

The News Briefly Told

THE WORLD'S EVENTS OF INTEREST CHRONICLED IN SHORT ORDER.

Interesting Happenings of Recent Date—The Latest News of Our Own Country—Doings in the Mother Land—What is Going on in the United States—Notes From the World Over.

CANADA.
The Quebec bridge has formed. Drifts on the Prof Line road, London are 15 feet high.

At Montreal the sale of inter-imperial postage stamps has been enormous.

J. D. Lewis, foreman in the Brantford fire department, has been appointed chief.

It is reported from Winnipeg that the Galician murderer, Simeon Czuby, is dying of grief.

Edward Hardy, out of work, discouraged, attempted suicide with a razor in Hamilton. He will live.

Mrs. Eliza Farr of St. Catharines, while visiting relatives in Hamilton, fell and broke her neck.

The estate of the late Robert Hamilton of Quebec pays \$55,000 in succession duties to Quebec Province.

F. X. Choquette, Q. C., Montreal, has been appointed police magistrate of Montreal, succeeding Judge Dugas.

The report that Mayor A. D. Stewart of Hamilton died on his way to the Klondike seems to be authentic.

Lord Strathcona has ordered a new organ for St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Montreal, as a Christmas gift.

Charles Stevens, a London hotel-keeper, paid a fine of \$20 for neglecting to unclean his bar-room window at night.

The returns from the recent shipment of fattened poultry to England show that it was highly profitable and successful.

Four Hamilton shoe dealers were fined 25 cents each for breaking the 7 o'clock closing-by-law on the evening of December 23.

Three Italian brothers named Cubelli have been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for counterfeiting.

Prof. E. Stone Wiggins announces that he has gone out of business as a weather prophet owing to the lack of popular appreciation.

A delegation of the civil servants waited on the Premier and Hon. Mr. Fielding at Ottawa to urge the restoration of the statutory increases in their pay.

The Militia Department has decided to recall the issue of Snider rifles given to Public School and cadet corps, and to replace them with the Martini-Henry.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has advised the Dominion Government that it is sending officers to establish a branch of the bank in the Atlin Lake district.

John Henderson, a convict at Kingston Penitentiary, serving a fifteen-year sentence for the shooting of Constable Tidbury, near Toronto, has been caught attempting to escape.

The Department of Trade and Commerce have received more than 100,000 bullion and dross may be imported into the United States and refined in bond, subject to a duty of 2 1/8 cents per pound gross weight.

During the past navigation season 21,231,664 tons of freight were locked through the Canadian and American canals at Sault Ste. Marie, an increase over last year of over 2,000,000 tons, and the highest on record.

Solicitors for the Bank of Ottawa have issued a writ against the Ontario Central Railway Company, claiming \$206,750.75, the amount due as interest upon certain coupons to delinquent bonds issued by the company.

The Mounted Police are sending a patrol to Red Deer country. Settlers report that the Blackfeet are killing cattle. The Indians are short of meat, as the antelope have not come south, owing to the mild winter.

Arrangements have been made by the immigration branch of the Interior Department to send Mrs. Sandford of Portage la Prairie to Great Britain to conduct a movement for the emigration of servant girls to western Canada.

GREAT BRITAIN.
Sheffield, Eng., has made a profit of \$1,000 during the past half year in running its own street cars.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells was flooded out of his palace at Bath recently by an overflow of water from the old moat.

A case of bubonic plague is reported to have been discovered on board the steamer Goleonda at Plymouth, from Calcutta.

Johann Schneider is to be hanged in London, Eng., for the murder of Conrad Bernit, whom he killed with an axe and buried in an oven.

The naval authorities have been officially notified of the intention of France to replace her obsolete war vessels engaged in the fishery protective service on the Newfoundland coast with modern cruisers. Great Britain will also put out of commission the obsolete gunboats Pelican, Buzzard and Cordelia and substitute for these vessels of sufficient power to cope with the Frenchmen.

UNITED STATES.
It is reported that the big wire trust has purchased the Cleveland Rolling Mill Trust.

Mrs. J. Weller was burned to death by the explosion of turpentine at Omaha, Nebraska.

Burglars entered a New Jersey jail and robbed the sleeping Sheriff, George Litterest, of \$500.

Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American navy, owing to the retirement of Admiral Buncie.

Police raided three poolrooms in Louisville, Ky., arrested operators and bettors, and carried away \$18,000.

K. F. Bailey, cashier of the National Bank at Colebrook, N.H., is under arrest charged with stealing \$60,000.

Senator Justin S. Morrill, author of the Morrill Tariff Act, of 1861, is dead at Washington. He had been in Congress 44 years.

A report from Wichita, Kan., says an old soldier, thought to have died, remained buried two days, and when resurrected was living.

Joseph Churchill, aged 80, and his wife, aged 72, are in the Divorce Court at Janesville, Wis. They were married in Peterboro, Ont.

Inspectors of the Board of Health have confiscated 1,500 pounds of horse flesh at the depot of the American Express Company New York.

Edward J. Ivory, the Irish agitator, arrested in England a year ago on a charge of conspiracy, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York.

A voting machine, invented by Mr. P. A. Macdonald of Winnipeg, was used at the elections held in several Manitoba municipalities with good success.

A mysterious robbery occurred at the American National Bank, Sunday night, at Lima, Ohio. Gold and paper money to the amount of nearly \$50,000 was carried off.

A satchel was stolen from Mrs. Wm. L. Smith, of East Liverpool, Ohio, containing money and diamonds to the value of \$1,500, while en route to New York in a Pullman car.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, says that every American soldier sent to Manila should carry his own air gun, as that would be one of the most necessary adjuncts to his outfit.

Another suspected murderer of Amos J. Sueli has been arrested at Chicago and discharged. He is the 41st thought to be Will Tascott, the murderer, who has eluded detectives now for ten years.

The New York Auto Truck Company with a capital of \$1,000,000, has been incorporated. With this capital it is proposed to place auto-trucks, operated by compressed air, in the streets of that city.

Police of Columbus, Ohio, believe they have James C. Dunham, for whom there is a reward of \$1,000 offered, dead or alive, at San Jose, Cal. He is charged with the murder of his wife, her parents and brother.

Marion Taylor was lynched at Scottsburg, Ind., on Saturday morning by a mob. He was taken from the govt. where he had been since November 3rd, on the charge of having attempted to kill his wife.

Prof. Henry T. Roseland, of Johns Hopkins University, has invented a printing telegraph instrument, which enables several messages to be sent and received at the same time, over the same or separate points over the same wire.

Joseph W. Pearson the man who threw a brick through a window of the residence of the British Ambassador at Washington, and escaped from an insane asylum there, has surrendered himself to the police.

An international commercial congress is to be held in Philadelphia next June. To this congress representatives of South Africa, India, Australia, China, Japan, the South American Republics, and other countries will be invited.

Michael Ferrando, charged in New York with having decoyed a Greek sailor, Nicholas Zoutzoubie, to his room and there beating and robbing him, has been identified as the Greek brigand Sotiros de Sarantos, for whom the Greek Government has offered 5,000 francs, dead or alive.

The Portland Steamship Company has taken advantage of the Limited Liability Act, and has petitioned the United States District Court to enjoin all persons from bringing suits for damages through the loss of the Portland. The company declares the loss of the steamer was the act of God.

GENERAL.
Civil war seems inevitable in Bolivia. Lawlessness is increasing in Havana. The Crown Prince of Sweden is ill. Dusseldorf, Germany, is making ready to hold a World's Exposition in 1902.

Leprosy is reported to be spreading in the provinces of Livonia and Courland, Russia.

The Austrian authorities are alarmed over the increase of arsenic eating in the Austrian army.

It is reported that the plague has broken out in the district of Delagoa Bay, South Africa.

The city of Besancon, France, has decided to erect a monument to the memory of Victor Hugo.

The quarrel between the Hungarian Premier and M. Horanszky is likely to lead to six duels.

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MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

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

LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Toronto, Jan. 6.—We had a market here to-day of rather unexpected proportions; there were, all told, 90 loads of offerings here, and most of it sold at fairly steady prices.

We had no export cattle worth specializing here, and prices are nominal, at from \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. The Mail and Empire special cable quotes cattle unchanged and steady at the recent slight advance.

Butcher cattle are quoted at from 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 to 4 per pound; of course the latter price is for choice selections; medium and common stuff sells down to 30 per pound.

The market has not yet recovered from its holiday character, and sales are mostly in small mixed lots. Here are some of the larger transactions to-day:—

A load of 22 cattle, averaging 1,050 lbs., sold at \$4 per cwt.

Sixteen cattle, averaging 1,150 lbs., sold at \$3.25 each.

A load of 20 cattle, averaging 1,075 lbs., sold at 40 per pound.

A lot of ten cattle, averaging 975 lbs., sold at 1-1/4 per pound.

Seventeen cattle, averaging 1,060 lbs., sold at \$3.65 per cwt.

Milkers are quiet, few coming in, and an easy demand; but a few choice cows will sell at from \$40 to \$50 each.

Shippings bulls are worth from \$3.40 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers are worth from \$3.75 to \$3.90 per cwt.

Sheep are unchanged; lambs are firmer at 4 to 4 1/4 per pound.

A few choice veals will sell.

Nine hundred hogs came in, and prices are a shade better. For the very best selection 4 1/2-2c was paid to-day; light hogs fetch 4 1/8-8c; and thick fat hogs are dull at 3 3/4-4c per pound. Store hogs will not sell.

Following is the range of prices to-day:

CATTLE.
Shipping, per cwt. . . . \$ 4.00 \$4.50
Butcher, choice, do. . . . 3.50 4.00
Butcher, medium to good . . . 3.25 3.50
Butcher, inferior 3.00 3.25

Ewes, per cwt. . . . 3.00 3.50
Bucks, per cwt. . . . 2.50 2.75
Lambs, per cwt. . . . 4.00 4.25

Milkers and Calves.
Cows, each 25.00 50.00
Calves, each 2.00 6.00

Hogs.
Choice hogs, per cwt. . . . 4.25 4.50
Light hogs, per cwt. . . . 4.00 4.12-2
Heavy, do., per cwt. . . . 4.00 3.75

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.
With the lapse of the holidays and the renewal of colder weather, the offerings of dressed hogs have increased, especially in the heavy lines. Western hogs were quoted, on track, in car lots, at about \$5 to \$5.10, mixed weights; and Northern at about \$5.10 to \$5.15 for select lots. On the street farmers' loads were quoted at from \$3.25 to \$5.40, according to quality. Market for provisions dull.

Quotations are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 7 1/2-10; long clear bacon, car lots, 7 1/2-10; ton lots and case lots, 7 3/4-8; or backs, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2-10; medium, 10 to 10 1/2-12; light, 11c; breakfast bacon, 10 1/2 to 11c; picnic hams, 7 3/4 to 8c. All meats out of pickle less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

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

BREADSTUFFS ETC.
Wheat—The Chicago market opened strong, but closed at about 1c decline from best prices. Local trade was quiet. Red wheat sold at 98c, north and west, white at 99 1/2-2c; goos, wheat, outside, was quoted at 70c, 71c; Manitobas were easier, at 70c, asked for No. 1 hard, and 77c, asked for No. 2 hard and No. 1 Northern, Toronto and west.

Flour—Dull; straight roller is held at \$3.20, middle freight, and \$3.10 is bid.

Millfeed—Continues scarce; demand is good; ton lots of bran at the local mills bring \$14, and off shorts \$16; car lots, middle freight, are quoted at \$13 for bran, and \$15 for shorts.

Oatmeal—Firm. Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.40 per bbl., and in bbls., at \$3.20.

Poas—Firm. Car lots, north and west, are quoted at 66c, and east at 67c.

Oats—Firm tone. White oats, north and west, in car lots, sold at 29c, and there is firm bidding at 29c, for large quantities.

Honey—Steady. Round lots of choice delivered here, will bring about 5 1/2-2c to 6c; dealers quote from 6 to 7c per lb., for 10 to 60-lb. tins, and in comb at around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen sections.

Dried hay—Dull and easy. Strictly choice in car lots, is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton; and No. 2, at \$6.

Straw—Unchanged. Car lots are quoted at \$4 to \$4.50, on track.

Hops—Outside holders a little easier in their ideas owing to the falling off of the demand. Dealers here sell at 16 to 20c, and outside holders are asking 18c, for choice.

DAIRY PRODUCE.
Butter—Not active. Receipts fair, and composed mainly of large dairy rolls. Creamery butter steady. Quotations are as follows:—Dairy, tub, poor to medium, 11 to 12c; choice, 13 to 14 1/2-2c; large rolls, 14 to 15c; cream-dry, 1b prints, about 15 to 16c; cream-dry, tubs and boxes, 19 to 20c; lbs, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Market firm, but quiet; choice stock sells at from 10 to 10 1/2-2c.

Buffalo, Jan. 6.—Spring Wheat—Demand light; limits steady; No. 1 hard, 70 1/4-1c; No. 1 Northern, 75 3/4-4c; No. 2 Northern, 72 3/4-4c. Winter Wheat—No. 3 extra red, 78c; mixed winter, 74c; No. 3 red, 78c; No. 1 white, 74 1/2-2c, on track. Corn—Fair enquiry; firm; No. 3 yellow, 43c; No. 4 yellow, 42 1/2-2c; No. 2 corn, 41c; No. 3 corn, 40 1/2-2c. Oats—Quiet but firm; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 31 1/2-2c; No. 3 mixed, 31c. No. 1 mixed, 31 1/2-2c; No. 3 mixed, 31c. Barley—Firm. Rye—Dull; No. 2, in store, 62c asked. Flour—Firm, unchanged.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—Wheat—Closed:—No. 1 white, cash, 71c; No. 2 red, cash, and December, 70 5/8-8c; May, 72 1/4-1c.

Duluth, Jan. 6.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 68 5/8-8c; December, 67 3/4-4c; May, 69 5/8-8c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 66c; December, 65 3/4-4c; May, 65 5/8-8c.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 68 1/2-2c to 69c; No. 2 Northern, 66 1/2-2c to 67 1/2-2c. Rye—No. 1, 54 1/2-2c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 49 1/2-2c; sample, 48 1/2-2c to 49c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 6.—Wheat—December, 63 3/4-4c; May, 67 3/8-8c; July, 67 3/4-4c; on track, No. 1, hard, 67 3/4-4c; No. 1 Northern, 66 3/4-4c; No. 2 Northern, 64 3/4-4c. Flour—Unchanged. Bran—In bulk, \$8 7/8 to \$9 25.

Toledo, Jan. 6.—Wheat—No. 2, cash and December, 71 1/4-4c; May, 72 5/8-8c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 38c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 28c. Rye—No. 2, cash, 55c. Cloverseed—Prime, cash, old, \$14 1/2-2c; power, cash and December, \$14.60 bid. Oil—Unchanged.

A BABY SIX INCHES LONG.
Infant in a New York Hospital Healthy Despite His Size.

A despatch from New York says:—In-fallen in a cradle little larger than a Derby hat at Gouverneur hospital, New York, is one of the smallest babies in existence. This mite of humanity, when he stretches himself his full length, which he very seldom does, preferring to curl up and stick toes in his mouth, measures only about six inches in length.

At his birth, two months ago, the infant weighed about 16 ounces, but has grown, until now he tips the beam at 2 1/2 ounces. The diminutive youngster is in excellent health, and is perfectly formed. His lungs are in splendid order, and are used considerably. The child is kept snugly tucked away between flannels during this grip weather, and hot water bottles are placed in between the layers of flannel to keep the temperature up.

This vest-pocket edition of mankind was born in the hospital, and was left to the mother, Mary Albert, 25 years old. The mother left the hospital ten days after the baby was born, saying she would return for it later. She has not been seen since. The hospital officials have tried every means to locate her, but in vain. So next week the baby will be sent to Randall's Island. The doctors say the child will grow into a normal size with proper care.

CANADA MOST PROSPEROUS.
Interview With Vice-President Shaugnessy, of the C. P. R.

A despatch from Montreal says:—Vice-President Shaugnessy, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company speaking on Thursday of the general condition of the Dominion, expressed his conviction that the country, as a whole, was in a most prosperous state, and that development was being pushed forward rapidly. Referring to the fruit industry particularly, Mr. Shaugnessy quoted some figures this morning which indicate how alive the people of British Columbia are to the possibilities of the fruit trade in the Pacific Province. For instance, in 1897, the C. P. R. carried 5,700 packages which weighed 75 tons. Last year 55,000 packages were carried, which weighed 330 tons, and this is only a beginning. In the near future the development of this industry will assume more marked features.

FOR THE LOVE OF A WOMAN.
Tragic Duel Between Italian Workmen

A despatch from Rome, says—Although resort to the knife is common enough here, the Roman press is excited over a duel with knives which has just taken place.

Two workmen, rivals in love, met by appointment at mid-day by the Tiber side, to fight for the hand of a woman. Silently they began their desperate encounter, thrusting and prying with demonic energy. At last one made a desperate blow at the other, breaking down his adversary's guard and inflicting a fearful wound by the throat. The windpipe was cut through as was also the carotid artery. The victor fled, leaving his knife in the neck of his dead rival.

The duel is characteristic of the "Mia Vita" sect. The girl for whom the duel was fought promised to marry the winner. She will have to wait some time, for the man has been arrested, and will have to undergo a lengthy imprisonment.

ARTIFICIAL INDIGO.

Germany Prepared to Place It on the Market.

A despatch from Berlin says:—Coal tar has yet another conquest to record. It threatens to supplant the indigo trees of India and Java, by supplying an indigo chemically, identical with and infinitely purer than that hitherto on the market.

As long ago as 1882 a German chemist, Dr. A. von Bayers, discovered several methods of obtaining indigo blue from cinnaic acid and bitter-almond oil, which themselves are a product of coal tar, but all were too costly for commercial purposes.

Other chemists took up the work where Bayers had left it, and after years of toil it was announced eighteen months ago that the "Baden Anilins and Soda Works," at Ludwigshafen, on the Rhine, were in a position to supply indigo obtained by an improvement of the process discovered by Dr. Bayers, and at a low price enough to compete with natural indigo.

The raw material for the new product is naphthalene, a constituent part of coal tar, known to the public as an excellent remedy for moths, etc., and which, by a series of elaborate operations, is converted into indigo. The factory has gradually increased its producing powers, and hopes soon to be able to export to other indigo-using countries.

It may be mentioned that Germany already supplies seventy per cent. of the world's consumption of dye-stuff from coal tar.

NEW TORPEDO BOAT.

It Is Cigar Shaped and Pointed at Both Ends—A Marvellous Performance.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says:—A former British naval officer, Lieut. Innes, has for some time been secretly at work in Australia on a new submarine torpedo boat. A trial of the invention has just taken place before the commander-in-chief, Admiral Pearson, in Sydney harbour. There were few persons at the trial. An eye-witness of the experiment said:—"The torpedo itself. It is cigar-shaped and pointed at both ends. The model was made in seven different engine shops to insure secrecy. The performance of the craft was marvellous. The driving power was electricity, and compressed air was supplied for the occupants. The boat was only fifteen feet long, but now that its success is assured a model to hold six men will be built at once. The man in the conning tower can manipulate the vessel, or it can be manipulated from below. The submarine war machine is built of brass, and is thicker on the underside than on top to give it trim. The engines are placed amidships. They drive the propellers, which are close to the stern wheel, in addition to this propeller is another which works at the end of a vertical shaft directly under the centre of the craft, and causes the disappearance and reappearance of the boat." The eye-witness, who is close to Admiral Pearson, and is supposed to voice his opinions, added:—"The submarine invention is the most remarkable of modern times. The model was not fitted with torpedo tubes. This was a matter of detail. The trial was to attest the efficiency of the central screw in submerging and raising the vessel. The experiment was eminently successful."

FOUR BROTHERS WED SISTERS.

Entire Neighbourhood Attends Quadruple Country Wedding.

A despatch from Canal Dover Ohio says:—Four daughters of James Hochstetter, of Traylor, celebrated New Year's day by marrying the four sons of John Summers, a neighbour.

The youngest bride has just turned her nineteenth year, and the oldest is twenty-four. All are handsome brunettes. Their names are Ger