

450 CADETS AT CLEMSON LEAVE

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE CLASSES WALK OUT.

Grievances Cited.

Charge Unfair Trials, Unjust Discipline and Forced Kitchen Police Duty.

Clemson College, March 10.—A serious disciplinary situation has arisen at Clemson college. Many of the students have already gone to their homes and others may go. The great majority of the sophomores and freshman classes have left and the juniors are considering going. It is not believed, however, that the juniors will go. The great majority of students talked with today say that they did not want to go but felt honor bound to keep their promise to their classmates to stand with them. The following statement was secured from the president and discipline committee:

"Last Sunday morning the cadet in charge of dining room scholarship students reported to the commandant that on account of sickness he lacked six or eight men. The commandant, the president with knowledge, thereupon issued an order, stating that an emergency existed, and that six men would be detailed each day to assist the scholarship students in the mess hall until the emergency was relieved.

Cadets Resented Order.

"Monday morning, the president was waited upon by several of the class cooperative committee who stated that the cadets very bitterly resented the order referred to. Immediate steps were taken to meet the emergency and during the forenoon, by offering higher pay, a sufficient number of cadets to fill out the quota of dining room scholarships were obtained. The order of Sunday was revoked at the Monday dinner hour and two cadets who had been placed in arrest because of failure to obey the order were released at 4:43 p. m. When the dissatisfaction was at its height on Monday afternoon, and the threat was made that some of the students would return home, two sophomores who were in arrest in guard room on account of having exceeded the limit of 50 demerits, disregarded their arrests and proceeded to pack up their trunks. The cadets were last night tried by the disciplinary committee for breach of arrest, pleaded guilty and received the usual punishment for this offense—dismissal. The college does not forcibly restrain students who are under discipline, but places them in arrest. They are expected to observe the arrest. If they will not do so, the only recourse is to send them home.

"Another student, a freshman, who had been detected by the commandant, the only one of many, participating in the disorder Monday afternoon, was given a local punishment which he could serve without interruption to his education.

"Today, Wednesday, after the dinner hour, the freshmen and sophomore classes, without permission, as required by the regulations, held a mass meeting on the athletic field and from there marched to the president's office. The president of the freshman class asked the president to appear before the two classes. As spokesman for the two classes, he demanded that the two sophomores, whom the discipline committee had dismissed, be immediately reinstated, and that the freshman who had been given the local punishment be likewise immediately relieved of this punishment. The president stated to the cadets that there was regular and proper procedure provided in the regulations, whereby any student who had been punished by the discipline committee could appeal to the board of trustees. Also that the cadets concerned could appeal for a rehearing by the discipline committee if they so desired, but that he would not take action under any stress of class or student demands. With that, the meeting broke up, the two classes indicating their intention to go home in a body.

Red Badges Displayed.

"The present action is probably a culmination of a discontent which has been growing in the corps since Christmas. During the disturbance on Monday, red badges were displayed, and the yell of 'Bolshevik' was frequently heard. There are a great many students in the corps, probably nearly 300, who have seen military service in one way or another, and some of these are tired of it. Furthermore the student army training corps, a war measure at the college last session, created a distaste for military discipline. Then too on account of labor and transportation troubles and high costs, the cadet mess has not been as good as heretofore. The whole matter will be referred to the board of trustees and meanwhile the college will proceed with the work of the students who re-

ANCIENT COURT SCENE.

A Rough Neck Pulled the Judge's Nose and Got Away With It.

An old copy of the Western Sentinel, printed at Winston on June 5, 1873, has an account of how Bill McGill, of Stokes county, almost pulled the nose of Judge Cloud, who along about that time held court here for a number of years.

The story as told by the Sentinel at that time is as follows: A scene occurred at Stokes court on Tuesday evening of the first week of court, that was not down on the bills. At the fall term, 1872, of Stokes supreme court, a negro man noted for his impudence, insulted W. D. McGill, and sought shelter in the courthouse, where McGill followed him and gave him a beating in the presence of the judge, and was fined \$100 for contempt of court. McGill was indicted for an assault, in the same case, and was fined last week \$50 by Judge Cloud. After having been punished by a severe fine for contempt Mr. McGill was incensed at the heavy fine imposed on him the second time, and concluded that he would give his honor just cause to go for him in regular heathen style, and on Tuesday evening during the sitting of court he walked upon the stand and took a seat by the side of Judge Cloud, and leaning over spoke in a low tone to him and said, "if you was not an old man I'd pull your nose, you d—d old scoundrel." Judge Cloud, who was expecting a friendly message, was taken aback at what he heard, and thinking he might have misunderstood him, asked, him what he said, and McGill repeated it. The judge then called lustily for Sheriff Gentry to come and arrest him and take him away, saying he was drunk and had threatened to pull the court's nose. McGill very coolly got up, and spoke to the persons in the court house and said it was untrue that he was drunk, but he did tell the d—d old rascal (pointing to Cloud) that he would pull his nose.

The sheriff by this time had reached the scene of action when the judge ordered him to carry McGill to jail and keep him sixty days. As McGill descended the stand he turned to Cloud and said, "You nor any of your party are honest," whereupon the judge repeated his order of sixty days in jail. By this time the sheriff was descending the stairs leading down out of the courtroom, and McGill fired back at the judge and said: "I'll get even with you and your party yet, you d—d old scoundrel." The judge then had McGill brought back and examined the statute to see what was the extent of his power to punish in the case, and finally ordered the sheriff to confine McGill in jail for thirty days, fine him \$250 and to remain in jail until the fine was paid, and to give bond in the sum of \$1,000 with good security to keep the peace with all the citizens of the state. Sheriff Gentry, with a guard, then started to jail with the prisoner, and had gone some distance with him, and when they arrived at Taylor's hotel where a negro was holding McGill's horse, he pulled out a pistol and told them to stand back; that he did not intend to go to jail, and called to the negro to bring him his horse. As the sheriff nor any of his guards were armed, and knowing McGill to be a desperate man, they concluded it would be unhealthy business to attempt to stop him, and he mounted his horse and rode slowly out of town.

We were present in the court house and witnessed the whole scene, and the above is a plain statement of the of the affair without comment.

We learn that the judge had a bill brought against Sheriff Gentry for allowing the escape, and that the trial of the case has been removed to this county.

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main at the institution. Since this is a military college, any matters in controversy will no doubt be passed upon in light of these laws and regulations. The college authorities, of course, greatly regret the student action; knowing that under stress of excitement many students felt compelled to follow their classmates, rather than be governed by their own judgment. However, the disciplinary authorities at the college have no option in the matter but to proceed along the lines of the regulations, and this will be done."

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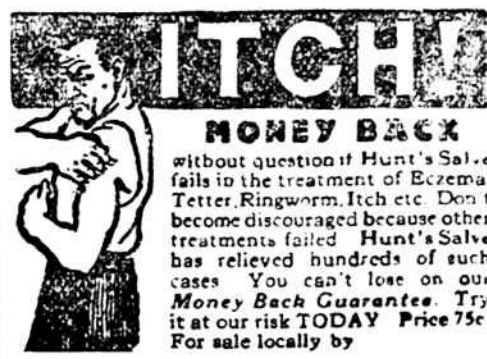
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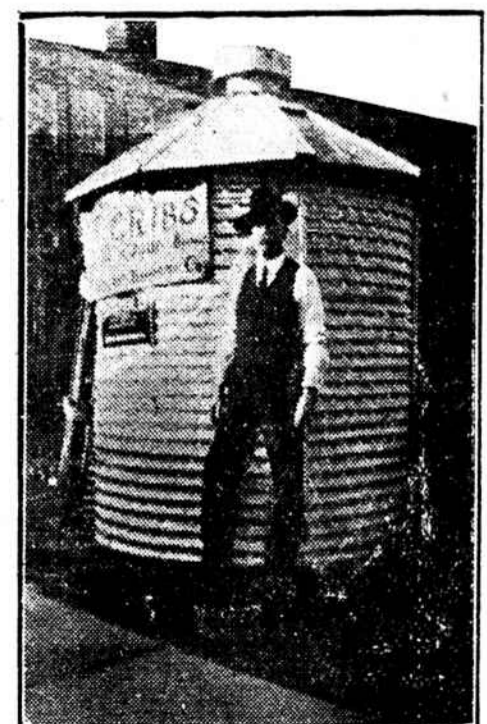
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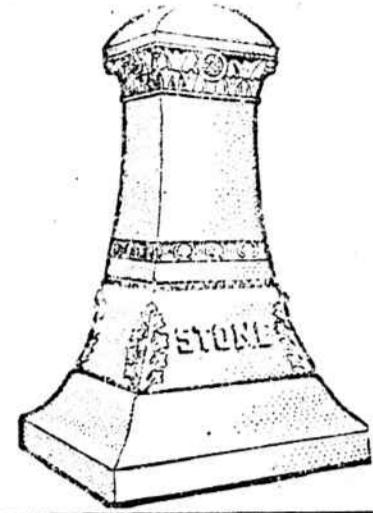
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