

# 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 C. P. R. will build a \$15,000 station at Woodstock.

Hamilton City Council has thrown out a Curfew bill by-law.

British Columbia salmon canners have formed a combine.

The number of patents issued at Ottawa last year was 4,013.

Natural gas has been struck on Fenton's farm, near Hamilton, Ont.

A book of buildings to cost \$120,000, are being erected in Winnipeg.

Some Ottawa capitalists propose to build a new musical hall in that city.

There is a big rush of settlers from Ontario to Manitoba and to North-West this spring.

The seven persons who were injured in the avalanche at Levis, on February 22, are now convalescent.

The citizens of Vancouver have decided by popular vote against a proposition to open a music hall.

Ship building for Klondike traffic is very active in Vancouver just now, no less than six boats are being built.

A carload of thoroughbred stock was shipped from Guelph to the Northwest by the Dominion Breeders' Association.

Louise Nadeau, of Quebec, for enticing and harboring young girls has been sent to the penitentiary for two years.

The Toronto City Council on Monday voted down a proposition to deprive themselves of their annual allowance of \$900.

D. De Montigny, of Montreal, who was arrested at Vancouver for having an illicit still in his possession, was fined \$200.

The Grand Trunk Railway has decided to reduce the freight rates on live stock for breeding purposes in Canada by fifty per cent.

A rumor that Hon. Robert Watson was to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West is denied at Winnipeg.

It is stated that a large sum will be placed in the Federal estimates for the stringing of a telegraph line to the Straits of Belle Isle.

The report of Mr. E. E. Sheppard, Trade Commissioner to South America, has been delivered to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

"Commissioner" Evans Booth is arranging to send a small staff of Salvationists to the Klondike from Vancouver, Victoria, and Seattle.

The copper telegraph line which the C.P.R. is to erect between Montreal and Vancouver is being manufactured at Lachine. It will cost \$250,000.

W. C. Macdonald, who has already given a million and a half dollars to McGill University, has given another \$15,000 to the department of architecture.

The Geological Survey of the United States has ordered a large number of canoes for the use of exploring parties in Alaska.

Considerable talk is heard in Ottawa of new industries and the revival of old ones. J. R. Booth is at present erecting what will be the largest grist mill in Canada.

The management of the Grand Trunk has contracted with the Pullman Company, Chicago, for the construction of twenty first-class passenger coaches.

There is a prospect of the wholesale clothing of the Dominion forming a combination for the purpose of reducing the length of credits, and in other ways regulating the business.

The project for the construction of a chain of canals from a point on Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, recently described, has been brought before Parliament, and will be presented.

The London Street Railway Company have paid Mrs. Kate Pitt \$1,300 as all costs in settlement of her claim resulting from the death of her brother, Wm. Spice, in a trolley accident.

A. Fingling, who was sent to Kingston Penitentiary from Hamilton to serve a three years sentence for embezzling from the Grand Trunk, has been pardoned with a six weeks reprieve.

News comes to Quebec of the disastrous results of the recent snowstorms to the wild animals. A farmer near L'Islet found twenty-eight caribou and deer stuck in the snow and cut their throats.

The Montreal Street Railway Company has received an order from the Kingston, Jamaica, Street Railway Company to build twenty electric motor cars for use in that city.

Private George Stewart, of the 48th Highlanders, who gained the bayonet championship of the world in London last June has been appointed to the Toronto Customs House staff.

Mr. J. H. Duthrie, who is promoting Union Stock Yards for Toronto, is urging the Council to take immediate action as he claims the city will be the gainer of \$20,000 a year from every new industry which springs up in connection with these yards.

The Ontario Government are about to take over the industrial schools of the province. The Mimico School will be lone away with. The boys there will be placed in the provincial reformatory, which is soon to be removed from Penetanguishene to Oxford County.

Several officers of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, waited on the Minister of Militia at Ottawa on Saturday and asked for a bill authorizing the formation of a volunteer reserve throughout Canada, such as now exists in connection with several of the Canadian corps. The matter will be considered.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The order of the King's Sons and Daughters is to be started in England.

It is reported that Lord George Hamilton will be appointed Governor-General of Canada.

A London dressmaking firm has

been fined for keeping women at work after the regulation hours.

The American Society in London is to provide a fund to erect a memorial to the sailors of the Maine.

British Board of Trade returns for February show a decrease of \$7,350,000 in imports and \$1,014,000 in exports.

A colliery at Muirkirk, Ayrshire, was flooded. Nineteen persons failed to reach the bank and are still in the mine.

Salviati, the noted Venetian glass and mosaic artist, who laid the mosaic in St. Paul's cathedral, committed suicide in London.

Mr. Petersen confirms the statement that his firm had placed with Hawthorne, Leslie & Co. of Newcastle-on-Tyne an order for two of the four new steamers required for the fast Atlantic service.

London street hawkers are now doing well with a portrait of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. Hanging out of one of his pockets is a small strip of card, and under the picture are the words "Find Lord Salisbury." A small sketch of the Prime Minister comes out of Mr. Chamberlain's pocket.

A Fifeshire village has a distillery managed on communistic principles which makes a yearly profit of \$500.

With part of these profits the villagers are equipped with reading and recreation rooms and now propose to light the village with electricity and put electric lights in every house at half of what it costs now.

In the famous Peabody model tenements, The London Daily News says there is a population of no less than seven hundred and twenty-five in one acre, yet the birth rate is five in one thousand above the average rate, and infant mortality is twenty-two in one thousand below the average. At this rate the population will grow faster than the profits of the trust, which were last year \$210,000.

### UNITED STATES.

The Globe shipyard strike at Cleveland has been settled. The men lost.

The Bowery Mission Lodging House in New York was burned and eleven inmates lost their lives in the fire.

The Manchester, N.H., Board of Trade had adopted resolutions favouring a treaty for reciprocal trade relations with Canada.

The British cruiser Cordelia, of the North Atlantic squadron, has arrived at Key West, Fla., from Belize, British Honduras.

Mr. John Wananaker has consented to be the candidate of the business men's Republican League for Governor of Pennsylvania.

William Hutchinson, one of the best known manufacturing jewelers in the East, was shot and killed at Providence, R.I., on Tuesday night by a burglar.

The jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for shooting strikers at Latimer, Pa., on September 10, returned a verdict of not guilty.

A large repatriation movement is taking place among French-Canadians in New England, and many are expected to return to Canada this spring.

Rev. Stephen A. Northrop, of Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday said in his pulpit, "It is time Uncle Sam clutched the throat of Spain to rescue Cuba."

Sadie Storer, aged sixteen, is in goal at Huntsville, Ark., together with her sweetheart and mother, charged with the murder of her father. The girl shot her father, and was aided and abetted by the other two.

Mr. Stearns, of the firm of Stearns Bros., Brooklyn, has received the order for machinery ordered by the Quebec Bridge Company, to make required soundings through the ice for testing the bed of the river in the vicinity of the Chaudiere.

A combination of the steel rod manufacturers of the United States has been practically consummated. The combination will represent about \$50,000,000 in capital. The names selected for the combination is "The American Steel and Wire Company."

### GENERAL.

The Pope is in excellent health.

Russia will spend ninety million roubles for new warships.

The Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the new pier at Cannes.

Forbes Robertson, the English actor, has made a great success in Berlin.

The floating debt of Spain was augmented by 13,220,681 pesetas during February.

Experts estimate that a million tons of wheat will be exported from Cawnpore, India.

Four fishing vessels belonging to Memel, Prussia, were wrecked on Saturday. Sixteen fishermen were drowned.

Zola's new book, "Paris," is said to be selling very well in France, and its sale in England will be far in excess of that of any of his other works.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt on Friday at Antigua, St. Kitts, Guadeloupe and Montserrat, of the Leeward Islands. Much damage was done at Antigua.

Emperor William is to visit Palestine in October next, his object being to determine for himself the exact sites of Golgotha, the Temple of Jerusalem, and the place of the Crucifixion.

"General" Booth states he has just completed arrangements with the West Australian Government to take up 19,000 acres of land for a Salvation Army Colony.

At Constantinople the Bulgarian agent has asked the Turkish Government for explanation regarding the alleged movements of Turkish troops towards the Bulgarian frontier.

The first consignment of Canadian creamery butter from the creameries of the North-West Territories has reached Japan in splendid condition, and has been quickly snapped up by purchasers.

Japan is about to float a new loan of a 150,000,000 yen. If in gold this would amount to practically \$150,000,000, but if in silver to only \$75,000,000. The loan will probably be floated in London.

The Queensland separation movement is not dead yet. A delegation is to be sent to England to urge the Imperial Government to divide the north and south of the colony from the south and give each part responsible government.

The American steamer Columbia, which left New York, bound for the Yukon, is at Valparaiso, Chili, waiting for funds. The captain has been

## ELEVEN WERE BURNED.

### TERRIBLE FIRE AT A CROWDED BOWERY LODGING-HOUSE.

Nearly 150 People Were Sleeping in the Building When the Fire Broke Out—Awful Discoveries.

A despatch from New York says:—A thorough search of the premises at 105 Bowery, which was partially destroyed by fire at an early hour on Sunday morning, disclosed the fact that eleven persons were burned to death.

At first it was believed the loss of life was much larger, but after searching the ruins very carefully the police and firemen discovered only eleven charred bodies, and removed them to the morgue.

Number 105 Bowery is one of the best known lodging-houses on that thoroughfare. It is called the Bowery Mission Lodging-house, and is conducted by the Christian Herald. In the basement of the building there is a cheap restaurant, while the ground-floor is used exclusively for mission purposes.

Gospel services being held there daily for several years. The fourth upper floors are fitted up as a cheap lodging-house, with accommodations for 150 males, who paid 15, 20, or 25c, according to the location of the rooms.

### EVERY BED OCCUPIED.

Saturday night almost every bed was occupied. At half-past one o'clock on Sunday morning one of the lodgers discovered flames coming from a wash-room on the third floor, but before he had time to alarm the house the fire was noticed by the passers-by on the street. By this time the flames had eaten their way to the top of the building and were bursting through the roof. When the alarm was given and the inmates aroused, a wild scene of excitement ensued. Many of the lodgers became panic-stricken. They rushed into the hallways and all over each other in their efforts to reach the street. Those on the lower floors got to the street safely by the stairways, while those on the upper floors groped their way through the blinding smoke to the metal fire escapes in front of the building. The majority of them only saved portions of their clothing, while several of them were naked.

Those who made their way to the street by the fire escapes were burned by the excessive heat of the iron ladders. The deposits are known to extend over an area of twenty-five square miles. About 50 claims have been taken up, principally by Winnipeg parties. Deposits of aluminum and quicksilver have also been found.

### FEDERATION IN AUSTRALIA.

A despatch from Melbourne, Victoria, says:—The colonial convention has adopted the Federation bill, and dissolved. The bill now goes to the various Legislatures of Australia.

### ARTILLERY FOR KLONDIKE.

Preparations for the Expedition Going on Apace at Kingston.

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., says:—It is generally expected that "A" Battery will provide the artillerymen for the Klondike expedition. The men are all anxious to go. Likely two of the new twelve-pounders will be taken from here, and four or more light guns for manning the mountain battery, and located at Sault Ste. Marie, will complete the equipment. Surgeon-Lieut. Foster, 68th King's County Battalion of Infantry, of which Hon. Dr. Borden is surgeon-major, has been called upon to look after the medical equipment. He is at present, attached to "A" Field Battery, performing the medical duties in connection with the corps and the Royal Military College in the absence of Surgeon-Major Neilson, who is now at Ottawa. Dr. Foster is a tall, well-built, able-bodied young man, enthusiastic over his duties, and one likely to do himself credit, and his calling honour and possessing a constitution likely to withstand the rigours of making preparations for the trip northward, and finds his time fully occupied in the task.

Major Evans, commanding "B" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Winnipeg, will command the corps. He will be assisted by Captain Burstall, "A" Field Battery. These three officers, intended for this duty were summoned to attend last week for consultation with the Minister of Militia, and returning to their posts, at once began active preparations for the voyage, which is as good as announced for the second week in April.

### WIDOWS FOR THE KLONDIKE.

Twenty of Them Leave in a Batch for the Land of Gold.

A despatch from San Francisco says:—The little fishing steamer New England put into this port for a supply of coal and provisions sufficient to carry her to Vancouver. Captain Small says he passed the steamship City of Columbia. She had on board thirty New England widows and six male passengers. The widows are bound for Alaska, where it is their intention to open shops for the sale of groceries, dry goods, and hardware. Sixty widows were to have sailed in the steamer, but all but twenty lost courage at the last moment.

### TROUBLESOME TIMES AHEAD.

President Kruger's Comment on Great Britain's Foreign Relations.

A despatch from Praetoria, South Africa, says:—The prospect that England may become involved with European powers is eagerly discussed here. During the debate in the Volksraad on Friday, over the scheme for the cold storage of meat, President Kruger, supporting the project, said, "There are troublesome times ahead," and he pointed out that the Transvaal is now depending upon foreign countries for provisions.

### NOT SO RICH.

Pointdexter—Is old Mr. Dean's will to be contested?

Kilduff—I understand not.

Pointdexter—Then his estate is not so large as it was thought to be.

## ILLNESS OF LORD SALISBURY.

### The Condition of the British Premier More Serious Than Admitted.

A despatch from London, says:—Lord Salisbury's illness is more serious than is officially admitted, but how serious cannot be known until the effect of his rest is noted. Occasional, but not severe, diabetic symptoms have, according to medical information, accompanied themselves for nearly two years. These have been seriously aggravated by recent illness and overwork, and hence the peremptory orders of Dr. Broadbent that he drop everything, notwithstanding the gravity of the national crisis and seek rest. It was only by pointing out the hopeless result of disregarding this advice that the eminent physician succeeded in inducing his patient to obey his orders.

Medical authorities who have been consulted in Lord Salisbury's case emphasize the fact that diabetic symptoms are an only too common complication of influenza this season, but they add that careful treatment in most cases results in their complete disappearance. Moreover, diabetes is by no means the hopeless disease it was considered a few years ago.

Lord Salisbury's chief point of regret for his compulsory retirement at present moment is the fear that difficulties may arise in the plans which he has been carefully developing for a better understanding with Germany, especially in far Eastern matters. The negotiations have made some progress, and it is understood that the Premier has set his heart upon interposing a check of this nature to the Franco-Russian plans. This move, if successful, will not prove popular in England, for the anti-German sentiment here is stronger than any other foreign prejudice, but Lord Salisbury is convinced that it is the strongest card to play.

Rumours of a reconstruction of the Cabinet are freely bruited, but there is nothing definite yet on which to base these reports. It is the impression in Parliamentary circles that Mr. Balfour, who is temporarily in charge of the Foreign Office, will be subject to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's influence to a greater degree than Lord Salisbury, which will mean a bolder and more impressive foreign policy.

### EMERGENCY IN MANITOBA.

The emergency found on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg has been pronounced by experts to be of the very finest quality. The deposits are known to extend over an area of twenty-five square miles. About 50 claims have been taken up, principally by Winnipeg parties. Deposits of aluminum and quicksilver have also been found.

### JAPAN READY TO FIGHT.

Determined Not to Allow Russia to Damage Her Interests.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times claims to have unimpeachable authority for the statement that since Marquis Ito resumed the Premiership of Japan the relations between Tokyo and Peking have steadily improved. China recently asked Marquis Ito's advice regarding her intercourse with foreigners. He urged the Chinese Government to grant railroad concessions to allow foreigners to establish banks, and to restrict the contents of the Viceroy. This correspondent adds that Japan has received no intimation of Russia's intentions regarding Port Arthur beyond a notification that a few warships would go there temporarily. Japan is determined not to allow her interests in China to be damaged by Russia, and will resist any attempt on the part of the Russians to establish themselves in Corea.

### BERESFORD'S IDEA.

The Rear-Admiral Warmly Advocates an Anglo-American Alliance.

A despatch from London says:—Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, member of Parliament for York City, in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, warmly advocated an Anglo-American alliance as "a move in the direction of peace and calculated to immensely develop trade." He added:—"Such an alliance is natural, and I believe the mere fact of its conclusion would deter others from attacking any inadequately defended interests of either country. Now is the time to accomplish it, when the advantages are apparent to both countries. A decade hence, when, if she desires, the United States can have become a first-class naval power, and will, perhaps, have adopted a policy of free trade, it might not be worth her while to undertake the responsibilities of an alliance with Great Britain. When America has built her navy she will be in a position to enforce her demands, which will not take her long now, with her advanced latent resources and mechanical and engineering facilities. An Anglo-American alliance would be the most powerful factor in the world for peace and the development of commerce."

Wallace—How would you like to join one of these "Don't Worry clubs" Ferry—'T'd join in a minute, but my wife would take it as an insult.

## ARMY ON A WAR FOOTING.

### THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PREPARING FOR WAR.

The Largest Measure Yet Taken by the U. S. War Department—The Strength of the Army to be Raised to 104,000 Men—Naval Preparations.

A despatch from Washington says:—The event of the day in official circles was the issue of an order for the formation of a new squadron of naval vessels to be stationed at Hampton Roads. The squadron in the beginning will consist of five ships, all the best of their types. Two of them, the battleships Massachusetts and Texas, are withdrawn from the present North Atlantic fleet at Key West and Tortugas. It would be a mistake to suppose, the officials of the Navy Department say, that in ordering this movement the department is animated by any purpose of yielding to representations or imitations that may have come from the Spanish Minister as to the mischief caused by the gathering of so large a naval force as Admiral Sicaud's fleet in the vicinity of Cuba. On the contrary, the formation of the new squadron was brought about by purely strategic considerations, although it appears from the nature of the force now under orders to rendezvous at Hampton Roads that this strategy is of the defensive nature.

### THE NEW SQUADRON.

Cannot be called a "flying squadron" because the association of heavy battleships with fleet cruisers like the Brooklyn, Columbia, and Minneapolis, reduces the average speed of the whole to the speed of the slowest vessel, and the squadron could not do much "flying" in the naval sense. The indications rather are that when reinforced by some smaller cruisers the squadron will constitute an ideal naval defence. Although the other ships to be added to the squadron have not yet been definitely selected it is surmised that they will include some of the battleships at Key West and the armed cruiser New York, in which case Admiral Sicaud, it is believed, will command the new force. In place of the cruiser New York the people of Key West will look upon the grim outlines of the big monitor Puritan. She will have to assist her on guard the double turreted monitor Miantonomah, and the monitor Amphitrite. So the order will in the end result in the gathering of the pick of the North Atlantic squadron at Hampton Roads. The point is said to be the best, strategically, on the Atlantic coast. It is almost centrally located and the ships from that point can reach any portion of the coast in short order.

### UNITED STATES ARMY.

The largest measure of preparation yet made by the War Department to meet the contingencies of the future probably has just been completed. It is the preparation of a bill providing among other sections, for the placing of the regular army on a war footing with the full strength of 104,000 men. The bill has been carefully gone over by the War Department and will be introduced in the House by Mr. Hull, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

### KILLED IN HIS OFFICE.

Woolf Joel, the Associate of Barney Barnato, Assassinated at Johannesburg.

A despatch from London says:—Woolf Joel, one of the most prominent men in South Africa was shot in his office in Johannesburg on Monday morning, and died a short time afterwards. Mr. Joel was the associate of Barney Barnato, the South African Diamond King, and was trustee of the estate of the late millionaire. He had taken an active part in the politics of the Transvaal, and was a warm supporter of Cecil Rhodes. His assassin was at one time a soldier, and the cause of the shooting is said to have arisen over the pending elections. The city of Johannesburg is greatly excited over the shooting, as deceased was very popular with all classes of citizens. The murderer, a man named Feldheim, has been arrested.

Feldheim entered Mr. Joel's office and demanded £2,500. Being refused, he snatched a revolver from a desk and fired. The bullet entered Mr. Joel's forehead, and he fell to the ground and expired. His murderer attempted to commit suicide, but failed.

### ALL HAD REVOLVERS.

The Cape Town correspondent of the London Daily Mail, who gives the murderer's name as Von Velthelm, says:—"He is reported to be the same man whose supposed body was found in the Thames found with rope last year, but who afterwards turned up serving as a trooper in the Cape police at Vryburg. Mr. Joel and Mr. Strange, his manager, received Von Velthelm in Mr. Strange's room. All three had revolvers, a circumstance explained by the statement that the meeting was not an ordinary one. The first shot is said to have been fired by Mr. Strange at Von Velthelm, who had tried to seize Mr. Joel's revolver. Von Velthelm then fired at Mr. Joel, the bullet entering his eye and causing almost instant death. Several other shots afterwards were fired. The clerical staff rushed in, and Von Velthelm was secured after a fierce struggle. The motive of the crime was failure in an attempt to blackmail."

### A SHOPPER FROM SHOPPERSVILLE.

Aggie—Why, Ethel, you are going dreadfully out of your way. You can match that ribbon across the street.

Ethel—Yes, I know; but let us try all the other stores first.

### ANY OLD PLACE.

Ethel—I saw Mr. Snobson driving to the depot last night. I wonder where he went to?

Mabel—Quite immaterial, so long as he stays there.