

Downers Grove Reporter
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NEWS OF THE WORLD

International, Political, Domestic and Foreign Happenings of Interest Summarized Briefly in Paragraphs.

A second indictment for murder was returned by the grand jury at Tipton, Ind., against Jesse McClure for the murder of his son, Doc McClure. McClure was sent to the penitentiary for life for the murder of Doc's little brother, and the second indictment was returned to secure further punishment if he should be pardoned for the first crime.

The Carmelite convent at San Juan, P. R., was abandoned after being occupied 300 years. The fifteen veiled nuns were transported secretly by steamer to the convent of San German, in the northwest part of Porto Rico. The change secures better quarters for the nuns. Many of their relatives gathered at the pier and hysterical scenes were witnessed.

Mrs. Pauline Hopkins, who was shot at Quincy, Ill., Thursday night, is dead of the wound. John Pleasant, a negro, is in the county jail, charged with the killing. Pleasant has waived examination on the charge of assault to kill Mrs. Hopkins' husband. Pleasant alleges he had an altercation with Hopkins on the street and that when Hopkins started to draw a revolver from his pocket he began shooting, firing two shots.

The collapse of an embankment near Cordova derailed a train. Fourteen persons were killed and many injured.

James L. Blair and his wife have left St. Louis and gone to Florida.

W. J. White, a Cleveland, O., millionaire, was fined for docking his horse's tail.

The receiver of the Princeton, Wis., State bank has been discharged and reappointment ordered.

Lewis Andros has arrived at San Bernardino, Cal., with his daughter, kidnapped from Chicago.

Katherine Parks, Jessie McClellan, Gertrude McClellan, Ida Deckard and Floyd Decker were arrested at Sullivan, Ind., for participating in ducking Miss Sinclair, their teacher, in a pond. They gave bond and will be tried in January. Miss Sinclair is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

Miss Rose Leo of Cross Village, Mich., was found dead from exposure near the home of her parents. Miss Leo stepped out of her home after supper. Her body was found in the morning in a snowdrift. It is thought she was dragged or knocked insensible by one of the woodsmen, who are numerous in that vicinity.

Federal Judge Jackson at Charleston, W. Va., has decided that John Lasing and Stewart Hunt were acting as federal officers when they shot John Harless, leader of the striking miners, last winter, and therefore are not amenable to the state courts.

Twelve Clayton, United States ambassador to Mexico, reported to Acting Secretary of State Loomis the conditions in Mexico as he left them. The ambassador says that the relations between the United States and Mexico never were more harmonious than at present and he attributes this in large part to the personality of President Diaz. The latter continues to enjoy phenomenal health for a man of his years.

The latest reports at Shanghai estimate that the cotton crop will be 70 per cent of the average.

Half of the orange and lemon crop in the vicinity of Meadina was destroyed by a heavy hailstorm.

The upper house of the Bavarian diet rejected the recent unanimous resolution of the lower house demanding the dismissal from the army of officers and noncommissioned officers found guilty of the maltreatment of soldiers.

A change of venue to Norton county has been granted at St. Francis, Kan., in the case of Chauncey Deway and his companions, accused of the murder of the Berry family.

The United States Reduction and Refining Company has purchased the Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad and the Rocky Mountain smelter at Alamosa, Colo., for \$3,000,000.

Victor Mercier, one of the directors of the ministry of justice and reporter of the Dayfus commission, has completed his examination of the documents submitted to the commission by the ministers of war and justice. Dayfus' friends are confident he will advise a revision of the case.

Gary, dowager countess of Stafford (formerly Mrs. Samuel G. Colgate of New York), and M. T. Kennard were married at St. George's church, Hanover square, London.

Two sleepers and a diner of the north-bound Washington and New Orleans limited on the Atlanta and West Point branch, the track near La Grange, Ga. The passengers escaped with a sinking ship.

Pittsburg cement manufacturers have decided to close down for six weeks in order to reduce the output.

The American National Red Cross society has decided to grant the request of the opposition for an investigation as to the conditions of the work of the society.

The sum of \$12,225,000 in paper money was burned by the state bank at St. Petersburg. This amount was used in notes during August to meet increased trade demands, but since the bank closed the money

The Norwegian Authors' association has passed a resolution in favor of concluding a copyright agreement with the United States.

Fire destroyed a customs warehouse at Metz, which contained, among other things, a quantity of American bacon and oil. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

A telegram received at Christiania from Varde reports that the steamer Orion has been destroyed by fire and that three of the crew and three passengers perished.

The Memorial Diplomatique at Paris says the news from Serbia is extremely disquieting. According to dispatches the personal situation of King Peter and the cabinet appears to be critical. The country is divided into irreconcilable factions and the revolutionary movement is gaining ground. Herbert Spencer's autobiography is reported to be in type in London.

Secretary Hay continues to improve satisfactorily. He is resting comfortably and transacting necessary business at his home.

Adolphus Drucker, a wealthy Englishman, who died in Bellevue hospital, New York, left an insurance policy of \$500,000 to E. T. Hooley.

Announcement is made by Mrs. Joseph F. Stone in New York of the engagement of her daughter Margot to Count Alexander Beroldingen of Austria. Mrs. Stone was formerly Miss Mary Burnett of Cincinnati.

To quell a mining riot at Diamond, Ind., Town Marshal John Harman killed Dan McCann and mortally wounded Dan Gallagher.

The Illinois state grange elected Jannette Yates of Dunlap secretary. Will county was awarded the grange banner for the greatest increase in membership during the past year.

The Montana legislature, convened in extraordinary session, adjourned, having passed the "fair trial" bill, which allows changes of venue in civil cases and provides for the review by the Supreme court of matters of fact as well as of law.

Max Kronfeld, the New York insurance adjuster who made a sensational confession of dishonest methods employed by public insurance adjusters, was sentenced to three years in state's prison for the presentation of a false claim to an insurance company.

A verdict of \$7,943 was returned against Alfred R. Goslin and Robert A. Ammon of Miller syndicate notoriety. The trial of another suit instituted by Finley Barrell & Co. of Chicago to recover \$11,399 was begun. Robert A. Ammon, Miller's counsel, was disqualified.

The Canadian department of justice wires to Vancouver that unless Ernest Cashel, the escaped murderer, is recaptured before Dec. 15, the date set for his execution, he cannot be subsequently hanged, as he will be dead in law. The chief justice is asked to relieve Cashel for four weeks so that another date may be set.

Reports to Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore indicate that the total of collections at Roman Catholic churches throughout the country for the benefit of the Catholic university at Washington will reach \$100,000.

In a fire which partially destroyed the home of George Trullinger at Nebraska City, Neb., Mrs. Trullinger and her infant were fatally burned. The woman attempted to start a fire with kerosene, which exploded.

The British cruiser Flora, which crashed into the rocks at Village point recently, was holed, the vessel having meanwhile been lightened until she was a mere shell. She will be placed in dry dock for repairs.

Des Portes De La Fosse has been chosen to succeed M. Margerie as first secretary and counselor of the French embassy at Washington. M. De La Fosse, who is now secretary of the French legation at Belgrade, has held a number of important posts. He is regarded as an accomplished diplomat, is married and will take his family to Washington. M. Margerie was recently transferred to Madrid.

The Standard Oil officials ordered bloodhounds taken by special train to Montpelier, Ind., where some one opened the valves of five immense tanks and permitted the oil to escape.

Nettie S. Abbott of New Hampshire, a distant relative, has filed notice of contest of the will of Gordon McKay of Newport, R. I., who bequeathed several thousand dollars to Harvard University.

In sinking an artesian well on a ranch six miles west of Cheyenne, Wyo., the drill at a depth of 265 feet penetrated a lake or stream and a column of water six inches in diameter spouted out to a height of forty feet. Soundings failed to find bottom. The flow is so great that it is estimated to be more than ample to supply the entire needs of the city of Cheyenne.

Mrs. Jos. Hindman was shot in the head and almost instantly killed by her husband at their home at Coraopolis, Pa. Hindman then killed himself.

Secretary Hay is suffering from a slight bronchial trouble which makes him very hoarse.

The lower house of the Danish parliament has agreed to increase the payment of members from \$1.62 to \$2.70 a day, with traveling expenses to and from the capital.

Peter Elliott, the crank Minneapolis reformer, who won notoriety through his struggle with the white house guards at Washington, has been located in Lincoln county, Minnesota. It is probable he soon will be in the insane asylum.

The United States battleship Maine left Colon for the United States to undergo repairs.

Operator J. R. Larwood, stationed in Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad telegraph tower in Pittsburg, Minn., was beaten insensible by three negroes who robbed him of \$50.

FRAMING LAWS FOR THE NATION

Outline of the Proceedings in Both Branches of Congress.

NEW BILLS ARE GIVEN IN BRIEF

Condensed Report of the Work Performed by Senators and Representatives, Together With Summary of the Main Points in Speeches.

Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Senator Teller concluded his speech in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Senator Morgan also was heard in opposition to that measure. The senate went into executive session at 4:05 o'clock and adjourned ten minutes later.

Mr. Payne, chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported when the house convened a resolution providing for the reference of the president's message to committees, and the house went into committee of the whole for its consideration. The resolution, amended so as to give the committee on foreign affairs jurisdiction over matters relating to Cuba Mr. Payne explaining that his committee recommended this because Cuba now is a republic, was favorably reported to the whole house and adopted without debate. A bill for the upbuilding of the navy, credited as the plan suggested by Capt. Hobson of Merrimac fame, was intro-

duced in the house, and carries an appropriation of \$2,500,000,000, to be spread over twenty years, the allowance for the last ten years to be at the rate of \$150,000,000 a year. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts introduced a bill creating a commission to consider legislation for the development of the American merchant marine. Representative Stirling of Illinois introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a federal building at Lincoln, Ill. The house adjourned at 12:30.

Friday, Dec. 11.

Senator Patterson introduced a resolution directing the committee on the judiciary to investigate the strike among the metalliferous miners of Cripple Creek and Telluride, Colo. Senator Tillman introduced a resolution directing the committee on judiciary to make inquiry into the question of what constitutes recess appointments by the president. Senator Platt (Conn.), chairman of the Senate committee on relations with Cuba, introduced a resolution authorizing the printing of all the accounts of the government of Cuba during American occupation. Senator Culbertson introduced a resolution instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the question of the right of the department of Panama to establish an independent government. Senator Hoar reintroduced a bill to establish Probate courts in Indian territory. Senator Scott introduced a bill providing for the promotion to the grade and pay of Major of army chaplains who have had not less than ten years' experience. Senator Hoar introduced a bill providing that clothing of seamen shall be exempt from attachment, and making it a misdemeanor for any

person to detain such clothing when demanded by the owner. A bill was introduced in the House by Mr. Vreeland (N. Y.), to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians in the state of New York, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States over such Indians. Mr. Hearst (N. Y.) introduced a bill in the House to establish a parcels post. It provides for the classification of mail matter, defining the kind that shall be carried in the different classes. Representative Gibson of Tennessee introduced a resolution directed toward the reduction of the naval armament of the maritime nations of the world. Mr. Gardner (Mass.) introduced a bill to create a committee to recommend legislation for the development of the merchant marine.

Saturday, Dec. 12.

Senator Foster of Louisiana spoke in opposition to the Cuban reciprocity treaty, maintaining that the sugar trust was behind the measure and that it would work injury to local producers. Senator Dewey on the Republican side and Senator Clay on the Democratic side supported the bill as a measure in the interest of both countries. Senator Quarles introduced a bill to further define the duties and powers of the interstate commerce commission. It provided that any order made by the commission after a hearing and determination had on any petition declaring any existing rates for the transportation of persons or property to be unjustly discriminative or unreasonable and declaring what rates would be just shall become operative and be observed within thirty days after notice. The Senate went into executive session at 5:10 and adjourned five minutes later. There was no session of the House.



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The house adopted a resolution directing the judiciary committee to inquire into the official conduct of Charles Swayne, judge of the United States District Court for the Northern district of Florida. The pension appropriation bill was reported. Representative Bell of California introduced a bill to prevent the adulteration or misbranding of domestic or foreign wines. Representative Gros-

Rich Bachelor Kills Himself. Aurora, Ill., dispatch: Richard Lewis, a wealthy bachelor of Hinckley, shot and killed himself. Lewis shot himself in the mouth and died instantly. He was an eccentric character and was 65 years old.

Companies Claim Poverty. Springfield, Ill., dispatch: W. W. Gayley has appeared before the state board of equalization and pleaded the poverty of the Union and Consolidated Traction companies of Chicago.

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