

# 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."