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Annapolis, Md., Jan. 2 .- The courtmartial proceedings against Midshipman Stephen Dectaur, Jr., of Portsmouth, N. J., charged with the hazing of Midshipman Isaac N. McCrary of Texas and Gaylor Church of Pennsylvania, both fourth class men, were continued this morning. Dectaur going on the stand in his own behalf. The testimony of Midshinman Dectaur in his own defense reveals the fact that midshipmen in the United States navy are in direct conflict in statements they have made under oath.

tively all the statements made by Mc-Crary and Church which connected him with their hazing. He said on the stand that he had never hazed either of the men and did not even know McCrary before he saw him in the court-martial

ing the first day's session that Decatur had ordered him to stand on his head and to do "Number 16," and Church also said that Decatur had given him similar order

Decatur the admission that he had ordered Church to report to his room and that some one there had compelled the under-classmen to perform "Number 16," As Decatur was the ranking ca-det officer present, the prosecution will contend that this fact is sufficient to fix the offense of hazing on him. The

was asked if he had ever seen the "Hungarian band." He said that he had, and that it was an organization of fourth-class men who sang and played the banjo for upper class men. He admitted that they had performed in his room twice. The judge advocate is understood to have information that McCrary belonged to this organization, but Decatur said that the only member

to that of Decatur, was given by Mid-shipman F. B. Marzon' of Florida, who is also under charges for hazing and will be tried shortly. Marzoni was the first witness, other than the fourth class men, to state that any fourth class men were in the room with Decatur, and in that particular lestimony corroborated that of Midshipman Church. He said that while he was in Decatur's room Church had come in and had been told to do "Number 16" in the closet, and afterward had been told to stop. He could not remember who had given the order, but was positive it was not De-

the defense, as he said that a person could easily have been in the closet undergoing having and not be seen, while all the others said that if a per-son had been hazed in the closet while

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men may be compelled to face charges based on the band's compulsory con-

It is probable that the case will be nn-ished tomorrow and given to the court. Decatur's case is altracing great at-tention and a desperate effort is being made to save him. He is a great-grandson of the famous naval hero of the same name and stands number six in studies in the class which graduates next month. He has some very power-ful friends who are willing to belp him in every way. Admiral Dewcy is a relin every way. Admiral Dewey is a rel-ative, but little help can be expected from this source if Decatur is con-victed.

last day's session, Midshipman Charles S. Keller was called for the defense. He said that he remembered the day the