

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

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

St. Petersburg Herald says Germany and Russia agreed last autumn that neither should act in East Asia without consulting the other. Swiss newspaper suggests that Switzerland be annexed to the United States to gain trade advantages. Persons received relief in India number 6,013,000; deaths in Bombay, 16,322 in last week in June. Deputy Lassals in Chamber accused French ministers of many crimes and was censured and fined. Canada's preferential with England will exclude it from Anglo-German trade treaty. Russia will not permit Chinese affairs to delay its Armenian demands on Turkey. Dutch navy is being used to protect lives and property in Rotterdam dock strike. The wedding of Lady Randolph Churchill to Cornwallis West is set for July 28. Berlin street car employees get 33 3-5 cents for nine hours work. Numerous thefts at Paris exposition. Mexico re-elected Diaz as president. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt refused to dine at Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont's on learning that Mr. and Mrs. George Gould were guests. John Bennett, stolen twenty-three years ago, when 3 years old, found his mother in Plainfield, N. J. Jeffries' arm prevents his fighting Bahlla. F. D. Comitt, founder of La Grange, Ill., shot himself and died while insane. Mrs. Potter Palmer has accepted an invitation to visit the queen of Belgium before her return to America. Mrs. Palmer's salon in Paris is rapidly becoming famous and her rooms are filled with the leading political and social celebrities on each receiving day. Exports of provisions for the fiscal year about to end will exceed those of any previous year. The total, it is anticipated, will be \$180,000,000. John McArthur, an officer at Antigo, Wis., shoots and kills a burglar, who, before dying, gave his name as Billy Walsh of Akron, O. Mine owners at Belle Island declare they will put men to work today and if the strikers interfere they will be arrested. New charter of Havana, increasing the officials' power, will become effective this week. Pres. McKinley attends church at Canton, O., in the morning and sees no visitors. It is reported that the Chicago and Alton, the Kansas City Southern and the Union Pacific railroads are to be consolidated under one management. Three men discover placer mines of fabulous richness in lower California. Lieut. Gibson broke down in Great Western handicap at Washington Park. 'All the charity of the world will be needed in India for the next four months to save millions from death,' said Louis Klopfch, who has just returned. 'I expect that 2,000,000 will starve to death anyhow.' Dr. G. R. Wheland of Yale found a turtle in Black Hills that lived tens of millions of years ago, which proves that region was once an ocean. Deep waterways commission's report favors a twenty-one-foot channel from lakes to ocean, which would cost \$190,153,388. Sultan has promised to pay \$100,000 indemnity in settlement of American missionary claims in ninety days. New Porto Rican tariff has more than doubled exports and nearly doubled imports. After Nationalist attack on Minister, French Chamber adjourned in disorder and a free fight followed. Lassals tried to strike Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, who was defended by Socialists. Greece may raise funds by lottery to make its navy as strong as Turkey's. Boer envoys arrived in Paris. Eleven persons killed and twenty-five others prostrated by Friday's heat in Chicago. Great crowd will visit Canton on July 12, when McKinley is notified of renomination. In five days Roosevelt traveled 2,000 miles and spoke forty-one times in forty towns. Funeral of seventy-six victims of Hoboken fire was held. Cortage was a mile long. Three of the eight regiments in Cuba were ordered home by Secretary Root. Heat caused five deaths and fourteen prostrations in Chicago Thursday. National Education Council, which meets at Charleston, S. C., is expected to stimulate educational activity in South. On account of his youth Belgian court acquitted Spido, who tried to kill Prince of Wales. London critics say Jean de Reszke's voice is a wreck. Dr. Robinson Tripp of Chicago died on June 21st.

NISSEN SHOOT RAPIDS.

Missing Man Goes Through the Niagara Whirlpool.

Peter Nissen of Chicago, who prefers to be known as "Bowser," made a successful journey through the Niagara rapids and whirlpool Monday afternoon in his boat, the Foolkiller. The boat struck the first foam-topped wave and turned over as easily as if it had been a stick instead of having a 1,250-pound keel. Man and boat disappeared. The watchers thought it was all over, when suddenly farther down stream "Bowser" reappeared, clutching the boat with one hand and waving his jersey cap with the other. The boat had righted itself. This occurred three times in the rapid journey, for it took only two and a half minutes for the whole trip through the rapids. Then "Bowser" and his boat were flung into the whirlpool. He was carried straight to the vortex which sucked in the boat, casting it up a minute later, with the drenched but plucky fellow clinging to his seat. Here it remained for forty minutes while the whirlpool played with it, spinning it like a top, then rolling it round the outer rims of the whirlpool. The man was finally rescued by three men who ventured into the water as far as they dared and caught a rope which he threw to them as his boat swung round on the outside of the pool. "Bowser" said the trip was more terrible than he feared, although he came out unharmed.

Three Died Quickly.

At Dayton, O., while John Burns, aged 50, a painter, was arranging his ladder on the fourth story of a building, he slipped from the scaffold and fell fifty feet to the pavement, being almost instantly killed. Nearly every bone in his body was broken. Burns moved to that city from Decatur, Ill., six months ago. He leaves a wife, Earl Wolf, 16, of Parker avenue, Dayton, was drowned in the Miami river, two miles south of the city. He was bathing with several companions. Joseph Weber, aged 72, a veteran at the Soldier's home and a former member of the Forty-fourth Ohio, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

Pray for China Missionaries.

The Baptist state convention met at Jackson, Miss. The 400 delegates are being entertained at private residences. The Baptist is the largest denomination in Mississippi. Dr. R. A. Venable of Meridian, was elected president; Dr. H. F. Sproles of Vicksburg, and Perrin Lowry of Blue Mountain, vice presidents; E. E. Thornton, recording secretary; A. J. Miller, statistical secretary; L. S. Foster, corresponding secretary; S. L. Hearse, treasurer. Several notable ministers from other states are in attendance. Special prayers were offered for missionaries in China.

Two Killed by Railroad Cars.

At Pittsburg, Pa., two persons were killed outright and a third seriously hurt in a most peculiar railroad accident. The dead are: Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, 40 years old; Thomas Morris, 48 years old. Thomas Edwards, husband of the dead woman, had his leg so badly lacerated that it will have to be amputated. The freight broke in two at the switch. The portion which turned into the switch jammed the line of cabooses through the buffer into the party.

Keane Halts in Accepting See.

It is understood that Archbishop Keane of the Catholic university at Washington hesitates about accepting the government of the metropolitan see of Dubuque, owing to the bitter opposition which the German clergy of Iowa are making against his appointment. They have a candidate of their own selection and the authorities of the propaganda in Rome have been urgently petitioned by them not to appoint Archbishop Keane.

Americans in Front.

American athletes, handicapped by climatic conditions swept the picked men of England before them in the English championships at Stamford Bridge, winning eight firsts in the thirteen events decided. Kraenzlein, the Milwaukee boy who represents the University of Pennsylvania, was the star of the meet, setting the world's record of 15 2-5 for the 120-yard hurdles on grass and also capturing the running broad jump.

Ballstones Freeze Ice Cream.

The largest ballstones ever seen at Kewanee, Ill., fell in the country five miles north of the city. The ball broke window panes and even sashes, the stones being larger than baseballs. One farmer gathered ballstones from the ground an hour after the storm and used them for freezing ice cream. The growing corn in the track of the storm was badly injured. All the farmers agree as to the size of the hail.

Mrs. Dewey Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Dewey is more seriously ill at Narragansett Pier than was at first reported. The admiral had planned to leave for Washington, but Mrs. Dewey's illness may prevent. Certainly she will not accompany him. Her throat is affected. She is obliged to remain within doors.

Marries His Mother-in-Law.

Mrs. Albertina Abrams was married to Louis Hirsch by a justice of the peace at Milwaukee. The bride is 60 years old and the groom 30, and she is the mother of the young husband's dead wife. The groom finds himself the step-father of his sister-in-law.

Money Cuts Off a Child's Foot.

A man mowing weeds in the streets of Gardner, Iowa, cut off both feet of the little son of Mrs. Becker, a prominent citizen. It is thought the boy cannot survive.

THE WAR WITH THE BOXERS

Severe Battles in the Empire of China.

MANY NATIONS TAKE A HAND.

Wholesale Butcheries at Peking—Revolt Attains Unprecedented Proportions—Thousands of People Reported Slain by the Blood-Thirsty Society.

Wednesday, July 4.

Council of war at Taku decided to postpone relief of Peking until they have 50,000 men. This means a delay of several weeks, as Russia refuses to permit Japan to supply 30,000 men needed. German and English officials declare Russia will thus be responsible for slaughter of foreigners. British diplomats predict a war of England and Japan against Russia, in which Germany and France may become involved.

Thursday, July 5.

General belief that entire European colony in Peking, numbering nearly 1,000 souls, has been wiped out by the Boxers and soldiers at instigation of Prince Tuan, and that Kwang Su is dead and dowager removed. Secretary Hay notified powers that America will enter into any mutual arrangement to restore law and order in China. United States would not take part in or acquiesce in dismemberment of China. Chinese minister at Washington asked that strong force of Americans be sent to act with allies. Army officers say 20,000 men could be spared from Philippines. Chinese said to have seized Pei-Ho bridge after desperate battle and driven Russians from station outside Tien Tsin.

Friday, July 6.

Reported that soldiers butchered 5,000 Christian Chinese. Refugees describe Peking as an inferno, the streets literally running with blood. They confirm numerous stories of executions and tortures of the isolated foreigners captured by the mob. Powers are said to have arranged compromise by which Japan will furnish 22,000 troops to be commanded by a Russian general and

England will command allied troops. Emperor Williams offered a reward of \$200 for every foreigner in Peking handed over alive to a German magistrate. Chinese dead about Tien-Tsin number thousands. River is full of floating bodies. Li Hung Chang ordered that all Boxers who attack foreigners be executed, Secretary Root ordered 6,000 soldiers to Manila and they may go to China. Report that 3,000 Russians, who left Tien-Tsin for Peking, have been killed. Chinese ambassador at Berlin is sick in bed from fear of retaliation. Ninth Infantry is believed to be at Taku. Danger of a general revolt is increasing.

Sunday, July 8.

Sunday, July 8.—Tien Tsin is surrounded by a Chinese force estimated at 80,000 to 100,000 men. Russians and Japanese attacked Chinese near Tien Tsin and killed 1,000. Allies are supposed to be half-way to Peking. Minister Conger's last report, dated May 21, showed Boxers were organizing throughout empire and foreigners were murdered without mercy. Conger warned China it would be held to strict account for every treaty infraction. Only England and America have agreed to give Japan a free hand to act in powers' behalf. Others merely permit it to land any number of troops. The news that foreigners in Peking were alive on July 3 is a mistake. The courier left on June 28 and reported massacres were on June 30 or July 1. "I will not rest until China is subdued and all the butcheries are avenged," said the Kaiser to officers about to sail for Taku. Officials are anxious over absence of news from 9th infantry. Typhoons are feared. Three policemen constantly guard residence of Minister Wu at Washington. Sultan sympathizes with China.

Monday, July 9.

Prince Ching, who has 10,000 troops, seized all artillery ammunition in Peking and is opposed to Tuan and the Boxers. He is preventing attacks on legations. The Dowager is said to be alive and working for peace. President McKinley is expected to abandon his vacation after July 12 because of Chinese complications. St. Petersburg papers approve American policy in China and say their interests are identical. Ninth regiment arrived at Taku. Two others will sail at once.

THE WAR IN CHINA.



A MOUNTED SOLDIER OF THE ARMY OF THE EMPIRE.

You Are Hurt by an Explosion.

An explosion occurred in a tunnel being constructed at California, an eastern suburb of Cincinnati, for the Cincinnati waterworks. One of the workmen was carrying a lighted candle when an explosion was caused, doing considerable damage and seriously injuring Robert Legner, electrician; Edward Lightfoot, George Brown, Joseph Johnson, "Baltimore Dick," Cabell, James Donnelly, Frank Gibson and two other workmen whose names could not be learned.

Falls Victim to His Own Law.

After a meeting of the Cincinnati city council President M. H. McLean of that body started home on his bicycle. His lamp was out and two vigilant policemen who noticed this stopped him. The officers apologized for being compelled to arrest him for violating one of his own ordinances regarding lamps on bicycles. He will be asked in court to show cause why he should not be fined \$5, as others have been whose lamps were dark.

LATEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Record of the Last Six Days at the Front

GIVEN IN CONDENSED FORM.

Ex-President Steyn and Christian Dewet Only Obstacles in the Way of Terminating Prolonged Struggle—Gen. Paget Moves Toward Dewet's Stronghold.

Wednesday, July 4.

The various telegrams received from Pretoria and elsewhere in South Africa, while not giving an account of fighting, represent the converging columns as making De Wet's roving ground more and more contracted and the possibility of his defeat and capture near. Heavy artillery fighting was heard near Ficksburg on the 3d.

PRINCE TUAN AND SOME OF HIS BODY GUARDS.



THE MAN WHO IS NOW SAID TO BE DICTATOR AT PEKING.

The Boers are massing in great numbers in the Lindley district.

Thursday, July 5.

Boers captured Lieutenant Rundle and a patrol of carabineers near Pretoria.

Friday, June 6.

The London Times' Lorenzo Marques correspondent in a despatch says: "From a trustworthy source it is learned that ex-President Steyn and Christian Dewet are the only obstacles to the termination of the war in South Africa." Gen. Paget is moving toward the heart of the country held by Dewet. Lord Roberts telegraphed to the war office under date of Pretoria, July 6, 2:25 p. m., as follows: "Paget engaged the enemy on July 3, successfully at Pleisfontein. He drove them out of a very strong position across Leeuw kop to Bronerfontein, where he bivouacked for the night. He followed up the enemy and on the afternoon of July 4 was at Blaauw kopje, fifteen miles northwest of Bethlehem. He reports that all of Steyn's government officials, except the treasurer-general, who has gone to Vrede, are at Bethlehem, which has been proclaimed the capital. Steyn himself is reported to have taken flight to the mountains. Buller reports the line to Heidelberg restored, thus completing railway communication between Pretoria and Natal."

Sunday, July 8.

Sunday, July 8.—Late news from South Africa reports that the Boers ineffectually attacked General Buller's escort between Standerton and Heidelberg as he was returning from a visit to Lord Roberts. The Boers attacked the Ficksburg garrison but were driven off after forty-five minutes' fighting. General Brabant on July 5 occupied Dersberg, between Senakel and Winberg, which served as a base for bands assailing convoys. Colonel Mahon of General Hutton's mounted troops, of July 6 and 7, engaged 3,000 Boers east of Broeker spruit and drove them off. The British casualties numbered 23.

Monday, July 9.

British drove Boers east of Broenker-spruit and repulsed 3,000 men. Boers attacked Rustenburg ineffectually, with serious loss. Capt. Currie and Lieut. Kirk of the Imperial Light Horse were killed.

Kills Her Lover and Hears.

In sight of her mother's grave, Ada Arlington shot and killed her former lover, John Resburg, at Superior, Wis. She then carried him into her house, crossed his hands on his breast, placed nickels on his eyes and set up all night with the dead body. She came to the city yesterday and gave herself up. She states that the man was intoxicated and tried to break into her house.

Body of Murdered Man Found.

The section men on the North-western found the remains of an unknown man near Comanche, Iowa, lying in the high grass. As several murders have been committed in this vicinity, foul play is suspected. It was evident that he had been killed in some manner, as the body was badly cut and bruised. The man had apparently been dead for three days.

Corset Steel Saves Her Life.

David H. Hoar, a machinist, fired five shots at his wife at Saginaw, Mich. But one took effect, and that not seriously, a corset steel turning it aside. Immediately after the husband went to the woodshed, at the rear of their home, where the shooting occurred, and shot himself in the breast. His condition is serious, and he will probably die. Hoar is 33 and his wife is 19. Jealousy is the supposed cause. Mrs. Hoar had just returned from a trip to Grand Rapids.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 90¢; track, 89¢; July, 89¢; August, 88¢; September, 87¢; No. 3 hard, 86¢; No. 3 cash, 85¢; track, 84¢; June, 83¢; July, 82¢; September, 81¢; Oct. 80¢; No. 3 cash, 79¢; track, 78¢; June, 77¢; July, 76¢; September, 75¢; No. 2 white, 74¢.

Cattle—Native shipping and export steers, \$4.15; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.50; steers under 1,000 lbs., \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50; cows and heifers, \$2.00; calves, \$1.25; bulls, \$2.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.00; cows and heifers, \$1.75; calves, \$1.00; hogs—Pigs and rights, \$3.10; packers, \$3.10; butchers, \$3.10; sheep—Native muttons, \$4.00; lambs, \$4.50; culls and bucks, \$2.00; stockers, \$2.00.

Butter—Extra, creamery, 19¢; first, 17¢; second, 15¢; imitation creameries, 15¢; dairies, choice, 16¢; 1c; first, 15¢; ladies, good to fine, 15¢; packing stock, fresh, 1c.

Eggs—Fresh, loss off, cases returned, 13¢ per doz.; city, recalled, 11c. Cheese—Full cream, twin new, 9¢; daisies, 10¢; Young America, 10¢; cheddars, 9¢; Swiss, 11¢; Limburger, new, 10¢; butters, 10¢.

Poultry—Chickens, hens, 7¢; per lb, springs 10¢; ducks, old, 7¢; springs 10¢; turkeys, hens, 6¢; gobblers 12¢; geese, \$1.00 per doz. Beans—Hand picked, pea, new, \$2.10; 2 1/2; hand picked mediums, \$2.00.

Wall Paper Trust Falls. The following statement has just been issued by President Henry Burn of the National Wall-Paper company: "Although the company has now been in existence for eight years and has done a large business, its profits have not been commensurate with the expectations of the stockholders, due to the fact that its existence has to such an extent stimulated competition that the number of plants engaged in the manufacture of wall paper has in that period doubled. For these and other reasons the entire board of directors, who themselves constitute a majority of the stockholders, and who are acting from a sincere conviction that they are thereby promoting the interests of all concerned, favors a dissolution of the corporation. The indebtedness of the company is nominal and will be paid in full before any action looking toward dissolution is taken." The directors will hold a meeting on July 17.

Farmer's Dream Tip Is True. Lisle Spencer, a well-known young man of Watertown, S. D., has frequently ridiculed the belief of some that "dreams come true," but a recent experience of his own has somewhat changed his mind. A few nights ago he dreamed that a gold watch and chain, which he had lost last fall while hunting, had been found by a certain farmer living four or five miles from Watertown. The dream made so great an impression on his mind that he decided to drive out to the farmer's house and investigate. Notwithstanding his dream, he was surprised when the farmer produced the watch and chain which were covered with rust, and which the farmer had discovered in one of his fields only a week or two ago.

School for Cubans. The brightest and most hopeful incident in Cuban history since the war is the coming of 515 Cuban teachers for a three months' summer normal school at Harvard. The United States transport Sedgwick brought 310 women teachers and the United States transport Crook 205 men. Harvard university, through President Eliot, appropriated \$75,000 toward the expenses of these new "schoolmasters abroad" from Cuba. They come primarily to study American schools and American methods of teaching, and, not less, to study the methods of teaching and of school management that will be best suited to existing conditions among their own people.

Osteopaths in Convention. The fourth annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Osteopathy began its sessions at Chattanooga, Tenn., over 100 delegates, representing many states, being in attendance. The first session was taken up with the report of the treasurer, showing a balance on hand. The establishment of a national organ was discussed. Dr. A. C. Thorn of Boston read a paper.

Three Persons Hit by a Train. Will Gruebb, George Schoening and George Fige, of Columbus, Ill., were crossing the railroad track near that place when a passenger train crashed into them, killing young Gruebb outright and injuring Schoening and Fige so that their recovery is doubtful.

Strailmen's Strike. There is trouble on the Montana Central branch of the Great Northern railroad on account of the trainmen's strike for higher wages. The road is organizing a staff of deputy marshals to protect new men.