

# Angus Wilton McLean Today Inaugurated As Governor Of The State Of North Carolina

CEREMONY ATTENDED  
BY SEVERAL HUNDRED

Raleigh Is In Gala Attire, and  
Persons From All Sections of  
the State Are In the Capital City Today.

OTHER OFFICERS OF  
STATE TAKE OATHS

Retiring Governor Met Governor McLean and Escorted Him to Mansion and Then to Auditorium.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Angus Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, became Governor of North Carolina for a term of four years today. He succeeded Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte.

The new Chief Executive was to take the oath of office shortly after noon at the City Auditorium. He arrived on a special train from his home at Lumberton this morning, and was escorted to the executive mansion by the National Guard company of Lumberton. Arriving there, he was met by Governor Cameron Morrison and other state officials, who escorted him to the Auditorium where the official proceedings which were to make him Governor took place.

Raleigh is crowded with thousands of citizens from all sections of the state for the inauguration festivities. From Robeson County alone, home of the incoming Chief Executive, there came more than 300 citizens. Among them was Mr. McLean's three children. His wife, ill in bed, could not come.

With the Legislature it was a day turned over entirely to the inauguration. Meeting at 11 o'clock both houses recessed to the Auditorium where the administering of the oath was witnessed. After the ceremony of swearing in the full court of state officials, with one exception, the Governor delivered an inaugural address, and the Legislature returned to the capitol only to formally adjourn until tomorrow. The one state officer who did not take the oath of office today was State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, who is reported seriously ill at New York City, where he had gone on business of the state.

A luncheon at the executive mansion for friends of the retiring and incoming governors and state officials and a public reception tonight at the mansion, followed by an inaugural ball at the Auditorium were to be the concluding features of inauguration day.

Takes Oath.

Raleigh, Jan. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Angus W. McLean, of Lumberton, took the oath of office as Governor of North Carolina at 12:30 this afternoon. He succeeded Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte.

The governor was sworn in by Chief Justice W. A. Hoke, of the State Supreme Court. Before the governor took the oath, all other state officials were sworn in. Immediately afterward Mr. McLean began the delivery of his inaugural address.

Arrived in Raleigh Tuesday Night.

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Angus Wilton McLean arrived in Raleigh unexpectedly about midnight for his inauguration at noon today as Governor of North Carolina. He was not due to arrive until 11 o'clock this morning.

The only explanation for his early arrival was that he just stole a march on everybody.

The legislative inaugural committee knew nothing of his coming last night. Much to the surprise of its members he came on ahead of the special train which was bringing him from Lumberton this morning.

It was very characteristic of him, remarked one person closely acquainted with the Governor.

Mr. McLean's three children, Angus Wilton, Jr., Margaret French, and Ester, accompanied him.

At first it was thought that Mr. McLean's advance arrival would upset the plans of the local inaugural committee to stage a big military welcome for him at Union station. However, later in the morning Col. Albert L. Cox, chairman of the committee, said it would make no difference at all for Mr. McLean motored to board his gubernatorial special at that point.

Mr. McLean, of Lumberton, officially arrived at Raleigh aboard a special train from Lumberton at 11:25 o'clock this morning.

Mr. McLean was met by deputations of state officials, committees from the House and Senate of the General Assembly, Brig. Gen. Albert L. Cox, general chairman of the inauguration program, and Brig. Gen. A. J. Bowley, of Fort Bragg.

Two bands played "Dixie" as Mr. McLean stepped from the train. A large crowd was on hand to witness his arrival and several hundred Robeson county citizens were on the special train. The Governor-elect was immediately escorted to the executive mansion.

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LACY COULD NOT  
TAKE THE OATH

Has Been Ill in New York  
City for Several Days.—  
Condition Is Now Reported  
as Improved.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14 (By the Associated Press).—Benjamin R. Lacy, state treasurer of North Carolina for the past 24 years, and whose seventh four-year term begins today, was absent from the inaugural exercises. He was the only state officer missing. His absence was due to the fact that he is ill in New York City, where he went to sign \$15,000,000 highway bonds. Reports received here yesterday indicated that his condition was critical. There seemed to be doubt as to his recovery, but later reports indicated that he will recover and he will be able to come home this week.

Mr. Lacy has served as a member of the council of state by virtue of the constitutional office he holds, with six governors, Aycock, Glenn, Kitchin, Craig, Bickett and Morrison. When he took up the duties of his office the state was spending less than \$1,000,000 for public education. This year, according to the report of State Supt. A. T. Allen, total expenditures for schools by the state and its subdivisions will total \$35,000,000. There was no such thing as a state highway system when he began to hold office. In fact, no such thing had even been contemplated. When he concluded signing bonds on this trip to New York he had affixed his signature to issues aggregating \$65,000,000 for public roads.

**Condition Improved.**

New York, Jan. 14.—The condition of Benjamin R. Lacy, State treasurer of North Carolina, was such today that his physicians said he could leave for North Carolina later today with a nurse.

The fact that Mr. Lacy had not signed the \$15,000,000 issue of North Carolina highway bonds will not affect their validity, it was asserted today by Chester B. Masslich, New York counsel for the State of North Carolina. About 3,500 bonds remain to be signed by Treasurer Lacy, said an official of the First National Bank of New York, a member of the syndicate that bought the issue.

A special act of the North Carolina legislature, it was said, will be necessary to authorize the already affixed signature of former Governor Morrison on the certificates, which have as yet been unsigned by Mr. Lacy.

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By Poole, of Alexander: To elect the commissioners in Bethlehem school district in Alexander by popular vote.

By Dellinger: To prohibit the issuance of insurance without the consent of the insured and to regulate the insurance of infants.

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By Green, of Caley: To fix the compensation of the register of deeds and the road supervisor in Clay county.

By Brown, on Stanly: To increase the membership of the board of education in Stanly county from three to five.

By Ward, of Duplin: To amend the charter of the town of Beulahville.

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By Horne: To extend the time for collection of taxes in Macon county.

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CHIEF TOPICS OF  
INAUGURAL SPEECH

Education, Agricultural Development, Rural Betterment, Taxation and Economy Discussed by McLean.

**NEW SUGGESTIONS  
WILL COME LATER**

Says Governor McLean in First Address to Legislature—  
Stands Definitely for Education in the State.

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"I expect to discuss other subjects of public concern in later messages," said the incoming Governor. "Among the subjects which I have in mind are: The executive budget, administrative reform, the banking laws, the issuance and sale of stocks and other securities, conservation and development, freight rates and water transportation, reform in judicial procedure, the regulation of commercial traffic on the highways, regulating the holding of primaries and elections, the treatment of labor, increase of crime, law enforcement, and other measures which may contribute to the sensible and more effective solution of our economic and welfare problems generally."

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AMERICAN PLACED  
IN JAIL IN MEXICO

Not Known Yet Why the Man Was  
Placed Under Arrest.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 14.—The captain, members of the crew of the American sailing vessel Ruth, of Pensacola, Fla., and a man claiming to be Dr. W. F. Lorenz, chairman of the Wisconsin state board of control, have been placed in jail at Progreso, Mexico, by the order of the captain of the port of that place.

The State Department announced the arrests today after receipt of a report from the consul at Progreso. Representations were made at once to the Mexican government through the American Ambassador in Mexico City, and the consul was instructed to make a fair investigation and report details of the affair.

**THE COTTON MARKET**

Opened Today at Unchanged Prices to  
a Decline of 4 Points—March Off to  
23.90.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 14.—The cotton market opened today at unchanged prices to a decline of four points in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables and the lower ruling of foreign exchange rates. Offerings were not heavy.

After easing off to 23.90 for March and 24.20 for May, off about 10 points lower, the market held barely steady on a little covering and trade buying.

The opening prices were: Jan. 23.75; March 24.00; May 24.25; July 24.48; Oct. 24.04.

**Model Husband Threw Wife's Teeth in Stove.**

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Joseph Kort is a model husband, with one slight exception—he will not work. When his wife complained that unless he provided some food they would not eat, he assured her she would not eat for some time, and to prove it he seized her false teeth and threw them in the stove.

Mrs. Lillian Kort, the abused wife, therupon caused his arrest on charges of disorderly conduct and the case came up before Judge Walker today. Mrs. Kort said she loved her husband devotedly and that she would be thoroughly satisfied if he would do a little work enough to provide food and clothing.

The Judge took note of the fact that she had replaced the burned teeth with a new set, and declared that her husband's act could not be classed as an assault, but he advised Lillian to sue him for non-support.

**CROSS WORD PUZZLE CRAZE STRIKES Pages in Legislature.**

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Cross word puzzles are absorbing most of the spare time of the legislature's pages, especially those in the Senate.

Let W. J. Hethcox demonstrate to you how nicely one of his small motors will operate your sewing machine.

See ad. of the "Parker D. J." fountain pen sold here by the Starves-Miller Parker Company.

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