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GOVERNOR BICKETT CHIEF SPEAKER AT MONSTER MEETING

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Pritchard, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist church, Judge Thomas A. Jones, Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, Commissioner of Public Safety D. Hiden Ramsey, J. J. Britt, J. M. Gudger, and the commissioned officers of the four Asheville military units.

Soldiers Present.

Seated in the center of the theatre were the members of the Asheville military companies, while on the right of the entrance were Red Cross nurses and Red Cross workers of Asheville. Both the guardsmen and nurses were in full uniform. It was stated that hundreds were turned away from the meeting because of lack of room. During his remarks, the governor frequently interrupted by hearty and prolonged applause.

Patriotism was the keynote and patriotism reigned high. It began to get stirred when the orchestra played "America," "Star Spangled Banner," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and other numbers which tend to make the American blood run high. It grew and grew as Governor Bickett went deeper and deeper into his address.

Following the address, Dr. Powell, assisted by members of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school, presented each trooper with a Testament, the gift of the Baraca class and Asheville citizens, cooperating with the class.

Following the singing of several patriotic songs, led by Seth Perkinson, Dr. Powell introduced J. J. Britt, who presented Governor Bickett.

Introduced by J. J. Britt, in his introduction, Mr. Britt said that should he attempt to present the most interesting characteristic of Governor Bickett, he would say that it was his love for his state, and that it was eminently fitting at a time when the institutions of the state need a steady guiding hand, and the industries need to be built up, that such a man as Mr. Bickett—who loved his state as he does—should be the governor.

As the governor arose, the crowd rose with him.

"I want to enter a confession to one of the statements made by Mr. Britt," said Governor Bickett. "I do love North Carolina. I love her people from the blue of the mountains to the blue of the sea, and my heart's desire and my prayer to God is that in this momentous hour of our history I may be given the grace and strength to be God's own governor to His people and lead them in a way that He would have them led."

"Soldiers, I come before you with reverence in my heart. I am fully aware of a sense of inadequacy. That amounts to little when I contrast the most I can do or say to the least you invest in me. Pitiful, indeed, is the poverty of language. After all, eloquence does not consist in fine phrases, in lofty figures of speech, but rather in noble deeds shot through with a noble purpose. I have heard one hundred speeches of the part North Carolina soldiers played in the war between the states. The most eloquent thing said, or that could be said about North Carolina's part in that conflict, was that while only 115,000 men were reported within our borders, we mustered 127,000 under the flag."

Governor Bickett said that he had read one thousand love stories and expected to read one thousand more. He carried one around with him in his grip, and added that it is about the most intoxicating thing a man can carry under the present. The most eloquent declaration of love he has read was not found among the fine phrases of the poet, but in the simple statement of a Paris girl of the streets who had fallen in love with a young soldier and who placed herself before him when an enemy aimed his gun and fired. On her death bed, when asked why she did the deed, she replied: "I think I was just a little in love with you."

Radiant Love. "This is the kind of love that radiates from you men before me tonight," said Governor Bickett. "You are leaving soon to face the guns leveled against the birthright of men, against the sanctity of women and against the happiness of all mankind. You are the principals in this story. And yet, strange to say, there be some in the land who seem not to understand that we have passed out from the realm of words and into the realm of action. They seem not to understand the difference between a debate and a fight. Up until the sixth of last April a great debate was waged in the country. Since that date, when congress declared war on the imperial German government, it has been a fight. Once the fight began opinions do not count. There is only one issue. The United States is going to lick Germany or Germany is going to lick the United States. The applause that greeted the first half of this sentence quickly died and

gave way to subdued remarks of dissent. One youngster, seated in the first gallery, said in a loud stage whisper "It'll never do it."

"The question is, under which flag does a man fight, and that is one of the great questions that is presenting itself to every American citizen."

"William Jennings Bryan is a lover of peace. He does not want war. But the day after war was declared, Bryan volunteered his services. Claude Kitchin spoke against war and voted against war, but the day after war was declared he took off his coat and went to work on the bill to wage the war as his son enlisted in the army. That is the way North Carolinians always do."

"In the present emergency no matter what a man's private opinions might have been, before the war was declared, if he is an American he will give power to the arm that is raised to strike."

Worse Than Savagery.

"The time has come when war between enlightened and civilized nations is worse than savagery. It means the using of brute force by men who claim to have risen above the brute level. It accords the subject of logic and savagely asserts that the gun should be the supreme arbiter of a nation's life. For thirty years with tireless energy and matchless skill, the imperial German government has converted every citizen into a soldier and every industry into an arsenal. This completed, it suddenly demanded of a startled world a new place in the world."

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"One of the puzzling facts of history is that nations lay far behind individuals in mental and moral perception. Maybe this is the reason that congress and the legislatures pass what individuals believe to be so many fool measures. This is more striking in a moral than in a mental sense. For a thousand years diplomacy was simply an art of duplicity. This was so until John Haig lifted the whole world's diplomacy to a level of truth and honor it had never known before."

"No matter how adverse to a duel a man may have been a thousand years ago, the code of honor compelled him to settle his differences with an exchange of shots. Today men readily perceive no right to appeal to arms, but they must also appeal to the laws of the land to settle their differences. They also perceive that a man has no right to sit as judge in his own case. There is no earthly reason why nations are well as individuals should not be compelled to submit their differences to the laws of the world. This is no Eutopian dream. It is the same principle employed between the states of this nation. There is absolutely no reason why their should not be established a tribunal similar to the United States Supreme court, to settle any differences arising between two or more nations."

The line in the path of progress of such a principle is the imperial German government, which holds the people of Germany in its savage, relentless grip.

The Real Issue. "I say the real issue in this was is whether or not the ideals of Prussianism are to direct the civilization of this world for one thousand years to come. I have nothing but feelings of sympathy for the down-trodden people of Germany. I trust no man will let his feelings drive him to an act of injustice against those poor fellows quartered down there at Hot Springs."

If Germany wins this war every nation will be converted into a military camp and every citizen will be drafted and drilled for a model soldier.

"The time is here when nations as individuals are brother's keepers. The destiny of the world is, enwrapped in flames and we have no right to stand by and not do our part in this great hour."

"We owe our very existence to the nation of France, and it is no more right to stand and see it overthrown without cause, than the strongest man has a right to stand by and see a helpless woman attacked by a savage brute."

"We cannot stay out of this fight one minute longer and preserve a semblance of our self respect. I rejoiced to hear that calm voice in Washington, saying as quietly as the Master bade the stormy seas to cease, that the world must be made safe for democracy. That sentence was heard around the world. The Kaiser heard it, and for all of his legions, he was afraid."

"They are coming from Greenland's icy mountains and from India's coral strands, to fight the Goliath of Autocracy. I can see the divine rights of kings flutter and fall before the divine rights of men."

"The world must take knowledge of Christ and His righteousness, for then, and not till then, will the world be made safe for democracy, and the nations know a great and lasting peace."

In closing, the governor again referred to the part North Carolina always had played in wars and will play in this conflict, and also spoke highly of the Red Cross.

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