

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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

Alonso D. Daoter, a pioneer citizen of Marion, Ind., was run down by a Pennsylvania yard engine and probably fatally injured.

The immigration bureau has decided that no person coming to the United States from any port in the Philippine Islands is subject to a head tax.

The governor refused to commute the death sentence of the three Van Wormer brothers for the murder of their uncle, Peter A. Hallenbeck of Kinderhook, N. Y.

Mountain Top hotel, on the summit of the Blue Ridge mountains in Virginia, where Washington and Jefferson perfected their university plans, has been destroyed by fire.

Prevalence of trachoma in New York, over 100,000 cases of this disease of the eye having been reported, has resulted in the determination of the board of health to establish a hospital for its exclusive treatment.

While watching his brother land a fish out of Wolf river at Hammond, Ind., John Baker, 10 years old, fell in and was drowned.

Hurrying home to get supper with his family, L. Mentch of Hammond fell under an Erie train at Hegewisch and was cut to pieces.

Police at Topeka, Kan., broke up a ball game at the fair grounds. A Sunday excursion had been run from Kansas City to Topeka and a local Topeka team and the Kansas City Schmeizers were on the diamond with a large crowd present. Suddenly the police swooped down and took the players in charge. Later they were released under promise to abandon the game.

The church goods manufacturing establishment of the Haan Wangerin company in Burrell street, Milwaukee, was damaged to the extent of \$15,000 by fire. The loss is covered by insurance.

Four hundred master brewers are in attendance upon the annual convention of the United States Master Brewers' association in Philadelphia, which is expected to discuss the crusade against impure beer now being waged by state dairy and food commissioners.

Gov. Sir Cavendish Boyle of Newfoundland has gone on a visit to the treaty coast to familiarize himself with the conditions which caused the recent friction between the French, English and Americans there.

Sulpician seminaries and colleges in the United States, which are to be organized into a province, will have as first provincial Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, rector of St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore.

Maj. E. H. Ellis of the British war office has been commissioned to examine the military surveys in Canada for the purpose of bringing them up to date.

Ralph Arnold, assistant in geology at Stanford university, has been appointed assistant to Dr. Dall of the United States geological survey.

Dr. William J. Holland, director of the Carnegie museum at Pittsburgh, has returned from Europe with the valuable paleontological collections of Baron De Briet.

George W. Crawford, who has been appointed a clerk in the Probate court of New Haven, Conn., is the negro who was graduated from Yale last June and won the Townsend oration prize.

Rev. G. R. Penny, for many years a resident of Providence, R. I., who recently returned to this country after spending thirteen years in missionary work in the West Indies, has decided to take up work in the Hawaiian Islands.

A building formerly used as a paraffin factory, containing machinery, had belonging to the Stanward Oil company at Cavan Point, Jersey City, caught fire from some unknown cause and was totally destroyed. The loss is \$60,000.

Burglars stole \$3,000 worth of jewelry from the home of Ralph Aul, Muncie, Ind.

Three fishermen, victims of the Atlantic gale, were washed upon the beach at Lewes, Del.

Frank Johnson, aged 20 years, son of B. F. Johnson, a prominent politician, fatally shot himself through the heart at Lexington, Ky., just after taking a buggy ride. The family claims it was an accident and that there was no cause for suicide.

The postoffice at Loxa, Ill., was entered by robbers and the safe blown open. The robbers secured a large quantity of stamps and \$50 in currency.

Edna Morgan, 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. William Morgan of Brazil, Ind., was run over by an interurban car on the Terre Haute electric line and almost instantly killed.

William A. Gerken, 68 years old, one of the pioneer business men of Milwaukee and later a resident of central Illinois, died at Bloomington.

Dr. E. B. Wilson, professor of zoology at Columbia university, has been elected a member of the Academia dei Lincei, Rome.

It is reported from Belgrade that King Peter has summoned an outrage to remove Col. Mischich, the leader of the radicals, from the war office, and has reappointed him to the professorship in the military academy, which he formerly held.

Santa Fe passenger train No. 603 ran into the rear end of an extra freight train one mile west of Rocky Ford, Colo., telescoping five cars of the freight train. A tank of oil exploded, setting fire to the wreck. Engineer John Maddigan was badly hurt. Mrs. E. L. Drake of Alva, Ok., was severely bruised.

Gov. Taft has cabled the war department details of the franchise which is to be granted for furnishing power for various enterprises in Manila and elsewhere. He says the commission has surveyed the territory fifty miles from Manila and that 10,000-horsepower may be developed from the water falls.

August Schmidt, while hunting at Hartington, Neb., pointed his gun at John Houser and pulled the trigger. The gun was discharged, killing Houser and seriously wounding his brother, Peter Houser, who was also one of the party. Schmidt says he thought the gun was empty. Schmidt is under arrest.

The case of Richard Canfield, alleged gambling-house-keeper of New York, came up on change of venue at the opening of the September term of the Supreme court at Binghamton. Canfield asked permission to withdraw the plea of not guilty and demur to the indictment. Judge Sewell granted his request and the demurrer has been filed to be argued later.

The body of Orlando P. Dexter, the New York millionaire, who was assassinated near his summer home in the Adirondacks, has arrived in New York. Mr. Dexter had many enemies because of his relentless warfare against game poachers, timber cutters and trespassers. He had much litigation and many woodsmen felt bitter against him, as they do against other wealthy men who have established game preserves in the North woods. Henry Dexter, father of Orlando, offers a reward of \$5,000 for the conviction of his son's murderer.

Henry Hansen of Hammond, Ind., an employe of W. B. Conkey, who also represented a Chicago jewelry house, is charged with embezzlement and cannot be found.

Fred Bogart, a hostler of Freeville, N. Y., 21 years old, is raving mad as the result of smoking forty cigarettes a day for the past two years.

John Mestlich of Hegewisch, Ind., an employe of the Hammond Gas company, was killed in attempting to jump from a moving freight train.

The steamship Texan has started on a world's record voyage of 14,000 miles without a stop, sailing from Tacoma to Philadelphia.

Fully 5,000 people attended the fourth annual musical festival at Brazil, Ind. Bands took part from Greencastle, Danville, Ill., Decatur, Ill., and Indianapolis.

Edward Butler, political boss under sentence for bribery at St. Louis, Mo., declares that Joseph Folk, the district attorney who convicted him, should be elected governor.

Rev. Dr. E. W. Lounsbury of Chicago dedicated the First Baptist church at Shelbyville, Ind.

Fire which broke out in the building of the D. J. Green company at McDonough, Ga., destroyed that entire building and an additional block, causing a loss of \$100,000, with a partial insurance of \$10,000.

Fire completely destroyed the large general store of the Emery County Mercantile company at Price, Utah. Loss \$60,000.

In the destruction of the house of C. W. Hill at Grayling, Mich., a 6-months-old granddaughter was burned to death.

Edward Elliott, a clammer at Clinton, Iowa, found a pearl weighing 120 grains and valued at \$20,000 in the Mississippi.

Thomas R. Hancock, aged 60 years, died at his home in Neoga, Ill., from a stroke of apoplexy. He had been editor of the Neoga News for twenty-five years, and was prominent in political circles. He was a staunch Republican, a member of the Masonic and G. A. R. orders. He served in the Ninety-seventh Illinois volunteers during the civil war.

Fifteen hundred survivors of Wilder's famous brigade assembled on the Chickamauga battlefield near the spot where the Wilder memorial monument has been erected and commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga.

Dr. Robert Koch has secured further leave of absence to continue his work in Buluwayo until January.

The condition of Senator N. B. Scott of West Virginia, who has been alarmingly ill in Denver, Colo., continues to improve and his physician says he will soon be restored to health.

The people of Porter, Ind., were thrown into intense excitement by an attempt to blow up the saloon of Fred Stevers. A dynamite cartridge was thrown into the building. The cartridge was seen in time to prevent an explosion.

Louis M. Casik and Dean Ephart of Easton, Kan., fought out an old grudge and Casik was dangerously stabbed.

Ed Christy, who was convicted of murder, committed suicide in the county jail at Wellington, Kan., by hanging himself to the bars of his cell.

Fire at San Francisco destroyed the steel works of Francis Smith & Co., entailing a loss exceeding \$60,000.

Six masked men robbed the bank at Douglas, Ok., of \$5,000. They went to a livery stable, got the cashier's buggy and rode off.

Weigel & Co., boat builders, of Roscoe, Pa., have filed a petition in bankruptcy, placing liabilities at \$10,460 and assets at \$33,700.

Gov. Dockery of Missouri has decided to offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of D. J. Kelley, legislative agent of the baking powder trust.

TRADE KEEPS UP TO AVERAGE

Business Men Are Satisfied With Conditions in Their Respective Lines.

FROST IS DISTURBING FACTOR

Aside From Dangerous Position of the Corn Crop, the Outlook is of the Best—Labor Troubles Have Practically Disappeared From View.

New York special: Business in all lines continues to be satisfactory throughout the country, according to Dun's Weekly Review of Trade. Raw materials are more easily obtained, the finished product is being promptly delivered, orders are coming in well and collections are good. The review says: "Aside from the temporary disquiet engendered by pessimistic views of the dangerous position of the corn crop from frost, trade activity maintains favorable aspect. The industrial situation is less affected by labor troubles and manufacturers are able to overtake delayed work, though many yet require more time to reduce the number of old contracts on hand. Necessary fuel and raw material are more readily obtained than at this

WE WONDER WHAT WILL COME TO US NEXT.



time last year, and the capacity of plants is fully tested in various important lines of production.

Prompt Deliveries. Deliveries are reasonably prompt, but the railroads are not clear of the probability of congestion. The traffic in merchandise and heavy materials maintains enormous proportions, rail earnings show more gain and there is unusual passenger-carrying to the Pacific and new settlements throughout the West. Distribution of wares by jobbing houses is at its heaviest and retail trade shows a gratifying advance, due to the sudden spell of cold weather. Mercantile collections for the country as a whole are satisfactory and local adjustments show more promptness.

Iron and Steel. The iron and steel interests receive a fair share of new business, particularly in furnace products. The mills are months behind on rail specifications and orders now being booked cannot be completed earlier than next spring. Structural requirements for bridge-building and finished materials are in good demand, with prices firm. Easter conditions are noted in the supply of pig iron and the recent drop in quotations favors the melters, who have placed fresh demands aggregating quite a large tonnage. Manufacturers of farm implements, heavy machinery and furniture report their lines to be satisfactory, domestic orders being large and the export trade improving.

Good Demand for Hardware. Hardware branches are urgently pushed in the effort to satisfy distributors, country needs being the most pressing. Local trade in shelf hardware maintains large volume. Lumber dealings are best for track and building requirements, shipments reaching a large aggregate, and more hardwoods could be readily sold were supply and prices easier. Receipts

Illinois Man Gets Chair. Williamstown, Mass., dispatch: El-mira I. Shepard, who has been acting for some time as professor of mathematics in an Illinois state normal school, has been appointed instructor in mathematics at Williams college.

Tragedies in Alaska. Seattle, Wash., dispatch: Charles Carlson of San Francisco was drowned in the Chignik river on the Alaska peninsula, several weeks ago. About the same time John Nelson was killed by a half-breed named Wilson.

from the mills are under a year ago and actual stocks are low in the best qualities. Preparations are under way for usual winter stocking up.

Grain Shipments. Statistics of eastbound shipments of cereals are less instructive than formerly owing to diversion of movement to gulf outlets. Last week's aggregate by all lines of transportation of flour and grain were nearly 5,000,000 bushels, an increase over the corresponding week last year of fully 50 per cent. The current demand for foodstuffs shows more volume. Breadstuffs have not advanced permanently, as might have been expected in view of the widespread alarm as to safety of the crops. Values were forced up, but failed to hold at the top owing to enormous sales of leading operators, except oats, which appear to be under manipulation. Flour met with better demand and shipments on foreign account were increased.

MAINE LEAVES CRAMP'S YARDS

Big Battleship Will Participate in the Fall Maneuvers.

Philadelphia, Pa., dispatch: The new battleship Maine, which has been undergoing repairs at Cramp's shipyards for structural weakness, which developed under tests of its heavy guns, left the works of the builders and proceeded to the League Island navy yard. The Maine, which is in command of Captain H. G. Lutz, will stop only long enough to take on a supply of provisions and coal and have the magazines stored with ammunition. It will then sail for Culebra,

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Find the Other Horse.

LITTLE DAMAGE THROUGH FROST

Traders Do Not Fear the Effect of the Chill on Growing Corn.

SCARE BRINGS SLIGHT ADVANCE

Price Drops to Normal Basis on Conflicting Reports and Selling by Country Holders—Warm Weather is Expected to Even Up Matters.

Chicago dispatch: The corn belt was visited last week by a cold wave, which brought frosts to all the important surplus states, killing frosts over Nebraska and northwestern Iowa, and light to heavy frosts over parts of Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The market was much excited during the several days when frosts were predicted for this entire territory and were impending over it, but for all that it closed at prices fully 1c lower than they were before the first hint of frost had been given, having lost all the moderate advance of about 2c and more. It was another case where, so far as the hopes of the bull speculator were concerned, the pleasures of anticipation were greater than those of realization.

Wait for Warm Weather. It remains to be seen, with the more accurate knowledge which a week of warm weather and careful investigation will bring, how widespread and disastrous the damage by the cold wave has been. With a good deal of late corn, which the trade has been told so often must have a favorable fall, with frosts deferred two or three weeks later than usual to be saved at all, it seems certain that considerable damage must have been done, but the general opinion in the trade is that the damage has not been widespread nor serious enough to justify the longer maintenance of prices over 50c, a figure which, considering the general improvement in the crop the last month or two, preceding the cold wave, is now generally considered "frost" price.

Reports Are Conflicting. Reports from the fields, from Nebraska, from Iowa and from this state were so conflicting during the few days of frost and immediately following them—claims of damage offset by positive assertions that no damage or little had been done, and that in fact the corn had been benefited by the light frosts, which would check growth and hasten maturity—that the trade in general assumed not much harm had been done.

It remains to be seen whether this view is correct and which contention is right, the claim that frosts can be in any way or at any time a help to corn being vigorously scouted and denied by some of the veterans in the trade. That the advance in the market under conditions which seemed to promise as widespread damage as severe and general frosts could work was so slight and so soon lost apparently confirms the theory that the price had already discounted all the damage the freeze was likely to do.

Frosts Save Speculators. Many people have been buying corn in an anticipation of early frosts, and either had or were threatened with considerable losses when the frosts finally came. Such holders as a rule

BOARD PROHIBITS THE DANCE

Trustees Forbid Teachers Attending Parties During School Days. Stephenson, Mich., dispatch: The local school board has unanimously passed a resolution prohibiting teachers from attending dances or parties, day or night, while school is in session. The trustees claim that school work has suffered because of the pleasure parties of the teachers. School boards in other towns of Menominee county have under consideration proposals of a similar nature.

were glad to sell at a moderate advance, and there was not enough new buying to absorb their offerings and run away with the market.

The May delivery only reached 52 1/2c, or not within a cent of the high price reached in July, at a time when the crop was so backward the bull conviction was that not over 1,800,000,000 bushels could possibly be raised. The crop came on faster than expected, there was undoubted improvement in spite of conditions which were frequently unfavorable, and a yield of 1,800,000,000 bushels is now probably the minimum which may be expected, even if the damage by frost last week was more serious than the trade is yet willing to believe.

Country Resumes Selling.

The country has resumed selling cash corn in a moderate way since the frost, as if the country speculator and dealer, like the city operator, did not consider the damage great. Argentina is still marketing corn in Europe at a rate to indicate not much need of American surplus for export, over 4,000,000 bushels being shipped last week.

PITCHER KNOCKS OUT BATSMAN WITH BALL

W. W. Kelly, Star Player on the Winnipeg Team, is Hit in the Temple and Will Die.

St. Paul, Minn., dispatch: W. W. Kelly, a brother of Mike Kelly, manager of the St. Paul American Association team, received injuries in a ball game that will result fatally. Kelly, whose home is at Gardner, Mass., this season was second baseman for the Winnipeg northern team, which is playing a series of games in St. Paul with Algona, Iowa. In the eighth inning Kelly was at bat and a swift ball thrown by Halland, the colored pitcher of Algona, struck him in the temple. Kelly dropped as though he had been shot and remained motionless. Doctors from the audience went to his assistance and they at once expressed the opinion that he was fatally injured.

The ambulance was called and the injured man was removed to the city hospital. Physicians there held out no hope for his recovery. He was one of the stars of the Winnipeg team and it was thought that next season he would wear a St. Paul uniform.

COLOMBIA OFFERS NEW TERMS

Much Secrecy Surrounds Counter Proposition by Dr. Herran.

Washington dispatch: Further negotiations over the Panama canal hinge on the communication which the Colombian government, through its charge d'affaires, Dr. Herran, lately submitted to the state department. There is much interest in this counter proposition, which the representatives of both governments are keeping carefully secret.

Though both Dr. Herran and the state department officials decline to divulge just what the nature of the communication is, on the ground that it is of a confidential character, it is understood that it is in the nature of a proposition that will keep alive the canal negotiations with the Colombian government after Sept. 22, at which time the existing treaty expires by limitation.

Unless there should be a considerable revulsion of feeling in the Colombian senate in favor of the Hay-Herran agreement, that agreement is believed by Minister Beaupre at Bogota and by South American diplomats in Washington to be dead.

ROBBERS LOOT EXPRESS OFFICE

Burglars Get \$1,049 From the Wells-Fargo Company. Santa Barbara, Cal., special: Burglars entered the Wells-Fargo Express office here and robbed the safe of \$1,049 in coin and currency. The rear door was entered with a key and the safe opened in the regular way by the combination, which was found in a book in a drawer of one of the desks in the office. About \$300 looked in a separate compartment of the safe was overlooked by the burglars.