

News Summary.

There were twenty-eight business failures in the Dominion this week, against twenty-three in the corresponding week of 1899.

The total value of goods supplied by Canadian manufacturers for British troops in Africa and Indian troops in China this year is \$948,000.

A contract has been awarded by the War Office through the Militia department to the La Liberte fur firm of Quebec for 1,000 caps and 1,500 pairs of gloves for the British army in China.

Mrs. Jane E. Bishop, of West Newton, Mass., wife of Dr. Henry E. Bishop, who is serving a sentence in prison for malpractice, is under indictment for a similar crime.

Mr. Geo. H. Archibald, of Montreal, is in St. John this week and giving a course of lectures on How to Teach, Train and Punish children. The meetings are being held in St. John's Presbyterian church.

G. W. Northrup, professor of church history and theology in the University of Chicago, is seventy-four years of age, but continues to teach and lecture as usual, and does not need any assistant in his constantly-growing work.

According to the unofficial messenger, the shortage of grain in Russia is not confined to the eastern provinces and Siberia. The provinces richest in cereals are actually suffering on account of poor harvests. Grain is forwarded ahead of other merchandise, and grain railway rates have been reduced.

Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill speaking Wednesday evening at a banquet given by the Pall Mall Club, attacked Lord Rosslyn for "slandering British officers" in accounts the Earl sent to newspapers from South Africa. He went so far as to give the lie direct to some of Lord Rosslyn's statements.

A Pittsburg, Pa., despatch says:—Edward Henry, reputed to be the oldest man in the country, died at his home yesterday 116 years. He was born a slave in Culpyer, Ga., in 1784. During his long career he was married five times, and is survived by his fifth wife, by whom he had thirteen children. He is said to have been the father of eighty children.

The East China Railroad Company, according to a despatch from St. Petersburg to the Frankfurter Zeitung, is trying to effect a loan in the United States and France through the Russo Chinese bank. The Frankfurter Zeitung's correspondent, who gives \$5,000,000 as the amount, says that Director Rothsen is about to start for New York in the interest of the loan.

The Pennsylvania mine workers' strike has been declared off against all companies which have complied with the strikers' demands, and the strike will be continued against those companies which have not granted the Scranton convention's demands. The strikers will return to work next Monday at the places where the tie-up is ended. The strike has lasted thirty-nine days.

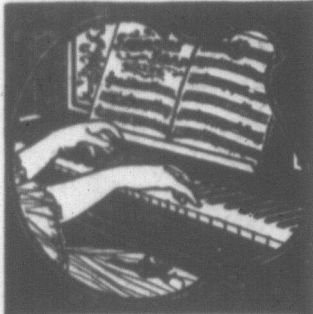
The Chinese minister has received a despatch stating that Kang Yi, a member of the cabinet with Yung Lu, and one of the intense anti-foreign leaders, whose punishment was demanded by the public, died of illness on the 18th inst; also that Yu Hsien, the late governor of Shan Si, who was said to have been responsible for the death of many missionaries, has committed suicide by swallowing gold leaf. Minister Wu regards this act as the result of the disfavor which the high officials have received from the throne.

The Quarterly Review for October—published in London, October 24th—will contain an important article on "The Coming Presidential Election," analysing the issues of the campaign and forecasting its result. The article will be reprinted entire in The Living Age (Boston) for November 3rd—ready November 1st. According to the custom of The Quarterly, the article is unsigned, but it is written by Mr. Edward Stanwood, author of "A History of the Presidency."

Personal.

Rev. B. N. Nobles has just closed his pastorate with the Kentville church, and will enter upon his work with the Carleton church, St. John, at once. Mr. Nobles and his family will be are sure receive a cordial welcome from the Baptists of St. John.

Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst came to St. John on Monday to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. John Steele, who after some months of falling health, peacefully breathed his last on Sunday evening at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. H. L. Everett. Mr. Steele was a well-informed and genial Christian man, with whom it was a pleasure to meet and converse. His cheerful active mind, rather than exceptional physical strength, caused him to live to enjoy a green old age. His memory will be cherished by those who knew him.



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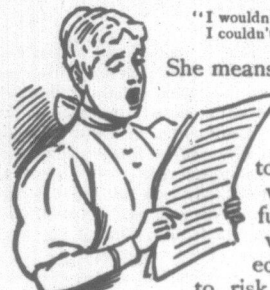
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