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### COMMITTEE AT WEST POINT

#### The Congressmen Investigating the Booz Affair Make a Tour of Inspection at the Academy.

### COLONEL MILLS TESTIFIES

#### Much Information Bearing Upon the Life of a Cadet Is Given—Demerit System Explained—Deficiency in Mathematics the Cause of Many Retirements—Visit to the Barracks

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The congressional investigation committee which is investigating the charges of having at the West Point academy arrived here this afternoon and were met with military honors and a salute of seven guns. They convened at 2:30 o'clock in the academy building and the only witness called was Colonel A. L. Mills, superintendent of the military academy. He was requested by Chairman Dick to give the committee a general idea of the workings and the rules and regulations governing the academy. The superintendent gave a very lengthy description, during which he quoted freely from the "blue book" the "United States military regulations and the United States articles of war." Copies of all three documents will be furnished the investigators tomorrow.

The witness went over a great deal of the ground which was covered by his testimony before the military court of inquiry on Dec. 29. General Dick interrupted the witness about half past four o'clock and requested that the committee be conducted to the barracks, so they could see for themselves the scope of their work while here. The investigation will be resumed at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and they will in all probability hold night sessions in order to get through the business at this post as soon as possible.

When Colonel Mills took the stand today Chairman Dick asked him to make a statement in his own way which might aid the committee in the present investigation. Colonel Mills made a general statement of the plan of the administration of the academy and the rules and regulations governing the institution, as well as those prohibiting the hazing or harassing of cadets and the punishments provided for violations according to the degree of the offense. He touched upon the prohibitory rules governing "ragging" by lower classmen in cleaning tents and doing other menial duties at the bidding of upper classmen. Upon being asked to explain the demerit system Colonel Mills said:

#### The Demerit System.

"Demerits are given for violations of regulations, order or discipline," explained the witness and cadets are reported by their superior officers for all delinquencies.

He then went on to explain the manner in which these reports are made and how the demerits were inflicted by the commandant of cadets. "Is there any appeal from these decisions?" asked Colonel Clayton.

"Yes, if the cadet is dissatisfied he can appeal to the superintendent, and if still unsatisfied he can appeal to the war department," replied the witness.

During the examination of the superintendent the sergeant-at-arms handed around a box of cigars among the committee. Mr. Driggs took one and when he struck a match and lit it many of the army officers who were sitting in the room looked surprised while the women in the galleries showed signs of uneasiness, as if there was certainly some mistake made by the Brooklyn congressman.

Colonel Mills gave in detail the manner in which the records of the cadets are kept at the academy, including their demerits. He also explained how the medical records showed every instance where a cadet had applied for or received medical treatment.

"How many cadets approximately retire from the academy during the year?" asked General Dick.

"The number varies," replied the witness. "The largest contribution is made after the January examinations, when many fourth class men withdraw. The number who fall out of any one class yearly lessens towards the conclusion of the course."

#### Cause of Retirements.

"What causes these retirements?" asked the chairman.

"Deficiency in studies, particularly in mathematics predominates," replied Colonel Mills.

In describing the privileges granted to cadets the witness told the chairman that they differed according to the classes and each class was divided into three grades according to the standing of the cadets on the fourth of each month. He also informed the committee that in camp or barracks tent mates or room mates were generally arranged according to class. In reply to Congressman Wagner, the witness said that there was no record kept of the men who were together at the mess table, but in case he wished to know who were at any particular table at a stated period the cadets themselves could give the desired information.

At this stage of the proceedings Chairman Dick said that as the committee was first feeling its way he would like the members to be escorted through the buildings so that they might visit the different portions of the academy and leave the cadets' barracks to attend to their own duties.

The committee, accompanied by Colonel Mills, Commandant Heintz and Adjutant Rivers, went through the barracks and inspected the quarters of the men. Then they went to the gymnasium building where they spent nearly half an hour in conversation with Norman

### J. Koehler, swordmaster and instructor in gymnastics, who explained the exercises through which newcomers are required to go at the academy. Later on they passed through the cadet commissary, the workings of which were thoroughly explained. The committee watched the cadets at supper formation in the barracks square and afterwards went to the mess hall, where they arrived a few seconds before he cadets. All the members of the committee watched the proceedings in the mess hall with evident interest and asked a few questions of the cadets in charge of the several tables. The members of the committee went to the West Point hotel for dinner and in the evening held an executive session there.

### PRESIDENT MCKINLEY WILL BE INVITED.

### THE PROTEST OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL NOT BE HEADED AT MEMPHIS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9.—The protest at New Orleans of the Confederate veterans against inviting President McKinley to attend the Confederate reunion here next May, will be ignored so far as Memphis is concerned. The invitation, extended by the city's commercial bodies and Confederate veterans of Memphis, will be carried to President McKinley by a committee selected for that purpose.

### COUDERT'S ARGUMENT IN PORTO RICO CASE

### Other Speakers Contend That Island Is a Part of the United States and That Duties Should Not Be Imposed.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, Jan. 9.—In the United States Supreme court, Mr. F. R. Coudert, jr., resumed his argument in the Porto Rican case, continuing his discussion of the Porto Rican case, the scope of which is not defined in this territory and hence that it is incompetent for the government authorities to levy and collect duties upon articles imported from Porto Rico to New York. Mr. Coudert was followed by Alphons Hart, who spoke especially of the Porto Rican case, the scope of which is not defined in this territory and hence that it is incompetent for the government authorities to levy and collect duties upon articles imported from Porto Rico to New York. Mr. Coudert was followed by Alphons Hart, who spoke especially of the Porto Rican case, the scope of which is not defined in this territory and hence that it is incompetent for the government authorities to levy and collect duties upon articles imported from Porto Rico to New York.

### PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTMENTS

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad today announced the names of the division superintendents to be appointed to the following divisions. The following appointments were made: Gilbert H. Cobb, new division superintendent, Pennsylvania railroad division, Harrisburg; to succeed Robert E. Wright, new division superintendent Pennsylvania railroad division, Altoona; to succeed Gilbert H. Cobb, new division superintendent, Pennsylvania railroad division, Harrisburg; to succeed Robert E. Wright, new division superintendent, Pennsylvania railroad division, Altoona; to succeed Gilbert H. Cobb, new division superintendent, Pennsylvania railroad division, Harrisburg; to succeed Robert E. Wright, new division superintendent, Pennsylvania railroad division, Altoona.

### Drowned in Harvey's Lake.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 9.—Fred Poterbaugh, aged 15 years, while skating on Harvey's lake today, broke through the ice and was drowned. The body was recovered.

### THE FILIPINO PETITION

#### Non-Combatants in the Islands Appeal to the Congress of the United States.

### THE ONLY WAY FOR PEACE

#### Document Signed by 2,000 Natives Brought to Washington by Rafael Del Pan Foutala—Advises the United States to Assure Political Self-Government to the Islanders.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Rafael Del Pan Foutala, who is represented as president of the Manila Bar association, is in Washington as the bearer of a petition to congress from the Filipinos not in insurrection. The petition has been shown to several senators, and it will be presented in a few days.

### THE VANDERBILT'S RAILROAD SCHEME

#### Plan for a Through Trans-Continental Line from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Mail and Express says: "William B. Vanderbilt's plan for the wedding together of the Union Pacific and Chicago and Northwestern railroads, which he conceived more than a year ago, is now about to be carried out. When it is completed it will be found that the Vanderbilts have a through transcontinental line of their own from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.

"The original scheme was to lease the Union Pacific to the Northwestern, but it is not yet certain whether this will be done or not. The control of the former is to be acquired through the purchase of a majority of the Union Pacific stock, and this is being done in the open market, which accounts for the big jump in price during the last two days.

"The Union Pacific stock acquired by the Northwestern will be treated in much the same way as the majority of Jersey Central stock, which was bought by J. P. Morgan & Co. for the Reading. A collateral trust bond may be issued, but this is not yet certain. Some favor a lease of the Union Pacific to the Chicago and Rock Island.

"This deal was hastened by the discovery that the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy was anxious to secure Union Pacific or at any rate to make a close traffic deal with the latter. This compelled the Northwestern people to hurry their negotiations. It is still possible that the plan of the Burlington will be considered and that the great systems will be brought into closer harmony. But the control of the Union Pacific will rest with the Vanderbilts. A large block of Union Pacific stock was bought by Burlington, and with a view of uniting with the former.

"It was reported in Wall street today that the new Union Pacific alliance would be still further enlarged by the addition of other railroads in the central west, including the Alton and Rock Island.

"For several years the Northwestern has sent most of its west bound traffic over the Union Pacific, and the latter has reciprocated on eastbound business."

### MAYOR CORCORAN'S TRIAL

#### An Alleged Infringement Upon the Rights of Speech.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 9.—The case of Rev. Vincent Dillon versus Thomas F. Corcoran, mayor of the city of Pittston, was called for trial in court this afternoon. The plaintiff, who claims to be a Lithuanian priest, wants damages from the city of Pittston for false imprisonment.

### GOVERNOR SAW THE EDITOR.

St. Paul, Jan. 9.—Governor John Lind retired from office at noon. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he visited the office of the St. Paul Dispatch, which had criticized him bitterly during his term, told Managing Editor Harry T. Black, "I am now a private citizen."

### As a Private Citizen He Desired to Thump Mr. Black.

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### New Pennsylvania Branch.

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Memphis, Jan. 9.—The Phoenix Athletic club has matched Tommy Moran, the present holder of the 125-pound championship of England, and Oscar Gardner, of Wheeling, for a 20-round contest to a decision. The bout will take place in Memphis, Jan. 15. Before leaving Memphis today Terry Moran agreed to fight Tommy Moran, the holder of the title, on February 19, in the event that the latter shall beat Gardner.

### READING STRIKE CONTINUES.

#### No Cars Run on the Traction Company's Lines Yesterday.

Reading, Jan. 9.—The second day of the trouble on the United Traction company's system, due to the discharge of nearly a dozen union employees, found the situation the same as last evening. Not a car moved today unless no attempt was made in the managers' to resume, although they claimed that all the men would not stand firm.

Since 2:30 p. m. yesterday no cars over the traction system have been moved in Reading or in the suburbs. The men held a meeting today and decided to remain firm.

No car has moved today or tonight on the fifty miles of track of the company's system. President Rigg is still in Philadelphia, but is expected here during the night to meet a committee of street railway employees tomorrow if they attempt his appearance. He is willing to meet them but it is understood will refuse to confer with any committee of outsiders, representing the local federated trades council.

### PHILADELPHIA TO BE PURIFIED

#### A Mass Meeting of Citizens at Academy of Music Is Addressed by Bishop Potter.

### THE CITY'S IMMORALITY

Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt in an Address Asserts That Philadelphia Contains Seven Hundred Houses of Evil Repute—Resolution to the Effect That the City Has Fallen Under Sway of Its Worst Elements Is Adopted.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—A mass meeting of citizens, of which Bishop Potter was the center, was held in the Academy of Music tonight for the purpose of taking preliminary steps in starting a general crusade against vice in this city. The big building was crowded, most of those present being women. Bishop Potter had been invited by a committee of clergymen to address an audience on crime in large communities.

The bishop when introduced was enthusiastically welcomed. He refrained from saying much of the conditions of vice as they prevail in this city, leaving that for local speakers to tell. The bishop touched briefly on his boyhood days which were spent here, and then discussed in a general way the centralization of power which he said exists today in many walks of life. He said there is in the popular mind a belief that judges on the bench, men in the legislative halls and the smallest politicians are purchasable. That such a condition should exist, he said, was a dishonor.

Bishop Potter then spoke of the great movement for better government started in New York and said the conditions that exist in Philadelphia are no different from those prevailing elsewhere. Spoliation and public office holders who betray their trust should be given no peace. If Philadelphia would take up the work, he said, the two cities could go forward hand in hand in the right direction.

The Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt, of this city, delivered a strong address against the alleged immorality of the city. He severely criticized the present municipal administration and said there were in the city "over 700 houses of women whose path led to death."

Addresses were also made by Philip C. Garrett, chairman of the Protestant Episcopal church, of the diocese of Pennsylvania, and ex-Postmaster John Field. A resolution was adopted by the meeting to the effect that the citizens of Philadelphia "recognize that our city has fallen under the sway of its worst elements, organized into a political machine, which by its control of vast revenues, the spoils of office and other agencies, afflicts us with almost every form of misgovernment."

### DELAWARE AND HUDSON DEAL IS DENIED

#### Officers of That Road and the New York Central Say That the Report Is Based Upon Guesses.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Post today says: "Officers of the New York Central and Delaware and Hudson companies again denied today that there had been a guarantee of the shares of the latter by the former company or that such a guarantee or lease was proposed. It was said that this report, like so many of the others which are circulating in Wall street are mere guesses.

"It is known, however, that besides previous large holdings of stock by the Vanderbilt-Morgan interests, a heavy block of stock of the Delaware and Hudson was recently transferred at private sale. There is, of course, practically only one large buyer of these shares at current prices."

### Susquehanna Strike Settled.

Susquehanna, Jan. 9.—The strike of the boiler-makers employed in the locomotive shops of the Erie Railroad company, located here, was ended today and the 150 men will return to work tomorrow. The company granted the request of the men who had stopped work on account of the introduction of piece work and the employment of laborers on work they claimed should be done by boiler-makers.

### Twenty-ninth Fire Victim.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9.—One of the children burned in the orphan asylum fire yesterday morning, Allen Bellmore, two years old, died today. This was the twenty-ninth death from the fire.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.  
RAIN, WARMER.

1 General-Senate Votes Against the Army Canteen.  
Congressional Investigation of the Booz Case.  
Philadelphia Will Also Have a Vice Crusade.  
Financial Appeal to Congress.

2 General-Carbonade Department.  
3 Local-Effect of the Purchase of the Jersey Central.  
Grand Jury Will Investigate Aldermen and Justices.

4 Editorial.  
5 Local and Comment.  
6 Local-Councils Will Act on Trolley Company Legislation.  
Detective Harris Gives Testimony Against Concillium.

7 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania Financial and Commercial.  
8 Local-News in the World of Labor.

### THE CANTEN IS ABOLISHED

#### By a Veru Decisive Vote the Senate Concur in the House Provision Relative to the Subject.

### THIRTY-FOUR AGAINST IT

#### Contrary to Expectations, the Senate Instead of Killing the House Provision Regarding the Canteen, Concurred in Action of the Lower Branch, Which is Intended to Abolish the Canteen from Army Camps—Naval Appropriation Bill in the House.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The army canteen is to be abolished, as the senate today by a very decisive vote concurred in the house provision relative to the army canteen. Only fifteen votes could be mustered in the senate in favor of the canteen, while thirty-four were cast against it. Most of the time today was occupied by Senators Teller, of Colorado; Pettigrew, of South Dakota; and Butler, of North Carolina, who all opposed the adoption of the senate committee's amendment, which provided for a continuance of the canteen.

Beyond disposing finally of the canteen question, the senate accomplished little, and it seems doubtful whether a final vote upon the measure will be reached before Friday or Saturday. The canteen question was disposed of on motion by Mr. Gallinger that the canteen amendment of the committee be laid on the table. The motion was carried 34 to 15, as follows:

Yves—Allen, Allison, Bard, Bate, Berry, Becker, Burrows, Butler, Clifton, Clay, Davis, DeLoe, Doolittle, Fairbanks, Foster, Fry, Galinger, Hale, Handrugh, Hoar, Jones (Ark.), Lodge, McComas, McCumber, Nelson, Perkins, Pettigrew, Platt (N. Y.), Platt (S. Y.), Simon, Teller, Toomey, Tracy, Wellington, Total 54.  
Nays—Caffery, Carl, Cockerill, Eklus, Hawley, Hatfield, McLaughlin, Mallory, Morgan, Stewart, Fritchard, Sewell, Shoup, Spooner, Westcott, Total 15.

The effect of the vote is to restore to the bill the house provision abolishing the army canteen so far as the sale of any kind of intoxicants is concerned.

### Naval Committee Hearing.

The house committee on naval affairs is considering the naval appropriation bill which the sub-committee has agreed upon. The full committee has tentatively agreed to increase the enlisted force of the navy three thousand. The secretary of the navy recommends an increase of five thousand men. The committee also has scaled down the appropriation recommended for the various navy yards, reducing them an average of about 50 per cent from the estimates. The committee has not yet reached the question of the increase of the navy, which is generally the last subject passed upon, but there seems to be a general acquiescence in the recommendation of the secretary of the navy for two battleships and two cruisers.

### River and Harbor Bill.

The house today considered the river and harbor appropriation bill. Little progress was made. In a bill carrying such a vast sum for local improvements the bill is bound to be disappointed, and they are generally considerable soreness among the members who fail to get what they want. This soreness outcropped in several places today, the disappointed members refusing to allow any limit of discussion to be set for the general debate. It extended throughout the day, being seemingly no nearer conclusion at adjournment than when it started. Mr. Burton, chairman of the committee on river and harbors, who is in charge of the bill, made an elaborate explanation of its provisions. Several western members assailed it for not containing provision for irrigation reservoirs and Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, attacked it for not giving proper recognition to the great lakes deep water-way project.

### WOODRUFF HEAD COACH.

He Will Have Assistants Hereafter in Training U. P. Athletes.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Athletic association of the University of Pennsylvania, held this afternoon, George Woodruff, Pennsylvania's well-known football coach, was elected financial secretary of the association and was also selected as head coach of the new board of graduate coaches that it is to be appointed. The creation of a board of graduate coaches to instruct football candidates is a radical change in the method of training the players, as heretofore Coach Woodruff was practically the only person at the university to perform those duties.

The position of financial secretary and treasurer were always filled by one person, but the duties of the dual positions became so arduous that the board decided to separate them.

### Bank Charters Extended.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The house committee on banking and currency today reported favorably the House bill to extend the charters of national banks.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Forecast for east—\* over Pennsylvania; Bains Thursday; \* warmer in northern portion; brisk; \* early winds, becoming southerly; Friday fair.

### RIEGLER MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

#### Robert Bryan Arrested for the Crime in New York—Makes a Confession.

New York, Jan. 9.—Robert Bryan, alias "Sailor Bob," alias "Jack Harris," wanted in Philadelphia for complicity in the murder there on Friday night last of the Rev. Father Riegler, a prominent priest of the Roman Catholic church, was arrested in this city tonight by detectives of the central office.

Bryan was arrested at 11 o'clock and when taken before Captain Titus, of the detective bureau, made a confession in which he told the story of the murder of the priest. Captain Titus refused to give any names reported to him by Bryan, stating that the others implicated would doubtless be arrested in Philadelphia tomorrow.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The body of the Rev. Charles Riegler, of the Church of the Presentation of Cheltenham, near this city, was found in the hallway of a lodging house at 490 North 4th street last Saturday morning. He was not identified until last Sunday night and great mystery surrounded the case. The police were and, in fact, still are extremely reticent and never admitted that the man had been murdered. The inquest on the body held last Monday was abruptly adjourned and it was announced by the coroner that the clergyman had died of natural causes. This announcement, however, was not generally believed, as it was known that the man had been robbed and that the police had sent word to many cities to look out for certain persons, whose description the police refused to give to the public.

Father Riegler was buried today. Over fifty priests attended the funeral, the services being held at the church of which he was the pastor. Solemn religious mass was held, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Prendergast officiating.

The resolution also provides for the appointment of a committee to begin a movement for the betterment of the prevailing conditions.

The Municipal League convention met tonight and adjourned until Jan. 19, without making any nominations for receiver of taxes or magistrate. This plan was decided upon in order to allow the convention of the committee appointed at the citizens' meeting held in the Academy of Music tonight. When the Municipal League convention reassembles on Jan. 19, it is expected an understanding will have been reached between the Municipal League managers and the other reform forces, looking to the selection of candidates around whom an aggressive fight can be waged at next month's election.

As this meeting will constitute the biennial legislative session of the association, attention will be given principally to the needs of the state in the matter of sanitary legislation and a few general or scientific subjects will be discussed. The protection of water supplies, the relation of boards of health to municipal councils, the working of the law authorizing boards of school directors to enforce the sanitary laws of the state, the immunizing value of diphtheria and anti-toxin, the responsibility of boards of health for the prevention of diphtheria will be prominent among the subjects for consideration.

All boards of health, whether of cities, boroughs or townships, are earnestly invited to send at least one delegate to this meeting.

### DEATHS OF A DAY.

Titusville, Pa., Jan. 9.—W. H. Abbott, widely known throughout the county, died at his home here last night, of Bright's disease. He was 59 years old. Mr. Abbott established the first oil market in New York after investing \$100,000 in the oil business. He built the first refinery in the oil region and was the promoter of the first pipe lines and of the old Union and Titusville railroad, the first line carrying oil from these regions to the trunk lines.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—John B. Lang, believed to have been the oldest Free Mason in the United States, died here today, aged 100 years. Lang joined the order in Scotland in 1823.

Peterboro, N. H., Jan. 9.—Hon. Frank G. Clarke, representative in congress from the Second New Hampshire district died at his home here today, aged 80 years.

Snyder, N. S. W., Jan. 10.—Sir James Robert Dickson, minister of defense in the new federal cabinet, died today.

### Hornellsville Strike Settled.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Jan. 9.—The differences between the Erie company and the striking machinists were amicably settled and all returned to work this afternoon.