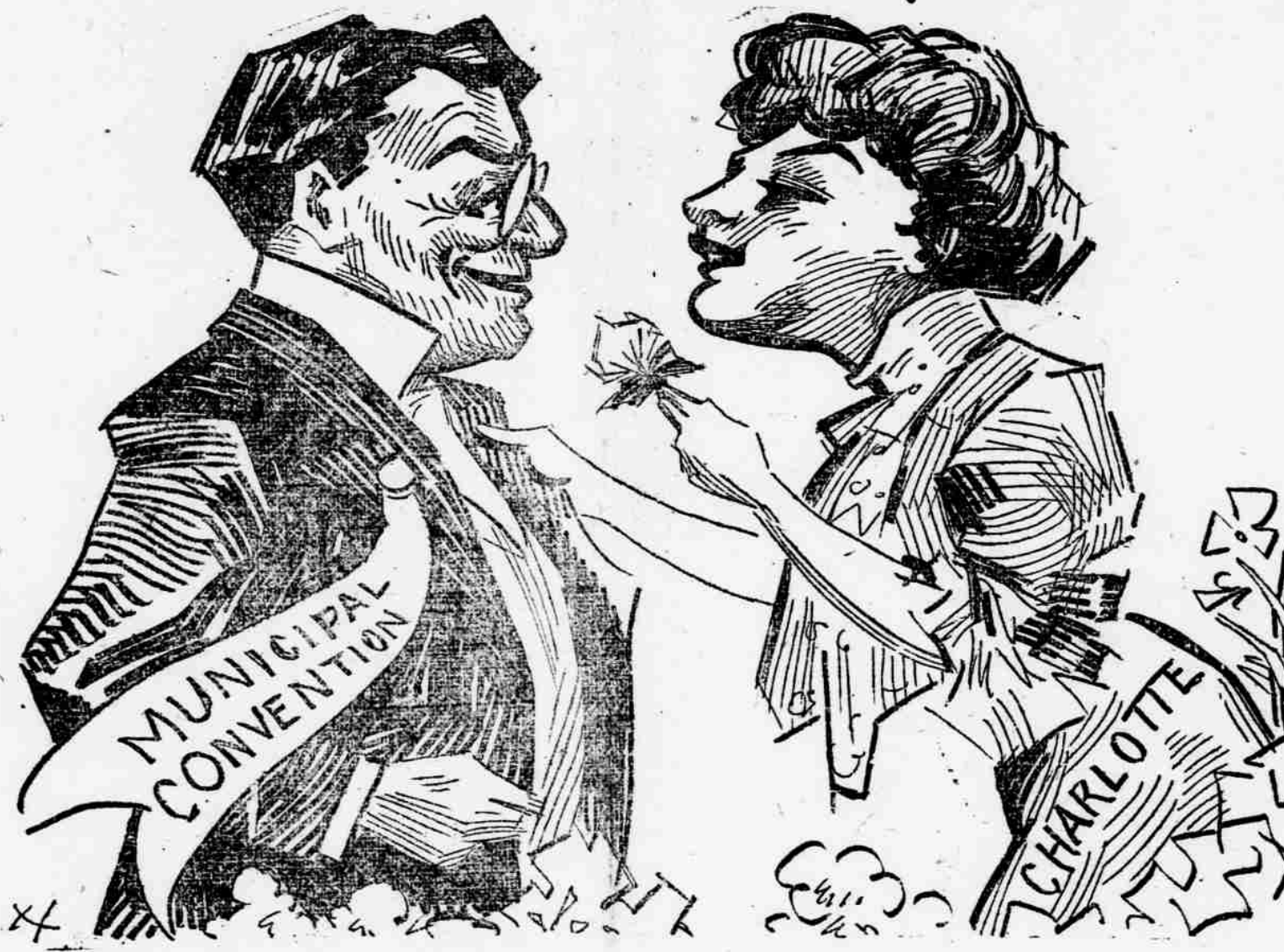
And Charlotte, too, is now the first to bring the mayors and leading city builders together in a great convention to consider questions for the good of the cities.

He told of putting in as mayor of Winston, the governor's home city, of a God-fearing, intelligent and able man, Mr. O. B. Eaton, and it had meant immeasurable good for the city.

Another question is, what proportion of your fines shall go to the city and what shall go to the general fund of the county.

Another question which will come before you is as to assessing property. Some towns are assessing at about one-fifth and others at about one-fifth.

Should a city control its own utilities—its waterworks, its street car system, etc. It will be well for you to consider some of these things.



"WELCOME TO OUR CITY!"

RENEW FIGHT AGAINST HIGH FREIGHT RATES

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17.—The long-standing contention of the merchants of Chicago and the central West for an adjustment of freight rates to the Southeast, which can't operate to cut them out of that market in a competition with New York and Eastern cities, was renewed yesterday before the Interstate Commerce commission.

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Glenn Explains Vote Shrinkage

The Falling Off in Kitchin's Majority is Due Mainly to Apathy and Democratic Bickerings in Certain Quarters.

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Rev. Wm. Duncan Still Pastor

First Presbytery Adopts The Report of The Commission Recommending That Resignation be not Accepted.

The commission appointed by Presbytery to examine into the charges against Rev. Wm. Duncan, pastor of the First A. R. P. church, of this city, met in executive session yesterday afternoon and evening.

The commission reported to Presbytery in favor of not accepting Mr. Duncan's resignation, and Presbytery voted to adopt the report.

Before Rev. Mr. Stevenson, who presented the report of the commission, had completed reading the report, Elders S. S. McNinch, J. G. Baird and C. M. Strong got up and left the church. The report is in full as follows:

The commission to investigate the trouble in the First church of Charlotte would report as follows:

We conclude, after our investigation, of all the facts that there was no intentional wrong in Rev. William Duncan's writing the letters in question, but there seems to have been more or less indiscretion in the letters, judging from the impression made upon reliable parties who read them.

As to the debts of Brother Duncan, while there were strong mitigating circumstances for their existence, we think he has not used that strict care that becomes a minister of the Gospel, against becoming involved in debt, and we exhort him to use the utmost diligence to discharge these debts as soon as possible.

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ATLANTIC DEEP WATERWAYS CONVENTION

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Nov. 17.—With upwards of 300 delegates in attendance, coming from nearly every Atlantic coast state, the first annual convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association was opened here today.

The gathering comprises men prominent in public and commercial life of the nation, all united in sentiment both as to the feasibility and desirability of a project of the association named to promote construction, as a national enterprise, of a chain of canals connecting natural and protected bays along the Atlantic coast, thereby forming a continuous inner route from Boca to Keywest.

Mr. Small Reads Paper. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17.—Among the papers read at the afternoon session was one by Hon. John H. Small, of North Carolina, on "Legislative status of the Atlantic inland waterways project."

Emperor William Confers With Von Bulow

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—Emperor William and Chancellor Von Bulow were in conference for three quarters of an hour in the new palace at Potsdam this morning.

His majesty accepted the proposals made by the chancellor concerning the future conduct of state affairs and it is evident that Prince Von Bulow will remain in office.

The understanding reached by the chancellor and the emperor is satisfactory.

Grants Request.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—Chancellor Von Bulow, in the course of his interview with the Emperor asked His Majesty for the declaration, together with permission to publish the same, to the effect that in the future the Emperor would deal with state affairs only through existing constitutional channels, through the chancellor, his Majesty acceded to this request, and the declaration asked for appears in the Reichsanzeiger today.

CONFESSES TO LONG CAREER OF FORGERY

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17.—Peter Van Vliet, prominent real estate dealer, clubman and for years reputed millionaire who was convicted and sentenced to prison last night on his own confession of having obtained through forged papers more than \$700,000, arose in his cell at the county jail this morning after a sleepless night.

Van Vliet's confession, one of the most remarkable in court annals, preceded by only a few hours his sentence by the court to an indeterminate term of from one to 14 years in the penitentiary at Joliet. He was ordered from the midst of his business yesterday to appear at the state's attorneys office. The real estate dealer made a full confession of how for 18 years or more he had thrived on the sale of forged trust deeds and notes.

He said more than 25 people would suffer loss from his machinations. He had a plate glass desk top, he said, so arranged that by placing an electric light beneath the board ready to be thrown up through the hole signatures from originals onto worthless paper.

Cotton Tax And Higher Education Discussed

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 17.—At the last day's session of the thirteenth annual meeting of the National Association of State University Presidents held here, the cotton tax and its relation to higher education in the South was one of the questions discussed.

Another subject of discussion was the relation of non-agricultural state universities to agricultural state universities.

THE EASTMAN-- EDWARDS WEDDING POSTPONED

Special to The News.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 17.—The wedding of Mrs. Sophia Harrison Eastman, of Chicago and Baker Everett Edwards, which it was announced would take place today, appears to be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Edwards declines to make any statement further than that the marriage will occur.

Rev. Gilbert Rowe, of the Central Methodist church, whom it was stated would perform the ceremony, has declined to officiate, on the grounds that he had not satisfied himself that he would be justified in performing the ceremony.

Says He Never Received Ring Sent by Duke

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 17.—M. M. Garland, surveyor of customs, denied today having received a ring which is reported to have been forwarded by the Duke of Abruzzi to Miss Katherine Elkins.

He declined to say, however, whether one of his advisers had received such a package from the postoffice authorities for appraisal.

A. C. L. Officials.

By Associated Press.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 17.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line was held here and all old officials and directors re-elected.

Many Convicts Perish in Mine

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 17.—Five dead convicts have been taken from mine No. 3 of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company.

Seven more are known to be imprisoned there.

Fire, believed to have been started by the convicts, broke out in the mine last night.

The body of Mrs. A. A. Kendall arrived in Charlotte this morning and was interred in Elmwood cemetery. Mrs. Kendall, who was the daughter of the late John Davidson, of Charlotte, died yesterday at her home in Spartanburg.



HON. H. B. RICE Mayor of Houston, Texas, Where They Have a Commission Form of Government.

The Place of Good Roads.

If I were to ask what had made Charlotte would I say its Southern and Seaboard railroads? No, I would say its good roads, out into the country. I think this should be done in all the counties in the state.

And there should be a better preservation of law and order in your towns and cities. I say with pride that not a single instance of mob law has occurred this year. This is because sheriffs, chiefs of police and all officers, had got a better conception of their duty.

On the first of the year the prohibition laws go into effect. You, as mayors, should see that these laws shall be enforced. (Applause.)

The governor closed with a hearty and eloquent welcome to all present.

Ex-Mayor J. D. McCall, on the part of the city, welcomed the distinguished visitors in a few happy and well chosen words. (Continued on page 3)

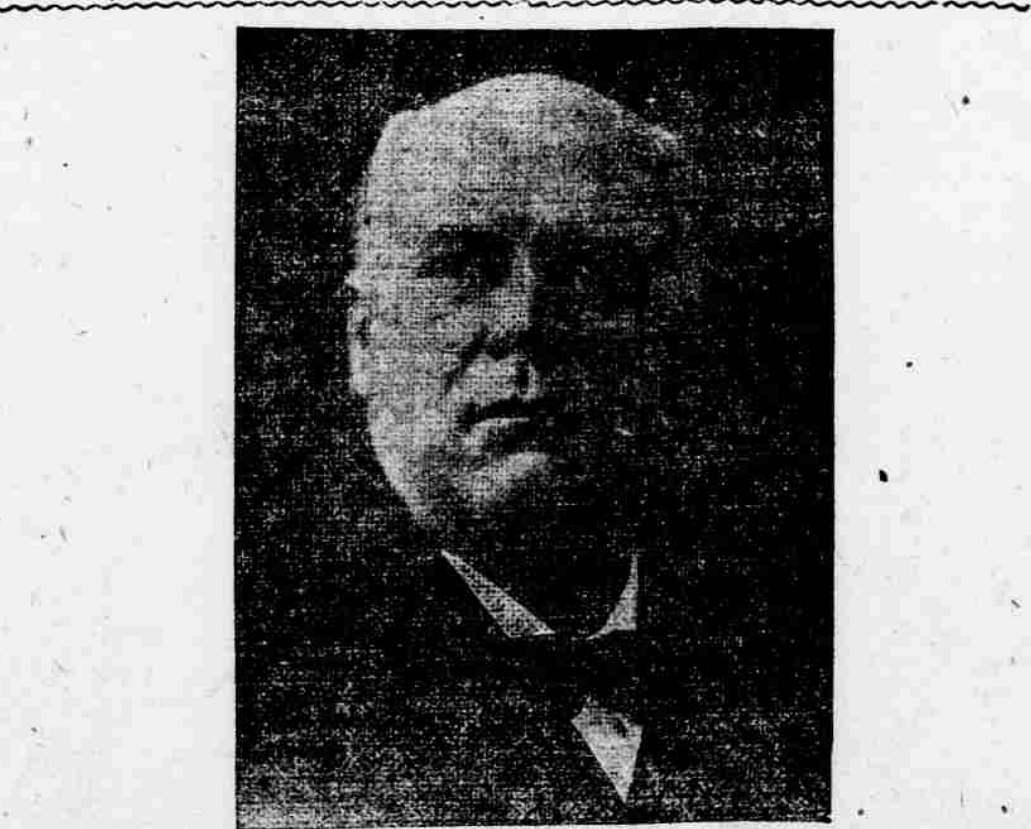
Title of "Lord" Contended Upon a Virginian

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 17.—The committee on privileges of the house of lords declared the right of Albert Kirby Fairfax, native of Virginia, and who has been described as the only American bearing an English title and rank of Lord Fairfax or Cameron, in Scottish peerage.

The committee heard evidence on this matter for two hours. J. A. Barrett, Lord Fairfax's attorney, presented much documentary evidence to prove his client's descent. The attorney general for the government and Lord Alverate of Scotland declared themselves satisfied regarding the validity of the claim and Lord Alverstone, lord chief justice, pronounced the decision of the committee. This committee does not give Lord Fairfax a seat in the house of lords. Only a limited number of Scottish peers, elected by lords, sit in the house.

HON. JOEL H. CUTCHIN, Mayor of Roanoke, Va.



GOVERNOR R. B. GLENN.



HON. W. S. REAMER, Columbia, S. C.