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.

F. E. Hutchins, a wealthy harness dealer, will be a candidate for Mayor of Winnipeg.

There is a demand in Winnipeg for 500 men to work on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

The Hamilton Police Commissioners have refused to allow the men to join a football club.

Eight of the ringleaders in the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary disturbances have been removed to Kingston.

It is reported from Quebec that a child was recently attacked and wounded by an eagle in the street at Montmorency Falls.

A young Englishman named Seward was killed near Elkhorn by falling from a wagon laden with brick, the wheels crushing his skull.

The assessment rolls at Brantford show an increase in real and personal values to the amount of $138,000 over those of last year.

It is reported that the Belleville Electric Street Railway has been purchased by an English syndicate, who propose to extend it to Tweed.

John House, of Virden, was found with a gun charge through his heart. It is supposed that death was accidental. He had been out shooting.

Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, of Toronto, Mr. D. D. Mann, and other capitalists, have acquired the charter of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway.

The Dominion Postmaster-General has decided that all Canadian mail bags supplied to the Government must be of the manufacture of the parties who tender.

A man named Hector McGregor was burned to death at Fleming, Assa. The exploding of a lamp in a barn occupied by a party of threshers caused the fire.

Enquiry at the Mounted Police Department in Ottawa tends to show that there has been little or no trouble with prairie fires in the North-West this season.

Thomas Killems of Flamboro' was found by the railway track in the Dundas junction cut in a dying condition and passed away shortly after he was discovered. There are no marks of violence on the body.

The officers and members of the various fraternal and benevolent societies and other organizations in Montreal are up in arms as a result of the pronouncement of the Provincial Medical Council that the lodge doctor must go.

The Elder Dempster Company's fine new steamship Montrose has arrived at Montreal. The ship is the last but one of a number of new ships which are being built for this company on purpose for the St. Lawrence trade.

It is reported from Winnipeg that a woman named Nault, living near St. Ann's, saved her six children from being burned to death in the prairie fire there by placing them in a creek and covering them with wet blankets.

The new Canadian Pacific railway short line to Montreal has reached Pendleton, a village thirty miles distant from Ottawa. The work of construction is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The line will likely be open for freight this winter.

The gain in the Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the last week in September, as compared with the corresponding period last year, of two hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars is regarded as strong proof of the improvement in business throughout the country.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Glasgow has decided to hold an international exhibition in 1901.

The report of the Grand Trunk Railway is regarded in London as very favorable.

Sir Charles Wyke, formerly British Consul-General in Central America, is dead. He was eighty-two years of age.

The fortune left by Barney Barnato, the African diamond king, who committed suicide in June last, amounts to $4,819,320.

The Imperial Board of Trade statement for September shows an increase in the imports of £2,189,148, and a decrease in the exports of £1,518,850.

Prof. Francis Newman, the author and philosopher, is dead, at the age of ninety-two years. He was a younger brother of the late Cardinal Newman.

The typhoid fever at Maidstone, Kent, is still spreading. There are now thirteen hundred cases of the disease, and new ones are hourly reported.

The British Government has communicated its decision to United States Ambassador Hay not to take part in any sealing conference with representatives of Russia and Japan present.

The doctors of the asylum for the insane at Chester in which Edward Langtry, the divorced husband of Lily Langtry, the actress, is confined believe that he is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Lord Tennyson's biography contains correspondence between the Queen and the poet, which shows that when Mr. Gladstone was her adviser she actively interfered in opposition to Irish Home Rule.

The biography of the late Lord Tennyson, which contains much of his correspondence with the Queen and prominent people in England and the United States is attracting much attention.

There is no indication of an improvement in the situation of the striking engineers in England, and there are fears that a general strike will be ordered throughout the ship-building trade of the United Kingdom.

The approaching mayoralty election in Greater New York is attracting much attention in London. The Spectator says it dreads the success of Tammany, and asserts that the election is a matter of deep interest to the whole civilized world.

The military editor of the Pall Mall Gazette urges the acceptance of the offers of Canada and New South Wales to send troops to assist in quelling the Indian disturbance, so as to help forward the interchangeability of home and colonial forces.

Great Britain appears to be more firmly rooted in Egypt than ever, and there is a rumor of the possible deposition of the Khedive and the establishment of a British protectorate. It is said Russia has effectually snubbed the French efforts to make the Egyptian question a European one.

Mr. Fielding, the Canadian Minister of Finance, who has arrived in London to negotiate a loan for two million pounds, in the course of an interview said that if the United States Government approached the Canadian Government on the subject of improved trade relations between the two countries it would be received in a proper spirit.

UNITED STATES.

The yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans is abating.

Drought and forest fires have caused great losses in Michigan.

Mr. Henry George, who is a candidate for the Mayoralty of Greater New York, declares himself to be a free trader.

An edict has gone forth that conductors on the Broadway, New York, cable cars must shave off their whiskers and beards.

The San Francisco mint will at once resume the coinage of silver dollars, in accordance with instructions received from Washington.

A number of prominent Cubans, who reside in New York, in interviews declare that nothing but absolute independence will satisfy the patriots.

Charter day of Princeton University, the 22nd inst., will be observed with much ceremony. Ex-President Cleveland and the Earl of Aberdeen will deliver addresses, and an honorary degree will be conferred on the latter.

Luetgert, accused of the murder of his wife in Chicago, has given out a statement in which he says he thinks the case for the State is weak, as it is founded on lies. He protests his innocence, and has still hopes of his wife appearing before the conclusion of the trial.

A special despatch from Washington regarding Great Britain's refusal to join the proposed jug-handled conference at Washington says that England must be brought to her senses by retaliating on Canada, and suggests that access to the Klondyke be refused to Canadians through United States territory.

Reports from the commercial agencies of Dun and Bradstreet report business generally as fairly progressing, though such adverse circumstances as dry weather, labor complications, and, in some quarters, poor collections, have for a time dulled what it was fair to regard as the natural rebound of trade. The business outlook is, all things considered, fairly good in the United States, as the demand for ordinary products is steadily increasing, the demand for labour is more general, while the business activity known as "movement" has a hopeful outlook.

GENERAL.

It is reported in Madrid that Senor Sagasta, the new Liberal Premier, will grant autonomy to Cuba.

The report that the Pope is dying is emphatically contradicted. His Holiness is enjoying his usual health.

It appears to be the intention of France to force Siam into vassalage unless Great Britain intervenes.

The Swiss National Council propose to nationalize the railways of the country at a cost of two hundred million of dollars.

The French Steamship Company will shortly construct a new fleet of fast steamers for service between Havre and New York.

The last yard of the railway which Mr. P. G. Reid, of Montreal, has been building across Newfoundland, was completed on Saturday.

Gen. Weyler denies the report that he will resist removal from Cuba, and declares he will loyally support the constituted Government.

The Sydney, N.S.W., Geographical Society's expedition to the Ellice Island confirms Darwin's theory as to the formation of coral islands.

A Brahmin advocate and 28 others arrested at Bombay for the murder of Plague Commissioner Rand and Lieut. Ayerst, have confessed.

It is stated that Gen. Weyler will fight hard to retain his command in Cuba and if removed threatens to make things unpleasant for Spain.

At the launching of the Kaiser Friedrich at Dantzic on Tuesday Emperor William said that he ought to be jealous of the Lloyd fleet, as it is larger than his own.

Satisfactory Government tests have been made at Melbourne of the rifle invented by a Victorian named Ashton, which is said to be superior to all others.

The Sultan has received an autograph letter from Emperor William, thanking him for his "wise moderation" during the peace negotiations.

In spite of semi-official denials, the relations between the German Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and Emperor William are very strained.

It is stated that Spain is so hard pressed for money that the Government is attempting to sell all the public lands and buildings which can be spared.

It is understood that the Prussian Cabinet have fully agreed to the naval programme of the Secretary of the Navy for the construction of battleships and ironclad cruisers.

A French expedition is on its way to the Hinterland of Lagor in West Africa. The Colonial Government is taking steps to prevent this force from encroaching upon British territory.

FLEEING OUT OF DAWSON

GOLD HUNTERS WHO FEAR A WINTER OF STARVATION.

They are Coming Overland—Men Stand in Lines at the Stores Waiting to Buy Small Amounts of Food—If Ships Fail to Arrive the Stores of Incomers May be Taken and Divided Pro Rata

L. F. Geerish, W. H. Davis and Louis Lang, who fled from the famine which threatened the Klondike territory, arrived at Juneau, Alaska, recently, from Dawson. They came over the Dalton trail. When they reached Chilkat they were barefooted and without food. Their story, in a few words, is that at this date there is more gold in the Klondike than grub. Mr. Geerish says that Dawson is the only place on the face of the earth where gold is a drug on the market and food at a premium. They left Dawson on Aug. 26.

MEN STAND IN LINES AT STORES.

"The boats had not got up the river at that time," said Geerish, "and if they should not get through there will be great suffering in the Klondike regions. The stores of the two commercial companies had stopped selling provisions. On the last day that provisions were sold I saw lines of men a quarter of a mile long waiting for their turn to get into the stores. A few would be let in at a time. The stores then filled only orders that had been issued on them for that date.

"I think the policy of the companies is to wait till the next boats get up on the last run and then divide up the provisions pro rata. I doubt that there will be any actual starvation, but there will surely be suffering from lack of food. The boats may not get up the river from St. Michael's. Last year heavy ice was running in the river on Sept. 28.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

"Our party worked several days in order to get provisions to come out on. All we had was about 100 pounds. We caught some salmon and that helped us along considerably. There is plenty of fish along that trail, and if the exodus follows the Dalton trail it need not suffer greatly for food.

"The Thorp party and another which started in from Juneau a few weeks ago with cattle will not get through. Soup bones will sell at 50 cents each, and fresh meat at $1.50 a pound, in Dawson. Three other cattle trains we met on the trail will get through all right. This meat will probably sell at not less than $5 a pound.

"Dalton left Dawson City the other day with a pack train. He had a thousand applications for passage, but could not grant them. I think he charges $500 per man. He will bring out about one hundred men if he can get provisions to feed them.

"We ran out of grub on the latter part of the trail but purchased enough at Dalton's post, about a day's travel back of the Chilkat Pass.

AN EXODUS.

"Hundreds are coming out over the inland trail. I do not see how all can ever get through. They will be overtaken by winter, and with insufficient grub they must starve. There is no way out of it. People coming over the trail are not losing a minute. They are pushing through with all possible haste.

"We passed many on the river going in 'light' with only enough grub to last them to Dawson. That is suicidal. Something ought to be done to stop this mad rush into Dawson. Disappointment will kill many men. They have no idea of what they must face in order to find gold, and hundreds will fail.

"The Klondike is all that it has been painted and more. There is gold galore there, but it must be found.

STRIKE ON SULPHUR CREEK.

"There was a new strike on Sulphur Creek in August. A short time before we left men rushed up there with not half enough to eat and my partners and I resisted the temptation, and I am glad now we did. I am now sure of enough to eat, and I have a chance to make a winning in there next year.

"Sulphur Creek is about fifty miles over the divide from Dawson. It was but little prospected, and I expect to hear big things from it. The trouble with all previous prospecting in the Klondike is that they did not go deep enough. They have experience to profit by on Sulphur Creek, and they will go to the bottom t osee what they have got.

"Dominion Creek was another stream that showed up well. Some very good claims were located there in June.

SACK OF GOLD FOR HIS CHILD.

"I have brought out a small sack of gold for my daughter May. It is from Eldorado. She is sixteen years old, and when I left home I promised her that if she got into the normal school by the time I returned I would bring her a little sack of gold.

"Here it is," said Mr. Geerish, exhibiting a buckskin sack larger than an ink bottle full of coarse gold.

"Hundreds are trying to get out of the country by way of the river and St. Michael's," resumed the returned Klondiker. "Many will get to St. Michael's, but I am afraid others will leave their bones by the way. Typhoid fever has started a grave-yard at Dawson. This comes from the hardships and impoverished blood as much as anything else. There is no epidemic, but many have died. There is also considerable dysentery and some scurvy. They have sarsaparilla and other medicines to fight scurvy with.

IN A DESPERATE STATE.

Louise Michel, the French Anarchist, is neither young nor pretty.

Well, that's enough to make any woman an Anarchist.

FROM BUMPERS TO THROTTLE.

The Luck of a Tramp Who Knew Several Things About a Locomotive.

"We were coming East with the fast express," said the engineer, "and my fireman got sick. I pitied the poor fellow and told him to get up on my side and run the engine and I would keep up the fire. We did not want to fall behind time, but the train was a heavy one and the engine, which was a big ten-wheeler, appeared to be working poorly, so that no matter how we tried to keep her hot she went back on us, and before we got to F—— we were fifteen minutes late. After leaving F—— I went back to get things ready to take water in at the next plug, and found a grizzly bearded fellow stealing a ride on the blind baggage car. He looked at me as if anticipating an order to get off at the next stopping place, and I looked at him, perhaps savagely, and soon gave him the expected order.

"'All right, pard,' he said, in a good-humored way, 'I am only trying to get to P——, and will leave you, but would be glad to do something to work my way.'

"'What can you do?' I asked.

"'Well, sir,' he answered, 'I can fire that engine of yours if you will give me a chance.'

"We needed an extra fireman real badly just at that time, and I said to him, 'Get up, then, and let me see what you can do.'

"The grizzly bearded man came up, and the way he mounted the tank and balanced himself on the coal and swung down into the cab gave me some confidence in the fellow. He took up the scoop at once, opened the furnace door, and examined the fire critically. Then he began to break up coal and mix it with the smaller particles, after which he threw in four or five shovelfulls, scattering it with a professional fling of the scoop. Then he closed the door with a bang, put the scoop in the proper place, examined the steam and water gauges, and took a seat behind the sick fireman. Before we had gone half a mile he was down again carefully feeding in coal. Before the next mile had been reeled off the engine was steaming nicely, and, although I was pushing her hard on a slight opposing grade, the steam was keeping up around the 150 notch. Our tramp fireman watched the steam and smoke as it left the stack and kept his eye on the furnace fire, and we saw at once that we had picked up a professional. My fireman offered the stranger his dinner bucket, which had not been touched, and, after feeling the bottom of the part that contained the coffee, he shook it a little and set it just where I would have put it for the same purpose, and then while he waited for it to get warm he carefully looked over his fire and put in some more coal.

"The old fireman and I were getting interested and I think that the conductor must have noticed that we had struck a new gait, but he did not know the cause. I looked at the sick fireman, and he looked at me, and then we both gazed respectfully at the stranger, who was eating as though he had endured a long fast. I kept the throttle almost wide open with the engine well hooked up to the high-speed notch, and the way we went up that hill and down the next was a caution to the freight crews we passed along the way. When we reached the distant signal at the X tower I found it right, and just then the new fireman, who was also on the alert, cried out, "White block,' and came down to put in some more coal. The home signal happened to be on his side of the curve, and he knew his duty and had the proper words in his mouth before I could see what kind of a light we were to get.

"Well, we made the run for the remainder of the stretch of 120 miles dead easy, and gained seven minutes besides, and when we got to the tower near the depot we were right on the dot. It was something unusual for our train to get in on time, as it was a very heavy one, and on that particular night we had an extra car, and did not know that the superintendent was on board until the next morning, when he complimented me on the splendid run I had made.

"In the mean time I had provided the stranger with enough cash to pay for his bed and breakfast, and asked him to come around and see me before he started for P——. Sure enough, he did come around, and as he had washed up and got a clean shave he looked like a different man. I questioned him about his previous career, and he talked like a gentleman and showed me recommendations as fireman and engineer which had been written by the superintendents of some big roads. He explained that his last unfortunate move was voluntary, to get away from some swell-headed minor officials who had no use for a decent man unless he was lauding them eternally to the skies.

"'I could not flatter such people,' he asid; 'they deserved to be kicked; but I gave one of them an uppercut under the jaw, and took it for granted that it was best for me to hunt a new job. I say that I did this voluntarily because I did not have to hit the chump, but hit him for the sake of some of the other men who had been his victims so long. But bad luck befell me. I got sick, lost my money and had to try to beat my way to P——, where I have friends.'

"'Would you accept a job firing now if I could get you one?' I asked.

"'Yes,' he answered, 'I would be willing to do anything to get a little money.'

"I had learned that my fireman would not be able to report for duty, and I went to the superintendent's office, and asked him if he would permit me to recommend a fireman for that week.

"'Certainly, sir,' was the answer. 'You are entitled to such a privilege after the good work you have been doing.'

"Well, I took Edmunds with me, that was the tramp fireman's name, and he performed wonderful work with the scoop, and I hated to let him go, but the supertintendent heard of my windfall, and before a week Edmunds was running a freight engine, and now he is hauling the limited express, and one of the best runners on the road.

"I have picked up lots of tramps since then, but never found one of them worth the heat he obtained from the furnace fire, but whenever I see some poor fellow shivering on the bumpers I think of Edmunds, who is now my best friend, and try to help the pilgrim along."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Few Paragraphs Which May Prove Worth Reading.

A new public school in Boston is to have two large bath-rooms for the pupils.

Photographers in Russia hang the pictures of delinquent patrons upside down at the entrance to their studios.

Horses belonging to the Boston Fire Department are allowed two weeks' vacation each year, and are sent to enjoy it in country pastures.

India-rubber pavements have been tried on a bridge in Hanover, Germany. It is more durable than asphalt, and is never slippery.

Over 12,000 cows, owned by 700 farmers, supply the cream to the largest creamery in the world, near St. Albans, Vt. The daily product averages 10,000 pounds of butter.

Diphtheria attacked the family of Wesley Van Hoesen, Greene Lake near Athens, N.Y., and within two weeks the entire family died, comprising Mr. Val Hoesen, his wife, child, and sister-in-law.

The sense of taste has entirely deserted Judge Joseph Evans, of West Orange, N.J. Ice-cream and mince-pie are exactly the same in his palate, and he is unable to distinguish coffee from soup, unless by their odor.

At a German picnic in Emporia, Kansas, the chief refreshment was beer, 382 gallons of which were consumed. The partakers of this exhilarating beverage were extremely jolly until they learned that the treasurer had skipped with the entire receipts of the picnic—$175.

A fence 300 feet long surrounds the Clinton avenue Baptist Church in Trenton, N.J. The congregation is not a wealthy one, and as the fence needed painting ten ladies of the church arrayed themselves in calico dresses and artistically performed the work.

Hungry hogs are utilized in the removal of tree stumps by a farmer in Caribou, Me. He makes holes under a stump with a crowbar, and in them places some wheat. The hogs root for the wheat, loosen the dirt, and the removal of the stump is thus made easy.

A genteel young man entered the house of Mrs. James H. Dean, at Winsted, Conn., and tried to interest her in a headache remedy he was selling. At his request she inhaled some of it and soon became unconscious. Then he robbed the house. The drug was chloroform.

Dr. Campbell, principal of the London Normal College for the Blind, encourages bicycle riding for his pupils. Six of them recently traveled all over England on wheels. The machines were built for eight, six, four, etc., and the steersman of each was of course blessed with sight.

A daring little fox-terrier belonging to Mrs. Ferdinand Glasser, of Yonkers, N.Y., sped down a sluceway at Glen Island, and threatened one of the seals in the lake there by barking at it. The seal suddenly jumped forward, opened its mouth and swallowed the terrier, collar and all.

A reading-room for the exclusive use of the blind, and a complete collection of raised-letter books, will be added to the conveniences of the new Congressional Library.

Four men were suspected of robbing a safe in San Juan, Cuba. To force a confession from them they were fed for seven days on salt codfish and chained within sight of water, which was placed just beyond their reach. Two of them became demented, and the others after months of imprisonment were released, the innocence of the entire party being established.

A law firm in Minneapolis, obtained an attachment for $9,000 against a suspended bank in that city. The bank had money to its credit in the New York Bank of Commerce. The lawyers telephoned an affidavit from Minneapolis to New York and their agents at this end formally recognized the voice which legally assigned the claim, thus tying up the money here and shutting out later claimants.

HIGH AUTHORITY.

Nell—What sort of a woman is that Mrs. Westleigh? She isn't very well-bred, is she?

Belle— She is a perfect lady. I heard her say so, the other day, herself.

THE TRUE SUFFERER.

Supplicant — Please, mum, an' could you help a poor Klondike sufferer?

Kind Lady—Dear me! Have you been out there?

Supplicant— Oh, no, mum, but I read all they write about it in the papers.

EQUALLY CULPABLE.

I can say for myself that I never have been mean enough to get another woman's cook away from her.

Neither have I; but I must confess that once or twice I have tried to work our cook off on some of my neighbors.