## 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.

Mr. A. S. Abbott, ex-City Clerk London, is dead at the age of 85 years.

Spain has been added to the list of countries entitled to the preferential tariff.

Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh and family have removed from Regina to Victoria.

will likely be submitted to the Dominion voters next October.

appointed Canadian Commissioner to Claire, Wisconsin. the Paris Exposition.

Chatham is building a House of Industry, to cost \$15,000, and to accom- York on Thursday. modate 80 persons.

Three carloads of dogs from Labrador, for use in the Klondike passes, have arrived at Ottawa. E. E. Sheppard, Canadian Trade

Commissioner to South America, will be in Victoria about Feb. 15. The firm of J. H. Blumenthal & Sons

Montreal, has assigned. C. P. R. earnings during 1897 were been murdered.

\$24,046,792, an increase of \$3,305,196 over the earnings of 1896.

way collision at St. Lambert.

from a roof that he was shingling. Customs duties collected at Montreal

during the year amounted to \$6,992,-360, an increase of \$372,959 over 1896. Over 300,420,000 feet of lumber have been shipped during the past season, the largest in the history of the trade.

A convention of Baptists of Quebec Province and the eastern portion of Ontario is being arranged. It will be of advantages from recent events. held in February.

The contracts for supplies for the permanent military corps throughout Cayuga Island, Niagara river, in 1899, Ottawa.

A valuable collection of coins, the property of Ca/nada, was stolen from the National Art Gallery in Ottawa on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Georgina Scott, a colored woman of Hamilton, who was burned by the explosion of a lamp a few weeks ago, is dead.

Gen. Montgomery Moore has forwarded to the War Office in England a large number of applicants for Fenian raid medals.

Very few more sealers will go out from Victoria this season, unless cheaper labor or higher prices for skins are obtained.

The Minister of Public Works has extended the time for receiving models for the monuments of Queen Victoria and Alexander Mackenzie.

General Manager Hayes, of the G.T. R., has ordered the removal to Montreal of the audit office of the passenger department, now at Detroit.

No customs returns have been received for months from Vancouver, Dr. Zaccharin, the famous physician and it is said to be the intention to of Czar Alexander III., is dead. hold an investigation into the state of the office.

It is rumored that the Grand Trunk bolt works and foundry will be removed from Hamilton to London, on ac- bill. count of the former city increasing the company's assessment.

Am iceboat went through the ice on army. Hamilton Bay, throwing seven people into the water. Miss Amelia Hall narrowly escaped drowning, going down two or three times before being res-

cued. Chief Justice Richardson of the Northwest Territories has been appointed administrator in the place of Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh until the latter's successor as Lieutenant-Governor is appointed.

Instructions have been sent to the city postmasters that in cases of letters for the United Kingdom or the colonies mailed with only three cents in stamps the postmaster is to affix a two-cent stamp and let the letter go forward.

Judge Dugas of Montreal, and Mr. Frank Pedley of Ottawa have been appointed commissioners by the Dominion Government to investigate the charges preferred against the contractors building the Crow's Nest Pass spring. Railway, for alleged ill-treatment of their employees.

Mr. Rouer Roy, City Attorney of establish communication with Turk's Montreal, Mr. L. J. Ethier, his assistant, has been' appointed to that position at a salary of four thousand tion in the Transvaal Republic. Mr. den shouting out, of what you wish five hundred dollars, and Mr. J. L. Kruger is opposed by Mr. Joubert, and to say generally produces a confusion Archambault has been appointed it is said the third candidate. Mr. of sound in the ears of a deaf man joint City Attorney, at a salary Schalkburger is running to split the of three thousand five hundred dol- opposing vote and secure Kruger's elec-

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Earl of Wilton is dead at Lon-

The Princess Beatrice's new book has been published at Darmstadt.

The foreign trade of Great Britain last year was the largest in its history. 000,000.

It is probable that Prince, who assassinated William Terriss, will be declared insane.

ment for December shows decreases of the nearest hospital, where he was both imports and exports.

from Aldershot to command the a year, attempting to kill him.

British troops in the Anglo-Egyptian expedition.

Lady Henry Somerset has again tendered her resignation of the presidency of the British Woman's Temperance Association.

An explosion took place at Glasgow during a fire at Hatrick's chemical works, in which four firemen were killed and several people injured.

The Earl of Ava, the eldest son of the Marquis of Dufferin, will shortly proceed to the Klondyke, to look after some mining properties in which his father is interested.

Great Britain has announced that she will refuse to recognize any special rights granted in Chinese ports, and will insist on the enjoyment of the same privileges as granted to any other power.

UNITED STATES.

Four men were killed by the collapse of an ice house at Hambuy, Mich., on Thursday. A fire in Saginaw on Thursday

The plebiscite on total prohibition | morning destroyed eight million feet of lumber. William Carson, a millionarie lum-

Sir Adolphe Chapleau will likely be berman, died on Thursday at Eau

The Earl of Ava, the eldest son of the Marquis of Dufferin, arrived in New

Mr. John Redmond is to lecture through the United States on the "Irish Patriots of Ninety-Eight." The Rev. William McNichol, of Bridge-

port, Conn., attacks President McKinley for having wine at his diplomatic E. Triplett, president of the Alcorn Will Construct Hotels in Toronto, Montreal

one of the largest clothing dealers of Agricultural and Medical College for Coloured People, at Rodney, Mass., has It is not believed by New York Cus-

tom House experts that the new rules Auguste Bourdon and Joseph Gau- prohibiting the importation of sealdry of Montreal were killed in a rail- skins can be enforced. Fire at Stockton, Cal., on Wednes-

Mr. Patrick O'Connor, carpenter, of day destroyed two grain elevators con-Guelph, had his leg broken by falling taining 10,000 tons of wheat belonging to the Farmers' Union & Milling Co. An express on the Kansas City, Pitts-

burg & Gulf Railroad, was held up and robbed within the limits of Kansas the preliminary feature of the syndi-City on Monday. The robbers escaped. A London despatch to a Buffalo paper

been indefinitely postponed, and that England, as usual, gets the lion's share Plans for the buildings of the proposed Pan-American Exposition, on

the Dominion have been awarded at have been awarded to architects Grace & Hyde, of New York, who will receive Frontenac. \$700,000 for the work. Another counterfeit silver certificate of the denomination of \$100 was found in a Philadelphia bank. So numerous

have these counterfeits become that the United States Government has decided to call in the issue. Representative Johnson of North Dakota has introduced a bill in the United States Congress to repeal the law which has just gone into effect relative to pelagic sealing and the importation of sealskins taken by pelagic seal-

W. H. T. Durrant was hanged at in Emmanuel Church, San Francisco, in March or April, 1895. The legal battle to save his life was one of the most prolonged and stubbornly-contested in the annals of the United States courts.

GENERAL.

General Blanco will take the field against the Cuban insurgents.

Spain is augmenting its treasury bonds by two hundred million pesetas. Emperor William has invoked the Pope's aid in the passing of the naval

Ex-King Milan has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Servian

It is not improbable that King Alexander of Servia, may retire before long in favour of his father.

It is feared that in the race for Khartoum the French and British expeditions will come into serious collision. The fustian speeches of Emperor William and Prince Henry, which elicited so much criticism were impromptu utterantes.

The Spanish Government is considering the advisability of asking United States intervention in the Cuban trouble.

Major-General Yeattman-Biggs, who commanded the second division in the India frontier campaign is dead. He

fell a victim to dysentery in India. Dr. Scheuk, of Vienna University, claims to have discovered the secret of exercising an influence over animals so as to fix the sex of their bff-

A despatch from Bermuda states that the steamer Scotia has commenced the In consequence of the retirement of work of laying the cable which is to

Island and Jamaica. They are having a Presidential elec-

VITRIOL AND REVOLVER.

A Horrible Tragedy at Paris - Girl Throws Vitriol at a Young Man and is Killed.

A despatch from Paris, France, says: -A young girl, named Ducousset way-It is said that England has guaran- laid a clerk named Verdier on Friday, teed a loan to China of over \$80,- threw vitriol in his face and stabbed him in the back. Verdier shot her with a revolver as she was running away, and he then knelt on her head and shot her three times, killing her. The The British Board of Trade state- man was then arrested and taken to found to be terribly burned. Verdier Major-General Gatacre will be sent said the woman had followed him for CONVICTS TO BE FLOGGED.

St. Viacent de Paul Penttentiary Riofers te be Made an Example Of.

A despatch from Montreal says:-The authorities of St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary have decided to try drastio means to put a stop to the riotous conduct of the convicts, and as a result some twenty of the ringleaders will be flogged in the presence of their fellows within the next few days. As already stated, the trouble has now been going on for some months intermittently, to the terror of the residents of the village outside the walls. It began over the taking away of the allowance of tobacco, and to show their dissatisfaction the convicts howled and banged their wash basins all night long. They were allowed to tire themselves out, but every few days the noise would recommence. Acting Warden Foster has been doing his best to bring about peace, but as all his efforts have failed, he came to the conclusion that nothing short of corporal punishment would be of any use. He made a report to Mr. Mills, Minister of Justice, to that effect, and suggested that he be allowed to flog the ringleaders in the presence of the others. This, he believes, will have the desired effect. Mr. Mills came to the same conclusion, and after mature consideration gave the desired permission.

HOTEL SYNDICATE FORMED.

A large English syndicate, represented by Mr. R. D. McGibbon, of Montreal, proposes to erect hotels at Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Ottawa, Niagara Falls, and other points in Canada. The capacity of the hotels, which will be under one management and control, will be arranged with reference to the requirements of each place and the class of patronage to be secured. Mr. McGibbon states that this is cate's proposal, but that further extensions of it would probably be made, says that the partition of China has including the establishment in London, England, of a hotel which would be a resort for visitors from the various colonies of the Empire and the United States. The hotels are all to be fire-proof and the plans have been prepared by Mr. Bruce Price, of New York, the architect of the Chateau

BIG BLAZE AT OTTAWA.

the East Wing of the Ottawa College Badly Damaged by Fire.

Ottawa College was visited by a disastrous fire on Wednesday morning. The building is a large stone edifice having accommodation for 500 students. When the fire broke out in the east wing there were only 35 students in the college, the remainder being away San Quentin, Cal., for the murder of enjoying Christmas holidays. The fire Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams originated in a student's wardrobe, above the chapel in the east wing. The entire roof of the east wing was destroyed and part of the roof of the ployed at the branch office of the Amcentre building injured. Great dam- erican Express Company on Thursage was done by water to the chapel, and to the furniture on the lower flats. The damage is estimated by Father thought to be excessive. The building and contents carried insurance to the where this took place is at 47th street extent of \$200,000.

TALKING TO THE DEAF.

Talking to the deaf successfully is more an art than a question of a little more lung power. Not many people know this, however. To shout at the unfortunate deaf man, and shout a little louder if he does not immediately hear the first shout, this is the talking to the deaf.

One authority a woman who has always been very successful in "getting along" with deaf people, and who has

been much associated with them, says: "I never speak very loudly to a deaf person. I speak very clearly, pronounce distinctly each word, and look from the movement of the lips as from the sound of the words. It is best, of course, to sit near the deaf one, and in such a position that the sound proceeds directly from you to him.

conditions. It would be irksome always to do so; but if you are about to hold any lengthy conversation with a deaf person, you will save your voice and your temper very much by paying attention to these hints. A loud shouting out, and particularly a sudwithout any clear idea of your meaning But your words spoken quietly, distinctly, and directly, and after his attention is attracted toward you, will usually be instantly understood."

It is certainly trying to the lungs and patience to talk much with one who is deaf, and if we can save ourselves and him some embarrassment and unhappiness by a patient finding of this "better way," it is worth while to try it. The woman who gives the hints has had much experience, and is sure that they will be found useful. Latest Indian One Cost the Government

TRONY OF FATE.

Bings-Here's a paradox. Boreleigh. who always tells such long-winded stories, has just been arrested-

Bungs-Where's the paradox? Bings-For being short in his accounts.

SOME LATE CABLE NEWS. A

BRITAIN'S TRADE THE LARGEST IN NEW GOLD DISCOVERIES SAID TO ITS HISTORY.

Parnellite Amendment to the Address-An Editor Dead - A Decaying Union - Cardinal Vaughan's Reply-Another Contribution to the Anglican Orders -Icelanders for the Klondike.

A despatch from London says:-The foreign trade of Great Britain during 1897 was the largest in its history. The total exports, imports and re-exports amounted to £745,423,000. The increase was entirely in imports and re-exports, the decline in exports amounting to £5,795,000. The growth of the imports is almost entirely due to the huge purchases of produce in the United States, amounting to £114,-600,000. The greatest quantity of the exports were textiles.

The Parnellites will introduce their customary amnesty amendment to the Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament.

Ernest Hart, editor of The British Medical Journal, is dead. Mr. Hart, who was for several years editor of The Lancet, was born in June, 1836.

While Mr. Havelock Wilson has been touring in the United States as the representative of British labor his own particular labor organization has been going to the dogs. Mr. Wilson is President of the Seaman and Fireman's Union, which at one time had a membership of 100,000, but now has less than 10,000 and its press organ, The Seamen's Chronicle has just stopped publication owing to lack of support.

An amazing instance of the divergent views of literary critics is afforded in Saturday's Academy, which lately expressed the intention to crown the two books of signal merit published last year and reward the authors. It consulted a number of critics, and the replies of eleven are tabulated. The difference of opinion shows the difficulty of finding out excellence. Only two books receive mention twice, and all the west. rest are wide as the poles asunder.

Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, and the Bishops of the diocese publish a 122-page rejoinder to the letter published last March by the Angelican orders. The rejoinder, which is signed by sixteen Roman Catholic prelates, maintains that to deny the Pope's competency to decide this quesis to strike at the very roots of the sacramental system.

Sir Robert Henry Meade, permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies since 1891, is dead.

A despatch from Copenhagen to The London Daily Mail says:-A large expedition of Laplanders is about to start for New York from Copenhagen, Christinia and Tromsce, to go to the Klondike with reindeer.

EXPRESS ROBBERY

Clerk Steals \$10.000 from the American

Express Company. A despatch from New York, says:-Clark Braden, jr., a night clerk, emday stole five \$1,000 bonds of the Consumers' Gas, Chicago. Braden also took Constantineau at \$80,000, but that is \$5,000 in cash making the total of the robbery \$10,060. The branch office and Madison avenue. Braden had only try. been night clerk there for 3 nights. There were \$40,000 in bonds left at the office on Wednesday night, which Braden was to have turned over to the messengers for shipment on Thursday Position of the Employers Improved - The morning. When the messenger arrived they found Braden and the \$5,000 worth of bonds and \$5,000 in cash missing.

NEW HALIFAX DEFENCES.

usual and nearly universal way of Two Quick-Firing Gun Batteries for the Protection of the Harbour.

A despatch from Halifax says:- An evening paper says notification has quick-firing gun batteries is to be commenced the coming spring for the better defence of Halifax harbor. One batfull at the person while I am speaking tery will be located on Morges island, making no disturbance of social order. giving my undivided attention to my and the other at a point half-way The Chairman of the Quarter Sessions words. Almost as much can be read between the two forts on McNab's at Newcastle this week noted the ex-

John's, Nfld. The vessel is bringing Trade unionism certainly provides a in 190 dogs, rounded up on the useful safety-valve, whatever ground Newfoundland coast, to be transport- there may be for criticism of some re-"It is hard always to observe such ed to the Pacific coast for the Klon-cent developments of its methods here dike route.

CAPT. HALL KILLED.

Superintendent of the Le Roi Mine Falls 600 Feet Down the Shaft.

A despatch from Rossland, says:-At 5 p.m. on Wednesday Captain Wm. E. Hall, the well-known Superintendent of the Le Roi mine, slipped when stepping out at the head of the main shaft of the Le Roi and fell the full length of the shaft, 600 feet. The body was horribly mutilated, and crushed beyond recognition. The captain leaves widow and four children.

FAMINES ARE COSTLY.

\$1,000,000.

It is officially announced that the recent Indian famine cost the Indian treasury £800,000, while loans to agriculturists and suspensions of taxes, ring? mainly repayable, absorbed another £400,000, irrespective of charitable contributions approaching £1,750,000.

LABRADOR

HAVE BEEN MADE.

Region Said to be Second Only to the Klondike - Doubtful Story Sent to # Chicago Paper.

The Times-Herald prints the following special despatch from Halifax:-Representatives of a Nova Scotia lumber company recently visited Labrador for the purpose of making arrangements to erect saw mills at various points and engage extensively in the lumber business. It is said that the project will not be carried out on so large a scale as was at first contemplated, but it is likely that their visit to the country will be productive of much more important results than developing the wealth of its forests.

The prospectors who visited Labrador state that they have good reason to believe it contains deposits of gold of great richness, and is destined to become a mining country.

There are evidences that gold exists in quantities that are equaled only by the deposits of Klondike. In fact, it was asserted that the deposits in Labrador are in the same range as those on the Klondike.

Those in the secret are quietly arranging an expedition to the country. They propose to spend two or three months prospecting and then to take up a large number of claims in the most promising sections

BEFORE THE RUSH.

which, they say, will inevitably take place sooner or later. Preliminary arrangements for this expedition which is to start in the spring from this city, have already been made. the hopes of the promoters are realized, it is probable that a new Klondike will arise in the east which may eclipse the one in the north-

Labrador lies between the fiftieth and sixty-second parallels north latitude, and is but a few degrees south of the Klondike country, giving these two sections of, North America a climate practically the same. Its area is about 420,000 square miles. The Atlantic Ocean borders the country on the east, Hudson Bay on the west, and Hudson Strait and Ungava Bay on the north. The Gulf of St. Lawrence flows between Labrador and Newfoundland

on the south. Summer lasts from the middle of June to September, when ice begins to form on the many rivers, lakes and ponds. The coast is frozen twelve miles inland during the summer by. the arctic current, but within this line there is an abundance of vegetation. The mountains contain millions of tons of iron. The greater part of the interior, is tableland, 2,000 feet high, which declines towards Hudson Bay. The country contains a chain of rivers and lakes making travel comparatively easy. The waters are full of whitefish, lake and brook trout, pike and carp. Much fruit grows wild, cranberries being abundant, while raspberries, strawberries and blackberries are also found in most parts of the country.

The Hudson Bay Company, which is practically the only government known to the native Indians, has posts scattered all through the peninsula. Fishing is, of course, the greatest indus

THE ENGINEERS' STRIKE.

Men Weakening.

A despatch from London says:-A crisis in the engineers' strike is evidently imminent. The position of the employers has improved and the men are weakening. The disintegration of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has begun, despite the denial of the leaders. Eight more firms issued lockout notices on Saturday. The gravity of the dispute is illustrated by the been received from the War Office to fact shown in the Board of Trade rethe effect that the construction of two turns that the export of steam engines and other machinery declined \$2.014,255 in December, and \$3,660,825 for the whole year. Happily this greatest industrial struggle of modern times is traordinary lightness of the police cal-The steamer Portia is due from St. endar in this much-affected district.

A PRINCE TO VISIT CANADA.

The Nephew of King Leopold of Belgium to Make a Long Tour.

The Brussels correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle says the nephew of Prince Leopold, of Belgium, Prince Albert Leopold, the heir presumptive to the Belgian throne, will make a long tour of the United States

and Canada. Prince Albert was born on April the 8th, 1875, and is the surviving son of the Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold. The King has no son living, and his daughters are excluded from succession by the Belgian constitution. Prince Albert's elder brother, Prince Baldwin died in 1891.

NO REASON TO RETURN IT.

Mable-So you have broken the engagement. Have you returned the

Amy-Why no! Of course, I shave changed my opinion of George; but I admire the ring just as much as ever,