

PRaise FOR SLATON IN FLOOD OF MAIL

Of 5,000 Telegrams and Letters
Reaching Him, Only 100 Con-
demn Frank Decision.

MANY FROM GEORGIANS

Troops Still on Guard at the ex-
Governor's Home—Quiet
in Atlanta.

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ATLANTA, Ga., June 27.—Notwith-
standing the demonstrations against ex-
Governor John M. Slaton because he
commuted the sentence of Leo M.
Frank, his decision was approved not
only by many Georgians, but thousands
of persons outside the State, according
to information brought to him in a
deluge of telegrams and letters. The
vast majority of these communications
came to him by telegraph.

Up to date, it is said, about 5,000
telegrams and letters have been re-
ceived by Mr. Slaton, and of this num-
ber only about 100 have been condem-
natory of his action. Governor Slaton
is highly gratified by the fact that
of the messages he has received prob-
ably 50 per cent. have come from per-
sons in this State. Of course, the
Governor recognizes the fact that he
is unpopular with the masses in Georgia
at present as a result of the case,
but he believes that a little time will
convince Georgians that he was right.

Among the messages he has received
are telegrams from John Kendrick
Bangs, Richard Harding Davis, and
nearly 100 Judges, of all classes of
courts, Governors, and United States
Senators.

Governor Slaton, it was said, intended
to leave Atlanta on Saturday, but since
the mob demonstration he has decided
to remain here until public feeling is
quieted. Otherwise, he figures, many
persons would think he was running
away from the mob. This Mr. Slaton is
anxious to avoid. He may leave At-
lanta at any moment, however. Mr.
Slaton's last act before he went out of
office was to send a telegram to Rich-
ard Harding Davis thanking him for his
message.

Martial law continues in force at the
country home of Mr. Slaton, and mili-
tary authorities were unable to say when
the troops would be removed. "Until
further orders," was the only comment.
The entire Fifth Regiment is on duty at
the Slaton home and in Atlanta.

No disturbance arose today. Only one
man was arrested on Saturday night,
and he was released this morning.

Yesterday Colonel Orville Hall of the
militia heard that an attempt would be
made to dynamite the railroad bridge on
Peachtree Road, beyond the Brookwood
Bridge. Soldiers searched the place and
found the tin lid of a powder can.

Governor Slaton was visited today by
many of his friends.

PASTOR LAUDS GOV. SLATON.

Dr. Reisner Calls Him One of the
Country's Bravest Men.

Shaved ice and flowers were on ex-
hibition on the platform of Grace Meth-
odist Episcopal Church, West 104th
Street, last night, when the pastor, the
Rev. Dr. Christian F. Reisner, preached
his annual snow sermon. Object les-
sons were drawn from both, but the
flowers were there principally to show
a contrast. They were distributed
among the congregation after the ser-
mon.

In his sermon Dr. Reisner referred
to former Governor Slaton of Georgia,
who commuted the sentence of Leo
Frank to life imprisonment.

"Governor Slaton has proved himself
one of the bravest men in America,"
he said. "It would have been much
easier to go to the cannon's mouth. He
knew the temper of the State well
enough to know that it meant political
death and the loss of countless friends.
His motives have been impugned, his
character assailed, and his life endan-
gered. We can all stand physical dan-
ger better than we can stand the scoffs
and abuse of the mob. The cool judg-
ment of the whole land knows that
the Governor did the right thing.

"America has been blessed with an-
other such a man in the person of
President Wilson. When the news
came that the Lusitania had been sunk
a very little fire would have kindled the
mob spirit like that which drove Italy
into the war. Had a hothead been in
Washington we would today have been
arrayed against Germany."