

GREAT BALL ENDS MIDDIES' FEST WEEK Class of 1909 Bids 1908 a Fond Farewell.

LARGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES Secretary Metcalf Unable to Attend, Gen. Horace Porter Makes Commencement Address and Presents the Diplomas—Capt. Douglas, Football Hero, Gets Most Applause.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., June 5.—The farewell ball given in the mammoth armory building to-night in honor of the graduating class of the Naval Academy was a fitting denouement to the series of exercises and social functions incident to commencement day, which have been in progress throughout the week.

The hosts at the dance were the midshipmen of the class of '08. To the strains of the sweet music discoursed by the Academy band, several hundred dancers glided about the spacious floor of the armory. Dancing began at 9 o'clock, and continued until midnight.

There were twenty-four numbers on the programme, and after twelve of them had been danced, a delightful repast was served in the midshipmen's mess hall, in Bancroft Hall.

The interior of the armory is pretty enough, but the effect was greatly enhanced by varicolored bunting, which draped the railings of the large ballroom, and was suspended from the huge steel rafters of the ceiling.

Class Colors in Evidence.

Here and there could be seen the crests of the classes of '08 and '09, surrounded by green and white, and green, white, and yellow, the respective class colors. At the southeast end of the building was a large screen, with the inscription, "Farewell to 1908," in electric bulbs.

The guests were received by Mrs. William S. Benson, wife of the commandant of midshipmen, assisted by Midshipman Roy H. Davis, of Eugene, Ore., president of the second class.

In the presence of about 2,000 persons, comprising gray-haired fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, and other relatives, and in many instances sweethearts of the midshipmen, the 200 midshipmen of the senior class were to-day presented their diplomas, signifying the completion of the four years' course of hard study at the Naval Academy, preparatory to launching upon their active careers as officers of the United States navy.

The ceremonies were simple but interesting. Gen. Horace Porter, of New York City, president of the board of visitors, delivered the address and handed the diplomas to the graduates.

Largest Class Graduated.

The ceremonies took place in the armory building shortly after 10 o'clock. The class was the largest that was ever graduated from the institution at one time since its establishment, in 1855. It also marked a return to the usual time of graduation, as for several years the classes have been sent out several months ahead of time, because of the urgent need of younger officers to man the new ships under construction, and, again, the great number of buildings constituting the new Naval Academy is now entirely completed.

Much of the official side of the exercises was reduced by the fact that Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, who was expected to deliver the address and present the diplomas to the graduates, in the last moment, found it impossible to come to Annapolis. Gen. Porter, therefore, consented to act in his stead.

The scene in the armory was a pretty one. In the southeast end of the building a temporary stand was erected and on this sat the board of visitors, Supt. Badger, and other ranking officers of the several departments of instruction, and a few invited guests. Immediately in front of the stand, the graduates were seated, and to either side of the stand, hundreds of relatives and friends of the graduates occupied reserved seats. Many of the witnesses the ceremonies from the large balconies.

Supt. Badger Presides.

The brigade of midshipmen, attired in their full dress uniforms, was drawn up in the center of the building, the first battalion to the left and the second battalion to the right, thus forming an aisle in the center of the building, down which the board of visitors and other officials marched to the official stand. As the official party entered the building by way of the northwest door, the brigade, presented arms, and the Academy band played a march. As soon as the official party were seated, Rev. Henry H. Clark, chaplain of the Academy, offered the invocation. Supt. Badger presided, and in a brief address he warmly congratulated the graduates and introduced Gen. Porter, who delivered an impromptu but fitting address.

Gen. Porter began his remarks in a humorous vein, and referred to himself as the underdog of the Secretary of the Navy on this occasion. In this connection, he described the apology of a theater manager at a performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," presented in Paris, France, which he had witnessed in Paris, who said the bloodhound, which usually figures in the play, had presented a physician's certificate that he was too sick to appear at the performance, and "M. le Poedde" consented to act in his stead.

Urges Democratic Spirit.

"You will bear away the gift of a matchless institution," Gen. Porter said, "and are about to enter a noble profession." He said that as the span of life at best is always short, they should strive to add years to it, by putting more life into each year. He referred to the typically American and democratic methods in making appointments to the navy, and expressed a desire to see all the young men live up to this ideal of democracy.

Gen. Porter spoke of the advantages of a powerful army and navy, and expressed disgust at the cry that there is no need of a larger navy, because no foreign power would attempt to attack so great and numerous a people as the Americans. He referred to the long voyage of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific station as a great move, and one that augurs for a commanding force. Bringing his remarks down to a more personal nature, Gen. Porter told the graduates that their true character was only to be seen in their records as commanding officers of the navy. "Never underrate yourself in a battle," he said, "nor overrate yourself in its reports." In conclusion, Gen. Porter told the graduates that whatever laurels they may win or take, they should always be ready to lay them at the feet of their country.

With the assistance of Lieut. Leonard R. Sargent, aid to the superintendent,

Gen. Porter then handed the diplomas to the graduates, Jerome C. Hunsaker, of Saginaw, Mich., who took the honors of his class, was the first to receive his coveted "sheepskin." Then the names of the other eight "valedictorians" members, those who received 85 per cent or better for the entire course, were called in order of merit, while the others were picked from a receptacle at random. As the graduates arose from their seats in response to their names, and stepped up to the platform to receive their diplomas, each was greeted with loud applause.

Athletes Get Applause.

The ovations were more pronounced in the cases of those midshipmen who attained records as athletes or in other lines of activity while at the Academy. Archibald H. Douglas, of Knoxville, Tenn., president of his class, star football player and all round athlete, received perhaps the greatest ovation, as not only his class, but the brigade and the audience in general, joined in a loud hand-clapping, which did not subside until after Douglas had resumed his seat.

When all the diplomas had been presented, Midshipman Theodore S. Wilkins, son of Myrtle Grove, La., now of the first class, who will be the next cadet commander, proposed three cheers for "Those about to leave us," and the brigade responded with a vim, and at the word from Midshipman Harry B. Hild, of Sturgis, S. Dak., the retiring commander, the graduates cheered loudly for "Those we leave behind us." Led by Midshipman Kirkwood H. Danovnin, of Columbus, Ohio, who composed it, the graduates then sang the class song.

Those Who Were Graduated.

The graduates in order of merit, follow: J. C. Hunsaker, Saginaw, Mich.; E. R. Norton, Portland, Me.; A. W. Carnahan, Plattsburg, N. Y.; G. W. Struble, Portland, Ore.; R. K. Turner, New York, N. Y.; O. M. Omaha, Neb.; J. W. Rankin, Hartford, Conn.; H. E. D. Davis, Reno, Nev.; K. H. Donavin, Columbus, Ohio; F. L. Hoed, Laurburg, N. C.; Owen Smith, E. J. Wilber, Pa.; H. T. Marland, Penn Yan, N. Y.; W. Turner, Evansville, Ind.; R. W. Smith, Jr., White, Buffalo, N. Y.; A. T. Bidwell, Bellefonte, Pa.; J. J. Broshok, New Bedford, Mass.; F. J. Knapp, Seattle, Wash.; W. E. G. Clark, New York, N. Y.; R. W. G. Sully, Buffalo, N. Y.; F. H. Babcock, Waterloo, N. Y.; Edwin, N. C.; Heller, Buffalo, N. Y.; Little Rock, Ark.; E. H. Lofon, Pensacola, Fla.; R. K. Murr, Grand Rapids, Mich.; A. G. Adams, Pleasant, Boston, Mass.; Walter Smith, Boston, Mass.; C. G. West, Wellington, N. Z.; Oswald, Grafton, N. Dak.; R. C. Sweeney, Stanford, Cal.; G. H. Emerson, Lincoln, Ill.; N. R. Van Der Veer, New York City; B. O. Pittford, N. Y.; J. C. Latham, Herndon, Mass.; S. M. Kraus, York, Ind.; F. W. Rockwell, at large; C. C. Ross, Richmond, Ind.; E. Brandt, Pass Christian, Miss.; F. J. Comerford, Boston, Mass.; J. E. Isaman, Jr., Middletown, N. Y.

Grand Jury Summoned.

The following grand jury has been summoned to appear in the Corporation Court Monday morning at 11 o'clock: Samuel Bendheim, Frank C. Creighton, P. F. Gorman, R. W. Arnold, J. F. Peyton, L. L. Monroe, J. Fred Birrell, W. J. B. Duncan, M. L. Hishell, James M. Duncan, M. L. King, and Lorenzo Wolford.

Lee Camp Will Attend.

The members of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, and M. D. Corse Camp, Sons of Veterans, will attend the Confederate Memorial Day exercises which will be held Sunday afternoon at Arlington National Cemetery. The veterans and sons of veterans will leave for Arlington about 5 o'clock.

City Bonds Are Popular.

Bonds in the sum of \$32,000, of the \$74,000 recently issued, and amounting to 42 per cent of the entire issue, have been taken up by Washington parties. Among the acceptances received by Auditor Price to-day was \$1,200 from Washington. Of the foregoing amount, \$10,000 was from one lady in that city and \$1,500 was from one of the asylums.

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Little Willie Slaughter, the son of Traffic Manager Slaughter, who was so badly injured, was also very plucky. After the wreck his leg was held by some heavy pieces of wood, until he was released by Gould and Barrow.

Little Girl a Victim.

Much sympathy was had expressed for W. E. Slaughter, traffic manager of the line, whose little daughter was killed in the wreck. Mr. Slaughter is a young man, who has made many friends since his coming to Baltimore, and his whole heart and soul have been in his work. He felt keenly any little imperfection in the operation of the road, and that it should be responsible for the death of a beloved daughter is one of those tragic and pathetic things which arouse sympathy.

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