

# 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.

Owen Sound has purchased electric fire alarms.

Kingston is flooded with Straits Settlement coin.

Hiram Maxim, the great gunmaker, is talking of building a great pulp mill at Ottawa.

A handsome new theater, known as the Savoy, has been opened at Vancouver, B. C.

The American Shoe Company, of Montreal, is seeking from Kingston a bonus of \$355,000 to locate there.

The union carpenters of Winnipeg have decided to demand thirty cents an hour and a nine-hour day after May 1st next.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Medicine Hat, N.W.T., and the schools have been closed to prevent its spreading.

The Department of Customs have arrested 11 vessels under seizure on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf for smuggling.

The all-rail route on wheat from Fort William to St. John, N.B., is now reduced by the Canadian Pacific from 28 to 25 cents per hundred pounds.

Edith Curry, or Gosselin, formerly of Quebec, poisoned herself at Vancouver, B. C. A lover's quarrel is said to have been the cause of the suicide.

The London Street Railway Company threatens to sue the city for \$20,000 damages for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street railway employees.

During eleven months in 1898, 4,622 homesteads were entered in Manitoba and the Territories, as compared with 2,383 in 1897. This year Winnipeg real estate men report largely increased sales of land to settlers.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, has been presented with a beautiful illuminated address by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in acknowledgment of courtesies received at his hands.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company is asking the City of Hamilton for a 10 per cent. decrease in its taxes and water rates, in consideration of its constructing a line to connect the factories and other industries in the west end of the city.

The directors of the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line from Brantford, to change the name to the Hamilton, Ancaster & Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

There seems to be a good chance of an influx of Armenian settlers to Canada at an early date. Rev. Father Jiron, an Armenian priest, is now in his country, with a view to serving the needs of the country in a settlement of his fellow-countrymen.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

The Shamrock, the Irish challenger for the America's Cup, will be built by the Thornycrofts at Poplar, for the Pacific coast.

It is said that a combination is being formed in the English bleaching trade. The trust has been started in North Lancashire.

The London Daily Mail credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in defraying the cost of a Pacific cable.

At Liverpool the Marquis of Anglesey has been fined £20 for bringing a French bulldog from the United States to England without the necessary order from the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. William Watson, the poet, who enjoyed a small Government pension conferred by Lord Rosebery, has just received through the death of his uncle a legacy considerable enough to assure him ample competence.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a despatch to Sir Herbert Murray, Governor of Newfoundland, desiring to disallow the Reid railway contract, declaring that he cannot interfere with the legislative acts of a self-governing colony.

Dr. Stanley Kent of London has discovered a vaccine germ. This discovery is of the greatest importance, as its use in pure culture removes the cause of the widespread objection to vaccination.

Lord Curzon, before leaving London, completed a book on "The Indian Frontier," and arranged for its publication with the Harpers. The Queen pointed out the impropriety of a book about India by the Viceroy appearing during the Viceroy's term of office. Therefore the book has been withdrawn.

**UNITED STATES.**

A "Municipal Ownership League" has been formed at Chicago.

A report at Seattle, Wash., says six persons have been killed by a slide in the Chilkoot Pass.

Four girl students at Kimball Female Seminary, Meriden, Conn., have been expelled for smoking cigarettes.

The New York Board of Health has declared grip to be a contagious disease, and patients must be isolated.

Carl Herbst, aged 18, of New York, not being able to make enough money to suit his father, drank carbolic acid and died.

The Carnegies have received an order for 40,000 tons of steel rails for the Cape, at 15 shillings per ton, under the English tenders.

Michael Hollinger, a cook, is under arrest in Chicago, on a charge of having murdered his wife in order to get possession of her property.

Hon. E. A. Hitchcock, United States Ambassador to Russia, will succeed Mr. Eliass as Secretary of the Interior. The latter retires in February.

It is said at San Francisco that the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. have arranged to run a Pacific line from San Francisco to Seattle.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND COAST.

The British Squadron to be Increased by Heavier Vessels.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says—Captain Henry Deacon Barry, Assistant Director Naval Department, British Admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the British squadron in Newfoundland waters, the appointment to go into effect next season, with the rank of commodore, and the cruiser Comus as his flagship. The Squadron will be increased by heavier vessels than have heretofore been assigned here.

Captain Barry's appointment, which is understood to be due to the desire of the Imperial Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, to have in command of the squadron an officer whose abilities can be utilized in the many delicate complications of a settlement of the French Shore question as speedily as possible.

Captain Barry will also organize the proposed naval reserve among the fishermen of Newfoundland.

### TURKS ASSAULT AMERICANS.

Two Professors in the College at Beirut Seriously Wounded.

A despatch from Constantinople, (via Sofia,) says—News has just reached here of an unredressed outrage committed a day or two ago upon American consuls connected with the American College at Beirut, Syria. Two professors in the college, Jessup and Wood by name, while passing through the main street of Beirut were set upon by Turkish highwaymen, and were shot and stabbed. The assault was observed by a number of persons, but the highwaymen escaped.

Prof. Wood is a son of the late Rev. Frank A. Wood, who served as a missionary in the Syrian field for the 70's. Prof. Jessup is a son of the Rev. Sam. uel Jessup, who for the last fifteen years has been in charge of the Presbyterian mission printing and publishing establishment at Beirut. The wounds of the two men are considered serious.

### REIGN OF TERROR OF CHINA.

Reported That the Empress Dowager is Beheading Court Servants.

Mail advices from Shanghai state that the Empress Dowager of China is maintaining her power through a reign of terror which permeates every class of Chinese society. Peking telegrams to Shanghai newspapers say that the Empress is gradually beheading all the palace officers and secretaries, including ladies in waiting, who sympathize with the deposed Emperor. His pronounced friends were executed just after his deposal, including fourteen head servants and four ladies in waiting and maids.

Prompted the palace service to have notice their fellow-menials whom they dislike to the Empress as reformers and conspirators. The Empress has been so blinded by desire for vengeance that little or no evidence has been required. The accused have been speedily mock trials, and beheaded inside the palace gates.

The pleadings of friends have availed nothing for the Empress has shown mercy to none. Recently a runaway was captured with a long knife secreted on him. Enemies accused him, and he was beheaded in public, to show the thousands of assembled subjects how disloyalty to the Empress would be rewarded.

### INDIANS FIND RICH CLAIMS.

Paid Location Fees in Gold Nuggets Taken From Claims.

A despatch from Vancouver says—Seven interior Indians, headed by Taku Jack, and accompanied by a Chilean named Richard Palacio, arrived at Lake Bennett two weeks ago, and recorded all manner of claims on two creeks, which they called Sheep and Moose. They paid the location fees in gold, which they claimed had been taken from the claims. They had with them nuggets of considerable weight and value. They left Lake Bennett immediately, and came over the White Pass trail to Skagway, arriving there Monday last, but spent money. They said Indians have been missing from their usual camp all summer, and their friends say they have been prospecting for gold. "Chilian Dick," as Palacio is known, has also been away from the established camp for some time. It is believed that the Indians intend to lead a big party of their friends to the new creeks and keep out the white men.

### BOUGHT U. S. RAILS.

Government of Victoria Purchases From Pennsylvania Firm.

A despatch from London says—The Government of Victoria, according to a special despatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Steel Company for £15,000 sterling below the English tender.

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c. in the Leading Markets.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Among the few sales were these:—

A lot of ten cattle, averaging 950 lbs., sold at \$3.85 per cwt.

Eight cattle, sold at \$3.12-1-2 per cwt., averaging 1,000 lbs.

A load of 18 cattle, averaging 1,150 lbs., sold at \$4.7 each.

Three cattle, averaging 1,200 lbs., sold at \$4.1-8c, ten back.

As far as hogs were concerned, the Christmas holiday had had a weakening effect; for while "tip-toppers" are still 41-2c, and light hogs 4c, thick fat are slow at 37-8c per pound.

Following is the range of prices today:

Cattle.		
Shipping, per cwt.	\$ 3.62-1-2	\$ 4.25
Butcher, choice, do.	4.00	4.25
Butcher, med. to good	3.32-1-2	3.60
Butcher, inferior	.275	3.25
Sheep and Lambs.		
Ewes, per cwt.	3.00	3.50
Bucks, per cwt.	.250	2.75
Lambs, per cwt.	.350	4.00
Milkers and Calves.		
Cows, each	50.00	60.00
Calves, each	.200	6.00
Hogs.		
Choice hogs, per cwt.	4.00	4.25
Heavy, per cwt.	.400	4.00
Light hogs, per cwt.	.375	4.00

**TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.**  
Wheat—Western markets were very strong to-day. Private cables from Liverpool and London reported that the other side was not following the advance. Importers here were paying 70c for white and 60c for red, north and west. Goose wheat, north and west, 70c and spring, 69 1-2c. Manitoba, steady at 79c for No. 1 hard, Toronto and quiet, and 78c for No. 2 hard.

Flour—Quiet but firm. Offerings were in demand to-day at \$3.15, and \$3.30 were asked.

Millfeed—Steady and firm. Ton lots of bran at the local mills bring \$14, and of shorts \$16. Car lots, middle freight, are quoted at \$13 for bran and \$15 for shorts.

Peas—Strong and scarce. Car lots north and west, are quoted at 65 1-2c, east at \$6.12c.

Onions—In good demand. White oats, north and west, in car lots, are quoted at 28 1-2c, and east at 30c.

Rye—Firm. Car lots, north and west, 52c, and east, 53c.

Barley—Quiet but firm. Car lots, outside, 48 to 48 1-2c.

Corn—In good demand. Canadian yellow, old, on track here, at 46 to 46 1-2c, and same, new, at 42c.

Wheat—Quiet but firm. Car lots of No. 1 outside are quoted at 47 to 48c, fair and prices firm. Choice boiling stock sells at 20 to 22c; held fresh or cold stored at 17 to 18c; and limed at 14 to 15c.

Potatoes—Dull, with choice bringing about 55 to 56c, car lots, on track. Dealers sell out of store at 60 to 65c; farmers' loads, sell at around 50 to 60c.

Poultry—There is no demand at present and prices are easy. Quotations ducks, 40 to 60c; geese, per lb, 5 1-2 to 6c; turkeys, per lb, 8 to 9c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.10, and common at 70 to 75c per bush.

Dried Apples—Dealers pay 4 to 4 1-2 for dried stock, delivered here, and small lots resell at 4 1-2 to 5c; evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c, for small lots.

Hops—About steady. Round lots of choice, delivered here, will bring about 5 1-2 to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c per lb for 10 to 15 lb tins; and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Baled Hay—The market is featureless. Strictly choice, in car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2 at \$6.

Straw—Easy and sales light. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50 on track.

Hops—Transactions few. Dealers here quote choice Ontario stock at 16 to 18c, while holders will take nothing less than 20c.

Butter—Tendency for a good fair market. Prices are steady, with choice large dairy rolls bringing 15c. Creamations are as follows:—Dairy, tubs, 14 to 14 1-2c; large rolls, 14 to 15c; small dairy, 1-lb. prints, about 15 to 16c; 1-lb. prints, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs. 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Firm. Demand fair. Choice stock sells at from 9 1-2 to 10c.

Market for dressed hogs keeping about steady. The receipts to-day were fair, and prices held as before. Western hogs were quoted, on track, in car lots, at about \$5 to \$5.10, mixed to \$5.15, for select lots. On the street according to quality. Provision market.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7 1-2c; long clear bacon, car lots, 7 1-2c; ton lots and case lots, 7 3-4c; or backs, 8 1-2 to 8 1-4c.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 9 1-2 to 10c; medium, 10 1-2 to 11c; light, 11c; hams, 7 3-4 to 8c. All meats out of pickle less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tierces, 7c; tubs, 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c; pails, 7 3-4 to 8c; compound, 6 to 6 1-2c.

### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 29.—Spring wheat—Demand light, limits steady; No. 1 hard, 77 3-4c; No. 1 Northern, 74 1-4c; No. 2 Northern, 71 1-4c. Winter wheat—Nominal. No. 2 red, on track, 78c; No. 1 white, 78c. Corn—Scarce and very low, 38 1-4 to 38 1-2c; No. 3 corn, 38 1-2c. Oats—Scarce and strong; No. 2 white, 32 to 32 1-4c; No. 3 white, 31 1-4 to 31 1-2c; No. 4 white, 30 1-2 to 30 3-4c. Barley—Quiet but firm. Rye—No. 2, in store, 61c asked. Flour—Firm; fair demand.

## DETROIT, MICH., DEC. 29.

Wheat—Cash, 63 3-8c; December, 63 1-2c; No. 2 red, Minneapolis, 67 1-2 to 67 3-4c; No. 1 Northern, 67 1-2 to 67 3-4c; No. 2 do., 65 1-2 to 66c; No. 3 do., 54 1-4 to 54 1-2c; No. 4 do., 53 3-4 to 54 1-4c; No. 5 do., 52c.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—Wheat—December, 64 1-2c; No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 Northern, 66c; No. 2 Northern, 63c. Flour—Unchanged.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 29.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 63 3-8c; December, 63 3-8c; May, 68 1-8c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 66 3-8c; December, 63 3-8c; May, 67 1-8c. Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 70 1-4c; No. 2 cash and December, 67 1-4c; May 71 3-8c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 36c.

**TRIAL SHIPMENT A SUCCESS.**

Large Trade May be Developed Between the Two Countries in this Line.

A despatch from Ottawa says—The Commissioner of Agriculture on Wednesday received advices as to the sale of the trial shipment of fattened poultry sent to Ald. Jas. Riddin, of Liverpool. These chickens were sent from the Government fattening station at Carleton Place in cold storage to Liverpool, and met a ready sale in Liverpool at sixteen cents per pound wholesale. The chickens were sent plucked, but not drawn, and weighed an average of 5 1-2 lbs. each. The wholesale price, therefore, was equal to \$1.76 per pair.

Prof. Robertson thinks the results excellent.

The following are extracts from a letter from the consignee. It shows that the chickens were landed in first-class condition, and that a large trade may be developed:—

"I was agreeably surprised at the all-round excellence of your small experimental shipment of Canadian capons. On opening the cases the birds were found to be in beautiful condition and presented a most saleable appearance. After the birds were uncaged I hung one to see how long it would retain its bright appearance, and found that it became milky white in colour as soon as the bird had dried out of the chilled state; to-day, five days later, it is as nice looking as a fresh killed bird. I think the price obtained will both please and pay you. It is a fair market price, and on a par with the present rate for Surrey chickens. For small weekly arrivals I venture to think the price could be maintained, and anticipate that large consignments would bring the figure down to sevenpence, 14 cents, per pound.

The chickens when put up to fatten were worth about 50 cents per pair. The food consumed per pair during the fattening cost 31 cents, making a total cost of 81 cents per pair, without allowing anything for the labor of fattening them. The packing cases cost at the rate of three cents per pair, and the transportation and selling charges would cost in the usual course of business for such chickens not more than 22 cents per pair, a total of \$1.06, leaving 70 cents per pair for the labor and profit.

### WILL BE HANGED TOGETHER.

Han and Woman Who Butchered the Letter's Husband.

A despatch from Montreal says—Sam Parslow, whose trial for the murder of Isidore Poirier at St. Canute has been proceeding before the assizes at St. Scholastique for the past week, was declared guilty by the jury on Wednesday evening, and was sentenced by Judge Taschereau to be hanged on March 10th, the same day on which his murdered wife, Cordelia Viau, wife of the murdered man, was sentenced to suffer the extreme penalty of the law.

### CANE THAT HIT THE QUEEN.

The Relic to be Sold at Auction in London.

A despatch from London says—Some comment is caused by the announcement that the walking stick with which Lieut. Pate struck the Queen in 1850 is to be sold at auction January 8. Pate, it seems, died three years ago, leaving considerable fortune. It is therefore thought surprising that his heirs should take no steps to prevent the perpetuation of his disgraceful act by the sale of this shameful reminder of his assault on the Queen.

### CLEANED OUT THE VAULT.

Croakersmen Relieve a Bank of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

A despatch from Lima, Ohio, says—There was a mysterious robbery at the American National Bank on Sunday night, the amount stolen being from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The janitor discovered the doors of the vault open on Monday morning. The inner doors were opened by President Michael and Cashier Kaib when it was found that all the gold and paper money in the bank had been carried away, although the racks of silver money were untouched. There are no marks of violence, and the affair is a mystery. The exact amount taken can be told only by balancing the cash.

### KRUGER IN MORE TROUBLE.

Reform Committee at Work—Like That Before Jameson's Raid.

A despatch from Cape Town, says—A new row is brewing for President Kruger because of alleged outrages on British residents in the Transvaal. In a recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman named Edgar. No efforts to punish the policemen who did the shooting have been made, and a number of Uitcases. A similar Reform Committee was formed before the time of the Jameson raid.

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