

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

CURRENT TOPICS

CUBAN CENSUS AND ELECTION.

Gen. Wood, the military governor of Cuba, has informed the war department that June 16 is the date finally set for the municipal elections of the island.

THE DEWEY-SPANISH EPISODE.

Europeans have often accused Americans of neglect of the diplomatic proprieties, and the charge is likely to be repeated now.

ROBERTS' CENSURE.

All Great Britain—and the watching world with it—must be rather puzzled at the action of the Salisbury government in giving publicity to the extraordinary criticisms passed by Lord Roberts upon most of the prominent British officers in South Africa.

A TRUTY HABIT.

Probably nobody outside of a small and secretive coterie will ever know exactly why the American Steel and Wire company abruptly shut down a dozen mills, throwing 6,000 men out of employment and demoralizing a great industry.

PARIS WAS THE STAGE.

Paris is full of amusement of all sorts, and the French being a nation of actors there is no lack of theaters. Chief among these is the magnificent opera house designed by Charles Garnier, the largest and most splendid theater in existence.

RUSSIA IN KOREA.

Russia seems to be capturing all the railway franchises in China, and in Korea her stroke for a port has succeeded in compelling Korea to promise not to give the port to any other power.

TO PUNISH WIFE BEATERS.

Police magistrates of Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs are quoted in favor of establishing the whipping post in New York city for wife beaters and proposing to urge the next legislature to pass a law for that purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Minnie M. Wray of Lincoln, Neb., commits suicide before a mirror in the Palmer house, Chicago.

Police-Sergeant Timothy S. O'Connell was murdered by unknown persons on the Eighteenth street viaduct, Chicago.

Seven police captains in Chicago were transferred as a result of Mayor Harrison's dissatisfaction with the handling of labor rioters.

The Atlas Brewing company's building burned at Chicago, causing an estimated loss of \$250,000.

John W. Gates and John Lambert suddenly leave Chicago for New York to face their accusers.

Bishop Thoburn will ask the Methodist conference to furnish 100,000 volunteer evangelists.

Nine visitors to the Paris exposition were killed and about forty injured by the collapse of a bridge.

During address by John Alexander Dowie in Philadelphia former followers attempted to create a riot and were with difficulty quelled by 100 police.

Euphemia Constable, witness for crown in Welland bomb case, is guarded by military in fear of her abduction in prisoners' interest.

Striking employees of New York Central railroad send ultimatum to company and threaten to call out 30,000 men.

Statement of Philippine exports and imports for last computed period shows 50 per cent excess of latter.

Six thousand passengers for Cape Nome are booked for May sailings, and all berths are pre-engaged.

Capt. Day of rough riders, now lieutenant in Philippines, talks piquantly of Filipino traits.

Hundreds of flood victims in Texas shelterless, but all needy are given food and clothing.

New tax law in Michigan ignored in Iron counties; time limit expired Monday.

Delegates to ecumenical conference denounce liquor and opium traffic and want nation's aid.

United Irish league abandons Newmarket meeting and avoids clash with the police.

Mysterious murders of young girls and boys occur in many parts of Germany.

United States Consul-General Mason prepares a report on German trusts.

German bank fears export of gold to London.

Good horses are being shipped to the Louisville track for the meeting which begins there Thursday with the Kentucky Derby.

Advance guard of the Methodist Episcopal conference arrives in Chicago.

Entire New York Central railway system in New York state is threatened with a tie-up and strike of 20,000 employees by an ultimatum answerable today.

Ottawa and Hull, Canada, are receiving many offers of aid from Europe and America.

Eugenie Blair, the actress, was quite seriously hurt by falling on a chair in a Cleveland theater.

Railroad men in Wall street have little faith in John W. Gates' hard-times stories.

Canadian preferential tariff favoring Great Britain against the United States further increased.

New York bank statement likely to show increase in deposits and reserve.

Eight Illinois and Wisconsin lime and cement companies combined.

Ravenwood (Ill.) Y. M. C. A. proposes to start a temperance garden to draw the young men away from the beer gardens.

C. D. Lamb sentenced at Chicago to life-imprisonment for killing his father-in-law.

Electric railway proposed for Kenosha filling gap in road from Chicago to Milwaukee.

Revival of "Charlotte Corday" at Odessa caused French government to adopt extraordinary military precautions.

Berlin may use telephonograph, enabling telephone messages to be recorded during a subscriber's absence.

Passage of German naval bill assured. Centrists having consented. Cost to be paid by stamp taxes.

Paris court decided exposition authorities cannot arrest cigaret smokers.

Russian press is exhibiting increasing animosity to Great Britain.

Revolution in Colombia gaining strength.

Cardinal Richard asked pope to request ministry to permit religious ceremonies in Catholic pavilion at Paris exposition. Conservative press hints pope is a Dreyfusard.

United States said to have declined sultan's proposition of indirect payment of indemnity. Latest demand almost an ultimatum.

American contributions to aid starving India will reach \$2,500,000. England has contributed less than one-third as much.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York says he will under no conditions accept a nomination for the vice-presidency.

Riot and bloodshed mark another day in the labor strife at Chicago.

Edward Reuter, an insurance adjuster at Chicago, arrested after a confession by Frank Meyers that the latter had been hired by Reuter to burn buildings.

Socialists in Brussels chamber declare King Leopold responsible for Congo state massacres, but government is upheld by majority.

Sultan to settle United States claim without offering powers by disguising payment as to apply on a new warship.

Interest in the ecumenical conference on foreign missions increases. Prominent men take part.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Boers Are Still Holding Out in Large Forces.

CRITISII BURN BOER HOMES.

Several Sharp Engagements Fought Near Thabanchu—Boers Blocking Mailer's Attempts to Force Passes—Parliament Awaits End of War.

Wednesday, April 25. Pole-Carew's advance with French scared Boers out of strong positions they held at Dewetsdorp, and raised siege of Wepener, which Brabant entered. Estimated 4,000 Boers in flight northeast. Boers claim to have recaptured Boshof. Fleeing Boers almost overtaken by British and shells thrown among them.

Thursday, April 26. Boer smokeless powder plant and arsenal near Johannesburg wrecked by explosion, twenty-three killed and eighty-two injured. Hamilton's column reaches Thaba Nchu, finding it deserted. Ladybrand district commanded by imperial forces. Burgher forces from Wepener and southern part of Free State believed to have escaped British trap. Roberts reports mounted troops making good progress

Friday, April 27. French, with 10,000 men, at Thaba N'Chu, and Rundle's division, only eight miles away, hope to intercept Boer retreat. Gen. Warren appointed governor of Griqualand West. Boers expect to winter in Natal.

April 28-29. De Wet, with large transport train and main Boer army, reported at Kroonstad, far to the north; French, with cavalry, pursuing retreating burgher columns. British parliament will take up no important work, and will not dissolve until Boer war is ended. Basutos prevent British from moving ammunition across their territory and notify Boers. London papers urge adoption of Weyler's concentrato systems in sections occupied. Thousands of Boers in Natal ready to block any attempt of Buller to force passes. More evidence of plot in destruction of Johannesburg arsenal.

By British authority homes of the Boers in the Orange Free State are being burned whenever evidence is found of friendship to the federal cause. Several sharp engagements have been fought near Thabanchu and a hard fight is promised in the near future.

Monday, April 30. Roberts plans capture of Boer force that invested Wepener, but doesn't know where they are. The Times thinks ministry should explain recent blunders of generals. Boers active west of Bloemfontein. Mafeking was safe on April 12.

FLOOD CAUSES DEATH.

Eight Drowned in Waco, Texas—Tornado at Storm

A cloudburst, accompanied by a high wind, descended upon Waco, Texas, at noon Friday, and the result is that eight persons are known to have perished in the city limits and property valued at several thousand dollars was destroyed. The known dead are: Mrs. Nancy Caudle, Miss Clara Caudle, Rosa Chapman, Emma Decker, Thomas Capps, Frank Walker, two negro men, names unknown.

A tornado passed through the eastern part of Blum, Texas, destroying several residences and a two-story school building. Fortunately but two persons were seriously hurt, one of whom, Eunice Hanks, will die. She was caught between two timbers and received internal injuries. About fifteen others were slightly hurt.

Corpse Weighted with Iron. At Portland, Ore., Thursday the body of William Brannan of Ellenburg, N. Y., was found in the Willamette river. Around the neck was a wire, attached to which were two heavy pieces of iron. Brannan, who was on his way to Nome City, was first reported missing about three weeks ago, and at the time was supposed to have had considerable money on his person. When found there was nothing in his pockets but a few keys. The local detectives think they have a good clew to the murderers.

NO ANSWER FROM THE SULTAN

A Warship Will Probably Be Sent to the Mediterranean.

Constantinople, Friday, April 27.—The United States legation has not yet received the sultan's answer to the note handed to Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, by the American charge d'affaires, regarding the indemnity claims; and the impression is gaining ground that the reply will be in the negative or even that no reply will be made. The latter alternative, however, seems to be unlikely. The general opinion is that without a display of force the sultan will not pay the claims, because it wishes to show the moslem world that it only yields to force. It is not considered here that a simple rupture of diplomatic relations will render the porte easier to deal with; but a rupture of formal relations is not thought necessary, as the sending of a warship to a Mediterranean port would suffice to obtain a settlement of the matter in less than twenty-four hours. The same proposition for a settlement of the indemnity question by an order for a warship, in the price of which the indemnity should be included, was formerly made to France and Italy, but M. Constans and Senor Pansa rejected the proposal. The newspaper criticism and comments upon the attitude of Turkey in this affair are causing great irritation at the Yildiz kiosk.

Chicago labor trouble. Death has again marked the progress of the Chicago labor trouble. The dead: Peter V. Miller, 1186 Lincoln avenue, 24 years old, single, shot through the back of the head, died instantly; taken to Best's morgue, 1412 Wrightwood avenue. The injured: Benjamin A. Barnard, 702 Racine avenue, employed by the Baker-Vawter company, bruised in the scuffle preceding the shooting; Louis Jaecacs, a picket, 929 Wrightwood avenue, cut and bruised on head; John McGuire, a picket, 92 Racine avenue, married, 24 years old, shot in shoulder and chin scarred by a bullet, injuries dressed at Alexian Brothers' hospital, locked up later in Sheffield avenue police station; William H. Pottgetter, 75 West Ohio street, a picket, bruised over head and shoulders during the fight; Edward Yarranton, 698 Racine avenue, employed by Baker-Vawter company, struck on the face and over the head, not serious.

Roberts Case Goes to Jury. The case of B. H. Roberts at Salt Lake City, Utah, took an unexpected turn Monday evening. After spending the morning session in securing eight jurors, County Attorney Putnam announced that by stipulation the whole case would be submitted on an agreed statement of facts, constituting what the witness would testify to if called on the stand. The jury is composed of seven Mormons and one gentile. The agreed statement was submitted, and counsel for the defendant moved that the court instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. The motion was overruled, and after brief arguments the case was submitted to the jury.

Cornell Crew Unusually Strong. The prospect of Cornell's success in the coming freshman and varsity races at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., are brightening every day. For the past few days the varsity at Ithaca has been improving rapidly, and Charles Francis, '72, an old Cornell stroke, said that he had never seen so much power displayed in a boat at this time of the year in all his rowing. The freshmen crew is also developing at a remarkable rate. Saturday the crew defeated the second and third varsity crews in a mile race on the lake. It was the youngsters' first experience in the lake, but they behaved like veterans. They also rowed in excellent form.

Roadie Scheme Unsettled. At Chicago Friday the arrest of Edward Blair, who was for many years employed in the offices of the county clerk and county treasurer, brings to light what is said to be a gigantic scheme to defraud the public. The arrest came shortly after his indictment by the grand jury. Blair's scheme, according to official statements, was to make unpaid taxes appear as paid, and by his operations he is said to have pocketed thousands of dollars. The plan was worked for more than two years, it is alleged.



AN INCIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

OUR CALENDAR.

Illustration of a woman's face and a calendar for the month of May.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World—Prices of Farm Produce in Western Markets.

Speakers at the ecumenical council denounced the United States for its war and for liquor traffic in Philippines.

Chicago Methodist Ministers' association opposes any change in church discipline.

New York Methodist preachers denounced the army canteen.

Hat found by side of murdered Police Sergeant O'Connell at Chicago implicates P. M. McLean, who is under arrest.

Frank A. Kapra of Chicago killed himself rather than be arrested on a charge of swindling.

Several women fainted and one hurt in rush to pay taxes at Chicago and avoid penalty.

Illinois drainage canal dam lowered, permitting flow of 530,000 cubic feet a minute.

Freight handlers on all roads at Buffalo quit work. Strikers conferred with New York Central officials Tuesday.

Minnie Wray's suicide at Chicago remains a mystery.

Dr. Leonard Pratt died at San Jose, Cal.

Ordnance officers doubt efficiency of 16-inch gun at Watervliet; it will cost \$1,000,000 to protect it and \$60,000 to test it.

Capt. Chadwick explained that his criticisms of Schley were not for publication.

Forest fires destroyed Ames and Nathan, Mich., destroyed sixteen buildings at Goodwin and seven at Athens. Thousands of people homeless.

William F. Miller of Franklin syndicate sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

E. C. Benedict gave his daughter \$1,000,000 when Thomas Hastings married her.

Levi P. Morton's daughter Edith married to William C. Eastin in New York.

Fitzsimmons knocked out Dunkhorst in two rounds at New York. McFadden and O'Brien fought a twenty-five round draw in New York.

Men arrested for attempt to blow up Welland canal lock are from Dublin, and were suspected of dynamite conspiracies there.

Vossische Zeitung declares Secretary Root's alleged threats against German plans in Brazil are groundless.

Italian police ordered to punish socialists for inducing workmen to stop work.

While in Naples Ferdinand asked Humbert's aid to make Bulgaria a kingdom.

German ministry will accept clerical naval program and meat compromise. Time limit for construction of Panama canal extended until 1900.

That Tired Feeling

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Old By Cromwell's Troops. A remarkable discovery of coins has been made at Houghton, midway between Blackburn and Preston, at a farmhouse belonging to Mr. Thomas Crook, near Houghton Tower, the seat of Sir James De Houghton, and the scene of one of the Cromwellian advances. The coins, which number fifty-five, are of silver, varying in value and dated near the end of the fifteenth century and the beginning of the sixteenth century. They were discovered under the thatch of a roof, where it is conjectured they were placed for safety from plunder by Cromwell's troops. They are in a remarkably good state of preservation, and were in a curious bag of wash leather.—London Leader.

Checking Ticket Speculators. There is a stringent ordinance in Atlanta, Ga., against speculation in tickets to places of amusement, and one of its violators came to grief during the recent engagement of Richard Mansfield in that city. The speculator was arraigned before the city judge, the case proved against him, and he was promptly fined \$100 and sentenced to thirty days in jail. The latter part of the sentence was afterward remitted. Mr. Mansfield expressed pleasure on being informed of the sentence. He said his own agents charged the public for admission as much as they were able to pay.

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Spring Styles. "Hennicks has become a perfect mirror of fashion of late—changes his clothes five times a day. What did he have on when you saw him last?" "He had a jag on."—Philadelphia North American.

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