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On a fiercer fight than ever. It was with difficulty that the battle was brought to a close, with the sad results that have been named.

Moore had spoken briefly at a class meeting held a few days before the rush, warning them that the pistol to stop was the signal to fight all the harder to make desperate attempts to throw off their opponents and to secure possession of the cane themselves. He acted as he had advised his classmates to do, and threw himself into the thick of the fight as the pistol went off. Others followed him, and in some way he was thrown down beneath the pile, although still retaining his hold on the cane. Those nearest him asked if he was all right, receiving an affirmative reply. It was not until the end of the struggle that his prostrate body was found.

The other victim of the struggle, Sherrill, received his injuries because of the great strain to which he was subjected at the bottom of the pile, in the prolonged holding of the breath and the external pressure of the crowd. Like Moore he fought all the harder at the sound of the pistol shot, being thrown down in the same way. He was confined to a dark room for nearly a fortnight and never entirely recovered.

On the third of December of the same year the Institute Committee appointed a committee to confer with the Advisory Council on Athletics on the question of substituting an athletic meet for the cane rush. As a result the first Field Day was held the following year, the event being won by the freshmen.