

# 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.

Storms and floods did immense damage in Great Britain.

Ottawa's population is 51,540, according to the assessors' returns.

The season just closed has been a very poor one for immigration to Canada.

The Public and High School Boards of Kingston have decided to amalgamate.

It is probable that the office of Black Rod at Ottawa will be abolished before next session.

The Wentworth Historical Society is locating a site for the erection of a historical museum.

John Maclean & Co., wholesale milliners, Montreal, have assigned with liabilities of \$175,000.

Nearly all the cheese in the vicinity of Kingston has been bought up by dealers at nine to ten cents.

The annual report of the Grand Trunk Railway, published in London, shows a net revenue deficiency of \$22,000.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen have gone to spend a two months' holiday on Lord Aberdeen's ranch in British Columbia.

The body of Miss Mary Grant, a former member of the Toronto Salvation Army, was found in Kingston harbor.

The mills, dwellings, and barns at Tracadie, N.S., belonging to the Trappist monks have been destroyed by fire. The loss is nearly \$40,000, with no insurance.

Mr. Thomas Hanley, Grand Trunk ticket agent for Kingston, died at his residence in that city on Friday, aged fifty-seven.

The wheat elevators of Manitoba are filled up as a result of the recent strike but the C.P.R. is now moving grain again freely.

During a gale on Wednesday morning a Norwegian barque went on shore at Green Cove, C.B., and the captain and nine of the crew were killed on the rocks or thrown.

Relatives of William Buckingham, a young man who went from London to work on a farm near Hall's Corners, are looking for him. A fortune is said to await him.

Otto J. Klotz, astronomer of the Department of the Interior, has arrived at Port Stanley, Ont., to establish an astronomical station in connection with a geodetic survey.

The Hospital Committee of the Hamilton Council recommends that Judge Snider be asked to investigate certain alleged frauds in the grocery contract of the House of Refuge.

The Police Magistrate at Brockville refuses to hold court in the room provided for that purpose by the Council, and an appeal to the Attorney-General's authority will be made.

The Corn Exchange of Montreal has passed a resolution in favor of removing an obstruction in the Lachine Canal which is causing a great deal of trouble to vessels.

Col. Warner H. Nelles, one of the oldest residents of the Niagara peninsula, died on Friday, in his ninety-eighth year. He was seventeen years old when the battle of Waterloo was fought.

At the St. Thomas light works the main shafting of the incandescent dynamo fell, damaging the dynamo. The building was considerably damaged and the lighting plant seriously injured.

Serious damage by prairie fires is reported in the vicinity of Grenfell, Northport, Regina, Battleford, Calgary and Indian Head. In many instances farmers have lost all their crops.

A convict in the Kingston penitentiary named Hewell, a negro, aged 28, who was serving a life term for criminal assault, on Thursday made an attack on one of the guards with a pair of scissors, and was shot in the head. He died last evening.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have arrived at Birmingham.

Lord Roseberry has resigned the leadership of the British Liberal party.

Mr. Harry Bryan Reed, Conservative member of Parliament for the eastern division of Bradford is dead.

British crop reports up to October 1 shows that cereals have been damaged by rain, but the roots and grass improved.

The London Chronicle says that it learns from a good source that the Czar and Lord Salisbury have agreed upon a policy for the ultimate deposition of the Sultan.

The Swedish steamer Alexander was sunk in collision with the British steamer Emden in the Humber. Ten of the crew were drowned.

The Irish party are greatly dissatisfied at the resignation of Lord Rosebery. They do not relish the prospect of Sir William Harcourt being the leader of the Liberal party.

Sir William Harcourt, in his speech at Ebbw Vale on Monday evening, said he did not admire England's splendid isolation, and hoped that she would form an alliance with Russia, which would enable her to control the Sultan.

## UNITED STATES.

President Cleveland has returned to Washington from Gray Gables.

All departments of the Cambria iron works at Johnstown, Pa., have closed down, affecting 3,000 men.

Dr. Carl F. Nitz, a German physician, of Chicago, vivisected his wife on Wednesday afternoon, took notes of her dying condition, and then shot himself dead.

The report that the Venezuelan boundary dispute has been settled is denied in New York by Frederick R. Conder, a member of the Venezuelan commission.

Mr. W. Y. Atkinson (Democrat) has been re-elected Governor of Georgia by a majority of 28,000, which is an increase of 6,000 over the party majority of two years ago.

Lieut.-Col. Desjardins, clerk of the Quebec Legislative Assembly in an interview in Boston, said that he did not think the Canadian people, as a rule, favored annexation with the United States.

It is reported at Buffalo that a traffic alliance has been made between the Grand Trunk and the Lehigh Valley railroads which will enable the G. T. R. to run through trains from Chicago to New York.

For the past week there has been practically no change in the trade situation in the United States. Business in all lines is unprecedently quiet, and this week the sudden advent of cold weather has checked the movement in some directions, while it has not had time enough or been decided enough to develop the winter demand. Orders are restricted to immediate requirements, wholesale merchants are critical as to credits, and generally collections are poor. A slight improvement is reported in Atlanta, Augusta, New Orleans and Texas cities. Wheat, wool, iron, and steel have advanced, and are steady at the advances.

## GENERAL.

A Ministerial crisis is reported at Madrid.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, has been wiped out by fire.

Baron Mueller, the Australian explorer, is dead.

A branch of the Siberian railroad is to be constructed across Northern Manchuria.

Turkey will not admit the U. S. cruiser Bancroft through the Dardanelles.

A number of Mexican villages have been washed away by the floods in the State of Sinaloa.

Gen. Trochu, who defended Paris until the surrender to the German army in January, 1871, is dead.

The magnificence of the reception of the Czar and Czarina at Paris exceeded anything ever before seen in the French capital.

The Victoria Assembly, after an all-night sitting, passed the second reading of the bill establishing female suffrage, and one man one vote.

After witnessing a grand review at Chalons and toasting the French army, the Czar accompanied by the Czarina, started for Darmstadt.

The Kolische Zeitung asserts that a written treaty of alliance is in existence between Russia and France, but that it is only defensive in its provisions.

It is reported on good authority that Russia has decided to intervene on behalf of the Armenians, compelling the Porte to carry out the promised reforms. England and France will support the move.

Kearney and Haines, the suspected dynamiters were released from Rotterdam prison on Saturday, and, under the escort of two police officers, put on board the Netherlands line steamer Werkendam for New York.

## MARRIAGE OMENS.

The bride who finds a spider on her wedding dress may consider herself blessed.

The bride who dreams of fairies the night before her marriage will be thrice blessed.

If the groom carries a miniature horseshoe in his pocket he will always have good luck.

Ship marriages are considered anything but lucky. Get married on land or don't get married at all.

No bride or groom should be given a telegram while on the way to church. It is positively a sign of evil.

No bride, if she would have good luck, should bake her own wedding cake. To do so invites ill fortune.

Don't wear an opal in getting married. Some people declare that opals are lucky. History proves the contrary.

If the wedding ring is dropped during the ceremony the bride may as well wish herself unborn, for she will always have evil luck.

Kiss a bride right after the ceremony and before the newly made husband has had a chance to do so, and you will have excellent luck throughout the year.

Night weddings are better than none, yet they are by no means the best. The bride whom the sunshine cannot fall upon is sure to experience troublesome times. If she has children they will die young.

Should the bride perchance see a coffin while being driven to the railroad station prior to departing upon her wedding tour she should order the driver to turn back and start over again, or else she will surely meet with bad luck.

## SCENT OF THE HELIOTROPE.

A delicate odor, heliotrope, is obtained in small quantities from the heliotrope hedges of the Riviera by the process of maceration, a quantity of very pure lard being placed in a copper vessel with the flowers and melted over a slow fire. The flowers are then strained away, a process repeated till the fat is sufficiently flower-scented, when the liquid fat is poured through a sieve, and the greasy flower paste subjected to hydraulic pressure.

Since heliotrope blossoms must be used as soon as they are gathered, and the melted grease carefully kept at the lowest temperature that will maintain it in the liquid state, the perfumer accepts as a substitute heliotropine, the white light crystalline powder obtained from the ground pepper. Even if these difficulties of manufacture were avoided, pure heliotrope essence could never become a popular perfume. Heat injures it. The direct action of sunlight destroys it. Artifice replaces it with a mixture of the spirituous extracts of vanilla, ambergris, rose and orange flower, to which are added a few drops of essential oil of almonds.

## THE DEEPEST HATE.

He's a despicable hypocrite!  
So!  
Yes, sir. Why, I wouldn't pump the same air he breathes into my bicycle tires!

## A MOST HORRIBLE TALE.

### THE WAY THE CRUEL TURK SLAYS THE POOR ARMENIANS.

Account of a Meeting in Aberdeen, Scotland, at Which a Woman Missionary Gives an Account of the Atrocities She Witnessed.

An account of a great meeting held in Music Hall, Aberdeen, Scotland, Sunday evening, Sept. 12, to hear a lecture on "Turkish Outrages in Armenia," is published in the Banffshire Journal. The lecturer was a woman missionary from Armenia, whose name "for obvious reasons," was not announced.

The lecturer introduced her subject by saying that when the Turks came to take Armenia there were 30,000,000 inhabitants; at the present day there are about 1,000,000. In the third century Armenia as a nation accepted christianity, and ever since has suffered persecution such as no nation in the world knows. Speaking of the massacre at Aoria, a city of 65,000, about one-third of whom are Armenians, the speaker told of the trivial way in which the horror began. A Turk purchased some old gold coins from an Armenian, who called some days after for payment. The Turk, was greatly enraged that a "Christian dog" should dare come to his house, and next day went to the Armenian, and killed him. The Armenians, trusting to reforms sanctioned a few days previously, tried to take the Turk to the governor, when soldiers interfered, and some Armenians were killed.

## NO MAN LEFT ALIVE.

Continuing she spoke as follows:

One morning it was seen that a most unusual thing was about to happen. On the eastern side of the city, at the old castle, there was a Turkish crescent raised high in the air. On the western side of the city was a great Turkish flag, and then coming over the hill were thousands and thousands of Turkish troops, under their officers, all armed, all in order—no mob and no Kurds—they were all Turks. The officers halted there and the men waited for the commands. A bugle sounded. Then every Turk went down into the city like a furious, mad dog, and the result of that day's work it is impossible to tell you. Only God knows. At sunset the bugle sounded. The Turks withdrew from their work, and it is an actual fact that many of the narrow streets were so blocked up with the corpses of people whom the soldiers had killed that the Turks themselves could not get over them. The streets ran with blood in no figurative sense, but in reality. The next morning the attack began again and was kept up till noon, and at noon the Turks stopped, because not a man remained alive in the city that the Turks could find. They killed every man, and robbed every home, leaving only four bare walls, and those bare walls were without doors or windows. They had stripped the women completely and driven them to their mosques or harems. Then the Turks remembered that there was a great Armenian church left, and they went and broke open the doors, and there they found 3,000 men, women and children. They began to pick them off one by one. But it was a big piece of work, and so they saw they would have to do something else. In Armenian churches we have no seats, only straw matting on which everyone sits on the floor. So the Turks took the straw matting in the church and piled it up in the middle of the floor. On this they poured thirty cases of petroleum and then set fire to it, and threw into that the living and the dead alike, and burned them all together. While these 3,000 Armenians were going straight up to the great white throne the Turks took up the great Armenian Bible, clasped with silver, which the Armenians loved very dearly, and they tore it up leaf by leaf, and while they did so they, looking up to heaven cried: "Jesus of the Christians, we defy Thee to come down and save Thy work and this people!"—"Shame!"—and seeing He did not come down they cried: "Jesus of the Christians is conquered by Mahomet the prophet." The only people saved out of the 3,000 were some beautiful girls and women—saved to a much worse fate than death.

## MOTHER'S HEROIC DEED.

One of the most beautiful women, who was educated in our schools, had a wealthy husband and six loving children. The first day of the massacre the Turks cut up her husband before her eyes. She went to the church with her six little ones and went into the gallery. Shortly after the massacre in the church began and the Turks were taking out some of the girls and women, one Turk came to this lady and said: "Do you remember me? I am the man that killed your husband yesterday, and it was because I wanted you." The lady got behind some of the other girls and cried to her children: "Children, shall we die?" And the children cried: "Anything, mother." This gallery was twenty feet above the floor of the church, yet that woman took every one of her six little children and threw them into the fire, and then jumped in herself. (Sensation and loud cheers.)

Our pastor, a man who had graduated in the highest universities, and had worked twenty-five years in Oorfa, and had been the means of building there one of the finest churches in the Turkish empire, saw that something unusual was going to happen, and with his eldest daughter he went over the flat roof of the houses to a certain friend's house where he thought they would be safe. There they found fifty other men with their families, all gathered because the Turks had been friendly there, and it was thought those Turks might save them. In a short time the Turks came, and they came perfectly furious. Our pastor stood at the open door, the rest of the men having hidden somehow, and he was out to pieces in the

sight of his children, who could see from an open window what was being done. The Turks came in and took one after another from his hiding place and killed him, and not one man was killed in a decent way—arms were pulled off, ears cut off, eyes gouged out, and the poor men mutilated and butchered in the most horrible way. The only persons saved out of the fifty were two young men who had gone down into the well, and nearly died from the effects of standing in the cold water. The bodies were thrown over the city wall into a great trench, where 6,000 were dragged with cords fastened to the ankles and buried, but the trench that had been dug had so little earth over it that even to-day the dogs are still gnawing those poor bones. (Sensation.) And what those people suffered at the time of the massacre is nothing to what they are suffering at the present time. 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