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## News of a Day

### Four Killed.

Harrison, Ont., Jan. 19.—Donald Davidson, a well-to-do farmer, who lived one mile west of Harrison, was instantly killed by an express train at a crossing here last evening. His sleigh was smashed, but the horses escaped without injury.

### Verdict For \$500.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—The jury in the case of David Tullock, commercial traveller, who sued D. A. Goodall & Sons, former employers, for \$10,000 for alleged false arrest and malicious prosecution gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$500.

### Miss Hayward Dead.

Fredericton, Jan. 19.—The death took place Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Hayward, Lincoln, Sunbury county, of their eldest daughter, Miss Lillian Hayward, aged 26 years, after a lingering illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by three brothers and seven sisters.

### To Improve Conditions.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—A joint conference of the eastern and western employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway was held here yesterday and a list of demands for improved working conditions was drawn up for presentation to the general manager in Montreal.

### To Stop Drinking.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 19.—The new board of control announces that it has decided to stop excessive drinking, which has been a noticeable habit on the part of a number of city employees. The holding of a caucus of employees in saloons, a practice which has been very popular of late, has been forbidden.

### Cook Squelched.

Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The committee of the University of Copenhagen has completed its examination of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's original notes, and today it confirmed its previous conclusions that not the slightest proof that the explorer reached the North Pole had been submitted.

### Druggist Fined.

London, Ont., Jan. 19.—W. Costello, a druggist, who represented himself to be a physician and wrote a prescription for B. A. Mitchell, proprietor of the store, being fined \$100 and costs for breaking the liquor law. Mitchell, who has been in business for sixty years, will appeal. Costello was sent to jail for three weeks.

### Aeroplane in War.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The International Bureau of Peace at Brussels

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## IS BURBANK A FAKIR TOO?

Charges if Ultimately Sustained Will Place the American Botanist in the Same Class With Cook and Barnum.

**BURBANK IN ARTICLE DEFENDS HIMSELF**

Luther Burbank's name has been for years synonymous with wonders in the creation of new varieties of vegetables, fruit and flowers. He has been classed with Edison among American inventors and the reports that have been made of his hybridizing experiments would lead one to believe that he is the most remarkable man of the two. The question now arises says the Toronto Mail and Empire, is Burbank to be classified with Barnum and Dr. Cook in the class of fakirs? From responsible quarters have come charges branding Burbank as a faker of the more thoroughgoing type, whose contributions to botany have been practically worthless, and whose name has been artfully built up by his appropriations of the labor of other men.

The Wonderberry.

Burbank has been credited with the invention of several new varieties of fruits and flowers, such as the "plum-cot" and the Shasta Daisy, the latter being familiar enough to local amateur gardeners. His latest achievement is a berry called the wonderberry, or "wonderberry." This berry is said by Burbank to have been produced by crossing an African berry with an American fruit. Its claims upon the housekeeper for general use in jams, pies and puddings are now being extensively advertised by a large Eastern seed house. The wonderberry can be raised on any sort of ground, at practically no cost says the advertiser, and is destined to take the place of strawberries and raspberries, gooseberries, and practically all the berries that are now popular.

Is It the Nightshade.

The wonderberry appeared last Spring, and specimens of the fruit and seeds were received by the Gardener's Chronicle, an English publication. Instead of falling into ecstasies over the wonderberry, the stolid English editor announced that it was nothing more nor less than a species of the black nightshade, which everyone knows, or should know, is poisonous. This criticism came to the attention of the Rural New Yorker, one of the most important of American agricultural publications, which proceeded to make investigations of its own account. In the meantime, the statement of the Gardener's Chronicle had been brought to Mr. Burbank's attention, with the result that he offered \$10,000 to anyone who could prove that the wonderberry was the black nightshade or any other berry before produced.

Burbank Cornered.

Last summer, Mr. H. W. Collingwood, editor of the Rural New Yorker, wrote to Mr. Burbank, announcing that he was ready to compete for the \$10,000, and asking that he be permitted to test the inventor's wish to impose "The Wizard" in his reply, said that as he usually received \$100 a column for anything he wrote for publication, he could not afford to enter into a newspaper controversy. Then the Rural New Yorker applied to experts in the employ of the United States Agricultural Department. They reported that the wonderberry was no different from the wonderberry and a variety of the black nightshade. Grown in a hot, dry climate, it is possible, said one of these experts, that the wonderberry "might have some value." There the matter rests for the present, with Burbank in rather an unpleasant position.

Commercial Exploitation.

Apart altogether from the merits of Burbank's plants, it is plain that he has permitted his name and reputation to be commercially exploited in a manner that the true scientist must condemn. Promoters who are endeavoring to put on the public a great variety of Florida waste lands advertise Burbank's fruits and vegetables in extravagant terms, urging that their cultivation will rapidly make fortunes for all who buy Florida land. They quote Burbank to the effect that land even at \$1000 an acre can make fortunes for anyone who will raise the Burbank cactus. The cactus is a reference to the spineless cactus, it is claimed that Burbank not only invented it but that he invented the russet apple. In a bulletin issued by the United States department of agriculture it is said that the spineless cactus was "invented" by the Mexicans so long before the discovery of America that the exact date is a matter of tradition. The bulletin also ridicules statements to the effect that the spineless cactus will thrive and produce abundantly in any climate where man can live. Only within certain constricted areas on this continent will the spineless cactus grow. Others of Burbank's alleged creations are similarly discussed, with the result that the "Wizard" is in danger of dropping into the Dr. Cook category unless he speedily rehabilitates himself.

Defends Himself.

New York, Jan. 19.—The Times prints the following letter from Luther Burbank, the "plant wizard," in reply to the criticisms passed on him recently: At the time of introducing some of the first of my spineless cactus (opuntias), nearly three years ago the following words occupied the first place in the catalogue of my plants: "For more than fifty years I have been quite familiar with thornless cactus of many species and varieties. In fact, one of the first pets which I had in earliest childhood was a thornless cactus, one of the beautiful epiphyllums. The phyllocactus and many of the cereus family are also thornless. I do not trace to any one the responsibility of the plants or fruit. Thus the somewhat indefinite popular name of "thornless cactus" with these facts, I should have dissolved my connection with the institution last year. Personally, I have no desire for wealth or fame—a thirst for these is the root of many evils. My ambition has been to leave the world better for having passed this way. To be misjudged is a passing trifle; to have lost a life of honest, earnest labor is a tragedy."

## NEELED EXPORT GOVERNMENT STOPS BAD OUTBREAK

Change In U. S. Immigration Laws Makes Boston Only Port of Entry -- To Close Stations Along Border.

**BIG INCREASE IN TRADE EXPECTED**

Boston, Jan. 19.—Beginning the first of February there will be a big change in Chinese immigration into the United States, and the port of Boston will be much affected. At that time all of the stations along the Canadian border through which Chinese have been admitted in the past, will be closed, upon order of Secretary Chase, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and thereafter the bulk of the Chinese immigration in the eastern half of the United States will be through the local port and under the Boston Chinese inspectors.

There are three border stations affected, one at Malone, N. Y., another at Richford, Vt., and the third at Port, N. D. Formerly there was one at Sarnas, Wash.

It was in intention of Secretary Chase to have all Chinese immigrants seeking admittance into the United States examined at Vancouver, B. C., an, if eligible, enter this country at Seattle, but the Canadian Pacific Railway made arrangements to carry the Chinese immigrants bound for Eastern points in the United States across the Canadian continent to Halifax, N. S., thence send them to Boston on the steamers of the Plant line and have them examined by the inspectors here. Boston being a statutory port which could not be closed on a departmental order.

It is estimated that this arrangement will mean an increase of about six hundred Chinese applicants a year for admission to the country through Boston, and probably an average of about thirty Chinese a day who will occupy part of the local immigration station detention quarters. Presumably it will mean that the local Chinese inspection force will be increased.

African Explorer Returns to England.

Dr. Carl Kumm Has Much of Interest to Tell Regarding his Explorations in the Sudan.

London, Jan. 19.—Dr. Carl Kumm, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the head of the Sudan United Mission, has returned to England after a series of African explorations of considerable interest. He thus sums up his results: The opening up of a new high road across the Sudan, information respecting the border line between Islam and Paganism, and the discovery of a new route to the Nile. The last three months of the journey were one long struggle against tremendous difficulties. The expedition being without food lived on "boiled" and "roasted" meat, ploughed through forests and morasses, overpowered by mosquitoes, and other insect pests.

New Butterflies.

Dr. Kumm brought back with him a fine collection of butterflies, many of them new. Senussi, the most powerful independent central African chief, who had cut up a French Government expedition and killed French raiders, welcomed him and gave him an escort, carriers and food. All around Senussi's stronghold, Ndili, the country was devastated and ruined villages told their tale of slave raiding. Every man in this country goes armed, even when bartering in the market place.

Well Known.

"The facts in the case are too well known to need comment. Let someone even now mention a single absolutely thornless cactus of any variety produced by anybody or not produced on my grounds. I am exploited, whether willingly or not, and very much against my own wishes. Does it pay to exploit commercially a proposition which does not stand on a sound basis of character and value? It was mutually agreed upon and fully understood both by the Carle Institute and myself that I should have the privilege of supplementing their inadequate annual aid toward the continuation of my experiments by the sale of my productions as before."

"I am now past sixty years of age, I have done good work and no one is dependent upon my efforts. The grant I brought with it more care, responsibility, correspondence, and visitations and a full crop of envy and jealousy, and but for the advice of friends I should have dissolved my connection with the institution last year. Personally, I have no desire for wealth or fame—a thirst for these is the root of many evils. My ambition has been to leave the world better for having passed this way. To be misjudged is a passing trifle; to have lost a life of honest, earnest labor is a tragedy."

## CONDUCT STOPS BAD OUTBREAK

Fear Stricken Prisoner in Sing Sing Reveals Plot of a Wholesale Escape -- Too Many In Prison.

**ATTEMPT TO OVERPOWER GUARDS A FAILURE**

New York, Jan. 19.—Only the confession of a fear stricken convict prevented an attempt of three hundred prisoners in Sing Sing Prison from making a break for liberty New Year's night, and even then their plans were frustrated only by desperate and quick action on the part of the prison authorities. Since the word of the contemplated outbreak was first received the prison guard has been doubled.

Owing to the inadequate and crowded conditions prevalent at Sing Sing three hundred convicts are housed in an improvised dormitory removed from the main buildings, and before the proposed outbreak they were insufficiently guarded, and a plan to overpower the six guards in charge of them was temptingly feasible.

Probably never before in the history of penal institutions has such a great number of prisoners entered into a plot to gain liberty.

Unlike those in the main cell houses, the prisoners confined in the improvised dormitory have privileges, which permit of their being together several hours after they quit work and they are allowed to converse among themselves long after the convicts in the main buildings are put away in solitary confinement.

New Year's Day Chosen.

This condition was responsible for the breeding of the plot for a wholesale delivery. New Year's night was selected, according to the convict who weakened and told the story, because the men did not have to work that day, and naturally they expected a lenient and holiday spirit would be manifested, extending to the guards.

When the guards were apprised of the situation they were overwhelmed with fear until steps were taken to prevent the outbreak and reinforcements came to their side. It is said that several men were immediately mustered in and rushed to the tin shop dormitory where they remained throughout the night. The convicts were told that their plans were known and any attempt to obtain freedom would prove disastrous. The word passed among them that the first man making a suspicious move would be shot, disarmed all hopes of a concerted attack.

Warden Jesse D. Frost, on being unable to obtain sufficient men on such short notice for the task, heavily armed himself and acted as guard throughout the night of terror which followed. When the hour appointed for the outbreak had passed there was deep feeling of relief among all the guards on duty.

The building where the three hundred convicts are domiciled every night stands some distance from the other buildings and in all likelihood the six guards on duty could have been overpowered and the large number of prisoners get away over the wall without attracting the attention of the guards or officials in the main buildings.

The large room where the convicts sleep is adequately barred at the windows doors, but an ordinary wooden floor is the only obstacle the men would have to face once there was no resistance or interference from the guards. The building is a two storey structure.

Prison Overcrowded.

The crowded condition of the prison is a source of terror to the officials and they fear that unless relief comes soon a successful outbreak is imminent. For the 1903 prisoners confined there there are 1200 cells. Last summer it became necessary to remove the hospital above the mess hall and provisions were made for housing 63 convicts in the old hospital building. The Protestant chapel was displaced and prisoners of that faith were housed in the old Catholic chapel. Two hundred convicts were then placed in the Protestant chapel. The dormitory where the New Year's plot was hatched was the old Protestant chapel, which was crowded into the wagon factory below.

Relief from the congested condition is being sought in several directions. Mr. C. V. Collins, superintendent of prisoners, has asked the present legislature for a bill appropriating to carry on the work of erecting ample prison buildings on the site purchased last year in Washington county, north of Saratoga.

The prison site commission purchased another 500 acre tract last year on the west shore of the Hudson river, at Bear Mountain, between Fort Montgomery and Fort Island, which is sixteen miles north of Sing Sing. The preliminary work of clearing this land has begun, one hundred convicts quarantined in a stockade at work, but since the land is included in the site of the proposed state park, which is to be created from land donated from Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, and other wealthy persons, some of the prison authorities believe the work will be stopped and the site abandoned.

Board of Trade Meets.

St. Andrews, N. B., Jan. 19.—The Charlotte County Board of Trade met in annual session last night and dealt with a variety of topics, including the development of ports, rural telephone lines, Cuban potato business, establishing of bait storeshouses and fortifying plant in the county, opportunities for sardine manufacturing, etc. Officers were elected as follows: R. E. Armstrong, president; R. W. Grimmer, St. Stephen; E. A. McNeill, West Isles, vice-presidents; C. N. Vroom, secretary-treasurer; Executive, R. T. Donald, Dufferin; C. S. Everett, St. Andrews; John Webber, St. David; Bismark Dick, St. George; J. W. Wooster, Grand Manan.

Pursued By Wolves.

Vienna, Jan. 19.—Baron Otto von Urban, a rich land owner, while riding through the forest Transylvania, was pursued by a pack of wolves. The wildly excited horse threw him and the wolves tore him to pieces.

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of Innates Who Swear They Recently Convicted of Burglary are Americans.

Were Not Drunk.

London, Jan. 19.—Another tale of spooks comes from Llanarth in Wales and in this case the ghostly visitant seems to be peculiarly vicious, hurling missiles through the air being his chief form of amusement. The mysterious happenings which have terrified the peaceful villagers, have taken place at the Emlin Arms Inn, and a local correspondent says appearances go to show that this old fashioned hotel must either be haunted or that a marvellous conjurer has been able to defy police and other detection.

One night recently just after closing the inn Mrs. Meredith, the landlady, whose husband was spending his evening in the local public house, was sitting alone in the kitchen, and was startled by a knock. A candlestick came whizzing through the passage. Yet not a soul was seen either in or about the premises.

Shouted for Help.

More mysterious still, missiles were presently hurled from every quarter of the kitchen. Terrified Mrs. Meredith shrieked for help. The wife of the village constable and her sister, who were near neighbors, hurried to the house, but so eerie were the antics of the presumed visitant from the spirit world that neither dared to enter, nor would others venture there until the arrival of the police constable.

The constable believed that his services were needed to arrest a burglar, but search as he would no person could be found, although he heard the tramping of "padded feet" on the stairway and in the upper chambers. Bottles fell at his feet and were smashed, heavy black varnished stone ornaments "jumped" off the mantelpiece and fell close to his head as he was looking under the bed for a burglar.

The spectators saw a polished box fall from Mr. Meredith's waistcoat which was hanging in the kitchen. The waistcoat had been ironed by Mrs. Meredith on the previous evening and

she could not have failed to notice the box had it been there then. At 3.30 o'clock in the morning mistress and maid took refuge in a nearby house, but when they returned later with evidence on a more serious charge than that now placed against them.

Photos of the two men have been sent all over the country to detective bureaus, and every effort is being made to identify the men and secure evidence on a more serious charge than that now placed against them.

These occurrences were witnessed by other people, including the vicar and curate of the parish. The constable asserts that the story is true in detail and that it is not the imaginings of Christmas hilarity, for the men had been sober and he is a teetotaler himself. He had the house surrounded by workmen all the next day and had a burglar been at the inn he would have been captured.

## LOCAL

### New Double Tenement.

The Grant house in King street east, recently purchased by Mr. H. J. Carleton, is being remodelled and converted into a double tenement. It is expected to be ready for occupancy at an early date.

### In the Police Court.

In the police court yesterday Mrs. Ernest Osborne, living on the Westmorland road was charged with having liquor in her beer shop. Annie Preston aged 14 years, gave evidence that she was given a glass of gin in the shop on Saturday evening. As a result she went home intoxicated. Mrs. Osborne and a boarder, John Lyons, denied that any liquor was used on the premises. The magistrate told Mrs. Osborne that she was liable to a fine of \$50 or two months in jail. She was kept in the guard room until 2 p. m. and then allowed to go. Jas. Osborne, accused of doing \$20 or more damage in the printing office of Mr. J. W. Flewelling, acted strangely in court and was remanded for examination.

### N. B. Union of Municipalities.

St. John will be represented at the meeting of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities, which is to be held in Campbellton next month, by Aldermen McEldrick, Potts and Scully. They were selected by the mayor yesterday and have signified their intention of attending. Councillor Ochoane was selected on Tuesday to represent the Municipal Council.

### New Band Master Appointed.

Mr. Frank Waddington, bandmaster of the 53rd Regiment Band, Sherbrooke, Que., has been appointed City Corner Band as leader and will arrive here probably on Friday of this week and take up his new position. Mr. Waddington has been in Canada about a year, coming from England, and taking the leadership of the Sherbrooke band. He was for seven years solo cornetist with the Black Elkie Band in Yorkshire, and has also been bandmaster and teacher of the 9th Batt. (Highlanders) Royal Scots, Edinburgh, known as the Kiltie's Military Band. He has also been conductor and teacher of several other bands in the old country.

### AT THE HOTELS

#### Royal.

H. Holmes, Toronto; T. D. Pickard, Vancouver; Capt. Macdonald, Queens

Hotel, Quebec; T. P. Grant, Boston; W. G. Storey, Brantford; L. H. Adams, Toronto; James Simpson, Montana; C. J. Osman, Hillsboro; Willis D. Miller, Montreal; C. S. Archibald, Toronto; H. H. Thompson, Halifax; D. G. North, Hantsport; N. C. Graham, Halifax; C. W. Fawcett, Sackville; F. Ryan, Sackville; J. F. Dallas, Edinburgh.

#### Victoria.

J. A. Zwicker, Halifax; John H. Lowe, Lylesford; M. Curry, Amherst, N. S.; F. A. Young, Halifax; C. H. Lynd, St. George; A. L. Hoyt, McAdam Junction; W. J. Dickson, Halifax; Judson Trenholm, Port Elgin; A. M. Dean, Hampton; James A. Watson, Worcester.

### FALL IN GRAIN PRICES.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19.—Grain prices fell off sharply in the first half hour of the session here today and later rallied on covering trades, corn and wheat closing near yesterday's final figures. Provisions exhibited the same general tendency.