

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

Calendar for December with a portrait of a woman and the word 'ember'.

MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY

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

Archbishop Ireland in sermon at Washington advocated temporal sovereignty for the pope.

In absence of a law enforcing death penalty governor of Kansas is puzzled what to do with forty persons sentenced to be hanged.

Postmaster General Smith in annual report urges reform in postal laws. Revenues pass \$100,000,000 mark.

Extradition of man from Colorado to Indiana denied by Governor Thomas because Gov. Mount will not send W. S. Taylor back to Kentucky.

Physicians say the czar is out of danger.

Michael F. Lawlor, one of the McInnes Maguire leaders, died at Philadelphia.

Habbi Harrison of St. Louis declined call to Temple Emanu-El, New York.

Dr. Fennecott in New York denounced the anti-vice crusaders as bunglers.

The Rev. Braden Hamilton, New York, has written an article denouncing Ascotite gowns.

American advance in Philippines being rapidly made, with but little actual fighting.

Minister Wu, in lecture on Confucius, says Christian dogma and practice are different matters.

The Rev. William E. Johnson acquitted of murder charge on ground of self-defense at Columbia, S. C.

H. K. Jones, New York, lawyer, said to have been offered Attorney Generalship of United States.

Warships Iowa and Philadelphia suddenly ordered from San Diego, Cal., to South America on mysterious mission, with Admiral Kautz in command.

Joseph Chamberlain told parliament civil rule would soon be established in South Africa republics, with Sir Alfred Milner as governor.

British government has not formally notified the powers of its annexation of the Transvaal and Orange Free States.

Sultan wants Turkey to have navy equal to those of great maritime powers.

Queen Victoria reported to have fallen rapidly in last two or three weeks.

W. G. T. U. convention sent resolution to congress attacking army campaign.

General Mercer made speech in French senate on possibilities of war with England, and pointed out way of escape.

One thousand one hundred acres of land in Kansas county, L. I., purchased by Bear Range Aid committee to establish barge colony.

Alan has steamer, crippled by storm, sighted off coast at Halifax, N. S.

Over 100 slaves were made on Indian land owned in Belmont county, Mississippi.

H. C. Fryck will build a twenty-story office building, costing \$2,000,000, in Chicago.

Ball tracks lotions, enter cough medicine.

Thomas J. Hayden, second vice president of New York Central, found dead when he fell through window of his residence in New York.

A gigantic international combination of all big warship-building concerns is being organized by Cramp & Co. of Philadelphia.

Warship companies anticipate the Christmas business in their country.

While walking on the Northwestern track at Clinton, Iowa, Andrew Smith was struck by an engine and killed.

ATTACK BRITISH CONVOY.

Victims of the German's War Killed and Twenty-Three Wounded. The London war office has received a dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Bloemfontein, Dec. 6, announcing that Gen. Delarey, with 500 Boers, attacked a convoy proceeding from Pretoria to Rustenburg at Buffelspoort, Dec. 3, burned half the convoy and killed 15 men and wounded 23, including Lieut. Baker. The Boers, the dispatch adds, suffered considerable loss, some of them being killed. Guns and assistance were sent from Rustenburg and Commando nek and the Boers were driven off. The Boers also say Gen. Dewet crossed the Caledon Dec. 5 at Kareepont drift, making for Odental. Gen. Knox was following him; the drift was held by a detachment of the guards and the river was flooded.

Asks Farmers to Organize. The annual convention of the American Association of Farmers and Expositions was held at the Sherman house in Chicago. A number of papers dealing with state fair work were read and discussed. The first was by Aaron Jones of Indiana, master of the National Grange. Its subject was "The Effects of Organization as Applied to Farmers and Farmers." The speaker in a lengthy address advocated the organization of farmers and those engaged in agricultural pursuits and pointed out the benefits to be derived not only by the farmers individually, but the farms they engineered, by strong co-operation. Other papers were read by G. H. Van Houten, H. S. Grimes and C. J. Ross.

Faith Curists Sentenced. Harry E. Sollenberger and Ezra Sheets, faith curists, pleaded guilty before Judge Audenried at Philadelphia to the charge of involuntary manslaughter and were each sentenced to serve three months in the county prison. A portion of this time they have already served. The defendants conducted the "Beulah orphanage," or "Fire-Baptized Holiness mission," and the charge against them grew out of the death of Edward Sack, a 7 months' old infant. The child was an inmate of the institution and became ill. The defendants depended on faith to effect a cure and the child died.

De Wet Is in a Trap. General De Wet, the ablest and the most courageous commander of the Boers, is caught in a trap by the British forces between the Caledon and the Orange rivers. The two streams are swollen with recent rains and their passage is almost impracticable, and on all sides the burghers are surrounded with strong bodies of British troops. The Transvaal soldiers are fighting desperately, but it is felt that even if General De Wet should succeed in recrossing the Caledon his path to the north is cut off, all the passes being occupied.

Rubber to Be Cheaper. There was no meeting of the directors of the United States Rubber company at New York Monday, and President Sheppard says that no meeting will be held until early in January. He denies that prices have been cut 25 per cent, but says that prices will be lowered soon, the amount being a matter for the future determination of the directors. He says that the reduction is found necessary owing to the competition of the independent concerns, but more especially because of the open winters of last year and this year.

Yukon in War with Smallpox. Dawson mail gives details of the smallpox epidemic now prevailing there. Of thirty cases some have recovered and sixteen were quarantined. Cold weather seems to have made the contagion more prevalent than before. The Yukon council has ordered that every person in the Yukon territory from White Horse Rapids to Forty Mile be vaccinated at once. The district contains about 12,000 persons.

Rich Farmer Fads Life. Frank Taylor, a rich and prominent farmer, aged about 60 years, and residing about ten miles east of Arcola, Ill., shot and killed himself Monday. He had been in failing health for several years and within the last year had displayed symptoms of mental derangement. He was one of the oldest residents of this section.

Woman Probably Fatally Burned. Mrs. A. Byron Darby, wife of State Senator-elect Darby, was dangerously and probably fatally burned at Waterloo, Ind., while preparing a liniment on top of a stove. The liniment combust and was thrown over Mrs. Darby, setting fire to her clothing, terribly burning her face and head. It is feared that she cannot survive.

Young Mayor Is Executed. George Arthur Pearson, the youthful murderer of his sweetheart, was hanged at Hamilton, Ont. He maintained his composure throughout. He said he would gladly die if he could restore the life he had taken. Pulmonary disease in fifteen minutes after the drop fell. Pearson killed Annie Griffin, aged 17 years, Sept. 23.

Ship Tattered and 23 Dead. The queen of the Provincetown (Mass.) Grand Banks fishing fleet, the Cora S. McKay, has been given up for lost, with all its crew of thirty residents of that town. Circumstances point to the ship's destruction at Virginia Rocks, on the Grand Banks, in the storm of Sept. 12.

Killed on Northwestern Tracks. While walking on the Northwestern track at Clinton, Iowa, Andrew Smith was struck by an engine and killed.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Summary of Legislation in National Body.

MEASURES IN BOTH HOUSES.

In the House Several Bills Are Introduced—Organized Labor Wants an Amendment—Boer's Annual Report—The Ship-Subsidy Bill.

Wednesday, December 5. Remote prospect for Isthmian canal legislation. Army reorganization bill brought up in House. Senator Frye finished his speech in favor of the ship subsidy bill. Under bill reported by ways and means committee there is reduction of \$40,000,000 in war taxes. All stamp taxes except on stock exchange and board of trade deals, bills of lading, and custom house withdrawals and entries, are repealed. Report of Secretary of Interior Hitchcock made public. Republican senators changing front on Davis amendment to Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Representative Foss, Chicago, appointed chairman of committee on naval affairs.

OUR CONSUL HOME FROM CAPE COLONY.



Col. James G. Stowe, United States consul at Cape Town during the South African war, is on his way to the United States to make a formal report to the government. He will arrive in this country before the holidays.

Thursday, December 6. The report on the coast of extending the sanitary canal from Lockport to Utica, Ill., was submitted to congress. The house passed the army bill after making various amendments, one of which prohibits the canteen.

Friday, December 7. The Grout bill, intended to prevent the sale of butter for butter, passed the house. Deep-waterway commission reports to congress on its survey of routes and cost of constructing a ship canal from the great lakes to the ocean. Bids opened at Washington for greatest order for warships ever given by the government, including battleships and armored cruisers, to cost \$50,000,000. Secretary of State Hay says he will resign unless the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is indorsed. Sentiment in senate against present measure and in favor of fortifying Isthmian canal. House passed anti-oleomargarine law.

Saturday, December 8. Ship subsidy bill so patched that little of original form remains. Vessels need carry nothing to draw bounty on total tonnage. Alterations benefit mail steamers on Atlantic. Representative Nathan of Massachusetts has introduced a bill in congress to provide habitations and employment for the homeless poor. Senator Gallinger prepared rules governing consideration of special pension claims in senate committee.

Sunday, December 9. Minority report of ways and means committee on war tax reduction, signed by all the Democratic members, says \$40,000,000 off is not enough, but all should be removed. Will not oppose the bill. Senator Towne of Minnesota appointed to fill the vacancy.

Two Swept Over the Falls. A most thrilling escape from death by drowning along the Piscataweg river in years happened when two men were swept over Kelley's Falls, N. H., in a frail boat and made a sheer plunge of twenty-six feet. They were Benjamin F. Holmes and Frank Tremblay. Holmes was torn from the boat, but gained the banks after a struggle. His companion clinging to the half-submerged boat and drifted down the river to Orono's Island, where he was rescued.

caused by Senator Davis' death, was sworn in. Senator Chandler made point his term would last only till legislature meets and not till successor qualifies. House military committee report favorably on resolution ordering inquiry into death of Cadet Boon. Senator Frye announced Secretary Hay will not resign if canal treaty is amended. Caucus of House Republicans upheld committee's report on tax reduction. The first of the great supply bills, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, was passed by the house in record time. The bill carries \$24,496,308, and has 131 pages, but there was less than ten minutes' debate upon it. Mr. Bingham (Pa.) who was in charge of the measure, tendered his thanks to the house for their confidence shown in the appropriations committee. It required about three hours for the clerk to read the bill.

Gen. Funston Houts Rebels. More activity is shown in the operations in northern and southern Luzon. Gen. Funston, with troop A of the 4th cavalry and a score of scouts, last Thursday encountered 100 insurgents posted on the opposite bank of the Nelic river. The Americans charged across the stream and the enemy retreated.

LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA.

Diplomatic Negotiations Are in Progress.

SOME BOXER DISTURBANCES.

Many Germans Killed by the Boxers—Imperial Edict Deprives Gen. Tung Fu Hsing of Rank Court to Komata at Hagan Fa.

Wednesday, December 5. Envoys at Peking signed new protocol along lines laid down by President McKinley; Li Hung Chang reports execution of eighty Boxer leaders.

Thursday, December 6. China may offset the claims of the powers for indemnity by presenting claims for injuries to the persons and property of its own subjects caused by punitive expeditions. This important information comes from a reliable source and no doubt is receiving attention in the proper official quarter. Probably China's demand for indemnity will receive little consideration from the powers, which will agree upon the sum to be collected and will require its payment.

Friday, December 7. Kang Yu Wei, Cantonese reformer, says Chinese people hate Dowager empress and blame her for calamities of nation; Emperor's restoration only plan for peace.

Sunday, December 9. Dilatoriness of British Foreign office responsible for delay in signing preliminary demand note to be presented by powers to the Chinese government. Questions of credentials of Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching again raised. Foreign envoys at Peking offended at note from General Chaffee protesting against looting.

Monday, December 10. An imperial edict has been issued appointing Sun Chia-Nai president of the board of rites. This appointment is significant of the growing power of the emperor against the dowager empress. Sun Chia-Nai was the first high official whose residence in Peking was attacked by the Boxers in June. He formerly favored the reform movement. He founded the Peking university and was its first director. He is friendly towards foreigners, and is liberal-minded. His return to power will promote intelligent action on the part of the Chinese government.

Ohio Labor Federation Splits. The Ohio Federation of Labor convention closed at Newark, Ohio, under most stormy conditions. Dayton, Mount Vernon, Newark and Columbus delegates withdrew from the convention and from the federation near the close of the proceedings. A minority of delegates had a majority of votes, and controlled the work of the body. During an attempt to amend the constitution so as to do away with this condition of affairs the final uproar and walkout occurred. A vote on the proposition caused its defeat.

Bulgarian Cabinet Is Out. The cabinet of Bulgaria has resigned owing to ministerial differences.

RUSSIA TO SPEND MILLIONS HERE FOR CRUISERS.



The new naval plan of the czar means millions for American shipbuilders. Tiroff, the Russian minister of marine, has been instructed to order a number of new battleships and cruisers and the Cramps of

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Spring Wheat—No. 1 northern, 95c; No. 2, 94c; No. 3, 93c; No. 4, 92c; No. 5, 91c; No. 6, 90c; No. 7, 89c; No. 8, 88c; No. 9, 87c; No. 10, 86c; No. 11, 85c; No. 12, 84c; No. 13, 83c; No. 14, 82c; No. 15, 81c; No. 16, 80c; No. 17, 79c; No. 18, 78c; No. 19, 77c; No. 20, 76c; No. 21, 75c; No. 22, 74c; No. 23, 73c; No. 24, 72c; No. 25, 71c; No. 26, 70c; No. 27, 69c; No. 28, 68c; No. 29, 67c; No. 30, 66c; No. 31, 65c; No. 32, 64c; No. 33, 63c; No. 34, 62c; No. 35, 61c; No. 36, 60c; No. 37, 59c; No. 38, 58c; No. 39, 57c; No. 40, 56c; No. 41, 55c; No. 42, 54c; No. 43, 53c; No. 44, 52c; No. 45, 51c; No. 46, 50c; No. 47, 49c; No. 48, 48c; No. 49, 47c; No. 50, 46c; No. 51, 45c; No. 52, 44c; No. 53, 43c; No. 54, 42c; No. 55, 41c; No. 56, 40c; No. 57, 39c; No. 58, 38c; No. 59, 37c; No. 60, 36c; No. 61, 35c; No. 62, 34c; No. 63, 33c; No. 64, 32c; No. 65, 31c; No. 66, 30c; No. 67, 29c; No. 68, 28c; No. 69, 27c; No. 70, 26c; No. 71, 25c; No. 72, 24c; No. 73, 23c; No. 74, 22c; No. 75, 21c; No. 76, 20c; No. 77, 19c; No. 78, 18c; No. 79, 17c; No. 80, 16c; No. 81, 15c; No. 82, 14c; No. 83, 13c; No. 84, 12c; No. 85, 11c; No. 86, 10c; No. 87, 9c; No. 88, 8c; No. 89, 7c; No. 90, 6c; No. 91, 5c; No. 92, 4c; No. 93, 3c; No. 94, 2c; No. 95, 1c; No. 96, 0c; No. 97, 0c; No. 98, 0c; No. 99, 0c; No. 100, 0c.

Find No Work at Kansas City. Within a week more than 100 men have been sent to Kansas City by a Chicago employment bureau under promise of work there. In every case there was no work, and in nine cases out of ten the men who went did not have money enough to get out of town. A Chicago Great Western train Wednesday took twelve men who had paid \$7 each to an employment agency that promised them work in Kansas City.

Cuban Leader Drops Dead. Gregorio de Quesada, a Cuban, who took a prominent part in the affairs of Cuba during the time that the island was a dependency of Spain, dropped dead in the Merchants' National bank at New York, while waiting in line before the receiving teller's window. Senor Quesada lived in this city. He had three sons, who were educated in this country. One of them, Gonzales de Quesada, is at present in Cuba.

Plan to Confine 4,000 Boers. In pursuance of the reconcentration policy the authorities at Johannesburg are preparing accommodation on the racecourse for 4,000 persons from farms in the vicinity of the Rand. The burghers will be herded in a laager and will be strictly watched. A notification appears in the Gazette to the effect that all able-bodied British subjects are liable to conscription for service in the Rand rifles.

Accepts Widow's Proposal. Joseph Kimmel, an Atholton boy of 19, went to Leavenworth to tell Mrs. Wolfsberger, a widow, that he wanted to marry her daughter. Mrs. Wolfsberger objected to the match, but intimated that she, aged 40 years, would accept the young man. Kimmel promptly transferred his affections from daughter to mother, and the couple eloped to Kansas City.

Born at Sea in a Storm. When the transport Rawlins, which arrived at Newport News, Va., Wednesday from Porto Rico with troops, was off the coast of Florida on Sunday, in a terrific gale, a baby boy was born to Captain and Mrs. Helm of Indiana. He was named Alexander Rawlins Helm. Captain Helm is a postoffice official at San Juan, and was returning home on a visit for his health.

Governor Pingree of Michigan pardoned General W. L. White and General A. F. Marsh, convicted of military frauds.

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A dispatch has been received from General Funston giving an account of a two hours' fight in the woods of Santo Domingo between an American force and 800 rebels commanded by Sandico. The American force, consisting of 20 native scouts, commanded by Lieutenant Jernigan, attacked the rebels, who retreated, leaving on the field sixteen men killed, including the rebel leader Aguilar and an American negro. Not one of Jernigan's men was wounded.

Jennie Morrison in Court. Mrs. Castle's death-bed statement of accusation against Jennie Morrison was admitted as evidence at the trial at Eldorado, Kan. The statement, which declares that Miss Morrison provoked the quarrel with the bride and then began an attack that cost Mrs. Castle her life, is considered the strongest evidence presented by the state. Jennie Morrison gave way to her feelings in the court room this morning, and wept for the first time since her trial began.