

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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

An order has been issued in Tennessee and is to be made general in the south debarring negroes from white men's sleeping cars.

Mrs. Catherine Reddy of Yonkers, N. Y., was awarded a verdict of \$50,000 in a suit for \$100,000 damages against the New York Central railroad, tried before Supreme Court Judge Gaynor.

Henry F. Brown, a prominent capitalist and politician of Minneapolis, Minn., was arraigned on an indictment charging that last June he offered to Alderman Fred M. Powers a bribe of \$500 to vote to accept the bid of the Bowers Rubber Company of San Francisco for fire hose.

Emperor William will meet the czar at Weisbaden Nov. 4. The empress and Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia will participate in the festivities in honor of the czar and czarina.

After many months of negotiations there has been formed a combine of the anthracite coal mine owners of South Wales. The combine is capable of an output of 1,000,000 tons of coal a year.

E. H. Harriman has bought a one-third interest in the Huntington electric lines along the Pacific coast.

The Pan-American Exposition company, operating between New York, Cuba and Central American points, has acquired a monopoly of the shipping business in Yucatan.

Januscek, the actress, has received an offer of a home for life from the Actors' Fund home in New Brighton, L. I., and from the Edwin Forrest home, Philadelphia, but probably will decline both.

In a collision between a trolley car and a wagon at Kansas City, R. E. Wedge, Mrs. Kate Wedge, Archie Cross, Mrs. Hattie Cross and Mrs. Nettie Cross were seriously injured.

United States customs inspectors have seized 17,000 pounds of wool, valued at \$3,000, from Marshall H. Maynard, a farmer near Champlain, N. Y., two miles from the Canadian line. The wool was smuggled from Canada.

The Women's Society of Home Missions of the synod of Illinois of the Presbyterian church elected Mrs. C. W. Robinson of Bloomington president and Mrs. Margaret C. Monroe of Chicago corresponding secretary at its annual meeting at Springfield.

A subcommittee of the Philadelphia city council has decided to report favorably upon the acceptance of Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$1,500,000 for free libraries, providing the city expend \$150,000 yearly for their maintenance.

Officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad charge that an ordinance, granting a strip of land for a passenger station in Pittsburg, is being held up by members of the council because the road will not produce bonds for its passage.

E. R. Kramer, cashier of the First National Bank of Allegheny, Pa., dropped dead at Sewickley. He had been with the bank more than thirty years. Worry over the failure of the Federal National Bank is thought to have caused apoplexy.

It is reported that the differences between Colombia and Nicaragua growing out of the aid the revolutionists of both countries received during the recent rebellion will be arbitrated by President Diaz of Mexico.

Third Assistant Secretary of State H. H. D. Pierce has returned to the United States after an extended tour through Europe for the purpose of inspecting the American consulates. He will shortly submit his report to Secretary Hay.

Andrew D. White, former ambassador to Germany, was to have been the guest of honor at a reception given by the Deutsche Gesellschaft, Wiesbaden, Heber vein at New York, but owing to illness he was unable to be present. It was stated that he had overtaxed his strength at the Holls memorial exercises held at Columbia university.

Gov. Yates has accepted the resignation of D. F. Munger of Princeton, Ill., as trustee of the western hospital for the insane at Watertown, Ill. Mr. Munger will remove to Indiana.

A bequest of \$35,000 to Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, Pa., is provided for in the will of Rev. J. H. W. Stuckenburgh of Cambridge, Mass.

C. E. Caros, a freight handler, committed suicide at Terre Haute, Ind., by throwing himself in front of a street car.

Coal operators in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, Pa., have decided to sustain prices by regulating the production.

Shed mills in the Homestead, Pa., district started a double turn at midnight Sunday night.

The brig Tanner, from San Diego, went ashore near Fort Angeles, Cal., and will probably prove a total loss. The crew reached the shore safely.

Mrs. Belknap, widow of General Belknap of Washington, has arrived in London from Ostend after a visit in Paris and other European cities.

Major General H. C. Corbin, adjutant general of the army, who was appointed to relieve General Chaffee as commander of the department of the east, the headquarters of which is at Governor's Island, has assumed his new duties. General Chaffee, the former commander of the department, going to Washington, where he will serve as assistant chief of the general staff, which within a short time he will command.

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A grand jury has been summoned by Judge Hastings to meet Dec. 14 to investigate charges of corruption against city officials of Green Bay, Wis.

Edward O. Soule, the alleged embezzler of a savings bank at Iowa Falls, Iowa, was indicted on three counts by the Hardin county grand jury. It is alleged that his shortage aggregates \$40,000.

Prince Adelbert, the third son of Emperor William, has started for the far east to join the German squadron there.

Dr. Polidexter S. Henson, formerly of Chicago, now pastor of a Brooklyn church, in formally accepting a call to Tremont Temple of Boston, wired the trustees: "Believing it to be the will of God, I will come to you."

Will Newsom, a river pilot, shot and killed John Burrell, a lumberman, near Decatur, Ala., the result of a quarrel. Burrell went South from Saginaw, Mich., several years ago.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Ian S. M. Hamilton, K. C. B., quartermaster general of the British army, who has been visiting Canada and the United States for a month, is booked to sail on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America and the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners are to be merged into one national organization Jan. 1, 1905.

At the Universalist church convention in Washington former Gov. S. E. Perham of Maine said the trend of most of the religious denominations now is toward Universalism.

Settlement has been made at Birmingham, Ala., of the plate mill scale for the Southern plants of the Republic Iron and Steel company, also for the Tennessee Coal Iron and Railroad company, and work will be resumed Monday.

A communication from United States Minister Fouquet at Bogota indicates that the present session of the Colombian congress is not expected to make any further progress with the canal legislation.

The convention of the Army and Navy Union of the United States closed at Pittsfield. Hugh H. Henry of Weehawken, N. J., was elected president.

Speed Frye, aged 11, and George Gabbert, aged 10, of Danville, Ky., engaged in an altercation while on their way to school and Gabbert was fatally stabbed.

Michigan prison officials deny that the Supreme Court decision in the case of Convict Harney, granting him a lengthy period of good time, applies to others and do not fear a general exit of convicts.

The ninth annual meeting of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs ended at Cairo, following a talk by Mrs. J. W. Hener of Chicago, chairman of the music committee, on "Folk and National Songs."

Over one thousand men are continuing the search for L. Wents, the wealthy young Philadelphian, who mysteriously disappeared ten days ago at Big Stone Gap, Va. Rewards for his recovery aggregate \$30,000.

The case of Whittaker Wright, the company promoter, against whom the grand jury at the Old Bailey found a true bill Oct. 20, on the charge of attempting to defraud the stockholders of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, was adjourned until the November sessions on the application of Wright, whose defense is not ready.

Felix Hall, a negro, was hanged at Birmingham, Ala., for murder. When the drop fell the rope slipped and after ten minutes of agony the man was hauled up and hanged a second time. This time his neck was broken.

For the first time in many years the saloons and gambling houses of Kansas City, Kan., have been closed tight. The threat to oust Mayor Gilbert from office for neglect of duty proved effectual.

Baron Sternberg, German ambassador to the United States, will go to Germany to consult specialists regarding trouble with one of his ears. He will undergo an operation if the surgeons so advise.

The Canadian parliament has been prorogued. It met March 12 and the session has been the longest one on record.

Miss Recie Henderson of Ashland, Ill., has gone to the Navajo Indian reservation, New Mexico, to be matron of an Indian school.

W. S. Love of Savannah, Ga., who was reported missing, has been found at Denver, Col. He denies he had sought to hide his identity and was working under his right name and had given Savannah business men as reference.

William Marks was instantly killed and Patrick Hardy fatally injured at Butler, Pa., by an explosion of nitroglycerin.

R. Mammuel, a second timer, was shot by the guards and killed while attempting to escape from the Falson state prison at Sacramento, Cal.

REAR ADMIRAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

Progress Made in Naval Construction During the Fiscal Year

STATUS OF WORK ON VESSELS

Officials Feel That the Best Results Have Not Been Obtained in the Building Up of the Service—Estimates for Harbor Defenses.

Washington, D. C., special: In the annual reports of Rear Admiral Bowles of the bureau of naval construction and General George L. Gillespie, chief of engineers, United States army, the progress of the navy and of fortifications and river and harbor work is shown.

The progress made by this government in naval construction during the last year is reviewed by Rear Admiral Bowles in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy. It is shown that the following additions have been made to the effective force of the navy during the year: One battle-ship, four monitors, twelve torpedo-boat destroyers, one torpedo-boat, and seven submarine torpedo-boats.

The list should have been increased by two battle-ships and five cruisers.

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the report states, but owing to strikes and other causes their completion was delayed. The report states that the "rate of progress of vessels under construction at the present time presents some very encouraging indications for completion of many of the most important contracts, but, considered as a whole, the progress made during the last fiscal year has been very unsatisfactory."

Government Work. Speaking of the battle-ship Connecticut, which is being built at a government yard, and which is a sister ship of the Louisiana, being built by a private company, the report says that although slightly behind the Louisiana the progress made has been well up to the best previous average of contract-built ships.

Among the improvements recommended at the yards named are the following: At Portsmouth, N. H., new stone dry dock, 400 feet long; at Boston, a new foundry, fitted with modern improvements; New York, the construction of piers and the removal of Cob dock, League Island, extension of wharves to accommodate vessels 500 feet long.

Norfolk Navy Yard. Concerning the navy yard at Norfolk Admiral Bowles says: "Being located on Hampton Roads, where large fleets must, of necessity, rendezvous, this yard should unquestionably be equipped as one of the foremost yards of the country. Recently the first-class battle-ship Illinois came to and left the yard without difficulty. This would appear to settle the question of sufficient depth of channel."

Appended to the report is a complete list of all the vessels in the navy, with elaborate data concerning them, also a summary which shows there are 252 vessels in the navy fit for service, forty-five building, and twenty-three unfit for sea service.

Harbor Defenses. The annual report of General George L. Gillespie, chief of engineers, United States army, for the year ended June 30, 1903, dealing with fortifications and river and harbor work has been made public.

General Gillespie says that projects for defenses of thirty-one localities have been approved, and, in addition, defenses of the great lakes and St. Lawrence river are under consideration. He adds: "Projects for the defenses for San Juan, Porto Rico; Pearl harbor and Honolulu harbor, Hawaii; San Luis d'Apra, Guam; Manila bay, and Subig bay have been approved by the Secretary of War, and actual construction should begin thereon, at an early day."

On the Seacoast. "The sea-coast defenses of the United States are now somewhat more than 50 per cent completed. Twenty-five of the principal harbors of the United States have a sufficient number of heavy guns and mortars mounted to permit an effective defense against naval attack, and during the past three years considerable progress has been made in the installation of an adequate rapid-fire armament, now the matter of first importance."

At present there are provided for the defenses of the United States 105 twelve-inch guns, 133 ten-inch guns, ninety-six eight-inch guns, 567 rapid-fire guns, and 376 twelve-inch mortars.

Estimates for Fortification. General Gillespie submits a total estimate of \$10,366,100 for fortifications for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, as follows: Construction of gun and mortar batteries and installation of range and position finders, \$4,575,000; sites for fortifications and sea-coast defenses, \$2,000,000; searchlights for harbor de-

fenses, \$500,000 protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications, \$300,000; preparation of plans for fortifications, \$5,000; supplies for sea-coast defenses, \$35,000; sea walls and embankments, \$200,000; torpedoes for harbor defenses, \$225,000; defenses of insular possessions, \$2,000,000; procurement of land for sites for defenses of the Hawaiian Islands, \$526,100.

For the improvement of rivers and harbors Gen. Gillespie submits the following general estimates for the next fiscal year: Under continuing contracts, \$11,510,753; rivers and harbors (general), \$20,748,990; examinations, surveys and contingencies, \$300,000; under California debris commission, \$5,000; prevention of deposits in New York harbor, \$73,260; enlargement of Governor's Island, New York, \$200,000; Mississippi river commission, \$2,545,000.

General Improvements. The following are some of the estimates for improvements in excess of \$25,000: Harbor at Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., \$500,000; Ashland harbor, Wis., \$75,000; harbor of refuge, Grand Marais, Mich., \$70,000; Milwaukee harbor, Wis., \$175,000; Racine harbor, Wis., \$40,000; Fox river, Wisconsin, \$60,000; Chicago harbor, Ill., \$295,000; Calumet river, Illinois, \$250,000; Michigan City harbor, Ind., \$45,000; Saginaw harbor and Kalamazoo river, Mich., \$75,000; Holland harbor, Mich., \$65,000; Muskegon harbor, Mich., \$135,000; Charlevoix harbor, Mich., \$39,800; Petoskey harbor, Mich., \$33,000; harbor of refuge, Sand Beach, Mich., \$210,000; St. Mary's river at the falls, Michigan, \$964,000; Hay lake and Neebish channels, Michigan, \$500,000; Detroit river, Michigan, \$450,000; Toledo harbor, Ohio, \$266,000; Cleveland harbor, Ohio, \$872,000; Buffalo harbor, N. Y., \$250,000.

Boy Hunter Is Killed. Bartlett, N. H., dispatch: Mistaken for a deer, Herbert Cook, 17 years old, was shot and killed by Martin Walker, a companion, 13 years old, it is said.

Destroys Deed. Fort Wayne, Ind., special: Rather than cause a family contest over the will of his father, in the distribution of a \$25,000 estate, Otto Seidel tore up a deed to property valued at \$25,000 which his father had left him.

Ladrones Attack Town. Manila cable: A band of ladrones surprised the town of Iriga, in the province of Ambos Cismarines, Luzon, and killed the wife and uncle of the President and three volunteers.

Murder Charge Falls. Troy, Mo., dispatch: Clarence A. Barnes has been acquitted of the charge of murdering Rhodes Clay, Democratic representative of Adrian county. The audience in court cheered when the verdict was announced.

Dog Chew Dynamite. New York special: A dog picked up a stick of dynamite in its mouth and led several policemen a merry chase before it was captured. The dynamite was well chewed when recovered.

Woman Victim of Feud. Middleboro, Ky., dispatch: Alice Lamb was killed, her head being nearly severed from her body by knives. Joe Brim and a man named Nelums were arrested. The Lamb woman was well known in the mountain districts and had been in feuds for many years.

Von Plehve After Jews. Berlin cablegram: The Statburger Zeitung announces that M. von Plehve, Russian minister of the interior, has appointed a commission to report to him as to the best means of forcing the emigration of the Jews.

Loving Cup for Barr. Philadelphia, special: Capt. Charles Barr, who called the Reliance against Shamrock III, came to this city as the guest of Mayor Weaver. Capt. Barr was presented with a loving cup.

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Find the Hunter.

BIG NAVAL GUNS USELESS AT SEA

United States Battleships Are Handicapped in Heavy Weather. GUN PORT SILLS ARE TOO LOW

Thirteen and Eight Inch Batteries of Kearsarge Were Idle During Sixty-One Days of Summer Cruise—Speed Outranks Fighting Quality.

Washington special: Startling revelations of the inability of some of the best United States battleships to fight their turret guns, and even their broadside batteries, in a heavy sea are made in a report in which Rear Admiral R. H. Bradford, the recently relieved chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy department, dissents from the designs for the 13,000 ton battleships Idaho and Mississippi. The designs were approved by the naval board of construction.

Guns Are Useless. The elevation of their heavy gun port sills above the load water line is so little that in a heavy sea they must be closed and the guns thereby rendered inoperative. Some members of this board contend that foreign battleships labor under equal disadvantages, but the fact that the thirteen and eight inch guns on the Kearsarge, the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, were worthless during sixty-one days of last summer's cruise will be a disagreeable message to the bulk of the American people, who believe the American battleship can come off victorious in a fight with anybody and anywhere. Here is the salient portion of the report, which was made public by permission of Secretary Moody:

Lacks Fighting Qualities. "There are two important qualities in the design of the Idaho and Mississippi, now recommended by the majority of the board, which I believe should receive serious consideration. The first is in relation to speed. In this design speed in shipbuilding is second to capacity for sea fighting. "If the speed of the Idaho and Mississippi corresponds to that of the old battleships, then they must be relegated for service to the old battleship class and the first line of defense, composed of battleships of the latest and most powerful type, with a speed of eighteen knots, is not strengthened. Should to the slow Idaho class be added the Maine, Virginia and Connecticut classes, then the speed of the fleet will be reduced from one and one-half to two knots."

Free Board Is Too Low. "Even if this sacrifice should be made the Idaho class still would be useless in a moderate seaway, owing to their low free board. "Reference is made to the report of the commanding officer of the Kearsarge, which is a ship of higher gun position than the Idaho. It is stated in this report that during sixty-one days of the summer cruise the turret guns could not be used and for at least one-third of that time the broadside guns could not be used, both on account of the condition of the sea."

Seven Rescued from Wreck. Steamer Goes Ashore Near Grand Marais, Mich., in Storm. Grand Marais, Mich., special: While the steamer Gettysburg and barges Buffalo and Saveland were trying to make this harbor for shelter from the fifty-mile northwest gale the towline to the Saveland parted and she was carried by the storm onto the beach opposite the government dike. With the seas breaking over the stranded vessel, the crew from the Grand Marais life-saving station rescued six men and one woman from the wreck. While the life savers were saving the crew of the Saveland Martin Derry of this city lost his life just outside the harbor. He had been in the lake in a small boat.

Convicts Are to Be Set Free. Michigan Supreme Court Hands Down Important Prison Decision. Jackson, Mich., dispatch: Under a decision handed down by the state Supreme court nearly 100 prisoners in the state prison here will be released at once. John Harney, a burglar, ought to have been released several weeks ago on "good time," but the prison officials on a technicality refused. He appealed the case and the court held "good time" was unaffected by previous records.

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