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Elect the Mayor From the Board Of Aldermen

Committee of Ten And Board Accept Mr. E. T. Canster's Compromise Measure, Bringing Peace and Harmony.

Revised Charter Adopted Practically as Proposed Upon by The Special Committee—Election of Aldermen.

The board of aldermen and the charter committee of 10, agreed upon terms of compromise...

Mr. Canster was asked to state his proposition, which he did clearly...

The Aye and No Vote. After a lengthy discussion by both sides the question was called...

- Yeas: Murphy, Williams, Lee, Blair, McRae, Scott, Heath, Garfield, Klone, Henderson, Smith, Williams, Kirtpatrick, Hunt, Sevier. Nays: None.

OVER 200 PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH IN THEATRE FIRE

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Between 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores Theatre in the City of Acapulco yesterday night.

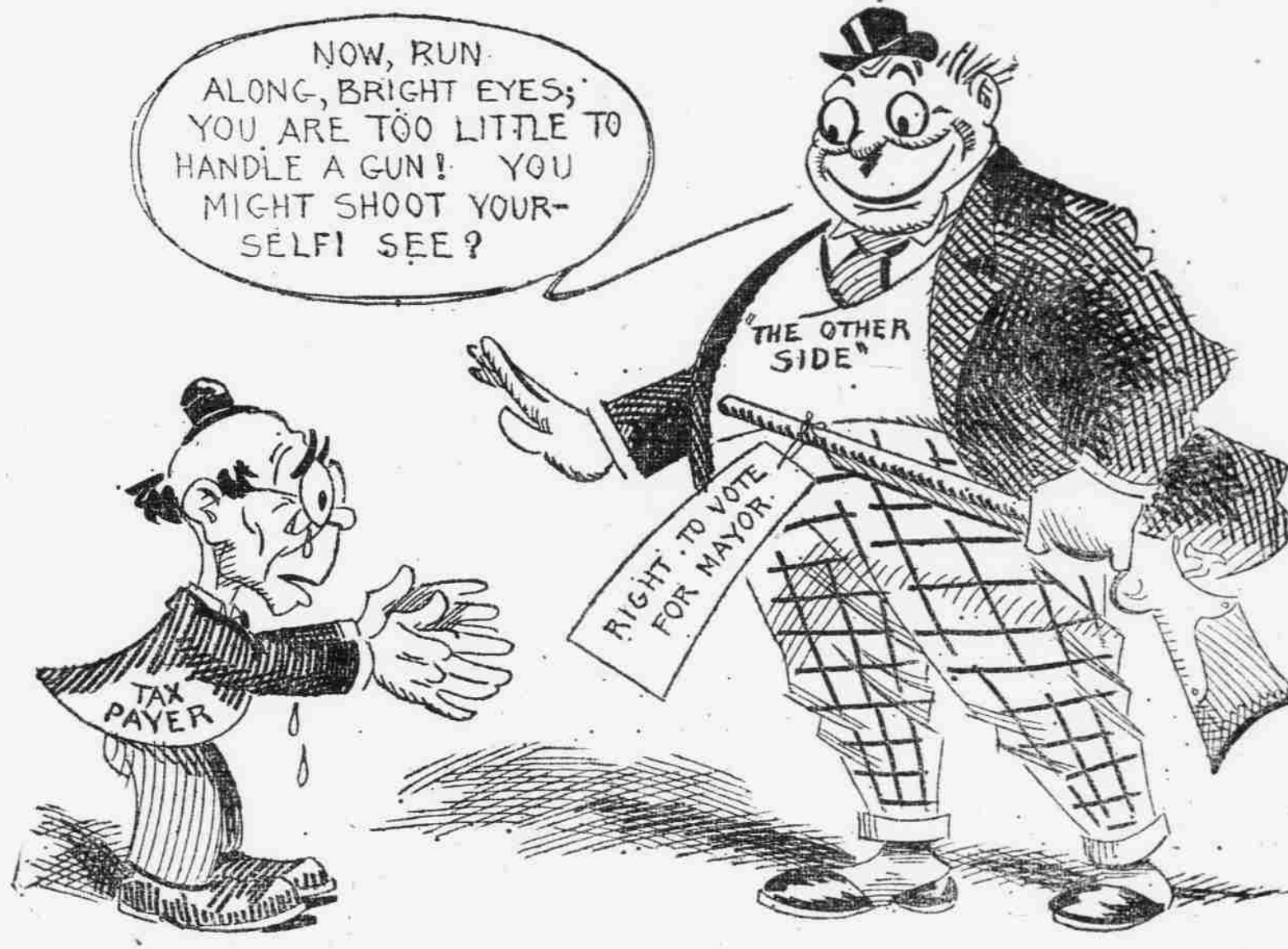
The floor of the theatre was a wooden affair and last night over one thousand people crowded into it to witness a special performance...

One of the numbers of the program consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these, a film caught fire and a blaze was quickly communicated to some lighting which had been used for decorative purposes...

Today pitiful scenes of grief are being enacted in the streets of the little west coast port. Men, women and children are wandering from place to place, hunting relatives or friends...

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AT LAST THE COOPER TRIAL COMMENCES

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Just one month within a day from the date the first attempt was made to secure a jury, the trial began...

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Take the Fight On To Raleigh Those Opposed to Charter Planning to Fight it In The Legislature—Will Get More Petitions.

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GREAT LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 16.—In point of attendance the convention begun here today by the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Southern Presbyterian church is the most notable gathering of its kind ever held in the South.

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Names of Judges Who Will Count The Ballot

TO SOUND DOOM OF REFEREE SYSTEM OF PATRONAGE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—To sound doom of "Referee" system of federal patronage, to effect the resumption of representative government in states, and to co-operate in every way possible with President-Elect Taft...

The St. Augustine (Fla.) Board of Trade has placed in Mr. Taft's hands resolutions it has adopted stamping the next inauguration day as "The dawn of a day of promise" for the South and urging chambers of commerce of other Southern cities and towns to co-operate with Mr. Taft's purpose to inform himself of the views of representative men of any locality...

Proceedings of The Legislature

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—A sensational bill was introduced by Morton, of New Hanover, in the house of representatives this morning requiring all individuals keeping liquors on hand for personal use, to pay a license tax of \$5 annually...

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Don't Believe all You Hear About the Millions of Votes Held Back by Some Contestants in the Race.

If You Did and The Final Figures Showed That You Couldn't Kick Yourself? From the looks of the voting the past few days it is easily seen that the real contenders for The News' great list of prizes have come to a full realization of what they are working for and what sort of campaigning they must do during the remaining forty-eight hours of this great fight.

It will take some hustling to be sure to land inside the money when the final count is made Wednesday night, at 9 o'clock. And That Means Nine. Absolutely and finally we wish to impress it on the minds of all contestants that 9 o'clock does not mean 9:10 or 9:15 or even 9:01 but NINE. Get that in your head and keep it there...

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The Tafts At Washington

Washington, Feb. 16.—President-elect and Mrs. Taft arrived here this morning and went immediately to the residence of Miss Mabel Boardman which will be their home during their stay here. Mr. Taft visited the White House and had a conference with the president and the board of engineers who accompanied him to Panama. It is Mrs. Taft's intention to go to New York tomorrow on a shopping tour.

Insurance Man Held. Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 16.—F. Scott, a local insurance agent, was before Magistrate McLean on a charge of embezzlement and was bound over to the superior court under a \$200 bond, failing to give which he was committed to jail. Scott was under bond for three similar charges and Saturday his bondsmen asked to be relieved.

Sensational Hold-Up Fails. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Armed with a revolver in one hand and a dynamite bomb in the other, a man entered the home of Lawrence M. Jones, president of Jones Brothers Dry Goods Company and demanded \$7,000. By a ruse, Jones overpowered the man, who was arrested.

Illinois Central Wreck. Murphysboro, Ill., Feb. 16.—An Illinois Central train from St. Louis to New Orleans was wrecked east of here this morning. Six persons are reported killed and about thirty injured.

Tillman And Dixon Clash

Washington, Feb. 16.—When the consideration of the naval bill was resumed in the senate today, Senator Dixon (Montana) continued his strictures on the plan of having so many navy yards along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

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THIRTY PERSONS DEAD AS RESULT OF EARTHQUAKE

Constantinople, Feb. 16.—A number of houses and government buildings at Sivras, the capital of Villayet of the same name in Asiatic Turkey, collapsed as the result of an earthquake. The loss of life has not been ascertained but reports say that 20 persons have been killed and others injured. Many of the inhabitants are without shelter. Sivras has a population of about 6,000 families.

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Discovery Of Revolting Crime

Marseilles, France, Feb. 16.—The discovery of a revolting crime has caused a sensation here. The body of an 8-year-old girl, torn by 28 knife wounds and further mutilated by burns, has been found in a populous quarter of the city. It was learned that the child had been ill treated before being killed. A man, who had been living with the girl's mother who is a widow, has been arrested.

ADVERTISERS IN THE CHARLOTTE NEWS Get the Business.

Mr. W. S. Lee, of the Southern Power Company, was in Gastonia today on a business trip.

Opening of Parliament. London, Eng., Feb. 16.—A greater crowd than usual gathered at Westminster for the state opening of parliament by King Edward, who was accompanied by the Queen Alexandra, Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the royal family.

Editor Grasty Dead. Birmingham, Feb. 16.—Thomas P. Grasty of Baltimore, vice president of the Manufacturers' Record, died today at Talladega, Ala., of peritonitis.

Dr. T. E. Brayer, of Shelby, who is well known in this city, lost his home and household furniture by fire last night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

There is considerable building activity in progress on Elizabeth Heights.