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THE MILITARY SITUATION.

Under the caption, "Adjutant General Moore Blunders," the News and Courier of Thursday morning carries an editorial in which it very severely condemns the course of General Moore in ordering three of the companies of the third regiment home from the Aiken encampment because they did not have the required number of men.

The whole matter is set out in another column of this issue of The Herald and News, including the rebuke of the governor to the adjutant general.

According to the statement of Captain Claffy, of the Orangeburg company, that company lacked only five enlisted men of having the full complement necessary. "The others declared that they could not leave home because their crops were in such condition as absolutely to demand their attention. A number of them promised to join the company at Aiken early in the encampment. Captain Claffy states, moreover, that 'this is the first time in our nineteen years of service to the State that this company has failed to turn out less than forty-eight men at every encampment or manoeuvres.'"

The News and Courier thus comments upon the action of the adjutant general:

"Upon such a statement of facts the action of the adjutant general in ordering the Orangeburg company home, or, what amounted to the same thing, in refusing to furnish the men with subsistence if they remained, would have been unduly harsh at any time and in any circumstances. To have taken such a course at a moment when the military situation in South Carolina is so delicate, when almost within the week the National Guard has been saved with difficulty from a threatened disorganization which he by his tactlessness and want of discretion has done much to precipitate, was glaringly injudicious."

The course of Adjutant General Moore, through this whole military situation, has been hard to understand. Instead of trying to help the militia to come up to the highest state of efficiency, he has seemed to direct his efforts, whatever may have been his intention, to putting out of service the companies which are most vitally needed in South Carolina, without giving these companies a chance to come up to the requirements which have been demanded.

The eleven companies which it was sought to muster out are mainly in what is known as the "black belt" of South Carolina, where militia organizations are certainly most needed, if needed at all—and no one can doubt the wisdom of the militia. Governor Bleas refused to muster out these companies without giving them a chance to come up to the requirements, stating, however, that he would urge a strict compliance on the part of these companies and require them to comply with these requirements if they were given a reasonable time to do so. The war department adopted the governor's views in the matter, and allowed these companies three months.

The situation at times, as reported in the newspapers, was extremely delicate, but the governor saved the eleven companies and secured for them the chance for which he was fighting.

Now, right on the heels of that, comes this "break" of the adjutant general at the Aiken encampment. Governor Bleas's severe strictures upon General Moore and his letter to the war department in connection with the matter are printed elsewhere in this issue.

The News and Courier is right in its editorial, and what it says sustains the position of Governor Bleas throughout the whole situation.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NORMAL.

Successful Meeting of Sunday School Workers—Pleased With Newberry.

The Lutheran Sunday school normal which has been in session at Newberry college since Monday adjourned yesterday. The majority of the students remained to the end, attending the various departments with unflagging interest. About ninety Sunday school workers registered for study, and a large number besides were present as visitors during the sessions. All of the students were lodged in the college dormitories and took their meals at the college boarding hall.

The faculty consisted of the Rev. H. A. McCullough, of Columbia, who gave a course in the laws and methods of teaching; the Rev. Dr. C. E. Weltner, of Columbia, who gave a series of lectures in Bible history; Mrs. W. E. Pugh, of Florence, who had charge of the junior department; and Mrs. C. E. Weltner, assisted by Miss Marie Summer, who taught the teachers of the primary grade; the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D. D., had charge of the music of the normal and held conferences on the subject of missions.

The normal was an unqualified success. The "normalites" are enthusiastic in their desire to return to Newberry college next summer. At the meeting Wednesday night they made this plain by an enthusiastic vote. They also gave a good normal yell for the matron of the boarding hall, Mrs. Summer, for her many kindnesses to them.

It is intended that this normal shall become an annual event, this being now the third. The last year's normal was held at Leesville, S. C. The purpose is a good one, to train Sunday school workers, teachers and officers to do their work successfully in the places where they labor.

The following resolutions were adopted at the chapel services Thursday morning:

Resolved, first, That we extend the hearty thanks of the normal to President J. Henry Harms and the faculty of Newberry college for the use of the grounds and buildings, for the warm and cordial hospitality shown us during this normal, and for all the conveniences and arrangements that have contributed so largely to its success. Our stay has been made pleasant by the surroundings more or less hallowed to all of us directly or indirectly by past associations. To our friends in town we wish to express our appreciation of their aid so willingly given. We wish further to express our thanks to Pastor Weltner and his orchestra for their valuable assistance with the music; also to the teachers of the normal for their untiring interest; and to the matron of our refectory for the bounteous provisions prepared and temptingly served.

Resolved, second, That the faculty and students extend sympathy to Dr. Geo. B. Cromer and Pastor E. J. Sox in the illness of their sons, and hope for the ma speedy recovery.

The list of delegates is as follows: Mr. J. D. Addy, Mrs. Derrick Addy, Fred Lineberger, J. C. Lybrand, Mrs. B. L. Roof, Miss Marie Shull, J. P. Sox, Mrs. Leola Sox, Mrs. L. S. Trotti, P. J. Wessinger, and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wilkins, of New Brookland; Miss

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Township S. S. Convention.

Second annual township S. S. convention in No. 10 township, to be held in Cannon's Creek church, Saturday, August 2nd, at 10 a. m.

Song and devotional service conducted by Jno. C. Neel.

Organization.
Topic: "How create a lively interest in the S. S. among the people generally?"—T. J. Wilson, W. E. Wallace, Revs. E. W. Leslie and P. E. Shealy.

Music.
Topic: "Home department work in country Sunday schools."—W. C. Dominick, J. B. T. Scott, Revs. J. A. Linn and Y. von A. Riser.

Music.
Dinner served at the church.

Afternoon Session.
Song and prayer.

Topic: S. S. graduates, and how not to have them.—Bernard Banks, Revs. W. O. Davis, S. C. Morris, J. J. Long.

Music.
Cradle roll work discussed by Miss Lizzie Neel, Mrs. Y. von A. Riser, Mrs. J. L. Wise.

Music.
Opening query box.
Benediction.
Note: Each S. S. in the township will please send three delegates, and all speakers are urged to attend.
J. A. C. Kibler,
Organizer.

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