

SHARP CRITICISM OF ADMIRAL SIMS BY NAVAL OFFICER

Charge That Delays of Navy Prolonged Hostilities Considered Absurd

ADMIRAL M'KEAN NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT

Tells Senate Investigating Committee That He Could Comprehend Charge If Made By Patient In "Government Insane Asylum"; Navy Planned For War, He Declares

Washington, April 27.—Sharp criticism of Rear Admiral Sims' report today before the Senate Naval investigating committee by Rear Admiral J. S. McKean, former assistant chief of naval operations, resulted in a tilt between Chairman Hale and Senator Trammell, Democrat, Florida, when Admiral McKean was reinterrogated by Senator Hale for indulging in "personalities."

The officer declared he was only following a precedent set by Admiral Sims in his testimony, while Senator Trammell remarked that the chairman's objections to personalities had not run against Admiral Sims' "snappy comments."

Admiral McKean, whose appearance followed completion of a cross-examination of Captain W. V. Pratt, who had been on the stand several days, insisted that he was not seeking to defend Secretary Daniels or to "damns Sims" in what he said.

Sims' Charges Controversial. Admiral Sims' charge that delays on the part of the Navy Department early in the war prolonged hostilities four months and cost 500,000 additional lives were "monstrous" Admiral McKean said, adding that if it had been made by a patient in the "government insane asylum" it could be understood, but that coming from "a rear admiral on the active list, the head of the naval war college, it was an insult to every officer and man in the navy, or who served in the navy during the war."

The charge that the department had no plan for war, also was denounced, the officer said. He added that one plan in particular had been in existence four years before the war was commenced up to the time the United States joined the allies and constantly changed as the situation altered during the war. The plan was not perfect he said, because of new elements injected into the war by the German submarine campaign.

Not Personal Criticism. Captain Pratt, in answer to Senator Trammell, who sought to show that Admiral Sims' letter to Secretary Daniels entitled "Some Naval Lessons of the World War" was in reality a sweeping criticism of Secretary Daniels and naval officers generally, said he had no reason to doubt Admiral Sims' declaration it was not intended as a personal criticism. He could not avoid the impression, however, he added that Sims was criticizing the chief of naval operations, whether he intended to or not.

WIFE HELPS HUSBAND TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON

Fayetteville, April 27.—Edmund Phillips, alleged head of a band of automobile thieves, for whom extradition has been asked by the Governor of Florida, was let out of a cell at the police station here early this morning supposedly by his wife, and he tonight still at large. Phillips' wife had been around the station much since he was arrested and allowed to come and go as she pleased. It is thought that she secured the key to her husband's cell from the sergeant's desk. The key is missing it is thought another man assisted in the escape. The janitor at the station did not report this morning but whether or not he had any part in the delivery is not known.

ELIZABETH CITY FOLKS HEAR CAM MORRISON

Elizabeth City, April 27.—Cameron Morrison spoke to an audience that well filled the country clubhouse here tonight on behalf of the sustenance of the principles of old fashioned Southern Democracy and his candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. He spoke but little regarding his candidacy, devoting most of his time to a Democratic speech. He was well received by the people of Elizabeth City and his address apparently favorably impressed them. He leaves tomorrow morning for Eden to speak tomorrow night and speaks in Williamston Thursday night.

WHITE ELECTED MAYOR IN LUMBERTON ELECTION

Lumberton, April 27.—A. E. White was nominated Mayor of Lumberton in today's primary over W. K. Bethune, by 46 majority, the vote being 236 for White and 180 for Bethune. M. M. Roeber was nominated councilman from ward No. 3 over W. L. Farham, the vote being 117 for Roeber and 30 for Farham. E. M. Johnson was nominated councilman from ward number four without opposition.

REBEL TROOPS PREPARE TO MARCH ON CAPITAL

Revolution in Mexican State of Guerrero More Serious Than in Sinaloa

Agua Prieta, April 27.—Rebel troops are preparing to march on Mexico City from the State of Guerrero, Gen. Pelias Calles, commander in chief of the "Liberal Constitutional" army, announced here today. The revolution in Guerrero, he said, was more serious than the movement in Sinaloa where troops under Gen. Angel Flores continue to progress toward Mazatlan. The revolutionists from Sinaloa to Sonora plan to join with the rebels in Guerrero for attack on Mexico City. Capture of Mazatlan by the rebels they expect will easily lead to the subjugation of the balance of Sinaloa and rapid progress toward Nayrath which is said to be sympathetic with the Sonora cause. In Jalisco, the next state south, revolutionary forces are said to be making headway, as is reported also the case in Colima, where the capital city of Colima and the Port of Manzanillo are objectives of the victorious rebel troops. Mexican aims were reported in revolt against Carranza, and against Guerrero.

FIGHT OVER MEANS OF RAISING MONEY

All-Day Debate in Lower House of Congress Over Method of Getting Bonus

Washington, April 27.—The fight over the method of raising almost two billion dollars for the soldier relief legislation precipitated an all-day debate in the House today during which the Republicans on one side and the combination of Democrats and Insurgent Republicans on the other explained their proposals.

Representative Johnson, Republican, South Dakota, announced that seventy-five Republican "insurgents" favored a retroactive "war profits" tax instead of a sales tax, proposed by Republican leaders. His statement, if borne out later, would indicate an upset of the Republican program for passing the bill Monday without permitting action on the "war profits" proposal. Representative Garner, of Texas, the Democratic whip, predicted that the result of the Republican caucus next Friday night would be to "whip the insurgents into line."

Mr. Johnson and Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, introduced during the day the "war profit tax bill, which would place an 80 per cent levy on the increase of net income during the last four years over that of the pre-war period. The plan was attacked by Representative Green, Iowa, and Longworth, of Ohio, Republicans, who declared it would "levy taxes on taxes," and that the excessive earnings of individuals and corporations during the war period had already been taxed more than 50 per cent.

"To accept this plan means there will be no soldier legislation," declared Mr. Longworth, adding that it would "kill the soldiers' bill beyond resurrection." Without giving the details, Mr. Longworth said the Republican plan for raising the money proposed a five-fold scheme of taxation. Besides, the levy on sales, which he said "would not raise much," he would "levy taxes on taxes," and the excessive earnings of individuals and corporations during the war period had already been taxed more than 50 per cent.

WANTS STOCK DIVIDEND TAX

Representative Frost, Republican, Wisconsin, advocated a third plan for raising money proposed for increased income taxes during 1919, 1920, and 1921. A tax on stock dividends issued this year, and a new tax on automobiles and theater admissions and real estate sales. Representative Clark, the Democratic leader, and Mr. Garner demanded that opportunity be given to amend the bill. Mr. Clark recalled the "parliamentary revolution of 1919" and gave a "gentle warning" that the Republicans were "entering on the same kind of conduct that led to the upset of their machine." Mr. Garner said the Republicans were "playing politics" with the legislation and would not pass it until after the elections.

BANKERS AT PINEHURST STUDY NATIONAL FINANCES

Pinehurst, April 27.—National finances promises to occupy most of the attention of the executive council of the American Bankers Association which opens a three-day session here tomorrow. Committees have been in session since Monday formulating reports of the various topics selected for discussion all of which deal with the economic situation of the United States. The Federal legislative committee had before it today the McFadden bill, designed to protect the national gold reserve, through the imposition of a tax of ten dollars an ounce upon all gold used for any but minting purposes. Reports before the committee indicated that, in addition to the loss of more than \$100,000,000 in gold exports since January, the reserve probably will be depleted by \$50,000,000 through the use of the metal in manufacturing. Production of gold in the United States will not exceed \$35,000,000, the committee believed.

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CHURCH BIENNIAL CONVENTION HERE

Hundred and Fifty Delegates Are In Attendance at Opening Session

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT FEATURES FIRST NIGHT

Convention Will Continue in Session Until Friday Noon Holding Three Sessions Daily at First Christian Church; Missions Will Be Theme For Today's Discussions

With 150 delegates representing five Southern States in attendance, the twenty-fourth biennial convention of the Southern Christian Church opened last night in the First Christian Church, of this city. The convention will continue in session until Friday noon, holding three sessions daily. The opening session was featured by the address of Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., of Suffolk, Va., who has been president of the convention for the last thirty-eight years.

"The convention, in doing its work, looks in four directions," said President Staley. "It looks backward, inward, upward and outward. The backward look is historic; the inward look is a revelation; the upward look is spiritual, and the outward look is progressive."

Increase in Apportionments. President Staley recommended an increase of 33 per cent in the apportionments for four objects of the convention. If the recommendation is accepted the apportionments will be as follows: Convention missions, \$5,000; foreign missions, \$5,000; Home College, \$5,000; convention fund, \$1,500. Under the recommendation the various conferences would contribute a total of \$30,000, of which amount \$9,000 would be the share of the North Carolina Conference.

Speaking of the future of the convention, President Staley said: "Three things loom large in the outlook of the convention—lay activity, systematic giving and the evangelistic spirit. Those three things will improve the institutions of the church by improving the constituency of the convention. The convention has a broader view of the world and its obligations to the world and that will intensify its love and its service for others."

"This convention was organized in 1836, but its outlook was never so bright as at the present time, and this prospect imposes greater obligations and responsibilities upon the leaders and the members. They must be more intelligent, more spiritual, more industrious and more liberal. Conservation is the great word consecration of talents, time and money to the work of the kingdom."

The address contained a report upon the four enterprises of the convention, "The Christian Sun, Home College, the Christian Orphanage and Missions."

Following the presidents' address Rev. A. Victor Lightbourne, convention evangelist, preached the convention sermon. The convention was informed of the death of Dr. E. K. McCord, Mission Secretary, who died suddenly last Sunday.

The session was closed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the ordinance being administered by Rev. N. G. Newman, Rev. George D. Eastes and Dr. C. H. Rowland. The closing prayer was offered by Dr. J. W. Welton who is in his ninety-fifth year. Special committees of the convention were announced as follows: Credentials—L. A. Lake, W. E. Lindsey, Rev. R. L. Williamson, Press—Rev. J. P. Barrett, E. L. Moffitt, Rev. C. B. Riddle, Finance—K. B. Johnson, C. A. Hines, L. R. Jones, Nominations—C. D. West, D. R. Foville, Rev. C. E. Newman, Resolutions—Rev. L. E. Smith, Rev. Herbert Scholz, W. P. Lawrence, Apportionments—J. A. Williams, A. B. Farmer, Rev. J. L. Foster.

The business session of the convention will commence this morning and more delegates are expected to arrive today. This morning the session will be devoted to miscellaneous reports. The afternoon and evening sessions will be given over to the consideration of missions. The Woman's Missionary conference of the convention will meet today, holding morning and afternoon sessions. This afternoon Mrs. W. A. Harper, of (Continued on Page Two.)

NEW THEORY GIVEN AS TO STRUCTURE OF MATTER

Washington, D. C., April 27.—An entirely new theory of the structure of matter was presented today at the concluding session of the annual gathering of the National Academy of Sciences by Dr. Irving Langmuir, of the General Electric Company research laboratory. Explaining that his conclusions lead to a new conception of energy, force, time, space, magnetism and all of the general properties of matter, Dr. Langmuir asserted that "space and time have structure analogous to that of matter."

UNDER DEATH SENTENCE ESCAPES FROM PRISON

Cartersville, Ga., April 27.—Fred Shelton, negro under sentence of death for murder, escaped with three other prisoners from the jail here today. Shelton had been sentenced to be hanged Friday on conviction of the murder of Wm. B. Hughes, here several months ago. He recently was given a respite to June 28.

UNDERWOOD SELECTED AS SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Washington, April 27.—Senator Underwood, of Alabama, was elected Democratic leader in the Senate today at a conference of Senate Democrats. He was unopposed, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, acting leader since the death of the late Senator Martin, of Virginia, having withdrawn from the fight last week.

Reider electing Mr. Underwood, the Democrats discussed briefly solidarity of action generally. The pending peace resolution was considered and the Democrats agreed tentatively to call a conference later in an effort to have the minority present a solid front on the resolution.

DEMOCRATS LOOK FOR RATIFICATION

Through Woman's Department National Committee Discusses North Carolina

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By E. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., April 27.—The Democratic National Committee, through its woman's department and publicity bureau, predicts that North Carolina will ratify the woman suffrage amendment following the action of the State Convention and that the statements advocating ratification by Senator Simmons and Representative Clyde B. Hoey.

RATIFICATION IS ASSURED

"Ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment to the constitution by the North Carolina Legislature is assured by the action of the Democratic State convention at Raleigh, which placed a plank in its platform at its recent convention in Raleigh endorsing suffrage and calling upon the Legislature to ratify."

"Action by the convention followed a statement by Senator F. M. Simmons, one of the party's leaders in the State, and Representative Clyde B. Hoey, of the Ninth congressional district, temporary chairman of the convention, who advocated ratification."

"Governor T. W. Bickett has also come out for suffrage, and predicts ratification by the Legislature, which will meet in special session late in June or in July."

While the suffragists are claiming ratification in North Carolina the National association opposed to woman suffrage says it is going to expose the lobby methods used by the suffragists in Delaware and other states. The "pressure methods" of opposition says the nation will be discussed at an anti luncheon to be held in New York tomorrow.

In connection with this it is announced that several Senators opposed to woman suffrage were invited to attend the New York luncheon. "Senator Oscar W. Underwood who was asked to speak" says the announcement, "told Miss Kilbreth he could not get away from Washington at present, but declared his opinion that if the amendment were held up until after the election he thought the anti side would win out finally. Senator Lee S. Overman said his North Carolina campaign which is somewhat in the nature of an indirect referendum on ratification was taking up his time. Senator Ellison D. Smith announced his intention to start a tour of North Carolina against the amendment." Former Senator Joseph W. Bailey was asked to speak but he is in Texas and has not been reached.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, Republican, of Ohio, paid tribute to the House today to Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina who is ill following an attack of paralysis. The Longworth tribute came during a speech wherein he attacked Representative H. T. Rainey, of Illinois, ranking Democrat next to Kitchin on the ways and means committee.

Representative Longworth strongly objected to a recent speech delivered by Rainey who charged that the "millionaire steering committee" of the House, composed, Rainey, said, of millionaire members had refused to tax war profits to pay for soldiers' bonus legislation but wanted to levy a consumption tax. Longworth said this was a sort of narrow and offensive partisanship never manifested by Kitchin when he led the Democrats of the ways and means committee.

"If Mr. Kitchin were here to speak for his party, as we all on this side devoutly hope he soon will be, he would not stoop and he never has stooped to employ the methods of a swashbuckling demagogue."

Longworth said Kitchin fought fairly and some times hit the Republicans hard, but the harder he hit the more Republicans liked him because of his two-faced and fair methods. Representative Kitchin is rapidly improving and his colleagues hope he will be able to return to the House some time this week.

TWO CAVALRY COMPANIES ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT TODAY THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ORGANIZE TWO TROOPS OF CAVALRY AND ONE SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS, CAVALRY, NATIONAL GUARD

"BUMPER" PEACH CROP

Atlanta, Ga., April 27.—A "bumper" peach crop for Georgia estimated at from nine to ten thousand cars, was the forecast made here today at a meeting of members of the Georgia Fruit Exchange and railroad representatives who made arrangements for getting the fruit to market.

HARDING LEADING SLIGHTLY IN OHIO STATE PRIMARIES

Senator Lodge Heads Republican List of Delegates-at-Large in Massachusetts

SCATTERING RETURNS FROM THREE STATES

Johnson Has Long Lead Over General Wood In New Jersey While The Latter Runs Close Second In Ohio; Uninstructed Republican Delegation Indicated in Massachusetts

Columbus, Ohio, April 27.—Scattering returns from approximately one-sixth of Ohio at 10 o'clock tonight showed Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, to have a slight lead in the presidential preference vote over Major General Leonard Wood, of Massachusetts. Nine hundred and ten out of a total of 5,882 precincts in the State gave: Harding, 17,878; Wood, 16,653.

Both Johnson and Hoover polled votes in almost every section of the State, although their names were not printed on the ballots. In 648 precincts Johnson received 1,859 and Hoover 1,469 votes.

The Democratic vote was unusually light, as there were no contests on that ticket for President. Governor Cox, of Ohio, was the only candidate and all Democratic candidates for delegate to the National Convention were pledged to him. However, a few McAdoo votes were written in on the ballots.

LODGE RUNS AT HEAD OF TICKET IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, April 27.—Returns from 572 election precincts out of 1,198 in the State, representing 168 cities and towns, including the complete vote of Boston and 12 other cities, in today's primary gave the following vote for delegates at large: Republican, 28,302; Gillett, 26,095; Crane, 25,892; Thurston, 19,795; Frothingham, 14,308; Fuller, 12,753; Lawson, 7,487; McCall, 12,114; Wood, 4,985.

MEAGER RETURNS FROM NEW JERSEY GIVES JOHNSON LEAD

Newark, N. J., April 27.—Returns from 22 election districts out of 2,005 in the New Jersey presidential primary tonight gave Johnson 403; Wood 174.

RELATION OF LABOR TO CAPITAL TO BE DISCUSSED

Atlantic City, N. J., April 27.—Discussion of labor's relation to capital, to which the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in convention here, will devote its Thursday session, began with the railroad group tonight when speaker Wood with Hoover as second choice, was fifth, and Fuller, who is unqualifiedly for Wood, was seventh. The vote was very light throughout the state.

BANKERS PLAYING GOLF ON PINEHURST COURTS

Pinehurst, April 27.—Sixty-four members of the executive council of the American Bankers Association, took part in the qualifying round of the bankers' tournament at Pinehurst today, and were led into camp by Harry Roubey, treasurer of the association and president of a Colorado bank. W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, was the only North Carolina contestant to qualify. Twelve divisions of four players each qualified for match play.

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CLOSE RACE IN NEW JERSEY

Newark, N. J., April 27.—Returns from 654 election districts out of 2,005 in the New Jersey presidential primary tonight gave Johnson 11,261; Wood 12,398.

CLINTON YESTERDAY

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HIGH COST OF LIVING TOO MUCH FOR CONVICT: HE RETURNS TO PRISON

Joliet, Ill., April 27.—Robert Needham, paroled three weeks ago, after serving part of a sentence for burglary, scaled the walls of the State penitentiary from its outside early this morning and sneaked back into prison because he found himself unable to cope with the high cost of living as a free man. "The only way to beat the high cost of living is to be in prison," said Needham.

CHARGE ILLEGAL ACTIONS BY POST

Republican Members of House Open Fire On Assistant Secretary of Labor

Washington, April 27.—Illegal actions of Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of the Department of Labor, resulted in blocking deportation of alien radicals, members of the House declared today before the rules committee.

"The responsibility lies at the door of Secretary Wilson for not recommending removal of such a man, if these charges are true," Representative Rodenburg, Republican, Illinois, a member of the committee, declared during the hearing, which inaugurated investigation of Mr. Post's official conduct.

Representative Johnson, Republican, Washington, chairman of the House immigration committee, presented a report by committee investigators on more than 300 cases, in which it was said Mr. Post had cancelled or stayed deportations recommended by immigration authorities. Counsel for Mr. Post interrupted to assert that Commissioner General Caminetti, of the Immigration Bureau, was without authority to make any recommendation regarding deportation warrants.

Representative Siegel, Republican, New York, accused Mr. Post of bringing the deportation law "into disrepute and making deportation proceedings a farce and a joke." He added that there had been "many plain violations of the law," but Representative Fincher, Republican, Kansas, another witness, declared he doubted whether Mr. Post had violated the law, although he contended that the assistant secretary had unquestionably abused his discretionary authority.

Thirty-eight cases were cited by Representative Hoch, Republican, Kansas, author of the resolution that led to the investigation in which Mr. Post was alleged to have released accused agitators without waiting to review the evidence on which the charges were predicated. With Mr. Johnson, Hoch also charged that Mr. Post for a time accepted a decision of Secretary Wilson that mere membership in the Communist party was sufficient ground for deportation, but that later Post "changed his mind" and did not follow this ruling.

Mr. Johnson charged in this connection that Mr. Post called for as many as a hundred cases a day in order to release accused aliens.

While the Hoch resolution looks to possible impeachment proceedings against Mr. Post, Republican leaders plan for a complete preliminary inquiry by the rules committee and in event of an adverse finding to propose a resolution calling for Mr. Post's removal.

HIRAM JOHNSON GOING TO INVADE THIS STATE

Wilmington, April 27.—Wilmington is to have the opportunity of hearing at least one aspirant for the presidency. It was announced today that United States Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, is to speak here within the next few weeks. Mr. Johnson, it is announced, will deliver a non-political address setting forth his views on various questions confronting the nation. Johnson is the only presidential candidate, who has announced an invasion of the South.

STEEL EARNINGS SHOW AN UPWARD TENDENCY

New York, April 27.—Total earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the first quarter of 1920 show an upward trend from the final quarter of 1919, the aggregate of \$42,089,019, representing an increase of \$6,367,717. Net income of \$13,223,701 increases \$2,283,436 and surplus of \$13,373,085 is a gain of \$8,150,797.

Regular dividends of 1 3/4 per cent on the preferred and 1 1/4 per cent on the common were in keeping with general expectations. No advance in the common rate of distribution has been regarded as probable after the recent statement of Chairman Elbert H. Gary.

ELECTROCUTED WHILE AT WORK ON AN ELECTRIC WIRE

Washington, Apr. 27.—While attempting to locate wire trouble at the City Light and Power plant, H. D. Charles, superintendent of the Washington Light and Water Company, this afternoon came in contact with a live wire and was electrocuted. He died almost instantly. The tragedy occurred shortly after 4:00 o'clock. He was 40 years of age, married and the father of three children. He was a native of Grifton, North Carolina, and well known throughout this section of the State.

WILL INAUGURATE PRESIDENT TODAY; LARGE GATHERING

Stage All Set For Biggest Event of Year at University of North Carolina

MANY EDUCATORS TO GATHER AT CHAPEL HILL

Governor Bickett Will Head Delegation From North Carolina While Secretary of Navy Josephus Daniels Will Attend; Thirty-nine College Presidents Expected

Chapel Hill, April 27.—The stage is set in Chapel Hill for the biggest event of the year, the formal inauguration and induction into office of the tenth man who since 1793 has presided over the destinies of the oldest State university in the country. Tomorrow afternoon Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, presented by ex-President Francis P. Venable, will repeat after Chief Justice Walter Clark the oath of office and will receive from Governor Thomas W. Bickett the official seal and charter of the University of North Carolina. Turning then toward the huge audience of North Carolinians and representatives of educational institutions from all over the United States, come to greet him and to wish him well, the new president will deliver his inaugural address on "The State University and the New South" in which it is expected that he will outline his views on the proper function of a State University today, particularly the University of North Carolina and its relation toward the State of North Carolina.

Chapel Hill and the University have made many preparations for this day and they are already setting it down as a banner day in the University's history. A committee from the trustees, consisting of Judge Frank Winston, A. H. Eller, Dr. Charles L. Smith, General Julian S. Carr and Judge W. P. Bynum and a committee from the faculty, consisting of Professors Archibald Henderson, George Howe, I. B. Wilson, A. S. Wheeler, J. G. DeR. Hamilton, P. H. Duggert, W. D. Toy, J. B. Bullitt and A. H. Patterson, have been in charge of the arrangements and they have cleaned up the last detail, provided for the last possible emergency and have cleared the decks for action.

Extensive preparations have been made to entertain the largest crowd of visitors Chapel Hill has known since the Thanksgiving football game. The exercises have been shifted to the afternoon, so that visitors may arrive on morning trains and a special train has been provided for those who wish to leave at night, with day coaches to Raleigh and Pullmans connecting with trains running North and South.

The day's program calls for four main events. The academic procession starts at 1 p. m. in Memorial Hall, where at 1:30 the exercises take place. These consist of three brief addresses by President Lowell, of Harvard, Dr. Mann, of the general staff of the War Department, and President Hibben, of Princeton, the induction into office of the inaugural address of President Chase, greetings from various colleges and from representatives of the University. At 6:30 is the dinner, with Secretary Daniels as toastmaster, when further greetings will be heard from delegates from other institutions. At 9:30 is the reception in Bynum Gymnasium.

Governor Bickett is expected to bring with him from Raleigh nearly all the State officers and a number of Raleigh alumni and visitors. Alumni from all over the State have written of their coming and many members of the faculties of other colleges in the State will be present. Nearly every college president in the two Carolinas and many others—thirty-nine presidents in all—have announced their coming. They are keenly interested in seeing the new president and in seeing and hearing the educational leaders who will take part in the exercises.

Chapel Hill is quiet tonight, but it is the quiet before the big event and tomorrow the whole university will do honor to the new leader.

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