

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.

Hull's population is 11,905. The indiscriminate slaughter of deer in the Province of Quebec is reported to be enormous. The steamer Diana, with the Hudson Bay exploring party on board, has returned to Halifax. Miss Inskip of Montreal, a young woman about 25 years of age, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. There are already four applications for divorce bills to come before the next session of the Dominion Parliament. There is reported to be a good opening for Canadian pine lumber in Spain, the Spanish lumber supply having fallen off. There are prospects of a British artillery team coming to Canada next year to compete with the Dominion batteries. Mr. Tarte has signed the plan finally adopted for the improvement of Montreal harbor, and work will be proceeded with at once. The Grand Trunk Railway Company have sent checks to Brantford amounting to \$33,500, returning the car works bonus with interest. Over \$20,000 in duty has been collected at Tagit Lake by Canadian customs officers from miners who bought goods in the United States. Mr. Joseph de Lottelle, of Ottawa, who proposes to reach the Klondike by balloon, says his air-ship will soon be ready for the experimental trip. Montreal Patrie earnestly urges the French-Canadians to seek British Columbia instead of the United States as a field for settlement and conquest. It is understood that the Canadian Pacific railway will shortly build a separate station in Ottawa to cost in the neighborhood of one million dollars. The amount of Customs collected at the port of Montreal for October exceeded that collected during the same month the previous year by fifty-one thousand dollars. The United States steamer Yantic is lying in Montreal awaiting the arrival of pontoons from Michigan to enable it to go through the canals on its way to Detroit. The smallpox scourge has broken out afresh in Montreal. Another girl was taken from a Roman Catholic boarding school on Thursday suffering from the disease. The insurance companies intend bringing a test case against the Intercolonial railway, to see if railway companies are responsible for fires caused by sparks from their engines. Instructions have been sent to all the departments of the Dominion public service to expedite the preparation of the annual reports, in readiness for an early session of Parliament. The directors of the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company, of Toronto, have decided to recommend to the shareholders the gradual winding up of the company's business by means of a voluntary liquidation. The Beaver Line has chartered two first-class vessels of the Cunard Line, one of them being the Gallia, in order to carry out its contract with the Canadian Government to carry the mails to a Canadian port. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, does not believe in enforcing the tuberculosis test. His idea is to educate the farmer up to seeing that it is to his own advantage that tuberculosis in cattle should be stamped out. Mr. A. G. Fraser of London has entered suit for \$15,000 damages against the Street Railway Company because he fell or was pushed off a car on Labor Day and fell through a bridge to the ground, 30 feet below. With regard to mining in the Yukon, Surveyor Ogilvie recommends a change in the size of the standard claim now limited to one hundred feet along the river, and that the Government reserve sections be taken in blocks. A boy named Belther, aged fifteen, of Leduc, Alberta, is in custody at Edmonton, charged with murdering a companion named Redmond, which he threw a knife at Redmond, which pierced the neck, causing fatal injuries. The Royal Victoria Hospital, which Lord Mountstephen and Strathcona presented to Montreal at a cost of \$2,000,000, has already grown too small, and the Governors are considering plans for a \$1,000,000 extension. The Beaver Line has concluded arrangements and signed a contract with the Government for a freight service from St. John N. B. and a mail service from Halifax. The first ship, the Gallia, formerly of the Cunard Line, will sail from Liverpool on Saturday next. It is understood the arrangements are satisfactory to the C. P. R. conference. The Grand Trunk Railway, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company have combined to reorganize the system of baggage transfer and delivery now in use, and have called for tenders from the master carters of Toronto and Montreal. GREAT BRITAIN. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has been installed as Lord Rector of Glasgow University. Sir Donald A. Smith has formally decided that his new title will be Lord Strathcona. It is the intention of the British Government to increase the strength of the Mediterranean fleet. The London Daily News finds fault with Lord Salisbury for what it calls his invertebrate foreign policy. The English Board of Trade returns for October show a decrease of 2,631,127 in imports and 21,400,405 in exports.

A new biography of the Queen, written by Mr. Richard Holmes, the Royal Librarian at Windsor has appeared. Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., at one time president of the Royal Geographical Society, is dead. An English agriculturist has succeeded in the cross-fertilization of grasses, clover, cereals, and other food plants. It is denied on authority that the Queen sent a message to ex-President Cleveland, congratulating him on the birth of a son. Col. Chard, V.C., the hero of the famous defence of Rorke's Drift, died at Taunton, Eng., on Monday. He was fifty years of age. The Prince of Wales' famous racing cutter Britannia has been sold to John Johnstone, the principal director of the Bovril Co. Limited, of London. It is reported in London that the great pontoon dock being built for Spain at Stephenson's yards, on the Tyne, is intended for the Philippine Islands, and not for Havana. The British officials regard the prompt agreement arrived at between the two governments regarding the suspension of pelagic sealing, as a vindication of Great Britain's refusal to enter into the West India Cable Company's lists of shares closed on the London market on Thursday afternoon. The applications for bonds and shares were from two to three times the amount required. Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador to the United States, has been instructed to ascertain the views of the United States Government in regard to the reciprocity treaty with the West Indies. UNITED STATES. The United States Government is said to be favorably considering reciprocity with Canada. The Union Pacific Railway system was sold at Omaha to the Reorganization Committee for over \$53,000,000. Thirteen firemen were injured, some perhaps fatally, by the explosion of a can of benzine at a fire in Philadelphia on Wednesday. At Helena, Mont., early on Wednesday morning a slight earthquake shock was felt, rocking buildings. It was of seven seconds duration. A deputation of native Hawaiians will visit Washington shortly to protest against annexation to the United States. A cattle dealer of London, England, quarrelled with the boot-black of a hotel in East Buffalo on Saturday, and the boot-black shot him dead. More than fifty thousand persons will directly or indirectly draw pay from the city in the first administration of the Mayor of Greater New York. The filibustering steamer Dauntless has returned to Key West from Cuba, having succeeded in landing a cargo of arms and ammunition for the insurgents. It is reported in Key West that the Cuban filibusterers' rendezvous in the Bahamas has been seized by the British Government, a quantity of arms secured, and a few men arrested. The First Regiment Illinois National Guard intends celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary next year by an extended tour, which will embrace Toronto, Niagara Falls and Montreal. The Red Star line steamer Southwark, which sailed from New York on Wednesday, is on her way back with fire in her cargo. A clergyman who was studying at the Boston University Theological school has been requested to withdraw by the faculty for performing a marriage in a lion's cage. A number of Philadelphia city and United States Government officials of prominence have been arrested, charged with conspiracy, and the issue of fraudulent naturalization papers. It is now said on the testimony of a dismissed boss of the New York Central railway that the wreck at Garrison was caused by a false economy that checked the proper repair of the road-bed. Max J. Engel, of Buffalo, who lost both his legs in a railway accident, has just made a journey to New York in a two-wheeled cart, drawn by his dog Carlo. He made an average of fifteen miles a day. In the face of threatened starvation and death in the Yukon region, the Portland Chamber of Commerce is prepared to supply food and clothing, and has asked the United States Department to provide transportation. Reports from the commercial agencies of Messrs. Dun and Bradstreet do not indicate any marked change in the general business position. Election uncertainties and extremely mild weather have so far been held responsible for the trade movement not coming up to expectations or hopes. Frosts in some parts of the South and yellow fever scares have depressed trade in many places, while in the Western States rain stimulated demand in several industries. There is a fair demand for labor, though not to the extent that the condition of the market appeared to justify a few weeks ago. Iron, steel, naval stores, wool, copper, coffee, etc., are lower. GENERAL. The report that Spain has ordered a number of warships from English builders is denied. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has announced his determination to extend the Bulawayo railway to the Zambesi without delay. A detachment of French troops operating in the Congo has been surprised by the enemy, and many men being killed or wounded. The French forces have evacuated Saki, one of the posts of the Lagos Hinterland, which was occupied by their troops in contravention of the Anglo-French convention of 1889. A relief expedition has been fitted out at the expense of the Norwegian Government to search for Herr Andree, who started with the intention of crossing the Polar sea in a balloon. Russia, Japan and the United States have agreed to suspend pelagic sealing

in Behring Sea, and it is hoped to force Great Britain into joining the other powers by a threat to slaughter the seal herds. Marshal Blanco, the new Captain-General of Cuba, has sent a cable message to the Spanish Government saying he has formed a favorable opinion regarding the prospects for the pacification of Cuba. There has been a mutiny on board the Montserrat, the ship on which General Weyler left Havana, owing to the General ordering the soldiers to be herded like slaves below, that the officers might have the dogs free for themselves. Sir James Winter, leader of the Opposition in the Newfoundland Legislature, expects to assume office within a week. He will ask the Imperial Government to take steps to rehabilitate the credit of the colony in the foreign money markets. Under threats of declaring her independence, Turkey has acceded to Bulgaria's desire for berats for Bulgarian bishops to Macedonia. Maximo Gomez, Commander-in-Chief of the Cuban Army of Liberation, declares against accepting any compromise from the Spanish Government. Independence alone will satisfy the insurgents. UNIQUE JAPANESE TIMEPIECE. Contains Trees and Streams Which Have a Natural Appearance. Japan possesses a remarkable timepiece. It is contained in a frame three feet wide and five feet long, representing a noon-day landscape. In the foreground plum and cherry trees and rich plants appear in bloom; in the rear is seen a hill, from which floats a cascade, admirably imitated in crystal. From this point, a threadlike stream meanders, encircling rocks and islands in its windings, and finally losing itself in a stretch of woodland. In a miniature sky, a golden sun turns on silver wire, striking the hours on silver gongs as it passes. Each hour is marked by a creeping tortoise. A bird of exquisite plumage warbles at the close of the hour, and as the song ceases a mouse sallies forth from a neighboring grotto and scampering over the hill, to the garden, is soon lost to view. THANKSGIVING GIFTS. Although it would be very undesirable to turn Thanksgiving into a day for the exchange of valuable gifts when Christmas is so near at hand, it is very pleasant to provide appropriate little souvenirs for the occasion, either as ornaments to the dinner table or as individual keepsakes. A pretty little gift for a young lady from an admirer is a box or basket of candy with a gilded turkey perched upon the cover. The turkey is fastened on with the ribbon around the neck, which holds the claws flat against the top. Anything more elaborate is out of keeping with the season, which should be kept simple and plain, as our forefathers intended it to be. A little seasonable decoration for the table, and perhaps the mantels and frieze, is, however, very attractive, and may be had at very small cost. Everything should be suggestive of autumn for this reason: Oak leaves are the favorite foliage. Pumpkins and jack o' lanterns are not unseasonable, although usually considered more suitable for Halloween. Cranberries make a beautiful display, and are not sufficiently expensive to prevent a moderate use of them in connection with other decorations. They are easily strung upon threads, and may be festooned about the mantel and other places in the same way that strings of popcorn are used. They may also be strung on fine wire, which can be bent into any shape desired. A cranberry heart in front of each plate at the Thanksgiving board would make a striking effect in contrast with the snowy cloth. One of the oddest little souvenirs, as well as the simplest to make, is what might be termed a vegetable turtle. It is made of a prune, a raisin with a short stem, and five cloves. The prune forms the body; the raisin stuck into one end by each corner for the legs and one at the back for a tail finishes as cute a little animal as never crawled. One of these upon each plate upon a tiny mirror to represent clear water will furnish a great deal of fun for the diners at a family dinner. A rather homely souvenir, which would amuse the children is a potato pig. Take a round, fat sweet potato, with one end as much like a snout as possible. Use tooth-picks for the legs, of the peeling, loose at each side, standing them up for ears. The tail may be made with a piece of wadded string, stuck on in the proper place with a pin and curled up in good pig style. Matches sharpened at one end will be found stronger than toothpicks for the legs. The snout should be sliced off to the correct bluntness, and a slit made at its lower edge for a mouth. Instead of using cloves for eyes, it is better to make slight incisions in the peel. A little ingenuity will produce a very respectable-looking pig, easily recognized by the most superficial student of natural history. A lemon may be used in the same way, and is said to improve in its capacity of "rooter" as it shrivels with age. A hickory nut makes a pretty lady when the sharp end is utilized for a nose, with the other features sketched on with ink. A wire nail fastened into a gimlet hole supports this nutshell head, and a cone of stiff paper makes the foundation for a pretty fancy paper dress. With the addition of a paper sunbonnet the lady is complete. A clay pipe may be utilized in the same way, and makes a beautiful nun. The back of the pipe with the sharp point for the nose forms the face. It is then dressed in the same way as the hickory nut. All of these ideas are very simple, but any one who tries them will get as much amusement out of them as if they were much more elaborate, not to mention the added satisfaction that they work very inexpensive.

TUBERCULOSIS. Prevention of the Felt Disease by State Aid Advocated by Dr. Bryce. "The place of the state in dealing with tuberculosis" was the subject of a paper by Dr. H. P. Bryce, the Ontario medical health officer, at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, recently held in Philadelphia. The subject was the cause of considerable discussion for the principle was set forth that the same organized energy should be directed in dealing with homes for consumptives as for asylums, hospitals and refuges, or in other words, that state sanitariums should be established for the treatment of this "Moloch of chronic diseases." Dr. Bryce showed that in Ontario ten times as many persons become afflicted with tuberculosis every year as with insanity; that ten times as many die, and that since Confederation in 1867 to 1895 the maintenance of the asylums in the province had cost \$9,854,499.98. Dr. Bryce also showed by statistics that from fifty to seventy-five percent of all cases of tuberculosis in the early stages, treated in sanitariums may be restored to comparative health, while some thirty-five percent will permanently recover. Hence he said, that were the assumed five thousand consumptives existing to-day in Ontario placed in sanitarium at least fifty percent of them would be preserved to produce wealth for the state. In other words the annual loss of \$2,500,000 would be saved as each person's life is said to be worth \$1,000 to the state. By placing all tubercular persons in sanitarium the danger from infection would also be greatly minimized and consequently the number of new cases and the number demanding treatment would be greatly lessened. The doctor also favored compulsory notification. SHARK ABOARD A SHIP. The British steamer Wilderspool arrived at New York the other day from Java with a fish story as big as some of the immense waves which boarded the vessel in the storms through which she passed. While crossing the Gulf Stream on the night of October 17, in a strong, northwest gale, the steamer took a great deal of water on her decks. Captain Japp remained on the bridge during the night, and he says that the seas swept the sugar-laden ship from stern to stern. In a lull in the big storm he heard a flapping forward, and, thinking a sail had got loose, sent a man to fasten it. The next thing heard was a cry of astonishment from the sailor, and every one hurried forward to see what had happened. There upon the deck, lay a shark, so the story runs, which had been cast on board by the waves. The crew dispatched him, and when stretched out he measured 11 feet. AN AFFECTIONATE FAMILY. The French Minister of Foreign Affairs, it is said, asked the King of Siam why he did not leave his foreign minister at home to take charge of things. "Because he is my brother," returned Chulalongkorn, with a grim smile; "I should probably have found him on my throne when I got back to Siam." "But you have your other brother with you?" "Yes, but his nature is even less benevolent. He would not only have seized my throne, but cut off my head as quick as I returned." "You all seem on excellent terms together," exclaimed the astonished Frenchman. "Exactly," said the King, "and, as I like to be on good terms with them, I always take them along."

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