

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Industrial, Political, Domestic and Foreign Happenings of Minor Importance Told in Paragraphs.

William Kollage, a member of company E of Milwaukee, will probably lose one of his eyes as a result of an accident at Campe Douglas, Wis. Kollage was attempting to remove the bayonet from his new gun and held it with the point directly toward him. It came off suddenly and the point pierced one of his eyes.

It is said that after his retirement from the army Lieut. Gen. Miles will make his permanent home in Louisiana or Texas. Should the general decide to locate in the South it will be largely because of ex-Gov. Hogg's efforts. The big Texan and the old soldier have been close friends for many years.

The noted sharpshooter and ex-member of company K, rough riders, Sherman M. Bell, now adjutant general of the state of Colorado, has just gone to Washington, accompanied by a fair young bride. The young Westerner won the warm regard of Col. Roosevelt in the Cuban campaign and when the latter made his whirlwind race for the governorship of New York Bell was at his side from start to finish.

Benjamin Reverman of Cincinnati, employed as a laborer by the Merchants' Heat and Light company at Indianapolis, and William R. Namag, pipe foreman for the company, were asphyxiated by carbolic acid gas in a manhole. The foreman lost his life in attempting to save the life of his fellow workmen.

A sharp earthquake shock was felt in the central part of North Carolina, but no damage was done.

Herman Eppinger of Eppinger & Co. of San Francisco has been indicted on the charge of obtaining \$11,500 by false pretenses from the Bank of Monterey. He was released on \$12,000 bail. His brother Jacob was indicted on similar charges.

The Loom Fixers' association has withdrawn from the Central Union of the Textile Workers, which is directing the strike at Philadelphia, and other unions are said to contemplate similar action, believing they can best serve their own interests by independent action.

A seat on the New York Stock exchange was sold for \$60,000. The last previous sale was at \$47,500.

The courthouse at Bycamore, Ill., is being torn down by the same man who built it fifty-two years ago.

Thieves broke a window in a Milwaukee jewelry store and took \$3,000 worth of jewelry from the stock on display.

Francis J. Heard has been suggested as a possible candidate for the presidency of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

Smallpox is causing health officials of Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, much trouble. In the town of Franklin, at Menchelville, and in the immediate vicinity, fifteen families are reported quarantined.

William C. Buchanan, bookkeeper of the Williamson-Gunning Advertising company of St. Louis, has disappeared. He was given \$6,000 in notes to have discounted and has not been seen since.

Lightning practically destroyed the \$30,000 Floyd monument at Sioux City, Iowa, erected to the memory of Sergt. Charles Floyd, member of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Every boiler maker and boiler maker's apprentice, in all about 145 men, in the employ of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road at St. Paul struck, demanding the payment of the Chicago scale of wages—\$3.50 a day. The boiler makers are getting \$3.25. The Omaha company offered to pay \$3.45, but the men refused.

The machinists at the Calumet terminal shops at East Chicago are on strike, the officials refusing to sign the wage scale. The men are getting \$1 cents an hour and want \$2.

The earl of Denbigh, lieutenant colonel commanding the Honorable Artillery company, has been gazetted a commander of the Victorian order.

About 1,400 employees of the machine shops of the Austro-Hungarian state railroad at Asina have struck work. Three thousand coal miners and foundry employees in the same district also intend to go out.

Engineer Walter Dell of Urbana, Ill., was killed by the wreck of a Big Four freight train at Trenton, Ill.

A rear-end collision on the Canadian Pacific railroad bridge near Galt, Ont., between two freight trains caused five fatalities. Four bodies have been recovered.

The Massachusetts republican state convention will be held in Boston, Oct. 2, with Congressman L. L. Powers of Newton chairman and former Governor W. Murray Crane chairman of the committee on resolutions.

Indianapolis and Columbus, O., have been united by electric line. Track-layers of the Dayton and Western completed their work connecting that line with the eastern terminal of the Richmond Street and Interurban company's line three miles east of Richmond, Ind.

Several torpedo boats will leave Constantinople on July 23 to reinforce the Russian Pacific squadron.

The remains of James McNeill Abbott Whistler were interred in Chislehurst cemetery. The funeral services were held in St. Charles church.

Isaac Springston, probably the oldest man in Wisconsin, died at his home in the town of Emerald in his 100th year.

Internal Revenue Collector McCoach visited a house in the center of Philadelphia and found a complete outfit for distilling whisky.

The postoffice at Rudd, Iowa, was broken into and robbed of stamps, cash and money orders to the amount of \$500. The safe was blown to pieces.

John Hartford, aged 76 years, and one of the oldest pioneers of the copper country, succumbed to sunstroke while walking from Lake Linden to Calumet, Mich.

Michael Lempe, Martin Faber, Martin Hintz and William Trapp, employes of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company, were badly burned by electricity.

Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, is in Boston consulting with the authorities there regarding the removal of the restrictions on wolf shipments, which have been held up on account of the recent foot and mouth epidemic.

The Valhalla Colonization and Improvement company, composed principally of California capitalists, is looking for colony sites in Mexico for 500 Danish families.

Archbishop Alarcon has appointed the first board of directors of the new Catholic bank at the City of Mexico. The board includes several capitalists of the clerical party. The bank has an Arizona charter. Lawrence Boyly Sheerer, an American dentist, is the founder of the institution.

Henry Seward of Terre Haute, Ind., was bound over to the grand jury at a preliminary hearing on the charge of wife murder.

Ruth Appleby, aged 11 years, of Palmer, Mich., fell into an old pit filled with water while berry picking and was drowned.

Thomas O'Toole of New York, one of the most expert bridge builders in the country, was accidentally killed at Quarryville, Pa.

Julius Finn and George Friel of Butler, Pa., and Amilo Yost of New York were fatally burned in an explosion at a brewery in Butler.

Three men who were stealing a ride were seriously injured and one of them may die as the result of a train wreck at Moxon, Mont.

Miss Jessie Brader, aged 19 years, of Plains, Pa., is dead from a Fourth of July accident with a toy pistol. Lockjaw set in and proved fatal.

Joseph La Rochelle, aged 20 years, of Calumet, Mich., lost his footing while working in the Calumet and Hecla mine and fell 700 feet. He is still living.

Dr. A. A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, now under indictment for bribery, has made application for pension on account of disabilities incurred during the civil war.

Mrs. Emma West, wife of Capt. C. A. West, one of the best-known citizens of Frankfort, Ill., committed suicide by hanging herself in a doorway. She was in poor health.

Neighbors of W. H. Hastings, a farmer living near Terre Haute, Ind., have thrashed 160 acres of wheat for him because he and his family were quarantined on account of smallpox.

George Schuler of Cincinnati, O., was mysteriously killed at a fishing camp on the Big Miami over near Lawrenceburg, Ind. The body of the unfortunate man was found beneath the ruins of a tent which was blown down during a fearful windstorm.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Grace Barrington was granted a divorce at Kansas City from "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington, who is now under indictment at St. Louis charged with murder. The decree restores to Mrs. Barrington her maiden name, Cochran. She married Barrington in St. Louis, believing his representations that he was an English lord.

Former State Senator Richard Organ accidentally shot himself while hunting, and died of his injuries at Carmi, Ill.

Two Missouri Pacific passenger trains collided near Sodalia, Mo., injuring six passengers, Julius Henkel of Holland, Iowa, seriously.

Mrs. A. H. Fox, mother-in-law of ex-Speaker Henderson of Iowa, is dying at Etiwanda, Cal., of injuries received by falling from her carriage.

Nearly 500 men, practically the entire working force of the Buffalo Union Furnace company, are on strike. Officials of the company state that new men will be hired. They appealed to the police for protection and a squad of officers was sent to the foundry.

The labor ultimatum delivered by John H. Barker, president of the Haskell & Barker Car company of Michigan City, has tranquillized the situation and no strike will result.

Fire wiped out a milling hamlet on Harrison river, British Columbia, destroying the mill of the Harrison River Timber & Trading Company. Loss, \$100,000.

The Federation and Independent Window Glass companies of Columbus, O., have granted an increase of about 15 per cent to the employes of the so-called Denny organization, officially known as the Window Glass Workers' association. About 5,000 men will be affected.

William Hughes, a newspaper man of Pana, Ill., and Joseph Myers became involved in an altercation in that city and Hughes was badly stabbed in the arm with a pitchfork.

Several slight earthquake shocks were felt at various points in Utah.

The steamer Oregon arrived in Seattle bringing the remains of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hays and Sherman Gregg, victims of Nome's big fire. The bodies will be shipped to Pittsburg. The remains of Clarence B. Andrews, who died at pneumonia in a Nome hospital, will also be sent east.

POSTAL OFFICIAL IS DISCHARGED

Machen's Successor Is Removed for Trying to Secure Per Diem.

FALSE ENTRIES IN HIS DIARY

Charge Is Made That He Endeavored to Defraud the Government by Putting in Bill for Travel Expenses Which Were Not Incurred.

Washington dispatch: Charles Hedges, superintendent of the free delivery in the postoffice department, has been removed on the charge of falsifying his diary and loaning his traveling commission. Ervin H. Thorpe is acting in his place.

The following is the official statement of the case made public by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow:

"Charles Hedges has been removed from the office of superintendent of free delivery for falsifying his diary and loaning his traveling commission. He represented himself at various places on public business when in fact he was not in those places on the dates mentioned, but elsewhere, in some instances hundreds of miles distant. On Oct. 25, 1906, he states under oath, in his diary, that he was at Joplin, Mo., on 'extension of free delivery service,' when in fact he was in Mansfield, O., attending the funeral of former Secretary John Sherman.

"On Dec. 7, 1899, he reports himself at San Antonio, Tex., 'investigating carriers' service,' while in fact he was in Mexico examining mining property. In the month of October, 1899, A. W. Machen, superintendent of free delivery, was sick with typhoid fever, and Hedges was at the department acting as superintendent.

"THE COUNTRY IS ALL RIGHT; THE ONLY TROUBLE IS IN WALL STREET."



—New York Herald.

"In his diary he states, under oath, that he was at various places, namely: New York, Philadelphia, Bridgeport, Conn.; Camden, N. J.; and elsewhere, actually engaged in 'traveling on the business of the free delivery service.' Assistant superintendents of free delivery are allowed a per diem of \$4 in lieu of expenses for each day engaged actually in traveling on the business of the department. Hedges' false statements as to his whereabouts on these days were manifestly for the purpose of collecting per diem to which he was not entitled.

"There are many other instances of similar falsifications. The facts were submitted to the postmaster general some days since, who directed Hedges' removal for the reasons above set forth."

Hedges' Explanation.

In a statement Mr. Hedges said: "While I was assistant superintendent of free delivery, with headquarters at New York, I was called to Washington to take charge of the entire service while Mr. Machen was ill with typhoid fever. While so acting I got \$2,000 salary as assistant superintendent, while Mr. Machen received \$3,500. It was necessary for me to get the per diem allowance to make the services and the compensation equal.

"It is charged that the per diem accounts show me at other points, the theory being that, strictly speaking, under the law I was not entitled to per diem when at headquarters. This has never been tested, consequently never decided. It has been the practice of the office for the party taking the place of the head of the service to claim per diem in some form.

"In my case, I was also supervising the eastern division while officiating as general superintendent here. Herbert W. Valentine, now in the New York postoffice and formerly stenographer there under me, surrendered private letters and notes to the in-

Drops Dead Taking Bath. Madison, Wis., special: Professor Hamilton G. Timberlake of the University of Wisconsin dropped dead of heart disease while taking a bath. He was 80 years old, and had been married only three weeks.

Militia to Guard Witness. Lexington, Ky., special: Col. Roger D. Williams and a detachment of soldiers met Charles Green, who saw the shooting of James Cockrell at Trenton and escorted him to Jackson.

spectors which gave them this information. I used to drop him a line when I was traveling to keep him posted of my whereabouts.

"Valentine is the one who used this postoffice commission. It was used with the knowledge of General Superintendent Machen and of First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson.

"In making my reports I never put down towns that I had not visited, nor did I put down all the towns that I had visited, as I was permitted to do."

Mr. Hedges was appointed to the postal service from the tenth congressional district of Texas on July 1, 1898, and was appointed superintendent of free delivery on July 1, 1901. His salary was \$3,000 a year. He had charge of the delivery service in the cities, the rural free delivery service being under another superintendent, and both being under the general supervision of August W. Machen.

BIG FIRE AT THE CASE WORKS

Paint Shop Is Destroyed and for Time Whole Plant Is in Peril.

Racine, Wis., special: For hours the plant of the mammoth J. I. Case Machine company, valued at \$3,000,000, was in danger of total destruction by fire. An explosion was heard and the paint shop, which occupied part of a building covering nearly a block in the interior of the manufacturing district, burst into flames. The company's fire department and the city fire department were on the scene in a few minutes. There was some talk of asking for assistance from Milwaukee, but the fire chief did not consider it necessary. The loss is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$125,000, fully insured.

AIM TO DEVELOP MILWAUKEE

Grain Shippers of Wisconsin Meet to Improve City's Trade.

Milwaukee, Wis., special: The Wisconsin Grain Shippers' association is in convention here with the object of promoting better feeling between shippers and receivers and improving the trade so as to help Milwaukee to be-

BARBERS TO FIGHT STATE LAW

Milwaukee Men Allege Examining Board Will Benefit the Politicians.

Milwaukee, Wis., special: The barbers of the city are concerned in a movement to make a concerted fight on the law requiring barbers to take out a license and creating a barbers' board. William Schaller, who has a shop on Wisconsin street, says the law is a farce and that the Barber's Benevolent Association would take action looking toward making a legal contest.

"It is not at all the law we sent to the legislature," he said, "and the only people who can possibly benefit by it are a few politicians who have places on the barbers' board. We propose to raise a fund and test its constitutionality."

LOSES FAITH IN SHIP SUBSIDY

Newspaper Fears United States May Retaliate on Cunard Line.

London cablegram: Commenting on the British government's subsidy to the Cunard company, the Daily Mail draws attention to the possibility that the United States government may grant preference in duties to goods imported in American vessels, even coupled with a head tax on passengers brought by other than American lines. It is pointed out that if these things should be done the Cunard vessels built especially for the New York trade would be artificially shut out of that trade, although compelled to carry government mails.

POSSES AS MAN EIGHT YEARS.

Booneville, Miss., dispatch: For eight years Willie Ray has masqueraded as a man, until she aroused the jealousy of James Gatlin. The authorities ordered her to don woman's attire, but she refused.

CRUEL GOVERNOR DURBIN.

Indianapolis dispatch: The official paper of the United Mine Workers of America severely criticizes Gov. Durbin. It accuses the charge that organized labor fomented the mob spirit.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Find the Farmer's Lost Sheep.

MOB BURNS BODY OF A BLACK MAN

Wild Scenes Are Enacted by Revengeful Crowd at Danville, Ill.

SHERIFF WARNS MEN TO QUIT

Resents Attempt to Batter Down Jail Doors From Winchester, and Several of the Attacking Party Are Seriously Hurt.

A bloody race riot raged in Danville, Ill., Saturday night. One white man, Henry Gatterman, was killed, and one negro, J. D. Mayfield from Evansville, Ind., was lynched by a mob of enraged white citizens and his body burned in sight of thousands of people who thronged the streets.

A mob surrounding the jail clamoring for the life of another negro, James Wilson, was fired on by the sheriff and his deputies and three persons were badly wounded.

Negroes Are Beaten. Several negroes were nearly beaten to death by the infuriated populace any many fled precipitately, not stopping even to lock up their houses.

Thousands of men and women were in the streets, the women no less anxious than the men to wreak vengeance on the negro who cowed in a dark cell of the county jail.

The negro in the jail confessed to a brutal assault on Mrs. Thomas Burgess, wife of a farmer at Alton, Ill., just north of Danville. A posse soon ran him down and placed him in jail and it was while the mob was on its way to lynch him that Mayfield met his death.

Negro Slays White Man.

As the crowd was hurrying to the jail about 8 o'clock at night to take Wilson out and hang him the negro Mayfield became involved in a quarrel with Henry Gatterman, a young German butcher, and, drawing his revolver, shot Gatterman dead.

The negro was caught and with much difficulty the police took him to the city prison, followed by a crowd, which rapidly grew into a mob that yelled itself hoarse in demanding that the murderer be lynched.

The police were assisted by Sheriff H. H. Whitlock and were gathered in the city building to keep the mob out, but they finally forced to admit a portion of them. The colored murderer had previously been locked in a vault in which the police records are kept and the officers hoped that the mob would not find him.

Mob Secures Prisoner.

The leaders were told that Mayfield had been taken out of the rear door and carried into the country in a buggy, but they refused to believe the assertion. Some went for railroad irons and others for sledge hammers and a few minutes later the lock had been knocked off the vault door and the negro was dragged forth amid the exultant shouts of his captors.

The victim made a fierce struggle, but the blows that were rained upon him soon brought him to the floor and a revolver shot nearly finished him.

Riddle Body With Bullets.

The mob then dragged the dying man from the building and placing a rope about his neck pulled him along the square to Main street and then five squares east to the spot where he killed Gatterman. By this time, it is believed, life was extinct. Here his

Pirates Are Beaten.

San Francisco dispatch: Advice from Canton say that Lam-Ching Wa, the wealthy Honolulu Chinese, who was captured by river pirates on June 17 and held for ransom, has been released by government troops.

Asks Rush Side.

Glasgow cablegram: The British Admiralty has called hurriedly for tenders for four cruisers from the Clyde builders. These tenders must be returned within ten days.

body was strung up to a telegraph pole and riddled with bullets.

Cries of "Burn him! burn him!" were then heard, and the mob leaders soon had the lifeless body of the negro down and were dragging it south on the Wabash railroad tracks. At South street they decided to take the body to the jail, where the other negro, Wilson, was confined.

Body Is Burned.

As soon as the word was given the mob yelled "To the jail!" "Lynch the other negro!" and made a wild charge for that building, where an immense crowd had already congregated in anticipation of a second lynching.

Arrived at the jail the body of the negro was placed in the center of the converging streets, where dozens of frenzied men and boys kicked and jumped upon it. The body was totally naked and blood was oozing from dozens of bullet holes. Someone threw an armful of hay on the body and touched a match to it, after which the mob backed away a short distance and watched the awful spectacle of a human body being slowly burned to a crisp.

Jeer at Sheriff.

Growing tired of this gruesome spectacle, the mob turned its attention to the county jail and demands were made upon Sheriff Whitlock that he should give them the culprit. As the clamor for the second negro grow louder and more insistent Sheriff Whitlock stepped out upon the veranda on the west side of the jail, and, calling for silence, said: "You are doing wrong. You will regret what you have already done to-morrow and you should go home and allow the law to take its course. This negro has not been identified as the man who assaulted Mrs. Burgess. If he had been I would turn him out to you. You cannot afford to kill an innocent man."

The crowd only hooted in derision and demanded that the negro be produced.

Fires on the Mob.

Then several members of the mob appeared with a railroad iron and a charge was made upon the door leading into the jail portion, behind which were gathered the officers.

Three or four times was this improvised battering-ram hurled against the steel door, when the peep-hole was opened and the barrel of a Winchester gun was thrust through it and another demand from the sheriff, this time from a window in the second story, for the mob to disperse, was made.

No attention being given to it a shot was fired over the heads of the mob. The shot seemed only to anger the mob, and another charge was made with the battering-ram upon the door. The gun was again fired, this time into the dense crowd wielding the railroad iron, and several men were seen to drop to the ground.

Several more shots were fired from the jail door and windows by the officers inside, and the mob began to scatter, leaving four or five on the ground bleeding from bullet wounds. Others limped away, showing that many of the buckshot and bullets had taken effect.

Orders were given to the Seventh regiment, in camp at Springfield, to proceed to Danville and assist the sheriff. When the soldiers appeared on the scene they were jeered by the men and women on the streets, but succeeded in restoring order. Threats were made that mobs would be organized in nearby towns and supplied with dynamite. There is a likelihood that the militia will remain for some time.

F. Seymour Barrington, the alleged bogus English lord, is ill of typhoid fever at St. Louis.

Dies of Broken Neck.

New York special: Daniel L. Stevens of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was found dying in his home and died on the way to a hospital. County Physician Kedzie said death was due to a broken neck.

Injury to Fire Chief.

Louisville, Ky., special: Fire Chief James Meyer of the Covington Fire Department was caught under the falling walls of a burning warehouse here and suffered a broken leg.