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DOORS OPEN TO THE JUNIORS

Their Class Committee Write to Them to Make Application.

THEY ACTED UNDER A MISAPPREHENSION

The Faculty Cannot Now Deal With the Class as a Body, But Will Welcome Them as Individuals on Proper Application.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)
BLACKSBURG, VA., December 15.—A letter sent by the faculty of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to parents of the members of the junior class, who have left the Institute, giving the action taken in their sons' cases, gives the first official statement issued by the faculty. It is as follows:

"On the evening of Friday, December 9th, a member of the junior class was dismissed by the faculty for being one of the party engaged in hanging in effigy the commandant of cadets on the campus on the afternoon of December 7th. One of the party had been dropped from our roll the day before for an excessive number of demerits. Early the next morning without any attempt to get at the true facts, the class met and adopted the following ultimatum to the faculty: 'The faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute: We, the undersigned, junior class of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, hereby draw up resolutions as follows: Resolved, That after a proper hearing of the committee appointed by the class to represent Mr. Coulter's case, if then he is not reinstated unconditionally by 4:30 Sunday evening, December 12, 1904, the junior class, as a whole, will sever our connection with the Institute.'

"Among the signatures attached is your son's name.

"A committee from the class waited upon the president of the Institute Saturday afternoon. They stated that they came for information, their grievance being, first, that their classmate had not had a fair trial, and second, that the punishment was excessive. After an explanation from the president on the first point, they declared that it was satisfactory, and that they were willing to admit he had received a fair trial. As to the second, the president explained the large views the faculty had been obliged to hold in regard to the seriousness of such an act of insubordination, as the hanging in effigy of the head of the military department, the commanding officer of the battalion of cadets, and the impossibility of treating it as a joke. The acceptance of such an excuse would, they held, throw the doors wide open to every species of disorder.

Coulter Accessory.

"The committee, to avoid the view met, contended that Mr. Coulter had been punished as a principal, not as an accessory, as he really was. The reply of the president was that, from the evidence before the faculty, there was nothing to indicate the ring leaders or accessories. The committee declared there were ring leaders, and that they could produce them. The president remarked that he would gladly welcome such an evidence of high college spirit, and if it could be clearly established from them that they were the real authors of the act, the usual legal practice of punishing the ring leaders of a mob or riot, more severely than the followers, would in his opinion have large weight with the faculty, as it would certainly with him, and would properly mitigate the action taken in Mr. Coulter's case.



R. B. TINSLEY,
President of the V. P. I. Junior Class
of 1904.

THOUGH RUINED, STILL HAS FAITH

Beckwith Tells Mrs. Chadwick He Is Not Yet Sure She Is a Fraud.

DRAMATIC MEETING IN CELL

Woman Engages Counsel Who Says She Never Tells Same Story.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, O., December 15.—Mrs. Chadwick's first day in the county jail was a busy one for her. She received several visits from her attorneys, held long conferences with them, conversed with newspaper men and for fifteen minutes stood face to face with President Beckwith, of the Oberlin Bank, who has come to such great trouble through his financial transactions with her.

Dramatic Meeting.

The meeting was dramatic. The aged banker, who had been for hours before the county grand jury, went to the office of Sheriff Barry this afternoon and asked if he might see Mrs. Chadwick. The sheriff readily consented, and Mrs. Chadwick was eager to meet him. Accompanied by Mrs. Beckwith, who owing to her husband's ill health is always by his side, the aged banker made his way slowly and feebly up the long flights of iron stairs leading to Mrs. Chadwick's cell. She met him at the entrance of the corridor and shook hands with him cordially. After some general conversation Mr. Beckwith referred to their business relations by saying:

"Mrs. Chadwick, you have ruined me, but I'm not so sure yet you are a fraud. I have stood by you to my last dollar, and I do think now that the time has come for you to make known everything in relation to this thing."

Beckwith's voice betrayed deep emotion as he spoke, and he leaned heavily on the arm of his wife, who was almost compelled to support him, so great was his physical weakness. Mrs. Chadwick did not reply directly to the words of Mr. Beckwith, but her manner and the look on her face were not conciliatory. Seeing that she would not answer Beckwith went on:

GREENE LANDS ON TRAIL OF LAWSON

Fire-Eating Westerner Reaches Boston and Registers at Hotel.

STATE STREET MAY HAVE DUEL TO-DAY

Reported That H. H. Rogers, Rockefeller and Others Are Preparing to Bring Suit Against "Frenzied Financier"—Latter Still Defiant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Colonel "Bill" Greene, the fire-eating president of the mining company which bears his name, arrived in town early this evening and registered at the Touraine. His presence was quickly ascertained by the newspaper men and he was besieged by would-be interviewers. But he received no callers. He sent back all cards, inasmuch as the Colonel has proclaimed his intention publicly to face Mr. Lawson and call him a liar, etc., etc., and inasmuch as Mr. Lawson has declared himself ready for "peace or war," State Street is likely tomorrow to be the scene of great excitement and there may be a duel.

May Bring Suit

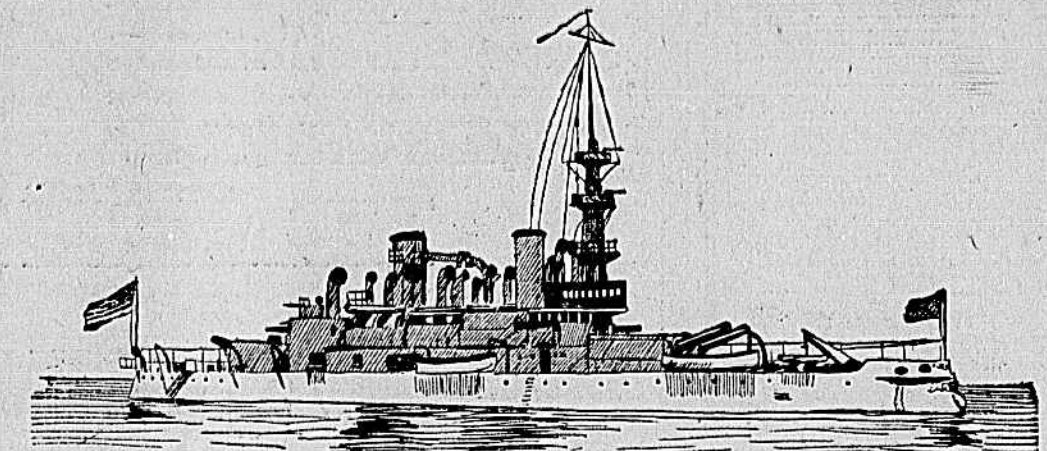
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Wall Street, waiting on the tip toe of expectancy for a meeting and a fight between those two redoubtable antagonists, Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, and Colonel W. C. Greene, head and front of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, has suffered a heart-breaking disappointment. Wall Street has, however, new matter of interest in the report, which appears to be based on excellent authority, that Mr. H. H. Rogers, on his own behalf, no less than on that of John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil interest, is ready to take civil or criminal proceedings against Mr. Lawson for spreading by his articles on "Frenzied Finance" false reports calculated to depreciate stock and thus serve his own purpose of profit. Mr. Lawson in reply to this has telegraphed that he is ready to place himself in the jurisdiction of the New York courts and to pay the expense of any such legal proceedings, because he is prepared to demonstrate the truth of his assertions.

Lawson a Stock Jobber

In reference to this report, Colonel Greene said: "I want to say at once that neither Mr. H. H. Rogers nor the Standard Oil interest ever owned directly or indirectly one share of the stock of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company. The whole basis of these attacks by Mr. Lawson is simply stock jobbing. He has succeeded in so far that we were 800,000 shares short. See here," said Colonel Greene, producing a list, "I have within the last two days paid \$4,438,326.17 to cover the break and this my own money."

FATHER OF PUPIL SHOT BY PRINCIPAL

(By Associated Press.)
MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 15.—A special from Saratoga, Miss., says: E. E. Mangum, a prominent citizen of Magee, was shot and killed by professor J. E. Woodward, principal of the High School, today. A son of Mangum was whipped by Woodward, and subsequently Mangum met and knocked Woodward down.



THE BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS,
On Which Three Men Lost Their Lives and Several Were Badly Hurt Yesterday.

NEMESIS SEEKS ERRING TEXANS

Two Soldiers at Manassas Encampment to Face Serious Charges.

PRIVATES DREW BIG PAY

Represented Themselves as Captain and Lieutenant—Royal Jag Followed.

Many escapades of militiamen from other States were reported at the time of the Manassas maneuvers last September, and much was printed in the papers of the larks of the citizen-soldiers on their way home on trains. It is reported now that some offenses of a more serious nature occurred in connection with the Manassas encampment, which may result in criminal proceedings in the Federal courts.

In fact, it is said that subpoenas have been issued for witnesses to appear before the grand jury of the United States District Court at the term which begins at Alexandria early in January, to testify as to certain alleged violations of the laws there in providing for the encampment. The Congress gave jurisdiction by special statute to the Federal courts over both the regular troops and the national guardsmen, or volunteers, and it is under this statute that it is proposed to investigate certain irregularities and prosecute the offenders if the investigation shall develop the commission of the offenses alleged. Specifically, it is reported that the action of two privates in a Texas infantry company, in representing themselves to be commissioned officers and signing pay warrants and drawing the pay of such officers, is one of the matters to be inquired into by the grand jury. The names of the two men are not made public, inasmuch as no arrest has been made, and it might defeat the ends of justice to give premature publicity to these.

As the story goes, the two young Texans represented themselves to be captain and lieutenant of a company, and drew pay as such by signing warrants and having them cashed. After getting the goods, the pair then proceeded to enjoy a royal military jag.

It is understood that subpoenas have been sent to the proper officer at San Antonio, Texas, and they will be served upon the alleged culprits.

WANT FEDERATION TO END MILL STRIKE

FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 15.—There was a persistent rumor among iron mill strikers in this city to-night that strong pressure would be brought to bear on the officials of the Civic Federation, to arrest the federation in and end, if possible, the cotton mill strike here, which has thrown out of employment 25,000 operatives in Fall River mills. It is known that several officers of the different unions affected by the strike have gone to New York.

GIRL FIGHTS FOR BODY OF HUSBAND

The Pitiful Appeal of Young Wife Disregarded and Train Leaves Carrying Corpse.

MOTHER TOOK MONEY LEFT

Young Man Expressed Dying Wish That It Be Given to His Widow.

Pitiful Appeal

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 15.—In Broad Street Station this morning the crowds witnessed a pathetic struggle on the part of a young widow to prevent the body of her husband, Eteco P. Colona, an engineer, formerly employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad from being shipped to Virginia.

The dead man's mother, a physician, and several porters employed by an undertaker had escorted the body to the station and were placing it aboard a train when Mrs. Colona appeared in the station. She was very much excited, and asked to be directed to the train. She had no ticket, and when the guard attempted to stop her, she brushed him aside, crying out: "They are taking my husband away; I must stop them. You can't take him away; he is mine; I will care for him," cried Mrs. Colona, as she forced herself between the trucks and the car.

The time was short and one of the undertaker's assistants appealed to the trainmaster. He showed an order for the removal of the body to New Church, Va., signed by the boy's mother, and the body was hoisted to the baggage car. Crying bitterly at times, her grief becoming almost hysterical, Mrs. Colona waited until the train pulled out, keeping her position until the last car was out of sight.

Trouble Over Money.

Colona lived with his wife at No. 340 South Sixth Street. They were married in August last. The girl was an orphan. Two weeks ago Colona went to the Presbyterian Hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis. His mother came to this city from Virginia and went to live with her sister, Mrs. Gorman, with whom the young pair lived.

"I think the whole trouble was over money matters," said Mrs. Gorman to-night. "When my nephew died he had \$500 coming to him from a relief fund. It was his dying wish that the money should be left to his wife. She is in a delicate condition, and without funds or friends she knew it. The benefit was made out in his mother's name, however, and she wanted the money."

UGLY SPOTS OF A CITY REMOVED

Mr. J. Horace McFarland Tells How Harrisburg Was Greatly Beautified.

WOMEN DO THEIR SHARE

Are Always Prominent in Efforts to Improve Their Home City.

Mr. J. Horace McFarland, president of the National Civic Improvement League and an influential citizen of Harrisburg, Pa., last night delivered an illustrated address to an appreciative audience in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce. He spoke chiefly of the work of the Civic Improvement League of the city of Harrisburg in the international improvement and beautification of the Pennsylvania capital and of the campaign for the remedy of many evils in that city. The weather was very unfavorable, a heavy snow-storm prevailing, but the assembly room was fairly well filled with an audience of representative citizens, and even some patriotic ladies ventured out.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph Wallerstein, chairman of the "committee of fifteen," recently chosen by the Travelers' Protective Association, the Civic Improvement League and the Chamber of Commerce, presided, and made a preliminary talk before presenting the speaker. Mr. Wallerstein stated that the purpose of this union of these three bodies was primarily to prevent the decaying of Richmond by its own citizens and to promote that active and universal public spirit that will give an impetus to the advancement of the city along all desirable lines.

Mr. McFarland expressed regret that there were not more ladies present, as their presence and interest were always a powerful factor in the work of the league. He stated that he was pleased to hear from Mr. Wallerstein of the work that was being undertaken for the improvement, beautification and advancement of the city. From what he had seen of Richmond, he said, the city was already more beautiful than Harrisburg, but there were still room for improvement.

Story Began at Home

Mr. McFarland then began a narration of the movement for civic improvement in his own home city, showing the needs of such improvement and some of the results of the successful campaign. This was to a great extent merely an explanation of the excellent views shown on a large canvas by means of a stereopticon, interspersed with observations as to the methods in campaigns for civic improvement. The views showed the unsanitary condition of the Susquehanna River, and the means of correcting the evil carried into execution; the unsightly dumps in and around the city; the glaring bill boards that disfigured and obscured otherwise attractive vistas, and the filthy and unsanitary conditions around manufacturing plants; the spallor formerly present.

CAUGHT IN TRAP, THREE LOSE LIVES

Lieutenant and Others Badly Injured in Accident on Massachusetts

GASKET GAVE WAY; STEAM RUSHED IN

Officer Terribly Scalded in Effort to Rescue Others—Two of the Men Were Already Dead When Found. Committee to Investigate.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Caught in a trap and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives and four others, including Lieutenant William C. Cole, were terribly scalded to-day by a rush of steam and boiling water in the fire-room of the battleship Massachusetts, lying at the League Island Navy Yard. The dead are: EDWARD BUB, married, boiler maker and civilian. ANDREW HAMILTON, married, boiler-maker and civilian. CHAS. RITTEL, boiler-maker's helper and civilian. Injured—Lieutenant William C. Cole, U. S. N., assistant chief engineer of the Massachusetts, scalded about the head and body. Taken to the naval hospital; William Anderson, ship's boiler-maker, badly scalded, taken to the naval hospital; James Wilson, boiler-maker's helper and civilian employee, scalded, taken to the Methodist Hospital; Jos. A. Duran, boiler-maker's helper and civilian, scalded, taken to St. Agnes Hospital.

All the killed and injured resided in Philadelphia.

Heroic Attempt at Rescue.

Lieutenant Cole received his injuries in a heroic effort to rescue the others. The accident was caused by the giving way of a gasket or rubber washer on a boiler on the starboard side of the ship. The Massachusetts has been at the navy yard for some time undergoing extensive repairs, particularly to the boilers and machinery. Although Captain Edw. D. Taussig and his complement of officers and men are aboard the ship, the Massachusetts is virtually in charge of the authorities of the navy yard. The boiler on which the accident occurred had recently been cleaned and thoroughly tested, and the boiler-makers were to-day at work on another boiler.

Gasket Gave Way

Without warning the gasket between the boiler plate and boiler head gave way and a terrific rush of steam and hot water occurred. The doors of the fire-room were closed at the time the accident occurred and the only avenue of escape was a safety ladder. Only one man, Bramlet, a ship's fireman, thought of the ladder and was the only one to escape. Few on the upper decks knew what had happened until the steam came rushing up from the seething pit below. The work of rescue was prompt and to this promptness those who escaped death owe their thanks. The first to enter the fire hole was Lieutenant Cole. Without hesitating at becoming scalded by the hot water and steam, he entered quickly and dragged the men from the place to the door where they were taken in charge by others. Bub and Hamilton were dead when found and Ritzel died a few minutes after being taken on deck.

Where the gasket was defective or whether it had been carelessly put in place remains for the official committee of investigation to determine. It is said the boiler had been thoroughly overhauled and tested under tremendous pressure of steam. At the time of the accident the steam pressure was only sufficient to run the ship's heating plant. The accident would cause little or no delay in preparing the battleship for sea.

SON SHOTS DOWN SLAYER OF FATHER

(By Associated Press.)
COVINGTON, La., Dec. 15.—At Hardy's Cross Roads, in Jasper county, to-day, J. M. Parker was shot and killed by Jesse Hodges, Joseph Parker, aged eighteen, son of J. M. Parker, secured his father's pistol after he had fallen, and sent two bullets through the body of Hodges. The wounds of Hodges are pronounced mortal, though he is still alive. The trouble grew out of an old feud. Young Parker, it is believed, will not be prosecuted for shooting Hodges.

FASTED FORTY-EIGHT DAYS AND IS ALIVE AND HEARTY

(By Associated Press.)
ROGERS, Ark., Dec. 15.—A physician here is authority for the statement that Miss Carrie Sawney, residing three miles southwest of this city, has just completed a self imposed fast of forty-eight days, with no ill effect. She weighed 240 pounds at the beginning of her fast, and at the time of her release she weighed 180 pounds. She was pronounced mortal, though he is still alive. The trouble grew out of an old feud. Young Parker, it is believed, will not be prosecuted for shooting Hodges.

SHOT TWO AND THEN DRANK LAUDANUM

(By Associated Press.)
PALMIRA, Fla., Dec. 15.—Just recovering from a debauch Captain John Flowers, a wealthy resident of Palmira, Fla., discharged the contents of one barrel of a shotgun into the face of his adopted son, James, aged eighteen, then fired the other barrel at John Ray, a neighbor, and realized the body of his son and drained a bottle of laudanum from the effects of which he died. The stepson's injuries are believed to be fatal, one eye being shot out and some of the shot entering the brain. Ray was only slightly wounded.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS TRUGGED IN SNOW

They Came From Chesterfield to Beg Food at the Methodist Mission.

A woman, shivering with cold, hungry and in despair, came to the Nineteenth Street Mission on yesterday. Her two small children were with her, one six and the other nine years old, both without proper clothing, and both begging piteously for food.

FAVOR ADMISSION OF TWO NEW STATES

Minority Report Will be Made, However—Whiskey Question and Suffrage Give Trouble.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, December 15.—The Senate Committee on Territories by a vote of 6 to 4 to-day authorized a favorable report to the Statehood bill providing for the admission into the Union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to become the State of Oklahoma, and of Arizona and New Mexico to become the State of Arizona. The bill is one originating in the House in the second session of the Fifty-eighth Congress, but has been amended materially by the Senate Committee. The closeness of the vote practically makes it certain that there will be a minority report. The opponents of the bill will contest its passage on the floor of the Senate.

ATTEMPTING RESCUE, BOAT WAS CAPSIZED

One Man Drowned During Attempt to Save Crew of Stranded Schooner.

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 15.—A boat, containing members of the crew of the wrecking tug North America, sent out to the three-masted schooner John R. Halladay, which stranded to-day on the south side of Cape Henlopen, Del., was capsized and Jacob Jacobson was drowned. The schooner's crew was taken off in the breeches buoy with the exception of the captain, who stayed aboard his vessel until late in the afternoon when all prospect of floating the schooner at high tide had passed. Unless a storm arises it is believed the vessel may be saved. The schooner is in good condition.

BIG REDUCTION IN PRICE OF BATTLESHIPS

Unprecedentedly Low Bids Offered for Construction of New Vessels.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—Unprecedentedly low bids were offered to-day for the construction of the battleship New Hampshire and the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina, proposals for which were opened at the Navy Department at noon in the presence of representatives of shipbuilding companies from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. It is probable that an official announcement will award the contracts for the cruisers to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for \$3,750,000 each, and the battleship to the New York Shipbuilding Company for \$3,750,000, those being the lowest bids offered as not more than two ships can be awarded to one company. The lowest aggregate bid for these three ships were exactly \$1,377,000 less than the aggregate lowest bid for three sister ships over a year ago, a reduction of 11 percent in prices. The Navy Department, which was gratified at the reduction, is unable to assign any reason for it except that the shipbuilders are badly in need of work.

35 WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 35 advertisements for help published in today's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

1 Salesman.	2 Trades.
26 Domestic.	1 Office.
5 Miscellaneous.	

This is not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.