

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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.

The French theatre, a home for opera, will be built in Montreal next summer.

Shipments of Northwest wheat by Fort William aggregated 17,600,000 bushels in 1897.

There were 514 births, 337 deaths and 236 marriages in Hamilton during the last half year.

Secretary C. R. Smith, of the Board of Trade is about to resign and remove to San Francisco.

According to reports from Victoria, B.C., there are eight British vessels in the harbor at Esquimaux.

Mr. Cochrane, partner in an eating-house, was stabbed to death at the Crow's Nest Pass.

There was no truth in the reported formation of a Canadian regiment for service in the East.

Ottawa had 1,128 deaths last year. A young son of Louis Smith, fisherman, was scalded to death at Victoria, B. C.

Mrs. Boomer was elected a High School Trustee at London by the Council, being the first lady who has ever served on the board.

Two Hamilton shoe dealers were fined \$1 each for keeping their stores open after 7 o'clock on Christmas week. Another case will be appealed.

There will be 75,000 names in the directory of Toronto for 1898, and the publishers claim that this entitles the city to a population of 225,000.

The Dominion Treasury Board has issued a circular warning civil servants against wire-pulling as a means of securing promotion or increase of emolument.

During a fire at Hamilton an excited Chinaman jumped from an upstairs window with a money box in his arms, alighting in the dark on Constable Ford's back.

At Brantford, William Steves, a lad of eighteen years, pleaded guilty to uttering one dollar notes raised to ten dollars, and was sent to Kingston Penitentiary for three years.

Mayor R. Wilson Smith, has purchased a seat in the Montreal Stock Exchange, for \$5,500, and advance of two thousand dollars over the last sale. He proposes to go into the brokerage business.

Inspector Strickland, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who is at Victoria en route to Prince Albert says the police posts on the road to the Yukon are amply provisioned for five months.

The Governor-General has approved of the appointment of Hon. Francois Langelier as a Judge of the Superior Court for Montreal in place of Mr. Justice Jette appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

Little Freddie Guerin, the nine-year-old son of Mr. Joseph Guerin, of Hamilton, was alone in the house when a lamp exploded. He threw it outside, and with the aid of a policeman extinguished the fire in the house.

The Government has been advised that the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Danube has been seized at Skagway for an infracton of the coasting laws. Hon. R. W. Scott is in communication with Washington over the matter.

Thursday night the three-year-old daughter of C. P. R. Section Foreman Taylor, at Upsala, east of Rat Portage was left alone in the house. Her clothes caught fire by some means from the stove, and she was burned to death.

Exports of poultry from Montreal the past season are the largest in the history of the trade. Exports of eggs in 1897 were one hundred and seventy-two thousand cases, compared with one hundred and forty-two thousand in 1896, and ninety-five thousand in 1895, largely to the United Kingdom.

The fire losses of Toronto for the year 1897 amounted to \$666,879, of which \$117,155 was on buildings and \$549,724 on stock. The insurance on these losses was \$2,250,000. The four chief fires were the Electric Light Company's; Murray's; Eckhardt's; and the Eaton's, which totalled \$47,000 of the amount.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The collapse of the great English engineers' strike is rapidly approaching. There were several days of thick, slack fog in London during the past week.

Blosses are blooming and hundreds of butterflies have been seen in London, England.

The mildness of the weather is increasing the spread of influenza in London, England.

The death is reported from London of Rev. C. H. Dodgson, whose novel plumage was Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland."

The British imports from Canada for the past year showed an increase over the previous year of twenty-five per cent.

Princes, the murderer of William Terriss, the actor, was found guilty, but the judge accepting the medical evidence, sent him to a lunatic asylum.

The investigation into the cause of the London, England, fire shows that the loss was \$3,050,000. The jury returned a verdict of arson.

Lord Charles Balfour, Conservative, was elected in York by a majority of 11 over Mr. Christopher Furness, Liberal. The seat was formerly held by Sir Frank Lockwood, Liberal.

The Queen has approved the appointment of General Sir Arthur Powers Palmer, K.C.B., to succeed General Sir Wallock Hart, as commander of the Tenth Field Force on the north-west frontier of India.

The London Morning Post says President McKinley is hopelessly drifting in trying to satisfy everybody, that the result will be chaos in the Republican camp and the rapid growth of Bryan-

ism. It further says that the Dingley tariff is a failure.

The death of "Lewis Carroll," the Rev. C. H. Dodgson, author of "Alice in Wonderland," has caused the greatest regret in all parts of Great Britain. The paper are full of reminiscences of his many stories showing how intense was his love for children and how universal was his shyness and dignity to others.

UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Ballington Booth is declared out of danger. Mr. Mark Hanna has been elected Senator for Ohio.

Neither the crematories nor cemeteries of San Francisco will take the body of Durrant, the murderer.

President P. A. Lary, of the State Savings Bank of Montana, was assassinated at Butte on Tuesday.

The dispute between the train dispatchers and the Canadian Pacific railway has been amicably adjusted.

A shipment of 92 locomotives for Japan and Corea is being completed at the Brooks Works at Dunkirk, N. Y.

The New York theatrical profession is petitioning against the bill permitting theatre performances on Sunday.

President McKinley has sent a message to the United States Congress, recommending payment of the sealers' claims.

John J. Overton, said to be 100 years of age, was married to Mrs. Mary J. Henderson at Charleston, West Va., on Monday.

Mr. John A. Gano, a well-known citizen of Cincinnati, formerly one of the proprietors of the Cincinnati Commercial, died on Saturday.

In the Goldensuppe case Mrs. Nack on Monday pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

Robert Gudgeon, saloon keeper, was shot and killed at Chicago on Monday night by robbers, who escaped. He would not "hold up his hands."

Mrs. James L. Flood, wife of the millionaire mine-owner, died on Saturday at San Francisco, as the result of an operation recently performed.

Gray Gables, the summer home of ex-President Cleveland, has been visited by burglars, who ransacked the house from attic to cellar, and made good their escape.

Further time has been given by the U. S. House Committee on Commerce for the building of the proposed bridge over the St. Lawrence from St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

Instructions have been sent to collectors at American ports not to interfere with seal skin garments if shown to have been purchased before December 29 last.

A serious Indian uprising is reported in Oklahoma Territory, where the Seminoles have gone on the warpath to avenge the lynching of a couple of members of their tribe.

The Canadian steamer Danube, which was voluntarily placed into the custody of the United States authorities for violating the customs regulations of Alaska, has been released on the filing of a bond for \$35,000.

An unknown man threw himself, or accidentally fell, from a parapet on the Washington bridge into the Harlem river, New York, on Friday, a distance of 147 feet. He was fished out, but subsequently died.

The Washington correspondent of the Buffalo Evening News says that Roosevelt men are shipping in from Canada a mineral water, which under the Dingley bill should pay a duty of 24 cents per gallon. The water is freeze-dried first. There is no duty on ice.

Mrs. Lucille Lane, youngest daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, shot herself in her apartments at the Wellington hotel, Washington on Saturday night, just as she was preparing for bed. The statement given out by the family is that the shooting was an accident. The wound is in the left breast and is probably fatal.

According to letters received in New York from Kingston, Jamaica, the latest victims of yellow fever in that city are Major Slater, of the Royal Engineers, and Captain E. R. White, of the harbour tug Atlas. Up to the time the letters left Kingston, January 7th, there had been about 100 cases of yellow fever, with nearly 50 deaths.

Two explosions' early Thursday in the tunnel for the flume near the upper shaft works in Anaconita mine, Butte, Montana, destroyed the timbering and entombed five workmen. The best miners and timbermen are now at work driving a three-foot drift near the side of the tunnel. When this can be completed it is hard to say. There are no hopes of the men being alive.

GENERAL.

A German warship is reported disabled at the entrance to the Red Sea. Dr. Jameson is becoming a candidate for the Cape Parliament.

An extremely rigorous press censorship has been put in force in Havana. Martial law which was proclaimed in Prague on December 2nd, has been withdrawn.

The Japanese transport steamer Nara was wrecked on December 21th, and eighty lives were lost.

The capital of one of the Moluccas Islands has been visited by an earthquake and fifty lives were lost.

The health of ex-Empress Eugenie is disquieting. Her rheumatism grows worse, and she is unable to cross a room unassisted.

Great Britain has a pledge from King Menelik of Abyssinia, that he will not block the advance of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition.

There was a riotous demonstration in Havana on Thursday against the United States and there is talk of an armed intervention.

A music hall singer and several accomplices have been arrested at Budapest on the charge of blackmailing King Alexander of Servia.

The French Government has decided to prosecute M. Zola, the novelist, on account of his connection with the Esterhazy-Dreyfus scandal.

Advices received from Bermuda state that the marine cable between Bermuda and Jamaica is being laid by the British cable steamer Scotia.

General Sir William Lockhart, the Commander of the British forces on the Indian frontier, has postponed his journey homeward in the expectation of a settlement with the Afridis.

BRUTAL MURDERS IN BUFFALO

Tied and Beaten to Death - Killed a Girl Because she Refused to Elope.

A despatch from Buffalo says: Through a broken paneled door of a room in the Yaleowitch block on Commercial street, on Wednesday morning, a passerby saw the blood-spattered body of Kate Clark, wife of Ed. Clark, a grain scooper. The police broke in the locked door. The walls, bed, floor, and furniture were spotted with blood. The woman had been beaten to death with a chair. Neighbors heard the couple quarreling the previous night. Clark could not be found by the police, and they are certain he killed her.

The society of German sugar producers, at a special meeting in Berlin adopted resolutions declaring that the abolition of bounties would only be acceptable provided all countries abolished both direct and indirect bounties.

News of the renewed fighting in Uganda, has been received from Fort Lubwa, in the Uroga country. Lieut. Macdonald, brother of Major Macdonald, the commander of the British forces, and Mr. Pilkington, the missionary, have been killed.

Following closely on the brutal murder on Wednesday morning of Kate Clark, by her common law husband, comes a double tragedy. Murray Bundy, thirty-five years of age, married, and the father of two children, Wednesday night drove out to a road-house on Walden avenue, just over the city line. There he met Mattie E. Van Sickle, a woman of ill-repute, with whom he had been infatuated for some time. Bundy had repeatedly asked the woman to elope with him, but she had steadily refused. Wednesday night he pressed her to leave the city, and upon her refusing to have anything more to do with him, he drew a revolver and fired two shots at her. Both bullets entered her body, and she dropped to the floor dead. There were several eye-witnesses of the shooting, but before anyone could make a move Bundy placed the revolver at his head, and sent a bullet into his brain.

FIRE ON THE LINER CANADA.

Her Cargo Was Damaged to the Extent of at Least \$50,000.

A despatch from Boston, Mass., says: A fire started from some unknown cause in the hold of the Dominion line steamer Canada about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, and for a time there was considerable excitement on board ship, and about the Hoosac tunnel docks where she was lying. Smoke was first seen issuing from a new refrigerator containing grain and cotton, but the steamer's fire pumps, and the city apparatus, which responded to an alarm, soon had the fire extinguished. The vessel's cargo, which was nearly all on board, was badly damaged by smoke, fire, and water, the loss being placed at fully \$50,000, although it will have to be overhauled before the exact extent of the damage can be ascertained. The damage to the vessel itself will be slight. A survey will be held on Monday, and the Canada, which was scheduled to sail Saturday, will be delayed until Tuesday, and perhaps later.

NEW COMMANDER IN INDIA.

Sir William Lockhart's Place Taken by Sir Power Palmer.

A despatch from Calcutta says: Sir William Lockhart, after completing the report on which he is engaged concerning the future Indian frontier policy, and the measures to be adopted, will return to England on three months' leave. General Sir Power Palmer will act during his absence, being succeeded in his present command by General Elles. The force will otherwise remain unchanged, except for a temporary reduction of the headquarters staff.

Sir Power Palmer has been commander of the Punjab frontier force since 1895. He is now in his fifty-eighth year. He entered the Indian army in 1877, and during the Mutiny he served with Hodson's Horse. In 1868 he was on the northern frontier. He served in the Abyssinian war from 1867 to the end of 1868; was with the Duffa expedition in 1894, and commanded the Chin Hills expedition of the previous year. He served also during the Afghan war, 1873, and in the Sudan expedition, 1885. He received the rank of major-general in 1893.

MURDER IN CROW'S NEST PASS.

Rancher Attacked by Navvies Dies as the Result of Injuries.

Information has reached Calgary that what at present seems to have been a brutal murder was committed last week at a place called the Loop, in the Crow's Nest pass, the victim being a rancher named George Smythe who resided near Garnett's ranch in the Pincher Creek district. It appears that Smythe had been employed for some time freighting on the railway, and was travelling eastward, when some men employed on the Birmingham contract asked him to give them a ride. He declined, and was terribly beaten. In a few hours afterwards he died of the injuries he had received.

The Mounted Police at Crow's Nest lake at once started in pursuit, and captured one of the men on the road, and the other three shortly afterwards, concealed in the timber near Birmingham's camp. All of them were taken to the Mounted Police post at the Crow's Nest headquarters in Alberta.

FIVE BULLET WOUNDS.

Murderer of a Woman in Minnesota Believed to be in Canada.

A despatch from St. Paul, Minn., says: Mrs. Amelia Forke was shot five times at Sheffield Mills, Rice county, on Saturday. She was dead when the neighbors arrived. A satchel was found on Monday in Mrs. Forke's barn containing shoes, overcoats, and a cap belonging to Charles Forke, her divorced husband. Mrs. Forke obtained a divorce from her husband two years ago on the ground of cruelty and non-support. Forke was very angry at this proceeding, and, it is said, told her that he would "fix her party" for so doing. He went to Minneapolis and went into business, and was there until last Friday, when he sold out and said he was going to Canada. The evidence seems to show that immediately after disposing of his business interests in Minneapolis he went to Sheffield Mills, to the home of his former wife, and hid in the barn Friday night. Everyone was away from home Saturday, except Mrs. Forke.

SMALLPOX AT CALLENDER.

Four Cases Reported to Have Broken Out Up North.

Four cases of smallpox are reported to be in a family near Calender. The authorities are looking after the matter.

REVENGE OF A COUNTESS.

Dashed Vitriol in the Face of a Countess and Burned Her Own Sons with the Acid.

Baron von Kudlich-nephew and heir of the well-known general who played so great a part at the court of the Tuilleries, married the deformed niece of Heine and inherited through her millions and the Vienna Fremdenblatt-deserted his wife in Graz about a year ago for a Countess Gregorowitch, niece of the Premier of Servia. He took his two little boys with him to live with the Countess in Vienna and sued for divorce.

Hearing the other day that the Countess was about to become a mother, the deserted wife, driven insane with fury, travelled to Vienna and made her appearance unannounced one evening in the boudoir where the Countess was sitting with the two boys. None had heard her enter, so silent had been her step, and when they looked up and saw her standing there gazing at them without uttering a word they were petrified with astonishment.

As the Countess attempted to rise from her chair Baroness Kudlich darted forward and emptied the contents of a bottle of vitriol over the face of the Countess, some of the burning liquid splattering into the faces of the two little boys.

The screams of all three brought police to the scene. The Baroness was arrested and will doubtless be confined for the remainder of her life in a lunatic asylum. The Countess and the two boys were taken to the great metropolitan hospital in Vienna.

One of the little boys, four years old, has lost the sight of one eye. The other little fellow is marked for life with a vitriol burn on his cheek. The unfortunate Countess is so shockingly injured that death will be preferable to survival in her case. Her eyes, nose and part of her lips were burned away by the vitriol.

It is one of the most shocking tragedies that have taken place in Vienna in many a long year and has created a tremendous sensation.

SHOULD TO CONTRIBUTE.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Says Canada Should Pay for Naval Defence.

A despatch from London says: Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Bristol on Wednesday evening, ridiculed the notion of providing granaries, as has been suggested in some quarters. He said he was convinced the British navy was strong enough to hold its own, and in any war England would have many friends ready to supply corn. Referring to the coming budget estimates, he said these would show that the Government was fully alive to keeping up the standard of the army and navy, though he declared, it was not creditable to Canada, or fair to English taxpayers that such a colony should practically contribute nothing to the naval defences of the Empire. He hoped Canada would soon turn her attention to this matter, adding that he was convinced that if she did not the day would come when she would have a rude awakening which would be entirely her own fault. In concluding his speech the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that China had approached England for assistance to pay the Japanese indemnity, and that the negotiations were still pending.

CANADIAN BUTTER.

Reports From The Old Country Are Very Encouraging.

A report to the Dominion Agriculture Department from London, Eng., regarding the butter trade, says: "There has been a fair demand for Australian butter during the past week, especially for butter at a low price, so as to bring a good profit when retailed at 24 cents. Prices are somewhat easier, and while some agents are selling their choicest brands at 20-1/2 to 21 cents, others are fighting hard for 21-1/2 cents, but those who are selling lowest will win in the tug of sale, and succeed in lowering prices, as well as the pockets of the Australian dairymen. There is in the North of England a very good demand for Canadian creamery butter, and in Manchester choicest qualities have brought from 21-1/2 to 22-3/4 cents, wholesale, thus exceeding the price for the Australian product."

MILLION IN DUST AND DRAFTS.

Richest Ship Yet From the Klondyke Arrives in Victoria.

A despatch from Victoria, B.C., says: The steamer Corona from the north, has brought twenty passengers from Dawson City. It is the richest ship that has arrived yet laden with Klondyke money, the twenty people having close to a million dollars in dust and drafts divided among them. One of the party is Lou Keller, a girl of eighteen, who is en route to Cheyenne to be married. She is the second woman who has crossed the trail this season.

JOHN BULL DETERMINED.

That the Door of Chinese Commerce to the World Shall Not be Shut.

A despatch from London says: The Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Swansea on Monday night, echoed the declaration of Mr. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, on the Indian policy of the Government, at Manchester, and said the Government was determined, even at the cost of war, that the door of Chinese commerce should not be shut to Great Britain.

STAGES TO DAWSON CITY.

Proposal to Establish a Line From Edmonton.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—J. R. Powell, of Nelson, B.C., representing the Commonwealth Mining Company, along with S. O. Shorey, J. C. Holden, Senator Thibaudeau, Mr. Beique, Montreal; Mr. Robert Jaffray, of Toronto, and others, waited on the Government at Ottawa, Wednesday forenoon. Mr. Powell's company has a scheme for a stage line between Edmonton and Dawson City in the Yukon, which he says can be travelled in about twelve days. The distance is about 1,600 miles. The company asks for large powers in regard to mining and transportation. They saw the Premier and Messrs. Blair, Tarte and Sifton.

ONE OF THREE WAYS.

Mr. Chamberlain's Remarks on the Closer Union of the Empire.

A despatch from London says: Right Hon. Jos. Chamberlain on Wednesday night at Liverpool paid a warm tribute to the Imperial importance of the Canadian Pacific, which he called a magnificent enterprise. This is especially significant in view of events in the far East, in the development of which as the Government here fully realize, the Canadian Pacific route provides England for the first time with a strong trump card. Mr. Chamberlain also said that it would be foolish to attempt to predict the form which the future closer union of the Empire would take. He added: "It may be in the shape of a commercial union, or Imperial Zollverein, which I don't think so absurd as some political economists believe, or it may be in the shape of some Imperial council."

MAY PROVE FATAL.

Lamp Explosion at Ottawa Injures a Whole Family Seriously.

Isaac Laframboise, his wife, his daughter Olive, aged nineteen, and his son, ten years old, who live at the corner of Bridge and Wright streets, Hull, were pretty severely burned at their home Wednesday evening by a lamp exploding. It is feared that Miss Laframboise may die in consequence of the injury she received.

SEPOYS KILLED IN A RIOT.

Troops Sent to Quell a Tax Disturbance in India.

A despatch from Bombay says: There has been a tax riot at Boravi, near Narad, in the Gujarat district. A collector has been seriously injured, and five sepoy have been killed. Three hundred sepoy troops have been sent to the scene of the disturbance from Ahmedabad.

ENGINEER'S STRIKE.

Many of the Men Have Resumed Work in the Clyde Yards.

A despatch from London says: The Amalgamated Society of Engineers has formally endorsed the action of the joint committee of the trades unions in withdrawing the demand for 48 hours as a week's work, and has expressed the expectation that the lockout notices posted by masters will be withdrawn. The attitude of the employers remains unchanged. Many of the striking engineers resumed work in the Clyde yards on Tuesday, and a general resumption is expected on January 24th.

FORTY PEOPLE KILLED.

Explosion of Gas in a Russian Mine Causes Terrible Loss of Life.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Forty persons were killed and eighteen injured by an explosion of gas in one of the mines of the Donetzear Company, in the Taganrog district, on the north shore of the Sea of Azov.

\$65,000 IN BOGUS BILLS.

Bank of Montreal Bills Made by Wholesale in New York.

A despatch from New York says: In a two-story frame house on Ann street, West Hoboken, Police Officer Walter Nash on Thursday night found \$65,000 in counterfeit \$100 Canadian bills. The money was only printed on one side. In this house, in July, 1895, William Brockway, the notorious forger, and Mrs. Abbie L. Smith were arrested by Secret Service Agent Bagge