

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.

Rossland Masonic Hall was destroyed by fire. A test of Brantford's fire apparatus was highly satisfactory.

Wentworth County Council raised its clerk's salary from \$720 to \$900. Woodstock carried a by-law to spend \$7,000 for a new fire-hall.

There are 12 cases of smallpox among the Doukhobors at Grosse Isle.

The Hamilton Methodist Conference will abolish the biennial system.

The late Wm Anglin, bursar of Rockwood Asylum, left \$25,000.

The 14th Batt. of Kingston has been invited to Rochester for July 4.

Brantford grocers and butchers will have a Wednesday half holiday during the summer.

The Montreal Street Railway Co. has voluntarily raised the pay of all its employees.

The body of John Higham, drowned in Hamilton Bay on Dec. 28, was found on Wednesday.

Alex. H. Delaney confessed to bigamy at Winnipeg, and was given three months' imprisonment.

The Union Bank of Ottawa, has offered \$500 reward for the arrest of the defaulting clerk, Henderson.

Wm. Ball, a mail carrier at Brockville, has been sentenced to three years in prison for robbing the mails.

Mr. William Hendrie, of Hamilton, has been elected a director of the Imperial Bank of Canada.

Mayor Raymond has resigned his position as Mayor of Brantford to accept the position of postmaster.

Stratford ratepayers have voted against the by-law to raise \$120,000 for civic ownership of the water-works.

Londoners who abuse and annoy men who took the places of the street railway strikers are being fined in the police court.

Joseph Monkman, who rescued Sir John Schultz from Riel during the rebellion of 1870, is dead at Winnipeg, aged 89 years.

The British cruiser Intrepid went out of commission Thursday at Halifax, and sailed for England, where her crew will be paid off.

Frank P. Jell, of London, Ont., Manager of the Surprise mine, Texada Island, B. C., was killed by a premature dynamite explosion.

It has been definitely settled that the Montreal battalions will camp at Laprairie on June 30, and remain under canvas until Sunday evening, July 2.

Very early this season have forest fires started near Nelson, B.C. Fire along the cottonwood, Smith Creek, is destroying timber mills and bridges.

Henry Prince, Chief of the St. Peter's Indians, is dead at Winnipeg. He was a son of the celebrated Chief Peguis, and father of Rev. W.H. Prince, Baptist missionary.

Buffalo are increasing north of Edmonton, and the Dominion Government will ask Parliament to extend the close season in an effort to save the animal from extinction.

Christopher H. Mooney, a financial agent, of South Bend, Ind., is in custody in Montreal, on a charge of stealing \$20,000, belonging to Miner E. Listenberg, of South Bend.

A movement is now on foot among the graduates and undergraduates at McGill College University, Montreal, to raise a statue in the campus in honor of Sir William Dawson.

J. W. Brewster, former C.P.R. agent at Trail, B. C., was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment, and his assistant, J. H. Sinclair, to two years and six months on charges of embezzlement.

Sir A. P. Caron, now in England, says that the company of which he is president, chartered to build a telegraph line to Dawson, will claim damages from the Government for infringement of charter.

The new drill hall contractors at Kingston have agreed to grant the nine-hour day to the masons at the old wages, but the latter refuse to go back while three or four non-union men are kept on.

Charles Little, of West Flamboro coughed up a snake which had been in his stomach for two years. The snake was 10 inches in length. It is supposed Little swallowed it when taking a drink at a spring.

W. G. Moore, 20 years of age, and T. J. Cavanagh, are in custody in Montreal, in connection with several forgeries, which have been uttered on the City and District Savings Bank within the last few days.

Lord Minto, while wheeling, took the sidewalk in the suburbs of Ottawa the other day. A little girl got out of his Excellency's way, with the protest, "Here, you big man, get off the sidewalk or we'll have you pulled."

As a result of a scuffle at Brockville between two employes in the James Smart Company's foundry a man named McKinley is laid up with an ugly wound in the thigh, inflicted with a knife by a lad named Pitt.

Cable despatches from Rome state that the Pope is making arrangements to establish a permanent apostolic delegation in Canada. Mgr. Zaleski, the apostolic delegate to India, now in Rome, is spoken of as being likely to be sent to this country.

The officers and crew of the Canadian steamer, Gaspesia, whose owners

were recently condemned to pay \$12,500 salvage to the steamer Kite for towing the Gaspesia out of the ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, have brought suit for four months' wages aggregating nearly \$12,000, as they number 80 all told.

Woodstock will celebrate Dominion Day on Monday, July 3, instead of Saturday, July 1.

The labor problem is becoming a serious one with the railways in the Northwest. The C.P.R. are now calling for 300 workmen on their western division, but is unable to secure men either in Manitoba, the Territories or British Columbia.

The Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company has decided to purchase for \$50,000 the Virginia, a handsome new steamer, now owned by the Baltimore Packet Company of Baltimore. It is said she cost \$25,000 originally. The Virginia will replace the Carolina on the Saguenay route and will be brought to Quebec without delay.

On Sunday morning, June 4, while a gang of men were clearing the snow from the track of the W.P. & Yukon Railway, hundreds of tons of snow, rock and mud slid down the mountain on to the track, burying several men. Others rushed to their assistance, and soon extricated those who had been buried. One was dead and three seriously injured.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The cataract on Mr. Justin McCarthy's right eye has been painlessly and successfully removed.

Westley Richards, charged in London with receiving some of the stolen notes of Parr's Bank, has been released.

By an amendment to the London Local Government Bill, adopted in the Imperial House of Commons, women were declared eligible to election as aldermen and councillors.

The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the English Freemasons, has sent a letter to the Grand Lodges, objecting to the growing custom among the Masons of wearing the order's regalia at non-Masonic functions.

Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Conservative member for York City, delivered a scathing criticism of the Government's policy of "drifting" in China in the British Commons.

The London Filipino Junta asserts that the Pope has forwarded to Washington, a protest against the excesses of the Americans in the Philippines, which his Holiness received from the religious orders in Manila.

The news in regard to the Transvaal is mostly of a speculative nature. It is understood that Great Britain's next move will be to make a demand as the suzerain power upon the Boer Government. The meeting of the Uitlanders for the purpose of endorsing the position taken by the British commissioner was allowed to take place without interruption from the Boers.

Further discoveries were made in the Neilfield Cemetery, at Aberdeen, in the course of official investigations. The walks were dug up and several bodies without coffins were found buried in shallow graves. In one hole were found 400 plates, presumably taken from coffins which had been burned. The revelations have created a sensation.

The British Empire League in London passed the following resolution: That in view of the undoubted value of the Pacific cable to the empire, and of its probably profitable results as a commercial enterprise, the council expresses a hope that every effort will be made to overcome any obstacles that may delay the co-operation of the Mother Country in the undertaking.

One of the results of the efforts to induce the Imperial Government to grant a Canadian "long-service" medal is that warrants are published in the London Gazette, consulting a new decoration designed for the colonial auxiliary forces. There is an officers' decoration and the new medal, it is announced, is to be officially known as "the colonial auxiliary forces' long-service medal."

Both the House of Lords and the House of Commons passed votes of thanks to General Kitchener of Khartoum and the other officers and men engaged in the Sudan campaign. Mr. Michael Davitt, the Irish Nationalist, four South Mayo, protested and challenged a division, with the result that there were 321 votes in favor of the motion and 20 against it. Mr. A. J. Balfour remarked that Mr. Davitt attended the House "as an avowed enemy of the country."

UNITED STATES.

Rudyard Kipling will spend a few days by the sea before returning to England.

President Thomson of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, is dead at Philadelphia.

Sheriff Hazen, of Converse county, Wyoming, was shot and killed while in pursuit of the Union Pacific robbers.

The casualties of the United States troops since the outbreak of hostilities in the Philippines has reached a total of 1,029. During the engagement of Saturday the United States lost two officers killed and 21 men wounded.

Lieut. F. W. Pierce, of the 6th U.S. artillery, overstayed his leave at Manila, where he had gone from Hilo, and upon being arrested committed suicide.

Senator Mason, of the Pure Food Commission, says they will prepare a bill compelling manufacturers of food products to mark their goods for what they are.

The arrest in Philadelphia of Samuel McKinney upon charges of cruelty to his wife, has led to statements from his wife that McKinney is a murderer and a robber.

Thirty-six buildings, comprising almost the entire plant of the Nordlinger-Charlton Fireworks Company, at Grantville, a suburb of New York city, were blown to bits and the entire fireworks plant practically destroyed within a space of five minutes.

Mrs. Byron Douglass, formerly Miss Marion Booth, a niece of the late Edwin Booth, is destitute in New York without money enough to pay room rent. For three years her husband has neglected and deserted her and her child, who is nine years of age.

GENERAL.

The reported illness of the Sultan is denied.

Both factions of the Samoans are surrendering their arms.

The disabled steamer Perthshire is being towed to Auckland, N. Z.

The German press is not overjoyed with the acquisition of Spain's remaining islands in the Pacific.

The market town of Linse, near Ottenheim, has been totally burned. Four women perished.

The total number of plague sufferers at Alexandria, Egypt, is placed at 14, of which two are dead. Four cases have been cured.

Fresh negotiations have been opened at Madrid for the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos.

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag voted the first instalment of 200,000 marks for the German antarctic expedition.

Seventeen native miners were killed and thirty injured on Sunday in a mine at Kimberley, in Griqualand West, by the explosion, it is supposed of a dynamite magazine.

The French delegates to the Peace Conference have sent a message to President Loubet expressing their respectful sympathy and their confidence in his energy for the defence of the Republic.

France is said to have obtained large mining concessions in Szechuan, China, and the British Charge d'Affaires will protest against the concessions on the ground that they are a breach of the contract with a British mining syndicate.

Sir James Winter, the Premier, announced in the Newfoundland Legislature, that the Ministry did not intend to enact any other French shore legislation. He also declared his belief that the British Government preferred there should be no action on the part of the colony, because France would thus be compelled to negotiate for a settlement of the difficulty.

It is now confessed that the Russian arbitration scheme was only presented hurriedly on Russia learning that England was about to present a scheme. Neither Russia nor the United States appears anxious to press its scheme, and the work of the Arbitration Committee has mainly to do with the scheme of Sir Julian Pauncefote, which is likely to be adopted.

GOOD HUMOR NOW PREVAILS.

Governments of Europe Can Now Make Satisfactory Agreements.

A wonderful change seems to have taken place in the temper of European diplomacy. A year ago the great powers were suspicious and resentful, and were trying to overreach one another in China, Africa and Constantinople. The European cabinets were whispering-galleries of intrigue. The arsenals and dockyards were bustling with preparations for war. This irritable condition has subsided. Good humor now prevails. The governments find it easy to make satisfactory agreements with one another respecting their colonial frontiers and spheres of influence.

The concert in the near East, which was sady out of tune a year ago, is now harmonious. Crete has been released from Turkish rule, and is pacified. Greece is recovering from the disastrous war with Turkey. The Sultan is again under discipline. In the Eastern Question, which menaced the peace of Europe a short time ago, is no longer a disturbing element in diplomacy.

Within a few months England has come to terms with three rivals. An arrangement has been made with Germany respecting the African dependencies of the two powers. The Niger and Fashoda agreements with France have marked out rival spheres of influence in West and Central Africa, and while British rule in Egypt still excites jealousy in Paris, the relations of the two countries have greatly improved. With Russia a railway convention has been concluded, and a way opened for a general adjustment of rival interests in China.

A year ago there were successive raids upon Chinese territory. One power after another seized strongholds on the coast, and all signs pointed to a great European war in the near future over that helpless empire. The maritime nations now seem to understand one another, and it is safe to forecast the ultimate partition of China into clearly defined spheres of European interest.

What has caused this change of temper in European diplomacy? It is due in large measure to the weakening of the bonds of the Russian-French alliance, which was the chief disturbing force in Europe.

The rescript in favor of disarmament and a peace conference shattered French illusions, and brought all the great powers into general relations.

It put an end to all talk about a war for the reconquest of Alsace-Lorraine, and a coalition for the expulsion of the English garrison from Egypt. It left the powers at liberty to adjust the Cretan question, and to their spheres of action in Africa and the far East.

European affairs have been well ordered for the Parliament of Peace at The Hague.

The Prince of Wales' breakfast never varies. It always consists of tea, toast and one egg.

On the Farm.

POULTRY ON THE FARM.

Now that our facilities for transportation are increased, and cold storage gives us the privilege of placing our poultry, eggs and dairy produce on the British market in as good condition as when they leave our hands, farmers should seize the opportunity they are given of making poultry raising a profitable industry on the farm.

No stock is so neglected and managed with so little knowledge of the requirements as the poultry. Given proper care and attention, no stock yields such quick returns. Why, then, is it considered one of the least important branches? Simply because it is not taken hold of in the right way. The farmer would not expect his cattle, sheep, or pigs to pay under the same conditions. The daughters should take up this work on the farm, instead of leaving home to fill already crowded situations in the towns and cities. It is both healthful and interesting, apart from the profits. Let one member take charge of the poultry and make a business of it. Success is greatly dependent upon small details and women will more faithfully attend to these. Take a good poultry journal and read up useful matter on the subject, and also read the agricultural papers that have good articles in them relating to poultry. Study the markets at home and abroad, and find out what is most required. If you have a good local market, cater to it and make it a point that what you send there is always first-class. Make your dressed poultry dainty and inviting. A nice housekeeper will pass a fowl that is badly dressed for the next one that has been carefully picked, the feet washed, and all bloodstains removed, though it may not be so good a fowl. Also see that your eggs are clean, and if they are uniform in size and color and fresh laid you will have no difficulty in getting a cent or two more for them. Have your ducks hatched early and put them on the market at eight or ten weeks of age. The Pekin is the best for quick maturing, but they must be rushed to make them weigh eight or ten pounds the pair at that age.

There is a good demand for turkeys now in the old country and every farmer's daughter should raise a flock.

The busy hen pays the best, as she is at work all the year round, if you choose a breed of good winter layers, but more depends on the care and feed than the breed. A general purpose fowl is what the farmer needs. In a few years poultry and eggs will be one of the most important features in our country's exports, and will yield us large profits.

ENRICHMENT OF THE SOIL.

Whatever your crop, and regardless of the cost of production, as a rule, maximum yields afford a much greater margin of profit than minimum, writes Mr. Tillinghast. To grow big crops requires rich land. Rich land and big crops will tend to make a rich man richer. Poor land and poor crops will make a poor man poorer. Then the question every farmer must put to himself is, How can I enrich my land at the least expense? I think I can answer this question with one word—clover. Start a rotation which will bring clover as often as every fourth year, and your land will continually grow richer and your crops better, and consequently your profits greater.

A good rotation is clover, potatoes, strawberries, wheat, clover, and repeat. No other conditions of soil which I have ever tried will produce so fine a potato crop as a clover sod. I sow the Mammoth red clover early in spring on winter wheat. In June following, the wheat harvest I cut a heavy yield of clover hay which if rightly cured is of much more value than timothy or any other hay. A heavy second crop follows, which is left on the ground until the next spring. Not only do the clover leaves draw nitrogen from the atmosphere and enrich the soil, but the long roots penetrate deeply and draw up fertility from the subsoil below. Then the dense shading which the clover crop gives the soil through the fall and winter in some way adds fertility, and when plowed down for potatoes in spring I know I have an ideal place for potatoes, and following them, for a strawberry crop, or for sweet corn, cabbage, or garden truck of any kind, if I do not want so many berries. In September following I again sow wheat and then clover seed the next spring.

Here is a rotation which will continually produce paying crops and at the same time make your land richer and richer without the expenditure of money for manure. Possibly an application of gypsum or plaster sown on the clover early in spring will pay, and a dressing of commercial fertilizers on the potatoes as soon as they are up may also increase their yield. Use them if you wish to spend a little money profitably. Omit them if you do not have the cash to spare.

TREAT THE COW KINDLY.

There must be a friendly feeling between the cow and the milker, and the milker should not be changed oftener than is absolutely necessary. A cow will give more milk to a milker that she likes than one she is afraid of.

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ELECTRICITY FOR FARM WORK. The German government has placed some of its lands at the disposal of experimenters, who are trying to discover the best methods of applying electric power in agriculture. Both in Germany and France agricultural societies are encouraging farmers to study, practically, what is called "agricultural electrical engineering." Wind-power and water-power are utilized to produce electrical energy, which can be transmitted by wire to any desired place on a farm, and employed to drive plows, pumps and threshing-machines, and for many other purposes. Gas and petroleum motors are also coming into use for agricultural purposes in Germany. TO PREVENT BAGGING. Customer—Will those pants bag at the knees? Dealer—Mein frient, no pants will bag at de knees if you treat dem right. I tell you how before you go. It ees my own invention. Customer, delighted—Then I'll take them. Here is the money. What is your plan? Dealer—Never sit down.

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