

THE SESSION ENDED

The Legislature Adjourns to Meet Again in June of Next Year.

THE SESSION'S CLOSING SCENES

Little Business Transacted—Some Minor Bills Enacted—The Senate Winds Up With a Jolly Good Time, Then in a Body Goes Over to the House—A Silver Service Presented to Speaker Connor—The Speaker's Farewell Address—He Refers to the Arduous and Unusual Duties Devolved Upon This Legislature.

(Special to The Messenger.) SENATE. Raleigh, N. C., March 8.—The senate met at 10 o'clock. The bill which had passed the house to require self complers and automatic brakes on railroad cars was tabled. The joint resolution to appoint additional commissioners to represent the state at the Paris exposition was adopted, as was the resolution endorsing the work of the Pickford sanitarium at Southern Pines.

The joint resolution to pay all the clerks and employees \$5 for extra work passed. Short speeches of farewell were made by Senators Travis, Justice and Daniels. Senator Fields said the signs of the times are propitious. He had actually seen the president of the senate accept silver last night.

Senator Glenn laughingly called to mind Lieutenant Governor Reynolds' expressed wish that he should meet the same men here two years from now, and he was sincere in what he said, that he believed the democrats would be victorious in the next election, and he could not imagine any better set of representatives than the body before him.

The joint resolution to provide \$100 to defray the funeral expenses of a member of the general assembly was unanimously adopted. The senate then relaxed, and musical exercises were indulged in. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds proved a good chorus leader and was ably assisted by Senators Glenn, Wilson, Whitaker, Coker, Williams and Smith, and by Representatives Allen, of Wayne, and Stubbs, who had come over from the house.

The house met at 10 o'clock with a fairly good attendance. The hands of the clock were turned back half an hour. Few bills passed, among them the following: To amend the charter of Lillington. To endorse Pickford sanitarium for negro consumptives. To appoint additional commissioners to represent North Carolina at the Paris exposition next year at their own expense. To allow \$300 additional for clerk hire to the railway commission. The bill to appropriate \$50 for ventilating the halls of the senate and house was tabled.

Mr. Neill, of Brunswick, attempted to rise to a question of personal privilege, and reply to what he termed an attack on him as "Benedict Arnold" because of his voting against the franchise amendment and the election law, but he was ruled out of order. Mr. Patterson, of Robeson, called to the chair and Mr. Overman, in his happiest style presented Speaker Connor, on behalf of the members of the house, a solid silver tea service. "Take this home with you," he said, "as a testimonial of your faithful service. You have won the lasting regard and esteem of all the members of this house. You have added another star to your crown." There was great applause from the floor and galleries.

OUR TROOPS IN CUBA

All the Volunteers to be Withdrawn Before the Rainy Season Sets In—Fifteen Thousand Regulars to Remain. Washington, D. C., March 8.—Orders were issued at the war department today for the Twelfth New York volunteer infantry, now at Matanzas, Cuba, to take passage on the transport Berlin for New York city, where it will be mustered out. This is the beginning of a general movement for the muster out of all volunteer troops stationed in Cuba. The fact that the rainy season is not far off is a potent reason for the early recall of the volunteer troops there. The homeward movement will have to be gradual, because of limited transportation facilities now at the disposal of the war department.

There are now about 25,000 volunteers in Cuba, and their withdrawal will leave about 15,000 regular troops there for the enforcement of the policy of administration for the establishment of a stable government on that island. The volunteer troops now on garrison duty in Cuba and under muster out orders include the following organizations: Second Illinois, One Hundred and Sixty-first Illinois, One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana, Ninth Illinois, Forty-ninth Iowa, Third Kentucky, Thirty-first Michigan, Second Louisiana, Sixth Missouri, Eighth Massachusetts, Twelfth New York, First North Carolina, Third Nebraska, Second South Carolina, Fourth Tennessee, Fourth Virginia, First Texas, Second Wisconsin, Second United States Engineers, the Second and Fifth United States volunteer infantry, and the Second and Third, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth companies of the signal corps. As yet no orders have been issued for the muster out of the regiments, with the exception of the Twelfth New York, but it is expected that the formal orders will be issued in the case of all the organizations named within the next few days.

Under the present plans of the department it is expected that all of the volunteer troops will be withdrawn from Cuba before the first of May, and so escape fever which makes that country very undesirable place of residence during the summer months. The officials of the administration express satisfaction at the present political status of affairs in Cuba and are confident of a continuance of the peace and good order. The troops are to be withdrawn on the theory that there is no longer need of their services in that country and that the question of government will be left to the Cubans, with the presence of a large military force. Consequently there is no present purpose of replacing the volunteers with regular troops and such a course of action will be taken only in case it becomes necessary for the action of the administrative policy.

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A BRITISHER ON THE WAR

A Lecture on the Spanish-American War by a British Vice Admiral. London, March 8.—Vice Admiral Sir Henry Colomb, retired, lectured this afternoon on the lessons of the Spanish-American war, before the members of the United States Institute.

After dealing with the impossibility of secrecy in warfare hereafter, owing to the vigilance of the press, and the necessity for protecting cables in the low water, he said he thought that if Spain had showed real comprehension of strategy, the United States would not have been so successful. The sure way for the United States would have been for her to send a sufficient force to the coast of Spain to balance the forces known to have been in Spanish ports and to send a squadron to Cape Verde islands the moment it was known a Spanish flotilla was assembling there.

The lesson to be deduced was, according to the lecturer, that the American strategy was hazardous, in so far as it departed from the stereotyped rules of naval warfare. Admiral Cervera's ships were lost sight of, causing anxiety on the American coast, and obliging the Americans to keep considerable squadrons wholly in a defensive attitude instead of maintaining command of the sea. It was clear, he added, that if there had been coal supplies at Santiago de Cuba and if Admiral Cervera's squadron had been reasonably efficient instead of a "miserable abortion" all it could have done would have been to effect by entering the bay might have been effected without any interference upon the part of the United States.

From the actions between the Spanish fleet and American ships, the lecturer deduced the idea that very efficient batteries were able to keep ships at a distance. Regarding the purely tactical questions involved, the admiral said it was plain Admiral Dewey took full advantage of the superiority of his guns, and 500 numbers and placed himself in so distant a position that neither the Spanish ships nor the Spanish batteries were able to adequately reply to his fire.

"The whole thing," continued the lecturer, "is a terribly business-like on the American side, with a pathetic parade of quixotic gallantry on the other." In conclusion, Admiral Colomb commented upon the fact that all orders issued by American ships were from Washington, which he considered was a momentous change in naval warfare.

CONDITIONS IN HAVANA

Described at Length by This Legislature in General Ludlow.

HIS APPEAL FOR HELP

For the Cuban Charities—The Pitiable Condition of Many of the Citizens. Ladies of the United States Asked to Render Assistance to the Inmates of the Widows' Home—Rations Still Issued—Arduous Duties of the American Officials.

New York, March 8.—Brigadier General William Ludlow, Governor of Havana, has written a lengthy letter to the Evening Post, describing minutely the conditions in the Cuban Capital, and appealing for assistance for Cuban charities. General Ludlow refers to the local administration of Havana as a "serious and laborious task." Touching especially upon the matter of keeping Havana clean, General Ludlow writes that cleaning and sanitation are carried on "under every difficulty of a century old accumulation of evils, deficiency of material and a paucity and uncertainty as to funds, which for the present are derived from weekly and monthly requisitions on the variable custom house collections, thus multiplying the uncertainties and vexations of the task."

The destitute he says, are found in greater numbers in Havana than in other provinces. In this department writes the governor practically all the city of Havana and its suburban region west, south and east between the rivers Almendares and Collinar—the destitute drawing rations approximate 20,000 people. He says that the women and children, whose men have died or been killed in the waste of war, while 20,000 or 30,000 are aggregated as an army of the destitute, and are depending on the country for their maintenance instead of being at work earning their living and supporting their families. It is almost impossible, in the average case, to meet the needs of a family of five or six people, and he says that the charities of Havana, General Ludlow declares to be quite inadequate to meet the emergency. He cites as an instance, the "casa de las viudas" (home of the widows) a structure in the capital occupied by the widows of Spanish officers. The institution General Ludlow says: "On assuming direction of affairs it was found that the pensions of these women had not been paid for over a year and that the widows were left penniless. The Spanish forces abandoned the island, absolutely without the means of obtaining food. There are at present in the home a total of over 25,000 girls, and 50 boys—who are almost all entirely destitute, and from a prolonged course of semi-starvation and the absence of medical or other supplies, are degenerate and almost all are sickly. Many of them are not able to work, and they are alien to the community in which they are compelled to live, with comparatively few friends, and those few unable to aid them."

General Ludlow suggests "that an association of women in the United States might take account of the matter and perform a service by sending to these institutions should be otherwise maintained than as a temporary military exigency."

The governor concludes by saying that Mrs. Ludlow, who has taken a strong interest in the matter, would be very glad to receive any communications on the subject or such contributions of food, clothing or money as might be forwarded.

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a famous druggist handed him a bottle of the Little Pills. R. R. Bellamy.

Another Negro Regiment Disbanded. Macon, Ga., March 8.—The Tenth immunes colored, were mustered out here today, the work of paying them off beginning about 9 o'clock. The colonel of the regiment held authority over the men by holding their discharges, in this way avoiding trouble in the city or at camp. The mustering out of this regiment leaves no troops in Macon except those of the hospital corps and they will go to Augusta on the 15th. General McKeen and his staff will be honorably discharged from the army on the 15th, and Macon will be without any troops at all until the return of Ray's immunes about the 25th instant.

Dynamiters at Work in France. Toulon, March 8.—It turns out that the twelve dynamite cartridges found behind the Toulon arsenal yesterday are of foreign manufacture. M. Lockroy, minister of marine, in an interview regarding the explosion of the naval powder magazine at La Goubra, under La Seine and Toulon, early Sunday morning, intimates that the cartridges were not made by the French experts now have very little doubt that it was due to foul play. He thinks it was possibly caused by some clock work arrangement, provided with a detonator, hidden in a powder keg.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

By This Legislature in Volume of Business.

UNDOLING FUSION WORK

Of Two Legislatures Part of Their Heavy Work—Attitude of Republicans and Populists Toward the Franchise Amendment—A Decision Soon to be Made in W. H. Day's Case, Ewart Again Appointed Judge—The Farmers Behind in Their Work.

Raleigh, N. C., March 8. The legislature broke all records as to volume of business. The democratic members say: "We had to undo the legislation of the fusionists since 1893 and then to do new work besides." But the great volume of work contains much which never have come before the legislature. There are perhaps 500 charts and private acts yesterday an effort to have these left out of the printed volumes signally failed. It was learned at the office of the secretary of state today that the total number of acts ratified approximately 1300.

The republicans and populists who directly after the last election talked so earnestly in favor of an abridgement of negro suffrage, are now being ridiculed by the republicans who said nothing and who hold Senator Prithard's view. But it is known that the mass of the republicans will support the constitutional amendment. Many republicans say now they will vote for it. They may change their minds, but say they will not. It is expected that by next week or the week following the supreme court will decide as to W. H. Day's title to the office of superintendent of the penitentiary. Claude Deckery, the chairman of the fusion board of directors, is here. He speaks of there being two boards. The fusion board is now on the way to be set on foot, pending a decision in the Day case. One of those thus holding office is the best informed county superintendent of public instruction in the state writes your correspondent regarding the new school law "It has too much machinery, and how to work it will puzzle the wisest heads in the county. It is to be regretted that some one did not suggest simplicity to our law makers."

Today the body of Mrs. Anna M. Clark, mother of Associate Justice Clark, was taken for her old home in Halifax county for burial. Though the farmers have done no work since January 1st, they say that the new school law, if the weather proves favorable. The ground has all the moisture it needs and the freezes, chaws and snows have melted it. The peach crop is declared by experts to be at least half killed—killed in the bud.

NEW APPOINTEES IN OFFICE

Cherry Takes the Oath as Keeper of the Public Seal—W. Young Enters on the Duties of Insurance Commissioner.

Raleigh, N. C., March 8.—A Justice last night administered the oath of office to C. C. Cherry, keeper of the public seal. Today Cherry gave bond and again took the oath. J. R. Young today took the oath of office as insurance commissioner before Judge Brown and entered upon his duties. He appoints as clerk William W. Wilson, of Raleigh, who was reading clerk of the lower house. Stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston and the Raleigh and Augusta railroads met here today. A quorum not being present, they adjourned to meet April 6th. John Skelton Williams could not come here today but will be here April 6th.

Representative Gaston Powell and Robert Jones were arraigned before Mayor Powell today on a charge of assault. Jones submitted. Not a witness for the state was examined. He was fined \$5.

University Defeats Horner School

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 8.—The university won the first game of the season today from Horner in a very unequal contest by the score of 24 to 2. The battery of Carolina was Harbins, Battle and Graves; Horner, Lanier and Oldham. The next game is Saturday against William Bingham school.

More Mills Advance Wages

Whitinsville, Mass. March 8.—The Whitinsville cotton mill and the cotton mills at Linwood and Saundersville have announced an advance in wages, to take place April 3rd. About 1,000 operatives are affected.

Zanesville, Ohio, March 8.—Notice

has been posted at the Ohio Iron Company plant announcing that all wages will be increased 10 per cent. on April 1st. The increase affects about 200 men. The plant was idle for five years, but resumed work about a year ago and has all it can do.

Death From Drinking Wood Alcohol

Marion, Mo., March 8.—The examination made of the stomachs of the four members of the Underwood family, who were found dead in a tenement house in the rear of the Frye shoe factory here on Monday evening, February 13th, shows that the cause of death in every case was the drinking of wood alcohol.

A Nebraska Senator-Elected

Lincoln, Neb., March 8.—In joint session today M. L. Hayward was elected United States senator, to succeed W. V. Allen. He received 74 votes, the solid republican membership with the exception of one absent on account of sickness. Allen received 58, the full fusion strength.

DONALDSON'S LAST DIVE

His Fatal Leap From the Top of Madison Square Garden—Death a Question of Only a Few Hours.

New York, March 8.—Thomas Donaldson, of Bath Beach, Long Island, known the world over as a champion high diver, dived from the roof of Madison Square garden, a distance of eighty-five feet, this evening, with probably fatal results. Donaldson traveled for some years with Barnum & Bailey and has been the star attraction at the Sportsmen's show now running in the garden. He has been making two dives daily. The tank is less than eight feet deep, and on two or three former occasions Donaldson did not have the distance expected and came out of the water with hemorrhages in the ears and nose.

Harry Cornish has charge of the water sports and it was who this afternoon gave Donaldson the signal to dive. Three thousand persons were present and saw the famous diver lean from the platform, and falling slowly forward, make the plunge and come straight downward, but it was plain before he had got half the distance that he had lost control of his body. He struck the water head first, as failed to come up. Small circles of blood came bubbling up from the bottom, and Harry Reeder, the amateur champion swimmer and an attaché of the garden, plunged into the water. The man dived several times, and finally succeeded to come up. He was apparently dead, with blood flowing from his mouth, nostrils and ears. He was removed to the New York hospital. He has a fractured skull, with compression of the brain, and the left side of his face is crushed in. The surgeons at the hospital say that his death is a question of hours.

Witnesses of the accident say that as Donaldson left the platform the circles which were wrapped about him became visible. His attention was attracted, and he did not have his wits about him when he struck the water. He weighed more than 200 pounds and struck with terrific force. Donaldson was 45 years old. Just before making his dive he said in a loud voice, "I challenge Kearney T. Speedy, the champion jumper of the world."

Before the Discovery of One Minute Cough Cure, ministers were greatly disturbed by coughing congregations. No excess for it now. R. B. Bellamy.

Chatanooga, Tenn., March 8.—No one will die as a result of the rioting which the men of the Eighth immune, colored regiment, engaged in here last night, but half a dozen people will be laid up for several months. Inspector Hopkins, Policeman Poe and A. J. Lofford are severely wounded, but their injuries will not prove fatal. The rioters were shot in the disturbance, but their names could not be learned. In addition to these injured here, three soldiers were shot on a Southern railway train between Chattanooga and Knoxville. The shooting was done by a desperado who escaped from the train at Athens, Tenn.

Louisville, Ky., March 8.—The Eight United States Immunes presented a battery appearance when they arrived Louisville today. They reported an encounter in the depot at Nashville and about fifty of them bear marks of the affair. Officers say that the rioting was done by a desperado who escaped from the train at Athens, Tenn.

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