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ANNAPOLIS WINS.

Defeats West Point Cadets by Score of 10 to 0.

25,300 WITNESSED GAME

Game Replete With Brilliance from Start to Finish.

Fifth Victory for the Midshipmen in the History of Football Contests Between the Two Academies—Contest Fierce From Beginning to End. Teams Evenly Matched, but Failure of Cadets to Take Advantage of the Wind Apparently Lost Them the Game—All Departments of the Government and the Army and Navy Were Represented Among the Spectators.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—In a game replete with brilliancy the midshipmen from the Annapolis Naval Academy today on Franklin Field defeated the cadets from West Point in their annual football game by the score of 10 to 0, a goal from placement and a touch-down and goal. It was the fifth victory for the midshipmen in the history of football contests between the two fighting branches of the United States government, and the second time that the boys from the banks of the Hudson had failed to cross the goal line of the lads whose temporary homes are on the banks of the Severn river.

Probably not in the history of the two institutions has there been a more spectacular game than that which today electrified the 25,000 spectators and surely none was more uncertain as to the final outcome, until the line-man's whistle put an end to hostilities. The climax was most remarkable. For fully half an hour after the close of the contest the spectators sat almost motionless as the Annapolis lads deftly with joy, marched around Franklin Field, waving flags, casting hats, games, miniature megaphones and nearly everything they could lay their hands on, into the air. The contest was fierce from beginning to end. Yet there was no unnecessary roughness. The navy boys, handicapped by stiff wind in the opening half, played with remarkable fierceness. Nearly the entire of the first half they were forced to the utmost to prevent the West Point eleven from crossing the goal line. Time and again they were driven back to within a few feet of their goal but there the line would hold and Douglass would boot the ball out of immediate danger.

For the first thirty minutes the navy was on the defensive, but when the second half opened there was an entirely different proposition. The West Point eleven was pushed back yard by yard until the navy had the ball within striking distance of the army's goal. Beavers, for West Point, sent a high spiral from his ten yard mark to Spencer on the navy's forty yard line. Spencer, quickly grasping the situation heeled the catch entitling the navy to a free kick. The ball was within ten yards of the line from the south side of the field and at a remarkably low angle. But Northcroft was called upon to make the attempt for a score.

With eye riveted upon the goal posts and another on the ball, Northcroft gave the pigskin a terrible boost and the ball went as straight as an arrow between the posts. This was the signal for a tremendous outburst from the midshipmen. Scarcely had the jubilation of the Annapolis rooters ceased when there was cause for another explosion of ecstatic joy. The navy had on exchanges of punts, wore the ball well into the army's territory. With the third down and four yards to gain, Norton dropped back as though to try for a goal, but had been drawn close to the line, ostensibly to protect the kicker. But the instant that Singliff snapped the ball, Ingram was off like a shot. He grasped Norton's beautiful forward pass and dashed for the army's goal. One West Point man got within striking distance, but he was warded off and a touch-down was the result. Again the midshipmen went wild and never ceased their cries of victory until with parched throats and lost voices they danced their way to the special trains for Annapolis. The West Point cadets joined in the spirit of rivalry, but naturally. The two elevens were evenly matched, but the army failed to take advantage of the wind to such an appreciable extent in the opening half as did the navy eleven in the closing period.

The special side of the match, always a feature of the occasion, was as brilliant as the game itself, although

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED.

Funeral Services of Late Samuel B. Spencer Will Take Place at 2 p. m. Today—Many Telegrams of Sympathy and Regret at Mr. Spencer's Death Received by Family and Officials of Southern Railway.

Washington, December 1.—Arrangements practically have been completed for the obsequies of the late Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern railway. The funeral services will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at St. John's Episcopal church. They will be conducted by Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's. The body bearers were selected from among the negro porters of the Southern railway. All of them have been in the service of the system for many years and all of them were personally acquainted with President Spencer. Those selected are Peter Laws, Frank Palmer, Henry Wilson, Anthony Phillips, Benjamin Warrick Thomas Winters, George Jones and William Brown. Members of the general office force of the Southern railway will assemble at the offices in this city at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow to attend the funeral as a body.

The family of Mr. Spencer and the officials of the Southern railway have received a large number of telegrams of sympathy and regret at Mr. Spencer's death, voicing the universal appreciation in which he was held throughout the country among all classes of the people.

Among the senders were Ambassador McCormick, at Paris; A. J. Cassatt, Robert T. Lincoln, Stuyvesant Fish, R. C. Clowry, E. H. Harriman and Geo. J. Gould.

The messages were not confined to railroad officials but came from boards of trade, mayors and other prominent people from all sections.

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GATHERING IN WASHINGTON.

Indications are That There Will be a Full Attendance in Both Houses When Congress Convenes Tomorrow.

Washington, December 1.—The last few days have witnessed the arrival of an exceptionally large number of senators and members of the house of representatives and the indications are that when the final session of the 59th congress opens at noon next Monday there will be a full attendance in both houses. There has so far been very little opportunity for conference among leaders, but most of them agree that the session will be a very busy one. The house committee on appropriations has been at work for a week with the hope of having a supply bill ready for consideration at the beginning of the session and while it has become evident that it will not be entirely successful in that direction, there is no doubt that it will be able to report soon after convening, and that the house at least will soon be engaged with the real business of the session, which is the consideration of the appropriations for the next fiscal year.

The Polvogt Co. opens their toy department on Monday December 3rd.

GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS.

Gordon Dubose, Former President of Defunct Bank, Sentenced to Five Years' Imprisonment.

Birmingham, Ala., December 1.—The jury in the case of Gordon Dubose, former president of the defunct First National Bank of Ensley, charged with misappropriation and embezzlement of a national bank's funds, returned a verdict in the federal court today finding the defendant guilty on all counts of misapplication of funds but not guilty of all counts of abstraction and embezzlement. There were 172 counts in the indictment and the amount involved was about \$48,000 which sum it is alleged Dubose lost in cotton speculation.

Dubose made good the losses but the federal government prosecuted him for violation of the national banking laws.

Judge Jones sentenced Dubose to five years imprisonment, the minimum penalty.

CARS TO THE BEACH.

Today cars to the Beach every half hour from 1 to 5 p. m.

The absence of the president of the United States, the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy was regretted. It was the first time since the army and navy game has been played on Franklin Field that all three were missing from the annual contest of the cadets.

Despite their absence it seemed as though the capital of the nation had been transferred to Franklin Field. The president's family was represented by his sons and Miss Ethel Roosevelt. In the boxes ranged along two sides of the field were high officials of the various departments and officers of nearly every grade in the army and navy. The legislative and judicial branches of the government were also well represented.

Assistant Secretary of War Oliver occupied a seat in a box on the army side of the field.

Over on the north stand where the naval contingent cheered its heroes to victory the centre box was occupied by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry. Near him was Secretary of Commerce and Labor Metcalf.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES FOR ROBBING MAIL POUCHES

Situation Creates Uneasiness in England and France.

IN HANDS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Japan Confident the Japanese-California School Controversy Will be Adjusted Satisfactorily—French Newspapers see Cause for Alarm Owing to Sensational Statements That War Between Japan and the United States is Inevitable.

Washington, December 1.—Japan has every confidence that President Roosevelt will adjust the Japanese-California school controversy to the satisfaction of both nations. Feeling this confidence Japan has ceased to be agitated over the situation. The Japanese newspapers are emphatically moderate in all their notices of the affair and so far as the Japanese nation is concerned there is absolutely no reason for the revival of the newspaper notoriety in this country.

The Associated Press was today authorized to quote the Japanese embassy as above. It was further said that there was no new development in the situation of any character; that the matter was in the hands of President Roosevelt and his willingness and ability to act was entirely relied upon. Henry B. Miller, United States consul general at Yokohama, will be given an opportunity by the state department to affirm or deny a published interview in which he is quoted as saying that the Japanese are organizing their army and navy to fight the United States. A clipping of the alleged interview has been forwarded to Mr. Miller and the statement is made that if he denies it his denial will be accepted by the state department as conclusive.

London, December 1.—President Roosevelt's solution of the difficulty arising from the anti-Japanese rule of the San Francisco public schools is awaited with the greatest interest and some anxiety here. The London papers are being regaled with sensational statements made by recent arrivals on the Pacific coast from the Far East, suggesting the possibility of grave complications, even war. The forthcoming presidential message to congress, therefore, is watched for with even greater interest than usual.

Paris, December 1.—Great interest is manifested here in the situation growing out of the exclusion of Japanese children from the public schools of San Francisco. Some of the French newspapers take an alarming view of the affair, owing to sensational statements cabled that a clash between Japan and the United States is inevitable. The Japanese legation today issued a reassuring note declaring that the paroxysm of popular anger represented as raging in Japan was greatly exaggerated.

The Carl B. Rehder Candy Co's retail department is now offering good fresh candies, at inviting prices.

BURNED BY A MOB.

Masked Men Set Fire to Tobacco Stemmery in Princeton, Ky.—Disarmed Town Marshal, and Took Charge of Police Station and Waterworks—Believed to Have Been the Act of Tobacco Raisers.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1.—A special from Princeton, Ky., says:

The tobacco stemmery of the John Steger and John G. Orr, the latter controlled by the Imperial Tobacco Company of New York, were destroyed early today by a fire which was kindled by a mob of masked men. The loss is estimated at \$170,000.

The mob, which numbered about 300 men, entered Princeton, seized the night town marshal and disarmed him. They went to the taverns and quickly applied the torch. The masked men stood on guard, permitting nobody to come near until the buildings were enveloped in flames and help was useless. They then left the town, going in the direction of Hopkinsville, discharging rifles and revolvers as they departed.

The seeger factory is controlled by the American Snuff Company and Mr. Steger is the principal owner. The mob, in addition to disarming the night policeman, took charge of the police station and the water works. Even had the fire company responded, they would have been unable to obtain a supply of water. The work of the mob is believed to be only a furtherance of the agitation by the tobacco raisers against the so-called "Tobacco Trust." The organization of farmers is known as the "Dark Tobacco Growers Protective Association," but it is not known that any member of that organization was in last night's mob.

Rain coats, cloaks, for neck pieces, and muffs to match at Rehder's.

Sentenced to Hang. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—William Johnson, a negro, was found guilty today of assault last summer upon Mrs. Georgia Hembree, a white woman. He was sentenced to hang January 1.

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Louis D. Jones Arrested by U. S. Deputy Marshal.

PRISONER MADE CONFESSION.

Charged With Robbing Mail Pouches, Registered Packages and Other Parcels—Committed to Jail in Default of \$3,000 Bond—Accused is Son of the Late Reuben Jones, Merchant, Hotel and Restaurant Keeper.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., December 1.—This morning Deputy United States Marshal Colvin arrested at Lumber Bridge Louis D. Jones, charged with the robbery of mail pouches, registered parcels and other packages of watches, jewelry, silver ware and other merchandise. Jones was in the service of the postoffice department, transferring the mails from train to train at the passenger station in this city. He left here last Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving at Wakulla, stating that he would return that night, but instead of appearing in person he sent in his resignation yesterday. He was tried before United States Commissioner Judge Sutton this afternoon. The commissioner read over to him Postoffice Inspector Buck's testimony and at the close Jones made a full voluntary confession of the robberies. It was reported just after his arrest that Jones had confessed taking the package of \$3,000 in transit from Marion to the Fayetteville Southern Life Insurance Company some weeks ago, but this was untrue and that was not brought up before Judge Sutton. The accused was committed to jail in default of a \$3,000 bond to stand trial at next term of federal court. Jones is the son of the late Reuben Jones, merchant and restaurant and hotel keeper. He is a married man but is separated from his wife. A great pile of all sorts of articles taken from the mails was found in his trunk and bureau drawers at his boarding house, the Cape Fear Inn.

Toyland—You'll get your toys right if you buy them at Rehder's.

WAKE COUNTY COTTON GROWERS

Plan Proposed for Protecting Ginniers' Reports—Vote for Superior Court Judges.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—At the afternoon session of Wake Cotton growers, a plan was proposed for protecting ginniers' reports, by requiring by law that these be given on the first and fifteenth of each month to the state commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner to keep them a total secret until 10 o'clock on a certain day, then to wire it to the secretary of agriculture. This plan will be laid before the state association at its January meeting here.

Returns of vote for superior court judges as announced by State election board: First district, Ward 123,477; third district, Guion 123,632, Duncan 70,717; fifth district, Oliver Allen 123,093; Loften 76,735; seventh district, O. Lynn 123,088, Lewis 76,627; ninth district, Biggs 123,340, Merritt 76,527; twelfth district Webb 122,702, Spence 76,442.

Rev. Livingston Johnston, secretary of the State Baptist Mission board reports state convention out of debt. The amount of money raised for all purposes considerably exceeded all previous records. No figures are to be made public until the convention meets.

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TO BUY COTTON LAND.

Representatives of English Cotton Spinners Have Decided to Purchase Land in Louisiana and Mississippi.

New Orleans, December 1.—It was announced today by Colonel F. M. Welch, in charge of the Gould system immigration bureau in this city that the representatives of the Lancashire and Manchester cotton spinners association who have just completed a tour of the cotton belt have practically decided to purchase a 5,000 acre tract of cotton land each in Louisiana and Mississippi with a view to raising and shipping cotton to their mills from the farms to the spinners. The English believe they can eliminate the "middle men" and land cotton at their mills much cheaper than at present. While the spinners agents are fully authorized to close deals for lands they decided to wait until after their return to England before making permanent arrangements.

Arrested on Charge of Embezzlement. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 1.—J. E. Hutchinson, former secretary-treasurer of the Delta Cotton Company, today was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. Hutchinson several weeks ago admitted to the police and friends that he was \$70,000 short in his accounts. He attempted to kill himself by cutting his throat with a razor. He recovered and today the warrants were served.

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FATAL RESULT OF COLLISION.

Four Persons Killed and Twelve Seriously Injured—Wreckage Caught Fire and Was Entirely Consumed.

Vergennes, Vt., Dec. 1.—Disaster fell to the passengers of a train on the Rutland railroad, near this station today, moving slowly on a down grade, crashed into it from the rear. Three women passengers were either killed outright or burned to death in the fire which followed, a fourth has since died of her injuries and at least 12 persons were seriously injured. Among the latter were members of the Drury Opera company, of New York, an organization of colored musicians. The passenger consisted of two coaches and a caboose, and both the coaches went over the edge of a steep embankment. The entire wreckage was in flames, but the injured were saved through the heroic efforts of the trainmen, the fire department of Vergennes and others from the town who hurried to the scene.

The wreckage was entirely consumed. A number of those hurt were taken to Burlington on a special train.

For toys and fancy goods go to Rehder's, the largest assortment and the lowest priced house in the city.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBED.

Messenger Thrown From Train and Severely Hurt—Amount Stolen Not Yet Ascertained.

Red Water, Tex., Dec. 1.—The express car attached to a westbound train of the St. Louis and Southwestern railroad (Cotton Belt) was robbed tonight and Express Messenger W. A. Grissip was thrown from the moving train after being beaten and wounded by the robbers. The robbery occurred about a mile west of Red Water, but was not discovered until the train had reached Elyau. The express messenger was found lying beside the track severely hurt. The robbers escaped. The amount stolen is not yet known. Officers are after the robbers.

When the train reached Elyau, Conductor Blair saw that the door of the express car had been forced and on entering found the car spattered with blood, the messenger missing and the car bearing every appearance of having been looted.

Oyster Roasts at 1203 North 4th street. Open Sundays.

THE MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

Arbitrators, Will Prepare and File Briefs With Judge Gray.

Washington, November 1.—Presentation of the case of the International Association of Machinists in its controversy with the Southern railway was made today to the umpire, Judge Geo. Gray. The statement was presented to him in Wilmington, Del., by D. J. Conlon, the arbitrator for the International Association of Machinists. Yesterday a copy of the statement was presented to Alfred P. Thom, general counsel of the Southern railway, who represents that company as arbitrator. The arbitrators will prepare their briefs and file them with Judge Gray who will render a final decision in the case by January 15.

Christmas presents for everybody at Rehder's.

Annual Production of Gold. Washington, Dec. 1.—The bureau of the mint and geological survey which are operating in the work of determining the annual production of gold and silver in the United States, have agreed upon the following statement of the output for the calendar year 1905:

Gold \$38,182,000; silver \$56,101,600 fine ounces. The total number of ounces of gold produced was 4,265,742 an dthe commercial value of the silver produced was \$34,221,976.

Black and white elbow length kid gloves at Rehder's.

One Killed and Two Seriously Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—Fast Baltimore and Ohio train number 10, bound from Cleveland, Ohio, to New York, ran into an open switch at Gully of Pittsburg tonight, killing the engineer, Harry Sheppard, and seriously injuring Charles Denney, the fireman, and F. S. Farmers, the baggage master.

Several of the passengers were slightly bruised by being thrown from their seats, but were not seriously hurt.

According to the railroad officials the wreck was caused by some one who wanted to wreck the train throwing the switch open.

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Found Dead With Bullet in Heart.

Del Rio, Texas, December 1.—G. R. Cauthorn, one of the most prominent sheep men in this section, was found dead in his buggy today three miles from Del Rio, with a bullet in his heart.

This is the second murder within two days and the entire community is greatly excited. Several mobs are working independently of the rangers who have been called out. Blood-hounds are also being used.

Lady Bank Clerk Wanted.

The Southern National Bank desires to employ a young lady to do general clerical work. Preference given a stenographer owning a typewriter and having some knowledge of bookkeeping. C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

OPERATOR'S STORY

The Missing Man Has Been Located.

STATEMENT BY BROTHER

He Made Ineffectual Attempts to Notify Operator at Lawyers.

Mattox had Been Within Mile of the Rangoon Office Ever Since the Wreck—He Did not Run Away After the Accident—Does not Feel that He is to Blame in the Matter and Made no Attempt to Avoid Arrest—Local Officers of the Southern Were Notified Where He Could be Found.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 1.—Telegraph Operator G. D. Mattox who was in charge of the block telegraph office at Rangoon on the Southern railway, and who is charged by officials of the railway with being responsible for the frightful accident has been located at his boarding house within a mile of the Rangoon office, where he declares he has been since the accident, except for a short time.

Today L. D. Mattox (correct) a brother of the operator, who is a traveling salesman, seeing reports that the Southern detectives had been scouring the country for the operator, as contained in statement given out by the company, went to Campbell county to interview his brother. Tonight he returned to Lynchburg and gave out the following statement:

"My brother was on duty at Rangoon on the night of the 28th. He can prove that he did not go to sleep and that he did not leave the office two minutes. When train number 33 approached he let it in the block between Rangoon and Lawyers. He let it into the block under instructions and he can prove by witnesses that he tried three times to get the operator at Lawyers, in order to notify him of the approach of number 33. He could not however get a response from the Lawyers operator. He has a card to show that he got the block for number 37. The day operator can prove that he found him on duty when he reported at 7 o'clock to relieve him. He did not run away after the accident. He does not feel he is to blame in this matter and he has made no effort to avoid arrest."

Mattox declared that his brother left his boarding house only once since the wreck when he went out for a drive. He was practically prostrated by the wreck and was so depressed that his friends thought a drive would do him good. He returned to the boarding house after this drive and has been there since. He did not know that any officers of the law had been searching for him.

Today L. D. Mattox was informed that some of the detectives of the Baldwin Agency were looking for his brother, the operator and he went to police headquarters, where he learned that no request had been made for the arrest of his brother. Local officials of the Southern were also notified where the operator could be found and that he had never been a mile from the telegraph office. He is ready to give himself up at any time.

See the dolls at Polvogt's toy opening tomorrow.

CONDITION IS SERIOUS.

Engineer James Blissett was Terribly Burned in Recent Wreck of A Logging Train.

The latest advices received by relatives of Mr. James Blissett, who was terribly burned in the wreck of a logging train at the camp of the Rowland Lumber Company, on Wednesday last, are not so very encouraging, though the physicians state that several days must pass before they can feel confident enough to say what the outcome will be.

Mr. Blissett is now in a lumber camp a few miles south of Clinton and physicians from the latter place are in attendance. Time his condition justifies it, he will be brought to Wilmington. As a result of the wreck, and overturning of the engine, which was caused by the placing of a cross tie on the track, the injured man, who was engineer of the train, was horribly burned, his entire right side being affected.

Mr. Blissett came to this state from Iowa, where his father lived. He has been a resident in Wilmington and this section for many years, and has many friends who will wish him a speedy recovery.

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