

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. There is an epidemic of scarlet fever at the Baptist College, Woodstock.

The Hamilton Bridge Company have a contract to build a steel bridge over the Ottawa River.

A St. Magloire, Que., farmer stated that during the recent storm upwards of a hundred deer, whose escape was almost impossible by the depth of the snow, were shot and stabbed in the south parishes.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has made an arrangement with the White Pass and Yukon Railway by which the trip from Montreal to Dawson during the coming summer.

A meeting of London financial men who are interested in the beet sugar industry, Mr. Bayley of New York, the representative of a syndicate which is to invest \$5,000,000 in the United States and Canada, offered to put up \$225,000 toward establishing a \$500,000 business in London district.

Lord Pauncefoot has been made a Privy Councillor. Branches of the Sheffield Steel Works are to be established in the United States.

The White Star steamers may hereafter be victualled at New York instead of Liverpool. The estate of the late Sir Francis Cook, husband of Jennie C. Cliffin, is valued at £1,600,000.

The expenses in connection with Queen Victoria's funeral amounted to £30,000, of which £11,400 was expended for the housing and entertainment of foreign guests.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Although the first anniversary of the Boer outbreak is 20 years distant, it is still impossible to predict how soon the allied Powers will be able to re-adjust their relations with the Boers. It is reported, indeed, by the London Morning Post that Mr. Rockhill, the acting American Minister, believes that a settlement of the main points in controversy can be effected within two months.

Such moderation is dictated, first, by a recognition of China's present debilities from a financial point of view, and, secondly, by the determination that China shall not suffer territorial mutilation, provided she shows a disposition to make any sacrifice in her power.

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There is but one practical solution of the Chinese problem. That is to be compassed by adhering rigorously to the agreement to avoid mutilation of the Middle Kingdom, and by making the demands for pecuniary indemnity as moderate as possible, in view of China's restricted ability to pay.

THE WORLD'S WORSHIP.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage Discourses on the Golden Calf.

A despatch from Washington, says:—Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the following text: "And he took the calf which they had made, and he burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewn it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it."—Exodus xxxii. 20.

But my text suggests that this worship has got to be broken up, as the behaviour of Moses in my text indicated. There are those who say that this golden calf spoken of in my text was hollow, and merely puffed with straw.

But my friends, if we have made this world our god, when we come to die we will see our idol demolished. How much of this world are you going to take with you into the next? Each side of your shroud? Will you cushion your casket with bonds and mortgages and certificates of stock?

There is no end to the trouble that would be caused by Russia's rupture with her neighbor, and by her separate agreement to carry out her return for the establishment of the Car's ascendancy in Manchuria.

THE WORK THAT IS NEVER DONE.

Apparent Failure to Accomplish Any Enduring Results.

"If things would only stay done—if I could look back over the day and see one thing accomplished that will not have to be done over again to-morrow, I should not get so tired of it or feel so discouraged."

How many millions of wives and mothers have made some such comment as this on the monotony of household tasks! It is not alone the deadly sameness, the constant repetition of little duties; it is even more the feeling of futility, the apparent failure to accomplish any enduring results.

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MAN'S CRUCIAL HOUR.

A Woman on the Proper Treatment of Households When They Get Home.

The crucial hour of the day as regards its effect upon the man of the family is commonly thought to be associated with breakfast. Then a cheerful bearing and a joyful demeanor on the part of the feminine part of the family are thought to be most effective in putting the man of the house into the right sort of humor for the day.

The most important moment of the day to a man's peace of mind, she said, is the ten minutes that follow his return from the work of the day. At that time one word may change his whole state of feeling.

The most important thing for the wife to do is to wait until she sees some signs of his temper, before she makes any decided move. Don't shove all things, tell him that the plumber just sent in a terrible bill merely for making that alteration, or say that stupid Mrs. Jones has been at the house all afternoon talking about the new house her husband has bought and showing off her babies as if she were the only man in town that had them.

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ALONG WITH THE UNION JACK.

British Colonization Work in Uganda in Central Africa.

The explanations that accompanied the recent presentation of the new Uganda Railway bill in the British House of Commons reveal the extent of the work that for the last six years has been pursued in restraining civilization a large African territory lying between German East Africa and the upper Soudan, and directly in the line of the proposed Cape to Cairo route.

The estimate of the cost of the construction of the Uganda Railway shows an excess of £1,300,000 on the sum of £2,820,000 provided in the Uganda Railway act of 1895, and the Appropriation act of 1895.

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125 MILES AN HOUR.

Six New York Central Locomotives Expected to Break Records. Six of the largest passenger locomotives in the world have just been put into service by the New York Central Railroad No. 2290, which is a type of the new engine will be put on the Empire State Express one of the fastest trains in the world and is expected to make a record of 94 miles an hour.

A peculiar feature of the engine is the placing of its ten wheels. Just behind the four mammoth drivers are two smaller traction wheels under the cab, and another pair of wheels carrying most of the weight of the cab and fire-box. But when on an upgrade with a heavy load to pull and the driving wheels are slipping away a new mechanism is used.

Mr. A. M. Waite, superintendent of motive power, was the one who designed this engine. He says that while it may make a new world's record for speed it was not specially designed for that purpose. His aim was to build an engine that could make schedule time under all conditions of weather, head winds, extreme cold and snow and make up time for delays.

When trains are scheduled up to 60 miles an hour, as is the case of some of the Central's express trains, it is evident that an engine must be capable of running at above sixty to come up to the requirements under all circumstances.

GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT.

English Engineer Has About Completed Great Work on the Nile. Sir John Aird, contractor for the great barrage work on the Nile, has returned to England after seeing the most difficult part of the work successfully completed.

"A fortnight ago I wired home that you could walk across the Nile. You can now cross it in a railway train. We have got the locomotive running. We contracted to do the work in five years. Three have elapsed, and I think we shall finish in two years more. That will be a record, for we have had to go a good deal deeper for our foundations than was anticipated. We had to go down some six or seven feet before we reached the solid rock. We expect the works to be full swing for the Nile flood of 1903.

"The importance of the work cannot be over-estimated. Egypt lives on the Nile—always has done, and always will. From time immemorial the country has been at the mercy of the floods and the low waters. That will be counteracted by the present scheme, which stems the water back for 180 miles, and holds it in reserve to be let through the sluices as it is needed.

"The land is fertile—fertile as no other land is—for a distance of three miles of a mile from the banks. This barrage scheme should extend the area of fertility to a mile and a quarter. More land in cultivation means more produce, more labor, more taxes. Egypt will gain all round. And such a country, it is! Three and four crops a year, and the produce of every beautiful green that can be imagined.

ENCOURAGING MOTTOES.

Description of a Prosperous Beer Farmhouse. In Winston Spencer Churchill's book on Gen. Ian Hamilton is the description of a prosperous beer farmhouse. A large, square building with a deep veranda, a garden and half a dozen barns. Indoors he found a series of decorations evidently ministering less to a sense of beauty than to the moral life.

The woman's fortunes were especially prosperous. At birth she sprawled contentedly in a cradle, while loving parents bent over her in rapture and dutiful angels hung attendant in the sky. At twenty she reclined on the shoulder of an exemplary lover. At thirty she was engaged in teaching letters to seven children. At forty she celebrated a silver wedding. At fifty, still in rapture and dutiful angels hung attendant in the sky. At twenty she reclined on the shoulder of an exemplary lover. At thirty she was engaged in teaching letters to seven children. At forty she celebrated a silver wedding. At fifty, still in rapture and dutiful angels hung attendant in the sky. At twenty she reclined on the shoulder of an exemplary lover. At thirty she was engaged in teaching letters to seven children. At forty she celebrated a silver wedding. At fifty, still in rapture and dutiful angels hung attendant in the sky. At twenty she reclined on the shoulder of an exemplary lover. At thirty she was engaged in teaching letters to seven children. At forty she celebrated a silver wedding. At fifty, still in rapture and dutiful angels hung attendant in the sky.

QUEER AILMENTS.

The Great Dangers of Eating Too Many Vegetables. The vegetarian restaurants of London, on account of their low prices and careful cooking, are frequented by many persons not vegetarians. Usually they are satisfied, but a lady, whose husband accompanied her about London, was soon the recipient of a protest.

"Mary," she argued, "the food is just the same as it used to be, but you cleared your plate, and you're certainly wholesome. Why do you object?" "It's that bad to taste, ma'am," responded Mary. "Firmly, but I don't call it wholesome—no ma'am, not when they're a body's plate with tomato and cabbage and parsnips and potato and peas, and give you fish-baiting and any fish in the sea, and goose, and things without any good in 'em, and green, and things made of all mixed-up greens. Sure ma'am, it gives me a case of the stomach!"

Another domestic recently discovered an ailment as new as this and even more surprising. She was employed in a household where a slim overcast of a good deal of talk about diet and especially about potatoes and starch foods of which the mistress was forbidden by her doctor to partake. As delicious Bridget drew her up to the kitchen.

On a morning she appeared with a serious and alarmed countenance and when inquiry was made explained that she had "ericks in her neck" and her joints and all over her, and was feeling very queer—but at least she knew what she never call any more potatoes. "That's that's the matter with me, I ate a bit of a dinner yesterday, and o ma'am when I woke up this morning I was starved as stiff as a board!"

TRAGEDIES AVERTED.

Some Deaths Where They Were Prevented by Enforcement of Accidents. A man who had planned a murder in a railway carriage, cunningly finding his ticket for the moment when the train was passing no station and when no other train was expected to be in the vicinity, carried out part of the program to perfection. His hand was on his victim's throat, and all should have gone well, when about arrested his attention, the train slowed up, and he found himself a prisoner.

A "special" put on at a busy junction was the cause of his failure. The express had overhauled the slower train, and the moment of passing had been the moment chosen by the murderer. The deed was witnessed and the express stopped. A party of desperados, having determined to rob a train, grasped the rails on a steep incline that ran through a cutting. They were defeated by the small accident of the train giving way beneath the feet of two of their number who stood on the ledge ready to fire on the driver of the locomotive below. The earth that gave way beneath their feet fell upon the rails, and enabled the engine to keep going until the top of the rise was reached.

A Japanese mind once averted an explosion planned by anarchists. Proceeding on a fete day to the spot selected, the man who was carrying the bomb fell with such force that the bomb at once exploded, and he himself was the only person killed. A wooden penholder, stuck behind a bank clerk's ear, caught in the hammer of a revolver held close to his head by a robber, and prevented the weapon from going off. The robber took fright and decamped.