

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Archbishop Langevin's health is slowly improving.

There is talk of the erection of a new \$50,000 opera house at Brantford by a syndicate.

The Dominion Bank statement for October shows a remarkable jump in the circulation of the banks.

Mr. Wm. Miller, a Napanee hunter, was lost in the woods near Plevna for four days without food.

The C. P. R. has reduced passenger rates one cent a mile on a number of its western branch lines.

The Canadian Pacific railway is now arranging a series of special excursions to the Klondyke for the coming spring.

It is estimated that the amount of wheat delivered by western farmers since September 1 to date is 17,000,000 bushels.

The grading on the Crow's Nest Railway is at present finished to Crow's Nest Lake, a distance of 72 miles from MacLeod.

Thomas Davidson, messenger in the Bank d'Hochelega at Winnipeg, committed suicide by shooting in the rooms over the bank.

Ottawa wants to be the metropolitan Anglican see of Canada, instead of Prince Rupert's Land, which at present holds the honor.

Mr. George Goodwin, of Ottawa, the chief financial backer of the roller boat, says the machine will not be given another trial this year.

A construction engine and seven cars on the Crow's Nest Pass went down with the bridge over Old Man River. Brakeman Hillier was drowned.

Twenty thousand dollars in gold arrived at the Customs Department in Ottawa on Monday as duties collected on miners' outfits at the port of Lake Taghisa.

A party of four Englishmen, under the command of Captain E. H. Bernard, of the Indian Staff Corps, a nephew of the Baroness Macdonald, left Montreal, on Thursday night for the Klondyke.

The Department of the Interior has received a report from Major Walsh, dated at Skaguay. He states that he has got all his supplies over the pass and is now on the way to Selkirk.

Mr. W. A. Grenier, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for rebelling Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, was released on Thursday afternoon, having served one month of his sentence.

The arrangements for the extension of the Intercolonial railway into Montreal over the lines of the Drummond County road are now completed, and the service is expected to commence the first of December.

The Montreal Harbor Commissioners have finally accepted the plan of harbor improvements proposed by the Department of Public Works. The Government will do the work, which will cost \$3,000,000.

The Chateau de Ramezay, Montreal, has obtained a valuable addition to its collection in a portrait of Gen. Wolfe, by G. Constable Alston, the only painting extant that was executed during the general's lifetime.

John Hough, 84 years of age, an inmate of the House of Providence, Dundas, wandered from the institution on Monday afternoon and his body has been found in two feet of water in the rear of Wardlaw's Woolen Mills.

Major-General Gascoigne, on Thursday held an investigation in Montreal into the dispute existing in the commissioned ranks of the Royal Scots of Canada. The Commander-in-Chief censured Lt.-Col. Strathy, A.D.C., and Major Ibbotson, and said if the bickering did not cease he would dismiss both officers and disband the corps.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Gladstone is reported to be growing very feeble.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have begun their Saturday to Monday parties at Sandringham.

About three hundred firms which were burned out by the London fire are seeking for new offices.

It is reported that Most Rev. Frederic Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, is about to resign on account of advancing years.

The temperature which was high last week in the United Kingdom, suddenly dropped on Sunday, and snow has fallen in Scotland and the north of England.

Mr. Fielding, the Canadian Minister of Finance, who is at present in London, reiterates that Canada strongly desires friendly relations with the United States.

Six hundred reindeer are to be collected from the United States Government herds in Alaska, to take part in the expedition to be sent to the eight whalers ice-bound in the Arctic.

The Lord Mayor of London has declined the gift of some paintings from an Englishman and an American, to form a nucleus of an art gallery, on the ground that many of the pictures are spurious.

It is pointed out that the men in the American engineering yards work ten hours a day, and it would be impossible for Great Britain to maintain a profitable competition if the English engineers work only eight hours a day.

The Queen, who is in excellent health, has invited a succession of "Dine and Sleep" parties to Windsor.

The storekeepers of London are up in arms over the visit of the Prince of Wales, their best customer, to a large departmental store, where he made many purchases.

The law ordering the muzzling of dogs, passed by the English Government is likely to cost the Conservative party many votes in the next election. So grave is the issue considered that Mr. Long, the Minister of Agriculture, has been defending his course by elaborate statistics.

UNITED STATES.

It has been determined in New York to appeal to the public at large for subscriptions to a memorial for Henry George.

The first shipment of five hundred carloads of potatoes, in bond, from Canada to Cuba, passed through Saratoga, N. Y., on Tuesday.

The first Scientist church in Chicago and the largest in the world of that denomination, was opened on Sunday. It has a seating capacity of two thousand.

President Fetterolf, of Girard College, Philadelphia, has issued an edict against football, and henceforth the students of that institution must keep off the grid-iron.

Fred. R. Ketcham, of Chicago, was given a judgment of \$21,666 in his suit there against the North-western Railroad for \$25,000 damages. He was blacklisted while a conductor for that road.

It is said that President McKinley has prepared an Anglo-American arbitration treaty, which, while not going as far as he would wish, goes as far as he thinks the Senate will stand.

Dr. Nansen, who lectured in Milwaukee, Wis., on Thursday night, denied that any arrangements were being made for another voyage to the North Pole. In fact, he was not at all certain that he would try again.

It is stated that the reason Mr. Sovereign resigned from the office of Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labour was that he might have free hands to run for President of the United States at the close of Mr. McKinley's term.

"Satin's Invisible World Displayed, or Despairing Democracy," is the sensational title of a sensational book, dealing with the Greater New York, which Mr. Stead, the editor of the Review of Reviews, will give to the public next month.

The Knights of Labour, at their assembly in Louisville, Ky., have passed a strong resolution condemning the proposed Anglo-American arbitration treaty, simply because England is a gold-coining country, and a majority of the Knights of Labour are silver men.

According to reports from New York, the general trade conditions show no marked variation. In some lines there is a moderate improvement in demand, as cooler weather in some directions has helped retail trade to a noticeable extent. Better prices have prevailed in wheat, oats, corn, hides and leather, syrup, turpentine, etc.

The consumption of iron and steel is increasing so rapidly that an advance in prices is probable. Railway earnings for the third quarter of the year lead us to anticipate fairly satisfactory net returns, and the reports of a large proportion of the railway companies in the United States point to a more satisfactory general result.

The commercial failures in the United States for the week just ended amount to two hundred and thirty-five, as compared with three hundred and eight in the corresponding week a year ago.

GENERAL.

Heavy rains have caused floods in the south of France.

Under pressure from Russia, Turkey has abandoned her idea of increasing her armament.

It is announced from St. Petersburg that the Czarina may present an heir to her husband before long.

Elaborate preparations are being made for Dr. Nansen's next expedition in quest of the North Pole.

A branch of the Royal Mint is to be established in Perth, Western Australia, for the coinage of native gold.

A bill has been introduced into the New Zealand Parliament for reciprocal trade relations with Great Britain.

The rebellion in northern China is spreading and fears are expressed that the insurgents will advance on Tien Tsin.

European diplomats are asking what the United States, whose interests in the East are advancing, will say of Germany's recent seizure of a Chinese harbour.

Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the famous American dentist, who aided the flight of ex-Empress Eugenie, in 1870, died in Paris on Sunday. He was seventy-five years of age.

The leak of French military secrets has not been stopped by the deportation of Captain Dreyfus, and suspicion points at Comte Esterhazy, who has demanded an investigation.

Serious tension exists between Japan and Russia, owing to the latter's efforts to control the Korean Customs, and some of the Japanese Ministers go to the extent of advising war.

A Havana special says that nearly seventy-five per cent. of the four hundred thousand women, children, and non-combatants, affected by Gen. Weyler's starvation policy are dead.

It is estimated that about one thousand eight hundred persons were rendered homeless by the rising of the waters of the Neva, the flooding of the canals, the suburban islands and the outlying portions of the City of St. Petersburg.

It is rumored that negotiations are on foot between Austria, France, and Germany, in regard to the opportunity of convening an international conference to secure a general agreement

for the diminution or abolition of the sugar bounties.

The black soldiers of the first battalion, West India regiment, at Kingston, Jamaica, began a lively riot, but Major Buck, who was called to the scene, bravely confronted the men, reduced the majority to order and used them to overpower the rest.

THEY DIED TOGETHER.

TWIN SISTERS, ADA AND LILY CROSS, ASPHYXIATED.

Sad Double Fatality—Death Caused by a Self-feeder Coal Stove.

A despatch from Toronto, says:—Coal gas was the cause of the death on Tuesday night of two young girls living over the Don. Ada and Lily were the twin daughters of Christopher Cross of 676 Gerrard street east and head of the painting firm of C. Cross & Son. The deadly fumes arose from a self-feeder stove, which on Tuesday night was lighted for the first time this season.

The stove was situated on the ground floor immediately under the sleeping apartment of the two girls, and the pipe from it passed through their room. Another pipe heats the adjoining room, which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cross. An elder daughter slept in a rear room.

The girls retired on Tuesday night about 10 o'clock and death must have taken place a couple of hours later.

About midnight Mr. Cross awoke with a headache, but thought nothing of it. He got up as usual at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when he noticed a strong odor of gas. He opened the windows and then went into his daughters' room which he found full of gas and the two girls were dead. They had passed away without a struggle.

Dr. Rowan of Queen street was sent for, but he could do nothing. Coroner Greig made an investigation, but decided that an inquest was not necessary.

The girls were just 15 years of age last March. They attended the Bolton Avenue Public School and St. John's Church Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross suffered somewhat from the effects of the gas and the latter is prostrated with grief.

Mr. Cross is one of the best known and most respected citizens of the east end, and the deepest sympathy is felt with him and Mrs. Cross in their terrible bereavement.

REVOLT IN ZANZIBAR.

Soudanese Troops in Major Macdonald's Expedition Mutiny and Kill Officers and Men.

A despatch from Zanzibar, East Africa, says:—Particulars have reached here of a revolt among the Soudanese troops in Major Macdonald's expedition in the Lake Country, south of the equatorial provinces. It appears that the expedition was advancing into the interior from the Uganda country for a point as to which information is wanting. On Oct. 19 last the mutineers, assisted by one hundred and fifty Mohammedan tribesmen attacked the camp at Wasoga. In the fierce fighting which followed, Lieut. Fielding, Major Thurston, Launch Engineer Scott, Civil Officer Wilton and fifteen soldiers were killed. The wounded numbered 30, including Captain Macpherson and Chief Civil Officer Jackson. The mutineers were finally defeated, after losing one hundred killed and wounded. Major Macdonald has been joined by the Wasoga native army; and it is hoped that he will be able to quell the mutiny in a few weeks. A detachment of Indian troops from Mombasa will start immediately to reinforce Major Macdonald.

VARIOUS KINDS OF LACES.

The question having been asked as to the kinds of laces known, it may be said that their names are many. A partial list of laces would begin with Albisola and conclude with Ypres, as follows:

Albisola, Alencon, Antwerp, Applique, Aras, Auvergne, Ave Maria, Baby, Balloon net, Basket, Bayeux, Beaded, Beggars, Biliment, Blond, Bisette, Bobbin Bone point, Border, Bourg Argental, Bride, Broad, Brussels, Buckingham, Burano, Cadiz, Carnival, Cartisane, Caterpillar point, Chain, Chantilly, Chenille, Cuny, Cordover, Cork, Cretan, Crevel, Crochet, Crown, Dalcarnian, Damascene, Darned, Devonshire, Diamond, Dieppe, Dresden point, Duchesse, Dunkirk, Dutch, Ecu, English point, False Valenciennes, Flat point, Flemish point, Fuseau, Genoa, Grammont, Gueuse, Guipure, Henri-quez, Holle point, Honiton, made in Devonshire, Eng. Jesuite, Knotted, Lille, Limerick, Macrame, Mechlin, Milonette, Miercourt, Needle point, Oyah Parchment, Pillow, Plaited point, Pot, from pattern introduced, Powdered, covered with small flowers and dots, Saxony, Spanish, Statute, lace made in accordance with sumptuary laws, Tambour, Tape, Thread, Torchon, Trolley, Valenciennes, Ypres.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE

Westerner—Oh, yes, I've heard of your brother in Grizzly Gulch City. He's a road agent.

Easterner—Sir! My brother is a real estate agent, sir.

Westerner—Well, I knew it was something like that.

HIS AFFECTIONS ASTRAY.

Lawyer—On what grounds do you desire a divorce?

Mrs. Youngwife—We went to the mountains on our wedding trip and he fell in love with the scenery.

HOT FIGHTING IN INDIA

DETERMINED ATTACK MADE ON THE BRITISH LINES.

The Sikhs' Gallant Defence—A Desperate and Deadly Bayonet Charge.

A despatch from Simla says:—Details from the Maidan valley show that the loss of General Kempster's brigade is quite serious. The force consisted of the Dorsetshire Regiment and regiments of Sikhs and Goorkhas. The insurgent tribesmen made their usual attack upon the rear guard, but were brilliantly repulsed by the Sikhs. The Dorsetshires lost their way in the darkness, and were cut off by the enemy. Lieutenants Hales and Crook and nine men were killed. The rest of the Dorsetshires attached themselves to the Sikhs, and arrived in camp in safety. Lieut. Wylie, of the Goorkhas and Lieut. Warne, of the Sikhs, and fourteen Sikhs and Goorkhas, were killed. Colonel Abbott, Captain Cunstance and Lieut. Munn were wounded, and 28 Sikhs and Goorkhas were wounded. This shows that 58 men were placed hors de combat in this affair, namely, 27 officers and men killed, and 31 officers and men wounded.

Two companies of Sikhs, holding the spur of the hill, were so fiercely assaulted that they had to call for reinforcements. Col. Haughton, with the remainder of the Sikh regiment, rushed to their support. The whole force withdrew gradually, fighting every step to the valley. Dusk had now set in and the enemy was crowding the British on all sides. Col. Haughton determined to camp for the night, and sent five companies to storm a couple of blockhouses. The Sikhs drove out the enemy at the point of the bayonet. Six were killed and many wounded during this charge. The wounded were then brought in under the enemy's unceasing fire, and the force finally reached headquarters the next morning without further casualties.

A despatch to the London Times from Maidan says:—"During the afternoon's fighting on Monday the Sikhs were most seriously pressed on the northern side of the ridge by a large body of Afridis. Hard and close fighting ensued in the thick woods. The Sikhs defended themselves with splendid gallantry, and in one bayonet charge killed and wounded fully sixty of the enemy. Their commander, Col. Abbot, was painfully wounded in the neck and face, and Captain Warne was shot through the heart."

INDIVIDUAL HEROISM.

According to the official despatch received at Simla, from the British camp in the Maidan valley on Thursday, fighting in one form or another between the British and the insurgent tribesmen continues hourly, and is characterized by conspicuous bravery. During Tuesday night last Major Des Vieux and one company of the 38th Sikhs rushed a village of the enemy and began firing at the tribesmen through the apertures of their blockhouses.

Private Vicary, of the Dorsetshire Regiment of Dargai ridge fame, with four men, became separated in the darkness from the main body, and the little party was attacked by the enemy. Vicary had his rifle wrested from him, but he recovered it, bayoneted one of the tribesmen, and clubbed another who half cut off Vicary's foot. The soldier, however, succeeded in reaching camp with two men and a Pathan prisoner. Blood was oozing out of the magazine of Vicary's rifle.

FIRE AT MELBOURNE.

A Block in the Business Section of the City Burned—Loss £1,000,000—Large Warehouses Destroyed.

A despatch from Melbourne says:—A great fire broke out here at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning and in a very short space of time did enormous damage. It started at the warehouse of Mr. Craig Williamson, in Elizabeth street, in the very heart of the city. A strong wind was blowing and the fiercely fanned flames rapidly engulfed building after building. Despite the desperate efforts of the firemen, the entire block bounded by Elizabeth, Flinders and Swanton streets and Flinders lane, with the exception of two buildings on the Swanton street front, were destroyed, within three hours. The burned section included many of the largest business houses in Melbourne. The buildings were completely gutted. As most of them contained soft goods, the flames progressed with a rapidity which defied all checking, and in the furious wind ashes and burning debris were carried into the suburbs, a distance of two miles. It is estimated that the loss will reach £1,000,000, while the trade involved has received a serious set back. Hundreds of employees of all sorts have been suddenly thrown out of employment.

OBEDIENT CHILD.

I wish you would be more explicit when you're moralizing to the children," said the good wife to her husband. You told Jimmie last night that he must never put things off till tomorrow.

Yes.

Well, the little imp went to bed with his shoes on.

HIS LIVING TOMB.

The Missionary Delegation—Will you point out to us the grave of our late brother, Dr. Preachanpray, that we may pen an epitaph over his remains? The Cannibal King—I would, but I hate being tattooed.

FROM PENURY TO WEALTH

THE STRANGE STORY OF AN EARL'S GRANDDAUGHTER.

A Boston Hospital Nurse Claims Descent From Lord Derby—After Years of Drudgery She Inherits a Fortune.

A Boston, Mass., despatch says:—"Instead of being the poor nurse I have been for years, I am now an heiress, and shall give up the partially assumed name I have always used, and shall take my own position, with the title that belongs to me." So spoke Miss Isabella Rosetta Farley, the granddaughter of Lord Derby, to a reporter, as she said good-bye to him before she sailed for England, "I shall leave dear America to travel for the next year."

The story of Miss Farley's life is not, perhaps, romantic. At least in it there is no tale of love, unless it be that of broad love for humanity. She was born in Liverpool, England, 36 years ago. When she was 19 her mother died, and her father turned her out of the house, as he wished to marry again. On a Saturday morning, forty-three days after that loss, her father, who wanted to remarry, told her, while seated at the breakfast table that unless she left the house within twenty-four hours he would put her out. Miss Farley was but little surprised. Her father had always been a stern man in the family, and for some time before his wife's death evinced but little interest in her. The daughter

LEFT HER HOME with hardly a title of her share in the fortune which had been her mother's and three months later her youngest brother, George James Farley, then aged 16, was sent adrift in an equally unceremonious manner. Within a year the two remaining children were sent off, and the father took his second wife. Miss Farley became a servant girl from sheer necessity. When her employers became poor she pawned her jewellery and paid their expenses to this country in 1883. After two months' work as a cook at Mrs. Shaw's nursery, 41 Holyoke street, Cambridge, she was taken down with nervous prostration. When she recovered she took a course in the hospital training course, graduating a nurse. She gave every cent of her money to charity, supporting an aged invalid and three fallen girls and their babies.

"Last April my father died," said Miss Farley. "By my stepmother's influence, although I have never seen her since she was married to my father, I am disinherited, and in some way I am deprived of the enjoyment of my mother's property. My father could not disinherit my brother, however, since the estate was entailed, but my father's eldest brother, realizing the injustice my father had done me, made over his entire fortune of £50,000 to me. I shall give half of this to my brother George."

Miss Farley's story is vouched for by the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, who states that she has long been a member of his church. Mr. George B. Bigelow, the well-known School Street lawyer, is her attorney.

COUNTESS ULFIELD'S SUICIDE.

A Fashionably Dressed Lady Shoots Herself in an Edinburgh Police Station.

A despatch from Edinburgh says:—There was a tragic occurrence in a police station here, on Tuesday evening. A lady, apparently about twenty years of age, and fashionably dressed in the deepest mourning, who said she was the Countess Teresa Ulfield, a Russian, adding that she had come to Scotland a fortnight ago, via Copenhagen, and that she was in mourning for her dead lover, complained to the police officer on duty that she had been robbed of her purse containing a large sum of money. The Countess was apparently in great distress, and as the officer turned round to enter her complaint in the station blotter, she drew a revolver and killed herself by shooting through the temple. Only a few shillings were found on her person. Two photographs were found among the effects of the deceased. One was that of a young officer in the Russian army and was signed "Alexander Romanoff." It is supposed to be that of the fiancee. The other was that of a Spanish officer who had visited the Countess since her arrival in Edinburgh. The hotel people say the deceased Countess was well educated and had evidently been accustomed to move in the best society.

PERISHED ON THE TRAIL.

Reported Deaths of Twenty Men Caused by the Hardships of the Klondike Trip.

A despatch from San Francisco, Cal., says:—George Pope of Chicago has written to a friend here from Sheep Camp, on the Chilkoot trail. The letter is dated October 28 and gives the latest news of the condition of the men who are stranded on the way to the Klondike. He says a heavy storm had been raging on the pass.

"The other day a man told me that at least twenty men had perished on the trail within the last few weeks. I have not been able to verify this statement. At every town and every settlement where prospectors are compelled to stop the men have stories to tell of the danger of the journey. Their advice is to avoid the trip now at any cost."

WELCOME CYCLE NEWS.

Mouldy Murphy—I see dey ain't got in'ter have no chains on bicycles next year, Leary.

Languid Leary, approvingly—Dat's good. If a bicycle what I see in a back yard yesterday hadn't been chained I could have swiped it easy.