

# THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

## 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 Manitoba Legislature will meet March 10th.

Another smallpox case has developed in Montreal.

Counterfeit \$2 American bills are being circulated in Western Ontario. The new elevator of the Montreal Transportation Company at Kingston, has been completed.

According to reports from Juneau, Alaska, the victims of the Yukon blizzards number 21.

Guelph has a new industry in the shape of a foundry that will manufacture coal and wood stoves.

Mr. T. A. Gamble, ex-Reeve of Assiniboia, is dead of apoplexy. He was formerly of York County.

There is a plan on foot in Ottawa to establish flour mills at the Chaudiere and along the line of the Parry Sound Railway.

Julian Finn, a small boy, who was operated on at the Hamilton Hospital for peritonitis, died just after the operation.

Dr. Dawson, director of the Geological Survey, estimates the gold taken out of the Yukon last year at \$2,500,000.

The Messrs. Abbott of Montreal have withdrawn from the negotiations for the establishment of their industry at Kingston.

The Experimental Farm authorities are sending out samples of new and improved grain seed for testing by farmers.

The mail steamer Joan, running from Vancouver to Nanaimo, has been chartered by Mr. Mann, the Stikone railway contractor.

A petition is being circulated for clemency for Nulty, the convicted murderer of his three sisters and brother, on the ground of insanity.

An Ottawa Klondike party now being organized is making application to Archbishop Langevin to be allowed to take two priests with them.

The directors of the Winnipeg General Hospital have decided to call for tenders for a jubilee edition, sufficient funds now being promised.

Wm. Baribald, of Lindsay, when sentenced to the Central Prison for one year for stealing some castings, asked that his sentence be changed to hanging.

The bill in connection with the proposed railway from Winnipeg to Lake Superior will be considered by the Manitoba Legislature early in the session.

Mr. T. H. Smallman and others of London are asking power at Ottawa to build a steam or electric railway from London to a point near Grand Bend on Lake Huron.

The story is revived that the C.P.R. will erect a million bushel elevator at St. John, N.B., for next season's trade, the one now used being entirely too small for the demand upon it.

A deputation of letter carriers from all the leading cities of the Dominion waited on the Postmaster-General and presented a petition for increased pay. Hon. Mr. Mulock promised compliance.

The chairman of the Board of Steamboat Inspectors goes to British Columbia to see that the law is strictly enforced with regard to the safety of vessels carrying passengers and freight to Alaska.

Mrs. Livingstone, formerly of the Dominion Lands Office at Winnipeg, has been appointed by the Department of the Interior to take charge of the immigration of a superior class of domestic servants from Britain to Manitoba and the Territories.

The directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company declared the usual half-yearly dividend of 2 per cent. on the preference stock and a dividend of 2-1/2 per cent. on the ordinary stock, making, with the dividend already paid, 4 per cent. for the past year.

The Baptists of Toronto will have the honor of sending the first Baptist missionary into the heart of Bolivia. Rev. A. B. Reekie, a young man, who has just finished his course at McMaster University, will leave on the 25th inst. for the city of Oruro, Bolivia. He will travel by way of New York and the Panama Isthmus, and down the coast. The journey will consume a month.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Government has invited tenders for four first-class armored cruisers of 21,000 horse-power.

Lord William Nevill was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at London for fraud. He admitted his guilt.

The Saturday Review reports that the Chinese loan will be made by Great Britain, and that the preliminary contract has actually been signed.

The result of the election in Edgbaston division of Birmingham, for a member of Parliament to succeed Mr. George Dixon, is that Mr. F. W. Lowe, Conservative, has been returned without opposition.

Hon. A. F. Balfour stated in the House of Commons on Monday that the Government would be very glad to see an international agreement regarding currency, but he had nothing to add to the information already in the possession of the House.

All the properties and scenery of half a dozen plays belonging to Sir Henry Irving have been destroyed by a fire in the archway under the London, Chatham & Dover Railroad, near the Ludgate Hill station, which

was used as a storehouse for the scenery of the Lyceum Theatre.

The London Daily Chronicle publishes a rumor that Baron Cromer, Minister plenipotentiary in the diplomatic service and British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt since 1883, will become Imperial Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs after the capture of Khartoum by the Anglo-Egyptian expedition.

### UNITED STATES.

The Spanish warship Vizcaya has arrived at New York.

Dr. Robert A. Wheaton, a noted American surgeon, is dead at St. Paul, Minn.

American labour leaders will make a demand about May 15th for an eight-hour work day.

August Ringling, father of the Ringling brothers, of circus fame, is dead at Baraboo, Wis.

For the first time this winter the ice in Lake Michigan is giving the across the lake boats considerable trouble.

Mrs. Jennie Horton committed suicide at Middleton, N.Y., because, about a fortnight ago, she accidentally smothered her baby.

Forty thousand Cubans have gone from their native country during the past few years to take up the tobacco business in Florida.

The secret service has discovered a new counterfeit \$10 National Bank note. It is on the Hibernia National Bank of New Orleans, series 1882.

Judge Gary, of Chicago, has denied the motion for a new trial in Luetgert's case and sentenced him to life imprisonment. An appeal will be taken to the State Supreme Court.

Frederick Pedlar, driver of a post-office mail wagon at Buffalo, has been discharged being an alien. He had sworn fealty to the United States through a Canadian, and a resident of the United States for five months. He may now be tried for perjury.

William Riley Foster, Jr., who disappeared from New York in 1883, and took with him it is alleged \$193,000 of the gratuity fund of the Produce Exchange, and who, after years of search by detectives all over the world, was arrested in Paris on October 24 last, has been brought back to New York.

### GENERAL.

France has \$800,000,000 of gold in circulation.

It has been decided to construct an underground railway in Berlin.

Reinforcements have been brought in to strengthen the garrison of Paris.

Mme. Florence Morgan, the superintendent of the plague hospital at Bombay, has died of bubonic plague.

The Congress of Nicaragua has authorized President Zelaya to collect 500,000 pesos by forced loan.

A plague hospital at Bombay was destroyed by fire. Twelve European and 84 native patients were saved.

The Oceanic S. S. Company's steamer Monaco sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., for San Francisco, carrying \$30,000 in sovereigns.

There is some talk of the betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina to Prince Louis Napoleon, new colonel of the Czarina's Lancers in the Russian army.

The Emperor of China has issued a special edict instructing the Government of Kiang-Su to accord Prince Henry of Prussia "in every respect a worthy reception."

M. Papinaud, editor of La Libre Parole, of Paris, has challenged M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, to a duel, owing to a quarrel that has grown out of the Zola trial.

Reports from Odessa say that a recent secret police enquiry has revealed a sensational scandal in connection with the coaling of the Black Sea fleet.

Advices from Port Said report that the British battleship Victorious, which sailed from Malta on February 11 for China, went ashore outside the bar while entering that port.

All the details have been settled for carrying out Cecil Rhodes' scheme for the extension of the Bulwuywa Railway to Lake Tanganyika (Central Africa). There is no difficulty apprehended in getting \$3,000,000, the amount of capital needed.

The British brigantine Phyllis, Captain Davies, arrived at St. Johns, Nfld., on Monday from Turks Island with her bulwarks gone, her life boats smashed and her sails and rigging carried away. For twelve days she was among the ice floes and she had her sides nearly cut through.

An attempt was made late Saturday evening in Kingston, Jamaica, to kidnap Prince Clarence, formerly chief of the Mosquito territory, who is now living there as a pensioner of the British Government. The attempt is believed to have been the result of Nicaraguan instigation.

### HUGE PILE OF ROCK FELL.

Miraculous Escape of a Train Near Niagara Falls.

A despatch from Niagara Falls says:—Passengers on the New York Central train, of the Lewiston branch, which leaves here at 9.45 o'clock, had a miraculous escape on Monday morning. About two and one-half miles up the mountain a huge pile of rock became loosened from the cliff and came crashing down upon the track in front of the train. Before the engineer could stop the train it had dashed upon the pile of rocks and the engine was derailed.

### A CLOSE SHAVE.

Fortunately the engine came to a dead stop. Had it gone a few feet further it would have dashed over the bank and into the river, many feet below. If the rock had fallen a moment later it would have struck the train, and its living freight would have been swept into the river. The train was in charge of Conductor James Walker; the engineer was B. C. Stanton.

### CAN PASS THROUGH CANADA.

The United States' Relief Expedition Will Be Allowed to Pass Through Dominion Territory.

A despatch from Washington, D.C., says:—The Secretary of State has received a communication from Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador here, relative to the passage of the United States relief expedition through Canadian territory, en route to the gold region.

Sir Julian says he "is authorized by the Marquis of Salisbury to state that the Dominion Government are quite willing that United States troops, which are destined for places in Alaska beyond the 141st meridian, and are considered necessary for the protection of the relief expedition while in United States territory, should pass through Canadian territory under the same regulations which govern the passage of Canadian Mounted Police through United States territory, namely, that the men shall not be under arms, and that arms and ammunitions of war shall go through Canadian territory as baggage."

Sir Julian adds:—"The Dominion Government at the same time desire to make it clear that they fully appreciate the wish of the United States Government to afford relief, and have forwarded instructions to the local officials to facilitate the expedition in every possible way. An escort of Dominion Police will be furnished for the expedition during its passage through Canadian territory."

In conclusion he says he will be glad to learn as early as possible whether the above arrangement is satisfactory to the United States Government, in which case he will so advise the Marquis of Salisbury and the Governor-General of Canada.

The State Department has accepted the terms offered.

### STANSFELD DEAD.

Well-Known British Statesman Joins the Great Majority.

A despatch from London says:—The Right Hon. Sir James Stansfeld, who held the offices of Lord of the Admiralty, Under-Secretary for India, Lord of the Treasury, President of the Poor Law Board, and President of the Local Government Board, is dead. He was born at Halifax in 1820, represented Halifax in Parliament from 1859 to 1895, and retired from Parliament at the last Election. Sir James was chiefly known throughout the country for his opposition to the Contagious Diseases Acts and his support of woman's suffrage. He supported Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule policy, and in 1886, on the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, succeeded him as President of the Local Government Board, re-entering the Cabinet for the first time for twelve years.

### IRRELIGION ABROAD.

Inscription "May God Protect France" to be Omitted From Coins.

A despatch from Paris says:—No more striking demonstration of the alarming growth of irreligion in France could be afforded than the orders just issued by the Government to the mint to the effect that henceforth the inscription, "Dieu Protege la France," "May God Protect France," shall be omitted from all coins. It has figured on the latter for just 100 years without any interruption, through two Empires, the reigns of three Kings, the Commune and two Republics, until now, in the twenty-eighth year of the third Republic, the Government has decided to dispense therewith, although France still claims the titles of "Eldest Daughter of the Church," and "Most Catholic," conferred upon her in past ages by the Pope.

### SPANKING BY ELECTRICITY.

Kansas Has Invented a Method Which Colorado May Adopt.

A despatch from Chicago, Ill., says:—Ward C. P. Hoyt, of Denver, has designed a spanking chair for use in the Industrial Schools for Girls. It consists of a seatless chair on which the girls are placed. It is high enough from the ground to allow four paddles to be operated by electric wires. Straps hold the victim's wrist to the arm of the chair.

At the Girls' Industrial School of Kansas, situated at Beloit, they have what is called a spanking chair. Bad girls are strapped in the chair, an attendant presses a button, and the chair does the rest. The Kansas authorities will be asked in a few days to explain this system, and if it is satisfactory to the local authorities a spanking chair will be purchased for the Colorado institution.

### GREAT NAVAL SCANDAL.

Russian Admiralty Paid for 60,000 Tons of Coal Never Delivered.

A despatch to the London Daily News from Odessa says that a secret police enquiry undertaken at the instigation of the Ministry of Marine has revealed a huge and sensational scandal in connection with the coaling of the Black Sea fleet. The Russian Admiralty paid for 60,000 tons of coal which was never delivered. The contractor, who is a Jew, together with several naval officers at Sebastopol, one of them being the senior admiral, has been arrested.

### STRAINED RELATIONS.

Interests of Britain and France Clash in West Africa.

A despatch from Akassa, Niger Coast Protectorate, West Africa, says:—Intelligence has arrived here that two French expeditions are advancing toward Sokoto, the capital of the Sultanate of Sokoto, on the Sokoto River, in the extreme north of the Hausa States and that six French officers with a force of 200 men have arrived at Argungu, Argungu, and Tagga. The former town is an important place on the Sokoto River, about half way between the Sultan's capital and the River Niger, and is within the British sphere. The Sultan of Sokoto has commanded the French force to halt about 40 miles from the capital. The Royal Niger Company's representative, Deputy Agent General Wm. Wallace, is holding the company's forces, with ammunition and stores in readiness, and is awaiting instructions to assist the Sultan of Sokoto and to secure French evacuation of British territory.

It is asserted on good authority that the Royal Niger Company has been instructed, after trying all peaceable means to compel the retirement of the French from British territory by force. The Sultanate of Sokoto is a feudatory of the company, and was recently placed under British protection. The situation is regarded as extremely grave. Great Britain's forces in the protectorate district number between 5,000 and 6,000 men, under British officers in Lagos, and the Gold Coast hinterland and at the three separate points of British and French territorial disputes, Borno, Wae, and Argungu. The Daily Mail says it has received confirmation of the news from Sokoto.

### HE DEFIES KRUGER.

Judge Kotze Says Oom Paul Has No Power to Dismiss Him.

A despatch from Pretoria, South Africa, says:—Ex-Judge Kotze, who was dismissed from office for protesting against the relations between the Executive and judiciary in connection with a law passed a year ago, has written to President Kruger, declaring that he still regards himself as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the South African Republic. He disputes the President's power to dismiss him, and quotes various laws in support of his contention. President Kruger replied to the latter, reiterating the dismissal.

A despatch from Cape Town to the London Daily Mail says that the dismissal of Chief Justice Kotze has caused alarm and apprehension throughout South Africa, irrespective of political or racial feeling, excepting the Hollanders clique. The administration of justice in the Transvaal is generally regarded as having been reduced to a farce. Some persons contend that the suzerain power ought to intervene, on the ground that the grave scandal is a danger to British interests.

### HEINZE ROAD TRANSFER.

Arrangements With the Canadian Pacific Have Been Completed.

A despatch from Montreal says:—The arrangement between the C.P.R. and Mr. Heinze for the transfer of the latter's railway and smelting interests in the Rossland mining district to the company has been completed. The agreement has been signed, but it will take a couple of months to make the transfer of the property. The company will therefore very soon be in a position to carry out its pledges to the mining people of the district.

Mr. Shaughnessy states that the C.P.R. is not going into the business to make any money out of the smelting, but would provide the facilities for the miners at what it cost them. The C.P.R. fully realize that in order to make profitable the mining of the lower grades abounding in the Kootenay district, it would be necessary to give the miners very much cheaper means of getting out the ore, and that will be done as soon as possible.

### EIGHTY-SEVEN DROWNED.

A Transatlantic Steamer Goes to Pieces Off Canary Island.

A despatch from Tenerife, Canary Island, says:—The Campagne Generale Transatlantique line steamer Flachet, bound from Marseilles for Colon, was totally wrecked on Anaga Point, this island, at one o'clock on Wednesday morning. Her captain, second officer, and eleven of her crew and one passenger were saved. Thirty-eight of the crew and forty-nine passengers were lost.

The Flachet struck on Anaga Point during a thick fog. Heavy weather prevailed at the time, and the steamer soon broke in two. The small steamer Susan brought the 14 survivors to Santa Cruz, and after landing them returned to the scene of the disaster to endeavour to render further assistance.

### FAST BOATS ORDERED.

Australian Mails to Go Over the C. P. R. to British Columbia.

A despatch from London says:—It is asserted that considerable progress has recently been made in the realization of the fast mail service with Canada. New arrangements have been completed by which the mails will be carried over the Canadian Pacific Railway to British Columbia for Australia, and it is said that five 22 knot boats, costing \$425,000 each, have already been ordered.

### TOLD BY THE OLD CIRCUS MAN.

An Incident Attending the Giving Out of Souvenirs of the Great Giraffe.

"The first souvenirs I ever knew of being given out in the show business," said the old circus man, "we gave away in our show at the time we had the big eighteen-foot giraffe. We never had an attraction that beat the big giraffe. The people were just carried away with him. There wasn't anything about him but what interested them, even the slightest little things. On clear days, when we were where we could do it and the sun was right for us, we used to get the giraffe out in front of the entrance of the main tent and have him stand there like a great sentry. People used to stop and look up at him, and then the first thing you know somebody'd discover his shadder. Anybody'd cast a long shadder at that hour of the day, of course, but the giraffe's shadder reached as far as you could see. And as soon as one man begun to look at it forty others did, and then you'd see 'em. I've seen a thousand people at a time, line up long that shadder and just stand along the edge of it down past the main tent and the side-show tents, just standing, there lookin' at it. The giraffe was great, but his shadder fairly staggered 'em. And there they'd stand till the sun dropped down under the edge of the earth, and the first thing they knew there wasn't any shadder. Then they'd stare at each other for a minute, and then all bunch up together again and look at the giraffe till we took him in."

"We used to have a line on the programme saying that at 3 o'clock and at 9 o'clock the great giraffe would hand around ice water. That's where the souvenirs come in. We used to give away the glasses the water was in. The glasses were marked, 'Souvenir of the Great Giraffe,' and whoever got 'em could keep 'em. The seats in our circus were divided into four sections. We used to give away four dozen tumblers at every performance, one in each section. When the time come we'd march the giraffe around the edge of the ring, and in front of each section his keeper would hand him a wire holder holding

### A DOZEN GLASSES.

which he would take by the handle in his mouth. Tall as he was, he could reach easy to the highest back seats. It's astonishing how people used to grab for those glasses. It seems as though the whole section would stand up on the seats and all grab for the holder when it came near 'em. They'd spill the water and get wet, and have the greatest time you ever heard of, but nobody got hurt and so we just let her buzz along. But finally something did happen.

"At one evening entertainment when he was serving out the souvenirs, when we come to one of the sections there was a man sitting on the fourth tier from the top who picked up his boy, a bright-looking youngster about 10 years old, who was sitting alongside of him and sat him up on his shoulder. The giraffe lifted the holder up and swept it along the seats with the people grabbing, and when it came near this man with the boy on his shoulder the man just lifted him up so that the boy could stand on his shoulders. He was going to get one anyway, and when the holder came along the boy made a grab for it. There was only one glass left in it then, but the boy got it. He upset it lifting it out of the holder, and scattered the water all over everybody, but that didn't count; he got the glass, and was coming down with it, when his father, instead of feeling him jounce down from his shoulder, felt his weight growing lighter and the next minute he and everybody else saw the boy suspended in the air. When the giraffe saw the last glass go he lifted the holder, the way he always did, to clear the people before swinging it around and down to the keeper. This time when he lifted it the buttons on the outside of the cuff of the boy's jacket got caught in the wires. They were sewed on the way mothers sew on buttons, and they held the youngster's weight easily, and when the giraffe lifted the holder up he lifted the boy with it."

"Then there was a scene. We knew the giraffe wouldn't hurt a fly, but it looked to the people as though he had the boy in his teeth, and was going to sling him through the other end of nowhere. The whole audience rose up and stood leaning forward watchin' and never sayin' boo, but the giraffe swung his neck around as gentle, and easy as the arm of a crane and lowered the holder and the boy hanging to it safe into the arms of the keeper in the ring. The boy hadn't even dropped the tumbler."

"Then the people did holler, and the giraffe walked off as stately as you please, the boy climbed back up to his pop and the show went on. Nobody hurt, but when we run out of the tumblers we had on hand we adopted another style of souvenir."

### WHERE THE PENALTY FALLS.

I tell you, said the eminent merchant, there is no genius but industry, your confidential man of business career. Hard work is the price of success.

Yes it is, absently replied the professional man who had dropped in. By the way, what has become of Grindison, your confidential man of business? I haven't seen him here for a month.

No, Grindison got so he was about half sick all the time, and I had to let him go. I've got a younger and stronger man now.