

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.

Berlin's Board of Trade advocates that town's incorporation as a city. Edmonton, N.W.T., is to have a new roller flour mill of 100 barrels capacity daily.

The Government inspector reports that Montreal Civic Hospital is uninhabitable.

A pork packing factory is likely to be started in Woodstock by Perrin & Co. of Chicago.

Captain Woodside, a well known Canadian correspondent, is reported lost in the Klondike.

The citizens of Montreal will raise a fund in aid of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum.

Wheat receipts at interior elevators west of Winnipeg are at present aggregating 100,000 bushels daily.

Napoleon Picard, an insurance agent of Montreal, committed suicide by putting a bullet through his head.

Ernest Boyd has been committed for trial at Hamilton. There are nearly 80 charges of theft against him.

The first of twenty-five new Grand Trunk locomotives has been turned out by the works at Point St. Charles.

The Leyland line will run a direct fortnightly steamship service between Antwerp and Montreal next summer.

Application will be made next session for power to build a line of railway from Lake Winnipegosis to Edmonton.

Fifteen thousand gallons of rum, seized in Cape Breton, will be offered at auction in Halifax within a few days.

John McNamara, the Elizabethtown, Ont., boy injured in the Murray Hill wreck, has become violently and incurably insane.

The will of the late Lieut.-Col. Chas. Magill, of Hamilton, leaves an estate worth \$259,956, entirely to the family of the deceased.

The Hamburg-American Line is improving its service between Montreal and Germany, and will put new vessels on the route next summer.

Mr. Edw. Smith and Mrs. Ellen Matt, both of Fort Steele, B.C., were married on a mountain top in East Kootenay, on Nov. 27th.

The steamer Danube brings news to Victoria, B. C., from Skaguay, that about 20 lives have been lost on the White Pass road since winter set in.

C. P. R. returns of cattle shipments show that 40,000 head were this year shipped from the North-west to Eastern Canada, 2,000 less than last year.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries has been notified that American companies are taking large quantities of fish off the coast of British Columbia.

Miss Alice Teaver of Hamilton, sued Dr. Baxter, dentist there, for \$200. She said he broke her jaw while extracting a tooth. The jury gave her \$100.

In honor of General Lord Kitchener the C.P.R. Company has changed the name of the new town at the eighth staging of the Crow's Nest road from Creston to Sirdar.

The immigration branch of the Interior Department will shortly issue a 10-page atlas of the geographical and topographical features as well as the climatic conditions of Canada.

Four delegates, who have returned to Winnipeg from Minnesota, say that fully 200 families will move to North-west from Minnesota and Wisconsin next spring, and locate near Edmonton.

R. O. G. Thompson, an ex-mounted policeman, of Regina, while practising on a trapeze bar in the bowling alley at Fort Steele, B.C., fell and dislocated his neck. His arms are partially paralyzed.

A rich pay streak has been struck in shaft No. 2, Mikado mine, Lake of the Woods. It is said to be the greatest strike ever made in this district and runs about twenty thousand dollars to the ton.

Miss Booth, of the Salvation Army, who has just returned to Toronto from a tour of the Army's stations in the Maritime Provinces, will make a more extensive tour going to Newfoundland, early in the New Year.

It is said an action for damages will be brought against the Grand Trunk Railway by the young German emigrant, Frederick Cohen, whose parents were killed in the Murray Hill disaster.

Judge Johnston of Sault Ste. Marie has been presented with a handsome gold watch, the gift of his brother district Judge, in recognition of his services as Secretary of the Board of District Judges.

A company will at the next session of Parliament seek incorporation with power to acquire and operate the Niagara Central Railway, and to extend it to Hamilton, Toronto, and Niagara River and Lake Ontario.

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All the Deputy Ministers of Militia and Defence have been lawyers. Mayor Futvoja, the first deputy, was an English lawyer, the late Col. Panet was a lawyer, and that is also the profession of the new deputy, Mayor Pinault.

Mr. Charles H. Norris, who is in Ot-

tawa on his way to New York, claims to have discovered a new gold country in the Yukon which will rival the richness of the Klondike. This new country is known as the Tooya district, and is reached by way of the Stikine River.

Acting Warden Foster of the Kings-ton Penitentiary says the best work that the Prisoners' Aid Association could do would be to protect discharged prisoners against the private detectives, who hound them and track them, and when they have got employment warn the employers of their prison record.

Kenneth Finlayson, son of one of the earliest factors of the Hudson Bay Co., who died recently the biggest land owner in Victoria is in trouble in Victoria. He was charged on Tuesday in the Police Court with embezzling \$1200 from the Dominion Savings Bank, where he was employed as clerk. Inspector Fraser says his speculations dated from February last.

It is reported in Ottawa that Connolly Bros., of Montreal, are the successful tenderers for the new Intercolonial Railway deep-water wharf at St. John, their tender price being in the neighbourhood of \$300,000. The wharf is to be over 500 feet long, and will accommodate the largest vessels at all conditions of tide. Messrs. Connolly are just completing a big contract at Philadelphia.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The year's output on the Clyde reaches the enormous total of 446,911 tons.

A thousand tons of ships' plates have just been landed at Glasgow from Norfolk, Va.

It is said that the number of British vessels wrecked during November was 62 causing the loss of 77 lives.

George Stone, an engraver, has been sentenced to be hanged at Hull, Eng., for the murder of Emily Hall.

Christopher Sykes, well-known clubman, and intimate friend of the Prince of Wales, is dead at London.

Sir William Anderson, Director-General of the Royal Ordnance Factories and part inventor of cordite, is dead.

Negotiations are reported to have been begun between Russia and Great Britain for the solution of the Chinese problem.

Sir Alexander Gollan, British Consul-General to Havana, who is now in England, has resigned and will not return to the Cuban capital.

The Prince of Wales has summoned a private meeting to be held at Marlborough house to discuss the best methods of staying the ravages of consumption.

February 25th is the date fixed for the marriage of Mrs. Adelina Patti to Baron Von Cederstrom, which will take place at Neath, Wales. Baron Von Cederstrom is about to become a naturalized British subject.

UNITED STATES.

Buffalo is now free from smallpox. Buffalo's grain blockade continues. Eighty vessels are waiting there to be unloaded.

Major-General Brooke has been appointed Military Governor of Cuba by Mr. McKinley.

The 18th annual convention of the American Federation of Labour is in session at Kansas City.

The steamer Alameda, at San Francisco from Australia, brought treasure amounting to \$3,510,000.

Dr. Lyman Abbott's resignation of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, will take effect from May 1 next.

Four United States war vessels, the Brooklyn, Texas, Castine, and Resolute, have been ordered to Havana.

The Cuban Evacuation Commission has recommended that an army of 50,000 men is requisite to maintain order in Cuba.

It is reported that Mr. Joseph H. Choate of New York will be the next United States Ambassador to England.

A proposal to raise the Maine from Havana harbor and the Christoforo Colon at Santiago is before the Washington authorities.

There was an epidemic of suicides in New York on Sunday. Three people took carbolic acid, while a fourth jumped into the river.

The lumber cut on the Aroostock river in Maine, this winter will be twenty-one million feet, which is in excess of the past year.

Congress on Thursday in 20 minutes passed the Pension bill, calling for an appropriation of \$145,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000, over the act of the current year.

It is said that a tunnel under New York, to solve the city's rapid transit problem, will be begun by a private company within a year. The work will cost \$50,000,000.

A purse of \$1,000 has been subscribed by Baltimore shipping merchants for the crew of the British steamer Vedamore, who saved 45 of the crew of the wrecked Londonian.

Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the wrecked Keystone National Bank, at Philadelphia, was sentenced there yesterday to 12 years and three months, and to pay a fine of \$500.

Mormon church authorities in Salt Lake City Utah, have advertised an issue of \$500,000 in eleven-year 6 per cent. bonds, payable in gold. The object is to pay off pressing indebtedness.

A verdict for \$10,500 damages has been rendered against the St. Paul, Minn., Street Railway Company. The complainant was A. D. Litten, guardian of Michael J. Reein, who had his foot crushed.

Mr. Richard Croker announces that work on a tunnel under Manhattan Island, to solve New York's rapid transit problem, will be begun by a private company within a year. He places the cost of the work at \$50,000,000.

Mrs. Lulu Johnstone, aged 60 years, has been indicted by the grand jury at Perry, Ok., charged with murdering two husbands. She has been a widow seven times. The bodies of her two

last husbands which have been exhumed were found to contain arsenic.

Henry A. Chapin, the multi-millionaire mine owner, and richest man in Michigan, died in Niles. He was 86 years old. Deceased leaves a widow and one son, C. A. Chapin of Chicago. He was estimated to be worth \$100,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Death was caused by old age.

Daniel W. Getchell, engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, indicted for manslaughter, for causing the death of Franklin M. Waters in a rear-end collision at Sharon, Mass., was found guilty by a jury at Dedham, Mass. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

Kansas negroes are leading a movement for the deportation of 2,000,000 negroes to Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Africa. Petitions are being circulated, and will be forwarded to the Kansas delegation, praying for an appropriation by Congress of \$100,000,000 to carry out these plans.

Harry Sheffield is under arrest at Hot Springs, Ark., on a charge of murdering and cremating Mrs. Nellie J. Horn, a beautiful young woman who disappeared several weeks ago. Sheffield's brother, in whose house the crime is alleged to have been committed is also under arrest.

A riot occurred in the First District Police Court of St. Louis, during which Judge Thomas H. Peabody, on the bench, sat with a revolver in his hand while Attorney J. D. Storts, with drawn weapon, denounced the judge in unmeasured terms because of a decision he declared unfair to his clients.

The National Board of Trade, meeting at Washington, has adopted a resolution to the effect that the commercial prosperity of the country would be greatly promoted by the nearest practical approach to the establishment of complete reciprocal trade relations between the United States, Canada and Newfoundland.

GENERAL.

Prince Mirza, second son of the Shah of Persia, is in Brussels.

It is reported that the Duc d'Orleans is to ask the Pope for permission to divorce his wife.

Sir Thomas Upton, Premier of Cape Colony from 1884 to 1886, died at Cape Town.

It is reported that Russia has acquired a number of warships that are being built for Japan.

In a test on British ships at Hong Kong recently, 2,000 marines disembarked in 20 minutes.

Berlin has a case pending in its courts involving "exalted families" in an immense gambling scandal.

The Mexican Government has a scheme to fill up the vacant lands of that country with Spaniards from Cuba.

Gen. Ludlow has been appointed Military Governor of Havana by the United States Secretary of War.

The Swiss Federal Assembly has elected E. Mueller, of Berne, to be President of the Swiss confederation.

A Jack-the-Ripper is at work in Brussels. Another woman was found murdered in the street there last night.

A despatch from Bombay says that a British soldier has died from bubonic plague at Bangalore, capital of Mysore.

Over 15,000 silk workers in the Rhine provinces have gone on strike, according to a despatch from Krefeld, Germany.

Capt. McCullough, former chief of police of New York, now in the same position in Havana, expects to keep order there with 1,000 men.

The imports into France during the last eleven months increased £17,393,960. The exports during the same period decreased £5,808,200.

By the explosion of a shell at Fort Constantine, at Cronstadt, Russia, nine soldiers were killed and three officers and seven soldiers wounded.

The story is revived that President Kruger of the Transvaal is ill and must go to Europe to consult a specialist on an account of inflammation of his eyes.

A Vienna newspaper says that Count Tolstoi, the novelist, is shortly to be expelled from Russia, because of social disturbances attributed to his teaching.

The French Government is being urged to test the practicability of having ocean liners carry rafts as shade decks and life savers in the event of shipwreck.

The trial at Rome of Signor Favilla, former manager of the Bologna Bank for misappropriation of the bank funds, has ended in his conviction. He will serve two years.

The French Chamber of Deputies, has adopted a bill loaning \$40,000,000, for the construction of railroads in Indo-China, guaranteed by the Government of Indo-China.

Mail advices from Constantinople report that the Kurds have not been confined in their attacks to the Armenians, but are committing robberies and outrages on the Turks, who were formerly their allies against the Armenians.

PRINCE CANNOT LEAVE.

No Prospect of H. R. H. Opening the Victoria Bridge.

A despatch from London says:—Enquiry made on Tuesday at Marlborough house as to the reliability of the rumour that the Prince of Wales is to cross the Atlantic next summer to open the new Victoria jubilee bridge at Montreal, on the invitation of the Grand Trunk Bridge Co., resulted in positive assurance that there is no truth whatever in the rumour. It is generally believed in court circles here that the Prince will not leave Europe in the near future, on account of the age and generally critical health of his mother. In case of any untoward happening to the Queen the Prince's absence would involve serious difficulties.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Eggs—Not much coming in. Demand steady, and prices unchanged. Quotations are:—New laid 20 to 22c; held fresh 17 to 18c; cold storage, 15 to 16c; and laced, 14 to 15c.

Potatoes—Market steady; demand is fairly active for all first-class stock. Car lots sold on track to-day at around 60 to 61c. Dealers sell out of store, at 70c; farmers' loads sold at around 65 to 70c.

Poultry—Deliveries not heavy and market holds steady to firm. Quotations are:—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb, 5 1-2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb, 8 to 9 1-2c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1 to \$1.10; and common at 70 to 75c, per bush.

Dried apples—Dealers pay 4 to 4 1-2c for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 4 1-2 to 5c. Evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c for small lots.

Honey—Market quiet. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 5 1-4 to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c per lb. for 10 to 60-lb. tins; and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Very little doing. Strictly choice, in car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; No. 2, at \$6.

Straw—Demand nil. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Business is slow. Dealers here quote choice Ontario stock to-day at 10 to 18c, while holders will take nothing less than 20c.

DAIRY PRODUSE.

Butter—Receipts coming forward are ample for the present trade requirements. Dairy keeps easy and creamery about steady. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, tubs, poor to medium, 10 to 11c; choice, 13 to 14 1-2c; large rolls 13 to 14c; small dairy, lb. prints, about 14 1-2c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Market firm; early makes are selling at 9 to 9 1-2c; and late makes at 9 1-2 to 10c.

BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Wheat—The strong tone in Chicago to-day imparted a decidedly better tone to the local market. In the morning red and white wheat, north and west, sold at 66c, but this afternoon none could be had under 65c; odd cars sold at 67c. Manitobas were firm. No. 1 hard, Toronto and west, sold at 78 1-2c, No. 2 hard and No. 1 Northern, Toronto and west, at 75 1-2c, No. 1 hard, track, Midland or Owen Sound sold at 73c.

Flour—Tone firmer among holders. Straight roller in bbls, north and west, offered at \$3.20; and exporters bid \$3.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, in bags, on track here, \$3.40 per bbl.; and in bbls., \$3.50.

Millfeed—Scarce and in good enquiry. Car lots of bran, middle freights, \$13; and shorts, \$15. Ton lots of bran at Toronto mills sell at \$14, and shorts at \$16.

Peas—Higher. Car lots, north and west, 63 1-2c, and east, 64 1-2c.

Oats—Firm. White oats, north and west, sold to-day at 27 1-2c, and mixed at 27c; white sold east at 28 1-2c.

Barley—Quiet. Car lots of No. 1, outside, are quoted at 47c asked, and 46 1-2c bid.

Rye—About steady. Car lots, west, are quoted at 51c, and east at 52c.

Buckwheat—Scarce; exporters quote 45 to 46c for car lots, outside.

Corn—Firm. American yellow, track, Toronto, sold to-day at 42c, and mixed at 41 1-2c. Canadian yellow, Chatham, 32 1-2 to 33c.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Low prices have had the effect of stopping the heavy supplies which have been coming forward all week, and to-day deliveries were light. Values held unchanged. Western hogs were sold on track to-day, car lots, at \$5.10 mixed weights; and Northern at \$5.15 to \$5.25. On the street farmers' loads sold at \$5 to \$5.40, according to quality. Provisions market remains unaltered.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7 1-2c; long clear bacon, car lots, 7 3-4c; ton lots and case lots, 8c, backs, 8 3-4 to 9c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 10 1-2c; medium, 10 1-2 to 11c; light, 11c; breakfast bacon, 10 1-2 to 11c; rolls, 8 1-2 to 8 3-4c; backs, 10 1-2 to 11c; picnic hams, 7 3-4 to 8c. All meats out of pickle 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubs, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c; pails, 7 3-4 to 8c; compound, 6 to 6 1-2c.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Spring wheat—Dull but steady; No. 1 hard, spot, 76 5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 74 1-8c; No. 2 Northern, 70 1-8c. Winter wheat—Neglected; No. 2 red, 72c, on track, No. 1 white, 72c. Corn—Strong; little doing; No. 3 yellow, 36 3-4 to 37c; No. 4 yellow, 36 1-2c; No. 3 corn, 36 1-2c. Oats—Quiet; barley steady; No. 2 white, 31 1-2c; No. 3 white, 31c; No. 4 white, 30 1-2c; No. 2, mixed, 30c; No. 3, mixed, 29c. Barley—Strong. Flour—Steady; fair demand. Rye—Dull; No. 2, in store, 61c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Wheat—December, 65 3-4c; May, 64 3-4 to 65c; on track, No. 1, hard, 65c; No. 1 Northern, 64c; No. 2 Northern, 62c. Flour—First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60; first clears, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

Duluth, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 67 3-8c; December, 65 7-8c; bid; May, 66 7-8c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 62 7-8c; December, 62 7-8c; bid; May, 65 7-8c; bid; No. 2 Northern, 58 3-8c; No. 2 spring, 55 7-8c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 65c; bid; No. 1 Northern, 64c. Oats—27 3-4 to 28 1-2c bid. Rye—51c bid. Barley—36 to 42c. Flaxseed, \$1.01 1-4; December, \$1.04 1-4 bid; May, \$1.08 7-8. Corn—32 1-8c bid.

Toledo, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 2, cash or December, 69 1-2c; bid; May, 70 7-8c.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, cash or December, 35c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 27c. Rye—No. 2 cash, 54 1-2c. Cloverseed—\$5.15. Detroit, Dec. 20.—Wheat—Closed—No. 1 white, cash, 69c; No. 2 red, cash and December, 68 1-2c; May, 79c. Milwaukee, Dec. 20.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 66 1-2 to 67c; No. 2 spring, 63 1-2 to 64c; No. 2 Northern, 65 to 65 1-2c. Rye—No. 1, 54 to 54 1-4c. Barley—No. 2, 48 1-2 to 48 3-4; sample, 42 to 48c.

DIVIDING UP AFRICA.

Arrangement Between Britain, France and Germany.

A despatch from Berlin says:—The Belgian Minister for Germany, Baron Greindl, states that diplomatic negotiations are on foot between the Congo Free State and Great Britain, on the one hand, and Germany and France, on the other, looking to the obtaining of the acquiescence of France and Germany in the treaty of May 12, 1894, between Great Britain and the Congo Free State. By the terms of that treaty Great Britain was to lease to the Congo Free State a territory including the Province of Bahr-el-Ghazal for the term of the reign of King Leopold, and a lease of a goodly portion of the territory was to be continued to his Majesty's successors. Great Britain was to receive from the Congo Free State a lease of a strip of territory which substituted Great Britain for the Free State as Germany's neighbour on the western boundary of German East Africa. In deference to Germany's objection Great Britain withdrew the article of the treaty whereby it was provided that territory should be leased to her, and France induced the Free State to renounce her claim under the British lease to the Bahr-el-Ghazal territory.

For the concessions that are now asked France and Germany are to receive compensation in other parts of Africa.

BELGIUM GAINS NEUTRAL TERRITORY.

The negotiations between Prussia and Belgium regarding the neutral territory of Moresnet, about one and one-half square miles of land on the Prussian-Belgian frontier, are now ended. This territory of about 1,000 acres in extent, which, since 1815, has been possessed in common by the two kingdoms, is ceded by the new convention to Belgium, subject to the consent of the inhabitants. Prussia is to receive compensation in the shape of part of the Belgian Hertogen forest, near Eupen.

LOST SCALP RESTORED.

Remarkable Operation by a Paris Doctor.

A despatch from Paris says:—A very remarkable case is reported from one of the Paris hospitals. Last August a laundress had her hair caught in the machinery of the room where she was working. She was literally scalped from the neck to the eyebrows. The scalp was left hanging in the machinery so as to form evidence of the manner of the accident, and the laundress was taken to the Broussais hospital.

Dr. Malherbe, who had charge of the case, sent immediately for the scalp. He had the hair shaved off, and the scalp carefully washed and dipped in an antiseptic solution, and then carefully applied to the head.

Everything proceeded in the most satisfactory way, and the young laundress was discharged yesterday little the worse for her accident.

SENT A BRITISH WARSHIP.

Will Resist Enforcement of French Claims in Shanghai.

A despatch from Shanghai, says:—The American, British, German, and Japanese merchants here have forwarded through their Consuls identical protests to their Ministers at Peking against an extension of the French area of exclusive control in Shanghai.

Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who represents the British Associated Chambers of Commerce, attended the meeting at which the decision was arrived at to forward the protests.

The British cruiser Iphigenia arrived here Saturday. China interprets her arrival as meaning that Great Britain will oppose enforcement of the French claim.

THE NEGUS DELIGHTED.

Upon Receiving a Phonographic Message From Queen Victoria.

A despatch from London says:—Newspapers here announce that Lieutenant Harrington, the British military representative in Abyssinia, recently communicated to the Negus Menelik a phonographic message of friendship from Queen Victoria. The Negus was delighted, and ordered that an artillery salute be fired in honor of her Majesty.

BRITISH EMBASSY ATTACKED.

A despatch from Washington says:—The residence of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador at Washington, was attacked on Friday by a man named Jos. W. Pearson, who threw stones and bricks into the drawing-room. One of the missiles hit Miss Pauncefote, injuring her ankle. The valuable cut-glass in the front entrance and several windows were smashed. The man is now under arrest but is believed to be insane.