

Bickett Claims No Genius For Destruction

But Wishes to Work For Common Good of All Whether Their Interests Lie In Manufac- turing or Farming

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Accompanied by a special committee from the General Assembly headed by Chairman J. E. Pagan, Thomas Walter Bickett arrived from his home at Louisburg at eleven o'clock Thursday morning to be sworn in as Governor of North Carolina.

On the train which delivered him and Mrs. Bickett into the arms of a crowd that filled the Union Depot and overflowed Nash Square arrived also a committee of the town of Louisburg, some seven hundred unannouncedly happy fellow citizens.

There was a hurrying of committees down the long shed. There was a surging of the incoming and outgoing crowds. There was the music of "Hail to the Chief", and the big little man who is to occupy the Governor's Mansion for the next four years stepped out to meet his day!

In the confusion of the reception, in the thrill of the excitement, there ran a stir of gladness that could be felt. The people knew the man and Raleigh felt that it owned him intimately. Cheers started only to trail off into greetings. There was nothing strange about this Governor who has spent so much of the last eight years in the Capital City. The motto was cheerful good will and eagerness to grasp the hand and extend personal greeting to the Governor who, possibly of all others in a generation, has come to take his office with less tangle of bitterness or disappointment in his wake.

Outside the station the formal procession ranged itself in orderly style. The A. & M. cadets formed long lines of the loved academy gray. An army officer or so in gold braided their hoses and marshaled the ranks of the escort, which swung without delay into the van of the automobiles in which were packed the members of the committee, close friends of the Governor elect and wives of members of the General Assembly.

Within less than ten minutes from the time the special train arrived, the procession was "on its way to the Governor's Mansion for brief greetings between incoming and outgoing executives, for reforming with State's officers and members of the General Assembly for the return journey to the City Auditorium in which the inaugural ceremonies were to be held.

At a moment after twelve the Governor's party walked informally into the great building that contained some four thousand people.

A surge of applause ran through the audience as the Governor-elect stepped forward and was greeted by the Chief Justice, which increased in volume as the state administration finally changed with these words of Governor Craig:

"I have the honor to present the Governor of North Carolina."

Thus very simply in the eye of an inspiring audience, Thomas Walter Bickett, being Governor stepped forth to assume his office and declare the faith that was in him.

Governor's Address

In part he said:
"I have no genius for destruction. If there be a man in North Carolina who desires to drain a swamp, (farm) or hillside; if there be a farmer who is struggling to escape from the crop lien's deadly clutch; if there be a tenant who hungers for the vine and the tree he may call his own, I want all such to know that the governor of the State will count it an honor and joy to rise at midnight and lend a helping hand. If there be men or combinations of men who want to build factories that will multiply the value of our

Life Hangs By a Thread

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Thaw's life hangs by a thread. There is doubt, hospital physicians declare, whether he has a chance to recover even if he did not swallow the poison tablets missing from the bottle found in his pocket.

Knows You By Your Sneeze

(By United Press)
Cleveland, Jan. 12.—Introducing Nurse Jennette Leveau, Sneeze Detective. Sneeze for Jennette and she'll tell you what nationality you are. England might hire her to sneeze out a few spies—if Germany doesn't get her first.
Baby sneezes and cries are a hobby with Miss Leveau. She's a nurse in the day nursery here. Every little sneeze, she says, has a meaning all its own.

Loss Was \$12,000,000

Jersey City, Jan. 12.—Intermittent explosions could still be heard this morning at the wreckage of the plant of the Canadian Car Foundry, destroyed during the night with a loss of twelve millions. Stored in two concrete buildings yet undamaged are tons of trinitrotoluol, a most powerful explosive. Danger of its letting go is now believed passed.

The town of Kingsland and the surrounding country bear every mark of having withstood a terrific bombardment though only two lives were reported lost.

PREPARING INSTALL HEATING PLANT

Cann Memorial Presbyterian church is preparing to install a new heating plant in the very near future. It has not yet been decided whether the church will be heated by steam or hot air, but the new system will be in operation before many weeks.

LOST 23 jewel open faced. Elgin watch. Last night between Norfolk Southern freight station and 103 N. Road street. Finder return to 103 N. Road street and receive reward.

raw products; to harness our streams and redeem the sad waste of waters; to construct or equip railroads that will insure adequate transportation for our growing commerce; to form or maintain insurance companies that will keep at home the Niagara of gold that has been flowing out of the state; I want these men to feel that the State recognizes their wisdom and worth, and places no discount on their patriotism.

"For four years I want labor and capital, learning and art, and the life and letter of the law to be devoted to making every acre and every stream, every human and every mechanical unit in the commonwealth to do its level best."



THOMAS WALTER BICKETT
Inaugurated Governor of North Carolina, Thursday
January 11th

DECORATED WITH BADGE OF HONOR

DEBONAIR FRENCH CAPTAIN NOBLY LEADS MEN TO VICTORY WITH A MERE TWIRL OF HIS SLENDER CANE

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Army, Jan. 12 Captain Lassouquere, commanding the Eleventh Company of one of the regiments that recaptured Douaumont last August, today was decorated with the Croix de Guerre in recognition of his coolness and bravery in leading his men to the assault, while calmly twirling a cane. Since the beginning of the present war, French officers have ceased carrying a sword except on dress parade, owing to its utter uselessness as a weapon. In leading an attack they carry as a rule merely their revolver. Between dress parade and infantry assaults they frequently carry only a cane. In planning the assault on Fort Douaumont the French Staff worked out in advance every detail, even down to the pace the men were to follow in order not to advance faster than the barrage of artillery fire under cover of which the men were to go forward.

The pace pre-established for Captain Lassouquere's company was a rather leisurely one. A moment before the time set for the men to scramble out of the trenches Captain Lassouquere mounted the parapet, and adjusting his monocle so that he could survey the field of operations, walked calmly up and down twirling his cane in his fingers. When the precise moment for the assault came, he turned quietly to his men in the trenches and remarked in an even tone of voice "All right, Mes Enfants, we're off." Then as the men came out the Captain nonchalantly preceded them, twirling his cane with all the nonchalance of a Parisian dandy on the boulevard. Reassured to the fullest extent by the coolness of their leader the men followed until, at the precise moment, arranged in advance by the Staff officers, the company, always screened by the French artillery fire, arrived within striking distance of the objective assigned them. With the same precision the French artillery barrage at that moment leaped forward, leaving the German position exposed to the attack of the advancing infantry company. Throwing aside his cane, and drawing his revolver, the captain gave the cry of: "En Avant, Mes Enfants," and a moment later the entire company was safely installed in the German position with all the latter's defenders either dead or imprisoned.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

The regular meeting of the White Rose Chapter of the Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic Hall this evening at 7:30. Members are requested to be present.

Paper Makers Give Bonuses

(By United Press)

Bangor, Me., Jan. 12.—Despite the declaration of manufacturers that they have had to boost paper prices several hundred per cent to make a fair margin of profit on this product, the Eastern (Paper) Manufacturing Company today presented their employees, receiving less than \$3,000 a year, a bonus equal to ten per cent of their salaries.

The explanation given is that "on account of the high cost of living and the present profitable condition of the paper business, a bonus" was declared. The bonus applies to about 1,600 workers, 200 of them women.

Stocks Take Sudden Jump

New York, Jan. 12.—The Entente reply to the Wilson peace note was the basis today for a general advance in munitions and stocks on the stock exchange.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Culpeper, Griffin, Old & Grice Co. was held today and the following directors elected: W. T. Old, President, Seaboard National Bank, Norfolk, Va. Dr. L. S. Blades, President Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Co. P. H. Williams, Secretary and Treasurer of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Co. H. G. Kramer, Cashier, Savings Bank and Trust Co. O. F. Gilbert, Proprietor, Mitchells Department Store. D. B. Bradford, President, Elizabeth City Hosiery Co. W. G. Gaither, Jr., Cashier, First National Bank. W. N. Old and L. E. Old.

Mr. C. W. Grice having sold his stock in the Company stating that he desired to devote his entire time to the Management of the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. W. T. Old former Vice President of the Company was elected President to succeed him, and P. H. Williams was elected Vice President and L. E. Old Secretary-Treasurer.

Your business will be given the same careful attention as heretofore and the officers and directors will appreciate a continuance of your liberal patronage.

Yours very truly,
L. E. Old,
Secy-Treas.

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LEAVE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

AND THE MIDDLE WEST
Messrs. Clarence Parker and Remington Sykes have accepted a position with Mr. K. F. Martin, representative of the Bon Am' Company of New York, and will leave within a few days for South Carolina, Illinois and Wisconsin.

WANTED Table boarders in private family. Apply to 341 West Fearling street. 4wk Jan 11dy

Next Peace Move Must Be Made by Germany

London Thinks Door to Peace Still Open But Expects No Early Developments

MORE FRIENDLY TO PRESIDENT

Resentment Giving Place to Desire to Enlighten Obtuse But Well Intentioned Friend

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Jan. 12.—Wilson's next peace move in the international peace game depends upon what confidential information he may have as to the terms on which Germany will consider peace.

In the absence of positive knowledge as to this, officials believe that the entente reply, published this morning, leaves practically no loophole for further advances by the President at this time.

Germany must make the next move. If the President should possess information indicating that the terms of the entente square to an encouraging degree with what Germany is willing to concede, another effort by the United States Government may be expected.

Dispatches this morning from London indicate that in the British view the door to peace is still open, but no tangible developments are to be looked for in the near future. On the streets of London and in the London papers this is the idea as to the effect of the reply of the allies to the President's Peace note. No delusions are cherished as to the strength of Germany's military position, but Britain is still confident that eventually Germany will be forced by military and economic necessity to submit to the terms of the allies.

The frankness and courtesy of the note reflects a change in the popular attitude toward Wilson. The one time bitter resentment at what was regarded as the President's disposition to meddle has changed to a desire to illuminate a somewhat obtuse but doubtless well intentioned friend. Everywhere in London confidence is expressed in the American approval of the Allies position.

STRONGEST DOPE YET

What is regarded as the strongest stuff yet passed by the British censor came in from the United Press correspondent at London today. He says:

"From the standpoint of a neutral the big outstanding feature of the whole situation seems to be that the peace ball is still rolling,—slowly, it is true, but destined to gather momentum as the discussions proceed. The Allies might have blocked this movement altogether, but instead they really gave it a considerable shove by inferentially inviting Germany to bargain on peace."

Wilson believes that the first step toward peace, however short, has been made and that another may follow soon.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Pasquotank County Teachers Association will meet at the Alkrama Theatre Saturday morning at half past ten o'clock.

MOVED INTO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Culpepper have moved into their new home on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Wants Congress To Push Probe

Washington, Jan. 12.—The failure of the House to continue the investigation of the leak on Wilson's peace note to the belligerents will "confirm the public belief" that Congress dares not investigate, fearing to involve men in the high councils of the Government and some of the congressmen themselves, Representative Wood declared today.

Wood refused to apologize to Tammany or Bolling. "I have no apologies to make any one," he said "A rumor still lives that men high in governmental authority are involved."

Chairman Henry was urging the House to table the leak probe for lack of evidence.

Teutons Take Another Town

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The capture of Laburtes, Rumania, by the Germans is officially announced today. Teuton progress from Braila to Galts continues, and the Russians are again retiring toward the Sereth.

COTTON REPORT

There were 5,691 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank County from the crop of 1916 prior to Jan. 1, 1917 as compared with 3,639 bales ginned to Jan. 1, 1916.

There were 3,790 bales of cotton ginned in Camden County from the crop of 1916 prior to Jan. 1, 1917 as compared with 2,575 bales ginned to Jan. 1, 1916.

N. A. Jones,
Special Agent.

REMODELING HOMES

Mr. Harold Foreman is remodeling his home recently purchased on Main street.

Mr. Eddie Hughes is remodeling his house on Main street and will move into it soon.

U. D. C. MEETS TUESDAY

The D. H. Hill Chapter, U. D. C. will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. P. DeLon on Church street. All members are urged to be present.

BALL-WILSON

Walter Elijah Ball of Weeksville and Miss Evelyn Mae Wilson of Portsmouth were married by Rev. J. L. Cunningham at the First Methodist church Parsonage Thursday.

HAS NEW BOY

The popular register of deeds, Mr. J. W. Munden, announces the arrival of a new boy this morning, and is receiving the congratulations of his friends.