

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.

Cornwall's new hospital was formally opened on Wednesday.

Brantford is to have a free postal delivery in a few days.

Fire has destroyed one of the C. P. R. steamers on Kootenay Lake.

A new trans-Atlantic line to Liverpool is talked of at Halifax.

There is enough food in Dawson City to prevent starvation this winter.

Wm. Legatt, a coachman, was upset out of a carriage at Brantford and killed.

Burglars stole 12,000 cigars from Clarke's Mountain Hotel on Wednesday night.

William Moore was found dead in his bed at his home in Welland on Tuesday.

The C. P. R.'s half yearly dividend to be paid in February may reach 2 1/2 per cent.

Hamilton fishermen have been granted the privilege of spearing fish in the bay this winter.

The Hamilton Acetylene Gas Machine Company has been incorporated, with a capital of \$45,000.

John Hall, private banker of Holland, near Winnipeg, has assigned, with liabilities at \$32,000.

North-west Mounted Police will assist in distributing the United States relief to the Klondike miners.

Frank Rosa, an Italian was sentenced to seven months imprisonment for forgery at Cornwall on Wednesday.

Mr. James Ward, a Saltfleet farmer, was thrown from his wagon on Sunday, near his farm gate and killed.

It is reported at Halifax that a new company is about establishing a line of steamers between that port and Liverpool.

Bishop DuMoulin has been advised by his physician to refrain from preaching for a time, owing to the condition of his health.

H. H. Harding, the American forger, arrested at Regina, consents to be taken back. He said he had \$81, but police found upon him \$8,000.

Chas. Moore, a Westminster farm-hand, has been sent for trial on the charge of setting fire to a vacant building, owned by M. Nemo.

The cabled reports of the seizure of Hai Nan Island by the French and the requisition of the C.P.R. steamers by the British Admiralty are denied.

Gideon Deguire and Joseph LaLonde have been committed for trial at Montreal on the charge of murdering an Italian in a fight at Coteau du Lac.

Robert McGee, of Guelph township, who was recently released from Toronto asylum, has again been arrested as he has been annoying the neighbors.

Police Magistrate Jelfs of Hamilton has taken proceedings against The Herald and Mrs. John Billings for criticizing his decision in a case of cruelty to animals.

The Imperial Government has granted three extra commissions in the army for competition amongst the graduates of the Royal Military College this year.

Mr. Sidney Slocum has instructed his solicitors to take action against Detective Donald Campbell of Hamilton for \$2,000 damages for alleged false arrest.

John Gaynor has been given one month's imprisonment and fined \$50, at Carberry, Man., on a charge of sand-bagging and robbing himself with intent to defraud his creditors.

A number of models have been received at the Public Works Department, Ottawa, for statues to Queen Victoria and the late Alexander Mackenzie on Parliament square.

Judgment has been given at Hamilton dismissing the Canada Life's appeal against income assessment on its policy-holders' profits; also reducing the assessment of the Street Railway and Gas Companies.

Canadian Pacific land sales for the past year show an enormous increase over the preceding year. For 1897 the figures are 200,000 acres, valued at \$650,000. In 1896 88,000 acres were sold for \$307,000.

Mr. J. P. Doran of Ottawa, employed in W. C. Wells' lumbering establishment, was frozen to death on the trail between Palliser, B.C., and the camp. His faithful-dog watched the body for two days and nights.

A number of boot and shoe merchants of Hamilton have been summoned to answer charges of violating a city by-law by keeping their places of business open after 7 o'clock in the evening during Christmas week.

John Scott of Owen Sound, is suing a number of citizens for damages for malicious libel in burning his effigy. The defendants had been celebrating the acquittal of a bank clerk whom Mr. Scott unsuccessfully charged with forgery.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Fire in Norfolk, Eng., on Monday caused \$500,000 damage. Thirteen buildings were destroyed.

Lord Salisbury has written to United States Ambassador Hay in response to America's latest proposals that Great Britain should enter into an agreement with the United States, Russia and

the sum of £38,000 to 82,000 engineers who are on strike. The trades union conference has decided to levy a tax of threepence weekly upon each of the members of trades unions throughout the country in aid of the strikers, who show no signs of yielding.

UNITED STATES.

The Merchants' and Trades' Bank of Brunswick, Ga., has closed its doors.

Col. W. D. Hagar, one of the managers of the Barnum's show, is dead at Wauseon, Ohio.

Rev. William Corby, head of the Order of Holy Cross in America, is dead at South Bend, Ind.

Stenographers employed by the defence in the Luetgert murder trial at Chicago have gone on strike.

The will of Charles Condit, of New York, leaves \$1,500,000 to charitable institutions and foreign missions.

It is reported from Chicago that an English company has bought out twenty big corporations controlling the fisheries of the great lakes.

J. B. Haggin, the New York multi-millionaire and turfman, aged 74, married Miss Pearl Voorhees, aged 28, at Versailles, Ky., on Thursday.

At Sheboygan, Wis., a tidal wave, due to the southerly gale, swept up the river and caused a terrific shaking up among the vessels tied at the docks.

Prof. Alex. M. Bell, father of the inventor of the telephone, was married to Mrs. W. G. Shibley of Harrowsmith, the ceremony taking place at New York.

It is reported at Washington that great distress exists in Cuba, and the American Department of State is taking steps to distribute relief as it is subscribed in the United States.

Under the new act of the United States Congress sealskins and articles made therefrom are not allowed to enter the country unless taken at the Pribyloff Islands.

Gustav Thelan, president of the Stock Exchange Bank at El Reno, Okla., and two of the directors have been arrested charged with receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent.

It is reported that H. M. Kersey, of New York, American agent of the White Star Line, has resigned to join a syndicate of American and British capitalists in a Klondike scheme.

The United States Government's suits against the Armour's of Chicago, for \$1,700,000 in damages for violations of the dairy laws in distributing oleo

margarine throughout various States, will be dropped.

GENERAL.

The plague has broken out again in the district of Bombay.

Port au Prince, Hayti, has been partly destroyed by fire. Over 800 houses were burned.

Emperor Francis Joseph has ordered the closing of the Austrian Parliament.

The Empress of Germany, who has been suffering from influenza has had a relapse.

New South Wales will raise a loan of over £2,000,000 at 4 per cent. to defray the cost of public works.

The third reading of the federation bill was carried in New South Wales Legislature by a vote of 328 to 18.

The Warwickshire and Lincolnshire regiments have been ordered to start from Wady-Halfa for the frontier.

All the deputies and others charged with participation in the Panama canal frauds have been acquitted at Paris.

Two brothers of ex-Captain Dreyfus serving a life sentence for treason, are to be tried at Paris for bribery in connection with the case.

The steamer Gerona from Portland for London with a cargo of live stock and general merchandise was wrecked on Seal Island. The crew escaped.

The recent famine in India cost the Treasury \$4,000,000 loans and suspensions of taxes, absorbed \$20,000,000; charity contributions amounted to \$8,000,000.

The estate of Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the American dentist, at Paris, France, amounts to four million dollars. His brother, who gets ten thousand dollars, will protest the will.

The representatives of the powers have refused to permit the Turkish Government to replace 4,500 time-expired troops on the island of Crete.

Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, commander of the Royal Irish Regiment in the frontier of India, is reported missing. His horse was found stripped and shot.

The Italian Minister of Finance recommends his Government to establish a bank in New York, to protect his countrymen from being robbed by absconding bankers.

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Paris and four found guilty. They have not yet been sentenced.

THE QUEEN'S INDIAN SERVANTS.

When Queen Victoria has meals alone she is entirely waited on by her Indian servants, with whom she is able to talk in their own tongue. One of these, Munsiki Abdul Kareem, has been in her service 10 years, and instructed her in his native language.

A LONG HEAD.

Why does that hard drinking Beasley wear his hat all the time? For fear he can't get it on if he takes it off.

ANCIENT BEADS.

Glass beads are sometimes found in the bodies of mummies over 3,000 years old, proving conclusively that glass was known to the ancients.

CARED FOR AND CURED.

LITTLE SICK CHILDREN.

Short Sketch of the Work Done by the Great Mother Nurse - The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

From every country in the Province of Ontario children are admitted into the Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto, free if their parents cannot afford to pay.

And few of the poor little sufferers who are nursed and cared for



rich parents, it would seem. Last year the expense of the Hospital was nearly \$30,000. And to meet this but \$1,325 was received from pay patients.

The balance must come from the more fortunate folks, who are charitable and generous.

The Hospital for Sick Children is the largest of its kind in the world—without exception. There are 200 cots. The average number of patients is 100 per day; 476 were nursed in the Hospital this year—312 little ones were cured and departed with health, strength and sturdy limbs.

In the dispensary department medicine was given to 4,133 children.

Thus nearly 5,000 children were treated in one year.

A great record of good.

In twenty-two years some 24,000 sick children have been nursed and cared for by the Hospital for Sick Children.

Where do the little patients come from? From all parts of the province—cities, towns, villages and townships.

How do they come? Very often parents hear of the work of the Hospital through the newspapers. In some instances friends of the little sufferers make application on behalf of parents who are poor, but independent and self-reliant.

It generally falls to the lot of the chairman of the Hospital Trust to decide when there is a question of ability to pay. One day, about a year ago, this gentleman was driving towards

Mr. Robertson smiled as the youngsters passed him, but the smile vanished when he observed in the rear a little chap who was hobbling along on crutches, happy but crippled. One of his legs was bent at the knee to a right angle. The carriage was stopped, and the little fellow called. "My boy, how did you injure your leg so badly?" was the enquiry.

The lad explained that he had met with a mishap one day while chopping wood; that he had been treated in an eastern hospital for some time, that his leg had been straightened, but had again become useless. His parents and schoolfellows looked upon him as a cripple for life.

And so he might have been. "How would you like to have your leg straightened for good?" asked the Hospital chairman, who knew of the complete cure effected at the great Toronto institution in similar cases.

"Well, mister, there is nothing I would like better," said the boy.

He was assisted into the carriage, and told to direct the driver to his father, who had a blacksmith shop near by. The boy was one of a family of seven children. Most gladly did the father give his consent to the child's removal to the Hospital for treatment.

The little deformed lad thus fortunately met on the highway near Brockville is a cripple no longer. His leg is stiff, but it is straight. He remained in the hospital for many months. But it was a joyous homecoming when the boy walked firmly and straight without the aid of stick or crutches.

This is a single case. Thousands of cases might be cited.

The editor of this paper has been informed that if anyone knows of any sick child under fourteen years of age who is suffering from accident or disease, and whose parents cannot af-

ford to pay for proper medical or surgical assistance—they are asked to communicate with the Hospital for Sick Children.

There is room for such children in the Hospital. They will be nursed, cared for, and in all probability, cured. There is a debt of \$70,000 hanging

over the Hospital for Sick Children.

Contributions for the delivery of the Hospital from this bondage of debt will be acknowledged by letter and also in the columns of The Evening Telegram, a copy of which will be mailed to each donor.

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