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NEWS IN BRIEF.

From all Quarters of the Universe.

EUROPEAN.

Thirty Arabs were killed in the recent fighting at Melilla, Morocco.

Russia has increased the tariff dues on starch, glassware, wax and cod liver oil. A French commodore was allowed to inspect the forts at Kiel last week. He was cordially received by the Germans.

It is officially announced in Odessa that there have been seventy cases of Asiatic cholera in Baku and vicinity. The heat is intense.

Two earthquake shocks were felt in the Meadi district, Austria, yesterday. Another shock was felt to day at Tschobers, Moravia.

Capt. Killer, of the German army, has been deprived of his rank and uniform for issuing a pamphlet aspersing the military forces of the Empire.

A cyclone is reported to have destroyed the town of Slonim, Russia. Buildings were blown to the ground, nineteen persons killed and trees dragged up by the roots.

The threatened strike of Welsh railway employees is to enforce a demand for sixty hours as a week's work. If the demand is not granted a general strike affecting over 60,000 will be inaugurated.

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The Siberian cattle plague is ravaging the Province of Riazan, Russia. Cattle, horses and sheep are dying by thousands. A number of peasants have also contracted the disease, but no fatal cases have been reported.

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Paris is excited and alarmed by the discovery that H. Hailland, a civil engineer, has been sick with cholera since July 15th in the Jemot hospital. The facts have been kept from the public until to-day. It is reported the patient is recovering.

M. Roche, French minister of commerce, will distribute copies of the McKinley bill among the French Chambers of commerce and accompanied by a circular, saying he wants to show exporters the risks they run in sending goods to America.

Two thousand factory strikers attempted to parade at Barcelona last week, but were dispersed by the police. The Government has forbidden processions and open air meetings. The strike movement is becoming general among the factories.

The London English Seafarers' union has declared a boycott against the steamers of the Alland Line, plying between Montreal and Hull, London, Boston and New York, for employing non-union men.

Passengers on the steamer Germania, which arrived at Queenstown from New York on the 25th, state that the engine's forward spindle was fractured Saturday night. The engineers were occupied four hours in repairing the break, during which time the steamer was stopped.

A band of Arnauts recently made a night attack upon the Montenegrin village Rogozere, murdering the inhabitants, many of whom were women and children. The Arnauts plundered the village and then left. Afterward the band was attacked by Turkish troops, and in the fight which ensued 60 Arnauts were killed and many other wounded.

The crops throughout France, except in the section east of the Rhone, have been destroyed by incessant rains. Official reports from the great wheat district of La Blanche state that the crop is rotting. The losses are estimated at \$5,000,000 francs. Dealers in grain discount the scarcity and the price of bread is rising.

Lord Randolph Churchill, speaking at the Conservative Club last Thursday, maintained that the Conservative party was constantly deepening its hold upon the country while the character and calibre of the Radicals had steadily declined. He declared that the policy of the Government was succeeding at home and abroad.

The Heligoland session bill passed the second reading in the House of Commons by a vote of 209 to 10. The Liberal leaders abstained from the division. A number of Liberals also refrained from voting. Lord Hastington, Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Henry James and Mr. Bradlaugh voted with the majority. Mr. Gladstone approved the arrangement.

A despatch from Buenos Ayres to the London Times says that among the persons arrested for conspiring against the Government are Gen. Campos, Col. Figueroa and Maj. Casarzo. All deny having any knowledge of the conspiracy. Detainees have been placed in the barracks and in officers' houses. This espionage is deeply resented by the army. The Government may find difficulty in justifying the conspiracy scare which has arisen from the fringes of the President.

The English National Seamen's union, with a view to forcing the English shipowners to influence the Danish shipowners, announces that a general strike of seamen will be inaugurated July 26, and that the men will be insured to work until the demands of the Danish seamen for wages equal to those paid English seamen are conceded. A conference between representatives of the Seamen's union and shipowners will be held at Sunderland July 26.

Military and civil circles in London are greatly disturbed over the suicide of two guardsmen in a private and corporal, both of whom left letters declaring that they were subjected to such abuse by their officers that it was impossible for them to endure their miserable lot any longer. The affair will be investigated, and the enquiry will be an important one in view of the apparent corroborative afforded by the suicides of the complaints of ill treatment which led to the mutiny of the Grenadier guards.

The parliamentary conference on international arbitration was opened in London last week. Lord Herschell presided. The Earl of Aberdeen offered a motion declaring that "The conference holds the concurrent resolution of both Houses of the American Congress as a fitting reply to the address from 284 members of the British House of Commons requesting President Harrison to negotiate with the powers for the purpose of concluding treaties of arbitration, and congratulating the autonomous

states of America which in the Pan-American congress agreed to a treaty providing for arbitration which now awaits ratification." The motion was carried, as was also a resolution relating in the efforts to conclude a treaty of arbitration between France and America.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the amount realized through the extra taxation of spirits, which the Government originally proposed to devote to the purchase of licenses, would now be allotted in England and Wales to the county councils for purposes of technical or agricultural education. In Ireland a part would be placed at the disposal of the intermediate education board, and a part would be devoted to the purposes of the Irish laborers' dwelling act. In Scotland the proceeds would be handed to the county councils to relieve local taxation.

The Paris *Figaro* says that as compensation to France for the establishment of a protectorate over Zanzibar, as provided for in the Anglo-German agreement, England will admit the right of France to grant exequaturs through the French Resident to foreign consuls in Madagascar to verify the frontier of Sena Gambia and the Upper Niger, and to extend French influence around Lake Chad. England reserves the Tunis commercial treaty in order to use it as a basis on which to act in her negotiations with France concerning the French claims in Newfoundland.

The contest for the Kolarup exp took place last week at the Biele range. The English team won the cup with a score of 704 points. The French team made 576 points. Aside from losing Kolarup cup, the Canadian men did not do as well as in the Tyro aggregate match. Capt. Bishop, of the 63rd Battalion, Halifax, and Sergt. Hall, of the 79th Battalion, Quebec, got 53 each. Lieutenant Manning, of the 62nd Battalion, St. John; Private Hinchinson, of the 43rd Battalion, Ottawa, and Col. Henderson, of the 52nd Battalion, St. John, got 51 each. In the Hip Bitter aggregate match Quarter Sergeant Gagg, of the Guelph, captured 1st Captain Bishop 53, and Messrs. Smith, Hutchinson and Hall 52 each. In the Queen's prize Messrs. Smith and Bishop got 52 each, Gagg 50 and Hall 48.

AMERICAN.

A committee appointed by the last Catholic congress met at Boston last Friday and decided that the next congress shall meet in Chicago in 1893.

In Iowa there will be a total failure of the crop this year. There is no honey in the flowers and the clover and buckwheat have thus far yielded nothing.

The manufacturing corporations of Fall River, have agreed to form a combination with the other cotton mills of New England and curtail the price of cloth production during the last two weeks of August.

Messrs. Riggs and Reilinger, Americans, have been created Knights of the Legion of Honor for their services to French trade, but more especially for their work in connection with the French exposition last year.

A Newport despatch says: "H. M. S. 'Thrush,' commanded by Prince George of Wales, will not come here. Such was the information received this afternoon, and thus plans and arrangements of social Newport have been made for naught."

Mr. Sentener, the New York State Entomologist, has received specimens of the pest which is ruining the handsome shade trees in Hudson. He says it is the notorious destructive elm tree which is steadily working its way northward, and has now reached Hudson. The only thing which will stay the ravages of this pest is to spray the trees with "London purple."

A cloudburst last week in the foot hills of the Santa Fe mountains covered an area one mile square. The water rushed down the canon in torrents, drowning a number of cattle and horses. A number of deer, bears and wolves were caught in the flow. The Schofields ranch was completely devastated of crops, orchards and bousers. A large freight train was caught in the flow and carried a mile. No lives were lost.

A special to the Minneapolis *Tribune* from Fargo, N.D., says a cyclone passed over the northern part of that country last week. The storm struck Bowen, Blufford and Galesburg, about twelve miles northwest of Hunter, in the southern portion of the trail land, in the northern part of Cass county. It tore and twisted across the country, leveling bridges and destroying crops. Five men were killed outright and a man and his wife probably fatally injured near Clifford. A cyclone occurred near Ghent, seven miles west of Marshall, Minn. Two persons were killed and several injured.

A Washington despatch to the New York *Herald* says the publication of the Behring Sea correspondence has removed the one cause of irritation that has vexed the two countries for several years. There is now but one way to settle the controversy and that is under the protection of our navy. That fact is established and the gravity of the controversy is therefore to that extent diminished. The conduct of the administration has been such that the British Government will never again, it is said, trust to go to war to settle a dispute. There is nothing new left to do but to arbitrate. That is the exact position of the Behring Sea controversy—arbitrate or fight.

The *Sun's* Washington special says President Harrison has drafted a message to Congress urging the adoption of the Blaine reciprocity scheme, but on better terms and with a scope far more extensive than has been advocated by the Secretary of State. Senators Aldrich and Morrill, of the Senate Finance committee, however, became converted to the Blaine doctrine recently and they have added their influence to that of the Secretary of State. A leading Republican who has already drawn up more than one treaty of reciprocity, has been hastily summoned from his summer vacation, and has been called in to devise some scheme of reciprocity which will satisfy the Senate and the House of Representatives at this late day. With the exception of Hitt, of Illinois, not a leading Republican, so far as heard from, is willing to pledge himself to support the proposed scheme of reciprocity.

CANADIAN.

It is stated that *L'Eclair* will shortly close its Montreal office.

A contract has been let for a new Catholic church in the north end of the city of St. John, N.B., to cost \$35,000.

Orders have been received at Halifax for the West Riding regiment to prepare to embark for Jamaica and Barbados on the troopship *Tomar*, August 10th, to be relieved by the 17th Leicestershire regiment, now at Bermuda, the

latter garrison being occupied by the Grenadier Guards from London. This movement will, in the usual course of events, bring the Grenadier Guards to Halifax in a year or two.

The foot bridge across the Magog river at Sherbrooke Electric Light Station has been condemned as unsafe.

Achille Bertrand has taken a \$30,000 action against *L'Eclair* of Quebec for its remarks in connection with the late Verté Post office affair.

Mr. White, C.E., to re-survey the old Mackenzie transcontinental line across the narrow of Lake Manitoba for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Collectorship of Customs at Quebec has been filled at last by appointment of P. L. Jondas, presumably a near relative of the local member for Gaspe.

The Islanders of Winnipeg will hold a national demonstration here on the 2nd of August to commemorate the settlement of Iceland 1,016 years ago.

The withdrawals from the Government Savings Bank continue to greatly exceed the deposits. The deposits in June were \$220,000 and the withdrawal \$354,000.

La Minerve states that a little worm has been doing much damage to the crops at Sault au Recollet and suggests that to discover some means to destroy the pest.

La Presse says that the Hon. Mr. Turcotte has served the Cabinet with an ultimatum that he either be furnished with the means of getting elected or be given some honorable and lucrative berth.

A schooner said to be from St. Pierre-Miquelon put in at Berthier (en bas), a few nights since, and with the assistance of about a dozen men, horses and carts unloaded a cargo of spirits, wines, etc.

Mr. Desire Rousseau, proprietor of the saw mill at St. Marie, Beauce, met with a serious accident last week while coupling two cars, loaded with wood, his hand and wrist was caught and badly crushed.

The official list of liquor licenses granted for Montreal from May 1st to June 1st was—hotels, 357; restaurants, 303; groceries, 572; total, 1,232. For the district of Montreal as the whole the total for the period named was 1,338.

The statistical year book of Canada for 1889 has just been issued by the Department of Agriculture. It gives the Dominion's population for the year ending 1889 as 3,073,585, compared with 4,845,809 in 1881, when the last census was taken.

A number of children at Vercheres while playing in a wood known as Islet Grove, discovered the decomposed body of a man, which upon identification proved to be that of one Joe Lebrun, a well known vagabond of the district. It is not known how he came to his death.

Mrs. Brousseau, residing in St. John's suburbs, Quebec was found dead in bed on Thursday. She had been ill for some days and on Wednesday, while alone, she took a plate of cold soup. This brought on a rigor which caused her death. No question is to be asked.

Joseph N. McGrath, a wandering tailor, hailing from the vicinity of Toronto, was drowned in the Madawaska river at Annapolis on Friday night. He had been in the town but a week and was under the influence of liquor when he fell into the river. The body was recovered an hour afterwards.

Application will be made next session for an act incorporating a company to build a railway from a point on Lake Ontario to Peterborough and thence to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Railway between Port Carling and Burke Falls, and through Nipissing and Algoma to Sault Ste. Marie.

The modus vivendi with regard to United States fishing vessels seems to be more productive this season than last. Eighty-nine licenses have been issued this season, the receipts therefrom amounting to \$11,403. Last year seventy-eight were given, which brought into the treasury the sum of \$9,589.

The Ontario Education Department will assemble all the teachers in training in Toronto from the 19th of August to the 1st of October at the Training Institute, where they will have the opportunity of receiving instruction in the science of education developed in several series of lectures by skillful educationists.

The exports during June were:—Product of the mine, \$404,548; produce of the fisheries, \$235,713; produce of the forest, \$4,452,182; animals and their produce, \$2,579,584; agricultural products, \$1,274,450; manufactures, \$724,218; miscellaneous articles, \$37,169; coins and bullion, \$25,412; total, \$10,425,356. The import returns are incomplete.

Mr. G. E. Rioux, District Magistrate, at Sherbrooke, has taken the deposition of Leda Lamontagne. He was accompanied by Mr. L. C. Balauger, Crown Prosecutor, High Constable Moe and a witness from Wolfes town. Mr. Lemieux, advocate of Quebec, went down as counsel for the prisoner.

The first case of ticket scalping of the season in the North West came up before Justice Shelton at Calgary last week. The return part of a farmer's express ticket, issued to an Ontario farmer named Kelly, from Toronto to Calgary, was sold to Tom Caven, who in turn sold it to a third party for \$22. Caven, who pleaded ignorance of the law, was fined \$20 and costs.

This week the Canadian Pacific railway completes the arrangements made some time ago for the purchase of the entire New Brunswick railway and thereby connects ocean to ocean by its own iron. The New Brunswick system comprises nearly the whole of the province unless Russell Sars's plans for the development of the Grand Southern railway fully mature.

The twenty-third Ontario election petition was filed last with the clerk of the Court of Appeal at Osgoode Hall. This petition is against the election of G. F. K. Marter (Conservative) over A. P. Cookburn (Liberal) in Muskoka. The petition is John Lawrence Hanes, of the township of Stevenson, claiming to be an elector in the riding of Cookburn and Ross, of Toronto. The usual charges of corrupt practices are made.

A young lad, the son of Judge Bone, performed a courageous act at Murray Bay the other day. A girl missed her footing while going down a ladder from the wharf to a canoe and the next instant she sank to the bottom of the water, which is very deep at this place. Without a moment's hesitation young Bone dived into the water and brought the girl to the surface, where he sustained her till they were picked up by a boat.

Leandre Lemaire, of Ascut, was driving a load of hay across the Grand Trunk Railway crossing at Lennoxville the other day, on which there were two other men besides himself. The afternoon express was just coming at the station and was not noticed by the man on the load until it was too late to avoid a collision. Seeing their danger the men jumped and saved their lives. The horses were killed and the load scattered in every direction.

R. regulations for the entry of engineer students in her majesty's navy and for the entry of students in naval construction, with a view to their being trained in her majesty's dockyard at Devonport are published in the *Canada Gazette* of Saturday.

The Honourable Sir Thomas Galt, Knight, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Ontario, has been appointed by the Governor General to be the Administrator of the Government of the Province of Ontario, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Sir Alexander Campbell, K.C.M.G., the Lieutenant Governor of the said Province of Ontario.

Last week Mr. John Robertshaw, a well known citizen of Woodstock, swallowed a spoonful of arsenic, evidently with the intention of ending his life. He was taken to hospital and lay vomiting and suffering till about 3 o'clock this morning, when Dr. Odium was called in. The doctor worked hard to save the man's life, without success. Robertshaw died this evening. Domestic unpleasantness and financial difficulties are said to be the cause of the deed.

A deputation on behalf of the Montreal Cotton company waited upon the members of the Ontario legislature and asked for a change in the law regarding the employment of children in the direction of the English system by which children of twelve and over may be employed for half a day, provided that they be sent to school for the other half day. The Premier promised to consider the matter, but said that nothing would be done until next session, as a change would require an amendment to the law.

Application was made to the Minister of Customs last week by the Collector at Picton, N.S., for permission to allow the wrecked schooner *Caroline* Vought of Gloucester, Mass., which has not a "modus vivendi" license, now undergoing repairs at Picton, to ship a crew and take in stone ballast and provisions for a homeward voyage. The permission was given, with a caution that the vessel was not to be allowed to provision for a fishing voyage instead of a homeward trip, and it was also stated that the case was not to be taken as a precedent.

The shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre seems to be growing in fame year by year, as is shown by the ever increasing number of pilgrims who visit this shrine. A statement of the pilgrims for the year ending January 4th, 1900, is as follows:—January, 400; February, 550; March, 1110; April, 100; May, 1,390; June, 1,567; July (from 1st to 22nd), 30,690; total, 41,607. This is far ahead of the number who visited the shrine up to this date last year, and that too in spite of the cold and unsettled weather we have had. The total number of pilgrims last year was 100,951, which was 9,604 more than in 1888.

A prominent Quebec lumber merchant states that the recent forest fire in the Saguenay lumber trade is that the demand from South America, which used to take nearly all our stock timber, has fallen away to almost nothing this year and merchants invested recklessly. There was an unusually large out in Canada last year and while under ordinary circumstances this would not have affected the market here, the fact that the demand from South America has fallen away has done the work for them. The merchants there find themselves with a stock of timber on hand which they cannot dispose of.

Letters patent have been issued under the great seal of Canada, incorporating Edward H. Johnston and John H. McClement, of New York; James Leggett, Montreal; H. P. Dwight, Toronto and Charles G. Clouston, Montreal, as the Canadian Interior Conduit Company for the purpose of conveying telegraphic messages by electric communication and to own, erect and maintain poles and other means of supporting and conveying the wires of the said company in different places, subject to existing rights. No navigable river is to be crossed without the sanction of the Governor-General-in-Council. Government messages and telegrams are to have precedence over the company's wires.

Nominations for the House of Commons took place in Kent Co. N.B., last Thursday, the candidates being Dr. Edward H. Leger, Geo. V. McInerney, John Jardine, Conservatives, and Charles J. Sayre, Independent. Mr. McInerney, who was last year elected vice president of the Liberal Association of New Brunswick, has declared himself a straight supporter of the Conservative party, giving as a reason that recent developments have shown the wisdom of Sir John's policy. He will receive, his friends believe the Irish and French support. Dr. Leger, an Acadia, is, however, more generally recognized as the Conservative candidate.

Two Arabs, small in stature and repulsive in appearance, and with wooden boxes containing cheap jewelry strapped to their shoulders, were arrested last week at Syracuse, on a charge of peddling without license. They gave the names of John and Mohammed Kervy. They are suspected of having had a part in the murder of A. Holtz, an Arabian pedlar, at Vester, Bromo county. The men speak but little English. Three other Arabs were arrested at Camasota to-day for the same crime. Three Arab peddlers were seen in Vester early last week. Suddenly they disappeared, and Monday the bodies of the three were found, one of the three was found in an abandoned shanty. The head was horribly battered and the body had been crowded under the floor. The two companions were traced north, and the two just arrested are believed to be the ones wanted.

Alice Anell, the immigrant girl who was outraged by cavalrymen at Quebec and was being detained as a crown witness, was placed for safe keeping in a boarding house in Artillery street. One day last week she was coming down the stairs when she fell and broke her leg. No sooner had she arrived there than she dropped in an epileptic fit and was apparently in great agony for five hours. The question then arose what was to be done with her. She could hardly be classed as a fallen woman, the Women's Christian Association refused to receive her and the chief of police had no alternative but to send her out on the streets. She got one of his men to arrest her for loitering. On this charge she was sent down for two months to the common jail with the proviso that if the Women's Christian Association would receive her she was to be handed over to them.

S. D. Dawson, M. P. for Algoma, states that the development in the silver mines of Algoma, west of Port Arthur, has been most extensive of late and the district is now full of American and English prospectors. The Beaver mine has now in sight over \$200,000 worth of ore of the best quality. The Badger has just struck a third fine lode and the Porcupine mine, recently opened, is turning out well. These mines are in the Rabbit mountain district. In the Silver mountain district the prospects are equally encouraging. The Brown Point mine is turning out large quantities of rich silver ore and it is expected that many new mines will be opened within the next few months. The Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway, leading to the mines, is being pushed forward vigorously, and will reach the silver mines about the middle of September. A large force is now employed to take the lake and the district is now full of Americans and English prospectors. 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