### THE COMMISSION'S WORK.

### Letter of Chairman Murray Gives In formation Governor Asked.

In response to Governor Blease's sary winding-up commission has forhis message to the General Assem- | litigation, the commission, with the bly; certain exhibits, including the consent of the attorneys representcontract made with the Atlanta firm ing said liquor houses, assessed the of attorneys, about which Governor sum of \$21,526.17, costs, attorneys'

As a matter of fact, much of that which Governor Blease asked for has claims and applied it upon these fees been printed in the reports of the and the other expenses of the litigacommission. The contract with the tion. This left only a small amount Atlanta firm was referred to, show- that the State was called upon to pay ing that 50 per cent was given in the collections on overjudgments and the so-called "conscience money."

Commissioner's Letter.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 27, 1911.

The Hon. Cole L. Blease, Governor, Columbia, S. C.: Dear Sir-The State dispensary commission, in response to your letter of February 20, 1911, met on the 24th instant and olina, all of which are on file in the to be communicated to you by me:

First. I hand you herewith copy of mission and the firm of Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson, and will bursed up to that date is set forth, one made with that firm, there being no agreement with the individual members thereof, and, therefore, none with Thomas B. Felder, of said firm. A copy of the agreemnt is herewith attached and marked Exhibit "A."

Second. As to the agreement with Mr. Stevenson. The only agreement made with him was entered into for the year 1907, under which he was to be paid for attendance upon meetings of the commission and advising them in all matters not litigated and pay his own expenses while in Columbia and to and from Columbia, for the sum of \$1,500, and when he went elsewhere under orders of the commission his expenses were to be paid by the commission. At the end of the year 1907, the business not being completed, his services were merely continued to be settled for on a satisfactory basis.

### Saved State \$35,000.

He participated in all the litigation and conducted one branch of it alone; to wit: The contest of the United States government as to an assessment of \$35,000 claimed by the United States government for alleged back revenue taxes, the same being finally tried in Washington before the internal revenue commissioner, who rejected the claim. For all of his services he was paid the sums as shown in the statements, which are below referred to, showing all the items of receipts and disbursements.

Third. As to the contract with B. L. Abney. The commission on January 24, 1908, passed the following resolution: "On motion of Mr. Patton, Dr. Murray, chairman, was authorized to employ additional counsel to assist in the Fleischmann suit against the State, after consulting with the Attorney General." In pursuance of that authority and on account of the litigation which had just been instituted in the Federal court. Mr. Abney was employed to assist in the case, and subsequently in all of the cases involving the issues in the Fleischmann case. These cases were finally successfully terminated in the United States Supreme Court, after adverse decisions had been rendered in the Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States. When the services were completed, there being no definite contract made, Mr. Abney rendered a bill on November 10, 1909, accompanied by a letter, copies of which are hereto attached and marked Exhibit "B."

000, as rendered. Subsequently on ly entered into between them and of this matter, as provided in the act, firms and corporations who had tect the rights and interests of the at the earliest date practicable," as claims against the State, who had State. This appeal was heard in was charged by Governor Blease in prosecuted and participated in that May, 1908, with the Chief Justice of Blease asked, and other information. fees and expenses against these liquor houses, deducted it from their

as expenses of the litigation. Fourth. As to the itemized statements of moneys received and disbursed, the commission begs leave to state that pursuant to the provisions of the act creating said commission, and the various acts continuing the same, they have regularly rendered reports to the Governor of South Carauthorized the following information Governor's office, and which were copy of the report up to the first day the agreement between the said com- of January, 1910, in which every item received and every item disstate that this agreement is the only the same being hereto attached and marked Exhibit "D."

#### Printed Copy Only.

This report purports to be a correctly printed copy, but it is submitted as a printed copy only of the correct report, which was filed in the Governor's office subject to errors, if any, of the printer. It may be verified by comparison with the original report on file in the Governor's office. They also attach hereto a printed copy of a report rendered to the Governor, (marked Exhibit "E"), of their doings up to January 1, 1911, and subsequent to January 1, 1910. the same statement as to its correctwhich was filed in the Governor's office, as is made in reference to the the same being marked Exhibit "F." or about January 1, 1910, and that sion was appointed. they have had no expenses for counsel fees since such date, except such

courts; nevertheless, that firm assist- stockholders for a settlement of the ed in the argument of the cases in balance of the amount claimed to be the Circuit Court, the Circuit Court due the State and was convinced that of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court, and bore all their ex- they will be able to collect largely on penses incident thereto, and received this claim, which is being pressed no compensation for their services under the provisions of the act of and expenses in this particular from 1910. This work, as well as the enany source whatsoever.

hearing from Mr. Abney fixed his fee est accounting by the claimants . of LAWLESSNESS NEAR SHANGHAI. tentatively at \$9,000 instead of \$10,- such transactions as were fraudulent-

December 3, Mr. Abney wrote a let- the former State officers. (See reter to the commission, a copy of port of Attorney General for year which is hereto attached and marked 1908, page 5.) That this was folrequest for information the dispen- Exhibit "C," which letter states his lowed by further restraining orders position fully. On further consider- in January, 1908, and the appointwarded to the Chief Executive copies ation the commission acceded to his ment of receivers by the Circuit Court of its two reports; a letter explain- request, reconsidered the matter and of the United States. An appeal to ing "why the law has not been com- allowed his bill for \$10,000, which the Circuit Court of Appeals of the plied with in regard to winding-up was paid in full. In settling with the United States was necessary to pro-

judgment of the Circuit Court of the opinion filed in September, 1908. This necessitated carrying the case to the United States Supreme Court, where it was argued in February and March, 1909, and decided in favor of the State in April, 1909, but the mandate was not sent down until the latter part of May, 1909, when the commission again became free to proceed with its business.

The commission, promptly after appointment, had the books and accounts of the dispensary audited, an inventory made of the stock of goods on hand, disposed of the goods on hand as rapidly as the county dispensaries would take them, and promptly collected from the county dispenprinted, and they attach a printed saries therefor, and as soon as the United States Supreme Court dissolved the injunction they proceeded to adjudicate the amounts due creditors as rapidly as it could be done, having due regard to the rights of the State; that amounts of such claims as were adjudicated to be correct were paid; that hearings were had and such proceedings taken as were necessary to unravel the net work of fraud which surrounded a very large proportion of the said claims.

Directed to Continue.

The Legislature in 1908 passed an act directing them to continue their work; this was followed by further act in 1909, and followed in a further act in 1910, all of which directed furs ther and necessary proceedings to be taken to conserve the interests of the and ask reference thereto, making State. Pursuant to the mandate of the said acts, this commission proness and the same suggestions as to ceeded until it has now, with the exits being compared with the original ception of a few items, concluded all matters which were involved in winding up the affairs of said institufirst mentioned printed report. They tion. These acts imposed additional attach hereto a statement of the duties upon this commission, the distransactions had from the first day charge of which in a proper manner of January, 1911, up to this date, has necessitated their continued activities, and they have been diligent-This commission would state as to ly endeavoring, and to a considerable the matter of attorneys' fees that extent successfully, thereunder to refinal settlement, in so far as the com- cover moneys collected from the State mission was concerned, was made by various parties who had no claims with Messrs. Abney and Stevenson on against the State when this commis-

Among these claims of the State still pending is a claim against the fees as accrued to the firm of Ander- Richland Distilling Company and cerson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson un- tain stockholders of the said comder their contract entered into with pany. Since the first of January, Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wil- 1911, the liability of two of these son did not obligate that firm to rep- stockholders was settled for the sum resent the State or the commission in of \$34,700. The commission is now the litigation had in the Federal pressing the company and the other with due diligence and sufficient time deavor to collect 'other pending Fifth. Replying to that part of claims as directed by the act of 1910 your letter which asks us to state is very difficult and tedious and the why the law has not been complied commission earnestly solicits your with in regard to the winding-up of counsel and co-operation in order that this matter, as provided in Act at the this work may be facilitated and that earliest date practicable," the com- the commission conclude its duties

500 Famine Refugees, Searching for Food, Put to Death.

Victoria, B. C., March 2-Five hundred famine refugees were burned to death about fifty miles from Shanghal by Chinese bandits, according to reports brought here to-day by passengers on board the Pacific liner Limba Moru. The refugees were attacking the town of Kunshan in an effort to obtain food. They came in conflict with the bandits, who drove the United States presiding, and the them into an enclosure and set fire to the building. Many villagers were United States was affirmed by an also slain before the outlaws were repulsed. Similar lawless conditions prevail throughout many districts

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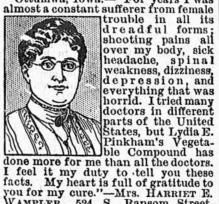
College Burned; Girls Saved.

Plainsfield, N. J., March 2 .- Mount Saint Mary's College was destroyed by fire early to-day and one hundred girls and Sisters of Mercy had a narrow escape. The fire started in the cellar and spread so quickly that the pupils and sisters had little time to save anything. The loss is \$250,-000. The girls were asleep on the fourth floor. One of the sisters ordered the fire drill, and, preventing a panic, got them out in safety.



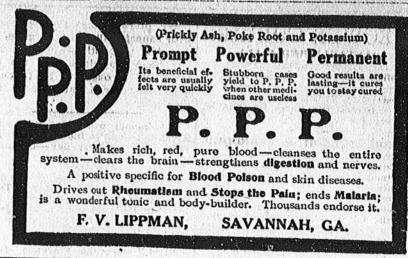
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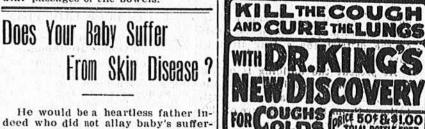
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"And if, upon such investigatio the said officer shall find that sa child is abandoned, or is bein brought up in immoral or vicio surroundings, or without the ad quate or proper care or custody, shall be lawful for, and the duty such officer to issue a warrant commitment, committing said chi to the custody, care and rearing the Rescue Orphanage, situated Columbia, or to any similar orpha age in the Stale, devoted to the lief and care of such children.

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mission submits that it is complying at the earliest possible moment. with the provisions of the act referred to as expeditiously as the best interests of the State will permit. That subsequently to the act from which you quote, the General Assembly passed acts in 1908 and 1909 and 1910, each of which provided other and further duties for this commission to perform. That the act of 1910 among other things directed this commission to proceed to ascertain the amount of any claim of the State against any liquor dealers growing out of transactions with the State dispensary and to make settlement thereof. This work has been pursued during the past year and large amounts of money turned into the treasury through the efforts of the commission and its attorneys. This work is necessarily slow and tedious, for the reason that it is very difficult to discover frauds connected

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### Won in State Courts.

They would further state that while in the discharge of their duties under the act of 1910, a suit for injunction was brought against them by the Carolina Glass Company, and an appeal was also prosecuted by it from the decision rendered by the commission on its claim against the State, which proceedings had the effect of further delaying the commission in finishing their work. Both of these cases have been decided in our State Supreme Court in farvor of the commission, but the commission has been notified by the attorney of said company that they propose to carry the matter to the Supreme Court of the United States. The commission are defendants, and have no means of ending these proceedings until the appeal is determined by a proper judgment, either of affirmance or dismissal.

The commission has endeavored to furnish the information asked for in your letter, but if anything has been omitted, or if you desire any other or further information in reference to the acts and doings of the commission in winding up the affairs of the

dispensary, the chairman is instructed to furnish you with the same, and if you do not understand any of the items or statements in the reports of the United States in the Garrett and accounts heretofore filed in your case, which was the beginning of a office, the chairman, with the comlong series of obstructions interposed mission's accountant, upon your sugby alleged creditors to the action of gestion, will go over each item there-

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