

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.

Sir William Van Horne has learned to ride the bicycle.

Dr. Montague speaks in very high terms of the prospects of the Bothwell oil fields.

St. Patrick's Boys' School at Halifax was seriously damaged by fire.

Cattle shipments from Manitoba to the British markets have commenced.

Montreal retail grocers have organized a boycott on the departmental stores.

Manitoba's total contributions to the Dominion India famine fund amount to \$18,390.

The Thirteenth Regiment of Hamilton is now completely armed with the new Lee-Enfield rifles.

Mr. Henry J. Modlin of Hamilton is dead as the result of swallowing a brass-headed tack six years ago.

An attempt to burn the steamer Garden City at Port Dalhousie was frustrated by a couple of fishermen near by.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology summer school of architecture will be held at Quebec City this summer.

A general order has been issued by the Militia Department which restricts the pay lists to men who are fit for active service.

A portion of the C.P.R. track on the Pacific division carried away by a landslide has been relaid and trains are running as usual.

A large mass of rock weighing several tons fell from the cliff down on Champlain street, Quebec. A couple of houses were damaged.

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\$1,999, the amount of their action for compensation for the death of the daughter, who was working in the McDonald tobacco factory when the fire of April, 1895, occurred and died from injuries received by jumping from a window of the fourth storey.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Commissioner Roosevelt has resigned from the Police Department of New York.

Harry de Windt, who recently attempted to travel by land from New York to Paris is ill in London.

The drift in England towards war with the Transvaal is heartily welcomed by all classes.

The trade returns for nine months of the present fiscal year were \$184,734,000, nearly ten millions better than last year.

Duncan Forbes, of Collyer, the descendant of President Forbes, of Scotch historic fame, died at Collyer house, three miles from Inverness, on Saturday.

The British shipbuilding engineers and their employers have a dispute which is growing very grave, and a great strike is imminent in all the yards.

Mrs. Tillie Morgan, a Denver woman of martial spirit, insists on her right to enlist in the National Guard, and is causing much trouble to the Adjutant-General.

Diplomatic notes are passing between London and Washington with reference to the Behring sea fisheries, and a difficulty is threatening as serious as the Venezuelan affair.

Miss Louisa Weiss, a young German woman of Malone, N.Y., held on a charge of stealing goods, has made her escape from gaol, and is supposed to be making for Canada.

The usual Queen's Maundy bounty was distributed at Westminster on Thursday, and the coins given to the old people were eagerly bought as souvenirs of the jubilee reign.

A despatch from the American Secretary of State, "couched in decided terms," has been served on the British Government, urging that the indiscriminate slaughter of seals in Bering Sea be stopped.

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covered from his recent indisposition, and is able to take long carriage drives.

Eight Englishmen and 26 native miners were killed by an explosion in a mine near Johannesburg on Tuesday.

According to reports from Bombay 2,853,000 persons are employed in the relief works in the famine districts in India.

Prince Hohenlohe, the German Imperial Chancellor, has resigned, and persists in his resignation being accepted by the Emperor.

Russian prisoners for Siberia will in future be taken to their destination by train, and be thus spared the horrors of the long march.

Specials from Havana say that highly respectable women are being arrested and imprisoned on the suspicion of aiding the insurgents.

There is excitement in Honolulu over the arrival there of a large number of Japanese soldiers, who have come into the country in the guise of students.

The Mexican Senate is debating the treaty fixing the boundary of the country with the British colony of Belize. There is now a feeling in favour of ratifying the treaty.

Five American fishing vessels are lying off Sound Island in Placentia bay, Newfoundland, unable to procure bait owing to the rigid enforcement of the Anti-Bait laws.

A despatch from Cape Town says the Het Dagblad, the Dutch newspaper, declares that leading officers in the Transvaal speak openly of war with England being inevitable.

The next advance of the Anglo-Egyptian forces in the Soudan will be made as soon as there is water enough for the steamers to pass the fourth cataract of the Nile, probably in July or August.

The stronghold of Gamaasep, Bechuanaland, has been captured by the Duke of Edinburgh's volunteer rifles. Galshowe lost three hundred horses, many cattle and many warriors. The British had six wounded.

The Federal convention in Adelaide by a vote of twenty-three to twelve has rejected an amendment to allow women to vote for members of the South Australian House of Representatives.

A despatch from Japan says that the recent convention between Russia and Japan in regard to the Japanese Minister, which is not likely to last much longer.

The Turkish Government has formally informed the Greek Government that any further raids of irregulars into Turkish territory will be regarded by Turkey as a declaration of war upon the part of Greece.

It is semi-officially stated that all coercion of Greece upon the part of the powers will cease so soon as war is declared, because otherwise it would bear the character of pro-Turkish intervention.

The choice of the movement to begin war with Turkey does not rest with King George or the Greek Government, but with the Ethniké Hetairia, a secret organization, which directed the crossing of the frontier by Greek irregulars.

The British cruiser Raccoon, which left Cape Town on February 12, under sealed orders, arrived at Durban, Natal, unexpectedly during Thursday night with six other British warships, and two more warships were expected. The object of the naval demonstration is not known at Durban.

The Prince of Monaco expresses his willingness to offer a reward for the detection of the steamer which passed one of the boats of the foundered steamer St. Nazaire without giving the sufferers in the boat any assistance. The action of the steamer is strongly condemned by all seafaring men.

NEW WALL PAPER.

"Zinc wallpaper" is the latest oddity and several residences of the highest class now building will be equipped with the zinc papers, which are prepared by a new process, so as exactly to resemble marble. The most beautiful varieties of marble are imitated in such a manner that the imposture is only to be detected after a close examination.

The zinc is attached to the wall by a cement invented for the purpose. The surface of the zinc is enameled so as to render it permanent or washable. Tiles or any other form of mural covering can be imitated as readily as marble, and the material is made in a great variety of patterns.

It is claimed for this new departure in decorative material that while it is as permanent as tiles or marble, it is much cheaper and can be as easily put on as ordinary wallpaper. It can be applied, too, to any surface, whether flat, broken or sound, and any heading, etc., can be embossed on the metal to complete a design or panel.

STATUE TO MRS STOWE.

The proposed statue to be erected to Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, in Hartford, Conn., will be in bronze and represent the author as she appeared in 1850. The figure will be seated and will hold in one hand a pen and in the other a manuscript. Beneath there will be a large figure of Uncle Tom, with hands upraised, showing broken shackles on the wrists; while on each side of the pedestal will be large bronze plates, one showing the figure of Topsy and the other Eva.

THE SHAH'S HAREM.

The Shah has an exceedingly small harem for an Eastern monarch. There are not above sixty ladies, and he has four sons and twenty-three daughters. The only occasion any of the Shah's wives are to be seen is in the streets of Teheran, when they pass in carriages. When the ladies go out driving they are preceded by a gang of farashes, who caper ahead on their horses, shouting: "Go and hide yourselves!" And all men have to scamper up side streets or be thrashed.

STRONGER THAN IT LOOKED.

The Pull of a Mustard Plaster is Not in the Thickness of It.

Wilkins complained of not feeling very well. His landlady asked for the symptoms.

"Oh," she returned, "put on a mustard plaster, and you'll be all right in the morning."

He took her advice. He went into a near-by drug store and asked for a mustard plaster.

The clerk took one out and began to wrap it up.

"Say, that's sandpaper; I want a mustard plaster!"

The clerk explained that it was a mustard plaster; that the old plaster of the mince-pie pattern had gone out of style.

"This is just as good?" queried the doubter; "it's hot all right, I suppose?"

"Don't worry about that," smiled the clerk, meaningly.

Wilkins was sleepy when he got home. He was sleepier than ever when he had crawled into bed with the clammy plaster on him and a big towel backing it up close against the cuticle. He dozed perceptibly as the plaster warmed up.

"I'll go to sleep," he thought; "if it gets too hot I'll wake up."

"Yes, I'll-wake up-I gets too hot

Mr. Wilkins was snoring, and a clock away down the hall was striking ten.

It was 4.30 o'clock in the morning when Wilkins began to feel the return of consciousness.

It was mixed and confused with a dream in which he had seen a miner standing over him with a pick and felt that a great hole was being dug through his ribs.

Wilkins snored, turned over and writhed with a grimace. Then he pulled the clothes far from him, sat up and said: "Ugh."

At 7 o'clock he was in the drug store again. He was bending over to keep his clothing from touching him.

The night clerk was still in charge, and he grinned broadly.

"Let me see the place," he suggested even before Wilkins spoke.

There was a brilliant parallelogram, four by seven inches, just under the third button of Wilkins' vest, and as the cool air touched it Wilkins winced.

"You'll have to be very careful or you'll have a bad blister there," said the clerk.

"Blister! Say, I can stand it; tell me the truth-how deep is that hole?"

"Nonsense. Go out and get a big soft linen handkerchief and I'll fix you up."

Wilkins paid 35 cents for the handkerchief and 25 cents for a cool, mussy paste, which the clerk smeared on one side of it.

"Now, if you let your flannel next to that you may pull the hide off with it," warned the clerk in parting.

And Wilkins walks down these mornings to keep the elbows of street car passengers out of his ribs.

"Feels as if I was all boarded up on one side," he confides to his friends. "I don't know what a mustard plaster isn't such a cheap remedy after all."

A FRUITLESS SEARCH.

Mamma-What are you taking your doll's bedstead apart for, pet? Little Dot-'s lookin' for bugs.

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