

Downers Grove Reporter.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

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

Louis Severson, a farmer in the vicinity of South Leeds, Wis., hung himself because of excruciating pain caused by the breaking of a glass eye in his head.

Claus Reimers, 14 years old, at Davenport, Iowa, reprimanded by his father for running away from school, shot himself in the head with a 22-caliber rifle and will die.

Car inspectors working on a refrigerator car arriving in Minneapolis from Gladstone, Mich., found the frozen body of Earl Seaburg, a young man from Emery, Wis.

Judge James A. Howe of the district court at Des Moines, Iowa, held that a decree granted under the Dakota divorce statutes, if it is proven the non-resident litigant resides there merely for the purpose of securing a divorce, is void.

The circuit court at Hamilton, Ohio, has granted the motion for a stay of execution of the sentence of death passed upon Alfred A. Knapp for the murder of his wife. The execution was set for Dec. 11, and a stay has been granted for thirty days.

The First Methodist church of Beloit, Wis., has celebrated its sixty-first anniversary.

George Utterback, farmer, accidentally killed himself with a shotgun at Centralia, Ill.

The Iowa Park and Forestry Association will hold its annual meeting in Des Moines Dec. 7 and 8.

Governor A. B. Cummins and most of the Iowa officials have accepted invitations to attend a possum banquet under the direction of Jeff Logan, colored janitor of the state senate cloak-room.

Giuseppe Impazzati, a wealthy macaroni manufacturer, was shot to death at New Orleans, his murderers being supposed to belong to the Mafia. He was implicated in the Hennessy case twelve years ago which resulted in the lynching of eleven Italians. A list found on his breast indicated that other Italians are doomed.

A monument to Emperor Frederick was unveiled at Muenchen-Gladback in the presence of Prince Eltel Frederik, who attended the ceremony as the representative of Emperor William.

Citizens of Cleveland, O., formally presented a handsome bronze ship's bell to the new cruiser Cleveland at Portsmouth, N. H. A brief speech of presentation by W. B. Mathes, chairman of the presentation committee, an address of acceptance by Commander Cogswell of the cruiser and music by the naval band comprised the ceremonies.

Children and heirs of the late ex-Governor Francis M. Drake of Centerville, Iowa, have given up the search for the missing will and appointed Dr. J. L. Sawyer, a son-in-law, to wind up the affairs of the estate. The absence of a will cuts out \$15,000 of the \$25,000 promise made by the late general to Drake university a few days prior to his death.

The earl's condition causes alarm, as the inflammation of her ears does not yield to treatment and it is feared that an operation may be necessary.

As a sequel to years of disastrous business the shareholders in London decided to wind up the Lyceum Theater Company. It transpired that 300 lawsuits, brought by shareholders wishing to be relieved of their subscriptions, were pending against the company.

Official advices in Paris say the Russo-Japanese situation is better than it is generally understood to be. The delay in forwarding the pacific negotiations is said to be due to Japan's request that Viceroy Alexieff send to the czar a report covering certain essential conditions.

During the debate on the naval budget in the Spanish chamber the opposition renewed its protests against the appropriation for sending the Spanish cruiser Rio de la Plata to New Orleans.

The crisis in the condition of Algonquin Swinburne, the poet, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia in London, has now passed and his friends hope for his recovery.

King Edward has conferred a baronetcy on Lord Mayor Ritchie of London, in commemoration of his recent entertainment of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena of Italy at Guild hall.

The grand trustees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen elected W. S. Carter of Indianapolis, at present editor of the Firearms Magazine, secretary-treasurer of the order to succeed Frank Arnold, who has resigned. George W. Goding of Chicago has been elected editor of the magazine to succeed Carter.

Attorney Kiser, who was sent by a New York court to Paris to hear the testimony in the Fair will case, has arranged to begin work.

Joe Johnson of Joliet, Ill., stunk with typhoid fever, threw himself from a third-story window at St. Joseph's hospital and was instantly killed.

The Parkersburg Cannery Manufacturers' plant at Lima, Ohio, was burned, causing a loss of \$50,000.

Two men suspected of the murder of Dr. J. L. Sawyer at Ames, Iowa, were arrested at New York.

Mrs. Eugenia A. Bopp of Columbus, Wis., has been awarded a verdict of \$30,000 in the circuit court of Spink county, South Dakota, against the Chicago and Northwestern railroad for the death of her husband in an accident near Athol, S. D., last February.

The mixhouse of the Independent Powder company's plant, five miles southwest of Carthage, Mo., blew up, instantly killing the two mixers, Lester Ridge and Bert Cobb, and seriously injuring Joe Cahay, Elmer Bowers, Henry Summer and Charles Newton. Prairie fires are raging in the western part of Caddo county, Oklahoma, south of the Washita river. Many homes are reported to have been burned between Fort Cobb and Anadarko. The fire took a swath from five to six miles wide, destroying everything in its path.

Judge Bunn in the United States circuit court at Milwaukee, Wis., made an important ruling regarding the life of trademarks. The suit was brought by the Warren Featherbone company against the American Featherbone company. The Warren company claimed the sole right to use the word "featherbone." The claim that the right to a trademark expired with the patent on the article was not allowed, the decision being that a trademark lasted indefinitely.

Dr. B. F. Decosta, formerly an Episcopal clergyman of New York, who was ordained a subdeacon in the Roman priesthood Nov. 15 and a deacon Nov. 22, was ordained a priest by the bishop of Fiesole.

Santos-Dumont announces that Dec. 12 he will start for New York to arrange for participation in the aeronautic competition at St. Louis. Upon his return to France he will conduct a series of experiments with a view to solving the question of equilibrium.

The republic of Colombia is trying to induce France to renew work upon the construction of the Panama canal. The French canal company has published a statement in Paris in which it declares that the offer of the United States is ridiculous and places a high value upon the company property and concessions. It also states that with an expenditure of \$102,400,000 the canal can be completed.

The Independent Window Glass Company, one of the three leading glass manufacturers' Associations, has been dissolved. The glass in stock is being returned to the members who formerly owned it and most of them are preparing to enter a new combination.

The British Columbia legislature is considering a bill to borrow \$1,000,000 on treasury debentures, which is a new departure in the financial affairs of this province. The legislature is also considering bills to collect taxes from railway property and on property and incomes.

Frank Smith and Charles Tulver, from Madison, Wis., were arrested at Bloomington, Ill., while in possession of a horse and buggy stolen in Joliet. Senator Dietrich arrived in Omaha, Neb., from his home in Hastings and engaged General John C. Cowin to conduct his defense. He did not put in an appearance at the federal court.

Now that the will of Millionaire Stephen Rice of New York, submitted by Albert T. Patrick, has been proved a forger, C. E. Rice and James Rice of Lafarge, Wis., brothers of the deceased, will be made wealthy. They are poor farmers.

Alvin Greenwood, 14 years old, while rabbit hunting at Wausaukee, Wis., was shot by his own gun. A rabbit suddenly jumped up before him and instead of shooting it he tried to hit it by throwing the gun, which sent the discharge of fire shot into his groin.

William Froelich is confined as insane at Milwaukee, Wis., the result of smoking cigarettes. He contracted the cigarette habit as a cure for catarrh.

Emperor William's massage and voice treatment have been placed under the direction of Dr. Gustav Spiess of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, a former assistant of Dr. Moritz Schmidt.

Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, is confined to his bed in Pittsburg. He is suffering from typhoid-pneumonia.

As the result of a sensational divorce suit pending in the Lawton, Ok., courts for several months Musey L. Vaughn was shot and fatally wounded by his father-in-law, William Ridley of Duncan, I. T.

It has been arranged at the navy department that the battleship Missouri, now at Newport News, shall be put in commission Dec. 1 and be attached to the battleship squadron of the north Atlantic fleet.

The annual report of Gov. Otero of New Mexico makes a plea for the admission of the territory to statehood. The report says that during the past year the building of railroads continued with unabated vigor and capital made extensive investments.

The Swedish mission church at Paxton, Ill., has celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The federal court at Springfield, Ill., directed a foreclosure sale of the property of the Alton waterworks in the suit of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company.

The Indianapolis state committee is to meet Dec. 14 to arrange for the presidential campaign.

Fire destroyed the dry goods establishment of W. H. Hosking & Co., Calumet, Mich. The loss is \$75,000, and the insurance \$30,000.

Swiss police have arrested two anarchists, Boninatti and Krakoff, who have been living for some time in Switzerland and editing an anarchist paper. Boninatti originally came from Siberia, where he had been imprisoned for advocating violent anarchist

DAILY DOINGS IN HALLS OF CONGRESS

Matters Before the Senate and House Are Briefly Set Forth.

OUTLINE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Text of Bills Introduced in Both Branches of the National Legislature, Together With Pithy Portions of the Speeches That Are Made.

Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The Panama canal question was the principal topic before the senate, and Senator Morgan continued his argument against the proposition. He asserted that President McKinley favored the Nicaragua route, and declared the present situation due to the present president's ambition to have a unique administration. The statement regarding McKinley was disputed by Senator Hanna, who said the late president had no personal choice. An invitation from the governor of Louisiana, asking the senate to attend the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana territory to the United States, was presented. The question of whether concurrent resolutions of congress required the approval of the president was discussed without a decision. Mr. Carmack's resolution for the investigation of the conduct of the postoffice department was referred to the committee on postoffices and post roads. The question of committee assignments was postponed, as was also the motion to reconsider the vote on the Newlands joint resolution concerning the annexation of Cuba. A brief executive session was held before adjournment at 4:30.

On the motion of Mr. De Armond it was decided that the house, when it had transacted its day's business, should adjourn until Friday. The invitation to the Louisiana purchase celebration was read. The resignation of Mr. McNeill as a trustee of the Columbian Deaf-Mute asylum of the District of Columbia was announced. The house adjourned at 12:40 p. m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The senate completed the appointment of committees for the Fifty-eighth Congress, adopted the motion providing for the reconsideration of the vote by which the Newlands joint resolution for the annexation of Cuba was referred to committee, and made the Cuban reciprocity bill the unfinished business. The first speech on the merits of the Cuban bill was made by Mr. Carmack (Dem. Tenn.), who opposed the bill and said nothing less than the general tariff revision would give the relief needed. There was further debate between Mr. Hale (Rep. Me.), Mr. Teller (Dem. Cal.) and Mr. Newlands on the Newlands resolution, in which Mr. Newlands further outlined his views and Mr. Hale deprecated all agitation on the subject. Mr. Teller declared Cuba was in no sense a dependency of the United States. After a brief executive session the senate at 2:16 p. m. adjourned until Friday.

The house was not in session.

Friday, Nov. 27.

After a brief session the senate adjourned until next Tuesday. The business was confirmed almost exclusively to the introduction of relief bills. Senator Daniel introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the erection of a patent office east of the capitol, the site to cost \$600,000. The Cuban reciprocity bill was laid before the senate, but as no one expressed a desire to speak upon it Mr. Cullom at 12:22 p. m. moved an executive session, and three minutes afterward the senate adjourned.

When the house convened a message from the President transmitting correspondence relative to Panama additional to that forwarded to the house in response to a resolution was received. Mr. Payne (N. Y.), the Republican floor leader, then moved that when the house adjourn it be until next Tuesday. Thereupon Mr. Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, and Mr. De Armond (Dem., Mo.) twitted the majority upon dilatory tactics and asked for a definite statement of party policy. In the course of his reply Mr. Payne said the Republicans would hardly care to take up the question of tariff revision and disturb conditions on the eve of a presidential campaign. He also said the time was not opportune to consider reciprocity with Canada. There was a party alignment on the vote adopting the motion to adjourn over, the Democrats voting against it, the vote being 81 to 63. Mr. Patterson (Dem., Tenn.) introduced a bill to abolish slavery in the Philippine archipelago and to abrogate the treaty with the Sultan of Sulu. Mr. Hepburn (Rep., Iowa) introduced the pure food bill which was reported to the last Congress by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Mr. Parker (Rep., N. J.) introduced a bill

FITTSBURG BANK TO REOPEN

Old Management to Take Hold of Federal National.

Pittsburg, Pa., dispatch: It is announced that the Federal National bank, which closed its doors Oct. 23, will reopen Dec. 7 under the old management. President J. A. Langstaff and a committee of the directors are now in Washington arranging details. According to the report of the receiver to the comptroller of the currency the bank is solvent and its capital unimpaired.

Latest Discovery Backs Up Theory of Transmutation of Metals.

London cable: Sir William Ramsay, the celebrated chemist, in the course of a lecture delivered here described a number of experiments made by him which had resulted in the discovery that the gaseous emanation from radium was really helium. From this discovery Sir William said it might be concluded that the transmutation of metals was not after all so absurd a theory.

ALCHMISTS MAY BE SUSTAINED

Philadelphia dispatch: The police force is watching every pawnshop for a valuable collection of jewels, stolen from W. H. Harrison, a millionaire.

providing for a national military park commission to consist of five civil war veterans and two from the confederate army and a bill restoring the army canteen. Adjournment was voted at 1:20 p. m.

ALDERMAN IS GUILTY OF ELECTION FRAUD

Chicago Selon and His Companions Face Terms in Jail for Violating State Law.

Chicago dispatch: Verdicts of guilty for the violation of election laws were returned by the jury in the trial of Alderman John J. Brennan, Charles McCaule, and Herbert E. Kent Sunday.

Judge Gary opened his chambers in the Criminal Courts building at 11 o'clock to receive the judgment of the jury, which had been out since 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The penalty, if the verdict stands, is a term in the county jail of from three months to a year for each of the three defendants. The verdict evidently surprised them, as it did their attorney, W. S. Forrest, who was smiling confidently as the jury filed into court. Alderman Brennan gazed in a helpless stupor when the announcement was made, and his two companions appeared stunned.

The three defendants were all found guilty on the same counts—violation of the election laws. The three escaped imprisonment in the penitentiary, however, as well as subjection to fines, which, had the verdicts held them guilty of conspiracy, they would have received.

AVENGES DEATH OF DAUGHTER

Missouri Father Kills Man Who Caused Girl's Suicide.

Sedalia, Mo., dispatch: Frank Dutton shot and killed Emil Meyers because Dutton's daughter had committed suicide and left a note charging Meyers with her downfall. The girl's father was not at home when the suicide took place last August and did not return until Saturday night. Sunday morning he interviewed two women who knew of Meyers' relations with his daughter, went to the church of the minister who preached her funeral sermon, went home to dinner and then walked to Meyers' home, called him out and told him that he wanted to hear his side of the story of the girl's death. Meyers made a threat and Dutton shot him three times. Dutton is in custody.

QUANTRELL'S BONES ON VIEW

Kansas Historical Society Exhibits the Legs of Notorious Guerrilla.

Topeka, Kan., special: The Kansas Historical society, it is learned, has the thigh bones of W. C. Quantrell, the notorious guerrilla leader, who led the massacre at Lawrence in 1863. They were left with Judge F. G. Adams, until his death secretary of the society, in 1888 and have been preserved in secrecy until now. The death of Quantrell's mother at Springfield, O., permitted the society to register them and put them on exhibition. The bones were presented to the society by W. W. Scott of Canal Dover, O., with the consent of Mrs. Quantrell, on the condition that they should not be exhibited until after her death.

FIGHT WORKMEN WITH WATER

Kenosha People Use Hose Against Telephone Company's Employes.

Kenosha, Wis., dispatch: Water from four lines of hose in the hands of citizens drowned out the telephone workmen. They retreated ignominiously and made no further attempt to set poles. The Kenosha Independent Telephone Company took advantage of the day to attempt to run its lines on Ashland avenue. The property owners protested to no avail. Then they filled up the post holes and threatened the workmen with violence. The men persisted in the face of threats, so the citizens resorted to the water cure, which was effectual.

ADJOURN COURT TO DIG GOLD

Judge and Others Excited by Bonanza Discovery in New Mexico.

Denver, Col., special: A dispatch from the Sierra county bank at Hillsboro, N. M., said a bonanza discovery has just been made near Hillsboro. Many large nuggets have been found. The dispatch says that the third judicial court adjourned and everybody, including Judge Parker and other court officials, have rushed to the scene of the discovery.

Football Injury Is Fatal

St. Louis, Mo., dispatch: Harvey Chase, aged 16, who suffered injuries several weeks ago in a game of football, died at his home at Kirkwood. The boy's arm was hurt during the game. Blood poisoning set in, resulting in death.

Watch for Stolen Jewels

Philadelphia dispatch: The police force is watching every pawnshop for a valuable collection of jewels, stolen from W. H. Harrison, a millionaire.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Marguerite Awaits Her Sister. Where is She?

TELLS OF CRIME TO GET REWARD

Car Barn Murderer Seeks to Secure Money for His Mother.

GAMBLERS PROVE EASY PREY

Forces Dealer to Give Up Satchel Containing \$7,000 at Winnemucca, Nev., and Joins Crowd in Seeking for Bandit After the Alarm.

Chicago special: Endeavoring for his mother's benefit to collect the rewards offered in connection with murders and robberies planned and executed by himself and his "pals," Peter Niedermeyer spent Sunday in "winding up his business affairs," as he terms it. He hopes to secure for her \$3,300.

His calm announcement that he had held up a gambling house in Winnemucca, Nev., shooting the proprietor and getting away with about \$7,000, while amid the clang of bells the whole town was in uproarious pursuit, astounded the police, and the information that two of his followers, each as desperate as any now in custody, are still at large, caused them new anxiety.

Tells of Crimes.

After gaining the assurance of Captain Riley of the Chicago & Northwestern police that his mother would get the \$500 reward offered in connection with the hold-up of the Clybourn Junction station and the wounding of George W. Lathrop, the ticket agent, and hinting that he knew more than he mentioned, he told of several crimes, the rewards for which foot up \$3,300.

"I want to know that my mother will be cared for after I am hanged," said he. "I am guilty of crimes of which you know nothing and for which innocent men are now suffering. There are rewards offered for my capture and conviction. If you will guarantee me that these rewards will go to mother, I will convict myself. I will confess crimes that will startle you."

He outlined the crimes he spoke of in a way that only one who was concerned in them could do. But he refused to divulge the names of his partners in crime, pending proof that his mother would get the reward.

Stage Coach Robbery.

By far the greater part of Niedermeyer's "estate," however, is very much in "Spain," for the rewards offered require the arrest and conviction of the criminals. About nine months ago, he says, he and a desperado still at liberty whom the police fear, held up a western stage coach near Butler, Nev., taking the strong box from the Wells-Fargo messenger.

The representative of the express company refused to give the reward to Mrs. Niedermeyer, but the bandit still believes he may get it. He declares that an innocent man is suspected of being his accomplice, and the police, fearing that the real highwayman may come unknown to Chicago and endeavor to free Niedermeyer, would like to see the reward paid. The same situation exists regarding the train hold-up at Edgewater.

His Greatest Exploit.

Niedermeyer's greatest exploit, according to his story told to Chief O'Neill, Assistant Chief Schuetzler,

Branch Emigration Office.

London cablegram: An emigration office in connection with the steamship lines touching at Bremen has been opened at Belgrade. Those who have taken tickets for the United States include 300 Macedonian refugees.

Refuse Carnegie Offers.

Philadelphia, Pa., dispatch: It is said that the council have decided not to accept Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$1,500,000 to establish a system of free branch libraries in Philadelphia.

and Inspector Lavin was his single-handed capture of a gambling-house in Winnemucca, Nev., shortly after the Butler job.

Edging around to be as near the "bank" as possible, Niedermeyer drew his two automatic revolvers, and, covering the roomful of armed men with one weapon, menaced the lookout with the other, ordering him to descend. Scarcely had he complied when the young bandit put away one gun and made a grab for a satchel of money. The proprietor started to run for the rear door at this, and Niedermeyer hit him in the back of the head, the bullet glancing. The man went down, but rolled to an alarm box, and, turning a switch, set a great gong on the corner to ringing.

Escapes With Money.

In the confusion Niedermeyer reached the rear door with the money; ran down a dark street to an alley; tore off his mask, and transferred the money, amounting, as he says he found later, to about \$7,000, to his pockets; walked calmly among the excited inhabitants of the town, making a pretense of joining in the pursuit in order to get safely away. A reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the highwayman is said to have been offered by the Winnemucca authorities.

Special Agent W. Riley of the Chicago and Northwestern railway promised him that Mrs. Niedermeyer should be given the reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the Clybourn station robbers after Niedermeyer detailed the robbery to them and exonerated Dolle of St. Louis, who is now under indictment.

Compliments Victim.

Night Operator M. E. Dougherty and Ticket Agent George W. Lathrop, the victims of the robbers at the Clybourn station hold-up, were present during Niedermeyer's confession, going over with him in detail the robbery and the shooting.

"Lathrop, you put up the gamest fight of any man I ever met since I was in the business," said Niedermeyer.

"Well, it's hard to own up that I was mistaken when I identified the hand of Dolle as the one which shot me," Lathrop returned. "But I know now for certain that Dolle was not implicated and that you are the man."

After enacting the entire robbery as a play before Chief O'Neill, Inspector Lavin and Assistant Chief Schuetzler, Niedermeyer, showing where he stood and how he shot and wrestled with Lathrop, just as on the night of the robbery, Niedermeyer said to Special Agent Riley: "Now, how about that \$500? You've seen the show. Does mother get it?"

Promise of Reward.

"Well, I want you to have it," said Riley, "but technically I don't see how you can get it. The reward is for the arrest and conviction. You didn't arrest yourself and I don't see how you can convict yourself."

"You deceived me," Niedermeyer began, when Chief O'Neill interrupted him.

"Don't worry now, Niedermeyer," said the chief. "You've had a promise. No one will commit a breach of faith. Mr. Riley, it's worth \$500 to your company, this confession. It frees an innocent man under conviction. Niedermeyer should be shown some consideration."

"He will be," said Riley, as he left the station.

"Here's another little stick-up I happened to think of," said Niedermeyer, just before he went to his cell. "A fellow on Irving Park boulevard tried to beat me up one night a year ago. He said he'd lick me. I put a gun in his face and took about \$2 away from him, and his watch."

Germans Annex Territory.

Cape Town cablegram: It is announced here that the Germans have formally annexed the territory of the Bondelswarts tribesmen in German southwest Africa. The surrender of the Bondelswarts is expected.

Loose Speech at Dinner.

Mascoutah, Ill., dispatch: Charles Landensack suddenly lost his speech while eating his Thanksgiving dinner. A physician was summoned, but nothing could be done to restore it.