

# THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

## THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

### CANADA.

The New Brunswick Legislature is in session.

The Hamilton Horticultural Society has been incorporated.

It is reported that the G.T.R. will build a mammoth hotel at Quebec.

Considerable improvements are to be effected at the Royal Military College.

Mr. G. M. Rose, the well-known Toronto publisher, died Thursday, aged 69 years.

Mr. R. K. Hope has received his commission as Registrar of Wentworth County.

The Manitoba Legislature will meet on March 10. The session will probably be short.

Imports from Canada during January increased \$147,582, compared with January, 1897.

The life insurance companies doing business in Montreal are accepting risks on Klondikers.

An electric railway between Ottawa and Metcalfe is proposed. The distance is 20 miles.

Hamilton temperance people are petitioning the City Council to reduce the number of liquor licenses.

The C. P. R. Telegraph Company will string a large copper wire between Montreal and Vancouver.

The Toronto City Council has appointed Mr. Chas. H. Rust as City Engineer in succession to Mr. E. H. Keating.

The fancy and staple dry goods firm of Boisseau Freres, Montreal, has suspended payment. The liabilities are \$110,000.

American secret service detectives are still at Montreal, hunting for counterfeiters, with the aid of the local force.

News has come to Edmonton that Inspector Moody's police party crossed the Peace River Pass of the Rockies on December 22.

Reports received at Victoria from Dawson state that five men have been frozen to death near Skaguay, and three near Dyea.

There is a probability of the Montreal Park and Island Railway being consolidated with the Montreal Street Railway Company.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of Montreal proposes to start a huge civic lottery for the purpose of paying the city's debt.

Lieut. March, who had the base of his skull fractured by falling from his sleigh while tandem driving at Kingston, died from his injuries.

A syndicate is being formed in Quebec to purchase Lord Mount-Stephen's property opposite the Governor's gardens, to build a large block there.

By the treaty with Abyssinia Great Britain secures another open door and the most-favored-nation treatment in respect to imports and local taxation.

The Montreal Cotton Company intends to extend its plant by the erection of a spinning mill for the manufacture of goods which are now imported.

Evangelist Moody, who is addressing large meetings in Montreal, has received a letter enclosing \$395 from a man who had defrauded the Customs of that amount.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh will leave shortly for England, and during his absence will arrange for the development of properties purchased by the British American Corporation.

The Lang Tanning Company will shortly begin the erection of a tannery in Berlin, which will be the largest in Canada. Three hundred hands will be employed.

A well-made one-dollar American certificate was discovered in Montreal. There is reason to believe that a clever gang of counterfeiters is working in the district.

Mr. H. J. Beemer has asked the Hull City Council for a bonus of \$70,000 for the interprovincial bridge and the Toronto Rubber Co. asks \$40,000 as a bonus for establishing its rubber factory in Hull.

Japan is going to invade the Klondike. It is stated that an army of 5,000 able-bodied laborers is being got together for the gold fields and in a month it will make a descent on Dawson City.

A landslide occurred five miles below the Town of Quesnelle, B. C., and buried three miners named Wm. Allen, Joe Rich, and Alexander McLean. The slide is 1,000 feet wide, 800 feet long and 25 feet high.

It is stated that the Dominion Steamship Co. will run a weekly instead of a fortnightly passenger service between Montreal and Liverpool, and will place a new steamer, the Dominion, on the service.

City Clerk Henderson, of Ottawa, has received a cheque for \$5,000 from the Provincial Treasurer of Ontario, for the Caselman fire relief fund. The Ontario Government also sent a cheque for \$5,000 last autumn.

A despatch from Quebec says that it is rumored that a cable has just been received there that the Messrs. Peterson have succeeded in their negotiations, assuring the success of the fast Atlantic steamships.

The Customs Department has decided to send two officers to Skaguay and Dyea to furnish information to Canadians going through to the Yukon by that route, and to assist in the carrying out of the customs regulations there.

The Dominion financial statement for the month of January shows the total revenue for the month as \$3,512,000, an increase over the same month last year of half a million dollars, while the expenditure for the month has decreased by a quarter of a million.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Furness, the unsuccessful Liberal candidate in the recent Parliamentary election in York, has petitioned for a re-count of the votes.

### UNITED STATES.

Eighteen dead bodies and 38 missing is now the record of the Pittsburgh fire.

The population of Greater New York is 3,438,899, according to an official estimate.

During the last fiscal year the United States exported domestic merchandise to the value of over \$1,032,000,000.

The Luetgert jury at Chicago has brought in a verdict of guilty, fixing the penalty at life imprisonment.

The Spanish Minister at Washington is likely to be recalled for having in a letter savagely attacked President McKinley.

Katie Gasset, who was arrested in Toronto, charged with stealing a silk dress, etc., has been convicted at Rochester, N.Y., and sent to a reformatory.

Edward Hodgman, the absconding treasurer of the Chicago Building Trades Council, has been arrested in a remote part of the North-West and will be taken back to Chicago.

A court at Topeka, Kas., has decided that a bicycle was exempt from execution under a judgment, being a "tool" essential to a man's profession or occupation.

The New York Municipal Council and Board of Aldermen have passed a resolution condemning the expenditure of \$9,000,000 on State canals, and calling for an investigation.

The Treasury Department at Washington have given a ruling on the importation of furs as wearing apparel. Hereafter muffs, boas, etc., will be dutiable when out of season.

Edward Bellamy, author of "Looking Backward," and Eugene V. Debs, late head of the American Railway Union, and leader of the Social Democracy, have united to launch a new political party.

A boat containing five men went over the falls at Oregon City, Ore., on Thursday. George Freeman, Jr., his sons George and James, and L. J. Shannon, were drowned. Harry Freeman held to the boat and reached shore.

Four thousand overhead wires in Chicago belonging to the telegraph, telephone and other companies in the downtown districts will be cut down by the city unless steps be taken to place them underground before Mar. 1.

Mrs. William W. Place, wife of an insurance adjuster at New York, is charged there with the murder of her mother-in-law. The father-in-law may die from the injuries she caused to him. Her subsequent attempt to commit suicide failed.

### GENERAL.

Excellent rains in Northern and Central India have ensured successful spring crops.

British troops have occupied Beregovon and Bashere, in the Borgu country of West Africa.

The result of the Transvaal elections was the return of President Kruger by a big majority.

A telegram from San Jose, Guatemala, announces the assassination of President Barrios.

The Spanish Government has decided to send the Spanish cruiser Almirante Oquendo to Havana and thence to New York.

Despatches received from Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands, announce that 200 buildings, some of them of importance, have been destroyed by fire.

### FULLY A MILLION MEN

Will be Involved in the Eight-Hour Day Agitation on May 1st Next.

A despatch from New York, says: Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labour, has been here for two days, to get the unions of this city to enter into a great movement for an eight-hour work day.

According to the present plans of labour leaders, a demand for the eight-hour day will be made on May 1 next that will involve fully a million men.

The American Federation of Labour will make this demand for one trade at a time, and according to the leaders, great strikes are expected before the battle likely to follow is decided.

### COINS OF ITALY.

The Prince of Naples is compiling an illustrated work on the coins of Italy, modern and mediaeval, and is anxious to have all persons who possess rare Italian coins communicate with him. He has a collection of 18,000, but there are 30,000 yet to be accounted for.

### CHANGED HIS MIND.

Western Hunter—If you think civilization a failure, and want freedom from all law, all social restraint come with me to the mountains. My bed is of boughs, my table a box, and my chair a keg.

Socialist—Dat suit me. SDat suit me. Vere you got ze beer, eh?

Hunter—It is not a beer keg, but a powder keg.

Socialist—I stay me here.

NO COMPLAINT ON THAT SCORE.

Nurse Girl—I lost sight of the child, mum, and—

Mother—Good gracious! Why didn't you speak to a policeman?

Nurse Girl—I was speaking to wun all the toime, mum.

## THE ALIEN LABOR LAW.

Mr. Corliss Proposes Another Series of Amendments to the United States Exclusion Act.

A despatch from Washington, says: Representative Corliss of Michigan, whose amendment, intended to prevent Canadians from working in the United States during the day and returning to their homes each night, furnished ground for the veto by President Cleveland of the immigration bill of the last Congress, on Monday, introduced a bill which he intends offering as a substitute for the so-called Lodge immigration bill, which has passed the Senate. Section 3 makes it unlawful for any male alien over sixteen years of age, who has not in good faith made his declaration to become a permanent resident of the United States, to come into this country for the purpose of engaging in any mechanical trade or manual labor for wages or salary while retaining his home or residence in a foreign country. Section 4 provides that such alien shall not be employed on public works unless he makes a declaration of his intention to become a citizen. Section 5 makes it unlawful for any firm or corporation to knowingly employ an alien in violation of section 3, the provisions of which, however, are not to apply to the subjects of the Provinces of Canada contiguous to the United States or sailors, deck hands or other employees of vessels, or railroad train hands whose duties require them to pass over the frontier to reach the terminal of their runs.

Speaking of the bill Mr. Corliss said: "I still preserve in my measure the restriction of the 'birds of passage' covering all aliens over sixteen years of age, who come to this country like hawks for the express purpose of stealing from our wage-earners the fruits of American labor and taking them back to their homes and families in a foreign land. My investigations show that from 40,000 to 50,000 able-bodied men annually come to this country, and not exceeding 10 per cent. thereof come from the Provinces of Canada. I have therefore excepted from the 'birds of passage' citizens of the Provinces of Canada contiguous to the United States. My measure also forbids the employment on any public works of the United States of any but United States citizens."

## EACH GET A RAILWAY.

Britain and Germany Get What They Want in China.

A despatch from Pekin, says: China has consented to the British demand for a railway from Burma to Yunnan, and she also agrees to indemnify the kidnapped Frenchman, M. Lvaudet.

Germany has secured a concession for a railway from Kiao-Chau to Ichau as the price of the reduced sentry, and is now casting about for something else to demand.

Next month the Chinese Board of Revenue will pay half in specie and half in dollars, owing to the scarcity of copper coin. This is the first occasion of payment in dollars, but the precedent is likely to be followed, and will introduce an extensive use of coined money.

A decree has been issued introducing political economy and practical science into the Chinese competitive examinations.

Herr Dietring, the Commissioner of Chinese Customs has entered the Government service in Shang-Tung province.

ROTHSCHILD IN KLONDIKE.

Bankers Said to Have Invested on Hunker Creek—Will Spend \$150,000.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says:—The Rothschilds, of London, have acquired from agents in Vancouver hydraulic gold gravel claims on Hunker creek, in Yukon. The deposit is said to be 120 feet thick, and enormously rich.

As a rule, hydraulicking for gold does not pay, as available and sufficient water pressure can only be secured for such a short season, but the Hunker creek claim is so especially rich that the Rothschild agent cabled to accept it at once. The lease will be for twenty years.

The original owner, a Swede named Anderson retains an interest. The Rothschilds will spend \$150,000 at once in developing the property, and if it is profitable will invest a few millions in the country.

TO LICENSE EVERY BRANCH.

Buffalo Board of Councilmen Act in Regard to Department Stores.

A despatch from Buffalo, N.Y., says:—The following resolution, which is self-explanatory, passed the Board of Councilmen unanimously on Wednesday:—"Resolved, that the corporation counsel be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare and submit to this board, at as early a date as possible, an ordinance providing for the licensing of stores commonly known as 'department stores,' said stores to pay a license for every branch of business carried on by them, excepting their one legitimate business."

TREATY WITH ABYSSINIA.

Britain Secures Another Open Door and the Most Favored Nation Treatment.

A despatch from London says:—The publication of the treaty with Abyssinia will prove sensational. The rumors of big British concessions are groundless. Great Britain secures another open door, and the most favoured nation treatment in respect to imports and local taxation.

## THE VEENDAM WRECKED.

THE STEAMER ST. LOUIS THE MEANS OF SAVING 212 LIVES.

She Had a Hole Knocked Into Her by Submerged Wreckage and Rapidly Began to Sink.

A despatch from New York says:—On the evening of February 6th the Holland-American steamer Veendam, Capt. Stenger, from Rotterdam for New York struck submerged wreckage which tore a hole in the ship's bottom, and broke her propeller shaft. Despite hard work at the pumps she began to sink rapidly. At 1.30 a.m. the steamer St. Louis was hailed, and the work of transferring the passengers and crew was done in three hours, a very high sea running at the time. The wreck was then set fire to and abandoned. The Veendam was formerly the White Star steamer Baltic, 2,767 tons.

## THE WORK OF RESCUE.

The St. Louis arrived in dock on Saturday and her officers were loudly cheered. Thomas B. Segrave, the first officer of the St. Louis who conducted the rescue, in an interview said:—"The first to be taken from the Veendam was a six-months-old baby. Following this about twenty children, ranging in age from the swaddling clothes period to ten and twelve years, were lowered to our boat, and we took them to the St. Louis. The Veendam was labouring in a heavy sea, and the work of rescue was difficult. The passengers were lowered from the ship's sides by means of life slings. The excitement on board the Veendam was intense, but Captain Stenger and his crew managed to keep the passengers in some kind of discipline. After all the children had been taken from the Veendam the women were transferred to the lifeboats. Next came the men, and, last of all, the ship's crew. Many of the women were so overcome that they had to be picked up and dropped overboard into the arms of the 'lifeboat crew.'"

The second boat to be lowered from the St. Louis was commanded by the senior second officer. No sooner had this boat settled into the sea than an immense swell smashed it against the ship's side and crushed it. Another boat was quickly lowered and into this Officer Beckwith and his crew were soon transferred. In the meantime two of the Veendam's lifeboats had been lowered, manned by the first and second officers. The second boat foundered before any passengers had been taken aboard. The crew, however, was quickly rescued.

## FIRE THE WRECK.

The last man to leave the Veendam was Captain Stenger. He had to be called several times before he swung himself over the side, after setting fire to various parts of the cabin. By this time the stern of the Veendam had settled perceptibly, and her bow was almost entirely clear of the water. Though the sea was running very high the rescuers were in little danger of being swamped, except when close to the ship's side. The passengers were drenched to the skin. When the work of rescue was over, the St. Louis had drifted until she was a mile and a quarter from all that remained above water of the Veendam.

NEW CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

Canadian Goods Admitted to the Yukon District Free When Carried in Canadian Vessels.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—New Customs regulations issued on Friday for the Yukon country shut American vessels out of the Klondike transportation business. The regulations enact that goods purchased in Canada, duty paid, or the produce of Canada, may be admitted into the Yukon district or Stickeen free of duty, when the transportation of such goods by water from any port in British Columbia direct or via a foreign port is wholly in vessels entitled to participate in the coasting trade of the Dominion of Canada; provided, however, that the goods are identified to the satisfaction of the Customs officer at the port of entry in the Yukon or Stickeen, and that the regulations and conditions prescribed for the transportation of goods from ports in British Columbia are duly observed. Except as above provided, all goods arriving in the Yukon district or Stickeen from or through Alaska, or via the Yukon or Stickeen rivers, will be treated as to liability to duty as ordinary importations. Goods imported into the Klondike region, Yukon district, or Stickeen are subject to the same duties and exemptions as if imported into any other part of Canada.

Goods purchased in Canada, duty paid, or the produce of Canada, admitted free of duty into the Yukon district or Stickeen, are subject to the following regulations for the transportation there from ports in British Columbia:—A manifest or invoice describing goods and values to be presented to the Customs officer at the Canadian frontier port in the Yukon district or Stickeen. The certificate of a Canadian Customs officer is required to be endorsed on the manifest or invoice to the effect that the goods described therein have been "shipped duty free from a port in British Columbia." Customs officers shall not grant the certificate above-mentioned when the shipment from a port in British Columbia is not made by a vessel entitled to engage in the Canadian coasting trade.

## SOME LATE CABLE NEWS.

INTERESTING BITS OF NEWS FROM THE MOTHER LAND.

The London Star Alarmed Over the American Klondike Expedition—To France by Balloon—Naval Programme Milder.

A despatch from London says:—The Star of Tuesday, under the heading of "Raid on the Klondike," quoted an anonymous American correspondent, who recently arrived in England as saying with reference to the relief expeditions to the Klondike, that those who are familiar with the facts "know that this excuse is as flimsy as Jameson's desire to relieve the women and children of Johannesburg." Continuing, the anonymous correspondent remarks: "Every American knows this to be another Jameson raid, and that the Americans intend to keep control of the Klondike. The Klondikers have already announced that the Stars and Stripes will be flying at Dawson City by July 4. It would please a large body of Americans if the Klondike could be made a pretext for war between England and the United States, which would result in the annexation of Canada." There is much more in the same strain.

The Daily Mail, which on January 16 announced the engagement of Mr. Laurence Irving, son of Sir Henry Irving, to Miss Ethel Barrymore, the actress, now says that the engagement has been cancelled. There has been no sort of quarrel between Mr. Irving and Miss Barrymore, but they have recognized that the engagement was entered into in a romantically hasty manner, and are mutually convinced that their happiness will be best consulted by regarding it as premature.

An aeronaut named Spencer, who started in a balloon from the Crystal Palace on Tuesday morning for France, accompanied by a newspaper man, passed Boulogne-Sur-Mer at 2.30 p.m., going in a southeasterly direction.

The Daily Telegraph says it understands the Government's scheme is to separate civil authority from the trading powers of the British South Africa Chartered Company, and to govern Rhodesia by a Governor and Council. The paper hears that Mr. Cecil Rhodes and Mr. Alfred Beit will join the directorate of the company.

It is reported that Sir Robert Peel, grandson of the famous Prime Minister, the young Baronet whose financial and other troubles have attracted much attention, is to adopt the stage as a career.

The Daily News publishes a detailed statement showing that three-fourths of the entire British naval programme has been thrown back 24 weeks by the engineers' strike.

At the sale on Tuesday at Edinburgh of Burns' works a copy of the first Kilmarnock edition in the original paper covers, uncut, brought £57.

## TRADE IMPROVING.

Imports and Exports at Montreal Show a Wonderful Growth.

A despatch from Montreal says:—The imports entered for consumption at the port of Montreal last month amounted in value to \$3,245,984, as compared with \$2,454,810 for the corresponding month of last year, showing an increase of \$800,000. This increase was proportionately about equally divided between free and dutiable goods, the former having increased from \$682,501 to \$912,265, while in the case of dutiable goods the increase was from \$1,758,000 to \$2,311,000.

The exports make an equally good showing, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,312,400, as compared with a total of \$1,415,000 in January, 1897. The total duty collected last month was \$671,288, as compared with \$517,863 in the same month last year, an increase of about \$154,000.

## BRITAIN AND SPAIN.

The Latter Country Said to Have Applied to the British for a Loan.

It is understood that Spain recently applied to Great Britain for assistance in raising a loan, to which the Marquis of Salisbury referred at the opening of the House of Lords on Tuesday last, when he said that China was not the only Government which might want money.

According to club gossip, the Spanish Legations in London and elsewhere are suffering from long delay of their remittances, and the diplomats have been forced to defray the expenses of their own establishments.

THE RUSH TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

A despatch from Vancouver says:—Boats are crowding north to Dyea, Skaguay and Warang, crammed with Klondikers. On Monday the Thistle left Vancouver and was followed Tuesday by the Danube. The Thistle carried a party going in by Stickeen River to Teslin Lake. The Danube took up a new mill to be erected at Lake Lebarge. She had to refuse two hundred tons of freight, including three carloads of bacon from Omaha, for the United States relief expedition. Hon. G. H. B. Bulyea, Commissioner of the Government of the Northwest Territories, was on board. He goes to look into the question of the liquor traffic chiefly. Most of the Klondike passengers insured their outfits.

WHERE THE THOUGHT WAS.

Margaret—Mr. Pentameter poeticaly describes Edna and Tom Shallow as two souls with but a single thought.

Jack Blunt—Yes, and Edna has the thought.