

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.

Four horse stables at the Winnipeg Fair grounds were burned Sunday.

Fire has destroyed the electric light plant of Wolfville, N.S., and the town is in darkness.

The remains of Lee Yung, who died two years ago at Stratford, have been taken to China.

G. T. R. Freight Agent Dalrymple, of Hamilton, has been transferred to Detroit.

Hamilton ratepayers will vote on September 7th on a proposal to buy Dundurn Park for \$50,000.

Klondike Commissioner Ogilvie reckons that the output this year will be little short of \$20,000,000.

Major Girouard, who took part in the construction of the Soudan Railway has returned to Montreal.

The Hamilton City Council has postponed the proposed reduction in the salaries of several city officials.

The labor organizations of London, by systematic giving, will supply \$600 a week to the striking street car men.

Mrs. E. B. Hobbs of Woodstock is dead of blood poisoning, due to a fall on a rake which penetrated her knee cap.

The Thousand Island traffic has never been heavier in the history of the St. Lawrence, than it is at the present time.

Contractor Grant of Toronto has secured the contract to build the London waterworks dam at a cost of \$44,000.

British Columbia's exhibit at the Paris Exhibition now being prepared will be the best ever sent to Europe from there.

The telegraph line to Dawson City has been completed from Little Salmon to Lake Bennett, and will reach Dawson in October.

Brantford manufacturers during the year ending June 30th exported goods to the value of \$929,907, against \$848,584 the previous year.

Robert Noble, an Elginburg farmer, while driving into Kingston was so badly injured in a runaway accident that he may not recover.

The New Canadian Pacific Railway station at Woodstock is practically completed, and the officials will move in on Friday.

Lord Minto and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are to be invited to attend the laying of the corner stone of the new post office at Chicago, Oct. 9th.

The C. P. R. land sales in the Northwest for July were 47,402 acres, for \$149,546. For the corresponding period last year the totals were 3,951 acres for \$123,010.

Hon. Peter Mitchell is out and about as usual. His physician states that beyond taking necessary care of his health, Mr. Mitchell's recent illness will have no effect.

It has been announced that no change is to be made in the Sanford Co.'s business on account of Senator Sanford's death, and that it will be carried on as usual.

Over 17,000,000 bushels of corn, worth \$6,800,000, were imported into Canada during the nine months ending March last. During the same period the exports were 13,560,000 bushels.

Mr. J. B. Harpin, of London, has received word of the death of his son Harry in Los Angeles, Cal., aged 34. Death was due to blood poisoning caused by the explosion of a cartridge in his hand.

Mrs. Eliza Varney and Job Godley, accompanied by Mrs. W. F. Lloyd Osburn, leading Quakers from the United States, have visited the two thousand and Doukhobors, the latest arrivals in Manitoba.

Joseph Martin's office safe at Vancouver was blown open and \$200 and some papers stolen. Mr. Martin asserts that the papers are valuable in his political affairs and hints that a political enemy got them.

There has been an epidemic of drowning at St. John, N. B. James Sinclair, a noted swimmer and fisherman, was upset from a boat and sank. Amos Seaman, a sailor of Shulee, N. S., was drowned from a schooner.

During the seven months of this year Vancouver Island collieries shipped 436,000 tons of coal to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Alaska, Puget Sound points and China. During July 53,000 tons were exported.

Four of the principal hotels in Stratford, the Windsor, Albion, Arlington and Gladstone, have been compelled to close their bars owing to the action of the license commissioners in withholding the liquor licenses until some repairs are effected.

The British Columbia members and other Parliamentarians who take an interest in military matters are much pleased at the action of the Militia Department in deciding to convert the Second or Vancouver Battalion of the Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, into a rifle corps.

It has become necessary for the Canadian commissioners to the Paris Exhibition to procure 1,300 ft. of additional space at the World's Fair. This has been rendered necessary largely by the demands of the Canadian bicycle manufacturers, who seem anxious to make a grand show.

The salmon season in Alaska, and Northern British Columbia is about at an end. It is estimated that the salmon pack at Rivers Inlet will be 25 or 30 per cent. less than last season.

but the Skeena River pack will be about the average. The Fraser River pack will not be very large, unless the run of fish materially improves.

The Northern Pacific Railway crop report of Monday gives a very favorable account of the crops. Brandon will have 30 bushels of wheat to the acre on an average. The weather for the past week has been very warm and showery. All kinds of crops are doing well. Farmers say that the wheat crop is a few days behind, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, but with good weather it will be harvested as early.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Sir Philip Manfield, ex-Mayor of Northampton, Eng., is dead.

Lady Salisbury's condition is still serious. The Marquis spends much of his time at Walmer.

Mr. Davitt brought the Maybrick case up in the British House of Commons without gaining any satisfactory answer.

The Opposition has decided not to raise the Transvaal question again during the present session of the British House of Commons.

Bryson, Jameson & Company's timber yards and Sauer & Company's grain warehouse at Hull, England, were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$600,000.

The chairman of the Metropolitan railway has announced that at the beginning of October electric traction will be installed on the lines of the company in London.

The steamer Dromedary on Monday night, off the coast of Scotland, ran into and cut down the yacht Vendetta. The yacht reached shore in a crippled condition.

Former Speaker Reed, of the United States Congress and Ambassador Choate occupied seats in the distinguished strangers' gallery of the British House of Commons on Tuesday.

Geo. Colquhoun, a Glasgow lawyer, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling funds belonging to his clients. His liabilities are said to be over \$100,000. Colquhoun was formerly city treasurer.

Percival Spencer, the famous aeronaut, with a companion, started in a balloon from the Crystal Palace, London, at 2.30 o'clock. Saturday afternoon and arrived near Dippe, France, a mile and a half inland, at 8 o'clock in the evening. The balloon reached an altitude of 12,000 feet.

UNITED STATES.

The steamer Alice is at Seattle, Wash., with \$30,000 Klondike gold.

A street car at Pittsburgh yesterday overturned two funeral carriages and injured nine persons.

There are 30 cases of supposed yellow fever at the National Soldiers' Home, near Hampton, Va.

The tug Grace Ruella, of Detroit, foundered in Saginaw Bay Saturday night. Its captain, Jule Lemay, was drowned.

Martin Dotz, said to have married six women, all but two of whom are said to be now living, was arrested at Chicago on Monday.

A rowboat containing W. C. Ott, Mrs. and Miss Boynton, was caught in the terrific gale at Ashland, Wis., and all three were drowned.

Marcus Daly, president of the Amalgamated Copper Company, has had a serious attack of heart failure at his home in Anaconda, Montana.

A North Baltimore, Ohio, despatch says that two men of that city and 20 other gold-seekers have been drowned at Cook's Inlet, in the Klondike.

At Alexandria Bay the beautiful yacht, Consula, owned by Mr. G. T. Rafferty, Pittsburg, Pa., was burned to the water's edge. The yacht cost \$10,000, and was one of the fastest on the river.

A threshing machine engine exploded near Big Prairie, Mich., and Chas. Haight, Charles Crabtree, Geo. Overly, C. Presit and Raymond Howe were killed. Oscar Evans and Geo. Haight were severely injured.

Policeman Thomas F. O'Brien, of New York, who on June 10 stole a gold watch and chain and two lockets from the body of Capt. G. D. Roads, who was killed on that day by an electric car, was sentenced to four years and three months in Sing Sing.

Frank Reynolds, an aeronaut, aged 30 years, met his death at Findlay Lake, near Dunkirk. He made an ascension in a balloon and dropped with a parachute into Lake Erie and was drowned before help could reach him. It was Reynolds' second ascension.

By the capsizing of a small boat in the Delaware River, at Philadelphia on Sunday, Otto Kampf, aged 37, his son Albert, aged 8, and Christian Osterage, Kampf's brother-in-law, 30 years old, were drowned. Two others, Frank Knober and Louis Metins, were rescued. The party was on a fishing trip.

Rear Admiral William T. Sampson has begun a suit in his own behalf and also in behalf of the officers and enlisted men of the ships of the North Atlantic station who took part in the naval engagement off Santiago and the subsequent captures, for prize money. The suit is similar to that recently entered by Admiral Dewey in the same court.

During an exhibition given by a family of expert swimmers at Glenhaven near Rochester, Saturday evening a section of the pier, upon which about 200 people were standing, suddenly gave way, precipitating scores of the spectators into the water. In an instant men, women and children were piled in a struggling mass of humanity into from five to ten feet of water, but all were saved.

GENERAL.

Albert Menier, of chocolate fame, is reported dead at Paris.

The Bank of Spain, at Madrid, is making all its payments in silver.

It is said that Russia is closing

Port Arthur and Ta-Lien-Wan to travellers.

Rumours regarding a Chino-Japanese alliance are semi-officially denied at Peking.

Disorder in the neighborhood of Canton is seriously interfering with the silk trade.

The arbitration and mediation treaties at The Hague have been signed by sixteen of the powers.

Major Marchand's journey across Africa cost France \$600,000, a somewhat expensive scientific expedition.

It is stated that Capt. Pastorio, of Rome, has discovered a means of rendering acetylene gas non-explosive.

In consequence of the rioting at the bull-ring on Sunday night, the Mayor of Marseilles has interdicted bull fights and closed the arena.

The brigand leader Monti, the terror of Sardinia, is still at large. So far the anti-brigand campaign has resulted in the capture or killing of 80 brigands, according to a Rome report.

The British warship Buzzard is driving colonial fishermen out of the treaty ports on Newfoundland, at the complaint of French fishermen.

There are fears at Rome that the arbitration compact adopted at The Hague may cause a re-opening of the question of the Papal sovereignty.

Mme. Couderc is under arrest at Paris, charged with poisoning her cousin. There is a report that the act is connected with the Dreyfus affair.

Four women brigands have been captured near Benevento, Italy. The women are charged with one murder, three attempted assassinations, three cases of serious wounding, and a number of robberies.

King Menelik has written a most cordial letter to Gen. Lord Kitchener, Sirdar and Governor-General, expressing his willingness to define the frontier between the Egyptian Soudan and Abyssinia on friendly terms.

A despatch from St. Petersburg states that Gen. Abdul Chakim Khan and three other high Afghan officers have been publicly shot by order of the Ameer, in the market square at Cabul for the embezzlement of money intended for the payment of the soldiers.

Queen Wilhelmina, who not long ago objected to the portrait of herself appearing on the postage stamps of the kingdom because the hair only fell to her neck has now requested the withdrawal of the present coinage, on which her effigy is that of a child, and the substitution of her present likeness.

The Government of India has decided to adopt the report of the Indian Currency Committee and that the policy of keeping the Indian mints closed to the unrestricted coinage of silver will be maintained. British sovereigns will be made legal tender in and the current coin of India. The mints will be opened to the unrestricted coinage of gold, and the permanent exchange value of the rupee will be one shilling and four pence.

BEJWELED FINGER CUT.

John Tapscott, of Dallas county, Texas, tells the following story of the death of a woman who was a cousin of his mother, then living in Ilfarcomb England, which occurred many years ago. Mr. Tapscott said: "When the lady in question was buried there was upon her finger a valuable diamond ring. The sexton who officiated at her funeral was aware of this fact, and it excited his cupidity. He reasoned that he was poor, the lady was dead, and the valuable jewel could be of no possible use to her down in the cold, dark tomb, but could he possess it the cash it would bring would buy many comforts for his wife and little ones. He resolved to disinter the body and steal the ring. About the hour of midnight following the burial he stealthily exhumed the lady, opened her coffin by the pale glimmer of the waning moon, and, lifting the white, dainty hand, attempted to take off the beautiful ring. It fitted so tight, however, that he could not remove it, and desiring to get through with his greivous task as quickly as possible, he took out his pocketknife, intending to amputate the finger which refused to give up its jewel.

No sooner had he made an incision than the supposed dead woman suddenly sat bolt upright in her coffin. The startled sexton, frightened almost to death, fled with the speed of a cannon-ball train.

"You see the woman was in a cataleptic state, and supposed to be dead. The moment the sexton's knife entered the flesh her nervous system responded with the rapidity of telegraphy, the circulation started up and she began to breathe. The cool night out of the coffin and walk to her home, a mile or more away. Ringing from a second-story window, and was startled at seeing a ghostly, white-robed figure standing on the porch below. He was too frightened to come down, but after repeatedly ringing the door bell the door was opened by the servants. After the consternation of the moment was over a most happy reunion followed between the woman and her household. The poor sexton was not only not prosecuted for grave robbing, but the grateful woman presented him with the coveted ring, while her husband gave him a large sum of money. His greedy desire for the ring had been the means of her rescue. She lived several years and bore several children before she died in fact."

INSUFFERABLY MONOTONOUS.

No, we don't believe in marrying until one's mind is made up and one knows what one wants; but, when once you have made your decision, it is better to go right to business. Suspense in any of the affairs of life is wearing and insufferably monotonous. The girl who waits eight or ten years for the man who is going to marry her some time must have many anxious moments, as she sees her youth and bloom slipping away from her and notes the crow's feet at the corners of her eyes and the gray hair on her temples.

Her friends are married long ago, and have homes and babies of their own; and no matter if they do have domestic squalls now and then, it varies the monotony and it is nice to make up and be friends again.

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LONG ENGAGEMENTS.

YOUTH THE TIME FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

No Honorable Man Will Bind a Girl to an Indefinite Engagement—Long Courtships Generally Never Materialize—Suspense is We Ring.

Do you believe in long engagements? Well it may be "that patient waiters are no losers," but no woman can afford to fritter away the best years of her life in the dismal state of uncertainty in which a long engagement places her.

The story of the girl who is faithful for fifteen or twenty years to the lover of her youth and who waits patiently for his father, and mother, and grandmother, and bedridden aunt, and lame brother to grow old and die, reads well when the skillful novelist tackles it and writes it up in good style, and it has been hashed and rehashed, like cold roast chicken, until it has become a chestnut in literature.

And we have all sighed over the woes of Angelina and Frederick, as their youth waned, and the old aunt still continued, and the marriage had to be deferred, and Frederick grew bald-headed and rheumatic, and at fifty was able to bestow the remnant of himself on the faithful Angelina, who had got to wearing spectacles, and false teeth, and had turned corners. It sounds delightfully romantic, but to live through such an experience is enough to break down the nervous system of the strongest woman in existence and make her wish there had never been any such institution as an "engagement" to anybody.

WRONG TO BOTH PARTIES.

A self-respecting man has no right to bind a woman to a long and indefinite engagement; and a girl is too soft-headed to be of much consequence in the world who will consent to be so bound. It is wrong to both parties.

Life is not long enough to be passed in such an uncertain way. Marriages contracted in middle life may be happy—oftentimes they are; but youth is the time for love and marriage. As a man or woman grows older, principles and opinions, as well as habits, become more fixed, and it is much more difficult for either party to yield a point, and there has to be a good deal of yielding by somebody if married life is to be harmonious.

An engaged girl is practically nobody. She cannot go here, or go there; she cannot do this, or that, as a girl who is free can do, because he might not like it. Young men stand aloof from her because she is Dick's property and they respect Dick's rights.

Her liberties are abridged, her enjoyments are curtailed and all she can do is to wait—and hope.

She is an odd number everywhere, unless Dick happens to be around to attend to her, but he is generally away somewhere, earning the money to get married on and flirting with some other girl to keep his courage up.

After two or three years go by people begin to say "Oh, he'll never marry Angelina. He'll find somebody else he likes better."

And they are generally right. Probably he doesn't mean to be constant, but it is an awful strain on a man to be engaged for a term of years and behave and pose as a model mean-while—especially if he meets many young women who are quite ready to help him forget he is engaged.

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A FASHION NOTE.

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—I wonder what will be the prevailing color of girls' waists this season.

Mr. Crimmonbeak—Well, if they keep on lacing as tight as usual I think it would be a safe gamble to say that they will be black and blue.

20 YEARS TORTURE.

A Belleville Lady, Whom Doctors Failed to Help, Cured at Last by Doan's Kidney Pills.

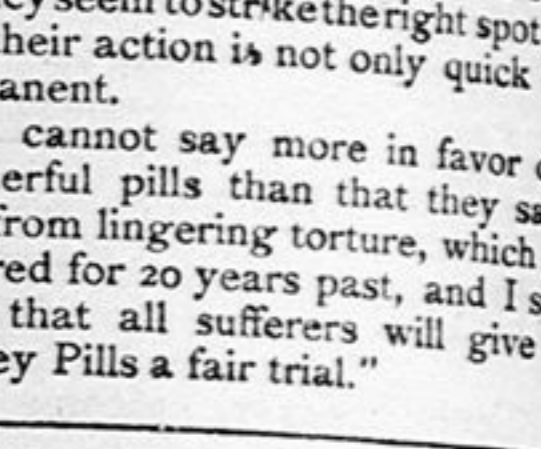
No one who has not suffered from kidney disease can imagine the terrible torture those endure who are the victims of some disorder of these delicate filters of the body. Mrs. Richard Rees, a well-known and highly respected lady of Belleville, Ontario, had to bear the burden of kidney complaint for over 20 years and now Doan's Kidney Pills have cured her when all else failed.

Her husband made the following statement of her case: "For 20 years my wife has been a sufferer from pain in the back, prostration. Nothing seemed to help her. Doctors and medicines all failed, until we got a ray of hope when we saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised as a positive cure."

"She began to take them and they helped her right away, and she is now better in every respect. We can heartily recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to all sufferers, for they seem to strike the right spot quickly, and their action is not only quick but it is permanent."

"I cannot say more in favor of these wonderful pills than that they saved my wife from lingering torture, which she had endured for 20 years past, and I sincerely trust that all sufferers will give Doan's Kidney Pills a fair trial."

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RED ANT A BORN FIGHTER.

One of the Most Annoying Pests of the Indian Jungle.

The red ant is a born fighter, and is one of the most annoying pests of the Indian jungle. Not only is its bite extremely painful, but its tenacity is such that, having once driven its mandibles into your flesh, it will allow itself to be pulled to pieces sooner than quit its hold. A traveller, who recently spent some time in India, writes: "I was on one occasion witness of an encounter with red ants that, although serious enough for those directly concerned, had its amusing side. While out with a forest shooting party I observed the elephant immediately in front of the one I was riding tear down a long overhanging creeper that depended from the boughs overhead. Almost immediately a colony of red ants descended in a shower on the heads of the unfortunate occupants of the gaddies, or cushioned seat, on the elephant's pad. The scene that followed was a lively and exciting one. The victims, who were all natives, made frantic efforts to escape, for the insects, angry at having been thus rudely disturbed, attacked them furiously. One native gentleman, yelling with pain, made a most undignified retreat, by way of a back somersault over the elephant's tail, while the mahout, driver, leapt from his perch into a mass of undergrowth, where he made frantic attempts to free himself from his voracious attackers. The two or three remaining natives, after dancing wildly on the pad, pawing the elephant, thrashing themselves, and making other efforts to dislodge the intruders, finally slid down the side and howled for assistance. As for the elephant, which by virtue of its tough hide was which by virtue of its tough hide was in on, and doubtless wondering what could have occasioned the strange antics of its riders. It took us a long time to clear the pad of the red invaders, which literally covered it, while as for the bitten natives, they had lost all further appetite for hunting that day!"

A LONG BEARD.

Just before W. V. Smith, of Florence, Kan., goes to bed he carefully places his beard in a muslin bag. After he has entered the bed he puts the bag under his pillow. His beard is nearly eight feet long.

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