

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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

The president has granted a pardon to William Follis of Texas, whose testimony is said to be essential in a murder trial pending in Texas in which James Follis, a nephew of the pardoned man, is the accused.

Rev. J. C. Breckenridge, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, Fort Wayne, has resigned. He will become assistant manager of Winona assembly at Winona Lake, Ind.

The Red Star steamship Finland, which arrived at New York, brought the body of George F. Lincoln, United States consul general at Antwerp, who died in Brussels late in July.

Alfred H. Brooks, head of the Alaska division of the United States geological survey, has arrived at Seattle on his way north. He will visit southeastern Alaska, Tanana and Seward peninsula.

David P. Barrows, chief of the bureau of non-Christian tribes at Manila, has been appointed successor to General Superintendent Bryan of the public instruction, who has resigned the position on account of illness. Mr. Barrows is a native of Illinois.

Col. Stanley Williams of the Twenty-sixth infantry has returned on the transport Logan from a three years' campaign in the Philippines. He has served over forty-two years in the army, which he entered as a private in the Thirty-first Pennsylvania volunteers in July, 1861, taking part in much hard fighting during the war.

The death rate of Kansas City last month was the highest in the history of the city, 234 deaths having been reported. Of these twenty-four were caused by typhoid fever, due to unsanitary conditions following the recent flood and the drinking of impure water.

F. J. Langenberg, chairman of the conference committee of the Interstate Merchants' association, says that the resignation of John A. Lee, former lieutenant governor of Missouri, as manager of the association has been asked for and is now in the hands of the committee.

Carl W. Von Richtofen, a partner in a bird store in Omaha, is missing and he is believed to have been robbed of \$6,000 and killed. He received the money by express from an estate left him in Germany.

Miss Catherine Cleveland, a niece of the late Admiral Sampson, was married at Palmyra, N. Y., to William R. Corning of New York city. The bride's family is one of the oldest in Wayne county.

Charles W. Miner has been promoted from colonel of the Sixth United States infantry to brigadier general and will be retired soon. He assumed command at the battle of Santiago when General Egbert was shot. He was in charge of the island of Negros, in the Philippines, for three years. He has been in the regular army since the civil war.

Admiral and Mrs. George Dewey are the idols of the day at Saratoga. The admiral is as unostentatious there as at the capital. He registered simply as "George Dewey and Mrs. Dewey."

After rescuing his mother from drowning in the surf at Coney Island, Frank Masters, an expert swimmer from Brooklyn, lost his life in the undertow.

Preston Kora, son of ex-Circuit Clerk Kora of Virginia, Ill., was accidentally shot while cleaning a revolver in camp at Wilcox lake and fatal results are feared.

As a result of old family troubles John Kemper shot and killed Welborn Dewees at Carrville, Ky. Kemper made his escape. Dewees was a prominent educator.

Albert Seavia, colored, and Frank Case, escaped Folsom convict, have been captured near Davisville, Cal. This leaves nine of the thirteen fugitives still at large.

The corner stone of the new \$20,000 Carnegie library at Brazil, Ind., was laid under the auspices of the local lodge of Masons. The event was a holiday for the town.

Bela T. Pratt of Boston has been selected by the state commission of Connecticut as the sculptor to make a statue of Gov. Walthrop for the capital.

Sir Edward H. Carson has been appointed chief counsel before the Alaska boundary tribunal in place of Edward Blake, who resigned on account of ill health.

Mrs. James Lathrop Stanford has sailed on the trans-Pacific steamer Ventura from San Francisco. She will make a two-year trip around the world.

The state department has been informed by Consul General Guder at Panama that telegraphic communication between Panama and Bogota has been resumed. No messages have been received from Minister Beaspre at Bogota, and it is assumed that the canal treaty situation is unchanged.

A sixteen-foot shark was killed off the coast of Maine. It had in its stomach a seal weighing 300 pounds.

Miss Anderson of Bloomington, Ill., a driver of a mine near Marion, Ill., was caught under a running car and instantly killed.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Whom is He Calling?

TREASURER ROBS PREACHERS' AID

Official Notifies Pastor That He Has Squandered the Funds.

SHORTAGE IS NEARLY \$70,000

Although His Accounts Are Audited Annually, Willard S. Allen Succeeds in Embezzling the Money—Does Not Furnish a Bond.

Boston, Mass., special: Willard S. Allen, treasurer of the Preachers' Aid society of the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, is a confessed embezzler of nearly \$70,000. The entire fund, with the exception of about \$2,500, has disappeared. Allen now is in Canada, where he went fearing exposure.

The Preachers' Aid society was organized fifty years ago for the purpose of aiding and relieving the sick, aged and infirm members of the conference and the needy and distressed widows and orphans of deceased members. The corporation has no capital stock.

The fund amounted at the time of the last annual meeting in March to \$72,709, invested mainly in conservative bonds. In addition the society receives and distributes over \$6,000 annually, raised by voluntary contributions of the churches. The accounts of the treasurer have been audited annually and the securities examined, the same being kept in a vault hired by the society. His accounts were audited in March of this year.

For more than a year an effort had been made on the part of the society members to have Mr. Allen give a suitable bond. This was not because of any suspicion of Mr. Allen's integrity, but because it seemed proper for the society to institute a business policy. Mr. Allen had shown some apparent sensitiveness about this step, but a vote was passed in May requiring a bond. Late in July other officers, finding the bond had not been deposited, made inquiry, and Allen promised to comply with the rule.

Recently Mr. Allen's pastor, who was on his vacation in Vermont, received a letter from Allen, dated and postmarked at Montreal, in which he confessed that he had, through speculation, lost the funds, and asked his pastor to notify his family and the society.

The officers visited the vaults and found the box empty, with the exception of certain shares of stock, amounting in value to about \$2,800.

The officers of the society believe that Allen systematically speculated with the funds for a number of years, and in anticipation of the examination annually, managed to procure the temporary use of securities.

Jewel Theft Mystery.

New York dispatch: Detectives stand at the doors of the newly completed mansion of Mrs. Mabel Nathan Moore at White Plains, stubbornly guarding the secret of the disappearance of the jewels, worth \$10,000.

Rich Gold Strike.

Victoria, B. C., special: The steamer Aorangi has arrived with Australian advices reporting a rich gold discovery in the Tuena district. A big stampede is on in that direction.

PRESIDENT WARNS AGAINST LYNCHING

Declares That Mob Violence Weakens the Bonds of Civilization and Endangers Republic.

Oyster Bay, L. I., special: President Roosevelt has sounded a note of alarm over the increasing tendency toward the punishment of crime by mob violence.

In a letter to Gov. Durbin of Indiana the president warns the people of the entire nation that by permitting or condoning mob violence they are weakening the bonds of civilization and increasing the chances of the overthrow of the republic and of the substitution thereof of a system in which there shall be violent alternations of anarchy and tyranny.

The president calls on enlightened public sentiment to oppose with all its influence the tendency to mob violence. He declares that lynch law is lawlessness, that lawlessness grows with what it feeds on, and that when mobs with impunity lynch criminals for one crime they are certain to begin to lynch real or alleged criminals for other causes.

The president points out that when the minds of men are habituated to the use of torture to avenge crimes of a revolting description, other lawless bores will use torture to punish crimes of an ordinary type.

President Roosevelt vigorously urges that the penalty for that crime which most frequently induces a resort to lynching shall be applied swiftly and surely, but by due process of the courts, so that it may be demonstrated "that the law is adequate to deal with crime by freeing it from every vestige of technicality and delay."

IS RICHEST BANK IN AMERICA

J. P. Morgan Effects Merger of Institutions With \$25,000,000 Capital.

New York special: With an unprecedented capital of \$25,000,000 the merger of the National Bank of Commerce and the Western National bank has been consummated by J. Pierpont Morgan. The combined deposits of the banks aggregated \$150,000,000. This brings to a realization the dream of Mr. Morgan of establishing the largest and most powerful bank on this continent. The merger will go into effect Oct. 5.

CUTS OFF HEADS OF CHILDREN

Colored Woman Says God Told Her to Sacrifice Her Little Ones.

Columbia, S. C., dispatch: Lizzie Allen, a negro woman, 40 years old, was committed to jail for beheading her two daughters, 3 and 5 years old. The heads were severed with an ax and she threw them into a fire. The woman admitted the crime, saying she had received a message from God ordering it.

Guilty of Perjury.

St. Louis special: Henry A. Faulner, former member of the house of delegates, has been convicted as the result of his third trial on the charge of perjury, and his punishment fixed at three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Love Letters in Lawsuit.

Pittsburg, Pa., special: Love letters to "My dear sweetheart," mailed by Col. Luther E. Imboden, a St. Louis financier, to Lillie B. Pierce, will play an important part in her suit for a widow's dower in the \$500,000 estate left by him.

Servia Has Conspiracy.

Vienna cable: According to advices received here a number of Servian officers have been arrested at Belgrade on account of a suspicion that they were conspiring against the war minister, Gen. Alanazkovics.

Explorer Is Heard From.

Paris cablegram: A dispatch from Jibuti announces the arrival there of W. N. McMillan of St. Louis, who recently failed in his attempt to explore the course of the Blue Nile.

CIRCUS TRAINS COME TOGETHER

Twenty-Three Lives Are Lost and Twenty-Eight Persons Are Hurt.

PLACES BLAME ON ENGINE MAN

General Manager of the Railroad Declares That He Failed to Observe the Rules and Puts Entire Responsibility on Shoulders of Employee.

Durand, Mich., dispatch: Two sections of Wallace Bros' circus train crashed together in rear-end collision in the Grand Trunk railway yards at this point, killing twenty-three persons, seriously injuring four and inflicting hurts on twenty-four others. A defective airbrake on the engine of the second train is given as the cause of the disaster by the engineer of the second train, but the railroad officials say the brake is in good condition.

The circus travels in two trains of about thirty-five cars each. After the exhibition at Charlotte the two trains left for Lapeer over the Grand Trunk, the second section leaving a half hour after the first. When the first section pulled into the west end of the Grand Trunk yards here a red light was hung on the rear car to stop the second section. Engineer Probst of Battle Creek, who was running the engine of the

rear train, says he saw this light and applied the airbrakes, but to his horror they refused to work. He reversed his engine, but the momentum of the train behind was too great, and with a crash that aroused the people living near the yards the two trains met. Three cars of the stationary first section were telescoped and the engine and five cars of the moving train were demolished.

The official report on the accident issued by Supt. Brownlee declares positively that the air brakes have been tested since the accident and found to be in perfect condition, and there is evidence that they were not applied.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS MALTREAT WORKERS

Drive Strikers into a Compact Mass at Points of Bayonets and Apply the Lash.

Kieff, Russia, cable: Fierce rioting and many fights between strikers and cossacks have resulted from the strike in the railway and private workshops in south Russia. Here the trouble was started by an attempt on the strikers' part to interfere with railroad traffic. When the mob refused to disperse the cossacks fired, killing and wounding many.

A quarter of a million men are affected. The outbreak started simultaneously over a vast industrial area. The amount of studied organization and well-concealed preparation is unprecedented in the troubled annals of Russian labor. Prices of the necessities of life are rising by leaps and bounds.

One of the most severe attacks on them was made by order of Gen. Ar-

WHERE THE LITTLE JAP SLIPS



He Is No Match for the Wily Russian Bear

senieff, governor of Odessa. Groups of men who assembled with the intention of holding a meeting were driven into a solid mass by 500 cossacks, backed by two lines of infantry with fixed bayonets. About 2,000 strikers were thus inclosed by a double cordon. Then the cossacks rode through them, striking right and left with heavy whips, the fallen men being trampled under the horses' feet.

When the living mass had been thoroughly kneaded to the governor's will numerous men were arrested as suspected agitators. The infantry then marched off, and the strikers scattered in a dozen directions with cossacks at their heels. Four hundred strikers were more or less seriously injured, and from six to a dozen succumbed.

RESIGN FROM STATE OFFICES

Governor Accepts Retirement of Several Minor Officials.

Springfield, Ill., special: Gov. Yates has accepted a number of resignations of trustees of various institutions as follows:

E. H. Thomas of Decatur, chairman of the county Republican central committee, as trustee of the state hospital for the incurable insane at Bartonville.

Dr. C. R. Rowley of Chicago, as member of the state board of dental examiners.

L. Blumenthal of Chicago, as trustee of the state institution for deaf-mutes at Jacksonville.

Wide Waters, Va., special: Finishing touches having been put on, the Langley airship is now ready for the secret test.

Airship Is Ready.

Try to Save Woman.

Bunker Hill, Ill., special: The lawyers for Mrs. Ida Guiler, who is charged with poisoning the Checksfield boy, will claim, if the analysis shows he died from having eaten a poisoned milk tablet, that he took it himself.

Teachers on Blacklist.

Washington special: All teachers in the Philippines who resigned their positions before their two years' service expired have been placed on a blacklist by the Philippine commission.

ROBIN'S NEST OF LACE.

Mrs. Newton of Geneseo Catches Winged Thief at Work.

A Mrs. Newton, who lives in Center street, put two fine lace collars out on the lawn in front of her house to dry a few days ago, says a dispatch from Geneseo, N. Y. When she went to get them an hour later they were gone. She was sure nobody stole them, because she was sitting close beside a window at the front of the house at the time and would have seen anybody entering the yard. The next day she put another collar out and watched. A robin flew down from an apple tree near by and carried off the collar. An investigation was made and the two other collars were found woven into the bird's nest in a crotch of the apple tree. There was also a small lace handkerchief in the nest. The bird that was doing the "fine art" nest building and its mate set up a big outcry and pecked fiercely at the man in the tree when the nest was being pulled down.

Ex-Congressman's Discontent.

To sum it all up, I received \$20,000 in salary, \$4,800 for clerk hire, \$400 for mileage and \$500 for stationery, or \$25,700, says Everybody's Magazine. I am now referred to in the newspapers as the Hon. Blank, ex-member of Congress. I lost the greater part of my law practice, but I can get that back and some more with it, for my reputation in the district has been increased, as a whole, by my service at Washington. Financially, I am several thousand dollars worse off than I was before I was elected. I can get that back, too. The feature that bothers most is that both my wife and myself, after our experiences at Washington, are dissatisfied with the humdrum life in our country town. We had things and saw things at Washington that are beyond our reach here. It is hard to settle down.

Tails Were Having a Good Time.

The late Rev. Hyatt Smith of Brooklyn used to tell this story of his little daughter. While walking along the street one day the child, who had the happy faculty of looking on the sunny side of things, saw a wagon-load of sheepskins.

"What are those things, papa?" she asked.

"Sheepskins, my dear."

"But where are the sheep, papa?"

The father explained that the sheep had been killed for food. Looking after the wagon, with the tails of the sheepskins wagging as they dangled over the side, the child remarked:

"Well, papa, the sheep may be dead, but the tails seem to be having a good time."—New York Times.

Not a Diet for the Family.

Senator "Joe" Hawley has a collection of dog stories one of which wins friends and votes.

He was taking a constitutional in a Western New York village or a pleasant Summer's day. While passing a cottage he was approached by its tenant, who looked like a panhandler.

"Can't you help me, Sir?" said the man.

"Why? You can't need anything," replied the Senator. "You have four or five dogs around the place, your man."

"That's true, Sir," was the reply, "but I can't compel my family to eat dogs."—New York Times.

A Sure Enough Eskimo.

William F. King of Calhoun, Robins & Co. is very fond of dogs. Some one gave him a fuzzy little puppy the other day. He took it home for his little daughter Hildegarde.

"What sort of a doggie is it, papa?" she asked.

"It's a Spitz or an Eskimo, I guess," he answered, and thought no more about it.

The next day the child greeted him as he came home. "You were right, papa," she said, "he is an Eskimo. He pawed over a pitcher of water this morning, and I went to call Mary. When we came back he was sitting on the ice."—New York Times.

Camphor Barometer.

A piece of camphor gum is a very good indicator of what the weather is going to be. If when the camphor is exposed to the air the gum remains dry, the weather will be fresh and dry, but if the gum absorbs the moisture and seems damp it is a sign of rain.

To Exhibit Trout Eggs.

Covered with damp moss in muslin troughs and hermetically sealed in tin, some 20,000 Irish rainbow trout eggs are on their way from Innishannon, County Cork, Ireland, to Tokio, for the Japan exhibition.

Our New Serial begins next week

Advertisement for 'That Girl of Johnson's' by Jean Kate Ludlum, author of 'At a Girl's Mercy'.