

News Summary.

Recent Happenings Briefly Told.

CANADA.

London hackmen have organized a union.
London's fire losses in 1898 totalled \$55,000.
Poultry thieves are busy around Kingston.
Three Indians and a white man will be hanged at Dawson on March 2.
Winnipeg's population is estimated by the directory publishers at 49,000.
Wolves are reported to be doing a good deal of damage in some parts of Manitoba.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, London, will erect a \$25,000 Sunday school building.
Haslem Greene, of Winnipeg, collector for a lumber firm, dropped dead Thursday night.
The new Victoria bridge at Montreal will be opened for vehicles and foot traffic by the end of May.
The Mounted Police estimate that Klondike will produce \$50,000,000 worth of gold during '99.
It is stated definitely that the C.P.R. will not erect a new station at Winnipeg this year.
Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, of Toronto, states that the Dauphin Railway line will be known in future as the Canada Northern line.
Lieut. Adams, R. E., a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been appointed Manager of the Nile Delta railway.
Woodstock Board of Trade will hold another meeting shortly to advance the agitation for the incorporation of the town as a city.
The Montreal Butchers' Association has unanimously resolved to raise the price of beef from 1 cent to 2 cents a pound, according to quality.
Fifteen or eighteen men connected with A Battery, Kingston, who married without permission of the authorities, are to receive their discharge.
Quebec City has accepted from the Champlain monument committee the gift of the monument to Champlain recently erected on Dufferin terrace.
A. H. Skirving, formerly chief of police at Chatham and Ingersoll, has been appointed chief of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway detective force.
The promoters of the Hamilton stock yards claim to have all the capital they desire subscribed, and say the concern will be in operation in three months.
It is said the Imperial authorities are anxious to have A Battery, R. C. A., sent to England, in exchange for a battery of Royal Artillery, to be stationed at Kingston.
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Mrs. Vin and Sam Parslow, of St. Scholastic, who are to be hanged on March 10, have given up hope of reprieve, and are spending much of their time in prayer.
Master Willie Caudwell, aged 17, son of the late Mr. George Caudwell, died Thursday in Brantford from meningitis. This is the third death in the past six months in the family.
The Army and Navy Veterans' Society of Toronto has sent a letter to the Mayor asking that action be taken to prevent the use of the Union Jack as a sign by auctioneers.
The Vancouver City Council has passed a resolution asking the Provincial Government to exclude the Japanese from the privileges of the franchise, and to place them on the same basis as the Chinese in this respect.
The Hudson's Bay Company will start a courier for the Mackenzie river and intermediate points next month. Letters addressed care of the Hudson's Bay Company will be delivered in the Mackenzie river country.
At Kentville, N. S., the prohibitionists instituted a crusade against hotel-keepers who were breaking the Scott Act, and the bonifaces retaliated by closing up entirely, much to the inconvenience of the travelling public.
Mr. Kyobashi Senju, one of the largest paper manufacturers of Japan, is at Sault Ste. Marie, inspecting the pulp mills. He supplies five daily papers in Tokyo, and says there is a market in Japan for Canadian pulp.
The balance to the credit of depositors in the Government savings bank on December 31 was \$15,163,498. Deposits for December stood at \$219,208, and withdrawals at \$231,094. In post office savings banks the amount to the credit of depositors at the end of December was \$34,175,018. Deposits during December amounted to \$769,715, and withdrawals to \$726,146.
A scheme is on foot at Ottawa for the formation of a private company to buy up the rights of the Canada Atlantic, Parry Sound, Canadian Pacific and Ottawa & New York Railways to the central facilities and then operate the terminal, charging each railway according to the number of trains handled daily. It is proposed to erect a modern union station.
In all fifty-five applications have been received for private legislation at the next session of the Federal Parliament. Twenty-five are for incorporation, twenty-seven for amendments to existing charters, six for divorce and one for winding up. It would appear from this that there will be an average volume of this kind of legislation in addition to what the Government may have to bring down.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Fully 100,000 inhabitants of London are night workers.

One person in four in Whitechapel is a Jew or Jewess.
Sir Henry Irving is preparing for another American tour.
Drowning was once a punishment for crime in Scotland.
The ropes on a first-class man-of-war cost about £3,000.
Thirty miles of streets are added annually to London.
Seventy pounds' worth of coin is dropped in London daily.
The British Government realizes £11,300 a year for waste paper.
Football was a crime in England during the reign of Henry VIII.
There is one policeman to every 775 persons in England and Wales.
More than 12,000 people are regularly employed in the London theatres.
Five millions of women are said to be earning wages in the United Kingdom.
It is calculated that 21,000 people sleep nightly aboard the steamers on the Thames.
The British Government has the Pacific cable project under its immediate consideration.
The manufacture of jewellery in Birmingham gives constant employment to 14,000 persons.
At the beginning of the 18th century people were hanged in Great Britain for the illicit manufacture of salt.
The railways of England and Scotland derive a larger revenue from their goods than from their passenger traffic.
During the last 10 years the records of Great Britain show that 154 men and 237 women reached the age of 100 years or more.
It is rumoured that a company will purchase the Lyceum Theater, London, and that Sir Henry Irving agrees to appear there for a season of 100 nights.
Ernest T. Hooley has failed in an action against the publishers of the London Special for having published comments on certain of his transactions.
Cecil Rhodes has abandoned for the present his scheme for a rail line from the Cape to Cairo, and will ask a guarantee for the extension of the railway to the Zambesi.
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has practically assumed the leadership of the Liberal party in England, and is trying to get it into some sort of shape for the coming meeting of Parliament.
Mr. William Watson, the British poet, has received a legacy which raises him above fear or care as far as money goes. As he is still very young a great career is now predicted for him.
Mrs. C. Buck attained her 100th birthday at Beccles on January 7. She was born in the parish of Woodton, Norfolk, on January 7, 1799. She boasts that she "never told a story in her life."
Off Devonport the British battleship Collingwood rammed the third-class cruiser Curacoa, almost sinking her. The hole in the Curacoa was stopped by molasses mats, and the cruiser was towed in Devonport harbor by tugs.
John Daly, the Irish political prisoner who was released from Portland Prison in 1896, after having been sentenced to penal servitude for life has been elected Mayor of Limerick by a unanimous vote, under the new Irish local government act.
There were buried in Watford, Eng., cemetery recently an old lady and gentleman whose combined ages nearly reached 200, namely, Mr. Thomas Young, a retired draper, 105, and Mrs. Mary Glen, widow, aged 94.
Dover, Eng., Corporation, who already own the local water-works, electric tramways, bathing establishments and machines, etc., are considering a proposal to purchase the local gas and electric light undertakings.
The British Secretary of State for War has placed with Atkinson Brothers, Ltd., Sheffield, orders for 120,000 razors, and cases, 75,000 sailors' clasp knives, 210,000 table knives, 170,000 table forks, 1,200 carving knives, and 1,000 carving forks.
At a meeting of the Town Council of Glasgow it was decided, by an overwhelming majority to proceed with the conversion of the whole of the tramways in the city to the overhead trolley system. At present horse traction is used except on one line.
St. Luke's Church, Birmingham, Eng., has become so dangerous that the vicar has been ordered to have edifice pulled down. The pews, pulpit, and organ have been removed by the trustees, and the stonework of the building has been sold as it stands for £5.
At a council meeting in a West of England borough complaint was made of the number of pigs that were allowed to roam the streets. The mayor moved that the constable be instructed to arrest all pigs found wandering about the streets except the pigs of councilors.
Few perhaps feel the institution of wedding present giving more than the Prince and Princess of Wales. The calls upon them in this direction are numberless, and, says a gossip, the sum total expended by Their Royal Highnesses in one year on wedding gifts must represent a fortune.
The telephone was used at West Bromwich, Eng., for a novel purpose in connection with a runaway horse, which bolted with the front part of a carriage in the direction of Oldbury. The police in the latter place were promptly apprised of the accident by telephone, and the animal stopped.
The Earl of Meath proposes a scheme of military drill for all lads between 13 and 18 years of age. A committee called the British Brigade Council has been formed to carry out the plans, and Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, General Lord Roberts of Kandahar, and a number of other prominent men have written in support of the movement.

A company has been formed in London with a capital of a million sterling to acquire the publications of Sir William Ingram, including the three popular weeklies. The Illustrated London News, The Sketch, and the Penny Illustrated Paper. Sir William will be chairman, and the company will be called The Illustrated London News, Limited.
The Queen, when she leaves Windsor for Balmoral, is provided with about a dozen copies of a sort of waybill of her journey, which contains a list of all the people in the train, and the compartments in which they are, a complete time-table of the whole journey, and an explanation of the gradients, etc., printed in purple on silk. A further edition is distributed among the Queen's attendants and the railway officials.
UNITED STATES.
Blue carnations are in course of propagation at the Horticultural Hall, Denver.
Lord Herschell has been awarded a diploma of the American Academy of Political Science.
Allegheny miners and operators have reached an agreement, and there will be no general strike in 1899.
The Maine Legislature is considering the incorporation of the American Ice Co., with a capital of \$60,000,000.
It is reported from Santa Fe, New Mexico, that 217 Indians have died from smallpox in Valencia County, and that 600 are now ill.
Indiana expends annually for poor relief through county and township officials about \$1,000,000. About one-half this sum is paid for the care of persons in institutions.
M. Labbe, of Chicago, four years ago loaned a stranger ten dollars, and took in security a leather trunk, which is now found to contain money and bonds to the value of \$60,000.
George Schaffer, a Philadelphia butcher, and his three children, are in a critical condition through drinking coffee containing arsenic. Schaffer is suspected of poisoning the coffee, but denies it.
The first assistant postmaster-general of the United States has issued an order increasing the salaries of all the regular free delivery carriers who provide their own horses or other modes of conveyance, from \$300 to \$400 per annum, beginning January 1st.
A bag containing nails, screws and lead was substituted for a bag containing 163 silver dollars at the United States mint at Philadelphia, and Herman Kretz, the former superintendent, has been asked to explain how it happened.
Barney Keegan, an engineer on the Illinois Central Railway had a fight for his life on Friday night with his fireman, Walter Cole, who went insane. The train travelled at the rate of thirty miles an hour for twenty miles while the two were engaged in the struggle. Keegan at last by a superhuman effort stopped the train.
Alexander Graham Bell, the world renowned inventor of the telephone, has returned from Japan with two new projects—the establishment of a Japanese garden at Washington as a model, and the instruction of oarsmen in the Japanese way of rowing a boat. Dr. Bell says that "in landscape gardening there is no question that the Japanese lead the world," and that "their method of rowing is far superior to anything we have in this country."
GENERAL.
Fifty children have been injured by the earthquakes in Southern Greece.
The British Government has decided to erect an observatory on the Mokallam Hills, near Cairo.
The Countess Polocka was recently robbed in Paris of a cloak, studded with precious stones, valued at \$100,000.
The Czar of Russia has ordered radical reform to be instituted at once in the treatment of political prisoners in Siberia.
All the rivers in East Prussia have overflowed and large districts have been flooded with immense damage to the region inundated.
There are more wrecks in the Baltic Sea than in any other place in the world. The average is one wreck in a day throughout the year.
The world's wrecks last year numbered 1,045. Steamers were shown to have a greater immunity from disaster than have sailing vessels.
Col. Kitchener, brother of the Sirdar, with a strong Egyptian force, is besieging El Obeid, the last stronghold of the dervishes in the Sudan.
Germany's exports to the United States last year amounted to \$82,350,514, as against \$92,287,088 for 1897. The decrease was almost wholly in sugar.
A. Getten, Queensland, Australia, two sisters and a brother were murdered by fiends, who have since eluded both white detectives and black trackers.
The police in Paris have discovered a man who kills young girls on their way home from work. He springs on them from behind and stabs them to death.
China holds the record in criminal statistics in the number of suicides or attempted suicides annually. Over one million cases is the average for the last five years.
Tiger shooting is always spoken of as almost a thing of the past in India, but 546 were killed in Bengal in 1897, 408 bears in Burmah, and 1,241 wolves in the North-west provinces.
In future all Government officials in Germany who cause the publication of secret documents or give information of State secrets to the newspapers are to be severely punished.
Skates made of gold are popular in St. Petersburg. One lady had the blades of her skates enriched with diamonds. Skates set with pearls and precious stones have also been in fashion.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

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

Toronto, Jan. 30.—We had only a light run of receipts here to-day, as all told only 29 loads came in, including 1,600 hogs. There was no quotable change, but all good cattle were firm, and sold readily.
We had a good enquiry for export cattle. The supply was light, and more choice stuff would have found an easy market at prices ranging from 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c per pound. Prime shipping cattle is wanted.
Butchers' cattle were in good demand, if of fair to choice quality; for the best stuff there was a steady sale, and picked lots were bought as light shippers at from \$4.20 to \$4.35 per cwt. Good to choice butcher cattle sold at from \$3.75 to \$4.12 1-2c per cwt.; medium at from \$3.40 to \$3.62 1-2c per cwt.; and common down to \$3 per cwt.
Most of the sales were in small lots to-day; but here are a few representative transactions:—
One load of export cattle, averaging 1,260 lbs, sold at 4 3-4c per pound.
A load of good butchers' stuff, averaging 1,080 lbs, sold at \$3.90 per cwt.
A load of butchers' cattle, averaging 1,050 lbs, sold at \$3.60 per cwt.
A mixed lot of cows and heifers, averaging 1,020 lbs, sold at 3 3-8c per lb.
A lot of 11 cattle, averaging 960 lbs, sold at \$3.25 and five dollars back.
A lot of 13 cattle, mixed with cows, averaging nearly 900 lbs., sold at 3c per lb, and five dollars added.
Shipping bulls sell at from 3 1-2 to 4c, with an eighth more for prime bulls, which are wanted.
Stockers are selling well at from 3 to 3 1-2c, and occasionally 3 3-4c, per lb.
Very few milk cows here, less than one dozen; prices rather low, from \$25 to \$45 each. There is no particular enquiry, but a few choice cows may sell well.
Lambs are easy at from \$4.12 1-2 to \$4.37 1-2c per cwt. Supplies lately have been more than ample.
Sheep are unchanged at from 3 to 3 1-4c, per lb.
Bucks are worth from 2 1-4 to 2 3-8 per lb.
Choice veal calves are wanted at from \$5 to \$7 each; common calves are dull at from \$2.50 to \$4 each.
Hogs are unchanged at \$4.25 to \$4.37 1-2c per cwt. for the best, but the average price for good hogs is around \$4.20 per cwt; light are selling at from \$4 to \$4.25; and the outside price for thick heavy hogs is \$3.75 per cwt.
Following is the range of current quotations:—

Cattle.	
Shipping, per cwt.	\$ 4.25 \$ 4.75
Butcher, choice, do.	3.50 4.12 1-2
Butcher, med. to good.	3.25 3.50
Butcher, inferior.	3.00 3.12 1-2
Sheep and Lambs.	
Ewes, per cwt.	3.00 3.25
Bucks, per cwt.	3.25 3.62 1-2
Bucks, per cwt.	2.25 2.62 1-2
Milkers and Calves.	
Cows, each.	25.00 40.00
Calves, each.	2.00 6.00
Hogs.	
Choice, hogs, per cwt.	4.25 4.37 1-2
Light hogs, per cwt.	4.00 4.25
Heavy, do., per cwt.	0.00 3.75

BREADSTUFFS, ETC.
Wheat—There was a heavy advance in wheat in Chicago to-day, and the boom continued until the close. Prices here advanced sharply. Red wheat sold at 70c and white at 71c, north and west. This afternoon holders generally asked 72c. Manitobas were very strong. No. 1 hard, North Bay, sold at 86c, and at the close 87c was asked. Same, Midland and Owen Sound, was held at 82c. Millers held off, not caring to pay the advance.
Flour—Firm, with an advancing tendency. Easterners were in the market to-day as buyers, paying an advance of 10c per barrel. Export agents bid the small mills \$3 for straight roller, in bbls. middle freights and \$3.20 to \$3.25 is asked.
Millfeed—Scarce; ton lots of bran at the local mills bring \$14; and shorts, \$16; car lots, middle freights, are quoted at \$13.50 for bran, and \$15 for shorts.
Oatmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.60 per bbl, and in bbls at \$3.70.
Peas—Offerings light and demand fair. Car lots, north and west, sold today at 66c; holders generally ask 66 1-2c. Car lots east, 67c.
Oats—Higher again. White oats, north and west in car lots, sold at 29 1-2 to 29 3-4c, and holders now ask 30c.
Rye—Scarce. Car lots, north and west, 54c; and east, 55c.
Buckwheat—Quiet and firmer; offerings light, car lots, outside, 48c.
Corn—Higher. Canadian yellow, Chatham is quoted at 34c. American, yellow, new, offers at 43 1-2c, and new mixed at 42c. No old American now offering.
Barley—Firm. Car lots of No. 1, outside, are quoted at 48 to 49c.
Buffalo, Jan. 31.—Spring wheat.—Demand limited; market firm; No. 1 hard, 86 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 82 1-2c; No. 2 Northern, 80 3-4c. Winter wheat—Dull; No. 2 red, nominally 78c; No. 1 white, 78c. Corn—Dull; easier; No. 3 yellow, 40 1-4c; No. 4 yellow, 39 3-4c; No. 3 corn, 39 1-2 to 39 3-4c; No. 4 corn, 39 to 39 1-4. Oats—Decidedly firm; No. 2 white, 34 1-2c; No. 3 white, 33 1-2c; No. 4 white, 32 1-2c; No. 2 mixed, 32 1-2c. Barley—Strong; sales of Western, 53 to 55 3-4c. Rye—Nominal; No. 2 in store, 63c. Flour—Firm at advance.
Detroit, Jan. 31.—Wheat—Closed:—No. 1 white, cash, 75 1-2c; No. 2 red, cash, and January, 75 1-2c; May, 78 1-2c. Milwaukee, Jan. 31.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 75 1-2 to 76c; No. 2 do., 73 1-2

to 74c. Rye—No. 1, 58 1-2 to 59c. Barley—No. 2, 52 1-4 to 52 1-2c; sample, 45 to 52c.
Minneapolis, Jan. 31.—Wheat—January, 73 1-4c; May, 73 3-4c; July, 74 1-2c. On track—No. 1 hard, 74 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 73 1-4c; No. 2, 71 1-4c. Flour—First patents, \$3.90 to \$4; second patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; first clears, \$2.65 to \$2.85. Bran—in bulk, \$10.25 to \$10.75.
Duluth, Jan. 31.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 75 5-8c; January, 74 1-2c; May, 77 1-8 to 77 1-4c; July, 77 1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 72 1-2c; January, 72 1-2c; May, 75 1-8 to 75 1-4c; July, 75 1-2c. 75 1-4c; July, 75 1-2c.
Toledo, Jan. 31.—Wheat—No. 2 cash, 75c asked; May, 78 3-8c. Rye—No. 2 cash, 58 1-2c. Cloverseed—Prime, cash, old, \$3.60; new, \$4 asked.
BANK ROBBERY IN LONDON.
All the Staff of Paris Bank Taken Into Custody.
A despatch from London, Eng., says:—The absence of any clue to the thief who abstracted £60,610 in notes from Parr's Bank on Monday afternoon increased the suspicion that there was collusion inside the bank, and all the employees were immediately arrested. The search, however, was fruitless. The notes were taken from the chief cashier's drawer while he was at luncheon. The fact that the interior of the bank is open to the view of passers-by, makes it seem incredible that a stranger could have vaulted over the counter and reached the cashier's drawer without being seen.
All the numbers of the missing notes have been published. There were £38,000 in £1,000 notes, and these will be very difficult to handle anywhere, as the police of the world have been notified of the robbery and of the numbers of the notes. If the notes are never cashed the Bank of England will be so much the gainer.
Parr's Bank shares fell off a point to-day on the news of the robbery. The police agree that if the robbery was committed by outsiders without any aid from within it was the most skillful piece of work of the kind on record.
The bank has offered a reward of £1,000 for the discovery of the thief.
TO RUN 150 MILES AN HOUR.
Proposed "Mono Railway" Between Liverpool and Manchester.
A despatch from Liverpool, says:—The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce is favourably considering a proposition to build a "mono railway" between this city and Manchester, over which trains are to run at a speed of from 100 to 150 miles an hour.
Mr. F. B. Beer, the advocate of the scheme, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the members of the chamber that the new system will obviate the ordinary dangers of railroad travel. Derailments are an impossibility, and there will be fewer collisions than in the two-rail system. The cars intended for the line are to be fitted with wheels in the centre, and these will run on an elevated rail. The position of the coach on the railway may be likened to the saddle packs which hang on each side of the camel's back.
BRITISH WARSHIPS.
Number of Vessels Now Building is a Record One.
A despatch from London, says:—The record number of British warships is now building, amounting to 119 vessels ranging from the heaviest battleships to tiny torpedo-boat destroyers, the figures being 16 first-class ironclads, 36 cruisers, 14 sloops and gunboats, and 53 torpedo-boat destroyers. The armoured ships building at a cost of over £26,000,000 number 28, with a tonnage of over 350,000 tons, the number exceeding by two the entire Russian fleet of battleships, and treble the number of armoured vessels in the American navy. The whole of these ships will be added to the effective strength of the British navy by March, 1903, while the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. George J. Goschen, in two months' time, will ask the House of Commons for credits to still further strengthen the British fleet.
ADVANCE IN PRICE OF MEAT.
Due to the Large Number of Cattle Being Exported.
A despatch from Montreal says:—As a result of a decision reached by the Montreal butchers, the price of meat commencing on Wednesday last, has been advanced from one to two cents a pound according to quality.
At present a very large number of cattle are being exported, and as a consequence Montreal butchers have to pay a high price for live cattle. In the summer and fall beef in live weight could be bought for from 2 1-2 to 3c a pound, but now beef in live weight is hard to get at 4 1-2 and 5c a pound. As the shrinkage between live weight and dressed weight is about one-half, the cost of meat to the butcher is 9 and 10c. The butchers claim that they have been losing money during the last few weeks, and that a raise of prices to the consumer is necessary.
DERVISHES SURRENDERING.
One Thousand of Ahmed Fedli's Men Reach Omdurman.
A despatch from Cairo says, that upwards of 1,000 men of Emir Ahmed Fedli's force of dervishes have surrendered.
These men have arrived at Omdurman, and 200 horses and a large number of camels and horned cattle are on