

# NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

## Five Minutes Select Reading.

### Summary of Foreign, Domestic and Other Items—Concise, Pithy and Pointed.

#### DOMESTIC.

Sir John A. Macdonald has returned to his residence, Stadacona hall.

The Grand Trunk Railway foundry at Hamilton is to be enlarged immediately.

A direct steamship line will be established between Montreal and Germany next season.

The lasters' strike in Montreal is in statu quo, with no effort in progress on either side to settle matters.

The Dominion Government has granted a bonus to the Montreal Harbor Police of ten dollars per man.

A man named Louis Layden was recently run over by a Canadian Pacific railway locomotive at Point Douglas.

Mayor Logan is again in the field for the Winnipeg mayoralty. The only other candidate is Ald. McMicken.

The schooner Tecumseh, of Owen Sound, ran ashore the other day on the east side of Cove Island on a flat rock.

Sheppard Pike, of Roffenstein, Maine, brother of the Hon. A. F. Pike, dropped dead in Young's hotel at Calais.

A private telegram has been received from the Hon. Dr. Schultz, containing the information of his rapid recovery.

Sir Hector Langevin will be feted in Montreal next month by the merchants' clerks of the city, connected with the early closing movement.

The Rev. C. G. Glass, an eminent retired Presbyterian minister, died at Montreal the other day. He founded the presbytery of York, N. B.

An action has been entered for \$10,000, on behalf of the Allan Steamship line, against the steamer Clanton, which recently ran into the Polynesian at Halifax.

C. L. Estabrook, of St. Mary's, N. B., has been postmaster there for a number of years. Some one forged his name to a resignation which was sent to Ottawa and accepted.

The lobster factory and meat packing establishment at Forest & Sherar, at Cape Shars, eight miles from Georgetown, P. E. I., was totally consumed by fire the other morning.

Sheriff's officers who attempted to enforce an injunction preventing the working of the Salmon River Gold Mine, N. S., were driven off by a large force of miners, who threw them into the river.

A lad entered the woods in the Gatineau district hunting for deer, and ran against a gun-trap, which had been set by another hunter, contrary to law, discharging the gun with fatal results.

The wife and six children, the oldest only eleven years, belonging to a late clerk in the Montreal post-office, who died a week ago, were found in a state of absolute destitution. The father served the Government twenty-one years.

#### UNITED STATES.

Maude Granger, the actress, is seriously ill at Brockton, Mass.

There is an epidemic of scarlet fever at the imbecile asylum at Columbus, Ohio.

Frank James has been indicted for complicity in the Musselshoals robbery.

Most of the Creek Indians, who fought for the Union during the rebellion, are asking the Government for pensions.

At Louisville, Capt. May, of Hardin County, aged 101, has procured a license to marry a girl of nineteen.

Charles Peckham, one of the leading lights of the spiritualistic circles in New England, dropped dead in a store at Newport, R. I., recently.

James Smith was arrested recently at New York for offering a jeweller in payment for goods two \$10 bills of the defunct Consolidated Bank of Canada.

At Frankfort, Mich., the other day, Mr. Anderson, a Scotchman, 90 years old, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a penknife.

A two year old child of Mr. Cogswell's, of Warren, Pa., playing on the carpet, was burned so badly from a fire caused by a fallen lamp that it died about six hours later.

Samuel Brummel, an employee of the Cornell Mining Company, surrendered himself on Saturday to the Deputy-Sheriff and confessed he was the man who shot John Lind in Menominee.

A gang of cow-boys boarded a train at Sweet Water Grove recently, drove the passengers at the point of the revolver, and bound the engineer and conductor back to back.

It was supposed that all the scientific records of the Jeannette expedition were lost, but engineer Melville states that a complete copy of Chipp's auroral and magnetic observations were found among the official papers of Capt. DeLong, and is now in custody of the Secretary of the Navy.

#### GENERAL.

Prince Ghika has been re-elected President of the Roumanian Senate.

The other day the physician stated he expected Gambetta to be convalescent in four days.

The Paris Municipal Council recently presented a medal of honor to M. de Brazza.

Earl Granville has directed the gun-vessel Seagull to proceed to Madagascar to protect British interests there.

Ex-Premier Zankoff, of Bulgaria, who was arrested for the second time on Wednesday, has been released.

The British barque Wm. Weyght, at Gorton, from St. John's, Nfld., lost her deck load on the passage.

The City of Dublin presents its usual appearance each night, notwithstanding the proclamation placing it under Curfew law.

Seven Italian anarchists have been arrested at Marseilles. Compromising documents have been discovered in their possession.

Rassegna says the visit of De Giers proves

that Russia will support the pacific policy of Germany and Austria, to which Italy gives explicit adhesion.

In Committee of the French Senate recently, Du lere confirmed the fact of a new treaty with Tunis abrogating the capitulations and providing for the redemption of the Tunisian debt.

The rupture provoked by the proceedings of the Queen of Madagascar will not, according to the Paris Temps, affect the excellent relations which France desires to maintain with England.

The Paris Temps reports that two warlike tribes in Madagascar have resolved no longer bear the intolerable yoke of the ruling tribes. Le Temps regards the agitation as wholly superficial.

A schooner from the south seas reports that when recruiting for islanders the boats were frequently fired upon, and a number of returned natives were seized, murdered, and eaten by the inhabitants of Pasma and Apy Tonoi.

The Freeman's Journal, in commenting on the action of the Privy Council in proclaiming the city under the Curfew section of the Repression Act, says it believes this step will intensify the evils already existing, and will injure credit, weaken confidence, and paralyze trade.

#### Dangerous American Fortunes.

There is evidence forthcoming from America that fortunes may be accumulated on a scale of which Englishmen have little conception, and that when they have been accumulated their increase may be sought from a motive which is never quite satiated, the thirst for direct and indirect influence on affairs. Europeans, even those who study the subject, underrate American fortunes, first, because they think the rich must spend largely, and, secondly, because they assume, what is quite false, that great wealth must be invested at about 4 per cent. It may, as American example shows, be invested by millionaires who do not care for rest in a gloom and read four pages of a letter, which only expresses what ought to have been expressed in four lines. We feel that we are here to do the greatest good to the greatest number, and we dislike the correspondent who hangs on to the literary door-knob, so to speak, and absorbs our time, which is worth \$5.35 per hour.

Here we go:  
NEW CENTREVILLE, Wis., Nov. 3, 1882.  
Mr. William Nye, Esq., Laramie City, Wyoming:

DEAR SIR:—I have often saw in your home papers little pieces cut out of your paper the *Larry Bomerang*, yet I never saw the paper itself. I hardly pick up a paper from the *Press* or *Friend* or the *Christian at Work* that I do not see something or another from your fashions pen and credited to *The Bomerang*. I have asked our bookstore for a copy of the paper, and he said go to grass, there wasn't no such periodical in existence. He is a liar, but I did not tell him so because I am just recovering from a case of that kind now, which swelled both eyes shut and placed me under the doctor's care.

It was the result of a campaign lie, and at that moment I do not remember whether it was the other man or me which told it. Things got confused, and I am not clear on the matter now.

I send 10 cents in postage stamps, hoping you will favor me with a specimen copy of the *Boomerang*, and I may subscribe. I send postage stamps because they are more convenient to me, and I suppose that you can use them all right, as you must have a good deal of writing to do. I intend to read the paper thorough and give my folks the benefit also. I love to read humerus pieces to my children and my wife and hear their gurgly laugh well up like a boblink's. I now take a Western paper which is gloomy in its tendencies and I call it the *Morg*. It looks at the dark side of life and costs \$3 a year and postage.

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#### Two Styles.

We all admire the business man who is terse and to the point, and we dislike the man who hangs on to the door knob as though life was a never-ending summer dream, and refuses to say good-by. It's so with correspondence.

For instance, here is a line which tells the story in brief, without wearing out your eyes and days by ponderous phrases and useless verbiage. "Useless verbiage and frothy surplussage" is a synonym which we discovered in '75, while excavating for the purpose of laying the foundations of our imposing residence up the gulch. Persons using the same will please fork over ten per cent. of the gross receipts:

BANGOR, Me., 11-10-82.

"Find 10c., for which send sample copy *Boomerang* to above address. Yours, &c., THOMAS BILLINGS."

Some would have said "please" find enclosed ten cents. This is not absolutely necessary. If you put ten cents in the letter that covers all seeming lack of politeness, and it's all right.

Here's another style, which evinces a peculiarity we do not admire. It bespeaks the man who thinks that life and its associations are given us in order to wear out the time, waiting patiently, meantime, for Gabriel to render his little overture.

It occurs to us that life is real, life is earnest. We cannot sit here in the gathering gloom and read four pages of a letter, which only expresses what ought to have been expressed in four lines. We feel that we are here to do the greatest good to the greatest number, and we dislike the correspondent who hangs on to the literary door-knob, so to speak, and absorbs our time, which is worth \$5.35 per hour.

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Yours truly,  
JAMES LETSON.

#### The Madagascar War Cloud.

In reference to a report that two American had been murdered on the west coast of Madagascar it is learned that one was killed and one seriously wounded. The name of the former was Emerson, the latter Hallett. One native attendant and a European interpreter were killed. An expedition had been ordered to punish the tribes who committed the murder, but it was prevented from sailing by the French Consul at Tananariva. The American Consular Agent at Mosindratates that although he warned Emerson and Hallett against the part of the country they intended to visit, he had no reason to fear any personal danger to them.

In consequence of the disturbances in Madagascar, the British Admiralty has directed the gun-vessel "Sea-gull" to call at Madagascar to protect British interests; also to assist in obtaining information in respect to the proceedings of the French representative. The commander of the East Indian station has been directed to render further assistance if necessary.

The Paris Temps reports that two warlike tribes in Madagascar have resolved no longer to bear the intolerable yoke of the ruling tribe. The Temps regards the agitation in England regarding Madagascar as wholly superficial. The rupture provoked by the proceedings of the Queen of Madagascar will not, it says, affect the excellent relations which France desires to maintain with England.

#### A Risky Present.

A Frenchman of some note made a present to a young lady, recently, which was considered a rather sarcastic one. It was a ball of cotton having a gold band around it, upon which were these words: "Employ me diligently, and you will obtain a brilliant success." The cotton was rather scornfully flung on one side, till having occasion to tie up a large bunch of flowers, the young lady nearly used up the thread, and then to her surprise, saw something shining in the centre. She was industriously quick in unwinding that which hid the secret, and was rewarded for her labor by a most splendid emerald ring. The giver made a very hazardous experiment; there was scarcely enough in the advice to be diligent, to excite the desire, or to arouse female curiosity to the point of wishing to know the meaning of the riddle.

It is stated in London that the Madagascar embassy have received a number of applications from Americans for letters of marque in the event of hostilities with France. The American consul in Madagascar believes the United States Minister at Paris has been instructed to make friendly representations to France against the proposed aggression.

#### Young and Old Soldiers.

The characteristics of young soldiers are to play a winning game; to attack with dash where success seems probable; or even to stand up to superior forces when courage has not been damped by previous reverses, and faith in their leader remains unimpaired. Under such conditions they may even surpass their older comrades. But in times of danger and panic, when the bugle sounds to retire, when everything seems to be going against us, and when total rout can only be avoided by order and presence of mind, then it is that the old soldier element becomes of incalculable value. Without it a commander would be indeed badly off. Let any of my readers think of themselves at twenty, and then, if they have advanced so far in life, see in what respect their character has changed at thirty. Most will probably allow that, in in dash and daring they made no progress in the intervening years, at thirty they can at least face misfortune with greater equanimity. A mishap which reduces a youth to the verge of despair hardly disturbs the man who has seen something of the world. The same feelings which actuate us in ordinary life continue to do so in warfare, and although moral and physical courage do not invariably go together, it is the combination of the two which carries an army through all vicissitudes. The great Duke has such a bad time of it lately at the hands of some of our reformers, that one almost hesitates to quote an opinion of his. In case, however, there should still exist any one who believes in that once trusted leader's knowledge of what constitutes a soldier, I give the following extract from a speech made by him in the House of Lords when the Ten years' Enlistment Act was brought forward. After explaining that the efficiency of an army depends quite as much upon the experience and soldierly habits of the men as upon the talents of the officers, and after describing the night attack of the Eighteenth Regiment at Sobraon on some Sikh guns, which were plunging shot among them in their bivouac, he said: "I ask you, my lords, whether such a feat could have been performed, under such circumstances, except by old soldiers. It would have been impossible. Bear in mind the conduct of the Emperor Napoleon with respect to old soldiers; remember the manner in which he employed them. Recollect, too, how much they are prized by every power all over the world, and then I will once more entreat your lordships never to consent to any measure which will deprive Her Majesty's service of old and experienced men, and thus pave the way for disasters which assuredly will follow when the army should come to be employed in war." Some people have even gone the length of arguing in favor of battalions, because, forsooth, the battle of Waterloo was fought by an army which contained a large proportion of young soldiers. This was undoubtedly the case, but not from any choice of the Duke of Wellington, who always referred to this army as the worst he had ever commanded, and surely a General of such vast experience may be given credit for knowing the quality of his troops, especially as he could have no earthly object in running down the men who had gained for him the greatest victory in his exceptionally eventful career. On June 13th, 1815, his Grace wrote as follows to Lord Stewart: "I have got an infirmus army, very weak and ill-equipped, and a very inexperienced staff." Seven days after the battle he writes to Lord Bathurst: "I really believe that, with the exception of my old Spanish infantry, I have got not only the worst troops, but the worst equipped army, with the worst staff that was ever brought together." Another soldier of almost equal renown, but whose laurels have been more recently won, Field Marshal Graf von Moltke, when asked what he considered a model battalion—as regards the age of the men in the ranks—replied as follows: "I could not desire anything better than what is represented by a German battalion when mobilized, for it has sufficient age for stamina, that is to say, from twenty-one to twenty-seven years."—Major General Roberts, in the *Nineteenth Century*.

#### The Peerless Lurline.

Night in St. Louis.  
Seated in the parlor of her father's magnificent residence, Lurline Looshair allowed her taper fingers to wander idly over the keys of the piano, and obedient to her delicate touch, there floated forth upon the air the strains of that beautiful *misere*. "Since Papa Tore His Pants." And as she sat there, absorbed in the sad reflections to which the music gave rise, the door opened softly, and Berwyck Hetherington entered the room. Lurline, all the senses of her passionate nature absorbed in the music, continued to play, not knowing that the man she loved, and to win whose pocketbook in return she would have hustled around with dread earnestness, was standing by her side. But at last Berwyck placed his hand gently on her shoulder, and by that indefinable sense that tells us of a human presence, although we see it not, she knew that somebody was around. Turning quickly, she saw Mr. Hetherington.

"I did not know that you were here," she said, a blush flooding the face that such a little time ago was pale and calm, "or I should not have played so confidently." "Can you not favor me with something more?" he asked.

The blush grows deeper and more vivid now, and the drooping eyes are moist with tears. "I cannot play any other piece," she says, half sadly, and half defiantly.

"Are you sure of this, Lurline?" Berwyck asks, bending over her in a loving way. "Think well before you speak," he continues, "for on your answer may depend the future happiness of two young lives."

"I am quite sure," she says.

"Then you must be my wife." And as he speaks these words Berwyck Hetherington's face lights up with a rapturous, Shyler Coffax smile.

"You will come again to-morrow evening?" she asks.

"Yes," he replies, "you may tie the dog at 8."

"And you will not regret your choice?"

"Never," he says, in clear, steady tones. "I have spent the best years of my life looking for a girl who could play only one tune on the piano."

Truth is the most powerful thing in the world; even fiction only pleases us by its resemblance to it.

#### GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

##### From France, Germany, Russia and other Distant Countries.

#### GENERAL.

The West End Theatre, South Shields, with all its contents, has been burned.

It is stated that the documents stolen from the German mail bags were not important.

Eleven lives have been lost by the foundering of a steamer off Portreath, on the coast of Cornwall.

Sanders, arrested for sending a letter to Mr. Gladstone threatening to kill him, has been committed for trial.

The steamer "Cambroune," belonging to Nantes, was sunk in a collision in Bristol Channel on Monday. Fourteen persons were drowned.

M. Zancoff was re-arrested on Tuesday in his house at Rustchuk. One hundred of his partisans were also arrested. There was great excitement.

The Madrid *Diario* contradicts the report that Spain intends to liberate the Cuban refugees. It says no legal or friendly motive exists to induce such a course.

It is asserted in Vienna that the Powers have definitely agreed to appoint a commission to meet next spring to arrange the Montenegrin frontier difficulty.

An explosion, supposed to be caused by ether, destroyed Tyndale Chemical Works, at Newcastle, on Sunday. A number of houses were damaged and many persons injured.

One hundred and eight students engaged in the recent demonstration in St. Petersburg have been arrested. The troops fired into a crowd of Kazan University students, killing three.

Mr. Wilfred Blunt appeals to the British public for help to defray the cost of the defence of Arabi Pasha, as the trial, he says, has assumed the character of a great state enquiry.

The Spanish Federal Republicans have resolved to maintain their principles, and appointed a committee to draft a manifesto. Ministerial journals expect that the Government will have a majority of 160 on the question of confidence.

The eldest sister of the Marquis of Queensbury and of Lady Florence Dixie, a lady who has just completed her fortieth year, has married a young baker of exactly half her age, who was taught his trade at a charity school of which his present wife was patroness.

The French Cabinet has decided to send a pacific expedition to survey the ceded territory on the Congo and report on its resources. The Senate has ratified the treaty of M. DeBrazza with the Congo Chief Makaka. The report of the Committee dwelt upon the pacific character of M. DeBrazza's expedition. The Senate also passed a bill prolonging the powers of the commission to settle compensation to the French and American citizens for damages sustained during the civil war in America and Franco-Prussian war.

#### THE FLOODS IN GERMANY.

The Town Council of Mayence has voted 10,000 marks in addition to the 18,000 already granted to relieve the sufferers by the inundation. The railway embankment at the lower end of the town has given way. Sappers and miners are keeping communication open.

The waters of the Rhine have reached 9.45 metres, but have ceased rising. The bridge of boats was washed away at Coblenz, and landed above here. The greatest of the danger is now past.

In the Russian Diet on Tuesday Herr Von Puttkamer read a telegram from the Emperor at Coblenz, stating that the water was forcing its way from all sides into the Castle Garden and half the boat bridge had been torn away. It was impossible to foresee what the end would be. Herr Von Puttkamer said he would seek an audience with the Emperor and ask if he thought it necessary he should proceed to the scene of danger. At Bonn the lover stories of the houses are submerged. The river is again rising at Frankfurt.

#### THE MADAGASCAR TROUBLES.

There is much speculation in Paris as to the reception the Malgassy envoys will meet in London. The *Telegraph*, referring to the proposed visit of the envoys to Lord Granville, says: "Much good may it do them!"

The Malgassy embassy are accredited to Paris, London, Berlin and Washington.

#### THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE.

Count Montebello, the only surviving son of Marshal Lanners, is dead.

Three persons have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery at the cathedral of St. Denis.

Guesde, editor of the Paris *Egalite*, has been arrested for being connected with the Socialist movement in Central France.

The Madagascar Ambassadors have refused the ultimatum requiring Madagascar to recognize the protectorate. The Ambassador has started for London.

It is said in London that the Madagascar envoys were informed that the French commander at Zanzibar will be ordered to commence war immediately.

#### PAID IN THEIR OWN COIN.—A liquor

seller at Shubenacadie, Colchester county, baulked his trial under the Scott Act by serving the magistrate with a writ of *certiorari*, removing the case to the Supreme Court. In about two weeks the Provincial Chief Justice granted a rule nisi to quash the writ aforesaid, and a city attorney immediately went to Shubenacadie armed with the Supreme Court's order for trial to proceed before the magistrates. Upon the attorney's arrival the trial was brought on with so much haste that the defendant could not find his attorney in time and had to conduct his own case. Judgment was given against the publican and an execution at once issued.