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.

Captain William Sparling of the Montreal Fire Brigade is dead.

Over \$18,000 has been collected in subscriptions for the Western University.

reported to the Mayor by the Montreal Health Officer.

The Hamilton Acetyline Gas Machine Co. has been formed, with a capiital stock of \$45,000.

built at Toronto will be called "Toronto" and "Kingston."

A company has been formed and plans matured for building an electric railway between St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie.

Wm. Green, who was run into by a street car at Hamilton, while riding a horse on Sunday afternoon, is dead as the result of his injuries.

S. S. Stratton and R. Ronan, of Ottawa, have been awarded the contract for supplying for four years the Post-Office Department with mail tags.

Brakeman Wheeler, of the G. T. R. fell beneath the cars at Brantford. Fortunately he fell between the tracks, and by lying prostrate, escaped injury. Mr. Arthur Piers, C. P. R. Steam-

ship Manager, has gone to England to purchase steamships and to make other arrangements for the new Klondike

Mr. Sifton does not anticipate any trouble from the efforts being made at Washington to prevent the entrance of Canadian goods into the Yukon by way of Dyea.

The Thirteenth Battalion of Hamil- a fresh attack. ton, have won the Gzowski Cup for the landers third.

It is announced that Lord Strathcona | jealousy. has presented his entire herd of buf-

tercolonial railway, the Prince Edward of the Royal family. Island railway, and the leased lines,

000 for damages caused to the Gov- Japan. ernment vessel La Canadienne in the collision with the American vessel Yan-

The Dominion fishery protection fleet Italian merchant vessel some years ago. on the Atlantic coast has gone into A despatch from Athens announces themselves surrounded by conspiring of the heart. Silence can still rumor; which have not yet left for home.

Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner, in a letter to Sir Richard Cartwright, states that he will re- advisability of sending a petition to marvellous to find how unconsciously turn to Canada shortly to interview President McKinley seeking to estab- deep offence has been given. The very regarding opportunities for extending er the island. their business to Great Britain.

Many applications have been received at the Dominion Customs Department from Americans for permission to take goods into Alaska, via Canadian territory, in bond, and the matter is receiving the attention of the Cabinet at Ottawa.

Mr. J. Haney, superintendent of construction of the Crow's Next Pass railway, gives a general denial to the charges of unfair treatment of the labourers employed on the work. says out of four thousand men only sixty had any complaint to make, and examples: they were sent home.

Mr. B. P. Osler, Q. C., of Toronto has filed a petition with the Dominion Department of Justice asking for the revocation of the charters of the Canadian Copper Company and the Anglo-American Company, on the grounds that they have not established smelting works in Canada, according to the terms of their contract.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Gen. Sir Henry Gardiner, commander of the Horse Artillery, is dead in London.

Terrific weather has been prevailing on the south-west coast of Ireland, and serious wrecks are reported.

It is reported that the prospects of a settlement of the engineer's strike in Great Britain are very promising. Lord Wrottesley's seat in Staffordshire has been completely gutted by fire, and many articles of historic would have killed the bird. value are lost.

The engineers of six of the Allan line steamers, now at Glasgow, have gone out on strike. Serious disorganization of the fleet is feared.

It is reported at London that Sir Wm. E. Maxwell, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast, died at sea while en route to Eng-

An immense shoe factory is to be started in Galashiels, Scotland, to compete with the United States, which now holds a large part of the British

remanded at Bow street police station, They are always stealing one's good London, on Thursday, charged with is- thoughts. suing a publication inciting the assassination of the Czar.

UNITED STATES.

Charles Butler, lawyer and philanthropist, is dead at New York.

companies have agreed upon a pas- masticating his food.

senger rate of five hundred dollars from that city to Dawson City.

The United States War Department proposes to buy 500 reindeer from Lapland to be used in taking supplies into Dawson City this winter.

The total tonnage carried on canals of New York State during the past season shows a decrease compared with the previous season of 97,000 tons. Durrant, who was sentenced on Wed-

nesday for the fourth time to be hanged, says that he will never go to the scaffold, as he is confident help will come to him in his extremity.

On Sunday at St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Charles Miller, her mother, and all her relatives and other Catholics who attended her marriage, were excommunicated because the young woman was married by a Protestant minister.

The bill relating to pelagic sealing, which has just passed both branches of Another case of smallpox has been the United States Congress, places an absolute prohibition on the further bringing of sealskins into the United States from any source whatever.

According to reports as to business in the United States, retail trade in The new R. & O. steamers being the east has been more satisfactory during the past week. There is possible trouble in the New England mills and either a strike or a shut-down is likely to occur. In the West and the North-West trade is reported to be most satisfactory, though mild weather has checked the distribution of seasonable goods to a large extent. Collections generally are reported better, and the all-round tone and trade outlook good. The commercial failures in the United States for the week just ended were 283, as compared with 359 in the corresponding week of last year.

GENERAL.

will be exhausted in 50 years.

Appronse Dauget, the celebrated French novelist, is dead. He was 57 years of age.

The Marquis di Rudini has succeeded in reconstructing the Italian Cabinet, without making many

Among the persons under arrest for pillaging in Prague, is the son of a millionaire, The Germans still dread

fourth time in succession. The Queen's | Hagerland, had her beauty destroyed | deeper than either. Own came second, and the 48th High- by vitriol, which was thrown in her face by another model in a fit of

falo now on his farm near Winnipeg drid are in a state of great suppress- and motive that makes such a burden erwise to temper judgment with mercy to the Dominion Government, to be ed excitement, and there are such of some persons' lives. We all know -surely this is quite as good as to placed in the National Park at Banff. srtong fears of a revolution that pre- such persons; we may ourselves be the build up churches, establish asylums After the first of January the In- parations are being made for the flight victims of their unjust suspicions, or and found colleges. Unkind words do

Spain is negotiating with the Armwill be known under the title of the strongs, of England, to obtain a four Canadian Government railway system. thousand three hundred ton cruiser, The Dominion Government will sue worth one million five hundred thouthe United States Government for \$10,- sand dollars, which has been built for

Hayti is again threatened, this time by Italy who is making heavy claims for the alleged illegal seizure of an

winter quarters with the exception that the treaty of peace between Turk- and designing persons. Suspicion and it is speech that keeps a story alive of the Osprey, which is watching two ey and Greece has been ratified by jealousy are always inseparable com- and lends it vigor. or three American fishing steamers King George. It has been also ratifi- panions, and the two are enough to ed by Turkey.

are holding meetings to consider the suspicious; and it is often perfectly

IRISH BULLS.

Some Instances of Incongruittes in Forms of Speech.

A "bull," in speech, is defined as a grotesque blunder; an apparent congruity, but a real incongruity, of ideas. The Irish are credited with a peculiar have it we do not know, except that

Patrick, when he first landed in Amyelled to his friend: "Will ye look at that! Ov all the wonders I iver seen boat searchin' for wather."

Another Irishman said: "I saw Pat Ryan the other side of the way. thought it was Pat and Pat thought it was me, and whin I came up, begorra, it was neither of us."

Another excused himself from going to church by saying he had such an excellent telescope that with it he could bring the church so near he could hear the organ playing.

It was Pat who observed, after watching two men shoot at an eagle and kill it, that they might have saved the powder and shot, as the fall alone

Another Irishman assigned as a reason for not putting out a fire in his kitchen with a kettle of boiling water that was near that it was hot water; and it was Pat's reply to a man who boasted that he had the smallest horse in the country, "By me faith, I have wan as little as two of it."

Another one is told of a horse. Pat said he could leap over a ditch at least 30 feet wide; but as Pat describes it, he did it in "two jumps."

And it was Pat again who, telling a story as original, and being informed by one of his auditors that he had read it in the translation of a Latin work, with certain forms of mania. No mind Vladimir Bourtzeff, a Russian, was cried out: "Confound those ancients!

LEFT TEETH USED OFTENEST.

appears to be the use of the teeth on considering every one a rogue until the left side of the mouth for masti- we have proved otherwise, let us as-It is proposed to hold an ecumenical cating the food. During a lengthen- sume that our friends and companions Foreign Missionary Conference in New ed period of observation only one per- are not really enemies in disguise, un-York in April, 1900, to last ten days. son out of 13 was found who used both less we have really found that such The San Francisco transportation sides of his mouth for chewing and is the case. It is better to be deceived than to be constantly mistrusting.

SUSPICIOUS NATURE.

If there is any single quality that is capable of poisoning a lifetime it is the quality of suspicion. From very small seed this noxious plant may attain to such a growth as to overshadow all one's happiness, and destroy the peace of every hour. It is better to be over-confident than too suspicious, though either extreme has its special dangers. Most of us are born with a tendency to one or other of the qualities, though it more fitly belongs to human nature to be too trustful than to be forever suspecting. Confidence is the attribute of childhood; and the more childlike we remain through life, the more are we trustful and confiding. Although it would simply be foolish and unnatural for a grown person to have the fully confiding character of a child, yet it is generally conceded that those who are most largely blest with this peculiar characteristic of the young are the nobler natures and are of the stuff of which heroes are most often made. But the trustfulness of a child and that of a man or woman must spring from a different root. The child's comes from ignorance, and is apt to diminish rapidly as the lessons of experience are learned; while that of the mature is a professional match-maker. usually springs from their own purity of motive and honesty of purpose. It is an old proverb that you must set a It is said that Javan's supply of coal rogue to catch a rogue; for an innocent person will never suspect the dodges and craft of artful guilt. The reformed criminal will often make the best detective. When a child judges of character, it is usually by instinct | delight so frequently, as to make othrather than by observation; and ers almost regrat it. though this may give the child's opinion a special value in the eyes of some persons yet the mature judgment of a grown and experienced observer may more often be truly relied on. The child must judge from experience and man-The famous Parisian model, Lucie ners; the experienced endeavor to look

But the suspicion of which we would speak is not that which is necessary for the detection of crime; it is rather poison any existence. No trifling de-Some of the richest Spaniards of Cuba tail is too small for the notice of the the harder to clear them up. They are so petty, so intangible—so incapable of explanation, simply because they need "No," said the melancholy man. "The GRISTING AND CHOPPING DONE. none. From causes such as these, a conglomeration of imaginary offences where no offence was for a moment intended, persons have been regarded as lifelong enemies; the affection between

relations has been embittered and destroyed, and friendships that might have been a lasting comfort have been utterly overthrown. Of course, in any connection of friendship or relationship, there must it is a species of wit. Here are some be some things to pardon and to overlook on both sides; there must be mutual concessions. In some cases it may be really necessary to withhold the erica, happened to see a locomotive go fullest confidence from certain perflashing by. He started back and sons, whom we have discovered to be unworthy or imprudent. It is only possible to give full trust to a very few-perhaps to only one; but because it bates thim all. Sure it's a steam- we are unable to make confidential friends of every person with whom we come in contact, there is no reason why we should imagine that those persons are continually plotting and scheming against ourselves. To mistrust others seems to suggest that we are ourselves not worthy of perfect trust; for, after all, our judgments of others must mainly be founded on our knowledge of our own hearts. It will generally be found that those who are most suspicious are themselves largely given to scheming and mystery, and be modelled on the same pattern. The trusting, too confiding, than to fall others. Those who are most sincerely

that they imagine everybody else to habit of constant suspicion is in some sort a self-condemnation. In any case it does not bespeak a magnanimous and noble nature. Far better be too into the paltry slavery of a dominating suspicion. For one's own peace of mind the habit should be sternly repressed. It will surely lead to injustice and probably great wrong toward our friends may fall under the blighting shadow of this mistrust, so that everything they do or say is misunderstood. The quality grows so rapidly and abnormally as to become an actual disease; it is in fact, always associated that is quite healthy will become the prey of constant suspicions, for the habit does not comport with mental health. As we consider ourselves to be worthy of trust, as we resent being perpetually regarded with suspicion. let us endeavor to treat others as we The natural habit of human beings would ourselves be treated. Instead of

THE HOUR OF COMFORT.

Just to trust, and yet to ask Guidance still; Take the training or the task As He will;

Just to take the loss or gain As He sends it; Just to take the joy or pain

As He lends it. He who formed thee for His praise Will not miss the gracious aim; So to-day and all thy days Shall be molded for the same.

Just to leave in His dear hand Little things; All we cannot understand,

All that stings; Just to let Him take the care Sorely pressing, Finding all we let Him bear

Changed to blessing. This is all! and yet the way Marked by Him who loved thee best. Secret of a happy day. Secret of His promised rest.

GUESSES AT TRUTH.

Man's sympathy with man is often more comforting, and generally more lasting, than is woman's love.

How often marriage degenerates into a condition of individual selfishness and indifference, regulated by an armed neutrality toward the outside world!

No woman is, as a rule, more thoroughly disqualified for what she conceives to be her special vocation than

We owe nobody love, which is never a debt. It is always a free-will offering, or the return for an equivalentan exchange of like for like. A man who assures a woman that he has determined never to marry invites her to do her utmost to cause

him to alter his determination. Some women are so delighted with their own existence, and express their

Many a man who has made up his mind to die a bachelor cannot make up his heart to the same end.

CHARITY OF SPEECH.

Charity of speech is as divine a thing as charity of action. To judge no one harshly to misconceive no man's motives, to believe things are as they It is stated that the citizens of Ma- the continual suspecting of meaning seem to be until they are proved othwe may ourselves have fallen into this as much harm as unkind deeds. Many morbid habit of for ever suspecting. a heart has been wounded by this and There are those who, though sur- many a reputation has been stabbed to rounded by kind friends, render their death by a few little words. There is a own lives and the lives of others mis- charity which consists in withholding erable through their continual mis- words, in keeping back harsh judgtrust. They make no new friends, they ments, in abstaining from speech if lose their old ones, by the dire agency to speak is to condemn. Such charof this habit. They spy hidden mean- ity hears the tale of slander, but does ings in the most innocent words and not repeat it; listens in silence, but actions-they detect secret purposes in forbears comment; then locks the uneverything said or done; they fancy pleasant secret up in the very depths

FUNNIGRAMS.

Funeral director, to gentleman-"Are you one of the mourners?" Gentlepulp and paper manufacturers here lish a United States protectorate ov- smallness of such trifles makes it all man-"Yes; he owed me five hundred

races are more likely to take me in." Minister-"I once performed three wedding ceremonies in twelve minutes." Miss Saylor-"That was at the

rate of fifteen knots an hour." "What is the worst thing about riches?" asked a school teacher of a "Their scarcity," he replied, and THE SAWMILL was immediately rewarded with a

Old Golfer-"How many holes have you made?" New Golfer, who has not reached the first green- "Not more than four or five, and I put the turf right back.

HOW FIRE IS EATEN.

The secret of fire-eaters consists in washing out the mouth and rubbing the skin with pure spirit and sulphur, which cauterises the outer skin.

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