

# EX-TREASURER MESERVE'S VINDICATION

## COMMENT OF FUSION PRESS.

Dear Wife Open to Prosecution. Kearney Democrat: Judge Baxter turned Meserve loose on the technicalities that if he embosomed the money alleged and the embosomment took place in McCook and not in South Omaha and that if a public official deposits funds illegally the interest does not belong to the state. This ruling, if it stands, opens the door to all kinds of speculation and speculation at the expense of public funds. Meserve got the money and, like Porter, he will never put it back in a measure that softens Barley's offense.

## Difference One of Degree Only.

Bertrand Herald: Former State Treasurer J. B. Meserve has been cleared of the charge of embosomment in the eyes of the law, but not in the eyes of the public. The Herald can see no difference in principle between the acts of Meserve and the acts of Barley. In converting to their own possession money which did not belong to them both men were seized by precisely the same technicalities. The only difference is one of degree only—Barley got hundreds of thousands, while Meserve got a paltry \$2,000—but in some respects the offense of Meserve was the greater of the two.

## Bitter Dose of Medicine.

Springfield Monitor (form.): On a technicality our late state treasurer, J. B. Meserve, is allowed to pocket several thousand dollars in interest on permanent school funds of the state and the people have to shut their eyes and take their medicine. Under the law of the state it is unconstitutional to loan this school fund and consequently when the treasurer let it out to a bank the interest did not and could not belong to the state of Nebraska, and in keeping it the treasurer was not guilty of embosomment in the eyes of the law. This view should certainly be changed and hereafter there will be no chance for state officials to be tempted or have clouds cast over their good names.

## Shakes Confidence in the Courts.

Columbus Telegram (dem.): Every public official who has ever gone out of a Nebraska office with a portion of the people's money glued to his fingers has gone to the courts and pleaded some technicality in the law to enable him to hold fast to that which was not his own. Technicalities in the law are responsible for the presence in front of every horsethrift outside the walls of the penitentiary. Technicalities follow so fast upon the heels of technicalities, and chief follows thief to liberty in such steady stream that the people of Nebraska are fast losing confidence in the courts. Some day, perhaps, an outraged people may rise up and apply to some of our judges who look always for technical holes through which criminals may escape a brand of justice as free from technicalities as hell is free from heavenly attributes.

## Defense a Smooth Dodge.

Albion Argus (pop.): Ex-Treasurer Meserve was cleared Tuesday on a technicality. It was decided that when an official deposits public funds unlawfully it is not a deposit, but the last of their confidence in the courts. Three thousand dollars interest was deposited to the credit of Meserve in the First National bank of McCook, but as this was the accretion on funds not deposited according to law, the state had no right to it. It will be hard to convince the people that this is anything else but a smooth dodge. His defense is that he was forced to make the deposit because the safe at the capital is not a safe place to keep so much money. No doubt this is true, but most people will think it is a technicality to remove the funds from the unsafe place. He would have better demanded a safe place according to law or else have hired a trusty man with a shot-gun to guard the funds than he compelled to carry the odious trust which will attach to him because of the \$2,000.

## Pats It All on the Law.

Lincoln Post (pop.): The decision of Judge Baxter in the Meserve case is not unexpected to the Post, which has before called attention to the law-making of the state treasurer custodian of the school fund. The law is all wrong and should be amended next winter so that the surplus funds can be deposited as other funds are and any interest earned by such deposits be credited to the school funds. For many it has been known to every bank and business man of the state that these school fund balances were under the personal control of the state treasurer, who was responsible only for their safe keeping and accounting when settlement time came, and so banks and even individuals have been anxious to borrow of the state treasurer. Every treasurer has loaned these funds, in part at least, in some form and pocketed the earnings, as he had a legal right to do. That the legal condition was an inducement to treasurers to make such loans, has undoubtedly caused that official to neglect opportunities for investment of the funds, when such neglect would not have occurred but for the law. So far as the indictment on Mr. Meserve is concerned it was a good one, made in good faith, but was set up by a ring of state politicians and carried out by Judge Ben Baker and Ed Roperwater. While Mr. Meserve followed a morally wrong custom, he violated no law and was not to be held responsible for the actions of all state and school funds intact, a thing contrary to all precedent in Nebraska, where personal accounts, due bills and notes have frequently figured as cash in treasury settlements. The prosecution of Mr. Meserve will, however, have accomplished a good

purpose if it sits up the legislature to amend the law in a proper way.

## Wants Proof that Can't Be Had.

Lawyer Chief (pop.): The Chief hardly expected the Meserve case would terminate in this manner. We hoped to see the case go to the jury on its merits and Mr. Meserve fully exonerated by the showing made. We did not expect to see him advancing the legal technicalities in order to defeat the suit. His record as state treasurer does not seem to be as spotless as we had hoped for. If he received interest on the \$60,000 deposited in the South Omaha bank without accounting to the state for the same, no matter whether he violated the law in making such deposit or not, according to our code of morals he should have paid every cent so received into the state treasury. Because legal technicalities prevent the state from collecting this money of him or prevent him from being prosecuted for embosomment does not release him from a moral responsibility to turn over to the state all the money received in this way. He was paid a salary as state treasurer and this was all the money he had any moral right to ask or receive. The fact that he was personally liable for the safe keeping and return of the state deposit in the South Omaha bank gave him no moral right to retain a penny of interest that the bank paid him on this money. While the court has decided he is not guilty of embosomment, Mr. Meserve, the people of Nebraska will not consider your record clean or your reputation the best if you received interest on this state money (as your defense would indicate you did) and turned the same to your private account instead of into the state treasury. The Chief has stood by you, Mr. Meserve, and denounced as infamous the charge that you received interest on state funds without accounting to the state for every penny received, but your defense in the embosomment case has caused us to lose faith in you and unless you can and do furnish proof that you did not receive interest on this deposit, or that you did and the same was accounted for to the state, then we are sorry to inform you that the Chief and his influence, be that what it may, is no longer for you, but against you.

## Case of Bouncing His Friends.

Schuyler Quill (pop.): The discharge of ex-State Treasurer J. B. Meserve on technical grounds was a disappointment to his many friends and admirers. When Meserve was indicted on the charge of embosomment \$2,000 interest paid by the Union Stock Yards National bank on a deposit of \$60,000 of state funds that gentleman promptly delivered himself to the authorities and pleaded not guilty. To his friends he announced the indictment was a police error and that cry was taken up by the reform forces in the state, among them being the Quill. He also promised the public, through his attorneys, that they would meet the charge and would not employ technicalities in order to escape punishment. Meserve's friends asserted and had hoped the course promised would be followed. After the jury was impaneled the attorneys argued the case for several days on technical grounds on motion of Meserve. Smyth, the attorney for the state, general and deputy of this state. Of course the attorneys won a case, probably glory to them in their profession, but it is a hard blow to the reformers, the attorneys practically admitting the accused of being technically guilty, as it was argued that there was no real crime against the state. If found guilty, Meserve alone would have been charged with the crime, but after making the promise of meeting the issue the prosecution was left to believe Meserve innocent and they came to his defense. Now in claiming that the Douglas county court had no jurisdiction, that the statute of limitations has run against the crime, if one was committed, and that the state had no title to the interest money Meserve is accused of receiving, the late treasurer admits he is technically guilty and the republican press will throw the lie to our teeth. If innocent, Mr. Meserve has lost all the respect of his well-meaning friends. Had he been tried as was promised, and found not guilty it is doubtful if the proceedings would have injured his standing. And if found guilty he should have been sent to the penitentiary and made to serve his full time.

## Legally Innocent—Morally Guilty.

Tilden Citizen: Ex-Treasurer Meserve has escaped the clutches of the law on a technicality to which Gene Moore owes his freedom. He pocketed the interest on \$60,000 in violation of the spirit of the law, but because he had no legal right to deposit in the manner he did, he is not guilty, as the attorneys claimed that embosomment could not be proven. His defense was virtually an admission of crime as charged, and he now stands in the peculiar position of one who is morally guilty, but legally innocent of robbing the state school fund.

## Time to Change the Law.

Alliance Times: The trial of J. B. Meserve, the ex-state treasurer who was being prosecuted for appropriating to his own use \$2,000 interest on state school money, in the district court of Douglas county ended this week with the acquittal of Meserve. The court found that Meserve had received the money all right enough, but that it was not a crime, nor did it violate any existing law. Now the people are wondering why there has not been a law made to prevent "appropriations" of this kind, as to the best of our recollection we have been sending men to the legislature for years and paying them salaries for this very purpose.

## How the Record Stands.

Ashtand Gazette: At the beginning of the case Meserve and his attorneys gave it out that the whole matter was trumped up for political effect. He had turned over every dollar of interest and would prove the fact when given an opportunity to do so in court. No delay would be asked and no technicalities would be resorted to. Yet, no sooner did the whole matter than the shield of the defense was found to consist of technical devices. And now it stands on record that he received the money, but that it was his own on the ground that he violated the obligation of his office by investing it contrary to law.

## Reform Fails to Pass Out.

Emerson Enterprise: Ex-State Treasurer J. B. Meserve, who was charged with embosoming interest money on the permanent school fund, was found not guilty by Judge Baxter of Omaha Tuesday. The judge ruled that interest on state money did not belong to the state, and that Meserve could keep it. However, it will be hard to make the people of the state believe that Meserve had a right to the interest money even though there is nothing in the law that would compel him to turn it over, or convict him of embosomment. Anyway, Meserve as a reform treasurer doesn't pan out to have been a very brilliant success.

## Possession is Nine Points.

Norfolk News: Ex-State Treasurer Meserve has escaped punishment and evaded the law, but he did it in the manner which has been held up by the fusionists as peculiarly and deplorably republican. It was to be supposed that in view of the fact that republicans had employed technicalities in winning the election, and against them this sturdy advocate of reform would insist on being cleared of the charge right and if it was found that the Douglas court had no jurisdiction he would himself move the trial to be held where the law would have full swing, but he didn't do that, though the judge expressed his disapproval of the loophole left by the law and practically acknowledged that, while the state school fund was \$2,000 in interest which had been appropriated by the ex-treasurer,

with the same bearing, the effect of all of them being that Meserve escaped in a legal technicality. This will doubtless be satisfactory to the ex-treasurer, but it doesn't settle anything one way or the other in the public mind.

## When Stealing Is Right.

Imperial Republican: Meserve has been acquitted on the charge of appropriating money that belonged to the state to his own use. It was admitted that he did use interest that rightfully belonged to the state yet it was proven that he had not violated the law. So then it is all right for a man to steal so long as the law lets him off on a technicality.

## Invites Moral Condemnation.

Schuyler Sun: Ex-Attorney General Smyth has failed to make good his boast that Meserve should be acquitted on the merits of the case. And on a similar platform this fall will, as usual, contain wordy plank condemning the alleged practice of republican officials in "farming out the public funds for private gain."

## Sample of Reform Honesty.

Atkinson Graphic: Meserve admits that the funds proper belonged to the state, but claims that the interest which they earned belongs to him personally. As a sample of "reform" logic and integrity this is about up to the average of the reform platform this fall will, as usual, contain wordy plank condemning the alleged practice of republican officials in "farming out the public funds for private gain."

## What About Political Persecution?

Hartington Herald: Though Judge Baxter sustained the contention of Meserve's attorneys on the technicality raised, the trial established the fact that Meserve is as much a criminal morally as was Joe S. Barley. It is alleged that he took for his private use interest on state funds to the amount of \$60,000 or more. The fact that he started a bank as soon as his term of office expired is significant. Yet the popular papers call the trial political persecution.

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## Whose Money Was It?

Grand Island Independent: Judge Baxter of Omaha has instructed the jury impaneled to try Meserve upon the charge of embosomment. The jury will be asked to decide if Meserve did not take the interest money from the state, but from someone else. It is not denied that he took it, but as in the case of Porter, that he did not take it from the party acting as the depositor, the jury will be asked to decide if the money was not his own. The money was not his own, but it was the money of the state, and it is to be hoped that when the legislature next meets the solemn will realize the importance of placing reliable safeguards about the money of the commonwealth, principal and interest. It would seem to a layman that if the state has a right to own money, she should have the right to such interest or earnings as may accrue. Mr. Meserve is probably pleased that such an abrupt conclusion has been so quickly reached, but he is scarcely to be regarded as a vindicator.

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the court was powerless to punish for the offense. A sense of justice which is sure to permeate the hearts of all good fusionists should impel Meserve to put it back, but he will probably be appealed to in vain. Possession is in this case not only nine points of the law, but nine parts of the conscience of an honored reformer.

## Technicalities Resort of Guilty.

Central City Nonpariel: J. B. Meserve walked out of the district court of Douglas county acquitted of the charge of embosomment money belonging to the people of Nebraska by violating his duty as state treasurer on state school money. Another statesman vindicated on a technicality. The judge took the case from the jury and instructed it to return a verdict of not guilty. The defense was purely technical and no attempt was made to disprove the damaging charge against Meserve. An innocent man may occasionally resort to technicalities to escape a charge, but it is not usually the case. Technicalities are the friends of the guilty.

## Morality Versus Legality.

Ord Quill: Meserve is acquitted of the charge of embosoming state funds on a technicality. That he invested the permanent school fund in a bank and got some \$2,000 interest thereon is proved, and also that he kept the money, but the jury holds that there was no lawful way of getting interest on the school fund by loaning the money to banks, therefore the interest on this money never belonged to the state. Of course Meserve has no right to invest the state's money in any way, but, having done it, the proceeds not being lawfully the property of the state, the pocketing of the interest was not embosomment. Morally, Meserve is an embosomer, but legally not.

## Not Fit to Be Trusted.

Rushville Record: Notwithstanding the promise of ex-State Attorney Smyth that he would not attempt to clear ex-State Treasurer Meserve on any technicalities, yet when it came to the point of clearing Meserve but technicalities Judge Baxter has decided that "according to the law of the state the interest did not belong to the state of Nebraska," and further "that the crime charged, if committed at all, was committed in Red Willow county, not in Douglas county." There must be something rotten in a law that does not secure the interest on state invested funds, and it doesn't matter a bob-o-link whether Meserve juggled in Red Willow or Douglas, he is a technical embosomer, which means to say honest men, that he is not fit to be trusted.

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## Queer Kinds of Legislation.

Beatrice Express: The prosecution of ex-Treasurer Meserve has fallen to the ground. The eminent jurist presiding at the hearing sustained a contention of Mr. Meserve's attorneys to the effect that the state of Nebraska had no right to the interest on her money. This decision put an end to the trial. The mischief law entering the state funds and their disposal is responsible and it is to be hoped that when the legislature next meets the solemn will realize the importance of placing reliable safeguards about the money of the commonwealth, principal and interest. It would seem to a layman that if the state has a right to own money, she should have the right to such interest or earnings as may accrue. Mr. Meserve is probably pleased that such an abrupt conclusion has been so quickly reached, but he is scarcely to be regarded as a vindicator.

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## Men of Affairs

One may sail the seas and visit every land and everywhere will find that men of affairs, who are well informed, have neither the time nor the inclination, whether on pleasure bent or business, to use those medicines which cause excessive purgation and then leave the internal organs in a constipated condition. Syrup of Figs is not built on those lines. It acts naturally, acts effectively, cleanses, sweetens and strengthens the internal organs and leaves them in a healthy condition.

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# CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

### Another Effort to Refund Bonds is Now Before the Council.

### DEAL HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEFEATED

### Ordinance Same as One that Failed Except that it Reduces Interest Rate One-Fourth of One Per Cent.

The only feature of the council meeting last night was the introduction of an ordinance by Johnson providing for the refunding of \$240,000 of renewal bonds at 4 1/2 per cent. These bonds, according to the ordinance, are to run for twenty years, without recourse, when the bonds were to be issued at 5 per cent. Members of the Taxpayers' league and citizens in general could not see the object in renewing 5 per cent bonds at the same rate of interest, especially as the option of the city to redeem the bonds at the expiration of five years was not included in the ordinance. Since the ordinance has been stirred up those who want to have this issue go through before the present council adjourns since die have had another ordinance drafted, cutting the interest a quarter of a cent and thus they hope to secure public support to the measure. The bonds in question have still thirteen years to run and the interest is paid semi-annually. After the reading of the new ordinance it was referred to the judiciary committee. A complaint from E. B. Towle about the depositing of garbage near his dwelling was referred to the sanitary inspector and the chief of police.

### Permit Given to C. A. Melcher to Extend his Show Windows Eight Inches over the Sidewalk.

The bonds of W. B. Cheek and Dr. W. S. White as members of the library board were read and approved. At the suggestion of Chief Eiter, the fire and water committee will hold a first morning on the fire department grounds, which was wrecked in a runaway a few days ago, and see what can be done with the pieces. Some sidewalk repairs were ordered made and a couple of cross-walks will be laid, providing the street commissioner can find the time.

### Members of the Council Designated the Places for Holding the Registration Revision on March 25, and the Mayor was Authorized to Fill any Vacancies on the Board of Registration in Case it was Deemed Necessary.

### Wast More Hydrants.

"People in the south part of the city will insist that they be given better fire protection," said Councilman Fred Martin yesterday. The attention of the councilman had been called to the difficulty the firemen had in extinguishing the fire in Joseph Mafka's house, Twenty-third and W streets, early Monday morning. Not less than two blocks of hose had to be laid and consequently there was little pressure at the nozzle. Early last fall the council directed the Omaha Water company to locate fourteen additional hydrants in various parts of the city. This has not been done, principally because the water company could not secure a sufficient amount of pipe.

### Continuing on this subject, Councilman Martin said that the council was to be asked to order a shed in Albright near the lumber yards and install a hand cart with a reel of hose. This, he asserts, can be used by those who discover a fire, and in many instances a stream can be turned on before the city department arrives. The roads are in bad shape in the southern part of the city and a reel that can be pulled by hand can be taken where it is impossible to drive a team. It is thought that Chief Eiter can arrange to allow some of the reserve hose to be placed in the lumber yard district to be used in emergency cases.

### Albright Bridge Completed.

The Union Pacific Railroad company has completed the construction of the Madison street bridge across the creek in Albright, and the city has carried out its portion of the agreement by filling in six feet of the east approach. This new bridge is constructed on piling, the floor timbers are laid, so that it is safe to predict that it will be a long time before repairs will be needed. As the new bridge is a little north of Madison street and as the railroad company will fence its right-of-way up to the bridge it will be necessary for the city council to

### arrange for the opening of a new road to the cemetery. This new road will be opened on either Twenty-first or Twenty-second streets.

Grading for additional sidings continues in the vicinity of the bridge, as the Union Pacific will lay quite a number of additional storage tracks. The old creek bed has been filled in order to make room for tracks and a new channel for the creek has been graded out. Work on these improvements in Albright will hardly be completed before the end of spring.

### Filing Petitions.

City Clerk Shrigley announced yesterday that he would receive the petitions of candidates up to midnight of March 21. From present indications there will be no less than four and possibly five candidates for mayor in the field. The Workingmen's club proposes putting a petition ticket in the field and several independent candidates are circulating petitions. As soon as the time for filing petitions expires the city clerk will order sample ballots printed and these will be circulated ten days before election. The official ballots must be ready five days before election. Unless vacancies are to be filled the judges and clerks of election will be the same as at the election last November. The county clerk selects the location of the voting booths and the county judge names the judges and clerks.

### Republican Meetings.

There will be three important republican meetings held this week. The first will be held at Frank's hall, Twenty-eighth and B streets. On Wednesday evening there will be a mass meeting at Frank's hall, Twenty-eighth and B streets. Friday night a grand rally will be held at Woodman hall, Twenty-fifth and N streets. This rally will be under the auspices of the Swedish-American league No. 2. At all of these meetings the candidates are expected to attend and deliver short addresses. Frank Koutsky, candidate for mayor, will attend all of these meetings.

### Honoring St. Patrick.

The boys of St. Agnes' school gave an interesting entertainment at Woodman hall to a crowded house last night. A drama in which a large number of pupils of the school participated was presented in a delightful manner. In addition there was a strong chorus of children. Following the entertainment given by the children came several selections by adults. As the pupils had been thoroughly drilled the entertainment was a success in every sense and reflected great credit upon the tutors. Had

### the hall been twice as large it would not have held all who applied for admittance.

### Oratorical Contest Tonight.

Ten pupils of the South Omaha High school will contest tonight for the honor of representing the school at the state oratorical contest. The First Presbyterian church has been engaged for the occasion and as a large number of tickets have been disposed of the church will doubtless be crowded. These are the contestants: Illida Condron, Della Clark, Edith Dennis, Pearl Fitzgerald, Maud McDowell, Leo Legge, Joseph Corb, Frank Vocarek, Charles Miller, Ralph Cressley.

### Magic City Gossip.

One new case of smallpox was reported yesterday. The teachers in the public schools were paid their March salaries yesterday. A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Al Denny, Twenty-third and J streets. Mr. and Mrs. Burr Funk, Twenty-third and P streets, report the birth of a daughter. Republican candidates will continue to file their expenses of nomination with the city clerk. Republicans will make an extra effort to get out all new voters on registration day, which is March 20. The High school will hold a denominational contest at the First Presbyterian church tonight. The republican city central committee is engaged in sending out campaign literature and having posters hung in windows. The Board of Education failed to meet last night. An adjournment was taken until Thursday night. The Norwegian-American Republican club will hold a rally at Frank's hall on Wednesday night. This club has endorsed the entire republican ticket.

### Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the Board of Health: Births—Mack Johnson, 1815 Mason, twins, boy and girl; Charles H. Fisher, Thirtieth and Brown, boy; Joseph Delovio, 1225 South Fifteenth, boy; Spencer Browder, 2615 Lavenport, girl; Charles Peterson, 414 Chicago, girl; Louis Filly, 160 Mason, girl; David Moxley, 1828 South Nineteenth, girl; Deaths—Barbara Vrobova, 1815 Dorcas, 81; Miles Greiner, John Fort-tenth, 13; Agnes Traviatke, 315 South Twenty-fifth, 2; Edward G. Stinson, 614 South Nineteenth, 1; Edith Bell, Ninth and Bell, 17; William Selvy, county hospital, 30; Henry Zel, St. Joseph's hospital, 30; Frank White, Twenty-eighth and G, South Omaha, 14; Lucetta B. Reynolds, Nineteenth and Vinton, 14.

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## Married Women

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## RUSSIAN STUDENTS IN MOB

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### LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED

### In Persistent Attempt to Enter Their Appointed Disembarkation Grounds are Severely Beaten in Street Fights.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—A student riot here today, in which over ten thousand people participated, kept a small army of police and cavalry busy throughout the day. Probably 100 arrests were made, but the repressive measures were not so strict as on the corresponding Sunday of 1901. While many persons were injured no fatalities were reported. The students placarded the city last night, announcing that they intended to hold a grievance meeting, and the authorities, taking the hint, made extensive preparations. The whole police reserve was called out and the entire military force was held ready for mobilization, cavalry patrols supplementing the mounted police. Additional squadrons of cavalry, light bat-

### teries of artillery and detachments of infantry were packed in the side streets.

### Officers Fled for Order.

The crowds increased in the main thoroughfare until noon, when the cavalry officer in command of a squad in front of the hotel D'Europe, begged the crowd there to disperse and go home. The demonstrators refused and the mounted troops began slowly clearing the streets. At 12:30 p. m. the students attempted to organize a procession in front of the hotel mentioned, singing revolutionary songs and shouting "Free Russia." "Down with the autocracy." The police and cavalry then charged, but used only their cavalry whips and the bat of their sabres. Many persons were hurt, but only a few were seriously injured. The fighting continued during the remainder of the afternoon, breaking out in fresh places continually. One of the most severe fights of the day was concluded only a few minutes before the curfew, in an open square, passed the spot where it occurred. Carriages of the nobility and members of the imperial household were several times mixed up in the melee. Vigilance of Population. The authorities made evident efforts to prevent bloodshed, and in this they were remarkably successful, considering the magnitude of the demonstration. The students of St. Petersburg on Sunday, March 16, 1901, organized what was

### intended to be an imposing demonstration in front of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan, the occasion, being the anniversary of the death of Wretzora, a girl who committed suicide some years ago in a dungeon of the political prison in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, in order to escape infamous persecution. Serious rioting ensued, the students were attacked by Cossacks and police and about eight hundred arrests were made.

### MAD SPANIEL SPREADS FEAR

### C. B. Courtney Has to Kill Four Horses and is Alarmed About Child.

A water spaniel owned by Charles B. Courtney, of Courtney & Co., Twenty-fifth and Davenport streets, developed symptoms of rabies last Thursday and before it was caught it had attacked, it is believed, all of the eight horses and four mules in the stables of the company. Five horses have already been shot and the remainder are under treatment. Some alarm is felt for Mr. Courtney's youngest child because on Thursday, the day the dog became mad, the child screamed while playing with the spaniel. Every care is being taken so that the disease may be met at its earliest development. Nothing has yet occurred to confirm the suspicion that the child was bitten. No wound or scratch has been found. The horses which have not yet been

### killed are chained so that in the case of violent attack of the disease they can do no harm. The first evidence that they had been bitten and that madness was developing outside some years ago in a dog played when any person went near them. Heretofore the horses have all been gentle. After the first symptoms appeared the horses and mules which have been shot developed violent tempers, laying back their heads and kicking and biting. They nearly destroyed their feed mangers. One mule managed to set its teeth on a large spike