

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.

Mrs. Tomkins, of Hamilton, was fatally burned by the explosion of a lamp. A youth named DeMutusky was fatally crushed in an elevator at Brandon, Man.

The safe of the Ontario Tack Company at Hamilton was forced open and \$103 stolen from it.

The assessment returns of London show an increase in the population during the past twelve months of 1,553.

Miss Frances E. Willard announces that the conventions of the W.C.T.U. at Toronto and Buffalo will protest against lynching.

A Myerological Society has been formed in Berlin, which, it is claimed, is the first of the kind in Canada.

The latest intelligence from Labrador confirms the report of the complete failure of the cod fishery this season.

A daughter of John Underhill, of Winnipeg, is dead at that place from lockjaw, caused by stepping on a rusty nail.

The building of a railway from Juneau to Lake Teslin is now assured, which will lessen the route to the Klondyke very considerably.

The daughter of Mr. George R. Holmes, of St. Catharines was so severely burned by her clothes catching fire that death took place in a few hours.

On Thursday the steamer Merrimac took from Montreal for the London market a quantity of Canadian tomatoes, pears, and peaches in cold storage as an experiment.

A well-dressed young woman who registered at the Cadillac Hotel, Montreal, as Miss Warner, of New York, was found dead in bed, with two empty bottles that had contained carbolic acid by her side.

The Ontario Government has decided to send Prof. Willmott to the Michigan district to investigate and report to the Bureau of Mines concerning the report that there are new gold finds there.

Eighty new grain elevators and thirteen flat warehouses have been constructed during the present year to accommodate wheat along the railway lines in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Montreal is threatened with a water famine owing to a break in the big supply pipes carrying the water under the La-Hine Canal. A dredge employed in deepening the canal tore up several sections of two 30-inch pipes.

Two more smallpox cases were removed to the City Contagious Diseases Hospital at Montreal, the patients being the wife and three-year-old daughter of a street railway motorman, who lives in Fullum lane.

The plates of the jubilee stamps and postal cards were destroyed yesterday in Ottawa in the presence of the Postmaster General. About thirty-two million stamps were printed on the plates and about seven million postal cards.

The largest sale of sole leather ever made in Canada was made at Montreal by Shaw, Cassils & Company to James McCready & Company. This transaction involved the transfer of 25,000 sides for a consideration of about \$75,000.

There are more than four thousand men at work on the several sections of inspection of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, and there is no doubt the whole line will be completed well within the time first estimated by the Canadian Pacific railway management.

News has been received of some of the parties which left Montreal some weeks ago for the Klondyke. The members of the party are all well, and, while they are meeting with great difficulties in the White Pass, they are in the best of spirits, and are confident of success.

Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railway, who has returned to Montreal from a tour of inspection of business in the North-West. The wheat crop of Manitoba, he says, will exceed the first estimates, and he thinks there will be between twenty-two and twenty-three million bushels for export this year.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Sir Lewis W. Cave, judge of the English High Court of Justice is dead. He was seventy-five years of age.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the chairmanship of the Royal Commission for the Paris Exposition of 1900.

The British Government has instructed Scotland Yard to notify the United States of the departure of Anarchists for that country.

A test case is to be made of the right of the vicar of Shakespeare's church at Stratford-on-Avon, to exact a toll from visitors.

Sir Everett Millais is dead in London. He recently succeeded his father, the late Sir John E. Millais, president of the Royal Academy.

The Trades Union Congress in session at Birmingham, on Tuesday, passed a resolution pledging moral and financial support to the striking engineers.

The Duchess of York having accepted a red fisher cloak from Father Doolley's home in Galway, that article has become very fashionable.

Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett has written a book on The Battlefields of Thessaly, which will be published shortly, in which he is an apologist for the Sultan.

Great excitement has been caused in the financial world by the announcement that the Bank of England intends holding one-fifth of its reserve in silver.

The Queen is said to be taking great interest in the reports from the Klondyke, and is anxious to know if there is adequate protection for her subjects in those regions.

A passing steamer reports that the Circe, of the Anchor line, is disabled

about seven hundred miles off the Irish coast. Tugs have gone to her rescue.

The Earl of Cadogan, Viceroy of Ireland, has issued a statement to the effect that the reports of famine prospects in Ireland are unjustifiable.

At the Trades Union Congress in Birmingham yesterday a resolution was passed declaring in favor of the national federation of all trades and industries.

The Duke and Duchess of York at Glasgow received the civic authorities and opened the new Prince's dock. The city was profusely decorated in honor of the visit of their Royal Highnesses.

Andrew Carnegie, the Pittsburgh millionaire, has purchased Skibo Castle, an estate comprising 26,000 acres of the best shooting and fishing district of Sutherlandshire.

Prince Alexander of Teck, who is staying at Belford hall, Northumberland, stated that neither he nor any of the Teck family intend visiting America.

Lord Salisbury's latest proposal, that the Greek finances be controlled by the powers for the benefit of all the creditors of Greece has been accepted by the powers.

In a booklet written in cypher by a minor royal personage and recently published in London, it is asserted that over 6,600 persons are in German state prisons on charges of lese majeste.

Reports from Ireland say the crops of oats and potatoes have been ruined in nearly all sections of the country. Famine is inevitable, and it is feared the hard times of forty-seven will be repeated.

The Queen has written to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, asking him to convey to the Irish people her thanks for the loyal and kind reception accorded to her grandchildren, the Duke and Duchess of York.

It is stated that the British Government has acquired the concession of the French company to build the Panama canal. The Washington authorities say if this is a fact there will be no necessity for the construction of the Nicaragua canal, as English capital and engineering skill will carry the Panama enterprise to a successful conclusion.

UNITED STATES.

Attendants of a herd of diseased cattle near Topeka, Kan., have themselves become infected with tuberculosis.

Scott and Reuben Gray, brothers and noted desperadoes, have been captured at Bardwell, Ky., and are held for murder.

Wild horses have become such a nuisance in Northern Arizona that the Attorney-General has been asked if they may be legally slaughtered.

Customs inspectors at Laredo, Texas, have found an unclaimed grip on a train containing \$200,000 worth of diamonds, jewellery, and other valuables.

A negro woman suspected of having smallpox created a panic in a church at Columbus, Miss., on Sunday. Her body was found later in a field.

Henry Wall, the young white man lynched at Friend's Mission, near Richmond, Va., for alleged criminal assault is now said to have been innocent.

Abraham Rosenthal, aged 18, at New York on Monday night drank a flask of whiskey on a wager, and then fatally stabbed himself, imagining himself a tragedian.

An explosion of nitro-glycerine at Cuynton, Ohio, on Tuesday caused the death of six persons whose names are known and of several persons whose names are not known.

Thomas Kennedy, about 60 years of age, fell from the second storey window of his residence in Troy, N.Y., while walking in his sleep on Tuesday morning. His neck was broken.

Thomas Thompson, one of the principals in the fight near Minden in which W. H. Sawyer was fatally injured has been brought back to Minden in charge of the police.

There is a steady advance in the movement of trade in the United States according to the commercial advices of Messrs. Dun and Bradstreet. There is a noticeable increase in production, in employment, and in the demand for all seasonable goods.

There was a head-on collision yesterday a mile west of Newcastle, Col., between a Denver and Rio Grande passenger train and a freight of the Colorado and Midland, by which twenty-five persons were killed and many more severely injured.

The big mining strike is practically over, the men having accepted the compromise terms offered by the operators, but unfortunately the last day of the struggle was disgraced with blood, the sheriff's deputies having fired upon marching miners near Hazelton, Pa., killing eleven men and wounding many more.

GENERAL.

Drought is said to have destroyed the crops of a large portion of Southern Russia.

An Austrian priest claims to have discovered a certain cure for cancer by means of eating lizards.

It is reported at Simla that the Af-ridis are collecting in the Bazan Valley for an attack on either Bara or Jamrud.

The Swatis up to the present have surrendered two thousand guns, one thousand swords and seventy breach-loading rifles.

Another large filibustering party is reported at Havana, to have landed arms and ammunition for the insurgents.

The admirals in command of the fleets of the powers in Cretan waters have decided to raise the blockade of the island on Friday next.

The Indian frontier reports are more favourable. The spies say the Orakzais appear to be disheartened, and the Swatis are submitting.

Jose Ventre, the French anarchist, who recently arrived in Mexico from Spain, will be expelled from the country as a pernicious foreigner.

There was an explosion of dynamite near Johannesburg, in South Africa, yesterday, by which five white men and twenty-five Kaffirs were killed.

The king of Siam arrived in Paris on Saturday and took up his residence in a mansion provided by the Government.

The Conservative and Agrarian papers in Germany have renewed their agitation for a tariff war against the United States.

The Spanish Government is taking steps to prevent all newspaper comment on the conduct of Affairs in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

Among the gifts which President Faure took with him to Russia were three dolls for the Grand Duchess Olga, which can talk and sing in French.

Since the alliance between France and Russia was announced the tone of the German press has changed, and there is now a disposition to court the friendship of Great Britain.

The President of the Argentine Republic has submitted to Congress a tariff which is prohibitory against all articles of American manufacture in retaliation for the Dingley Act.

The French Government is being petitioned to pass a law reducing taxation in proportion to the number of children in the family as a means of reducing the shrinkage in the birth rate.

Baron von Behrader, a lieutenant in the German army, who has been at Ostend during the entire season, committed suicide on Thursday evening, having lost a fortune of eighty thousand pounds in gambling.

A despatch from Barcelona says that the present Government will not last two weeks, and will be succeeded by a Liberal Administration under Senor Sagasta.

Barril, the Anarchist, who attempted to assassinate the Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Barcelona, has been sentenced to forty years' imprisonment.

Herr Krupp, the German ironmaster, has withdrawn his offer to equip the next expedition of Dr. Peters to Africa, owing to the sentence recently passed on the latter.

A despatch from Uganda states that a mutiny has broken out among the troops of the Congo Free State, and that the mutineers killed fifty-nine Belgian officers and men.

A special despatch from Cairo says that Berber, the next important town on the Nile in the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition upon Khartoum, has been occupied by Soudanese who are friendly to the British.

FALL FUN.

Trivet—"Miss Chakokia has become a new woman." Dicer—"She isn't as old as that, is she?"

He—"Do you believe in woman taking man's place?" She—"Yes, in a crowded street car."

"Miss Higbee is a beautiful singer, isn't she?" "Very. That was what made her singing endurable."

Mrs. Howson—"Did the butcher send the lobster?" Bridget—"He did, mum, but I sent them back. They wuzn't ripe."

"Was that mind-reader able to read your thoughts?" "No. I fooled him by thinking in French, and my French is perfectly awful."

Friend—"Does your town boast of a baseball team?" Suburbanite—"No. We used to boast of one, but we have to apologize for it now."

"I never did have any head for mathematics." "Um! I have always understood that at home you did not even count."

Ethel—"Maud has been trying to learn how to ride a bicycle for four weeks now." Penelope—"Is her instructor stupid?" Ethel—"No—handsome."

Penny Bloombumper—"Oh, papa, the goat has swallowed a Roman candle!" Mr. Bloombumper—"That's all right. He merely wanted a light lunch."

"I hope Ophelia, that you are not so foolish as to call yourself a wash lady." "Deed I don't, Miss May. I call myself a laundry lady."

The Laugh on Dobson—"Say, old man, you are so absent-minded, I believe you are in love!" "Me? Oh! ho! ho! Why, don't you know I'm married!"

Jack—"How is your sister getting on with her singing lessons?" "Cissie? Well, papa has taken the wading out of her ears for the first time to-day."

Hope is whispering "All is well!" Busy men do not deny it; "Time flies, you know." "Not always. It is now possible to make a century run."

Some are bringing wheat to sell, Others are digging gold to buy it. "Everybody seems to be on an equal in Klondyke," said the shoe clerk boarder. "Yes," said the Cheerful Idiot, "one man can cut as much ice as another up there."

"There is one queer thing noticeable at all picnics." "What is that?" "The man who makes the most fuss about carrying the basket always eats more than anybody else."

He—"For my part I can't see why you women should want to ape men, anyhow." She—"Oh, anything for a little change. We've been making a monkey of him long enough."

Old Mrs. Kelley entered the parlor unexpectedly and spoiled a nice tableau. "I was just whispering a secret in Cousin Jennie's ear," explained Jimmie. "I am sorry," said the Cheerful Idiot, "that your eyesight has become so bad that you mistake Jennie's mouth for her ear."

THE KLONDIKE FIDDLER.

John Kavannagh, the fiddler of the Klondyke, before the year is over will probably be held responsible for the downfall of some scores of musicians, who, tempted by the stories of his good luck, are tracking their way to Alaska, provided only with their instruments and a hopeful disposition. Kavanagh had been employed at Port Costa, but he became possessed of the idea that there was money to be made in the North, so he struck out for Juneau. From that place he moved on to the old lady gravelly, "explained cret in Cousin Jennie's ear," said the Cheerful Idiot, "that your eyesight has become so bad that you mistake Jennie's mouth for her ear."

THE RINDERPEST.

Terrible Story From South Africa by Former Stratford Missionary.

Mr. F. R. Panzera, a missionary formerly of Stratford, writing to Mr. W. J. Marshall, of Toronto, from Lang's Nek, Natal, South Africa, says:—"The outlook here is awful—ruination or starvation is staring every farmer in the face. Scores up country have died. House after house up north of father, Mr. Panzera's father is also in South Africa, contain nothing but the bones of the former white occupants. Their horses had died of sickness and then the rinderpest took their cattle, so that after their powder had run out there was nothing for it but to sit down and die if the relief parties did not happen to bear in sight, and unfortunately war has been going on throughout Baralonge and that stopped all the reliefs from getting north. We are close to the railway and so there is no chance of our dying in such a manner; but our difficulty, and in fact the difficulty of the bulk of the whites through here will be money. The rich brutes enjoy seeing one starve and will not bring down their prices. The last two weeks or so there has been a regular panic sale amongst farmers. One man below us sold seven thumping fat oxen for £1 1s, or about 70 cents a piece. Last week at Ermelo 750 head of cattle died on the Orange Free State border 1,600 head, and such numbers cannot be buried fast enough, so here cannot be buried fast enough, so here cannot be buried fast enough."

THE STENCH IS AWFUL and fever is hard behind rinderpest. Many whites in outlying districts have eaten the dead meat in desperation and those who are still alive wish themselves dead. The germ grows at a fearful speed in the human body, and seems to feed just under the skin—so that the beasts, a long, thin maggot, are plainly visible and can be seen coursing about, not to say anything of the feeling; but they are in millions and to attempt to cut them out, as some have done, is only death. In those I have seen the skin of the hands and arms was just a heaving mass. It is awful, beyond description; and yet there are men with sufficient of the devil in them who are spreading the pest. Only this week a farmer below here heard a noise in his cattle kraal at night, and on getting up saw a man amongst the cattle, and lifting down a cattle jumper. He shot at him once, but in the morning when searching the body he found every pocket full of putrid flesh. All that man's cattle were dead by last night, £7,000 worth of fine cattle, and he is not worth a cent now. That man has been all through the neighborhood visiting 'friends' and on every farm that he has been all cattle have died. Can you imagine anything so diabolical? Shooting was far too good for such a being. Tomorrow I am going below to try and secure a couple of horses, as we must work the land or follow our neighbors to the workhouse. I intend trying to get the money from a Christian in Durban and paying it back in monthly instalments, then ride the horses back here, 305 miles."

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