

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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

Secretary Moody is expected soon to announce the appointment of Commander William J. Barnette of the general board to succeed Captain W. S. Cowles as assistant chief of the bureau of navigation.

Judge Osborne at Cynthiana, Ky., ordered Sheriff Leach and his deputy to take Curtis Jett, sentenced to be hanged Dec. 18 for the assassination of James Cockrill, to Louisville jail for safe keeping pending Jett's appeal to the court of appeals.

Robert W. Downing, comptroller of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, reported to the police that his summer home at Wallingford, Pa., had been visited by burglars. The robbers secured silver plate valued at \$1,000.

James F. Bailey of the Barnum & Bailey circus is to build a \$150,000 mansion at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Rev. Harry Blunt, pastor of Old Orchard Congregational church, St. Louis, Mo., has accepted a call to Plymouth Congregational church of Indianapolis.

Senator Foster of Washington announces his candidacy for re-election and has before him a bitter two-year fight.

Rev. Milton J. Norton, pastor of Immanuel Congregational church of St. Louis, Mo., has declined a call to teach in Anatolia college, Marsovan, Turkey, which is under the American board of commissioners for foreign missions.

Dr. T. V. Gifford, a medical writer of international reputation, died at his home at Kokomo, Ind., aged 72 years. He was an anti-vaccinationist and was opposed to the use of medicine in the treatment of diseases.

Mark Twain is to sail for Europe in October.

Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., is ill from overwork at New Haven, Conn.

Postmaster General Payne has returned to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., and resumed work at his desk.

George B. Cortelyou, United States secretary of commerce and labor, passed through Montreal with his family on his way to Quebec.

Mme. Nordica reached New York from Europe in the best of health and spirits. She will rest a week before starting with J. S. Duss and the Metropolitan opera house orchestra upon a long concert tour.

F. L. Crow, member of a prominent real estate firm of Beaumont, Tex., committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Despondency over heavy losses sustained in the Sour lake oil fields is said to be the cause.

An almost miraculous escape from death was that of William Byson, his wife and child when a freight tumbled from the approach to the Chesapeake and Ohio bridge in Covington, Ky., and crashed their dwelling, a small frame structure. They were thrown out on the street and only suffered slight bruises and cuts.

Gov. Yates has appointed Judge Amos Miller of Hillsboro and Morris Emerson of the Lincoln News-Herald as members of the voting machine commission. The last legislature passed a bill providing for the use of voting machines in Illinois, and it provided for the appointment of a commission to be composed of three members to report on the machines to be used.

Edward Hoff, 17 years old, was sentenced for five years to the Green Bay reformatory. He attempted to wreck the Wisconsin Central limited at Albertville by placing ties across the track.

Henry Wade Rogers, formerly president of the Northwestern University, now dean of the Yale law school, delivered an address at the opening of the two hundred and third year of Yale University at New Haven Sept. 24.

Major General Corbin, adjutant general of the United States army, was the guest jointly of former Senator Thomas H. Carter and the people of Helena, Mont., generally, as well as of the officers of the army stationed at Fort Harrison. A public reception was given to Gen. Corbin in the Montana club rooms.

The state department received a telegram from United States Consul Hanna, at Monterey, Mex., reporting that yellow fever had broken out there.

The commission recently appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate charges against the administration at the Ellis Island immigration bureau has begun its work.

Augustus Radcliffe Grote, a prominent scientist, who had lived in the United States for forty years, is dead in Berlin. He was the author of many scientific works and was formerly director of the Buffalo Academy of Natural Sciences. For the last fifteen years he has resided in Germany.

Rev. C. C. Albertson, formerly a prominent Indiana Methodist, has joined the Presbyterians.

James Keffer, who murdered A. G. Warren, keeper of a stage station at Derby, Wyo., was hanged at Lander, Wyo.

Very Rev. John A. Shepard, vicar general of the Newark, N. J., diocese and pastor of St. Michael's parish in Jersey City, has been notified by Bishop O'Connor that the pope has conferred on him the title of monsignore.

Assistant Surgeon General H. D. Geddings of the public health and marine hospital service has been detailed by the secretary of the treasury as delegate to the international sanitary plague conference which is to convene in Paris Oct. 10.

Judge Gallatin Craig of the fourth judicial circuit of Missouri is believed to be dying at his home in Maryville. He enjoyed the distinction of being an exceedingly able jurist until a few months ago, when he was stricken with a nervous illness, from which he emerged with paresis. He is a member of an old and wealthy family of Missouri. He is 48 years old.

The Portuguese government has decided to establish a special police force at the Azores islands to prevent the secret emigration which has been proceeding for a considerable time, especially to the United States.

The new Turkish cruiser named Abdul Hamid was launched at Elsvick of the Tyne. It will carry twenty-two quick-firing guns. Its length is 330 feet, beam 42 feet, draught 16 feet and displacement, 3,250 tons. Its speed is to be twenty-two knots.

The steamer Warsaw has landed at Leith fourteen members of the crew of the Dutch steamer Sophie Annet, who, it was feared, had been drowned by the foundering of the steamer. The Warsaw tried to tow the Sophie Annet to Leith, but the latter sank.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Bryan of Lincoln, Neb., and W. H. Leavitt of Newport will take place Saturday evening, Oct. 3, at 7:30 o'clock, at Fairview, the home of the bride's father, W. J. Bryan. Rev. Dr. Swearingin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which Mr. Bryan is a member, probably will officiate.

A milk corner is feared in Boston and the price may go to 10 cents a quart.

James Keffer, murderer of William Warren, an aged stock tender, was hanged in the jailyard at Lander, Wyo.

The stern of the missing fishing steamer Beatrice was washed ashore near Cafferys inlet, North Carolina coast. She had been missing since the big Atlantic coast storm.

The Dominion government at Ottawa, Ont., has received reports from Lake Erie saying there is a great deal of illegal fishing going on. The revenue boat Petre seized fifty-six American nets in Canadian waters.

In discussing appendicitis before the Pennsylvania State Medical Society at Philadelphia, Dr. John B. Beaver, who has treated 560 cases in the last year, with only 5 per cent mortality, declared the reason so many die is that the cases are neglected too long. Dr. Richard H. Gibbons of Scranton advocated cutting out of all appendices, whether diseased or not.

It was officially announced at St. Petersburg that the duty on cotton goods imported into Russia will not be lowered this year.

The court of the Bank of England has declared the usual dividend of 5 per cent for the six months ended Aug. 31, leaving the amount at "rest" on that date \$18,691,295.

C. E. Von Hedemann, the governor of the Danish West Indies, who is now in Denmark, will not return to his post. He will be succeeded by Horth Lorentzen, secretary of the finance department.

McLean county's new \$500,000 courthouse at Bloomington, Ill., was dedicated Sept. 24 with appropriate ceremonies. The chief speech of the day was made by ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson. The bar association gave a banquet at night, which was attended by leading lawyers from all parts of Illinois.

Elwood Mead, chief of the irrigation division of the department of agriculture, has returned from a tour of investigation in Italy and other European countries.

At a meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the proposed measure making provision for the issue of \$100,000,000 bonds for the improvement of the Erie, Oswego and Champlain canals which is to be submitted to the people of the state at the November election.

United States Senator Quarles of Milwaukee was in Neenah, Wis., in connection with the draining of the thousands of acres of marsh land at the head of Lake Winnebago, for the construction of which an appropriation will be asked of congress.

Charles Scott, president of the Interstate Missouri River Improvement and Levee association, has called a levee convention to meet in New Orleans Oct. 27.

William Ronemus, a mine guard, who confessed to the killing of Patrick Sharpe, a striking miner, was acquitted by a jury at Norristown Pa.

A well-dressed man, supposed to be John Dunlavy of Philadelphia, was thrown from a transit car in St. Louis and killed.

The Shenango tin mill of Newcastle, Pa., the largest plant of the kind in the world, has closed down indefinitely.

Prof. Carl Rignemmann of Indiana university has gone to Cuba to study blind fish.

A verdict of guilty was rendered in Boston against J. M. Curley and J. F. Curley, both prominent in local politics, J. J. Hughes and B. J. Fahey, for conspiracy to defraud the United States Civil Service Commission by impersonating the other two defendants at a civil service examination.

INDICTMENT FOR REFORM MAYOR

Executive of Mattoon Faces Trial on Charge of Malfeasance in Office.

CITIZENS AID IN PROSECUTION

Allegation is Made That He Soon Broke His Pledges and Permitted Gaming and Other Vices to Flourish in Wide-Open Fashion.

Mattoon, Ill., dispatch: Mattoon's reform mayor, Frances M. Menke, has been indicted upon twenty-nine counts charging him with malfeasance and misfeasance in office. At the same time the grand jury returned nineteen true bills against saloonkeepers, gamblers and keepers of houses of ill repute. The action came after a three weeks' session, during which evidence was presented by citizens who had become incensed over the immoral state of conditions existing in the city.

Mayor Menke was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Pullen and taken before Judge Henley, who placed his bond at \$5,000. His attorney, B. H. Tivnen, protested against the amount of bail and it was reduced to \$2,500. The mayor succeeded in giving bond.

Is Elected by Reformers. A citizens' committee has employed Emery Andrews, ex-state's attorney of Coles county, and James Vause, Jr., to assist State's Attorney Volgt in the prosecution, and the contest promises to be a vigorous one.



For he's got to keep warm this winter. FROM THE CLEVELAND FLAME TRAILER.

Mayor Menke is accused of entering into contracts with gaming houses, immoral places and Sunday saloons. The indictment is a result.

Menke was nominated by the Republicans and elected to office on his pledges made to the churches and the reform element that he would close up the gaming houses, make the twenty-four saloons in the city obey the Sunday and early closing laws, and drive out the houses of ill fame. The latter evil has appropriated that portion of the city in proximity to the Presbyterian, Catholic, Baptist and Universalist churches and the Mattoon high school.

Ousts Police Chief. For two weeks after Mayor Menke took his seat the city was run almost on a blue-law plan, even the cigar wheels of the city being closed up. The second Sunday he changed his policy and allowed the saloons to open.

Chief of Police Dennis Lyons refused to carry out the instructions of the mayor and let the town be "wide open." The mayor removed him from office. A public mass meeting was held and the mayor was forced to place Mr. Lyons back at the head of the department. The chief then resigned. He was succeeded by Elmer Ramsey, a Big Four passenger brakeman, and a brother-in-law to Alderman Haskell, a Democrat, yet one of the chief supporters of Mayor Menke. Lee Henry, an attache of a gambling house, was appointed assistant chief of police. The churches and citizens then started a crusade, which resulted in the indictment.

STARVATION IN PORTO RICO

People in Interior of the Island Can Barely Live by Fruit.

New Orleans special: "The people of Porto Rico are practically in a starving condition," said George Robinson of St. Louis, just returned from the island. "Despite the reports that have been circulated regarding the alleged prosperity of Porto Rico it is a fact that were it not for the fruit the people in the interior of the island would be in a starving condition. It is a fact that many families do not taste bread once a week. The people

Arraigned as a Rebel. Manila cablegram: Dominador Gomez, a former Spanish officer, awaiting sentence upon the charge of maintaining an illegal organization known as the Union Obrero, has been charged with rebellion and insurrection.

Postmaster Kills Himself. Washington dispatch: The post-office department is advised that Henry Whitty, postmaster at Bandana, Ky., has committed suicide. The cause is unknown. An inspector proceeded there immediately.

Decides Against Parks. New York special: Justice Blanchard in the Supreme court denied the motion of Samuel Parks and Timothy McCarty, the walking delegates of the Housewives' and Bridgemen's union, for a change of venue.

Yellow Fever in Texas. Washington dispatch: Acting Adjutant General Hall has received a telegram from General Grant, commanding the department of Texas, saying that a case of yellow fever is reported at Laredo on the Rio Grande.

Restricts Fraternal Insurance. Indianapolis, Ind., special: The attorney general has given Auditor Herick an opinion in which he holds that fraternal associations cannot issue reserve fund insurance. The question has been before the insurance department many times, as several of the fraternal companies issue policies with all the features of the old line policies.

of Porto Rico are in a most pitiable condition. They are most loyal in their attachment to the United States and have made no protests against the American rule lest their action in this regard should be construed as disloyalty to this country."

EX-SENATOR FARWELL IS DEAD

Merchant-Politician of Chicago Expires at His Country Home.

Former United States Senator Charles Benjamin Farwell, a resident of Chicago for more than half a century, and closely identified with the commercial development of the city for nearly thirty years, died Sept. 23 in his eightieth year at his Lake Forest country home. Heart failure, resulting from the weakness of advanced age and aggravated by the shock of the painful accident he met with ten days before was the cause of Mr. Farwell's death. Though not unlooked for, the end came more suddenly than was expected. At his bedside when he passed away were his wife, Mrs. C. B. Farwell; a daughter, Mrs. Dudley Winston, and his son, Walter Farwell, with his wife.

MAY BE THE LOST CHARLIE ROSS

William Van Hodge of Galveston, Texas, Unaware of Parentage.

Washington dispatch: Claude J. Neis of this city has a letter from William Van Hodge of Galveston, Texas, stating that he has been told by one who knew the Ross family that he looks very much like that family, and Mr. Van Hodge thinks he may be the missing Charlie Ross. He was placed in an orphan asylum in New Orleans in 1874, the year the Ross child disappeared. Mr. Van Hodge states that he was placed in the asylum in a mysterious manner and, despite diligent inquiry, could never as-

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Where is the owner of the Shack?

RAILWAYS WANT JUDGE GROSSCUP

Eminent Jurist Has Flattering Offer From Northern Securities Company.

SEEKING BEST LEGAL TALENT

Millionaires Who Are Fighting the Government Effort to Break Up the Great Railroad Combine Are Willing to Spend Their Money Lavishly.

Chicago, Ill., special: Seeking the ablest jurists in the country to conduct its legal battle with the United States government, the Northern Securities company is making a strong effort to enlist the services of Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the Federal court to argue its case when the case involving the legality of the organization is heard in the United States Supreme court this fall.

Judge Grosscup's acceptance of the tempting offer made him by the millionaires behind the Northern Securities company is said by men closely in touch with his affairs to be practically certain. In the absence of the Judge from Chicago, Marshall E. Sampson, one of his most intimate friends, said that the offer has been under consideration for some time, and that in all probability the Judge would accept.

Offer is Tempting. While the conditions of the offer made by the railroad magnates were not divulged, it is admitted that they were "flattering." The only barrier to Judge Grosscup's immediate acceptance, his friends say, lay in his desire to bring the local traction fight to a successful issue. On this account Judge Grosscup is loath to leave the Federal bench just at this time.

Already some of the ablest lawyers in the country have taken part in the legal battle the Northern Securities company is waging against the United States government. To the men who are fighting the government's attempt to break up this railroad combine money is no object, and the fee offered to secure the services of Judge Grosscup, who is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on anti-trust legislation in the country, is said to be unusually large.

Great Array of Lawyers. The government has been represented in the prosecution by Attorney General Knox, his assistants, Jas. M. Beck and William A. Day, and Special Counsel David T. Watson and John M. Freeman. The principal argument was made by Mr. Watson, who is now representing the American boundary case in London.

The defendant corporations and stockholders employed men of equal note. One of the leading counsel for the defense was C. W. Bunn, son of Judge Romanzo Bunn of the Wisconsin Federal bench. Among the other legal aids for the defense were former Attorney General J. W. Griggs, Francis L. Stetson, David Willcox George B. Young and M. D. Grover.

Notwithstanding this array of skilled attorneys, the defense lost its fight in the St. Paul court last April. The case was then appealed to the Supreme court, and it has been advanced for hearing at an early date.

Rulings Are Sound. Judge Grosscup has gained national

Gets \$7,500 for Injuries. Mexico, Mo., special: Engineer M. C. Page's big suit against the Chicago & Alton Railway company has been compromised for \$7,500. The engineer sued for \$50,000 for injuries received by explosion of a boiler.

Canal Beef Poisons Four. Lacrosse, Wis., special: Mrs. Mary Russ, Mrs. George Williams and two others were taken violently ill as the result of eating canned beef. All have recovered except Mrs. Russ, who is still in a serious condition.

Swindler Gets Long Term. Boston dispatch: Judge Sherman has sentenced Edward A. Cranston, charged with forgery and swindling, to not more than fifteen nor less than ten years in state prison.

Second Landslide at Frank. Nelson, B. C., special: Passengers arriving over the Crow's Nest report that another immense slide occurred Tuesday morning at Turde Mountain, near Frank, Alberta.

fame by his rulings in important cases. Not the least of these was his recent opinion to the effect that the local beef trust was a combination in restraint of trade. An appeal was taken by the packers from his injunctive order in that case.

General attention was attracted about ten years ago by Judge Grosscup's decision on the application of the government to close the Chicago World's fair on Sundays. Though he dissented from the opinion of two Circuit court judges, his ruling was afterward sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals, with Justice Fuller presiding. Another widely known decision was that given by Judge Grosscup and the late Judge W. A. Woods jointly in the Debs riot case. The opinion in that case is often quoted as an authority on the powers of courts of equity.

Close Friend of Presidents.

Judge Grosscup is just past the half-century mark, having been born Feb. 15, 1852. He has been a close friend of several presidents of the United States. While taking no active part in politics, he was mentioned a few months ago as a likely candidate for vice president on the Republican ticket. Besides this, he has been mentioned occasionally as a probable appointee for the Supreme bench. While his present position pays only \$7,500 annually, the honor of the office is said to count for much with the Judge.

GRAND ARMY MEN ARE BARRED

Action of Lutheran Preacher at Funeral Causes Criticism.

Neenah, Wis., special: A sensation has been caused in local G. A. R. circles over a ruling of Rev. Albert Froehke which barred G. A. R. men in uniform from attending the funeral services of Ferdinand Sauer in the German Lutheran church. Mr. Froehke says that his action was merely enforcing the rules of the church. Mr. Sauer was a prominent G. A. R. man and before his death selected members from the local post to act as pall bearers. As a result of the ruling none of the old soldiers attended the funeral. When brought into the church the casket was draped with an American flag and the pastor ordered this removed. His action has caused much criticism in Neenah.

BIG FLOUR MILLS SHUT DOWN

Strike Completely Ties Up Principal Industry of Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., dispatch: All the Minneapolis flouring mills were closed indefinitely at midnight. At that hour all the men quit work except a few who remained a few minutes to allow the rolls to run clean. There was no violence or disorder of any sort. Most of the mills have notices posted to the effect that the time of all the men who quite work will be ready for them and that all men who do not report for duty can consider themselves discharged. The strike involves about 1,700 men.

DANVILLE RIOTERS PAY FINES

Two Young Men Admit Their Guilt and Settle Up.

Danville, Ill., dispatch: Harry Van Gender and Sherman Cundiff, two young men indicted for participation in the rioting at the county jail on July 25, pleaded guilty before Judge M. W. Thompson and were fined \$200 each, which they paid. Van Gender is an electrician and Cundiff is a farmer boy living near Catlin. The latter was shot in the foot by Sheriff Whitlock.