

# ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST CULLED FROM ALL SOURCES

The real name of Emmy Destinn, the singer, is Emilie Kittel.

There are 10,000 barristers in the United Kingdom, and only about 2,000 practise.

At the age of 83, Mary Long, a negress, has started out to get an education, and is learning her A. B. C.'s at a night school established in Lebanon, Mo.

A powerful searchlight on top of the tallest buildings in Indianapolis is a valuable adjunct to both the police and fire departments.

Charles Losch, who died recently in Allentown, Penn., left \$3,000 for a monument to his brother, \$10,000 for one to his father, and \$12,000 for a monument to himself.

The last person in Sagadahoc County, Me., to kill a deer this season was Willie G. Given, aged 15, who killed a 150 pound doe on the afternoon of the last open day.

Charles W. Chamberlain, who went into bankruptcy 20 years ago in St. Louis, Mo., has returned from Arizona and paid off \$25,000 in debts which were many years ago outlawed and declared uncollectible. Who would not envy his night's rest?

Among the unclaimed deposits advertised by a Bath, Me., bank is one of \$2,349.63, based on a deposit of \$150 made by Samuel Francis, July 15, 1857. He was a sailor and probably was lost at sea, as nothing has been heard from him since that time. In the meantime compound interest has been accumulating.

The Doncaster, G. B., coroner conducted an inquest on the body of an elderly married woman, named Mary Hannah Drury, 63, wife of Richard Drury, who acts as deputy for John Brady, of a lodging house, Sheffield. As the woman was sitting in a chair in the house, she complained to her husband of feeling sick, and suddenly collapsed, dying immediately. Dr. E. W. Selby, who had made a post mortem examination, said he found that a small blood vessel had burst and ploughed up the muscles of the heart. It was a very unusual case, and although he had read of them, he had never come into contact with one before.

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Fifty years' service and never once late or absent owing to illness! This is the astonishing record of Mr. H. H. East, a member of the clerical staff in the Royal Army Clothing Department, at Pimlico, who entered the department fifty years ago, and has remained there ever since, and is retiring at the end of this year. "I see nothing wonderful about it," said Mr. East, whose fame for punctuality is so great in the district where he lives that he enjoys the unusual experience of seeing people who catch sight of him on his way to business suddenly start running or walking rapidly, because they know that they are late. He has, in fact, become a perambulating timepiece.

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The Congo region exports about 3,000,000 walking sticks a year.

It is said that more than 2,000,000 men have been killed in battle in the last 50 years.

Seven pastors were recently drawn on the present Grand Jury in Camden, N. J. One of them became foreman of the jury.

During a recent storm in New York city many of the clocks in one of the skyscrapers stopped because the slight vibration in the building was in exact accordance to the swinging of the pendulums.

In Loraine, O., there lived recently a man 6 feet 10 inches, weighing 290 pounds and wearing number 14 shoes, which are 17 inches long. The shoes were always made to order as the largest stock size is 12.

Abandoned mines in Akron, N. Y., have been very successfully used for the cultivation of mushrooms. The chambers are cool, damp and dark, and three crops a year may be grown without difficulty.

The largest fig farm is being prepared at Bay Minette, Ala. There are at present 80 acres under cultivation, 180 acres have been broken for planting next Spring, and more land will be used as soon as possible.

At a health contest about to be conducted between the cities of Milwaukee, Wis., and Cleveland, O., John Le Feber, of Milwaukee, has offered 1,000 quarts of milk, to be distributed free in whichever city wins the contest.

Arsene Therien, of Woonsocket, R. I., possesses the oldest vehicle in the State, a barouche, which was first put into use 225 years ago. The body is without springs, but is mounted on thorough-braces, supported by two wheels, and is still a solid and safe carriage for light use.

St. Thomas' church on Fifth avenue, New York, is the first church to have a "bride's door." Over it is carved a cluster of orange blossoms, and it leads to a room where the bride may arrange the wedding veil before the ceremony.

A quiet wedding took place the other day in Kansas City, Kansas. The groom was Mr. Morrison, aged 77, and the bride Mrs. Muir, aged 74. They said they had known each other for 50 years. They left Kansas City for San Antonio, Texas, on a honeymoon.

When on their way to church last Sunday, several women in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., discovered a fire in a dwelling house. After ringing the alarm and while waiting for the department, they opened the firehouse, dragged some hose to the fire and had a stream on and the fire almost extinguished before the call men arrived.

While marking the location of a grave in the Ingersoll, Ont., rural cemetery, recently, Mr. J. D. Knapp dropped dead. He had been summoned in connection with the digging of a grave, and while in the act of marking the spot where it was to be dug fell over and expired at once. He had been caretaker of the cemetery for nearly twenty-five years. In September last, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp celebrated their golden wedding. The widow and two sons and two daughters survive.

Montreal Star, 15th: Probably many a visitor to Halifax has wondered why one of its "throughfares" came to bear the name of Agricola; and a most interesting story is connected with that classic appellation. In the summer of 1818, there began to appear in the Acadian Recorder an excellent series of letters on agriculture, signed "Agricola," which is merely latin for "farmer." These not only attracted attention but created enthusiasm. It was a time of trade depression and according to Agricola the cultivation of the soil, "the first and most essential of arts was accounted" despicable, and the farmer, cultivating his own lands, was less important socially than the storekeeper, pedlar, constable or inn keeper. But this "Great Unknown" of agriculture was a practical man, and to cut a long story short, his letters inspired the Governor, Lord Dalhousie, to suggest the formation of a Provincial Board of Agriculture. Agricola responded from his concealment by calling a meeting for December 15th, and thus this day in 1818 became the birthday of the "Provincial Agricultural Society of Nova Scotia." Agricola (whose real name was John Young) was proposed as secretary and finally accepted the appointment. The Assembly voted £1,500 for the work of the Society, another £1,000 came in as subscriptions, and 14 local societies were formed at the same time.

Alaska has forty two schools attended by more than three white children.

The reason a lot of people can't find Opportunity is because oil usually goes around disguised as Hard Work.

School lunches are served at a nominal cost to elementary school children in 41 American cities, in 200 English, 150 German and 1,200 French communities.

Mild winter weather is reported in Minnesota and the Dakotas, and there has been as yet no interruption of the Fall plowing. Liliyaers are in bud at Grand Forks, N. D.

A church organ has recently been made in Belgium which is composed entirely of paper, the pipes being rolls of cardboard. The sound is sweet and powerful.

The most remarkable hand ever dealt in auction bridge was given to William Robinson at a game played in Philadelphia, when he found that he had all the 13 clubs. His mathematical chances of getting such a hand were one in 4,000,000.

The largest conveyor belt in the world is being prepared for shipment to Australia. It is to be 1650 feet long, 36 inches wide and will weigh 12 tons. It will be capable of carrying coal 1600 feet at a rate of 1000 tons an hour.

The officials of the Kansas City jail are puzzled by one of its inmates. There is no mention of him on the book, there is no charge against him, and as he is officially not an inmate of the prison he cannot legally be discharged. In the meantime he is still there.

The death of Mrs. R. G. Edgecombe, 576 Colborne street, London, Ont., recently, was very sudden. She was stricken with heart failure while playing cards at the home of Mr. James Steele, 556 Talbot street, and death was instantaneous. She was born in London 50 years ago.

Father Jerome Ricard, of Santa Clara University, California, has discovered a sun spot, the largest seen in two years. The sun spot is in longitude 9, 14, 24 degrees east of the central meridian. The new sun spot has an area of 409,938,799,159 square miles. It is 32,013.15 miles long and 12,805.26 miles wide.

Until a little more than a century ago humanity had to rub along without false teeth, of which nowadays one firm alone sells more than 12,000,000 a year. One of the first successful makers was Giuseppeangelo Fonzi, an Italian dentist, who began practice in Paris in 1798, and thanks to his skillful treatment of Lucien Bonaparte soon made his way.

A remarkable case was recently heard at Thurles, G. B., Petty Sessions. William Lyons, publican, was fined 5s. for being drunk inside the bar of his own licensed premises during ordinary opening hours. The same defendant was fined 5s. for allowing his threshing engine to be conveyed on the public road without a light after lighting up-time.

Known as the tallest and heaviest clergyman in the Church of England, the Rev. W. F. Drury, vicar of Hornby, Belvale, Yorkshire, G. B., died recently. He was the elder brother of the Bishop of Ripon and was for 32 years vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Burton on Trent. He was 6 ft. 8 in. in height and weighed about 212 lbs. He was a keen sportsman and had been known in the depth of winter to swim into the River Trent after fish held in damaged tackle.

The Domestic Servants' Insurance Society, which was founded by Lady St. Heller to meet the special needs of servants in regard to State insurance has proved a great success, according to statements made by Sir George H. Murray at the first annual meeting in London. No fewer than 68,000 members have been accepted, and others are joining at the rate of a hundred a week. The expenditure on sickness and maternity benefits during the past nine months—£10,014—represents only a penny a week per member, against an estimate of 2d. a week per member. A sum of £16,000 has been saved, and this will go to increase the existing benefits under the Act to provide further benefits.

### ATTEMPT TO BURN YARMOUTH CHURCH

Fire Set in Chancel of "All Saints"—Had been Vacant For Over Twenty Years

Halifax, Dec. 21.—An attempt was made this morning at one or two o'clock to burn the old Roman Catholic church on Barnard street at Yarmouth. The fire was set in the back part of the church in the eastern end of the chancel wing, but was extinguished before any damage was done. The building has been vacant since the completion of St. Ambrose church on Albert street in 1890. The old church was known as "All Saints" and was erected in 1846. Another attempt was made to burn a building near the Halifax and Southwestern Railway freight shed last night.

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At the age of 90 years Elijah Linley, Parish Clerk of Barton Joyce and Bulcote, Notta, G. B., has died, aged 70 years service, following his father's record. He had 1,100 graves, officiated at 400 weddings and 1500 baptisms, served under five vicars and five Sovereigns. He tolled the funeral knell for four of the latter, rung the chimes for 14,000 services, one bell with each hand, and another by the foot. He claimed to be the oldest Parish Clerk in England, and died in the same cottage in which he was born.

Ralph Bishop of Orneville, Me., 20 years old, was accidentally shot and killed recently by his father, Lewis Bishop, while hunting in the woods about two miles below Lagrange Station, which is about 30 miles north of Bangor. The hunters had started a deer and the young man was sent to circle him back to where the father was waiting. The deer appeared in the open and the father fired, without seeing that his son was in range. The bullet struck the young man in the side and he lived about 14 minutes.

Queen Mary has abandoned the costly scheme of presents at Christmas which was affected by her predecessors. She is making many of her own gifts, such as sofa cushions, and knitted articles. Princess Mary has been allowed for the first time to purchase gifts without the supervision and advice of her mother or a governess. Among the Queen's gifts are a number of pins, brooches, umbrellas, handbags, a set of califagnons and other Scottish stones and shawls made for the cottagers of Harris and Shetland.

The British battle ship cruiser Tiger, known as the "Mystery Ship" was launched recently at the Clyde Bank Shipbuilding Works, Glasgow, where her keel plates were laid on June 20, 1912. Details of the new vessel have been guarded most strictly by the Admiralty. It is known, however, that her engines are designed to give the hitherto unattempted horsepower of 100,000 calculated to develop a speed which will eclipse that of any naval vessel afloat. Unofficial reports give the Tiger's dimensions as: Length over all, 700 feet; beam, 90 feet; displacement, about 30,000 tons. Her armament is said to comprise eight 13.5 inch guns in pairs in turrets on centre line, and twelve 6 inch guns in case mates, with two 21 inch submerged torpedo tubes.

# HOME MARKET SAVED STATES FROM DISASTER

A Glance at Development in the United States—Early Industrial History—Jefferson and the Tariff

In seven years, 1807-1814, when excluded from the markets of Europe by Napoleon's Berlin Decree, and Great Britain's retaliatory acts, American trade was ruined. Her exports fell from \$112,000,000 to a little over seven millions. There was a financial crisis and even the government lost credit. A government loan for seven and a half millions failed miserably, only one-third being subscribed.

### Manufactures Necessary

The United States was forced to build up a home market or else perish. Her protective policy dates from 1816. Long before this Jefferson had said: "He therefore who is now against domestic manufactures must be for reducing us either to a dependence on a foreign nation or to be clothed in skins and live like wild beasts in dens and caverns." It is equally true of Canada that manufactures are necessary to our independence as our comfort. "By the time of the Civil War, 1861-5, the United States possessed a home market principally due, it must be admitted, to the industry of the North for the chief source of wealth in the South was the export of raw materials. Accordingly, during a period of national calamity far worse than that of the Napoleonic era, there was no financial crisis in the North. The population actually increased three millions. In the South on the contrary, the loss of their foreign trade brought bankruptcy to the Confederate States. The North, with a superior vitality due to a home market resting on the two pillars of agriculture and manufacturing industry, emerged from a devastating war into a new era of prosperity.

### Lesson to Canada

These two chapters of United States history are not without an important bearing upon present day Canada. With the balance of trade so immensely against us as it is, it is certain that in the event of serious European complications and the loss of our foreign markets our only anchor in the storm would be our home market, that is our power of self-help. Nothing else would keep our farmers and manufacturers from being swept headlong into a bottomless abyss of commercial stagnation. In this era of international peace and British naval supremacy Canada should make the best of its opportunities to ensure its economic independence. There can be no greater incentive to increased production than safe and sure markets in the neighborhood of the producer, no stronger stimulus than the proximity of farms to cities.

### SUGAR IN THE STATES

Reduction in Price Was Brought About by Competition

Practically the only article of universal consumption that shows a big decline in price in the last year in the United States is sugar, the cost of which is about 8 per cent. lower than it was in 1912. In fact the price of sugar has not only declined in 1913 as compared with 1912, but it is the only commodity in a big list on which data has been secured by the United States Bureau of Labor statistics which shows a marked falling off over a ten-year period. While eggs, sirloin steak, butter and numerous other products that the farmer raises and sells have increased very greatly in price, sugar, which is a factory product, has fallen off. Sugar has had protection, which according to popular conception would make the reduction in its price all the more remarkable. The situation with regard to sugar is that domestic competition has been encouraged by the protection afforded in the home market so that the consumer has benefited.

What is true of sugar is true of many other lines of manufactured goods, whether in United States or Canada. Assured of a reasonable protection against the dumping of foreign products at a reduced price, domestic manufacturers may invariably be relied on to vie with one another in competition for the home market. Reasonable competition encourages efficiency and insures fair prices to the consumer. This is the ideal towards which all protective policies work.

With the steady development of industrial and wholesale centres in Eastern Canada there is an increasing market for the products of mixed farming. Apart however from this convenient home market, which is steadily increasing in size, many of the products of mixed farming, through modern cold storage facilities, can be shipped advantageously to foreign countries.

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