# VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

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

## CANADA.

Corawall's new hospital was formatly opened on Wednesday.

Brantford is to have a free postal delivery in a few days.

A new trans-Atlantic line to Liverpool is talked of at Halifax.

Fire has destroyed one of the C. P. R. steamers on Koctenay Lake.

There is enough food in Dawson City to prevent starvation this winter. Wm. Legatt, a coachman, was upset out of a carriage at Brantford and

krilled. Burglars stole 12,000 cigars from

Clarke's Mountain Hotel on Wednesday night. William Moore was found dead in his

bed at his home in Welland on Tuesday. The C. P. R.'s half yearly dividend to be paid in February may reach 21-2

per cent. Hamilton fishermen have been grant-Bd the privilege of spearing fish in the tay this winter.

The Hamilton Acetylene Gas Machine Company has been incorporated. with a capital of \$45,000.

John Hall, private banker of Hol- Pribyloff Islands. land, near Winnipeg, has assigned,

with liabilities at \$32,000.

relief to the Klondike miners. Frank Rosa, an Italian was sentenced to seven months imprisonment for

forgery at Cornwall on Wednesday. Mr. James Ward a Saltfleet farmer,

was thrown from his waggon on Sunday, near his farm gate and killed. It is reported at Halifax that a new commany is about establishing a line

of steamers between that port and Liverpool. Bishop DuMoulin has been advised by his physician to refrain from preach-

ing for a time, owing to the condition of his health. II. H. Harding, the American forger,

taken lack. He said he had \$81, but were burned . police found upon him \$8,000.

hand, has been sent for trial on the liament, charge of setting fire to a vacant building, owned by M. Nemo.

The cabled reports of the seizure of a relapse. Hai Nan Island by the French and the requisition of the C.P.R. steamers by the British Admiralty are denied.

Gideon Deguire and Joseph La Londe have been committed for trial at Montreal on the charge of murdering an Italian in a fight at Coteau du Lac.

Robert McGee, of Guelph township, who was recently released from Toronto asylum, has again been arrested as he has been annoying the neighbors.

The Imperial Government has granted three extra commissions in the army for competition amongst the graduates of the Royal Military College this

Mr. Sidney Slocum has instructed his for \$2,000 damages for alleged false on Seal Island. The crew escaped. arrast.

has taken proceedings against The Her- sions of taxes, absorbed \$20,000,000; shown forth the way of salvation more ald an ! Mrs. John Billings for criticiz- charity contributions amounted to \$8,ing his decision in a case of cruelty to 000.000. animals.

John Gaynor has been given one month's imprisonment and fined \$50, at Carberry, Man., on a charge of sandbagging and robbing himself with intent to defraud his creditors.

A number of models have been received at the Public Works Department, Ottawa, for statues to Queen Victoria and the late Alexander Mackenzie on Parliament square.

Canadian Pacific land sales for the past year show an enormous increase over the preceding year. For 1897 the figures are 200,000 acres, valued at \$650 000. In 1896 88,000 aeres were sold for 3507,000.

Judgment has been given at Hamilton dismissing the Canada Life's appeal against income assessment on its policy-holders' profits; also reducing the assessment of the Street Railway and Gas Companies.

Mr. J. P. Doran of Ottawa, employed In W. C. Wells' lumbering establishment, was frozen to death on the trail between Palliser, B.C., and the camp. His faithful dog watched the body for two days and nights.

A number of boot and shoe merchants Two Serious Configrations -- Much De of Hamilton have been summoned to thewer charges of violating a city byaw by keeping their places of business open after 7 o'clock in the evening during Christmas week.

John Scott of Owen Soundais suing a number of citizens for damages for malicious libel in burning his effigy. The defendants had been celebrating the acquittal of a bank clerk whom Mr. Scott unsuccessfully charged with lorgary.

GREAT BRITAIN. caused \$500,000 damage.

buildings were destroyed. Japan to stop sealing, declining to enter into such an agreement.

At London on Saturday the Amalgamated Society of Engineers paid out the sum of £38,000 to 82,000 engineers who are on strike. The trades union ice between Dawson and Selkirk.

conference has decided to levy a tax of threepence weekly upon each of the members of trades unions throughout the country in aid of the strikers, who show no signs of yielding.

UNITED STATES.

The Merchants' and Trades' Bank of Brunswick, Ga., has closed its doors. Col. W. D. Hagar, one of the managers of the Barnum's show, is dead at Wanseen, Ohio.

Rev. William Corby, head of the from Quelpaert island. Order of Holy Cross in America, is dead at South Bend, Ind.

Stenographers employed by the defence in the Luetgert murder trial at Chicago have gone on strike.

The will of Charles Contoit, of New York, leaves \$1,500,000 to charitable institutions and foreign missions. It is reported from Chicago that an

English company has bought out twenty big corporations controlling the fisheries of the great lakes.

J. B. Haggin, the New York multimillionaire and turfman, aged 74, married Miss Pearl Voorhees, aged 28, at Versailles, Ky., on Thursday.

At Sheboygan, Wis., a tidal wave, due to the southerly gale, swept up the river and caused a terrific shaking up among the vessels tied at the docks.

Prof. Alex. M. Bell, father of the inventor of the telephone, was married o Mrs. W. G. Shibley of Harrowsmith, the-coremony taking place at New 1,770 tons; Porpoise, 6 guns, 1,770 tons; York.

It is reported at Washington that great distress exists in Cuba, and the American Department of State is taking steps to distribute relief as it is subscribed in the United States.

States Congress sealskins and articles tons; and the store boat Humber, of made therefrom are not allowed to en- 1.640 tons. ter the country unless taken at the

Gustav Thelan, president of the Stock Exchange Bank at El Reno, Okla., North-west Mounted Police will as- and two of the directors have been arsist in distributing the United States rested charged with receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent.

> It is reported that H. M. Kersey, of New York, American agent of the White Star Line, has resigned to join a syndicate of American and British Chen-Yuen, that was captured from capitalists in a Klondike scheme.

suits against the Armours of Chicago, British squadron, under Vice-Admiral about like a cork, made the work of Dutiable . . . \$27,346,000 for \$1,700,000 in damages for violations Sir Alexander Buller, Commander-inof the dairy laws in distributing oleo | Chief of the China station. margarine throughout various States, will be dropped.

## GENERAL.

The plague has broken out again in the district of Bombay.

Port au Prince, Hayti, has been partarrested at Regina, consents to be ly destroyed by fire. Over 800 houses

Emperor Francis Joseph has order-Chas. Moore, a Westminster farm- ed the closing of the Austrian Par-

> The Empress of Germany, who has been suffering from influenza has had New South Wales will raise a loan

> of over £2,000,000 at 4 per cent. to defray the cost of public works.

bill was carried in New South Wales Legislature by a vote of 328 to 18. The Warwickshire and Lincolnshire

regiments have been ordered to start from Wady-Halfa for the frontier. All the deputies and others charged with participation in the Panama can-

al frauds have been acquitted at Paris. Two brothers of ex-Captain Dreyfus serving a life sentence for treason, are to be tried at Paris for bribery in connection with the case.

The steamer Gerona from Portland solicitors to take action against De- for London with a cargo of live stock tective Donald Campbell of Hamilton and general merchandise was wrecked

The recent famine in India cost the Police Magistrate Jelfs of Hamilton | Treasury \$4,000,000 loans and suspen-

The representatives of the powers Government to replace 4,500 time-

Crete. Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, commander of the Royal Irish Regiment in the frontiert of India, is reported missing. His horse was found stripped and shot.

The Italian Minister of Finance recommends his Government to establish a bank in New York, to protect his countrymen from, being robbed by suddenly to the floor. Kind hands came absconding bankers.

cused of participating in the Panama | Thompson were telephoned for, and arhave not yet been sentenced.

The estate of Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the American dentist, at Paris, France, amounts to four million dollars. His brother, who gets ten thousand dollars, will protest the will.

# FIRES IN DAWSON CITY.

# struction of Property.

According to news received at San Francisco from Dawson City under date of November 25th, the Klondyke mining camp has twice been in danger of destruction by fire. On November 22nd, two front street log houses were destroyed by fire. One of them was used as a lodging-house on one floor and a church on the other. The lodgings contained food and outfits for ten men, and nothing was Fire in Norfolk, Eng., on Monday saved. Steps have been taken to re-Thirteen lieve the destitute. The fire was caused by the overturning of a lighted can-Lord Salisbury has written to United | dle. A fire from a similar cause broke States Ambassador Hay in response to out on November 25th, and the Opera America's latest proposals that Great house and two saloons were burned to Britain should enter into an agreement | the ground. The snow on the roofs with the United States, Russia and saved the rest of the front street from destruction. A large quantity of provisions and liquors valued at \$40,000, was destroyed. On November 10th the Yukon froze over, and since then about 3,000 persons have started out over the

# THE FLEET AT PORT HAMILTON.

Japanese Cruisers Side by Side With the English Vessels,

A special despatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. Port Hamilton, according to the maps is a small island, south of Corea, and not far

## THE BRITISH FLEET.

The British fleet now stationed in Chinese waters, under the command of Admiral Sir Alexander Buller and Rear-Admiral Oxley, embraces the followwing vessels:-First-class battleship Centurion, flagship, 14 guns, tonnage, 10,500, first-class cruisers, second flagship, Grafton, 12 guns, 7,350 tons; Immortalite, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; Narcissus, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; Undaunted, 12 guns, 5,600 tons; first-class gunbeats -Feacock, 6 guns, 755 tons; Plover 6 guns, 755 tons; Pigmy, 6 guns, 755 tons; Rattler, 6 guns, 715 tons; Redbreast, 6 guns, 805 tons; Red Pole, 6 guns, 805 tons; second-class cruisers-Aeolus, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Rainbow, 8 guns, 3,-600 tons; Pique, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; third-class cruisers-Archer, 6 guns, second-class gunboats-Firebrand, 4 guns, 445 tons; Linnet. 2 guns, 756 tons, Spartan, 8 guns, 3,600 tons; Swift, guns, 756 tons; sloops-Daphne, 8 guns 1,140 tons; Wild Swan, 8 guns, 1,530 tons; torpedo destroyers-Handy, 6 guns, 260 tons; Hart, 6 guns, 260 tons; Under the new act of the United despatch boat-Alacrity, 4 guns, 1,700 raged within.

## THE JAPANESE FLEET.

A special despatch from Shanghai dated to-day, Tuesday, says:-"It is reported that a Japanese fleet of more than twenty warships is waiting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war, and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy; and the China. The Japanese fleet, it is under-The United States Government's stood, is acting in close touch with the

"Japan will certainly oppose a permanent occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese Diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of reinforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian trans-Asiatic railway in Manchuria."

## TRAGIC OCCURRENCE.

### Sudden Death of the Steretary of the Presbyteriau Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

A despatch from Galt says: -- Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev The third reading of the federation | Dr. William Burns of Toronto dropped dead while officiating at the funeral of an old resident of Galt. The deceased arrived here on Saturday evening to take charge of the service in Knox Church next day. He preached an eloquent sermon Sunday morning, taking for his text Rev., iii., 20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door! I will come in and sup with him and he with me." His sermon had a marked effect on the congregation on this, the first Sabbath of the new year. He expounded his subject very forcibly, and could not have plainly had he known it was his last opportunity. In the afternoon he have refused to permit the Turkish started for Concession street, where he was to conduct the service at the fuexpired troops on the Island of neral of Mr. William Lunn. Not knowing the town very well, he got a little out of his way, and, it is thought, was a little excited, fearing he should be late. However, he got to the house in good time, and after making his way some of them being lost overboard. The through the people proceeded to con- attempt to control the crazy animals duct the service. A Bible was handed would have been death to the men to him, which he accepted and opened, but before announcing his Scripture lesson death claimed him, and he fell at once to raise him, but found it Four of the deputies and others ac- was of no avail. Drs. Vardon and canal intrigues have been acquitted at rived very shortly. They agreed that Paris and four found guilty. They death was instantaneous, and caused which raged, and it was feared that ing in the gardens of the south of Engby heart failure. Rev. Dr. King of the United Presbyterian Church here was sent for, and on arrival took charge of the services. The remains were taken to Toronto next morning.

# SEE MANY DEVILS.

### Murderer Trey May Have His Sentence Commuted.

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., says: John F. Troy, under sentence of death for murder, will probably have the sentence commuted. Dr. Daniel Clark and Dr. Leonard, goal surgeons of Toronto, have examined him as to his mental state. It is generally understood that the prisoner will be declared insame. Troy has not eaten anything

for several days. He says he is perfectly sane, but is Nearly the entire cargo was dambeing tortured by devils. He paces aged. his cell in bare feet until he drops from exhaustion. He has rubbed the hair off the top of his head with the continual working of his fingers. He swears that Satan himself visited his cell the other night, and that he is not at all like what he had pictured him. He thought he was black and had horns, but this one he saw was flaming red, and had two or three horrible-looking heads, He was so workto be removed to another cell in order to allay his fears of seeing him again. tributions approaching £1,750,000.

## ABOUT GREATEST PERIL.

Point and She is Buffeted by Angry Gales-Haggard Crew Lands at St. Johns

No body of men ever hailed the sight of land with greater joy than the haggard-faced crew of the British steamer Lambers Point, which arrived at St. Johns, N.F., on Sunday morning. For forty hours a reign of terror had prevailed on the ship, from which there was no escape until a friendly port was reached. Within the hold a raging furnace threatened at every moment to engulf the crew in its flames, while a terrible storm menaced the frightened sailors with death equally as certain should they take to the

Black clouds of smoke were curling out of the hatchways when the steamer came into the harbor. The bellowing of cattle, maddened by pain and fright, came over the water as she neared her moorings. The ship had a list to starboard of nearly 20 degrees, and showed in a dozen ways that she was in distress of the most serious character. The paint was curling up in great blisters on her sides from the awful heat that

## COTTON BALES CATCH FIRE.

first sign of fire was discovered in the \$55,890. The exports aggregate for the compartment amidships, which was five months as follows:-1896, \$68,942,with which the fire gained headway 924. convinced Captain Humphreys that it | The imports for the five months comhours. The location of the blaze and bullion, were as follows:the storm which tossed the vessel fighting the fire doubly difficult.

As any attempt to open the compartment and remove the burning cotton would simply give new energy to the blaze the captain ordered holes 000. The import of coin and bullion cut in the cabin flooring, and then steam and water pipes were inserted 1896 and \$2,678,000 for 1897. The duty in the openings. When it became ap- collected on the dutiable imports parent that steam would not smother amounted for the five months to the flames a flood of water was turn- \$8,594,000 compared with \$8,210,000 for ed into the compartment and the vessel was headed for St. Johns, in the of 1897 of \$384,000. hope that it would be reached before too late.

efforts of the crew, and finally reach- was for the five months of 1896 \$112,ed the fore compartment. Again the 085,000, and for the five months in 1897 captain had holes cut in the deck, and it was \$134,694,000, showing an increase the steam and water were turned into in the aggregate trade of Canada for the hold. It became necessary to flood the first five months of the present fisthe compartment as before, and the cal year of \$22,600,000. The total inship, listing to starboard, was at the crease of the twelve months of the last mercy more than ever of the batter- fiscal year in the aggregate trade was ing waves. In spite of these measures about \$20,000,000, so that the increase the fire was not extinguished, hav- for less than one-half of the current ing spread into other compartments. | year is greater than for the whole of To flood them would have been the last year. A noticeable feature of same as sinking the ship, owing to the these returns is that the exports of heavy weather.

IR DECKS WERE RED HOT. Every moment added to the danger of the situation. The heat was almost unbearable. The iron deck became so hot that walking was like storture to the sailors. The sides of the vessel sizzled as the water dashed against them. Clouds of steam and smoke choked the sailors as they worked as best they could to keep the flames within bounds. Within 24 hours the heat and smoke spoiled all the provisions and left the crew scarcely anything to eat.

The cattle became frantic from the heat which assailed them between decks. Their wild lowing and bellowing continued night; and day, with no possible chance open to relieve their pain. When the ship listed many of the animals broke loose from their pens and plunged madly to and fro, There was nothing to be done until port was reached.

Captain Humphrey sighted the harbor on Sunday morning, at a time when he and his crew had almost given up all hope. In her crippled condition the steamer could make but little headway against the storm the worst would come before a land- land. ing could be made. The bluff old captain frankly admitted that he could ers at the holiday business is long and not have controlled the fire twenty- loud. The complaints which are unifour hours longer.

ANIMALS HAVE TO BE SHOT. In the meantime an effort will be made to save as much of the cargo as possible. Gangs of men were set to work at once landing the cattle, many of which had become crazed with the terrible heat. It became necessary to shoot some of the animals that had suffered most severely from standing on the heated deck.

The fight against the flames was resumed also, with the aid of extra help from tugs. Holes were cut in the sides of the vessel to admit more steam pipes, and at the earliest moment the cotton that can be saved will be discharged, until the seat of the fire is reacheds.

# FAMINES ARE COSTLY.

### ntest Indian One Cost the Government \$4,000,000.

It is officially announced that the recent Indian famine cost the Indian treasury £800.000, while loans to agriculturists and suspensions of taxes. ed up after the apparition that he had mainly repayable, absorbed another £400,000, irrespective of charitable con-

## FORTY HOURS OF THE TRADE RETURNS FOR THE LAST FIVE MONTHS.

## Great Fire Breaks Out in the Lamberts A Very Large Increase - Exports of Minerals a Rig Feature.

The aggregate foreign trade of Canada for the five months of the current fiscal year, ending November 30, shows an enormous increase, being in excess over the same period of last year of over \$23,000,000. The duty collected on the imports shows a gratifying increase in amount. The following is a statement of the exports compared with the same five months of 1896. Only the poduce of Canada is given:

Minerals. ..... . \$4,048,604 \$6,248,428 Fish. . . . . . . . . 6,260,503 Forest . . . . . . 17,400,271 17,793,291 produce. . . . . . 21,595,491 25,874,997 Animals and their

duets. ... . . . . 7,280,662 14,290,988

4.331,768 Manufactures. . . 4,059,777 Miscellaneous. . .... 59,102

Totals. ..... . \$60,739,277 \$74,896,807 229,390 Coin and bullion. .

Grand Total . .\$60,968,667 \$75,382,839 This shows an increase for the five months in the exports of domestic products and merchandise of \$14,414,172. In addition there was exported of goods not the produce of Canada, exclusive of coin and bullion, \$5,028,266 in 1896, which had increased in 1897 to \$8,199,564, showing an increase under this head of The Lamberts Point left Norfolk, Va., nearly \$3,000,000. The foreign coin and on Sunday, with a cargo consigned for bullion exported during the five months Liverpool. On Friday afternoon the was, in 1896 \$2,945,426, and in 1897 filled with cotton bales. The rapidity 359; 1897, \$83,638,283; increase, \$14,695,-

had been burning at least twenty-four pared with 1896, exclusive of coin and

1897. \$29,221,000 22,376,000 Free. . . 18,970,000

Total. . .\$46,316,000 \$51,597,000 Increase for five months, 1897, \$4,536,for the two periods was \$4,352,000 for 1896, or an increase for the five months

# FEATURES OF THE RETURNS.

The aggregate trade of total exports The fire gained rapidly against the and imports entered for consumption agricultural produce, domestic, have doubled in the five months of the current year, a fact partly attributable no doubt to the hight price of wheat. Another noticeable feature is that notwithstanding the glutting of the American market with lumber prior to last August, the exports of the products of the forest from Canada kept well up, and in fact show an increase of \$400.000. The increase of \$2,200,000 in the exports of minerals is substantial testimony to the development of the mineral resources of British Columbia. The imports for November alose show an increase of over \$200,000 and the exports of \$3,240,000, or an increase of nearly three and a half millions in the month. The duty collected for November was \$10,000 in excess of the amount in November, 1896. The average rate of duty on dutiable goods is 29 per cent.

# SPRINGLIKE NEW YEAR'S.

### Flowers Blooming on Various English Gardens on New Year's Day.

A despatch from London says:-The year closed spring-like, with bright sun, and the papers note many instances in which flowers are bloom-

The wail of the London storekeepversal are attributed to the baneful influences of the jubilee festivities. The numerous country house parties also thinned the number of West End

There are seven Parliamentary vacancies, an unparalleled number, and the activity in the provinces resembles. a small general election.

# ABERDEEN'S SUCCESSOR.

### Marquis of Heriford Mentioned as the Next Governor General.

A despatch from London says:-It is rumored that the Marquis of Hertford will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as Governor-General of Can-

Hugh de Grey Seymour, sixth Marquis of Hertford, was born in 1843, and married a daughter of the first Viscount Bridgort. The marquis was formerly a captain in the Grenadian Guards, was member of Parliament in 1869 for County Antrim, and in 1874 he was member of Parliament for South Warwickshire. He is deputy lieutenant for Warwickshire, was comptroller of her Majesty's household in 1879, and is a conservative to tolitics.