

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

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—Incidents, Enterprises, Accidents, Verdities, Crimes and Wars.

Case of Richard B. Mollineux argued before the New York Court of Appeals by D. B. Hill and J. G. Millburn.

German ship Planet, with crew, disabled by sickness, picked up by steamship Crown Point.

Jessie Morrison again on trial at El Dorado, Kas., for murder of Mrs. Olin Castle.

United States cavalry to drive intruders out of Kiowa Indian reservation.

Experiments in smelting ore with Illinois coke, costing less than \$1 a ton, proving successful at Illinois steel works.

Will revolutionize steel industry and bring it to Chicago.

Herbert W. Bowen of New York, minister to Persia, appointed minister to Venezuela as the successor of Loomis, who will be sent to Portugal.

Lloyd C. Griscom made Persian minister.

Thousand Mormon families from United States to settle in Mexico on lands formerly occupied by Yaqui Indians.

Colorado Fuel and Iron company absorbed by the steel trust.

Prof. G. A. Anderson of Yale elected president of Augustana College.

Hidiah Indian tribes of Alaska declared war on whites for shooting their chief.

Battleship Wisconsin, in trial at San Francisco, made 15.6 knots an hour.

Henry La Frantz, aged 10, stole a horse at West Branch, Ia.

J. A. O'Donoghue of San Francisco informed Irish patriots in New York he has been offered four islands in South Pacific on which to re-establish the ancient Irish kingdoms.

John E. Gibbons, a discharged soldier of Twenty-ninth infantry, committed suicide at Kankakee, Ill.

Farwell mass-meeting held Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. jubilee at Boston, resulting in many conversions.

Twenty-four foreign delegates spoke in native tongue.

Representatives of Gen. Callies agreed upon terms of surrender. His force of 600 soldiers to lay down arms.

Mrs. Ida Thiele murdered by her husband on a street at Villaca. He narrowly escaped lynching.

Martin Anderson suffocated while working in a diving suit in East River, New York.

Five negroes hanged at Sylvana, Ga., for the murder of two white men.

United States transport tipped over in a dry dock in Erie basin, Brooklyn, killing one man and injuring twenty-five others.

Engineering students from Michigan University employed in place of striking machinists at Detroit.

In discussing the work for boys before the Y. M. C. A. convention at Boston, Dr. Canfield of New York scored the business methods of the association.

Mineral Springs Hotel of West Baden, Ind., burned, but all of the 268 guests escaped, many losing jewelry and clothing.

C. W. Raymond of Watska, Ill., appointed federal judge for the Indian Territory.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Spring Wheat—Car lots (Dodge) No. 2, 40¢; No. 3, 39¢; Winter Wheat—No. 2 red, about 40¢; No. 2 white, 39¢; No. 3 yellow, 38¢; No. 3 white, 37¢; No. 3 red, 36¢; No. 3 white, 35¢; No. 3 yellow, 34¢; No. 3 white, 33¢; No. 3 red, 32¢; No. 3 white, 31¢; No. 3 yellow, 30¢; No. 3 white, 29¢; No. 3 red, 28¢; No. 3 white, 27¢; No. 3 yellow, 26¢; No. 3 white, 25¢; No. 3 red, 24¢; No. 3 white, 23¢; No. 3 yellow, 22¢; No. 3 white, 21¢; No. 3 red, 20¢; No. 3 white, 19¢; No. 3 yellow, 18¢; No. 3 white, 17¢; No. 3 red, 16¢; No. 3 white, 15¢; No. 3 yellow, 14¢; No. 3 white, 13¢; No. 3 red, 12¢; No. 3 white, 11¢; No. 3 yellow, 10¢; No. 3 white, 9¢; No. 3 red, 8¢; No. 3 white, 7¢; No. 3 yellow, 6¢; No. 3 white, 5¢; No. 3 red, 4¢; No. 3 white, 3¢; No. 3 yellow, 2¢; No. 3 white, 1¢.

CHILDREN DIE IN CAMPS

Hundreds of Little Boers Perish Among British.

THE REPORT CAUSES GROANS.

In the House of Commons the War Secretary Admits That There Are 40,229 Persons in the "Concentration Camps"—Treatment of the Helpless.

In the House of Commons at London Monday Mr. Brodrick, the war secretary, in reply to questions, said there were 40,229 persons in the "concentration camps" of the Transvaal and Orange River colony. The deaths in these camps for the month of May numbered ninety-eight men and women and 318 children. The announcement of the mortality was received with groans from the Irish members, and cries of "Scandalous!" Brodrick added that the authorities were arranging for the release of the women and children who had friends to re-

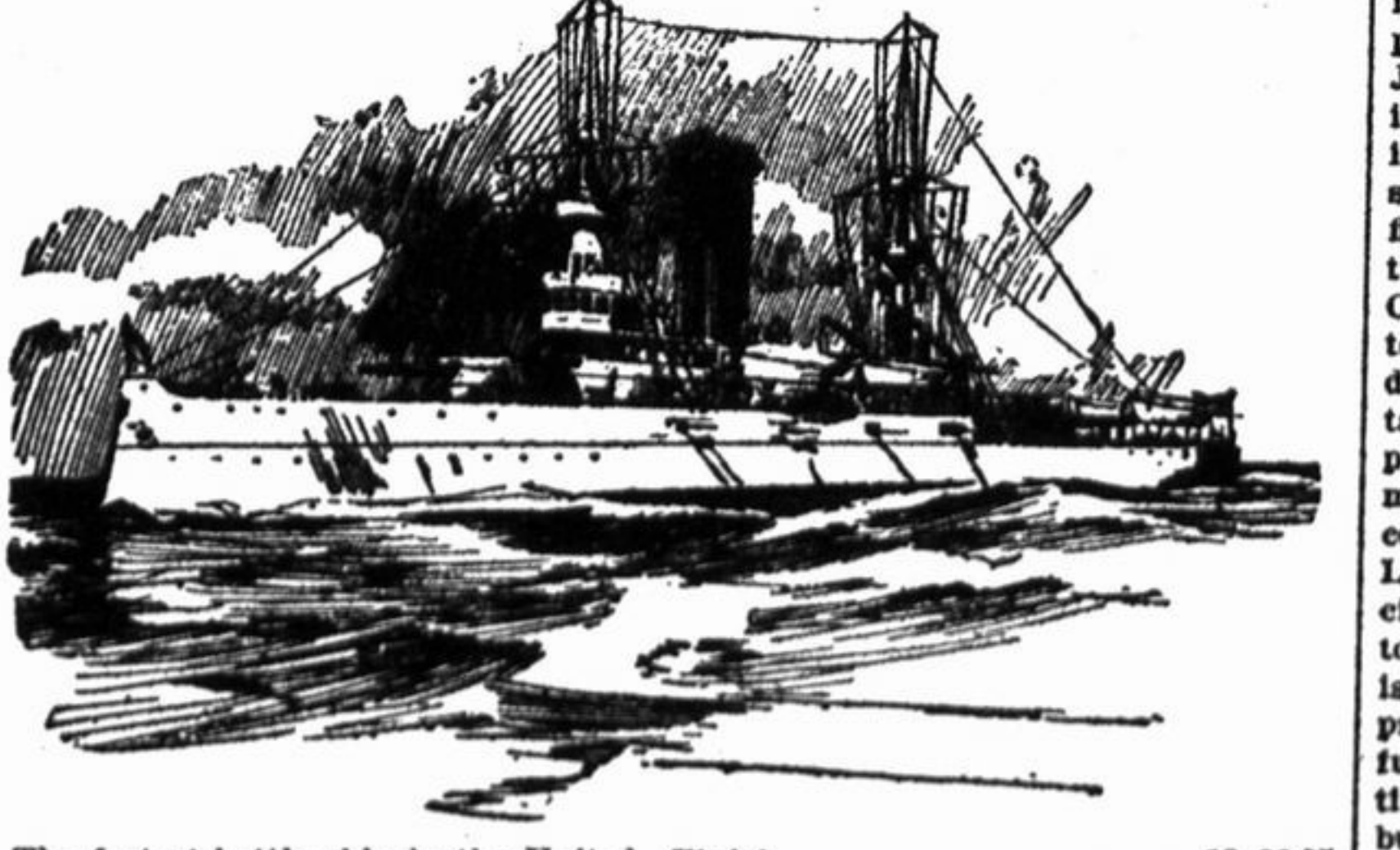
FERRY GOES TO THE BOTTOM.

Collision at New York Pier Throws People Into Water.

The ferryboat Northfield, with 600 passengers aboard, was sunk Friday night in East river at the foot of Coenties slip, where it had drifted after a collision with the Mauch Chunk. How many persons perished is not known, and until reports of those missing from home come in it will be impossible even to estimate the loss of life. Eye witnesses of the disaster tell widely different stories regarding the fatalities, some insisting at least 100 were drowned, others holding thirty or forty as a more correct estimate of the victims, while the most conservative declare the fatalities numbered only one or two. A number of persons who were injured were taken to hospitals, while others were able to make their way to their homes. It is known that one young man perished in an attempt to leap ashore. His name is not known. David Van Nane and George H. Coppens, reported missing, are believed among the victims.

Farmers Hail the "Corn King." Fresh from his victories on the Chicago board of trade, George H. Phillips, the "corn king," whose successes insured him a niche in the heart of every farmer in the land, went to Minneapolis Thursday expecting to meet a large assemblage of bankers, business men and farmers. Mr. Phillips delivered a short address in which he advocated a perpetual corner in corn, manipulated by the farmers themselves. He also favored government aid to the extent of taxing the corn and building elevators. One of the suggestions that he considered of importance was that a farmers' bank be established in Chicago with a capital of \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000. In explanation of his scheme for taxing corn, Mr. Phillips said: "Let the government tax the farmer a cent a bushel on his corn crop, and with the money build elevators in which to store 100,000,000 bushels of corn, and pay 40 cents, Chicago basis, for it, and the world will pay the same price. There is not so much of it that we need to worry about an extra large crop or two. With the government ready to pay 40 cents for it, the farmer can borrow 30 cents from his country bank, if he needs the money, and carry the surplus for seven years if need be."

ILLINOIS IS NAVY'S QUEEN.



The fastest battle ship in the United States navy, and probably the fastest battle ship in the world, is the Illinois. At Boston, Wednesday, over the Cape Ann course of sixty-six knots she developed an average speed of 17.31 knots, the world's record for a sustained trial over a measured course. The official time of the first half of the trial was as follows: H. M. S. Start10:12.03

Finish12:06.87 Elapsed time1:54.84 Average speed for the thirty-three knots covered, 17.36 knots an hour. The record of three great warships is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Knots. Illinois17.31 Wisconsin17.12 Alabama17.015

Naval Officer Sentenced. Capt. Robert E. Impey, the naval officer stationed at San Francisco, who got into trouble over refusing to pay a dentist's bill of \$50 and intimating that the navy department would not allow so large an amount, thereby endeavoring to use his official position to avoid payment of a private indebtedness, has been sentenced. The court finds him guilty of "scandalous conduct tending to the corruption of good morals," sentences him to a reduction of ten numbers, makes him take rank next after Capt. W. W. Reisinger, suggests a public reprimand in orders by the Secretary of the Navy and that he be placed on furlough pay for two years. Secretary Long has not yet approved these findings of the court and still has the papers before him.

"Velled Lady" Is Set Free. Vina Seavy, a young woman known as the "Velled Lady," who followed Fred Rice, the bank burglar, to Toronto after the extradition of himself and his associates, and who was arrested and held as a vagrant after the fatal attempt of the men to escape, was discharged from custody by the police magistrate. The young woman was able to convince the crown authorities that, although she had been active in raising money for the defense of the burglars, and especially of Rice, her sweetheart, she knew nothing of the conspiracy to supply the prisoners with weapons.

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BIG LOSS FOR BRITAIN

The Boers Slay Many in Transvaal Battle.

ONLY FIFTY-TWO ESCAPED.

The Men Killed, Wounded and Captured Belonged to General Beaton's Column of Victorian Mounted Rifles—Two Officers Among the Slain.

All England is stirred again by the news of a disastrous defeat of British arms in south Africa. Lord Kitchener cables that only fifty men out of 250 Victorian mounted rifles escaped in an attack by Boers. The British public is growing impatient at the apparent lethargy in the operations in south Africa. Nearly all the reports of the small battles that have occurred during the past two months show that the Boers each time were the aggressors, according to London reports, and the British suffered more or less severely. Lord Kitchener's dispatch is dated at Pretoria, and says: "Near Welmarus, twenty miles south of Middleburg, 250 Victorian mounted rifles from Gen. Beaton's column were surprised in camp at Steenkoolspruit by a superior force of Boers at 7:30 p. m., June 12. The enemy crept up to within short range and poured a deadly fire into the camp, killing two officers and sixteen men and wounding four officers and thirty-eight men, of whom twenty-eight were slightly wounded. Only two officers and fifty men escaped to Gen. Beaton's camp. The remainder were taken prisoners, their arms taken from them and released. Two pompons were captured by the enemy. Full details have not yet been received." The serious reverse which Lord Kitchener reports is the first accident of the kind that has happened to the Australian contingent, and it is supposed to be due to neglect of proper picketing. More or less fanciful accounts are published on the continent of alleged peace negotiations, but there is nothing in them, and nothing has come of the interview between Mrs. Botha and Mr. Kruger beyond revealing the fact that Mr. Kruger will listen to no proposals unless they are accompanied with a guaranty of the independence of the republic.

Great Inventor Dies Poor. William H. Young, the mechanic who worked out and adapted the ideas of Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine, died in the poorhouse at Bridgeport, Conn., of consumption and alcoholism. Young, who was 71 years old, and who was always known as "Harry" though "Harry" was not his first name, was a rich man 25 years ago. He was looked upon almost as a partner of Elias Howe. Young moved in good society and was on the eve of making a national reputation when the evil of drink overpowered him and dulled his sensibilities. He became little better than a tramp, and a year ago he applied for admission to the almshouse.

Pere Marquette's Old Mission, on Madeline Island, with the famous painting by Reubens, destroyed by fire, thought to have been set by incendiaries.

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Chase Murder a German. A number of Czechs, who were traveling on a railway near Troppan, Germany, with two Germans, named Lumar, deliberately seized one of the Germans and dropped him under the wheels of the car. The man was killed, but his brother jumped from the car and escaped a similar fate, though he was badly injured.

Lightning Hits Supper Table. A bolt of lightning wrecked the table at which the family of E. W. Wright was sitting at supper in Milwaukee. When the members had recovered it was found that no one had suffered much except from the shock, and that the greatest damage was to the table and the chimney down which the lightning came.

Michigan G. A. R. Encampment. The twenty-third annual encampment of Michigan G. A. R. began at Flint with 5,000 veterans in attendance. Commander E. M. Allen of Portland and staff have charge of affairs. Governor Bliss is in attendance. There was a huge campfire Wednesday night.

Girl Thel How in Asytina. Mabel Burt, the self-confessed thief of Smith College, Bridgeton, N. J., has been placed by her father in an asylum at Frankford, Pa. The girl's physician today described her affection as one in which she was utterly unable to control herself when seized with the desire for something which was not hers. There was to her an exhilaration about theft and the concealment of it which led her on. Mr. Burt says in a few days she will have a severe attack of this kind which he thinks will result in her insanity.

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Steel Magnate Arrested.

Edmund C. Converse of the executive board of the United States Steel corporation, formerly president of the National Tube Company, was arrested at Greensburg Junction, on the Pennsylvania railroad, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, taken from the special train in which he had been touring the country for several weeks, visiting the various plants of the billion-dollar trust with a large party of officials, and arraigned at Greensburg, Pa., where he was compelled to give bond for his appearance the first Monday in September. Converse was arrested on a writ issued by the Westmoreland court at the suit of James L. Devenny of McKeesport, charging him with misappropriating the proceeds of the sale of 3,599 shares in the capital stock of the McKeesport, Duquesne and Wilkes-Barre Street Railway Company.

Mad Mullah Repulsed.

The foreign office at London has received the following reports as to the progress of the British expedition which is co-operating with Menelek of Abyssinia against the Mad Mullah, Colonel Swayne with the main body advanced on June 2 against the Mullah's camp at Yabel and nothing has been heard from him since. He left Captain MacNeill with a guard of 300 men at Zariba, Somali. The Mullah's cavalry and infantry attacked Zariba three times, but were repulsed. On the last occasion they lost nearly 500 men, 141 of whom were left dead on the field. The British casualties were ten native levies killed and nine wounded.

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