

THE TERRORS OF THE SANTEE.

NOW THE "HAZING" NAVAL CADETS
ARE BEING PUNISHED.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—The public has about forgotten by this time all about the hazing trials at Annapolis in October last, but three cadets have not. They are the last of the half score that were convicted and sentenced to confinement on the United States ship Santee, all the rest having completed their terms of imprisonment and returned to the delights of quarters. Two ended their sentences on Thursday.

The sentences which the guilty cadets were given were not agreeable awards. The Santee is a great barn of a ship that lies at the foot of the long dock of the Naval Academy, and the companions of the culprits are the petty officers and bluejackets, to whom they are not even allowed to speak. The cadets swing upon hammocks at night, have no privacy whatever, have meagre furniture, and poor gaslight to do their studying with.

The hazers are not allowed to leave the ship under any pretense whatever, except for discharge of duties such as recitations and drilling. It was very hard with the culprits on Nov. 23, when the football game was played between West Point and the Naval Academy, not to be allowed to see the game. Communication was cut off entirely between the ball grounds and the ship. The hazers tried to obtain the services of a messenger, but they were watched so closely that this effort was nipped in the bud. They all gathered on the port side of the ship and cheered when the echoes of the cadets' cheers fell on their ears, and they believed their team victors for an hour after the game was over, when some one came down and broke the sad news to their unwilling ears. Every Saturday night the music of the hops at the boathouse, almost within touch, swells on their ears, but there is no whirling of pretty girls around the ballroom for convicted hazers.

All the amusements they are allowed are reading and boxing. Perhaps the authorities, in granting the latter, enjoyed the prospective hard knocks they would give each other. They are not permitted to whistle. Once the culprits obtained a football and tried a game between-decks. The authorities ruled this out. Then a single cadet, on his own account, undertook snoring at night. He was given ten demerits. It proved a specific. He never snored again. Physicians may have a pointer on this.

The three cadets more guilty than the rest will have no Christmas at home this year, for, though they will come off the Santee Dec. 24, they will not be allowed to leave the Naval Academy grounds until Feb. 23, 1892.