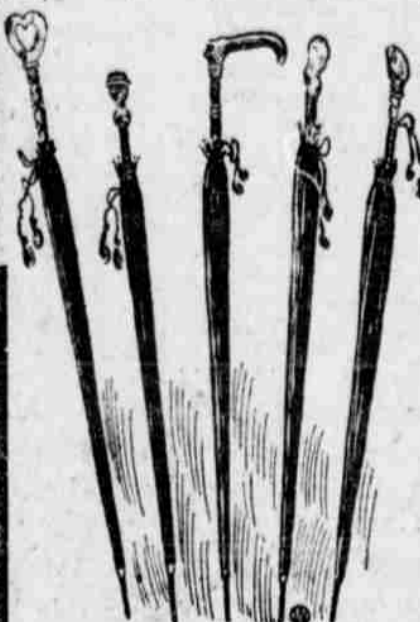


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## POWER TO DISMISS CADETS

Attorney General Asked for an Opinion on Law Governing Case.

APPARENT CONFLICT IN STATUTES

If Right of Secretary to Dismiss Hazards Without Trial is Sustained Summary Action Will Be Taken.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"Whether the superintendent of the naval academy, or the secretary of the navy, or both, conjointly have power summarily to dismiss from the naval academy without trial by court martial a midshipman guilty of hazing," and "under such action," taken would prove a bar to proceedings in the civil courts for assault or other criminal elements involved in the offense," are two questions upon which the attorney general will render an opinion upon tomorrow. The character of this opinion will shape the action of the Navy department on the recommendation of the superintendent of the naval academy for the summary dismissal of Midshipman Trennor Coffin, Jr., for hazing and for countenancing the practice. If Attorney General Moody rules that the secretary has such power these midshipmen will be summarily dismissed from the academy. If such power is lacking their immediate trial by court martial will be ordered. Otherwise, Secretary Bonaparte will direct that action be brought against the dismissed midshipmen in the courts of Maryland.

**Apparent Conflict of Laws.**  
The doubt in the mind of the Navy department regarding the limits of its jurisdiction arises from the apparent conflict between an act of June 23, 1854, which calls for the trial by court martial of cadets found guilty of hazing and that of March 2, 1875, which provides that "any cadet found guilty of participating in or countenancing such practices shall be summarily dismissed."

Hazing at the academy was the subject of two conferences today between Admiral Sunda and Secretary Bonaparte. The admiral informed the secretary that the cadet and cadet petty officers at a conference which the admiral held with them several days ago voluntarily pledged him their strict obedience to all rules of the academy.

**Hazing Common at Academy.**  
The opinion is expressed at the department that hazing has existed at the naval academy for a long time under cover. Admiral Sunda returned to Annapolis this afternoon, where a thorough investigation of the conditions there affecting midshipman life is in progress. A search is being made for evidences against midshipmen who have hitherto been guilty of hazing and a list of names of those who have hitherto been apprehended, will be recommended for dismissal. An immediate congressional investigation of hazing at the naval academy probably will not be made, as provided for in the resolution of Representative Loud of Michigan. Members of the rules committee have agreed to delay consideration of the resolution until they learn of Secretary Bonaparte's course.

### King of All Cough Medicines.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn. who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects. We are never without it in the house."

### FACTS ABOUT ASSESSMENT

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One span gave away on the north side at the east end, precipitating the driver, wagon, spits and heavy bridge railing on the ice some twelve feet below the bridge level. The outfit weighed about three tons. The team turned, broke the reach and stayed on the bridge with the tongue and front wheels. The wagon and driver went through the heavy bridge railing and the driver slid and fell about eighteen feet. He struck his side on a heavy timber and was bruised and hurt internally.

### Pet Stock Show at Valley.

VALLEY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The first annual exhibition of the Platte Valley Poultry and Pet Stock association closed tonight. The exhibition, which was held in the Valley opera house, beginning Tuesday morning, December 12, was composed of over 1,100 fowls selected from the best poultry in the west. Breeders from all sections in Nebraska and many points in Iowa exhibited their finest prize winners. Silver cups were given as special prizes for sweepstakes. The attendance and interest during the entire exhibition was very large. Wednesday evening the Valley Commercial club gave a banquet at the Fitzgerald hotel for the members of the association and the breeders exhibiting. General satisfaction with the management of the exhibition was expressed by the exhibitors.

### Hardware Dealer Assigns.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The assignment of the big hardware dealer, Martin Bates, on the North Side, for the benefit of his creditors, is generally deplored by the business community. The firm, which has carried one of the largest hardware stocks in the county, claims to have several thousand dollars out in notes and bills, which it is unable to collect.

### Holiday Goods Stolen.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Thieves entered a box car at Wynmore last night and stole some holiday goods consigned to merchants in this city and Wynmore. A few articles not taken were destroyed. There is no clue to the thieves.

### Boy Sentenced for Horse Stealing.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—John Clegg, the 13-year-old boy who has been confined in the county jail, awaiting trial on the charge of stealing a horse from Arthur Kneirim of Scribner, pleaded guilty in the district court yesterday and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Clegg's people live in New Jersey. He ran away from home several years ago and, according to his own story, has had a rather checkered career since.

### News of Nebraska.

PLATTSMOUTH—George E. Farley has purchased a United States ship without the plan of the Plattsmouth Evening News.

WOOD RIVER—Miss Evelyn Mair of Alda and R. O. Breckenridge of this place were united in marriage at the home of the bride Tuesday afternoon.

INCREASE in the working force of the Burlington shops at this place is announced for the near future, in order to place the company in a more effective condition.

AINSWORTH—J. R. Gardner, formerly of Platteville, has been appointed receiver of the old Western Rancher office of this place and will convert the same into a job printing office. Mr. Gardner is an old newspaper man.

BEATRICE—"The Queen of Sheba" was the subject of a lecture last night by home talent. Miss Mary McDonald played the part of the queen. The lecture was supported by other members of the cast.

BEATRICE—The funeral of Mrs. Patricia Adams was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family home in West Beatrice and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Buswell, and interment was in the Beatrice cemetery.

OAKLAND—Fred Emerson Brooks, the poet humorist, entertained the people of this city at the opera house Thursday evening for almost two hours. His poems are full to the brim of humor and philosophy. This closes the lecture course of the Commercial club.

WOOD RIVER—The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this place has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. C. Burkler, noble grand; C. C. John, vice grand; George W. Miller, secretary; J. M. Weldon, treasurer; E. H. Rounder, trustee; and Charles Warren, hall trustee.

FREMONT—A deed from the Cemetery association of that property has been filed for record, the consideration being \$100. The association wants the name changed to Eastern park in honor of W. H. Barnard, the original owner of the property and one of the founders of Fremont.

BEATRICE—Carpenters' union No. 1254 elected these officers last night: J. Q. Overman, president; W. H. Robinson, vice president; H. C. Cooper, secretary; George T. Barber, financial secretary; J. M. Frautwein, treasurer; Henry Luck, wardens; C. E. Peterson, conductor; W. H. Robinson, trustee.

WOOD RIVER—A serious fire was averted yesterday by the prompt response of the bucket brigade at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ingraham in the northeast part of town. Damages to the extent of \$200 were done, but the loss is covered by insurance. The fire started from a pile of burning rubbish near the house.

## ELECTION LAW ON NAME DAY

Important Manifesto for Russian Peasants is Also Expected December 19.

CZAR WILL MAKE TRIP TO MOSCOW

Proclamation Will Be Issued from the Kremlin—Serious Rioting in Streets of Riga.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—Morning, via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 15.—The emperor's name day, December 19, will be signaled by an important peasant manifesto and the publication of the election law.

Dmitri Shipoff, president of the Moscow zemstvo, the "most commanding figure among the moderate liberals, who, with M. Guchkoff, a prominent member of the Moscow zemstvo, Alexander Stakovich and others, has been consulted in the preparation of the election law, is out with a strong appeal to all who have the welfare of their country at heart, without regard to party affiliation, to unite in the restoration of order, and thus insure peaceful elections and the convocation of the national assembly, which is the only legal place in which to settle political differences. He further declares that all classes of the population join in this imperative request except those who do not believe in the following doctrines:

First—The development of a constitutional monarchy, based on universal suffrage.  
Second—The reform of Russia by peaceful means through an imperial national assembly.

Under the leadership of the law and order party, an attempt is being made to organize a peasant's party in opposition to the Moscow peasants' congress.

**Czar Will Go to Moscow.**  
Upon the early convocation of the national assembly, the president for which is constantly increasing, it is generally believed that Premier Witte will dispense with the services of Interior Minister Durnovo, against whom all classes have risen, and appoint M. Guchkoff, a prominent member of the Moscow zemstvo, who is said to be ready to accept the office as his successor.

The people here continue to talk of the probable ceremonial attending the issuing of the report that the golden state carriages used at momentous ceremonies will be sent to Tsarskoe Selo. An investigation of the rumor, however, seems to show that it is baseless, as the emperor is going to Moscow to proclaim the constitution in the Kremlin.

The budget of 1906 is being cut hard, not only in order to try to make both ends meet, but in order to make the best possible showing to the national assembly. Expenditures in this direction has been limited and projects for new railroad construction and new public works of every description are omitted. The only items increased are the salaries of the railroad and postal employees. The personnel of the army and navy and the naval program are being reduced and an item of \$100,000 for new construction is stricken out.

**Mutiny in Manchuria.**  
The outbreak of the mutinous spirit in the Manchurian army is partly attributable to the failure to pay and properly feed the troops. The latter problem is especially difficult owing to the impossibility of forwarding adequate provisions from Russia on account of the practical paralysis of the railroad to Siberia, compelling the purchase of supplies from the Chinese, for which adequate funds are not available. The authorities have now hurriedly forwarded \$2,000,000 to the army in Manchuria.

The reports from the provinces indicate that the country generally remains close to the boiling point. The situation in the Caucasus is again serious. The Tartars and Armenians are murdering each other as of yore. At Ellisabethopol, especially, there has been a savage exhibition of race hatred. From one end of an agent of the New York Life Insurance company who fled, brings the story of the establishment of a republic there. He says the military forces have gone over to the revolutionists and that the latter have full possession of the city.

**Some Strikers Desert.**  
The post telegraph congress at Moscow is still holding out, insisting that the strikers can be victorious, although, unless a new development enters into the situation, their cause apparently is lost. The ranks of the strikers are being deserted and those returning to work are compelled to sign a declaration to the effect that they were enticed into the union under false pretenses and agreeing not to meddle with politics in the future. Nevertheless, the strikers can cripple the postal service for an indefinite period and without the striking operators it is impossible for the government to secure a resumption of telegraphic communication. There are no signs of a break on the Siberian lines and business men everywhere are in despair at the outlook. Runs on savings banks are reported at many places in the provinces. The desperate strikers here continue their attacks on mail wagons and the robbery of letter boxes. The provincial zemstvo are complaining that they are unable to collect the taxes without the aid of the federal government and they have been obliged to close the schools. Throughout the Volga and Don regions the peasants continue to the subject were "Horse Expenses," "Foreign Crops for Western Nebraska."

These subjects were well and ably handled. The lectures were given by the State university. The audience was not so large as was expected owing to corn gathering.

HARVARD—About December 8 John Krueger, a boy close to 19 years of age, captured his hand in a meat grinder in Messer's market, seriously hurting it, causing no amputation seemed necessary. Within forty minutes Dr. Wolford had the hand carefully dressed and all seemed to be doing well until last Tuesday, when, towards evening, after the young man had stood around on the streets for several hours, he went to the office of Dr. Wolford to have the hand examined, saying it felt cold and was generally under a chill. He was advised to go home and to get to bed, which he did, and since that time the doctor has called on him and required the hand steadily growing worse till at 6 o'clock this morning, when death came from lockjaw.

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**Large Shops for Salt Lake.**

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 15.—The Herald today reports that the Gould lines running into Salt Lake City, which comprise the Rio Grande Western and the Western Pacific, which is now under construction, will build shops here costing approximately \$2,000,000. The capacity of the present shops will be doubled and 1,500 men employed. It is the intention to make the shops so complete that locomotives and cars can be built from the ground up. Work will probably be commenced early in the spring.

### Couple Held on Suspicion.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A man and woman, known as Bernard F. Reid and Mary Byrd, were arrested at a hotel here last night and are being held by the police on suspicion. Reid was convicted here a year ago of petit larceny. The couple came down from Chicago last Sunday night over the "Webster" road and used the annual pass of Frank J. McNichols, a member of the Illinois legislature, which he knows. McNichols and borrowed the pass.

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