

# 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.

Typoid fever is prevalent throughout Manitoba. Brantford's flood prevention works will cost \$40,000.

The Earl of Ava, son of Lord Dufferin is at Rossland.

The population of Victoria, B. C., is now estimated to be 29,992.

Brantford's population is now 18,000. It increased more in the last year than in any previous year.

John McCormick, formerly of Cornwall, was smothered to death in a mine at Greenwood, B. C.

It is expected that the Quebec Legislature will meet for the despatch of business early in November.

The Cassiar Central Railway Company will build their line from Glenora, B. C., to Dease Lake in the spring.

The schooner Delphine was seized at Port Gilbert, N. S., with over \$2,000 worth of smuggled liquor on board.

The recent order forbidding the wearing of foreign decorations by subjects of her Majesty is highly unpopular in Montreal.

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie is about to construct a two-million bushel grain elevator on his property on Mill street, Montreal.

Stratford city 20-year debentures, carrying only 3-1-2 per cent., have been sold at par to Thompson & Company, of Sherbrooke, Que.

The Department of Agriculture is experimenting at Ottawa to determine the cause of what is known as soft pork and soft bacon.

The St. John, N. B., Common Council, has granted an annual subsidy of \$2,500 for 40 years towards the maintenance of a dry dock at that port.

It is reported that there are 3,000 men on the "terrible" Edmonton trail between Edmonton and Sylvester Landing, en route to the Klondike.

Two Chicago Presbyterian churches are endeavoring to secure the services of Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

Plans have been prepared for a fire-proof building which it is proposed to erect at Ottawa for the use of the Geological Survey of Canada.

The construction of the Robson Midway Railway in British Columbia is being pushed forward. Work will not be suspended during the winter.

The Hull City Council has instructed its solicitor to begin suit against the Toronto Rubber Company for \$30,000 for breach of contract to locate in that city.

Winnipeg's total assessment for the year is slightly over \$23,000,000. The exemptions are nearly \$5,000,000, the amount to be raised by taxation \$686,761.

John Franklin, a pickpocket, who was caught plying his trade at the Toronto Exhibition, has been sentenced to two years and a half in the Kingston penitentiary.

His Excellency the Governor-General has consented to receive a farewell address from the city of Ottawa. A date, probably in the last week of October, will be fixed for the presentation.

Montreal revenue officers seized 1,000 packages of American cigarettes, 500 pounds of tobacco, 300 bottles of beer, and 200 bottles of wine, at the Chinese store of Quond Wah Long.

The will of the late Robert Hamilton of Quebec disposes of an estate of over two million dollars. Mrs. Walter Cassis of Toronto, a daughter, is left \$250,000, and the Bishop of Niagara is down for \$50,000.

Frank Kinds, formerly a customs' agent has returned to Victoria from Lake Bennett. He says there is no foundation for the charges preferred against the officials. The biggest kick is against the royalty.

A movement is on foot in British Columbia to tranship the Chinese lepers now on Darcy Island to the lazaretto at Treadoe, N. S., on the ground that they do not receive proper treatment at the former place.

Hamilton's assessment is \$377,450 in excess of last year.

Mr. E. B. Osler, M. P., and Mr. Wm. Hendrie of Hamilton are the President and Vice-President respectively of the new company that has taken possession of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry McCallum has been appointed by the British Government Governor of Newfoundland.

A trooper with a large draft of men for the regiment and companies in the garrison at Halifax, will leave England early next month.

Sir Arthur Forwood, the noted shipowner and former Parliamentary and Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, is dead at London.

English bondholders have refused to accept the offer of Winnipeg City Council to buy the waterworks property for £40,000.

The Common Council of London has resolved to confer the freedom of the city upon General Kitchener, and also to present him with a sword of honour.

Sir John Voce Moore, alderman, was on Friday elected Lord Mayor of London, to succeed Lieut.-Col. Horatio D. Davier.

Mrs. Nano, Guilford, the Bridgeport, Conn., midwife, wanted in connection with the murder of Emma Gill, was arrested by the London police. Her identity with the woman who sailed on the steamer Vancouver from Montreal has been fully established.

The London Times says that sooner or later the American shipbuilding trade will find itself independent of foreign aid, and warns British shipowners and shipbuilders that the American navigation laws, which really act as a protection to British rather than native industry, will inevitably be repealed ere long.

### UNITED STATES.

Washington State will have a hop crop of 30,000 bales.

Col. W. F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," has been taken very ill in Kansas City. It is denied that any reduction of wages is contemplated on the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway.

About 200,000 men took part in the big Oddfellows' parade at Boston, forming a procession five miles long.

Forest fires in Wisconsin are doing enormous damage along the Soo and Wisconsin Central Railways.

It is estimated the total hop crop of Washington State this season will be between 27,000 and 30,000 bales.

Madie Brown, the one-legged tramp who, it is believed, shot and killed Policeman Toohy at London, has been arrested.

Almena, Minn., a town of 300, and Poskin, a town of 200, both on the Soo line, are said to have been wiped out by bush fires.

Miss Marie Churchill and Harold Baring, of the famous English banking family, will be married at New York, October 24th.

A Joplin, Mo., despatch says zinc ore has taken another jump, advancing from \$30 to \$33 per ton, coming within \$1 of the highest price on record.

Hotel and restaurant keepers of St. Albans, Vt., intend closing permanently on Saturday. They can do no business because of the enforcement of the prohibitory law.

The railway men upon the roads entering Pittsburg, Pa., threaten to strike for a 10-hour day and an increase in wages.

Train robbers "held up" a Missouri express seven miles from Kansas City on Friday night, and stole everything in the express car's safe.

The yellow fever outbreaks in Kentucky are not yet under control. To date, the total number of cases reported is 368. Eighteen deaths are reported.

President McKinley has sent a peremptory message to the Cuban Commission that the Spanish evacuation of the island must be begun by October 15, and completed by December 31, arrested in Washington Territory.

Fire starting in a pile of rubbish at the freight depot did damage to the extent of \$1,000,000 at Colorado Springs, Saturday.

Four miners were burned to death in the Midvale slope of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Midvale Saturday. At that time there were 150 men in the mine. All were got out but four.

Samuel Greenwood, president of the Coatesville National Bank of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, was on Saturday robbed of a valise containing bonds amounting to \$10,000.

The body of Daniel O. Esbaugh, president of the defunct New England Loan and Trust Company, was found on Saturday in the river at Hoboken. Business worries are supposed to have caused him to suicide.

Many people have been burned to death in the Rice Lake district of Wisconsin. Bodies have been found in wells, where the victims had jumped for safety. Disastrous forest fires are also reported from Western Colorado.

Captain Sam Beets, who is journeying around the world in a canoe, has arrived at Toledo, Ohio, having covered fully 1718 miles on the Great Lakes. He will now make his way down the Mississippi.

Charles Hecking, is under arrest at Newark, N. J. He is wanted in New York for fraud. He is sixty years old and has made a living by swindling women. He says his wives would fill a trolley car and some would have to stand up.

Several planters in Eastern Arkansas, who mortgaged their crops in order to obtain supplies for this year, have notified the holders of the mortgages that they will not have the cotton gathered on account of the low price.

Governor Brady, of Alaska, has just returned to Skagway from a visit to the Pribiloff Islands and other points. He says the Aleutian Islands are destined to become the home of countless herds of cattle and sheep. He found the seal herds dying off rapidly.

### GENERAL.

Continued riots between Cubans and Spaniards are reported from Havana. The population of the Island of Cuba according to the latest estimate is 745,000, of which 320,000 are whites.

The Transvaal press law, requiring articles of a personal and political nature to be signed by the real writer, has been proclaimed.

An agreement between Chili and Argentina to submit the boundary disputes between the two countries to arbitration has been signed.

The Italian Government has issued formal invitations to the anti-anarchist congress to be held at a date and place to be named.

The Rothschilds will loan \$1,000,000 or \$5,000,000 on the security of the Almaden quicksilver mines, when the treaty of peace shall have been signed.

From some districts in Cuba comes the report that the people have not turned their attention to the sowing of the crops and therefore they will be in want.

King Leopold, of Belgium, has addressed an autograph letter to the Czar urging the designations of Brussels as the meeting place of the Peace Congress.

The lives and property of American missionaries in Nodun China, are endangered and the American Consul at Canton has been requested to send them protection.

The Queen Regent of Spain has signed the decree suspending Admiral Montojo, and granting pardon to convicts who fought as volunteers in the war with the United States.

The Zanzibar correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung records the belief existing there that England will cede Zanzibar to Germany in return for Germany's concessions regarding Delagoa Bay.

The Cubans are still dissatisfied, and are threatening to take the field against the Americans and wage guerrilla warfare if any government short of absolute Cuban independence is established on the island.

Ten thousand Spaniards residing in the island of Porto Rico have refused to live in the island under the American flag, and have demanded that they be returned to Spain at the expense of the Government.

Reports of the rebellion in Hainan, China, indicate the newest success of the Triad Society, a band of thieves and rebels, who have been increased and strengthened by a hungry horde of pirates from the sea coast.

Several European Powers have decided to hold in October, a conference for the purpose of considering and adopting measures for the suppression of anarchy. It is proposed to prevent not only the commission of crimes, but also the propagation of anarchist doctrines in barracks and workshops.

Frank P. Myers shot and instantly killed John Lenhart, a constable, and Michael Kerns, a bystander, at Garrett, Md., on Wednesday, while resisting eviction from a house, which was the subject of a family dispute. When he was being taken to gaol he was shot at and fell dead in the sheriff's arms.

At the Feast of the Seven Celestial Sisters, or Genii, on the seventh day of the seventh month, it is the custom in Canton, China, and elsewhere, for single girls to worship Genii. On the occasion of the feast this year four girls made martyrs of themselves. They tied themselves together by their hair, jumped into the river, and were drowned.

## CHINA'S EMPEROR DEAD.

### ONE REPORT SAYS HE WAS CRUELLY TORTURED.

Chinese Attack Europeans—Official Report of the British Minister—Yin, the New Emperor.

A despatch from London, says:—Despatches from Shanghai say that it has been semi-officially announced there that the Emperor of China committed suicide on September 21st, after signing the decrees which placed the Dowager Empress at the head of affairs in China. This is understood to mean that the Emperor was assassinated.

Confirmation of this a local news agency publishes a telegram from Shanghai stating that the very latest news received there concerning the alleged death of the Emperor comprises three reports. One is that he was poisoned, another that he was put to death by strangulation, and the third that he was subjected to torture, a red-hot iron having been thrust into his bowels.

The despatch also says it is reported that certain of the powers contemplate a counter coup to depose the Dowager Empress and arrest and try Li Fung Lu for the murder of the Emperor.

All the English-speaking secretaries and the principal members of the Chinese Foreign Offices, it is further announced, have been seized and banished.

### EUROPEANS ATTACKED

Sir Claude Macdonald, British Minister to China, has informed the Foreign Office in a despatch from Peking that Mr. Mordmore, an attaché of the British Legation, while on his way home from the railroad station, and finally attacked by a Chinese mob, which pelted Mordmore and his companion with stones and covered them with mud.

Later some American missionaries were similarly treated, and Chinese Secretary of the American Legation was set upon and beaten so violently that one of his ribs was broken.

The Minister says that there is a very dangerous feeling abroad against foreigners.

Another despatch from Peking received on Sunday says that during the celebration on Saturday of the festival of the moon, the drunken crowds which had gathered upon the streets threw mud upon all Europeans who made their appearance. As a precautionary measure, the Russian Legation ordered an escort of Cossacks, from Port Arthur. The British Minister also ordered a guard of 25 marines from Wei-Hai-Wei.

The Peking correspondent of the Times says the Imperial decree issued Friday, dismissing from office and banishing to Ili, Chinese Turkistan, Chang-Yin-Houan, Li-Hung-Chang's opponent in the Foreign Office and former Chinese Minister at Washington, acquits the dismissed official of complicity with Kang-Yuwei, the Cantonese reformer, but convicts vaguely as "craft and treacherous," the true reason for his dismissal and banishment, the Times correspondent asserts, is that Chang-Yin-Houan was a powerful supporter of the Emperor's party.

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD.

### Prices of Grain, Cattle, Cheese, &c., in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, Oct. 4.—The receipts of grain on the street market here to-day were large, wheat, barley and oats were lower and peas were firmer.

Wheat—Was 1-2c. to 3c. lower, 500 bushels of white selling at 66c to 67c, 200 bushels of red at 65c to 66c, one load of spring at 64c, and 1,200 bushels of goos at 62c to 62 1-2c.

Barley—Was lower, 2,000 bushels selling at 42c to 47c.

Oats—Were easier, 1,200 bushels selling at 26 1-2c to 27c.

Peas—Were firmer, 150 bushels selling at 52 1-2c. to 56c.

Hay and Straw—The receipts were small, there was a fair demand and the market was steady, 15 loads of hay selling at \$7 to \$8.50 for timothy, and \$5.50 to \$6.50 for clover, and five loads of straw at \$6 to \$7.

Dressed Hogs—There were none offered and prices were nominal at \$5 to \$5.50.

Butter—The receipts of dairy tubs are fair, but a great deal is very poor. There is a better demand for choice, and the market is firm at 15c. to 16c. for the best and inferior is quoted at 11c. to 13c. Dairy pound rolls are steady at 17c. Creamery is in good demand and firm at 20c. to 21c. for prints and 17 1-2c. to 18 1-2c. for packed.

Eggs—The supply is not large and the demand is good and the market is firm at 15c. to 16c. for strictly fresh gathered and 13c. to 14c. for held fresh.

Potatoes—The demand for cars is lower, owing to the large offerings here by farmers' wagons, and the market is lower. Cars on the track here are quoted at 60c to 65c bid. Potatoes out of store are easier at 75c to 80c.

Poultry—The receipts are fair, there is a good demand and the market is steady at 40c to 50c for chickens, 50c to 60c for ducks, 7c for geese, and 10c to 10 1-2c for turkeys.

Baled Hay—Is dull and unchanged and the market is quiet. Cars on the track here are quoted at \$7.50.

Baled Straw—There is scarcely any inquiry, and cars on the track here are nominal at \$4.15 for packed.

An active demand continues for hog products, and prices are firm. If the weather is cool local packers expect to begin active fall operations about the middle of this month.

Pork—Canada mess, \$16 to \$16.50; short cut, \$17; clear mess, \$15.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, car lots, 81-2c to 83-4c; ton and case lots, 83-4c to 8c; breakfast bacon, 11 1-2c; hams, large, 11c; medium, 11c to 11 1-2c; rolls, 9c; green meats out of pickle are quoted 1c less than smoked.

Montreal, Oct. 4.—Grain—The market is active and steady. Oats sold at 20c afloat. In peas business was done at 61 1-2c to 62c afloat, and rye was quoted at 49 1-2c to 50c in store, and barley at 53c to 54c for No. 1 afloat.

Flour—There is a good demand at steady prices. We quote:—Winter wheat patents, \$3.85 to \$4.10; straight rollers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; in bags, \$1.65 to \$1.75; Manitoba patents, \$4.80 to \$4.90; strong bakers' best, \$4.40 to \$4.50.

Feed—There is an active demand and prices are unchanged. We quote:—Ontario red winter wheat bran, \$12, and shorts, \$14.50 to \$15 per ton in bulk; Manitoba bran, \$11 to \$11.50; shorts, \$15.

Meal—There is a fair jobbing trade and prices are about steady at \$3.60 per barrel and \$1.70 per bag for rolled oats.

Cheese—The market is very firm. A sale of 10,000 boxes western Septembers at the equivalent of 97-8c over the cable is reported. Finest western Septembers, 93-8c to 95-8c; finest eastern Septembers, 91-8c to 91-4c; finest western Augusts, 91-8c to 91-4c; finest eastern Augusts, 9c to 91-8c.

Butter—The market is active and firm at 19 1-2c to 20 1-4c, for finest September creamery. Owing to this high figure there is a better demand for western dairy, which sells at 15c to 15 1-2c.

Eggs—There is a good demand with no change in prices. We quote:—Strictly new laid, 17 1-2 to 18c; No. 1, candied, 14c; No. 2, do. 12 to 13c; P. E. I., 12 to 13c, and culls, 9c per doz.

Provisions—The market is active and unchanged. We quote:—Canadian pork in barrels, \$16 to \$16.50; pure Canadian lard, in pails, 81-4c to 81-2c per pound, and compound refined, 5 to 5 1-2c per pound; hams, 10 1-2 to 13c; and bacon, 19 to 13c per pound.

Buffalo, Oct. 4.—Spring wheat—Dull and lower; No. 1 Northern, spot, 68c; No. 2 Northern, 66c; No. 1 hard, c.i.f., 70 3-4c. Winter wheat—No offerings; No. 2 red, nominally 70c; No. 1 white, 69c. Corn—Fair demand; feeling firm; No. 2 yellow, 83 3-4c; No. 3 yellow, 83 1-2c; No. 2 corn, 33 1-4c; No. 3 corn, 32 3-4 to 33c. Oats—Demand light; No. 2 white, 26 3-4 to 27c; No. 3 white, 25 1-2 to 26c; No. 4 white, 24 1-2 to 24 3-4c; No. 2 mixed, 23 3-4c; No. 3 mixed, 23c. Barley—Held very strongly; prices advancing; active demand, rye—Dull; No. 2 on tracks, 52c. Canal freights—Steady. Flour—Steady.

Des Moines, Oct. 4.—Wheat closed; No. 1 white, cash, 66c; No. 2 red, 64c; No. 1 hard, October, 66c; December, 64c; May, 65 3-4c.

Minneapolis, Oct. 4.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 64c; No. 2 Northern, 62c. Rye—No. 1, 45 1-2c; Barley—No. 2, Rye—No. 1, 45 1-2c; Barley—No. 2, 44c; sample, 34 1-2 to 44c.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 4.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, cash, 62 1-2c; December, 60c; Northern, cash, 62 1-2c; December, 60c.

Minneapolis, Oct. 4.—Wheat—December, 58 3-4 to 58 7-8c; May, 60 7-8c; No. 1 hard, 62 1-4c; No. 1 Northern, 61 1-4c; No. 2 Northern, 58 1-4c. Flour—First patents, \$3.95 to \$4.05; second patents, \$3.75 to \$3.85; first clear, \$2.70 to \$2.80.

Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 4.—Wheat—No. 2, cash, 67 1-4c; December, 65 3-8c. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 80c. Oats—No. 2, mixed, 22c. Rye Dull; steady; No. 2, cash, 48c. Cloverseed—Prime cash, \$4.70; October, \$4.45.

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### WASUNDER BRITISH ESCORT.

Kang-Yuwei, the Chinese Refugee, Reaches Hong Kong.

The correspondent of the London Globe at Hong Kong says:—"Kang-Yuwei, the Cantonese reformer, in interviews since his escape from Peking, has said he fled because the Emperor informed him of a plot to depose him and kill the reform leaders. His Majesty, the reform leader added, wanted Kang-Yuwei to escape while there was time for him to do so, and commissioned him to endeavor to obtain protection for the Emperor and for the Empire."

LI HUNG CHANG'S TRIUMPH.

A despatch from Hong Kong, says: Kang-Yuwei has arrived here on board the steamer Ballarat, which was escorted by the British second-class cruiser Bonaventure. He was landed and lodged at the police barracks. Upon sighting two Chinese cruisers on her way here the Bonaventure promptly cleared for action.

An Imperial decree was published on Friday, dismissing Chang-Yin-Houan, the opponent in the Chinese Foreign Offices of Li Hung Chang, and former Minister of China at Washington, and special envoy of China to Queen Victoria's Jubilee. He is dismissed from all his offices, and is banished to Ili, a district of Chinese Turkistan.

THE ASSASSIN LUCCHENI.

Extraordinarily lax treatment of the Anarchist in Prison.

A despatch from London says:—The extraordinarily lax treatment of the Anarchist assassin of the Empress of Austria, Luccheni, in the prison of St. Antoine, Geneva, Switzerland, is causing much remark. He is allowed wine, cigars, letters, and newspapers, spends money and gives newspaper interviews. In fact, he is treated like the lion of the prison. The assassin's trial has been fixed for the first week in November. He will be condemned to solitary confinement for life. Only one man has hitherto undergone this punishment, which has more terrors than capital punishment. The prisoner is confined in an underground cell, into which no sunshine ever penetrates. He is not allowed a bed, must sleep on the ground, and is only permitted to take exercise once a week in the prison yard.

BERESFORD ON THE EAST.

Waterways Should be Developed Under Military Protection.

A despatch from Singapore says:—Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is en route to China as the representative of the British Associated Chambers of Commerce, has arrived here. In a speech made by him on Monday before the Chamber of Commerce and the Straits Settlement Association, he urged that commercial treaties between Great Britain, Germany, the United States and Japan, would insure peace.

He declared that the waterways of China should be developed under the protection of military police, and then railroads would follow. In conclusion, Lord Charles urged Great Britain to take a firmer and more definite attitude in regard to China.

WILL LOSE HIS ARM.

Surprise For a Man Who Twisted a Lion's Tail.

A despatch from St. Louis, Mo., says:—Wm. Roelker, a German iron-worker, twisted a lion's tail on Tuesday at East St. Louis, and will lose his left arm. Hummel's circus was to give an exhibition. The animal wagons were lined up, preparatory to the parade. Among the animals were a pair of African lions. The male was lying at the front of the cage with one of his paws and his tail hanging outside the bars. Roelker began stroking the paw with his left hand. The lion watched Roelker's procedure. Then the iron-worker grabbed the tail with his right hand, giving it a sharp twist. There was a roar, and one of the lion's paws caught Roelker by the left shoulder and stripped off the flesh of the arm down to the hand, two fingers of which were torn off.

SHARP SWORDS AND BULLETS.

Orders to Police in Germany Regarding Rioters.

A despatch from Berlin says:—The Vorwarts publishes an order issued by the Prussian Home Minister to the Governor of Erfurt, complaining of the leniency shown by the police in the recent election disturbances, and enjoining the police in future to resolutely use the edge and not the flat of their swords if rioters refuse to disperse. This order is believed to be directed against the Socialists, and is likely to produce a sensation. The order also enjoined the energetic use of firearms, and prohibits the firing of blank shots.

An Imperial edict has been issued at Peking expressing regret at the Emperor's increasing ill-health, and commanding the Governors of all the Provinces to send their best physicians to Peking.