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## SUMMARY DISMISSAL FOR TWO MIDSHIPMEN

### Recommendation of Superintendent Sands in Hazing Case

### INVESTIGATION IS VERY SEARCHING

Treasurer Coffin, Jr., and Warren A. Vandever are the two Midshipmen who were dismissed from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, upon the hazing of Midshipman Jerome P. Kimbrough.

The superintendent recommends the summary dismissal of Midshipman Warren A. Vandever, of the third class, Coffin, Jr., of the second class, for hazing and Vandever for failing to report it.

Dead Illegally With Hazing. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 14.—A searching investigation into the hazing of Midshipman Kimbrough and Coffin of the third class until they failed from exhaustion is being made by the Naval Academy authorities.

Commander T. P. Magruder, aide to superintendent Sands, said today that the investigation had been placed officially in the hands of the board of inquiry, of which Lieutenant Commander E. H. Borell is senior member, and that this board would thoroughly investigate everything connected with hazing and would then report the result to the superintendent. Commander Magruder said further that it was the intention of the authorities here to investigate the matter to the fullest extent and to deal drastically with it.

A full determination to stamp out the custom, which is branded as a disgrace to the academy.

The seeming determination is not only to investigate the cases of Kimbrough and Coffin, but to go to the bottom of hazing at the academy. The opinion is expressed officially that the investigation may last for two or three weeks.

The board of inquiry was in session today and witnesses were summoned. One of these before the body this morning was Midshipman Coffin.

Both Midshipman Kimbrough and Midshipman Cooper, who are patients at the academy hospital, are reported as improving.

Dr. W. G. Vandever, of Mount Holy, N. J., father of Midshipman Warren A. Vandever, whose dismissal from the Naval Academy has been recommended by Superintendent Sands for his alleged failure to report the condition of Midshipman Kimbrough after he had been hazed, arrived here today and had a lengthy interview with the superintendent, during which he earnestly protested against the dismissal of his son. After the interview Dr. Vandever left for Washington to present a protest, as he said, to Secretary Bonaparte.

Midshipman Cooper Paralyzed. Midshipman Henry G. Cooper, Jr., of Oxford, N. C., whose right side and vocal organs became suddenly paralyzed in the class room yesterday, is in the academy hospital under treatment.

He persists in the statement that he was not hazed, but the academy authorities are investigating the case. So far no evidence has been adduced to show that Cooper was hazed.

Kimbrough from a Censured. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 14.—J. C. Kimbrough is a native of Germantown, Tenn., and was appointed to the Naval Academy by Representative M. R. Patterson of the Tenth Tennessee District. Relations say that recent letters from young Kimbrough tell of some of his experiences at Annapolis.

One letter reveals that a broomstick was dressed in female apparel, and that the young man was forced to "make love" to the dummy.

New Cabinet Meets. (By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 14.—The Campbell-Bannerman cabinet held its first meeting at Downing Street at noon today to discuss the immediate program of the government and particularly to fix a date in January for the dissolution of parliament preparatory to a general election. There is reason to believe that January 8 was the date selected.

## COAL MINERS IN CONVENTION

### The Most Important Meeting Since 1900

### WANT A CONFERENCE

### Report Recommendations that Changes for Icing Should be Put on Same Basis as All Other Freight Charges as Far as Possible—Rebate Law Revoked by Various Dealers.

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On the subject of the shipment of perishable commodities and refrigeration charges, the commission holds the view that the proper basis of such commodities is as essential as the hauling of the car. The business of refrigeration, they say, has fallen into the hands of two or three companies, of which the Armour Car Line is the principal.

The charges in some cases at least are declared to be exorbitant and not uniformly exacted. It is not recommended at this time that the carriers should be prohibited from using private cars or from employing the owners of such cars to perform the icing service if they find that course to their advantage, but the commission does recommend that these charges should be put on the same basis as all other freight charges, so far as they can be.

The commission says it is forced to modify its hopeful expectations regarding the granting of rebates, not only because "various devices for evading the law have been brought into use, but the actual payment of rebates as such has been here and there resumed."

This situation, the commission declares, indicates that this type of evils has by no means disappeared, and that it is liable to increase unless effectively restrained.

Reports covering about 99 per cent. of the total, the commission says, show an operating mileage of 214,477 miles of railroad. The gross earnings of the railroads for the year ended September 30, 1900, were \$1,145,636,422 in the form of income from investments and declared dividends to the amount of \$196,080,227.

## TEN THOUSAND VICTIMS

### Refugees Tell of Butchery at Odessa

Police, Cossacks and Rabble Against Both Jews and Christians—Fury Not Directed Wholly Against Jews—Ten Thousand Killed in a Week Gunboats Fired on City.

(By the Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Forty-three Russian refugees were brought here today by the Cunard Line steamer Ivernia, which arrived from Liverpool. Among them were included men, women and children and they came from Riga, Vilna, Kioff, Odessa and Kovno. All had escaped by various methods after having fled from their homes on account of disturbances there.

Two men—Ephraim Grolstascher, a butcher, and Joseph Dubovsky, a wood carver—both of Odessa, seemed to be leaders of the refugees. They had left that city at the time of the disturbances attending the promulgation of the Emperor's manifesto in October.

They described the scenes at Odessa as those of a general butchery in which police, Cossacks and a rabble participated on the one hand, and Jews and Christians who were called upon to defend themselves, on the other.

The fury of the mob did not seem to be directed wholly against the Jews, but many of that faith became victims, while Christians and students, who, in many cases, were neighbors and friends of the Jews, assisted in defending them and were killed. The refugees estimate that the victims numbered ten thousand during the week following the Tuesday nearest our November 1.

TO BE HANGED ON SATURDAY. (Special to The Evening Times.) Williamston, N. C., Dec. 14.—Superior Court is in session here, Judge C. M. Cook presiding, he having exchanged seats with Judge Webb. The three district presidents the power not only to enter into negotiations, but to make terms for the miners for a short term. There are only 490 delegates present. It was stated before the convention met that nearly 800 delegates would attend.

After the appointments of the resolutions and wage scale committees the convention adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

## REBATES ARE STILL GRANTED

### Annual Report of Interstate Commission

### CHARGES FOR ICING

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## WILD'S FEARFUL AIRSHIP FLIGHT

### Saved from Horrible Death Three Times

### HE SOARED 2,500 FEET

### Twice His Fingers, Numbled by Cold, Slipped from Grasp and He Caught With His Heels—Propeller Stopped and He Climbed the Gas Bag and Released Valve.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 14.—With the daring of a man who faces death, Horace B. Wild, an electrician of Chicago, yesterday for the first time in his life made a flight in an airship. He soared to a height of 2,500 feet above the ground.

After a series of thrilling experiences he returned to the earth safely three miles from the place where he started on his trip in a machine which never had been tested before.

His flight was over Grand Crossing, and was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

The trip through the air at the height of half a mile was made under difficulties Wild's greatest trouble is the danger of losing his hold on the machine on account of the cold. Twice his numb fingers slipped from their grasp of the frame of the ship, and twice he caught himself by hooking his heels into a groove in the cross beams.

The trip was made after several attempts, covering a period of three weeks. When the big air ship sailed away the crowds cheered and Wild waved his hand gleefully.

## BIG FIRE IN BROOKLYN

### Spectacular Blaze Caused Loss of \$250,000

### Tower that Wood Four Stories High Crashed Through Three Floors of Business Building and Buried a Safe Containing \$25,000 in Cash, Art Treasures Destroyed.

### (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Five stories today destroyed the four-story brick business building at the corner of Fulton street and Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn, the property of State Senator Charles Cooper, entailing a loss of \$250,000 on the building and an additional loss to tenants of about \$100,000.

The fire started in the cellar of one of the stores of the building from a cause that has not been ascertained. A most spectacular feature was presented when a tower which stood four stories high from the street had its supports burned away and went crashing through three floors, sending up a burst of sparks and glowing embers and adding fresh fuel to the flames below.

The tower fell into the office of the Brooklyn Trust Company, burying a safe which contained \$25,000 in cash, which is thought by the trust company officials to be unharmed by the excessive heat.

On the second floor of the building Senator Cooper had a store room, in which he had many valuable paintings, pieces of bric-a-brac and other art treasures. These suffered from the flames and today the Senator estimated his loss on these at \$50,000.

Other tenants who sustained losses were the Prudential and John Hancock life insurance companies, the American Harness Company and the London Harness Company. The fire was under control shortly after daylight.

## MRS. TAGGART FLED WITH CHILDREN

### (By the Associated Press.)

Columbus, O., Dec. 14.—Mrs. S. Wertz, of Wooster, Ohio, Taggart's consort, arrived in Columbus today to confer with his clerk.

"Mrs. Taggart fled with her children," Mr. Wertz said, "and she is in contempt of court. When we get ready to go after the children, however, we will have no trouble in locating them and securing their return."

Concerning the disappearance his wife had fled from Wooster with their two children, Captain Taggart said today: "I cannot believe it. If she is, I shall insist upon the rights which I have granted me in the trial of the divorce case at Wooster. The whole matter is in the hands of my attorney, Mr. Wertz, and he will undoubtedly go after the children if they are missing."

## DROWNED SLEEPING

### Four at Least Went Down in Monongahela

Passenger Steamer Rose Hite Collided With Tow Boat on the Monongahela River—Fourteen Passengers Were Saved—Steamer Sank in Fourteen Feet.

(By the Associated Press.) Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—Four persons were drowned in the Monongahela River today as the result of the passenger steamer Rose Hite colliding with the tow boat John F. Klein, and sinking in fourteen feet of water.

All the dead were employed on the steamer as deck hands, and were drowned while they slept. The boat carried 14 passengers, but all were gotten to shore safely.

The dead: Samuel Bender, a white man, from Williamsport.

Three unknown negroes.

A search for the bodies is being made, and it is feared others were lost.

## STATE CIVIL SERVICE REPORT

### Meeting of the National League in Milwaukee

### PROGRESS IN THE WEST

### (By the Associated Press.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 14.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League opened in Milwaukee today. Much regret is expressed at the absence of Secretary of the Navy Charles A. Bonaparte, who was to have been the chief speaker of the convention. It is said to have been the first time since the league was organized—25 years ago—that Mr. Bonaparte has not been present at the annual gathering.

The convention opened this forenoon with a meeting of the council, which was followed by a luncheon to the members of the council at the residence of John A. Butler, Wisconsin member of the league's executive committee.

## OLDEST WEST POINTER DEAD

(By the Associated Press.) Newark, N. J., Dec. 14.—General Herman Haupt, a veteran of the Civil War and a notable railroad man and engineer, the oldest graduate of West Point, died suddenly this morning on a Pennsylvania Railroad train between Jersey City and Newark. He was stricken with heart disease while conversing with his son, Louis M. Haupt, who was formerly a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

## CANAL BOND BILL PASSED

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 14.—The Senate bill reported by Senator Aldrich giving the canal bonds the same privileges as other bonds, passed the Senate without debate.

The bill has the effect of giving the 2 per cent. canal bonds the same privileges and rights accorded to other 2 per cent. bonds.

On Endurance Run. (By the Associated Press.) Rockland, Me., Dec. 14.—The battleship Louisiana started on her four hours endurance run today on a straight course from Monhegan Island toward Boston. The officials did not expect that on an endurance run she would come up to the maximum speed of 18.424 knots an hour, attained during the standardization test yesterday, but they were quite certain that she would exceed her contract speed of 18 knots. The sea was very smooth and there was little wind.

At the conclusion of the run today the battleship will continue on to Newport News, where the work of preparing her for delivery to the government will be completed.

### The Aragon Arrives.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The steamer Aragon, driven ashore in the storm of December 9, seventeen miles north of Bodley Island on the North Carolina coast, and floated at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Norfolk wrecking steamer Rescue, arrived here at 5 o'clock this morning in tow of the Rescue, and divers were today engaged in examining her bottom to ascertain what leaks if any the vessel has. The Aragon, as soon as the necessary temporary repairs are made, will be towed to New York.

### Refugees from Riga.

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—The Swedish steamer Drottning Sophia returned here today from Riga with Swedish refugees. She arrived at Riga December 8. Her commander reports that during the vessel's stay in port there were no disturbances at Riga, but that absolute anarchy prevailed in the country districts.

### Sharp Was Their Author.

London, Dec. 14.—The death is announced from Stelly of William Sharp, the author.

## DRUGGIST FINED \$150

### Hornady, the Fratricide, Gets Two Years—Mathews Case in February.

### (By the Associated Press.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—In the Superior Court Judge Ward fined Thomas McIlhenry, a druggist, \$150 for selling medicated malt. It had not been considered a violation of the prohibition law.

Roscoe Hornady, who killed his brother three weeks ago, plead guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. The widow of the deceased brother testified that they were devoted to each other, inseparable companions, and had never quarreled before; that he laid by his dead side and cried all night and was giving himself nearly to death in jail, and she wanted him turned out. Defendant testified that he had a great habit of using his knife to whittle, or to pick his teeth, nearly all the time he was not at work, bearing out his assertion that he never thought about having the knife open when he struck back.

Solletor Brooks stated that he had been unable to get a single witness to aid the State, all saying that they believed the killing entirely unintentional.

A true bill has not yet been returned against Dr. Mathews, accused of wife murder. It having been agreed to continue the case until the February term, the grand jury has been kept busy examining witnesses on cases waiting for trial. During the three days 60 defendants have been tried or sentenced, about 40 going to the roads.

## MR. TOMPKINS AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 14.—Tomorrow night Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, will lecture before the students and faculty of Trinity College and the Trinity Park High School. His subject will be "Education in Practical Work."

The citizens of the city are invited and many will attend. On account of this lecture the inter-society debate between the Columbian and Hesperian Societies of the college has been postponed until Saturday night.

## LAST NIGHT ALL THE BALANCE

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