

LONDON NEWSPAPERS

FAR FEWER THAN THOSE IN CONTINENTAL CITIES—MAN- NER OF DISTRIBUTION.

Differences in Price, Style, Size and Advertisements of the Leading Journals of England, Paris, Berlin and Madrid.

It will surprise many people to learn that in proportion to the enormous population London possesses far fewer newspapers than any other European capital.

There are only two daily newspapers published in London, and these are the "Times" and the "Daily Telegraph."

One might very conceivably expect that newspapers are much alike all the world over; but as a matter of fact, the daily journals of the countries above referred to are produced in widely different ways, many of which are in great variance with the methods in vogue in London.

Perhaps the most noticeable difference is in the matter of distribution, for whereas in London the great bulk of the newspapers are sold at the newsagents', the bookstalls and in the streets, in Continental cities they are chiefly sold to regular subscribers, and delivered by hand or through the post direct from the office of the paper.

The London system has, of course, been imitated abroad, notably in Paris, where the evening paper, with its daring placard and its noisy vendor, is a notable feature of the boulevard and, despite these innovations, Continental journals are extensively sold in this respect.

In the matter of advertisements, there is again a wide difference between our papers and those of the Continent. Most of the journals of Paris and other Continental cities (except Berlin and Vienna) are four-page sheets of a size similar to ours, and rarely contain more than a bare page of advertisements.

Very few Continental journals have attempted illustrations, though there are one or two, notably the "Petit Bleu" of Paris, and its namesake in Brussels, which contain very good pictures, and only lay claim to considerable artistic merit.

One of the most remarkable papers in Europe—indeed, in the world—is the "Paris 'Petit Journal,'" about which some striking figures were recently published. It is a half-penny, four-page sheet, undoubtedly the most popular in France, and has a circulation of over 1,000,000 copies daily. Its net profits are over £150,000 yearly. It is somewhat difficult to see to what this truly colossal

sale is due, but probably it is the light and "popular" style of the paper, and its adoption of the dry political polemics which distinguish most of the journals. One notable and English journal, and has caused some amusement lately by the airing of pet schemes for the amendment of "Perkins' Bill."

Perhaps the most cosmopolitan city in the matter of newspapers is Constantinople. Of its fifteen journals only three are published in the Turkish language, while three are printed in French, three in Greek, two in Armenian, one in Persian, one in Italian, and two in French and English.

The German and Austrian newspapers differ considerably from their Latin or Slav counterparts in a number of respects, and are heavier—both literally and figuratively—and consist of a large number of small sheets (more after the style of our weekly journals), and contain very lengthy leaders and much political and parliamentary intelligence.

Next to London the largest European city is, of course, Paris, and its 2,500,000 inhabitants share between them the literary food of fifty-six daily newspapers (over forty of which are strictly general news sheets). This is an average of one newspaper to under 45,000 inhabitants.

Next to the last-named cities, in regard to the number of daily newspapers published, comes Brussels with eighteen; then follow St. Petersburg with sixteen, Constantinople with fifteen, Vienna and Budapest with fourteen each, Copenhagen and Amsterdam with twelve each, and Rome with eleven. The remaining capitals are more modest, though all of them can boast of at least one newspaper to every 40,000 inhabitants.

One more very noticeable feature must be mentioned, and that is the prevalence of signed articles and leaders, so little in vogue in our papers. On the Continent one rarely sees an article of a length without a signature—either a pseudonym or the name of the author. In the Spanish and Italian papers even telegrams from abroad are signed either with the name or the initials of the correspondent.

The list of differences could be greatly extended, but enough has been said to show that the daily journals of the Continental cities are in many respects very different from those of London, and that the London system has, of course, been imitated abroad, notably in Paris, where the evening paper, with its daring placard and its noisy vendor, is a notable feature of the boulevard and, despite these innovations, Continental journals are extensively sold in this respect.

Another Nova Scotia Schooner Gone. MACHIAS, Me., Dec. 27.—Schooner M. J. Selby, of Ferrisburgh, N. B., Captain Redder, from Boston bound to Wolfville, N. S., with a cargo of corn, went ashore at 6 o'clock last night on Bridge ledge, half way between Grapple Island and Petit Manan. The vessel rests in nearly a perpendicular position, her stern being dry on the ledge, while her foremast head shows but a few feet above the water. It being a clear evening the captain says the cause of the disaster was that the vessel's compass was out of order. Owing to the exposed position of the schooner the crew were rescued with difficulty. They will leave here on the morning train for Portland. The Selvis is 54 tons, and was built at Fox River, N. S., five years ago. It is doubtful if the vessel or cargo can be saved.

The eccentric canal had rather taken in a missionary than a breeding crew. FREE! The beautiful little Lady Wood, with her 1000 ft. of water, is now for sale. It is a half-penny, four-page sheet, undoubtedly the most popular in France, and has a circulation of over 1,000,000 copies daily. Its net profits are over £150,000 yearly. It is somewhat difficult to see to what this truly colossal

WAR AND BRADING.

The London 'Daily News' has been interviewing some of the English book-sellers on the effect of the Transvaal war on their business. One of the Lodge's Hill, opined that it was too early as yet to appreciate its influence, finding a change, not in the volume of trade, but in its character.

"Of course, we have had a much greater demand for literature bearing on South Africa."

"Would you say that this trade has been supplementary to the ordinary book trade, or in substitution of it?" "No, it is substitution, almost entirely."

"Has it been in substitution of any particular kind of literature, or generally?" "Generally for the most part, but the war has had a very serious effect on the sale of fiction. In fact, the war has caused the public to get weary of history in the form of fiction for the time being."

"Do you mean general history, or merely history bearing on South Africa?" "Both, but the latter is the more noticeable. 'What other kind of literature relating to South Africa has been going well?' 'All sorts, fiction, travel and contrivances.'"

"Has it increased the sale of Rider Haggard's books?" "Yes, as you know, incidentally does not present the Boers in a very nice light, and that is the reason of its success. Mr. Haggard's two books are doing well, as is 'The Transvaal Trouble' and 'South Africa,' in the 'Story of the Nations' series, as well as several others."

"The war appears to have improved the sale of his works to some extent." "And I have considerably increased the sale of his works. The pamphlets and books bearing immediately upon the trouble have also been going very well."

A second bookseller in the Strand, took a more pessimistic view of the question, declaring that the effect had already made itself felt. He declared that the general book trade had been seriously affected, and that the 'boom' in works on South Africa does not make up for the loss of business in other channels. He failed to see any increase in the sale of the works of the author and Kipling, and pointed out that "the war has come at a very awkward time of year for us. It is the greatest drawback of the period. If the war had come in May, June and July it might have been a good thing for the trade. These months are slack, and there would probably have been a supplementary sale for us in South Africa works. As it is, we do not see the prospect of a supplementary sale of our books almost entirely at the expense of our general sales."

"I suppose in some cases, too, it is a disadvantage to have placed their autumn orders before the war began?" "Yes, that is so, and is, of course, from the bookseller's point of view. The great stocks are laid in for which, while the war lasts, there is practically no demand. What is more, on the 1st of March, say, the sales you fall to effect in November."

date publication a new edition of the late Mr. Cloete's history of the "Great Trek," edited by his grandson, Mr. Broderick Cloete. The book, which was published some forty years ago, was the first authoritative and full history of the great Boer wander, its author it may be added, was at that time High Commissioner in Natal.

MARKETS.

Table with columns for various commodities like Flour, Sugar, Coffee, etc., and their prices.

Kings County News.

ENRIETTA CREEK, Kings Co., Dec. 23.—Geo. G. Scovill, M. P. P., will engage in lumbering operations on quite an extensive scale this winter. He will have a portable mill placed first at Bellisle and afterwards at Scotch Settlement. After the lumber is sawn it will be hauled to the Central railway for shipment to St. John.

The scholars in connection with the Methodist Sunday school assembled in the church on Tuesday evening, when an excellent programme was carried out. The Christmas tree, which relieved of its burden of good things, and each happy scholar took a pleasant remembrance of the occasion.

Dr. A. A. Lewis and wife spent their Christmas with relatives in St. John. Mrs. Betsy Murray has gone to Bel River, Restigouche county, on a visit to her daughter Mrs. Wm. Carr.

Mr. James McCreary, of the St. John, has volunteered for service in the South African war. An elder brother sailed with the first contingent.

Mr. Chris Northrup is slowly recovering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

The M'esse Sharp, of Millstream, gave a very pleasant dance to a large number of their friends on Tuesday evening.

Concerning the Lago.

BERTON, Dec. 23.—Since the Wilson steamer Logo was passed last Friday in a helpless condition with her shaft broken, no report has been received from her. The message report of the captain of the steamer Electrician is the first tidings received from the hapless vessel since she left Hill, England, Dec. 7, for this port. It is thought that the accident occurred on the third or fourth day after leaving the Hamber, judging from the position of the vessel. Mr. Bell's, the local agent of the Wilson Line, states today that in his opinion the engine of the vessel is effecting temporary repairs to the shaft which will enable her to return to Hill under her own steam, or possibly continue her voyage to this port.

French Strikers Make a Demonstration.

FR. EVERETT, France, Dec. 23.—A combined demonstration of striking coal miners and lace workers, to the number of 4,000, occurred here today. The strikers paraded through the principal streets, singing defiant songs. Elaborate precautions have been taken to suppress disturbances, a strong force of artillery and police having been ordered out. It is estimated that the strikers now number 30,000.

Married at Chatham Head.

CHATHAM, Dec. 27.—The Episcopal church at Chatham Head was the scene of the marriage of Mr. Elmer E. King, principal of the Logville school, to Miss Alfred Peterson, daughter of Mr. Alfred Peterson. The Rev. Canon Forsyth officiated and was assisted by Rev. Wm. Wilkinson. Immediately after the ceremony the newly wedded couple took the express for St. John and other northern parts, followed by the well wishes of a host of friends.

A Cheerful Giver.

Wesley Wanderer—Yes, Madame, the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Benevolent Lady—Well, here's five cents. I'm more cheerful than I had given you a dollar.—[New York Sun.]

CASH

Paid for consignments of Oats and Potatoes.

N. S. SPRINGER, - - St. John, N. B.

KINGSTON NEWS.

KINGSTON, N. B., Dec. 25.—The usual Christmas services were held in Trinity church which was beautifully decorated for the festive season. Special plans have been taken this year, and in addition to the usual trimmings four arches of evergreen were placed over the centre aisle. A large arch was also placed near the entrance of the church, made of red back-ground trimmed with green vines and the mottoes: Hosanna in the Highest, Emmanuel, and God With Us, in gold letters. The good old church always looks very pretty at the Christmas season, but this year it looks especially attractive. A very handsome pair of hymn boards have been placed in the church as well as in All Saints church at Clifton. They are the gift of Mr. Almond of Robesay. The work was done by Mr. John Hoy of Kingston and reflects much credit on Mr. Hoy's ingenuity.

Miss Maggie Smith held a very successful examination in the Kingston school Friday afternoon and quite a large number of visitors were present. Miss Smith will take charge of the school house during the holidays.

Miss Ida Northrup arrived home from the Christmas vacation on Saturday from Queens county, where she has been teaching the past winter.

Mr. Isaac H. Northrup and Miss Louise Northrup, of St. John, are spending Christmas at their home in Kingston.

The Kingston trotters have been trying their speed on the ice in Kingston lake the last three or four days, preparing for the race which is advertised to take place on the Kennebecasis river, near Clifton, on New Year's day.

Great preparations are being made for the grand dance to be held in Kingston Hall on New Year's night. Part of the music will be furnished by the Kingston Cornet Band and part by the Kingston Orchestra.

It is the intention of the band boys to hold a dance in Kingston Hall every two weeks until Lent. One of these will be a grand masquerade ball.

CAUGHT BY A RUSE.

A Wily Liquor Dealer Who Sold in Two Counties Taken at Last. SHELBORNE, Dec. 27.—A man named Blanchard who has for years kept a road house on the boundary line between Abercorn, Que., and Richford, Ont., has at last been lodged in jail. He has been fined by Canadian authorities man times for selling liquor to the province. The fines and costs amounted to over \$500. The room where the liquor was sold is on the Canadian side of the boundary line, but the dealer was immediately arrested by another detective and will now have to spend nine months in jail here unless the large fine is paid.

St. Andrews News.

St. ANDREWS, Dec. 23rd, 1899.—Mr. F. H. Grier, barrister, has gone to Bangor and Hamilton, Me., on professional business.

Mr. John M. Stevens, barrister, of St. Stephen, is in town for a few days. A heavy fall of snow on Tuesday morning last, which lasted about two hours, and a sudden cold turn in the atmosphere has made beautiful sleighing in this part of the county.

The Christmas season passed off very quietly, but brought with it many happy and pleasant family reunions in St. Andrews. Many old familiar forms and faces have been visible upon our streets this week.

The following officers will be installed in St. Mark's Lodge, F and A M, to-wit: Wm. G. Clark, W. M.; Samuel E. Field, S. W.; H. T. Armstrong, J. W.; D. Rollins, S. D.; Thomas Armstrong, J. D.; A. Rigby, treasurer; G. H. Lamb, secretary; B. De Wolfe, J. W.; Robert Warren, S. S.; George Lowry, J. S.; B. F. De Wolfe, D. C.; James Stoyer, Tyler.

Miss Addie Lewis Huestis, eldest daughter of N. C. Huestis, was joined in wedlock to Mr. Gray Loomer, of Anbun, Mass., this morning. Rev. Dr. Smith performed the ceremony at the bride's home at St. James street. The wedding was a quiet one and was attended only by near friends and relatives of the principals. The bride was well remembered by her many friends, among her gifts being a handsome all-wood-mounted ebony brass, comb and hand-glass from the boys of her class in the L'Anse-au-Loup Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Loomer will reside at Mount Anbun.

The Fairville Methodist church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. W. A. Nelson, principal of the Millard school, was united in marriage to Miss Lullie A. Hanson, daughter of Mr. William Hanson of Rauloph. The bride was unattended and was given away by her father. She was dressed in a navy blue travelling suit with hat to match. Rev. Job Shenton tied the knot, and after the customary happy couple left by the Pacific Express on a honeymoon tour to Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson received many beautiful and useful gifts. On their return they will reside at Fairville.

Equity Sale.

There will be sold at Public Auction at Chatham Head, so called, place of Prince William street and Princess street in the City of St. John in the County of Kings, N. B., on the 15th day of December next at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, pursuant to the directions of a decree of the Supreme Court in Equity made on Tuesday, the 10th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine in a certain cause between the said defendant on the one part and the said plaintiff on the other part of a case bearing 4-to the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and made between one J. E. Almond of the first part and one G. Trade Ann Almond of the second part, and the said defendant, Leonard G. Holder, and Harry J. 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