

# THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

## THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

### CANADA.

Mrs. Taylor of Lucan, died at London. Her age is said to be 104 years.

Trade reports unite in saying prospects are improving, and prices are higher for many lines of goods.

It is announced that Mr. J. K. Clare has been appointed manager of The London Free Press.

The members of the Manitoba Legislature will present Premier Greenway with a life-sized oil portrait.

Messrs. Elder, Dempster and Co. will run a fleet of twelve ships from Montreal during the coming season.

The most severe gale for many years swept New York harbor on Thursday, doing much damage to the vessels.

Mr. R. H. Bethune, for many years cashier of the Dominion Bank, died on Thursday at his residence in Toronto.

Mrs. Thompson of Detroit, who died recently, bequeathed over half a million dollars to her niece, Mrs. F. B. Leys of London.

Forty-eight counterfeit quarter-dollars were found under a loose board in a vacant lot on the south side of the Hamilton Police Station.

The Queen's Avenue Methodists of London will rebuild on the site of the Morkin property, corner of Dufferin avenue and Wellington street.

Senator Thibaudeau has returned to Montreal from England, and expresses himself confident of the success of the Atlantic and Lake Superior railway.

The net assessment of the city of London, Ont., for 1895 is \$15,182,340, an increase of \$284,415 over last year. The amount of exemptions is \$504,950.

At Stratford, James Shean of Logan Township was found guilty of stealing some fifty sheep from Whyte & Sons, and sentenced to five years in penitentiary.

John O'Shea, a professional swimmer, died at Kingston, aged 65 years. During his life he saved about one hundred persons from drowning, besides recovering many bodies.

Mrs. C. T. Williams, the earnest temperance worker, died in Montreal on Thursday afternoon. The deceased was secretary-treasurer of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Representations have been received in Ottawa from persons in Alberta, urging upon the Government the propriety of conferring provincial autonomy upon the district.

The engagement of Hon. A. J. Majoribanks, A. D. C. to the Governor-General and brother of her Excellency Lady Aberdeen, to Miss Myssie Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., is announced.

The rumor is gaining ground in Ottawa that Lord Aberdeen will be shortly recalled by the Imperial authorities to take the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland, in succession to Lord Houghton, who will receive a Cabinet portfolio.

Rowland French, a young man sentenced at Chatham to the Central Prison for burglary, was released by order of the Ottawa Government, with several months of his term uncompleted. The boy belongs to a respectable family.

The land offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Winnipeg are crowded daily with intending settlers in Manitoba and the North-West. The pressure is so great that the company will open a branch office at Calgary.

The Bell Telephone Company has commenced an action for twenty-seven thousand dollars damages against the Montreal Street Railway Company on account of the introduction of the trolley system, which is interfering with the telephone company's wires.

The proposition to build a city gaol in Hamilton has stirred up the County Councilors. Some of them contend that the city cannot throw back the present gaol on the county's hands, especially as the county was compelled by a mandamus to build it in 1870. The county fathers will look for recompense if the city is allowed to build a new gaol.

On Thursday afternoon, in the Manitoba Legislature, Premier Greenway, in moving the adjournment, said that the Government had as yet seen no reason to change its policy in respect to the schools of the province. The Government, he said, desired time to thoroughly consider what action was best, and in May, when the House re-assembled, they would be able to definitely declare their intentions.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The death is announced of the Dowager Duchess of Buccleuch.

The feeding expenses of the animals in the London Zoo are \$500 weekly.

The funeral of Lady Mary Montagu, called the prettiest girl in London, took place last Thursday.

Home Secretary Asquith intends introducing in the near future a bill making options and future speculation in grain a penal offence.

The attempt of Great Britain to secure the extradition of James Balfour ex-member of Parliament, from Argentina, has thus far cost £40,000.

An appeal for an additional \$1,000 to complete the international memorial to Tennyson in the Isle of Wight has been issued by the American Committee in London.

Owing to the continued prevalence of the grip in the British Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, the cadets have been sent home, and the institution closed temporarily.

The House of Lords has passed the Marquis of Ripon's bill repealing the restrictions upon the Australian colonies regarding the imposition of customs, and the measure received royal assent.

England has just adopted the Bertillon system of minute anthropometric measurements for the identification of criminals, in addition to Herschell's finger print system, which Francis Galton has made generally known.

Lord Kimberley on Friday informed a deputation from the Armenian Association that Great Britain, in conjunction with France and Russia, would take decided steps to attain desired reforms for the protection of the Armenian Christians.

Sir William Harcourt recently stated that the Island of Cyprus was costing the British taxpayers three hundred thousand pounds per year. A few nights ago he had to correct his statement, and admit that Cyprus, since its acquisition, has been a source of profit to the extent of two hundred thousand pounds.

Knocking about somewhere in the Atlantic, off the coast of Ireland, is the derelict steamer Loch Maree, which was abandoned in a supposedly sinking condition a month ago. Her cargo is worth \$450,000, one-third of which, according to marine law, will go to any person or persons who bring the castaway to shore.

### UNITED STATES.

Half of the world's product of quinine is used in the United States.

A lady in Atchison has a poodle dog which has just been fitted with a glass eye.

At Minot, N. D., the house of Phoenix Christensen, a carpenter, was burned. Five children, ranging in age from 3 to 15 years, perished in the flames.

William S. Kimbal of Rochester, the cigarette man, died at Virginia Beach, Va., where he had gone for his health. He was a director of the T. H. & B.

Arthur B. Chase, a retired theatrical manager, committed suicide at New York by shooting himself. Mr. Chase acted as Edwin Booth's manager for six years, and managed the Booth-Barrett-Modjeska combination.

Albert Knowles, the young Canadian who was accused in Utica, N. Y., of fraudulently obtaining naturalization papers in order to marry a Tonawanda girl, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Senator Mullen introduced in the New York Senate on Wednesday a bill prohibiting any woman appearing in tights or in any indecent costume in any place where male persons are assembled. The bill also prohibits the publication of so called high art pictures in any magazine or newspaper.

Mrs. Frank Annis perished in her burning home, four miles north of Fenton, Mich. She was ill and could not help herself, although two young children escaped uninjured. It is said that she and her husband lived unhappily, and there are suspicions of crime in connection with the fire.

Immigration Inspector De Barry, of Buffalo, makes the startling statement that the children brought to this country by Dr. Barnardo are the illegitimate offspring of the British aristocracy, taken from homes supported by the British aristocracy in which to conceal the evidences of their shame.

Advices from the chief commercial centres of the United States are more decidedly satisfactory than has been the case for a long time. Railway earnings, bank clearings, and the industrial situation are factors of primary importance, and all of these are in better shape. Raw materials as a rule are firmer; hides, cotton, and coke are all higher; and as a consequence leather, cotton goods, and iron are advancing in price. In some quarters wages are better and the demand for labour is increasing. In the lower grades of woollen goods, however, there is a cessation of activity and large orders have been cancelled and in some mills strikes are checking production.

### GENERAL.

The world's population increases at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum.

A landslide near Titel, in Southern Hungary, destroyed a hotel, and caused a large loss of life.

The new telegraph line connecting Mandalay in Burmah with Peking was opened on Wednesday.

It is understood that the French Government intends to take the sole right to manufacture cigarettes.

The Czar has ordered 500,000 rubles to be devoted to a fund for the relief of newspaper men and authors.

A returning officer in Hungary has eight duels on hand with Deputies who denounced him for misconduct.

Barrels of wine, anchors,scythes—in fact all kinds of merchandise—are conveyed by the Swiss Post-office department.

Part of a wrecked steam launch from the lost cruiser Reina Regente has been seen off the south Spanish coast, near Conil.

Despatches from Shanghai say there were thirty-eight cases of cholera in one day among the Japanese troops at Port Arthur.

Mr. Henry Heylyn Hayter, C. M. G., the distinguished statistician, died in Melbourne on Sunday. He was seventy-four years of age.

The present Sultan of Morocco is descended from an Irish girl who became a member of the then Royal harem more than 100 years ago.

The French Government has sanctioned a proposal to allow the Credit Foncier to issue a lottery loan of two hundred and fifty million francs.

An order has been issued by the Grand Duke Vladimir, in command of St. Petersburg military district, forbidding all officers attending theatres during Lent.

The Emperor of Japan has ordered an armistice with China in response to a request of Li Hung Chang, made before the Chinese Minister received his wound.

Li-Hung-Chang objects to the extraction of the bullet fired at him by an insane Japanese, which lies a centimetre under his left eye. Surgeon Sato and Ishiguro are attending him by Imperial command.

A contract has been made for the construction of the railroad from Kenh to Assouan, in Egypt, to be completed by the end of 1897. There will then be a continuous line from Alexandria to the first cataract.

It is stated that Great Britain, France, Russia, and Italy will require the insertion of a clause in the treaty of peace between China and Japan, providing for the opening of the principal Chinese ports to European commerce.

The special correspondents in Paris comment upon the irritation and disappointment caused there by Emperor William's speech to Bismarck, which they

say tends to dash the hopes of more amicable relations.

At a Cabinet Council held in Brussels it was decided to immediately mobilize seven thousand soldiers of the army reserve, to be employed to counteract the danger arising from political agitation in industrial centres.

In response to the joint representations of the Envoys of Great Britain, France, and Russia, the Turkish Government has promised to order the provincial Governor to protect the Christians of Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey, who are said to be in danger.

The Spanish Premier, Canovas del Castillo, admits that the situation in Cuba is grave; but says that, if requisite, one hundred thousand troops will be dispatched to the island to suppress the outbreak, and if necessary, to occupy the entire disturbed district.

The Paris and Lyons railway in France is building forty locomotives with sharp prows, engineers having become convinced that the greatly reduced air resistance consequent on the new shape will not only increase speed materially, but will also effect a saving in fuel of from 5 to 10 per cent.

A despatch from Honolulu says a large number of political prisoners have been put to work on the roads in Hawaii. Among them are the leaders, Wilcox, Greig Widemann and Marshall. The Englishmen, Packard, Seward, Ashford and Gulick, will be kept in prison for the present. Seward is said to be quite ill.

### A FUTURE POSSIBILITY.

An Easy Matter to Put Egypt in a Starving Condition.

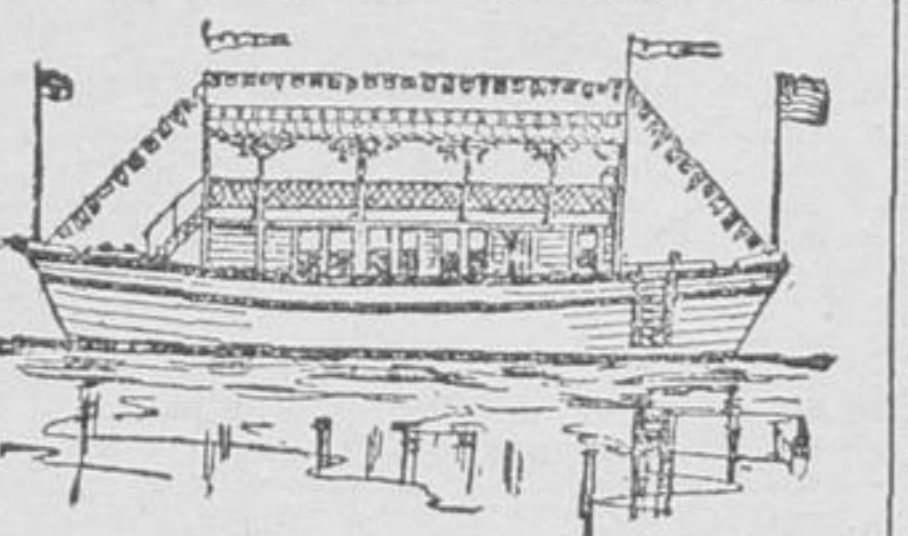
In a lecture on the Nile, delivered in England a few weeks ago, Sir Colin Scott-Moncrieff expressed the view that it would be a perfectly easy matter for a hostile power to cut off the water in the Soudan and put Egypt in a starving condition. There is nothing new in this opinion, and excellent authorities believe it is worthy of grave attention. The idea even occurred to the barbarous people of the Soudan long before the Egyptian subjugation of the upper Nile region the inhabitants of Sennar boasted that they had it in their power to turn Lower Egypt into a desert. The late Gen. Gordon and the late Sir Samuel W. Baker shared the view expressed by Sir Colin. Ten years ago Baker declared that the security of Egypt depended upon her command of the upper Nile. It is well known that the rich sediment from the Atbara tributary coming from the Abyssinian highland created the Delta of the Nile and made the fertile belt along the lower river. Gordon and Baker declared that an enemy, without any engineering knowledge, might deflect the waters of the Atbara, by a dam thrown across its bed during the dry season, when it is devoid of water, about 250 miles from its junction with the Nile. The Atbara flows through a perfectly flat desert for that distance, and the effect of a dam would be the dispersion of its waters over a vast area of thirsty sands, which would absorb the greater portion and prevent the necessary inundation in Lower Egypt.

Two or three years ago an unusual flood in the lower Nile destroyed much property in Egypt. A little later an explorer returned from Victoria Nyanza with the news that about four months before Egypt was unexpectedly deluged; the waters of the lake reached the highest stage ever known by the white men who live there. He added that if Egypt had been connected by telegraph with the lake, she would have been warned of the approaching inundation in time to prepare for it. Engineers say that regulating sluices at the outlet of the lake would control that great sea. It is plain that the interests of Egypt demand that the outlet of Victoria Nyanza be in her own hands or in those of a friendly power. One reason why these facts are very interesting is because they vividly illustrate the important part that physical geography may play in political history. Egypt can never consider herself safe unless she controls the upper Nile.

### IT'S VERY ENGLISH.

How the Wealthy and Wise Britons Live in Summer.

One of the features of life in England is the house boat as a summer residence. Instead of wearing himself out and exhausting his purse by going to a watering place, your wealthy Englishman hires a tugboat to tow his floating home up the Thames and rests him content, angling for fish that never bite and smoking. The in-



SIDE ELEVATION OF HOUSE BOAT.

ventor of the house boats is unknown. Encyclopaedias are discreetly silent on the subject, and a careful research of long established English journals fails to find any mention of the term previous to 1884. In some inscrutable way, though, it has become known that a certain merchant, a perfumer, in Bond street, London, made use of the first house boat in English waters as long ago as the year 1865. He adopted the idea of having a movable summer cottage on the waves, and he lodged his family in that unique fashion for several seasons without attracting any particular attention from his neighbors. Since that time house boats have become popular in England, and the Thames just above the capital is full of them, anchored all along the shore, sometimes so near together that the inmates walk across from one boat to the other by a conveniently arranged passage-way.

A simple form of door holder, made of two pieces of wire bent to form inclined bars and posts, and looped at their forward ends to form oppositely facing wedges.

# WHAT UNCLE SAM IS AT.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BUSY YANKEE.

Neighborly Interest in His Doings—Matters of Moment and Mirth Gathered from His Daily Record.

Threats have been made to burn St. James' Catholic Church in Haverhill, Mass.—At Salineville, Ohio, every coal mine is in full operation for the first time in ten years.

During 1894 the membership of the Catholic Church in the United States increased 175,832.

J. Pierpont Morgan has given \$20,000 to build a sanitarium for consumptives near Liberty, N. Y.

An eagle with seven feet spread of wings was caught in a wolf trap near Brady Island Neb., recently.

Considerable money was lost last year in attempts to introduce California grapes in the British market.

A man in Concord, Mich., makes a living by raising English sparrows and selling their heads for the bounty.

A recent murder in Gorham, Me., was the first that occurred there since it was incorporated, 158 years ago.

Officers of San Francisco have captured a gang of pirates which has been operating on a large scale for months.

William Miller, a 13-year-old Indianapolis schoolboy, took arsenic because he had been whipped for disobedience.

Students at Beloit College translated a Greek play and successfully produced it before a very large audience.

A Baltimore man swallowed his glass eye the other night by drinking a goblet of water in which it had been placed.

William Walsh, an aged man of St. Joseph, Mo., was terribly tortured by robbers, who thought he was hoarding money.

W. J. Perry, a gambler, of Houston, Texas, attempted to stab Joseph H. Stahl, a building contractor, and was fatally shot.

Four millions of acres of Indian reservation lands in Dakota, are now opened for settlement by a purchase of 50 cents an acre.

The town of Meriden, Ct., proposes to impose a tax on all book agents and canvassing men that follow that trade in that town.

Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge lectured in Louisville, Ky., to an audience composed chiefly of his relatives and the relatives of his wife.

On sandy Martha's Vineyard the road commissioners are spreading cotton cloth over sand to prevent macadam from sinking into the sand.

The Chicago Civic Confederation declares that there are 60,000 victims of the opium habit in that city. They keep alive 100 public smoking places.

A butcher in Belfast, Me., is training a hog to harness, driving him behind a sled. He has also two tame skunks who act as tramp discouragers.

Patrick Sullivan, a labourer of Fall River, Mass., was strangled to death by some silver coins that he put in his mouth when he went to sleep.

An Arizona farmer has a tame rattlesnake to guard his premises instead of a dog. The report does not say whether the snake sleeps in the farmer's boots.

Mrs. W. M. Ward of Bibb county, Ga., who secured a divorce from her husband because of a quarrel, took pity on him on the day the decree was granted and was remarried to him.

The First Baptist church of Cincinnati has sued the Cincinnati Baptist Ministers' Conference for \$50,000 damages because the conference questioned the church's title to its property.

The sword that Byron used in his brief campaign for the independence of Greece, now hangs in a Chicago dining room. It was brought home from Greece by Col. Miller, of Montpelier, Vt.

The Progressive Engineers' Association of New York, a colored organization, is going to send one of its members out to Liberia to see what, if any, inducements that country offers for colonization.

The Fourth National Bank of New York is run on civil service reform principles, and as a result of the resignation of an assistant cashier, a few days ago, made 34 promotions on the staff of its employes.

Jim Bouchitt, a Puyallup Indian medicine man, was killed by Jerry Dominick, an Indian living on the Muckleshoot reservation in the state of Washington, because he had failed to cure three of Dominick's children.

Mrs. Harriet Duterie, a colored woman, is one of the most successful undertakers in Philadelphia. She has carried on the business for twenty-five years. She furnishes hearses, carriages, and all the requisites for funerals.

The Rev. Thomas Dixon, jr., has announced that when he severs his connection with the Twenty-third street Baptist church in New York he intends to preach in the Academy of Music in that city every Sunday morning.

Charles Teigs, of Chicago, killed himself because Mrs. Matilda Stewart had secured a verdict of \$3,000 against him for breach of promise of marriage. She had answered his advertisement for a wife, but he refused to marry her.

Western Washington loggers tell of an immense log recently floated down the Snoqualmie river, which five oxen had difficulty in hauling. It was a fir log 32 feet in length and 89 inches in diameter at the largest end.

It has been noticed that eggs throughout Georgia, having been packed in the strong, resinous pine sawdust of the region, have, when eaten, a decided flavor of turpentine, which, though unpleasant, may not be unwholesome.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Bartol, of Boston, the friend of Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison and other prominent abolitionists, is still vigorous in his 83rd year. He may be seen any fine day taking a "constitutional" on the common.

The Chicago newspapers are congratulating the city on the fact that three ex-United States Ministers live there. They are Robert T. Lincoln, who was Minister to England; Lambert Tree, who was sent

to Brussels and then to St. Petersburg, and Gen. Wineton, who was Minister to Russia.

Mrs. Hannah Chard, of Vineland, N. J., will celebrate her 107th birthday April 20. Five generations are to be represented at the celebration. Mrs. Chard, during 77 years of married life, had twelve children, but only three of them are now living, at the ages of 85, 73 and 61 years respectively. She is still an active housekeeper, and is an inveterate pipe smoker.

Peter Deveau was born in Montreal. He followed the sea for nearly half a century. He was a great hand for tobacco, and, it is to be feared, drank wine when he could get it. Until the very last he never had a sick day, and never enriched the medical profession to the extent of a dollar. He died at Webster, Mass., last Friday, within a few weeks of his 100th birthday.

Captain Auld, of the Baltimore police, a son of Hugh Auld, who was the master of Frederick Douglass during his days of slavery, possesses the original bill of sale for Douglass, given by Thomas Auld to Hugh Auld. It is dated Oct. 28, 1845, seven years after Douglass ran away, and the consideration was \$500. Captain Auld says that this bill was executed with the idea that the fugitive could be recovered, although at that time he was in England.

Harriet A. Eskins, who died at Lebanon, Pa., last week, was born on the eastern shore of Maryland in 1783, 112 years ago, and was a descendant of an African King. Her grandfather, whose name was Logo, was King of one of the tribes on the coast of Guinea and was one of the last of the native Kings of Guinea. He was deposed about the middle of the last century, captured by slavers, and was brought to America in a slave ship, with his son, the father of Mrs. Eskins.

### PEARLS OF TRUTH.

We enjoy thoroughly only the pleasure that we give.—Dumas.

The men who make history have not time to write it.—Metternich.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility.—Ruskin.

False face must hide what the false heart doth know.—Shakespeare.

Genius hears one individual and then comprehends ten.—Japanese.

He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils.—Bacon.

Hell is truth seen too late—duty neglected in its season.—Tryon Edwards.

Conscience warns us as a friend before it punishes as a judge.—Stanislaus.

Courage is, on all hands, considered as an essential of high character.—Froude.

The inconvenience or the beauty of the blush, which is the greater?—Mme. Neckar.

We step not over the threshold of childhood till we are led by love.—L. E. London.

Idleness is the stupidity of the body, and stupidity is the idleness of the mind.—Seume.

A true knight is fuller of bravery in the midst than in the beginning of danger—Sir F. Sidney.

If thou hast wanderings in the wilderness and find'st not Sinai, 'tis thy soul is poor.—Lowell.

There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn, as in doing it.—Seneca.

Conceit not so high an opinion of any one as to be bashful and impotent in their presence.—Fuller.

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—Jeremy Taylor.

Happiness consists in the attainment of our desires, and in our having only right desires.—Augustine.

An accomplished coquette excites the passion of others, in proportion as she feels none herself.—Hazlitt.

I am always content with what happens; for I know that what God chooses is better than what I choose.—Epictetus.

### Tortured by Fiends.

About 1:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning two burglars forced themselves into the residence of Mrs. Mary Berger of Springfield, Ill., who, notwithstanding she is 86 years of age, lives alone, and after binding the old woman with a rope and thrusting a handkerchief in her mouth searched the house for \$2,000, which they said they had been informed she had. Failing in their search, they took Mrs. Berger from the bed on which they had thrown her and placed her on the floor. Then they procured a quantity of straw, saturated it with coal oil and set it on fire for the purpose of compelling her to tell where the money was. They also leveled revolvers at her, but she had no such amount in the house, and did the best she could to convince the fiends of this fact by shaking her head. Not being convinced, however, the robbers chloroformed her and made a further search, but without finding the money. They then left the house, and some time afterward Mrs. Berger managed to free herself from her bonds, and when morning came reported to neighbors what had happened. She was not seriously injured.

### Forty Murder Indictments.

A despatch from New Orleans says:—The Grand Jury on Tuesday brought in forty indictments for murder against men implicated in the riots of March 12. The jury also presented a report on the subject of the riots, which it has been investigating for nearly two weeks. The blame for the riots and the loss of life is placed on the authorities. The trouble has been brewing for months, and energetic action on the part of the authorities would have prevented the outbreak. The police are also denounced for their cowardice, and attention is called to the fact that they did not make a single arrest, and fired only one shot, and that at one of the negroes who was attempting to escape from the rioters. The Grand Jury declares that the attack on the negro laborers was thoroughly organized and arranged in advance, and the force of the rioters, armed with shotguns and rifles, began marching on the levee as early as 5 o'clock in the morning.