

FAREWELL TO ST. HELENA.

INTERESTING CEREMONIES HELD ABOARD BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP.

Gov. Manning, Mayor Grace, and Others Make Speeches—Executive Has Cordial Reception from Charleston People.

Charleston, Feb. 22.—More than a thousand men, women and children took advantage of today's perfect weather conditions to attend the "farewell ceremonies," in which Gov. Manning, Mayor Grace and representatives of the central Belgian relief committee for the United States, the State committees of South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina and the local committee bade God speed to the Georgia-Carolina Belgian relief ship, the British steamer St. Helena, now loading many tons of provisions at the foot of Columbus street.

From the deck of the St. Helena Gov. Manning delivered his first speech in Charleston as chief executive. The governor took occasion to address a few words to the people of Charleston as citizens of South Carolina. He was enthusiastically received and heartily applauded at frequent intervals during his address. At the conclusion of the morning's exercises, Gov. Manning stood at the foot of the gangway from the wharf to the steamer and shook hands with the members of the departing crowd.

Just north of the Swedish steamship Alderban, the St. Helena lay alongside the wharf this morning, all work of loading stopped temporarily, mast and rigging decked in holiday attire. Flags of every description fluttered from her in the breeze, notable among them the red and white banners of the Belgian relief commission. About the railing of the upper deck aft, from which vantage point the speakers of the day addressed the crowds below them, was draped in white bunting with red lettering: "Commission Belgian Relief."

From the lower deck aft and the pier and sheds of the terminal the assembled crowd heard the speakers.

The programme of the day as prepared by the Charleston Ad club was carried through without a hitch. Favorable weather conditions deterred not a whit from the spirit of the occasion which was so ably and pleasantly characterized by the numerous speakers who strode to the railing of the St. Helena's upperdeck and addressed the crowd for a very few minutes at a time.

With W. S. Lanneau, president of the Charleston Ad Club, acting as master of ceremonies, six speakers were introduced and completed their addresses in the space of 45 minutes. The Chadel band rendered well selected music, and the sole remaining accompaniments to the programme that was carried out beneath a spring-like heaven were the click of the moving picture apparatus and the occasion of sharp salute from the whistle of a passing launch.

The speeches delivered were in the following order: Introductory remarks by Mr. Lanneau, Mayor Grace, George W. Williams, chairman of the local relief committee; Bruce W. Ravenel, vice chairman of the South Carolina relief committee; Dr. F. E. May, chairman of the Georgia relief committee; Jefferson Davis, representing the New York central committee, commission Belgian relief; and Gov. Manning.

George W. Williams, chairman of the Charleston committee for Belgian relief, was the first speaker.

Bruce Walker Ravenel of Columbia, vice chairman of the South Carolina central Belgian relief committee, a native of Charleston, told of the inception, progress and successful culmination of the movement which has resulted thus far in the accumulation of more than enough supplies to fill the holds of the first Georgia-Carolina ship to the distressed of Belgium.

Gov. Manning in Charleston. First Visit Since Entrance to Executive Office is Occupied With Many Duties.

Charleston, Feb. 22.—Gov. Richard I. Manning is a distinguished visitor in the city today. The governor arrived from Columbia last evening and registered at the St. John hotel. He took part in the St. Helena ceremonies this morning and this afternoon rode at the head of the parade, reviewing the troops from the reviewing stand on East Battery opposite Water street. This evening Gov. Manning was the chief speaker at the annual banquet of the Washington Light Infantry. The ceremonies aboard the St. Helena began before noon. Following the close of the ceremonies the ship was thrown open to visitors, and hundreds took this occasion of inspecting the ship which will carry supplies donated by three States to the starving Belgians. The four local militia companies, the cadet corps of the Citadel and Porter military academy, two companies and a band from the government army post at Fort Moultrie and staff officers of the local battalion of militia assembled on Calhoun street at 3.45 o'clock with the left resting on King street, in the following order: First battalion United States coast artillery,

second battalion Citadel cadets; third battalion Porter Military academy cadets; fourth battalion, first battalion Third South Carolina infantry, German artillery and Charleston Light Dragoons.

The command moved at 4.30 o'clock, the route of march being through King street to Hasell, through Hasell to Meeting, down Meeting to South Battery and through South and East Battery, passing before the reviewing stand on East Battery, opposite Water street and continuing on to opposite the Carolina Yacht club, where the parade was dismissed.

Gov. Manning arose this morning to enjoy just about the handsomest day that Charleston has had in many weeks. Not that Charleston has not had some ideal weather for the past month or so, but this, Washington's birthday, seemed specially arranged for greeting the governor of South Carolina.

His programme was well filled. This morning he took an automobile ride with Gen. Moore, Maj. C. V. Boykin, and Manager Fogus, passing a delightful hour, before arriving at the Belgian relief ship, where the governor made an address. After the ship ceremonies, he visited the Charleston orphan house. This afternoon the governor reviewed the annual Washington's birthday parade and responded to the toast of "South Carolina," at the W. L. I. banquet tonight.

The governor arrived last night unaccompanied, and was met at the union station by a local committee of militia officers, headed by Maj. A. H. Silcox. He was escorted to the St. John hotel, where he soon retired for he was up busy with legislative matters throughout the night. In the rush and hurry, an important item in the appropriation bill was discovered to have been left out, and the routine of getting it in proper place meant long hours of extra work.

Many friends called at the hotel this morning to shake hands with the governor, or telephoned their messages of greeting. Gov. Manning was delighted with the prospects for a splendid day here. He recalled this morning the fact that this was his first official visit.

WILL GO TO NEXT CONGRESS.

Senator Smith Believes Ship Bill Lost This Session.

Florence, Feb. 22.—Senator E. D. Smith is in the city today on a visit to his wife, who is still sick in the infirmary. He says that he fully expects congress to adjourn within the next week and that the ship purchase bill will go over as a legacy to the next congress. In regard to his immigration bill, over which there was so great a fight and so much discussion, will be Bill No. 1 on the next calendar of the senate. In explaining the situation of the ship purchase bill Senator Smith said that the reason why it was sent to the house was in order that there might be no question as to what the attitude of the Democratic party was towards this bill, the house being considered as the exponents of party sentiment.

FLORENCE BUSINESS DEAL.

John L. Barringer Sells to Baltimore Concern.

Florence, Feb. 22.—The largest deal in a mercantile line that has ever taken place in this city, and possibly in this section, was consummated today when John L. Barringer, the dean of the mercantile trade in Florence, sold his large department store, which carries with it his good will and interests in the mercantile trade. The deal was for \$50,000 spot cash. A Baltimore concern was the purchaser. The transaction was completed today and the new owners are already in charge of the establishment. Mr. Barringer, while not the oldest man by any means in Florence, is the oldest merchant of the city, having established his present business in 1877, some thirty-seven years ago, and has made a splendid success. He retires from active business. Mr. H. Werblun, of this city, formerly with the Fleischman's Department stores, will become manager of the store under the new management.

EVELYN'S CAPTAIN TO BLAME.

He Disobeyed Orders and Was Out of His Course.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Cap. Smith, of the American Steamship Evelyn, which was blown up in the North sea, disobeyed orders and was entirely out of his course at the time of the explosion, is the information received at the White House today. The ship however, was not in the war zone. President Wilson indicated that he does not anticipate diplomatic or other complications.

CHICAGO THEATRE ROBBED.

Cracksmen Overpower Watchman and Get Away With \$3,000.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Four cracksmen trussed up the watchman and robbed the Princess theatre box office of \$3,000 early this morning and escaped.

BACK FROM LEGISLATURE.

MESSEURS. EPPS AND MOISE IMPRESSED BY HARMONY OF SESSION.

Personnel of General Assembly Excellent and General Spirit to Accomplish Legislation of Public Benefit Seemed to Prevail—Effort to Aid Manning Administration—Dr. Dick Not Yet Back.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 23.

Messrs. R. D. Epps, senator from Sumter County, and D. D. Moise, representative from this county, returned from Columbia yesterday, following the adjournment of the general assembly, the former in the morning and the latter on the afternoon train. Both, when seen this morning, appeared well pleased with the work done by the general assembly during its recent session and much elated especially at the amount of constructive legislation. Dr. Geo. W. Dick, formerly chairman of the ways and means committee, but who resigned as a representative late Saturday night has not yet returned from Columbia. Mr. A. K. Sanders, the other member of the Sumter county delegation, lives at Hagood and could not be seen.

Both Senator Epps and Representative Moise were impressed by the extent to which harmony prevailed throughout the whole session, and the feeling which seemed generally to pervade the entire body that something must be done for the benefit of the State and to improve conditions among the people. Both also mentioned the fact that everybody seemed anxious to aid the Manning administration in any way possible.

This is Mr. Moise's first trip to Columbia as a representative of the people of Sumter county. When seen this morning and asked for his impressions of the session, he spoke of a number of matters which interested him, matters which for the most part referred to the work of the session. He referred to the personnel of the house, which he considered excellent, there being many among its members who were hard workers and anxious to accomplish things for the improvement of conditions in the State. There were also several brainy men, he said, men who had already accomplished worthwhile objects, who were giving their best energies to the State. He referred to a number of counties, among them Kershaw, Orangeburg, Greenville and Spartanburg, which had sent especially strong delegations. While he was new at the business, he thought that this legislature had achieved a greater amount of constructive legislation than any session in a number of years, as many of the old members had stated.

Mr. Moise referred to the passage of the tax commission bill, as a measure of great public interest and benefit. By the operation of this law the taxes in the various counties will be placed on the same proportionate basis throughout the State, a condition which has not existed hitherto. At the same time this act does not conflict with the present county tax commission. A board of appeals was created to which appeals could be taken from the commission. The benefits of the asylum bill could be readily seen and such legislation was necessary, as indicated by Dr. Herring's report. Mr. Moise stated that the Torrens land system bill had been passed by the house, but not by the senate. There were several defects in this bill, however, which he hoped to remedy through other bills, which he would introduce next year, if someone else did not do so, and he hoped this bill would be put through with the inaccuracies eliminated.

There was no objection to the Confederate pension bill which had increased the appropriation for Confederate pensions from \$250,000 to \$300,000, a measure which he had advocated. The appropriation had also been increased for the public schools by \$20,000. The compulsory school attendance bill with the local option feature, an administration measure, had been passed. He had advocated this measure previous to his election. He did not see where compulsory education was needed in Sumter county, as he believed that all parents here had their children in school, but he understood that in some other counties such a law was needed, and one of the surest ways to improve conditions was to eliminate illiteracy.

The commission of charities and corrections was another important measure. This commission is merely an advisory body, but it can accomplish much good throughout the State by inspection of charitable and penal institutions and recommendations for correction of defects. The bill for medical examination of school children was passed in the house, but did not get through the senate. In reference to the prohibition referendum bill, Mr. Moise stated that he had voted to let the matter come before the people, so that a majority opinion might be secured in a fair election and the question settled for some time to come. In reference to local legislation Mr.

Moise stated that there had been no change in the county levy, an increase of appropriation for tomato club work, being the only change from the supply bill of 1914. The constitutional amendments voted on in the last general election were confirmed, so that the people of Sumter might pave the streets and sidewalks, as provided in a bill passed at a previous session.

"The Sumter county delegation worked together in entire harmony the whole time," said Mr. Moise, in referring to their work. "In fact there was no friction in the house throughout the session. Everybody seemed anxious for concerted action, no partisanship was shown and everything was as pleasant as could have been expected." Mr. Moise went on to say that all was not play in the general assembly, as some people seemed to think. The hours of the house were from 10 a. m., to 2 p. m., with committee meeting every afternoon from 4 to 6 and sessions every night from 8 until such time as the house saw fit to adjourn, and some times this was not until late at night. Mr. Moise was on the judiciary committee, one of the two most important in the house, and on this he found plenty of work, so that there was very little time for idling while he was in Columbia.

Senator R. D. Epps did not think it was necessary to go over the various bills which were passed, as they had already been mentioned sufficiently in the press of the State for the public to be familiar with them, but he did think that much constructive legislation had been accomplished at this session of the general assembly, more in fact than at any session in a long time, as some of the oldest members had told him. He considered this a pleasant session, there had been no factionalism shown anywhere except on the item of \$2,000 for legal advice to the governor, which was not all factionalism anyway, for some persons opposed to the present administration had voted for the item, while some friends of the administration had voted against it on principle. Mr. Epps stated that there was plenty of precedent for the item and he thought it should stand. Mr. Epps referred to the fact that all of the members of the senate seemed to want to make the Manning administration a success, and seemed willing to do what they could to aid it, this spirit being shown in the fact that practically all of the legislation recommended by the chief executive had been passed.

Mr. Epps referred to the fact that at the last minute a very important measure had passed. While there was not time to pass a bill to this effect, an appropriation had been made for a supervisor of factory schools. There was a supervisor of high schools and a supervisor of rural schools and he thought that it was but just that there should be one of factory schools. A bill creating this office, he thought, would probably be passed at the next session.

"The legislature worked hard this session," said Mr. Epps. "The night sessions began earlier and the members seemed willing to work at all times for the good of their State."

TO ENFORCE THE LAWS.

Gov. Manning Will Give This Phase of His Duties Attention.

Columbia, Feb. 23.—The legislature having adjourned, Gov. Manning will now devote his attention to the law enforcement programme in the State. He is keeping in close touch with all of the sheriffs, magistrates and other officers.

Gov. Manning was in Charleston yesterday to attend the reception aboard the South Carolina ship for relief in Belgium. He will return to Columbia early this morning.

A new board of regents will be appointed by Gov. Manning at an early date. There are five members to be appointed and no announcement has been made as to who will be named.

The governor's programme relative to the asylum has been carried out in its entirety by the legislature. A special tax levy of one-half mill is carried by the general appropriation bill for improvements at the asylum.

An act to prevent tripping was passed by the legislature. It has not yet been signed by the governor. He will give attention to the measure upon his return from Charleston.

The governor has not decided upon the personnel of the State board of charities and corrections, which was provided for by an act of the legislature.

BATTLE WITH INDIANS.

Plutes Continue Fight With United States Marshals in Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 23.—A new battle between Plute Indians and the United States marshal's forces is reported in the mountains today, following the retreat of the Indians down Cow Canyon. Six deputies who were sent out as scouts have not returned, and it is believed they were captured. Details of Monday's battle received today state that two Indians were killed and five badly wounded.

CONFERENCE ON BLOCKADE.

Representatives of Scandinavian Countries Discuss Question of Their Interests.

London, Feb. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says the conference between representatives of the Scandinavian governments over the situation created by Germany's submarine blockade was begun today and that it probably will be continued tomorrow.

The dispatch adds that it is understood the Scandinavian countries are not planning to act in accordance with Holland and the United States, as the interests of the latter countries are different from those of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

STUDENTS ENTERTAIN FOR TEACHER.

College for Women Girls Give Birthday Party for Miss McClintock—Miss Nancy McKay of Sumter Makes Presentation for Student Body.

Columbia, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was the occasion of a banquet at the College for Women last night, given by the student body. The affair was planned in the nature of a surprise to Miss Euphemia McClintock, honoring her birthday, which falls on the same date.

The tables were arranged in the form of a cross while the decorations carried out in a color scheme of red, white and blue were suggestive of the national holiday. A floral piece of red carnations and japonicas formed the centre of the cross, while streamers radiated from the chandelier to the four points of the cross. The place favors and cards painted with hatches and cherries also carried out the same idea.

At the conclusion of the banquet Miss Nancy McKay, president of the senior class, in behalf of the student body presented Miss McClintock with a set of after dinner china. The monogram design of the set is to accompany the silver service which has been presented from time to time by the students.

Miss McKay's remarks expressed the feeling of love and deep appreciation of the entire college for their president, whose resignation will be felt as a distinct personal loss by each individual who has been associated with her as coworker or student.

The only guests outside of the college were Mrs. T. H. Fisher and Mrs. Reaser of Pennsylvania.

SAFE BLOWN AT PIEDMONT.

Yeggmen Secure Only Small Amount of Cash.

Anderson, Feb. 22.—Some time during last night the iron safe in the freight and passenger depot of the Piedmont and Northern (the interurban), at the town of Piedmont, was blown open, the burglar using gun cotton. The office was practically wrecked by the explosion, the ceiling being torn down and the window panes shattered. Agent George left only ten dollars in the safe, having removed a large amount of cash on Saturday night to a vault on the opposite side of the office from the safe. The safe-cracker took the ten dollars. Officers are working on the case, but as yet have found no clues.

BLIZZARD IN WEST.

Severe Sleet and Snow Storm Raging in Central States.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—A severe sleet storm is raging today in the central States west of the Mississippi with temperatures rapidly lowering. The storm is moving eastward and wire service is practically suspended.

ROB BANK IN DAYTIME.

John Ashley Leads Raid on State Bank of Miami, Fla.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 23.—Bandits led by John Ashley robbed the Stuart State bank of five thousand in broad daylight this morning. They escaped into the everglades.

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