

FIFTY GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Twenty-five Boys and Twenty-five Girls Graduate From Sumter High School

HOUSE PACKED ON SECOND NIGHT OF COMMENCEMENT AT FINAL EXERCISES—TWENTY-EIGHT PUPILS SECURE STATE DIPLOMAS—STYLES MARSHALL WINS DECLAMER'S MEDAL—AWARDS IN PENMANSHIP—MISS ANNE HERBERT WINS MEDAL—PRESENT FOR SUPT. EDMUNDS.

An immense and appreciative audience of friends and relatives was present on the second night of commencement when fifty of the boys and girls of the city were presented with diplomas from the Sumter high school, indicating that they had completed its course of study. Twenty-eight of these also received diplomas from the State Department of Education given to those who had completed the full literary course of study and taken the fourteen units of work required by the department before these diplomas can be secured.

This is the second largest class which has ever been graduated from the city schools, the class of 1911 having had fifty-three members. However this class is unique in that there are an equal number of boys and girls, twenty-five of each, whereas in the past few years the boys have outnumbered the girls.

The exercises last night were extremely interesting and held the undivided attention of the audience which applauded each participant. The various papers were excellently prepared and delivered in a pleasing style by the young ladies, who showed themselves much at ease. Several medals were delivered and a feature not on the program was the presentation of a gift from the graduating class to Supt. S. H. Edmunds by Maj. W. F. Robertson. The singing by the school was of the usual high order and was very pleasing to all.

Mr. John H. Clifton delivered to John Styles Marshall the medal for the best declamation. The decision, he stated, had been made by the judges after much difficulty. Mr. Thomas Childs, who had won the right to represent the Calhoun school at Clinton and Columbia in the interstate high school contests at those places by winning the preliminary contest was also awarded a medal.

Mr. Neill O'Donnell presented twelve diplomas for penmanship. These went to Misses Elizabeth Hood, Irene Dick, Inez King, Maggie Lou White, Mary Brunson, Rosalie Brown, Edna Herbert, Ruth Revell, Ethel Revell, Agne Herbert, Kate Hinson and Russell Dick.

Miss Anne Herbert won the medal for the best writing in the Palmer method in a writing contest where speed and formation were considered.

The medal offered annually by Miss Wilson for the best demeanor to boys of the graduating class was presented by Dr. J. A. Mood to Burwell Deas Manning, who had been voted on by the class as the pupil most entitled to this distinction.

Supt. Edmunds made a few remarks of encouragement to the graduates, while presenting the diplomas to them. After giving out the symbols of completed work, he presented the class to the audience. He then turned to the audience and told them he had two announcements of interest to make. The school board had recently decided to add another class to the high school work, which would parallel the first year's work at college, and plans had been made for the teaching of domestic science in the schools. He stated that the additional class would allow the pupil a year longer at home and it would save expense for the parents.

As he was leaving the stage Supt. Edmunds was stopped by Maj. Robertson, who had a package in his hand. As this was not on the program, everybody became most interested. Maj. Robertson stated that on behalf of the graduating class he now presented to Supt. Edmunds a gift from them, as a token of their love and friendship. Maj. Robertson took occasion to compliment Mr. Edmunds on the success which had crowned his efforts as a teacher, saying that with the gift "went the best wishes of the class to Supt. Edmunds for his continued success in that high profession which he had so signally honored."

Mr. Edmunds seemed deeply touched by this token of affection and in a few words returned his heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for the gift of the class.

The program of the evening was: Invocation—Rev. Robert T. Phillips.

Come Thou Almighty King—High School.

Sanctus—High School.

Words of Welcome—Miss Marie Hurst.

Failure, the Stepping-stone to Success—Miss Katie Hinson.

Welcome Pretty Primrose—High School.

Soldiers' Chorus from Faust—High School.

Lessons from the Life of the Maid of Orleans—Miss Marie DuRant.

Recitation: The Legend of Bregenz—Miss Pearl King.

Violin Solo—Julius Stubbs.

Cooking as a Fine Art—Miss Effie Rose.

Class Statistics—Miss Thelma Bultman.

Tinker's Song, Brown October Ale, Robin Hood—High School.

A Retrospect—Miss Harriette Owens.

Recitation: When Jack Comes Late—Miss Aline Harby.

Words of Farewell—Miss Anne Herbert.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Milk Maid's Chorus from Robin Hood—High School.

Class Motto: Labor Omnia Vincit.

Those receiving diplomas for having completed the high school course were:

Theodora Bennett, John Phillip Booth, Cornelia Leverich Brower, Leslie McNair Brower, Rosalie Stewart Brown, Scriven S. Brunson, Thelma Elizabeth Bultman, William Edward Burkette, Hallett Burns, Julius Russell Chandler, Walter Cheyne, Jr., Thomas Childs, Jr., Adelaide Esther Clarke, Anna Rubie Davis, Russell Dick, Marie Isabel DuRant, Laura Ann Fraser, Samuel R. Fraser, Aline Gomez Harby, Anne Elizabeth Herbert, Agnes Rembert Heriot, Katie Hinson, Azilee Hurst, Marie Hurst, William Ansley Hurst, Virginia Dinkins Ives, Pearl Catherine King, Roland James Lawrence, Burwell Deas Manning, John Styles Marshall, Thomas Cuttino McKnight, Edwin F. Miller, Jr., Thomas M. Monaghan, Harriette McCutchen Owens, Ladson Fraser Owens, James M. Pitts, May Lillian Porter, William Herman Purdy, Aline Reynolds, Effie Pemble Rose, Pearl Seale, Iris DuRant Skinner, Gifford Wells Shaw, Julius Alfred Stubbs, Mary Antoinette Stuckey, Ruth Vermelle Thompson, Henry H. Walker, Jr., Wilton H. Wallace, Lellaverne Weathers, Ansley L. Yates.

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HUERTA IN SAD PLIGHT.

POSITION DESCRIBED AS EXTREMELY CRITICAL.

Refugees Point to Growing Antagonism Among Officers as Cause of Danger—Troops Mutiny Against Dictator.

Vera Cruz, May 29.—President Huerta's position again today was described by refugees who arrived here from the capital as extremely critical because of growing antagonism among army officers.

The many reports of the mutiny last Saturday, when troops were said to have been repulsed with heavy loss in an attack on Huerta's home in a suburb, and of a previous uprising show clearly that the forcible elimination of Huerta by his own men is a strong possibility.

Although stories of the recent rising may be wholly inaccurate, Americans and other foreigners in the capital have been convinced of the partial truth of these reports. The newspapers are not allowed to publish anything relating to the disturbances. It is said that El Pais has been suppressed since last week, when an item describing the mutiny at the palace composed of members of the heretofore loyal Twenty-ninth infantry was set up and about to be printed.

Rumors of a split between Huerta and the minister of war continue to be heard. It is said Gen. Velasco protested against the folly of sending raw recruits to the front. Enraged by this opposition, Huerta is said to have told Velasco that he must do as ordered or take the consequences.

Gen. Velasco repeated his objections and Huerta became so furious that Gen. Blanquet, who was present, was forced to intervene. This angered Huerta still further.

Washington, May 30.—Insistence by the White House today that no agreement has been reached at Niagara Falls as to main proposition necessary for the pacification of Mexico caused high officials at Washington to attach grave importance to the note Mr. Urquidí delivered to the mediators after they consented to receive it under pressure from Washington. It is said the note is the final word from Gen. Carranza regarding the rights of his party to participate in the proceedings at Niagara Falls. It is indicated that Carranza intends to pacify Mexico in his own way and that the note was a diplomatic warning to the outside world to keep hands off Mexico. It is believed Gen. Carranza will never agree to an armistice with Huerta if the former takes part in the mediation conference.

MEDIATION STRIGES SNAG.

Carranza's Note Throws Damper on Prospect of Early Settlement.

Niagara Falls, May 30.—The prospects of an agreement upon the peace protocol seem dimmed today as the full significance of the message to mediators from Carranza appears. The mediators at first refused to hear the Carranza message, but afterward agreed to receive it.

WOFFORD COLLEGE RECEIVES DONATION.

Given \$33,000 From Rockefeller Fund.

New York, May 29.—The general education board, which administers the John D. Rockefeller fund, today announced appropriations totalling \$1,400,000 to universities and colleges, and for the purpose of carrying on farm demonstration instruction and boys' and girls' clubs in Maine and New Hampshire. The college and university appropriations include: Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., \$100,000; Wofford college, Spartanburg, S. C., \$33,000.

A report covering a study of the status of rural education pointed out that State departments of education often lack the organization to make thorough surveys of rural schools. An initial appropriation of \$50,000 was made for starting this work in 12 or 15 states, the States to be chosen later. For the support of supervisors of rural negro schools \$30,000 was appropriated.

ASHLEY IS STRICKEN.

Anderson County Legislator Suffers Attack.

Anderson, May 28.—Joshua W. Ashley, member of the house of representatives and candidate for State senator, has suffered an attack which is thought to be paralysis. He slipped and fell down the steps at his home. His right side is badly affected. He has lost all control of his right arm and leg. He is conscious. If this be a paralytic attack it is the third experienced by the Anderson county legislator. Members of his family are worried over his condition.

AFIRE AT SEA.

Steamship Racing for Azore Islands With Fire Blazing in Hold.

New York, May 29.—The liner Germania, of the Faber line, is reported by wireless to be afire at sea. The fire is in the hold, and the ship is headed for the azores. The Germania carries two hundred passengers.

FAVOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS ON RECORD FOR CHANGE.

Before Adjourning General Assembly Adopts Requirements for Educational Betterment.

Kansas City, May 28.—National constitutional prohibition was endorsed by general assembly of Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern Presbyterian) here today. The assembly, after extended discussion, adopted the following resolution, presented to it for action by the Women's Christian Temperance union:

"Resolved, That we are in favor of national constitutional prohibition and we will do all in our power to secure the adoption of an amendment to the constitution forever prohibiting the sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale, importation for sale and exportation for sale, or sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States."

The general assembly at its final session today voted to raise the standard of its colleges in the South. The meeting adjourned to meet May 20, 1915, at Newport News, Va.

It was decided that hereafter each school must have an endowment of at least \$100,000 and an annual income of \$12,000. The commissioners emphasized their desire to strengthen the church schools.

To aid in creating a revival of family worship, the commissioners adopted a report urging members to more general installation of family altars. Members also were urged to aid in increasing the salaries of pastors.

During discussion that preceded the adoption of the resolution favoring national prohibition a number of commissioners declared the assembly should avoid such an indorsement as political.

GOVERNMENT POWDER PLANT.

Senators Think It Should be Provided After Attacking Dupont Company.

Washington, May 28.—Increase in the capacity of the government powder factory at Indian Head, Md., so that all smokeless powder used by the navy in times of peace may be manufactured there would be provided in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill adopted today by the senate. In the debate a general attack was made on the Dupont Powder company.

Members of the naval committee advocating the amendment, which would appropriate \$500,000, explained the government did not intend to manufacture all its powder but it needed a plant big enough to make it independent of the Dupont company. Senator Hughes contended that the amendment meant the driving from business of private capital.

Senator La Follette read from a published article which charged that after a superior powder had been developed through the aid of government officers, the "trust" then sold it to foreign governments.

Senator Warren of Wyoming declared the Dupont company deserved commendation for many acts; that it voluntarily submitted to Secretary Daniels its contracts for powder in Mexico and cancelled them on the secretary's "merest suggestion."

Senator Reed suggested that "any man who sells powder to a foreign nation with whom we are at war is likely to be executed for treason."

BOOKMAKING DEAD ISSUE.

Jamestown "Bookies" Plead Guilty and Will Pay Fine.

Norfolk, Va., May 28.—Bookmaking in Virginia is dead. At the trial today of the men charged with making books at the Jamestown race track this spring, all agreed to plead guilty and pay a fine of \$500 with a six months' jail sentence. The governor will remit the jail term with the understanding that no more books will be made in Virginia.

LIET. BECKER SENTENCED.

Date of Execution Fixed for July 16.

New York, May 29.—Former Police Lieutenant Becker was today sentenced to death on July 16th for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. An appeal will act as a stay of execution, however, and it is expected the Court of Appeals will not hand down a decision for several months. Becker will be confined in the death house at Sing Sing.

SNOW IN COLORADO.

Leadville, Colo., May 29.—Two inches of snow fell here today. Temperatures in this section are around thirty-two and fifty.

MURPHY, N. C., MAY 29.—WADE FAIN, AGED 11 AND DONALD CHRISTOPHER, AGED 12, WERE DROWNED IN THE HAWAEE RIVER THIS MORNING WHEN THEY WENT IN SWIMMING.

DEATH ON ST. LAWRENCE.

ANOTHER TERRIBLE MARINE DISASTER WITH GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Passage Steamer Sinks With More Than a Thousand People on Board—Eight Hundred to One Thousand Perish.

Father Point, Quebec, May 29.—Eight hundred to one thousand persons are believed to have been drowned when the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Ireland, was sunk in a collision with the steamship Storstad in the St. Lawrence River at 2.30 o'clock this morning. Many survivors were picked up and landed at Rimouski. Many of the victims are internationally prominent. Three hundred and fifty were saved, among them being Captain Kendall.

MANY RESCUED—LOSS OF LIFE SLIGHT.

The Empress was rammed and sunk by the collier Storstad during a thick fog. Those rescued are mostly women and children. The disaster occurred twenty miles off Father Point. The Empress sank within ten minutes after the collision. Two steamers immediately rushed out in answer to "S O S" calls. Most of the lifeboats were disabled. Captain Kendall was rescued from the floating wreckage. The wireless operators, Assistant Purser, chief engineer and chief steward were similarly rescued. The chief officer and purser are missing.

The Empress carried ninety saloon, two hundred and fifty second cabin, and six hundred and fifty steerage passengers and a crew of four hundred and thirty-two, three hundred and fifty having been rescued while one thousand and seventy-two are yet unaccounted for. A large delegation of officers of the Salvation Army were aboard. With the exception of about thirty from Indiana, Minnesota, Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois and California, those aboard were from Canada, England and Australia. The Empress left Montreal yesterday afternoon at 4.30 for Liverpool.

Later: The ships Lady Evelyn and Eureka have docked at Rimouski this morning with four hundred passengers from the Empress. The captain declared he believed all the passengers have been picked up by life boats. Both steamers immediately returned to the scene of the disaster to take off more passengers from the life boats. A wireless message reports that the Allen line Alsatian picked up eight hundred more passengers and is taking them to their destination.

Death List 850.

Montreal, 11 A. M., May 29.—Officers of the Canadian Pacific now admit that at least eight hundred and fifty were drowned when the Empress of Ireland was sunk this morning.

Montreal, May 29.—After revising the passenger list this afternoon Canadian Pacific officials state that of the 1,367 persons aboard the Empress of Ireland, only 337 are known to have been rescued. Of this number 22 died after they were taken from the water. The death list is fixed at 1,052. The liner was valued at \$1,000,000 and the cargo at \$250,000.

The Alsatian which was at first thought to have rescued 800 is now known to have been 300 miles seaward at the time of the accident. A wireless message this afternoon stated that the Lady Evelyn picked up 17 bodies where the Empress sunk.

Tale Grows in Horror.

Rimouski, Que., May 29.—Of the three hundred and fifty survivors of the Empress disaster landed here this morning, twenty-two have died since from injuries and exposure. Only twelve women are among the landed.

New York, May 29.—There are conflicting reports as to the actual fate of the Empress. One says the vessel was beached and all saved; another that the vessel sunk within nineteen minutes and a thousand were drowned, it is believed the liner had gone down and the death toll range from six hundred and fifty to over a thousand. Communication with Rimouski and Father Point is extremely difficult.

Only 337 Saved All Told.

Father Point, May 29. (By wireless to Montreal, One P. M.)—Only three hundred and thirty-seven were saved from the Empress of Ireland. These were brought here by ships Lady Evelyn, Eureka and Storstad.

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OVER NINE HUNDRED.

LOSS OF LIFE IN EMPRESS DISASTER NOT EXAGGERATED.

Revised List of Fatalities But Little Less Than First Reports—Two Hundred and Fifty Bodies Picked up in the River But It is Probable That More Than Half Will Not Be Recovered.

Quebec, May 30.—Nine hundred and ten men, women and children lost their lives in the sinking of the Canadian-Pacific liner Empress of Ireland, after she was rammed by the Norwegian collier Storstad in the St. Lawrence river, according to the revised list of fatalities today.

Four hundred and seventy-seven who were saved are now being cared for by the municipal authorities and Canadian-Pacific officials.

The Storstad arrived today under her own steam, but her smashed bows gave evidence of the terrific impact of the collision.

The Dominion government today started an investigation with the view of enacting legislation to provide further safeguards for life at sea.

The victims faced death bravely in the fog and darkness and there was no panic. As the Storstad drew back from the collision the water rushed into the great gap in the ill-fated ship and within fifteen minutes the liner disappeared from view in ninety feet of water. The officers of the ship did all that was possible to save the passengers.

The ship Lady Evelyn is slowly steaming toward Quebec today with two hundred and fifty dead bodies that were picked up in the vicinity of the disaster. Nearly all were found afloat in the water, some wearing lifebelts. Many were in their night clothes only. The bodies are being scanned today by grief-stricken men and women who are frantically searching for lost relatives or friends. Captain Kendall is today on the verge of collapse.

Probably more than half the bodies will never be recovered.

Missing Number 1,032.

Quebec, May 30.—The latest information places the death list of the Empress of Ireland at 1,032. According to officials of the Canadian-Pacific 18 first class, 131 second and third class, and 260 of the crew were saved out of 1,877 aboard.

URGE FEDERAL LAW UPON DIVORCE EVIL.

Northern Presbyterians Say There Should be National Action on Question.

Chicago, May 28.—Members of the 12th general assembly of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., (Northern), today went on record as favoring a federal law on divorce.

The subject came before the body in a supplemental report of the committee on marriage and divorce, presented by Chairman John Timothy Stone, who asked to have the paragraphs recommending amendments to State divorce laws referred back to the committee with instructions to report in a year.

Dr. A. M. Eels of Cairo, Ill., objected to delay and introduced a resolution favoring a federal divorce law, saying:

"We are all aware of the distressing situation which has resulted from the existing inadequate divorce laws of the different States. I believe the only solution of the problem is a federal law. This great church should go on record today on this important subject."

The resolution was adopted.

Another resolution adopted called on the pastors and churches to take steps to revive family worship.

The report of the standing committee on church erection said that last year \$251,491 was expended in this work.

The assembly is expected to adjourn tomorrow evening.

Postmaster Murdered and Home Robbed.

Sandhill, Miss. May 30.—Lee Davis, the postman here, was murdered and his home robbed last night. Blood hounds are tracing the murderer today.

Australian Ballot for Charleston.

Charleston, May 29.—The county executive committee tonight decided to adopt the Australian ballot system for city primary voting and a subcommittee was named to study details. The committee adopted new rules after a long discussion.

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