THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Earl Spencer is the guest of Lord Aberdeen at Ottawa.

Mr. Justice Fournier, lately of the Supreme Court, is dead.

The Ottawa City Council has reduced the number of tavern licenses from 71

to 66. Mrs. Buchanan, widow of the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan, died at Hamil-

ton, aged 70 years. At Monday night's meeting of the City

Council of Guelph, Ont., the rate of taxation was struck at 25 mills. Mr. O. F. Botsford, druggist, of Queen street west, Toronto, took his

life by shooting himself on Saturday. Mr. George Johnson, the Dominion statistician, has nearly completed all arrangements for taking the census of Manitoba this year.

The Cornelius Vanderbilt special, consisting of three cars, ran from Windsor to Niagara Falls, over the M. C. R., 111 miles, in 103 minutes on Thursday.

The Government has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of "Almighty Voice," the Indian who murdered Sergt. Colebrooke, of the Northwest Mounted Police.

camps not having been voted at the tary disturbance, and this is regarded late session of the Dominion House, no as an earnest of general confidence in camps can be held this year until the the commercial and financial outlook. were drawn up in accordance with them. end of August or the beginning of Sep- But with a few exceptions goods aptember.

figured in the shooting tragedy at and workshops are on short time; the Brockville last March is to be present- exception being an increase in the de ed with the Sanford gold medal by the mand for boots and shoes in one dis-Royal Canadian Humane Society, as a trict. A slight advance in price is rereward for his bravery.

Brown, of the Royal Canadian Yacht shade weaker. The trade situation is Club, left Toronto on Friday afternoon | not as good as it was a year ago, but to meet the representatives of the Lin- there is a marked advance in bank coln Park, Chicago Yacht Club, to decide | clearings. on the date and place of the coming race between the Chicago and Toronto boats.

Lord Aberdeen proposes to present to a new bell weighing one thousand pounds to Lady Aberdeen at the recent accident | tion in Corea. that nearly resulted fatally. He has presented the three men who rescued Lady Aberdeen with twenty dollars tue of a bearded man of the date of 500 each.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Marquis of Donegall and Earl imprisonment. Poulett are both in the Bankruptcy Court.

Trade show an increase in imports of palace from smoking. \$7,350,000, and in exports of \$5,850,000, as compared with April, 1895.

It is now stated that Baron Hirsch did not leave the Prince of Wales a million pounds, but ordered his I.O.U.'s for that amount to be destroyed.

eral of the directors of the South Africa Chartered Company will resign unless the resignation of Mr. Cecil Rhodes is accepted.

don assert that the Queen's health justifies the hope that she will be able to perform the duties of her position for a dozen years to come.

Two Philadelphians are making a proposal to the London, England, County Council to take over all the street railway lines and replace them with an electric system.

to the proposed fast Atlantic service, Mr. Chamberlain said that the negotiations with the Dominion Government with rebels. were not yet completed.

ed to accept the resignations.

The extradition of William Turner

Sir John Evans, Treasurer of the Royal Society, has accepted the presidency of the British Association for 1897, and sociation in Toronto next year.

Growing interest is taken in the approaching marriage of Princess Maud of Wales to Prince Charles of Denmark. The Royal family will put off their mourning for Prince Henry of Battenberg on the day of the ceremony.

The President of the Local Government Board, Mr. Henry Chaplin, in the House of Commons, promised to communicaté with the Dominion Government to bring about more frequent inspection of the children who immigrat-

ed to Canada. Long, who has charge of the Cattle Ex- | was found some time ago in a snowclusion bill, stated that he could not lilled ravine, died by his own hand as accede to the request of the Dominion | the result of an agreement with Lieut. Government to appoint a commission to Peary, the American explorer, the loser held the whip. investigate the condition of Canadian in a game of chance between the two

cattle. owns the greater part of Clerkenwell, in audience by the Czar he presented squalid district, a vast polytechnic in- | his Majesty with the order of the Douis building, in the heart of a desperately ble Dragon, studded with large brilstitution, in which the humblest classes liants, on behalf of the Emperor of may obtain, without charge, mental and | China, and he also presented, on his own physical recreation.

The suit of Mrs. Langtry against the thousand years old. Union bank of London to recover the obtained from the bank on an order al- the soldiers killed and wounded in the leged to have been forged, was settled African campaign, and one hundred out of court yesterday, the bank paying thousand francs to the Red Cross ten thousand pounds.

UNITED STATES.

party to Cuba.

An international yacht race will be two in number, were subsequently capsailed at Toledo, beginning on the 24th tured. of August.

day.

by the Cincinnati explosion was increas- heard of his arrest.

ed to eleven. Several persons are still missing.

The annual report of the American and Canadian ship canals show that last year the "Soo" canal had the largest volume of business in its history.

In the United States Senate on Friday the bill for the erection of a bridge across the Detroit river was postponed until next session.

The wife of Oscar Lyons, a farmer living near Mayfield, Ky., a few days ago All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and had five children at a birth, all of whom are doing well and likely to live.

The fishermen of Dunkirk, N.Y., are complaining of the free admission of Canadian fish into the United States, and are agitating for legislation to mon years will be between 2096 and make fish dutiable.

James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, and a number of its directors have been indicted at New York on a charge of having formed a trust or monopoly of paper cigarettes.

Rome, N.Y., of murder in the second degree for train-wrecking, was sentenced to imprisonment for life. His compaions, Platt and Hibbard, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree, and were sentenced to imprisonment for forty years.

It is stated that President Cleveland. through Secretary Olney has informed the Spanish Minister at Washington that the United States will not permit the execution of the men taken on the steamer Competitor on the sentence of present the case. The number of rea court-martial. Intense irritation prethe action of the President is looked being a whole number, is a number and

for. Reports from the United States coninue of a by no means satisfactory character. The exports of gold this Owing to the money for the Militia week have so far produced no monepear to have been largely over-produced; Constable Tinsley, of Brockville, who stocks are heavy, and many factories ported in cottons and print cloths, but Mr. Aemilius Jarvis and Mr. C. A. B. the average of prices all round is a

GENERAL

Gatineau Point Roman Catholic church the Pope's meditation in Cuban affairs. 365 days, followed by one of 366. At the half. Only about one million are taken Negotiations are in progress between in appreciation of the service rendered Japan and Russia looking to joint ac-

> The French excavators at Delphi have unearthed a life-sized bronze sta-

It is understood that the sentences The "wheeling craze" is on the wane passed upon the Johannesberg Reform- calendar was based, though much more in London among the leaders of society. ers will be reduced to a small fine and accurate and convenient than any that

St. Petersburg society is agitated by the order of the Czarina forbidding April returns of the British Board of ladies in waiting and servants in the

> papers have been expelled from Cuba of the council of Nice, held in 325, it fell is equivalent to the annual thinning of on the ground that they calumniated on the 21st of March, and by 1582 it had 25,000 acres of forest land. Captain-General Weyler.

President Kruger sympathizes with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, and is It is understood in London that sev- convinced that he was quite unaware of the intrigues going on in Africa.

The advance of the Imperial troops for the relief of Buluwayo has been can-three days in 400 years, he laid down celled beyond Mafeking, on Earl Grey's that in future the last year of every young Emperor assumed all the duties Members of the court circle at Lon- statement that the back of the rebellion century should be an ordinary year, un- of his high office, the memorials to has been broken.

that the back of the Matabele rebellion be an ordinary year, but 2000 will be is broken, and he hopes all disorder will a leap year. the Imperial troops.

A Gwelo despatch says that it will be impossible for the Rhodes column, en Referring in the House of Commons | route from Salisbury to relieve Buluwayo, to leave for three weeks owing to the Shangani district being infested

The report that Mr. Cecil Rhodes and | changed telegrams of sympathy, the | whether the year 4000 ought or ought Mr. Alfred Beit have resigned is con- Shah declaring that it is his first duty not to be a leap year. In ages yet to firmed; but it is stated that the South to foster and develop the friendly rela- come, when the friction of the tides has of his aunt, the Empress Dowager. The African Chartered oCmpany has refus- tions which bound his beloved parent so retarded the rotation of the earth usual method has been for the importto the Russian Imperial family.

Immediately after the death of the and William Dunlop, the two men ar- Shah, the heir apparent, Muzaffer-edrested in London on the charge of hav- Din, was preclaimed Shah, and was reing stolen jewelery from Mr. Burden, cognized by Great Britain and Russia. of New York, was granted on Friday. There are great fears that the late Shah's eldest son will dispute Muzaffer-ed-Din's right to the throne.

Herr Strobach, anti-Semite, has been will preside at the meeting of the as- elected burgomaster of Vienna, in place of Dr. Leuger, who resigned at the request of Emperor Francis Jeseph. Herr Strobach announced that he would resign at the proper moment in lavor of Dr. Lueger.

A despatch from Shanghai says that the Russian Council threatens to force ibly seize a stretch of the foreshore of Chefoo, to which Great Britain has a long-standing claim. The British Minister has protested against the threatened seizure, and it is understood that China also objects.

It is rumoured that the young Nor-In the House of Commons Mr. Walter | wegian explorer Estrup, whose body having to commit suicide.

The Marquis of Northampton, who When Li-Hung-Chang was received behalf, two bronze vasas, more than two

King Humbert has donated four hunvalue of jewels belonging to her, and dred thousand francs to the families of Society for the benefit of the wounded. While the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Meiningen were traveling incognito in Preparations are now under way in Italy they were held up by brigands Newark, N. J., to send a filibustering near Rome, and robbed of fifty-five lire (about eleven dollars). The brigands

M. Courtois, an ex-police official in Fire did \$60,000 damage to several Brussels, Belgium, was arrested for business houses and property of the Sal- the murder of Mme. Herry. A woman imprisoned for defamation of Courtois year we are married.

LEAP YEAR.

The leap year which is with us is, however, to a certain extent peculiar, since another will not occur for eight years. Such an interval has occurred twice before in the history of Scotland, and only once in the history of England, and two centuries will elapse betore it occurs again. The last year of the present century, 1900, will not be a leap year, but 2000, the last year of the succeeding century, will. The year 2100 will again be a common year, so that the next period of seven consecutive com-2104.

The rule by which this seemingly arbitrary interference with an established order of things is regulated is comparatively simple, but its history is in many respects both curious and inter-J. Watson Hildreth, convicted at esting. As every one knows, the earth tution had 303 boats in 1895. revelves around its axis, and also travels round the sun, the one revolution causing the alternation of day and night, the other that of the seasons. from the earliest times men have made use of both these series of changes as a means of reckoning time, and had there been a simple numerical relation between them there need never have been any trouble with leap years and such devices.

Unfortunately, however, this is not at vails in Spain, and a serious outcome of | it goes once around the sun, instead of | one-eighth inch. diamond stars that lit her rick red hair. 48 min., and 46" sec., or 365.2422 days. This is not, however, discovered in a day. Various guesses were made at the proper length of the year, and calendars But in the course of time the error accumulated, with the result that the seasons changed places, and the vernal equinox, instead of remaining at a fixed place in the calendar, moved backward or forward, according as the approximato set things right.

> worked loose by three months, so that last year above \$476,000. the winter months had been carried same time, to bring back the equinox to by the people of Russia. its proper place, he intercalated ninety days into the current year of 355 days, making it 645 days-probably the longest year on record. This was the Julian calendar, and to it we owe to this day the leap year which comes every fourth

year. But the approximation on which the by the difference between 365.25 and 365.2422, the error amounting to a day recoded to March 11. In order to restore the equinox to the position it occupied in 325, when the council of Nice had drawn up regulations for the fixing of Easter, Pope Gregory, in 1582, as the error was found to amount to Earl Grey, who is in Buluwayo, says it was to be a leap year. Thus 1900 will

average year of 365.2425 days, or twentysix seconds longer than the true year. These odd seconds will amount to a whole year in 3323 years, and it has providing that the year 4000 and all its multiples, shall be common years. But er life of the palace that the Emperor a reputation down.-Swift. The Czar and the new Shah have ex- is unnecessary to discuss the question ment, but in all important matters that 365 days make a year, leap years ant memorials, on which decrees were will be unnecessary. But that is a still to remain in its present form.

BOERS AND ENGLISH.

An Instance of the Hatred of the Boers Toward the English.

stronger than the similar sentiment royal position, but day after day, from - Willis. which the North American Indian once morning, has had to bother his brain cherished toward the white man.

-himself an Englishman-relates that as he was passing through the Rand tion, amusements, and change. She EMPEROR FREDERICK HIS "UNCLE." district he sat on the seat of the Boer has been supplied with all sorts of driver of a stage-coach. The vehicle costly and attractive treasures by the was drawn by a team of sixteen mules, and the Boer had the assistance of a the eunuchs of her palace. The princes

of the mules except one poor little crea- | pleasure. work well enough.

little mule?" he asked. The Boer smiled indulgently.

fun!" the traveller to say, under the circum- | bines, and finally placed him in peace-

"Englis" mule.

SPITEFUL.

veu for growing old.

WORTH KNOWING.

There are forty-seven Chinese temples in America.

It is estimated that there are 210,000

acres of orchards in Great Britain. The oldest national flag in the world is that of Denmark, which has been in use since the year 1219.

The English newspaper correspondents who are to attend the czar's coronation have to supply the Russian authorities with three separate photographs of themselves. The sea is infinitely more productive

than the land. It is estimated that an acre of good fishing will yield more food in a week than an acre of the best land will yield in a year. Twenty-four governments, including

the United States, Japan, China, Persia and nearly all the European countries, have given official notice that they will exhibit in Paris in 1900. Great Britain's national lifeboat insti-

were launched 437 times, saving 533 lives. The average cost of a station ois \$5,250 and the cost of maintenance \$500. German foreign trade is steadily increasing. For February her imports

463.929 in February, 1895. A "size" in a coat is one inch; in underwear, two inches; in socks, one inch; in collars, one-half inch; in shoes, onesixth inch; in trousers, one inch; in volutions which the earth makes when | gloves, one quarter inch; and in hats,

exports, 1,865,827 tons as against 1,

One hundred tons of cats' tails were recently sold at once for the purpose tail to weigh two ounces, no fewer than 1,792,000 pussies had to be killed.

In the year 1894 the estimated number of persons employed in the produc-Great Britain exported 42,690,000 tons

Herr Krupp, the gunmaker, is the tion was in excess or defect, and extra richest of the Prussians, being taxed days had to be intercalated or omitted on an income of \$1,700,000. Baron Rothschild comes next with a taxable in-By the time of Julius Ceasar the Rom- come of \$1,400,000. Only seven peran year, which consisted of 355 days, had sons in Prussia report incomes for the

It has been estimated from the stamp back into autumn. In order to prevent | duties paid by patent medicine-makers | days previous, which had left the sea such confusion in future, with the aid | that 4,000,000 pills are taken by the inof Sosigenes, he fixed the length of the | habitants of the United Kingdom every The Spanish Government has declined year at 365 1-4 days, or three years of week. In France the quantity is about

> war minister, had a bit of broken needle | such fast time that a white streak was in her hand which the surgeons could | left to show the direction in which the not find. She went to the Ecole Cen- | boat had travelled, and when there trale, had the hand pictured by the was no let-up to it seme of the crew Roentgen rays showing the needle, took | implored Pedro to cut the rope. He the picture to a surgeon, and had the made no reply, but waited until mile needle taken out.

The enormous amount of wood used had preceded it, gave too long a year every year for the purpose of making paper may be estimated from the fact that the Petit Journal of Paris, which in 128 years. In the course of the cen- has a circulation of over 1,000,000 copies turies the equinox gradually receded to- a day, and is printed on wood-pulp papward the beginning of the year. Ceasar er, consumes in a year 120,000 fir trees Two correspondents of New York had fixed it on March 25; by the time of an average height of 66 feet. This

CHINA'S WOMAN RULER.

Ever since the Empress Dowager of directed ten days to be suppressed, and | China retired from the formal direction of the affairs of the empire, and the less it is divisible by 400, in which case the throne have been addressed to the Emperor alone, and not, as before, to unvictorious.—Schilier. both the Emperor and the Empress have been crushed before the arrival of | Pope Gregory's correction gives an | Dowager, with the distinction of highest honor in the form of address given to the latter.

For some time it has been well known been proposed to allow for this error by among those acquainted with the innthis would be pedantic foresight, and it was not left to his own individual judgmust secure the opinions and approval time Pope Gregory's calendar is likely of the Empress Dowager, and when her Seneça. will was expressed it had to be followed. The mode of communication has been the eunuchs of both palaces, and occasionally the higher Manchu offi- the sense and the understanding. cials.

case he has largely followed the advice - Disraeli. the miserable hour of 2 o'clock in the with a mass of most critical problems, A traveller in that part of the world as well as the routine of strict proprieties. The Empress Dowager, on the other hand, has had leisure for recreacentral and provincial officials, and has been daily waited upon and amused by Kaffir at the reins, while he, the Boer, and nobles, with the Manchu officials of the imperial household, have been The Englishman noticed that the Englishman roticed the Englishman roticed that the Englishman roticed the Englishm Emperor. Thus her life, has, in the last

ture, the leader on the whip side. This | When the two officials, Wang Mingpoor creature the Boer constantly lash- luan and Chand-lin, were degraded a At the slightest pause, or at any stick- her power was at once felt and feared ing in a rut or hard pull, away went by all in the capital. Since then the the lash at this one little mule, until Official Gazette has chronicled nearly or to the Empress Dowager. This is "Why do you whip only that one poor all that is mentioned, but no one supposes that this is all in reality. When the young man stands in the presence "Oh," he answered, "he's von Englis- of the distinguished and strong-willed mon. I lick him for de whole let-dat's woman who first chose him for the ing. throne and afterwards looked after his There was really nothing more for training, selected his wife and concustances. He could only feel a strong- ful possession of a throne, which in his er sympathy for the unfortunate | boyhood was liable to overthrow, it can be easily imagined that more than a tew formalities are then observed, and that once again the Empress Dowager is interesting herself in the right man-I cannot understand why my husband agement of the affairs of the empire, vation Army at Elyria, Ohio, on Thurs- whose husband was some time ago should give me a finer present every and more especially the adoption of methods and means new but impera- ment. Never let it happen again." The death list of the victims killed character dropped dead when she I suppose he does it to compensate tive. We shall hear more of her in the The Crown Prince of this incident future.

EXCITING SPORT.

A Team of Whales Tow a Boat's Crew Out to Sen.

The other day a crew of green whalers were initiated in a branch of the calling in the Bay of Monterey with such suddenness and vigor that they have not yet recovered from the experience. They were towed by a team of whales, in tandem fashion, at a speed which equalled that of a railroad train. They implored old Capt. Pedro, who was in command, to cut the rope, but he refused, and finally succeeded in landing both whales after the most exciting experience he has had in the thirty-one years he has spent in whal-

Now that his appetite has been whetted Capt. Pedro says he expects to do more than capture two whales on one line at the same time when the regular whaling season opens. The captain and his crew, the members of which were without practical experience in whaling, happened to be at the amounted to 2,023,774 tons, as against 1,554,295 tons in February of last year; whaling station, on the shores of Monterey Bay, when a school of whales appeared. The big fellows were after sardines, and Capt. Pedro thought it would be a good time to get after the whales and give his crew a little experience. There are two boats at the whaling station and Capt. Pedro ordered both of them out. He stood in the bow of one a fraction or, in other words, the earth of ornamenting ladies' apparel. This -the boat that was first to get near goes round the sun in 365 days, 5 hrs., | means that, assuming an average cat's | the big fish. It happened to be infant whale—a sea calf—that the boat ran near and into which Capt. Pedro deftly transfixed a harpoon without loss of time. He anticipated no diffition of coal in Great Britain was 665,047; culty in landing his catch, as the whale in Germany, 299,627; in Belgium, 217,103; was too young to make much of a and in France, \$31,587. During 1894 struggle. But Capt. Pedro had failed to consider the mother whale, which was not far off. She came to the rescue with a rush that startled the members of the crew and caused the veteran commander in the bow of the boat to become rigid. In moving about her young the old whale got one of her

flukes entangled with the harpoon line. She tried to free herself, and failing in that, dashed straight out to sea. There had been a storm for several rough and choppy and mighty unpleasant to be upon under the best of conditions. It was worse to be dashing along at a high speed and in a small boat, and not knowing when the old Mme. Cavaignac, wife of the French | whale would stop. A mile was made in after mile had been covered, watching the whale. Then the whales, having become exhausted, stopped. Very cautiously and gently the rope was hauled in. When near enough, Capt. Pedro seized the gun and killed both whales. They yielded three barrels of oil,

PEARLS OF TRUTH.

Stranger is a holy name. - Walter Scott.

For they conquer who believe they can. - Virgil. What is dishonestly got vanishes in

profligacy .- Cicero. Subtlety may deceive you; integrity never will.—Cromwell.

The art of pleasing consists in being victorious .- Hazlitt.

Against stupidity the very gods fight Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.—Shakespeare.

Science surpasses the old miracles of mythology.—Emerson.

Who conquers indolence will conquer all the rest .- Zimmerman. Convey a libel in a frown, and wink

Welcome evermore to gods and men is the self-helping man.—Emerson.

A small sorrow distracts, a great one makes us collected .- Richter. Slander is the revenge of a coward

and dissimulation his defence.—Johnson. A thing is never too often repeated remoter contingency, and in the mean- to be passed to be sent to the palace which is never sufficiently learned. -

> Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners.-Bishop Mid-A sentence, well couched, takes both

Feltham. A great many matters were left en- Romance has been elegantly defined tirely to the Emperor, and in such a as the offspring of fiction and love.

The hatred of the Transvaal Boers of his favorite tutor, Weng Tung-ho. The innumerable stars shining in ortoward the English seems to be even The Emperor has had no joys in his der, like a living hymn written in light.

The smiles of infants are said to be the first fruits of human reason. -H. N. Hudson.

The Monarch Saved a Little Chap From Punishment by Writing to Ask for Clemency.

This story is told by a German army It is strictly against the rules of

Boar never touched with his whip any few years, been one of comfort and the Military / Academy for a cadet to enter any of the beer gardens in Berlin unaccompanied by a relative. A ed, though he seemed to be doing his few weeks since at the instigation and friend of mine however, hoping to be by the order of the Empress Dowager, undetected ventured one night unattended. A gentleman came and sat at a small table near him and began chatthe Englishman could stand it no every other day the visit of the Emper- ting pleasantly, when suddenly one of the chiefs of the Academy passed them. "Sir." whispered the lad, "will you be my uncle ?"

> Next morning at parade the unfortunate youth who had hoped to escape, was called by name from the ranks. Tremblingly he obeyed the call and came

"Certainly" said the gentleman, smil-

"You were in the beer garden last night?" gruffly said his Captain.

"Yes, sir, but I was with my uncle," "Your 'uncle' happened to be the Crown Prince, who wrote this morning to ask me to let you off punish-

was the late Emperor Frederick.