

## 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.

Twenty-five settlers from Michigan arrived in Winnipeg on Monday.

The assessment of Brantford has been fixed at 17-1-2 mills for this year.

Cornwall is suffering from an influx of tramps, and several have already been sent to gaol.

After July 1 the Government Savings Bonds will allow only 2-1-2 per cent. interest on deposits.

A large number of Ontario settlers and delegates from the southern States have arrived at Winnipeg.

A prospector named Corrigan, of Donald, B. C., was found dead in a cabin on Bald Mountain, where he had a claim.

Models for the proposed statues of the Queen and Hon. Alex. Mackenzie are now on exhibition at Ottawa.

The Salvation Army are pressing the Government for a grant towards the support of their rescue homes in Winnipeg.

A Montrealer who does not want his name mentioned, is in Kingston, negotiating for the purchase of the Locomotive Works for a syndicate.

The duties collected at the port of Toronto for March, 1898, show an increase of over \$100,000 over the receipts for March, 1897.

A large party of prospective settlers for the west arrived in Toronto on Tuesday from Michigan, in charge of a Government immigration agent.

The Montreal Cotton Company have been asking the Sherbrooke Council what concessions they might expect in case of establishing works there.

The British Columbia Legislature has adopted a resolution urging upon the Dominion Government the establishment, in that province, of a mint.

The Montreal City Council appointed a deputation to go to Ottawa and urge the Government to carry out without delay its share of the harbor improvements.

Mr. R. E. Writts of the Agricultural Department at Ottawa is the inventor of a roller boat which it is claimed possesses many advantages over the Knapp invention.

Miss Faith Fenton, who is well known as a contributor to the press, will accompany the contingent of the Victorian Order of Nurses to the Klondike as special correspondent.

The late Arthur Chown, of Kingston, bequeathed \$1,000 each to the Sydenham street Methodist Church, Kingston, the Methodist Missionary Society, and the Methodist superannuation.

It is said that the Government intends, when the close season for lobster begins this year, to put on five steam cutters to prevent illegal lobster fishing on the Atlantic coast.

The story sent out from Ottawa that the Government of the United States had made overtures for the purchase of the fisheries protection cruiser Acadia is denied by Sir Louis Davies.

Mr. Kelso, Superintendent of the Ontario Government Home for Neglected Children, has accepted an invitation from the Government of British Columbia to go to Vancouver to explain his work there.

David Lowry of St. Thomas was terribly burned about the head and will probably lose the sight of his left eye as the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove in Glover's confectionery store.

The Department of Marine has paid \$20,600 over to the owners of the sealing schooner Willie Macgowan, the sum allowed by the Russian Government for the illegal seizure of that vessel by the Czar's cruisers in 1892.

In order to provide that there shall be absolutely correct time over the system the Grand Trunk Railway has appointed Prof. McLeod of McGill University Observatory to take charge of the company's time service.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Salisbury is at Nice.

The Earl of Strafford is dead at London.

Mr. Gladstone is able to take an airing in his garden.

Forty thousand coal miners in South Wales have struck.

Sir John Arnott, Baronet, proprietor of The Irish Times, is dead.

The British revenue returns for the year ending March 27 show an increase of £2,864,119.

A London despatch reports the death in that city of Arthur Orton, the Tichborne claimant.

An English syndicate has been formed, at the request of China, to develop its mineral resources.

The British House of Commons has rejected the bill introduced by Flavin, Anti-Paragellite, to amend the land laws in favor of the tenants.

In connection with the celebration in Ireland of the centenary of the revolution of 1798, the police have searched the farmers' houses in the counties of Limerick and Cork, taking possession of all the firearms found, and announcing that they will be returned after the celebration.

#### UNITED STATES.

The Florida orange crop will be a failure this year, owing to frosts.

The Valash and White rivers are overflowing portions of Indiana.

The Amazon Hosiery Company, of Muskegon, Mich., has failed, with liabilities of \$189,000.

The United States Government has

given orders to abandon the Maine, sunk in Havana harbor.

It will probably be two weeks before E. S. Willard, the actor, who is stricken with typhoid fever, at Chicago, will be able to leave for Italy.

Thirty farmers of the neighborhood of Kankakee, Ill., with their families, have gone to the Canadian Northwest to found a colony.

H. Walter Webb, third vice-president of the New York Central Railway has determined to resign his position owing to ill-health. Overwork and close attention to business have caused the break-down. His doctors insist on rest and travel.

Richard F. Loper, vice-president and general manager of the Guarantors' Finance Company, of Philadelphia, which closed its doors March 25th, has been arrested charged with conspiracy.

Secretary Bliss has sent to the United States Congress a deficiency estimate of \$8,070,872 for pensions for this year. On June 30, 1897, there were 976,014 pensioners on the list, and in February 28 this year this number had been increased to 989,613. Between the latter dates there were disbursed for the payment of army pensions \$95,370,872, leaving the sum of \$40,629,273, for the payment of pensions to end of the present fiscal year.

#### GENERAL.

The Spanish torpedo flotilla has arrived at Porto Rico.

The Emperor and Empress of Germany were given an ovation on reaching Hamburg on Tuesday.

Prince Bismarck celebrated the 83rd anniversary of his birth on Friday, giving a banquet to 22 guests.

The sealing steamer Panther has arrived from the St. Lawrence at St. John's, Nfld., with 15,000 seals.

Orders have been issued to mobilize all Spanish warships, and a second torpedo squadron is being prepared for sea at Cadix.

Karditsi and Giorgi have been sentenced to death on the charge of an attempt to assassinate King George of Greece on February 26 last.

Gen. Pellieux, in a recent speech at Paris, said that France had a better supply of rifles and cannon now than had Germany.

The French cruiser Friant collided with and sank the torpedo boat Ariel during the manoeuvres near Brest. The crew of the Ariel were saved.

Germany, like Canada, is taking steps for the purpose of excluding the San Jose scale. The complete exclusion of American apples has been requested.

The Chinese complain bitterly of the fact that they do not possess a war port for the five warships which are being built for them abroad, and which are due to arrive in Chinese waters this summer.

M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs has notified Archbishop Bruchesi that he intends to present a painting to St. James Cathedral, Montreal, in the name of the French Republic, representing the first Mass in Canada, on June 25, 1615.

Senor Sagasta, Prime Minister of Spain, said to a friend after Thursday's council at the palace: "We want in seven men to see one woman, and emerged seven women, leaving a man inside." Meaning that they went in disposed to yield, but that the Queen's patriotism and firmness inspired them.

#### THREW A BOMB.

A Jealous Jap Uses Dynamite by Way of Revenge.

Late Yokohama papers bring details of a crime perpetrated by a worthless husband at Toyama. Kihel Asanichi several years ago was a respectable farmer, but he took to drink, wasted all his property and his wife secured a divorce and the custody of her children. Then she married a merchant, by whom last November she had a child. The spectacle of her happiness seemed to infuriate Kihel. He went to his former wife's parents, and tried vainly to have them intercede for her return to him. Then he appealed to the woman, but she refused. Filled with rage, he determined on revenge. He made a bomb of dynamite that he had secured while engaged on engineering work, and then called on his former wife. He sent his youngest child on an errand, evidently moved by love to spare its life, and then lighted the bomb, and flung it at his wife. She held her baby in her arms. The head of the child was crushed, and it was killed instantly. The mother's hands were almost torn off at the wrists, and her legs were terribly mutilated, but the vital organs escaped injury, and the doctors think she will recover. The murderer escaped, but was captured.

#### MURDERED A WHOLE FAMILY.

A Robber's Terrible Crime at Bernay, France - Old Woman and Young Children Ruthlessly Slaughtered.

A terrible tragedy is reported from Bernay, in the Department of the Eure, France. A robber, named Cailliard, murdered a family of six persons there on Sunday evening. From a window of the house inhabited by the family he shot and killed with a gun the husband, his wife and two of their children, who were playing at a table. Cailliard then entered the house and cut the throat of a little girl who was in the next room. Finally he blew out the brains of a paralytic, bed-ridden woman, 71 years of age. The murderer was arrested and confessed to committing the deed and a number of other crimes.

#### AS SHE UNDERSTOOD IT.

He-I very seldom associate with any one that knows more than I do. She-What a dreary, lonesome life you must lead.

#### ROUT OF THE DERVISHES.

Main Body Cut Off From Its Base and Its Reserve Depot Destroyed.

A despatch from Cairo, says:—It is officially announced that the gunboats and Anglo-Egyptian troops attacked Shendi on Saturday, destroyed the forts, captured quantities of grain, cattle and ammunition, and liberated over 600 slaves, mostly Jaalins. The dervishes lost 160 men. There were no casualties on the Anglo-Egyptian side. Shendi was taken by surprise. The gunboats, with a battalion of Egyptians on board, ascended the Nile from the mouth of the Atbara river, and arrived at Shendi by dawn on Saturday. The gunboats shelled the forts, and then the battalion was landed and attacked the town. The attack was made by a flank movement, and the dervish garrison was completely routed, the Egyptians pursuing them for 20 miles.

#### BRILLIANT MANOEUVRE.

The capture of Shendi was a brilliant manoeuvre, as the main body of the dervishes, who advanced against the Anglo-Egyptian forces from Shendi, is now cut off from its base, and its reserve depot is destroyed. The dervishes who advanced against the Anglo-Egyptian army are entrenched at El Hilgi, on the Atbara river. They are suffering severely from lack of food, and are subsisting on palm nuts. The destruction of their supplies at Shendi will compel them to give battle, for which the Anglo-Egyptian expedition has been eagerly waiting. News of a crushing defeat of the dervishes is expected here hourly.

#### ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES

A Clear Understanding Believed to Exist - Senator Hoar's Expected Utterance - Was the Report Exceeded?

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Private despatches from Washington intimate that it is believed in well-informed circles that a clearer understanding exists between the United States and England than is generally imagined. The presence of the American fleet at Hong Kong and of a British fleet in West Indian waters is not considered an accidental coincidence, but an evidence of concerted design. The trouble with Spain is being made the cover for military preparations against difficulties that may arise in the far east. Guns and munitions of war are being rushed forward to Pacific coast cities. It is understood that Senator Hoar will in a day or two make a speech indicating that the United States and Great Britain have a sympathetic understanding in regard to the Spanish and Chinese questions. Not for years has there been such a cordial feeling in Washington toward England. From the same source of information comes the startling news that the Maine Commission of Inquiry reported the discovery of wires in Havana harbor connecting the shore and a submarine mine; that this section of the report was excised owing to the conviction of the President that Congress could not be restrained from precipitate action were it published, and that the hiatus in the report is easily discernible. Senator Hoar's fiery speech on Tuesday is attributed to his knowledge of the character of the suppressed portion of the report.

#### A TRADE BOOM IN BRITAIN.

The Aggregate Gross Receipts for the Past Year Constitute a Record.

A despatch from London says:—The aggregate gross receipts from Imperial and local taxes for the fiscal year, which ended on March 31, were £116,016,314, £580,081,570, or £9,817,767; £19,088,835, more than the receipts for 1896-97. The total amount constitutes a record. The chief increases were as follows:—Customs £542,734, excise £300,256, estate duties £1,364,661, stamps £300,000 telegrams and post-office £410,000. There were fewer applications than usual for new capital during the month of March, but the Chinese loan brings the total amount offered to the public to nearly £16,500,000. This makes the total for the first quarter of 1898 nearly £40,000,000, £200,000,000, the biggest in many years.

The ship-building boom is unprecedented, as can be gauged from the figures of the Clyde Bank, where 40,000 tons were turned out in March. Orders were booked in March for 130,000 tons, and the work now on hand and ordered totals up 625,000 tons, almost double the whole output of 1897.

#### LIKE A TIDAL WAVE.

Girard, Ill., Inundated - Many Lives Reported to Have Been Lost.

A special to the St. Louis Republic from Girard, Ill., says:—A telephone message has been received here from Shawneetown, Ill., saying that at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, the levee above the city broke and the city is inundated. The water has backed up for several miles, and is running down upon the city like a tidal wave. After the message was received telephone and telegraphic communication with Shawneetown was suddenly cut off, which tends to confirm the report. Nothing more has been learned. It is rumored that many lives were lost.

#### 200 LIVES LOST.

A despatch from Chicago, says:—At 12:30 on Sunday morning the operator in the Long Distance Telephone Company's office, at Mount Vernon, Ind., informed the Associated Press that the estimate of the loss of life at Shawneetown was at that hour 200. Mount Vernon is but thirty miles from Shawneetown, and information on which the estimate is based is believed to be reliable.

#### FATAL FIRE IN TORONTO.

ONE FIREMAN KILLED AND SEVEN OTHERS INJURED.

Fifty Thousand Dollars Damages—The Hees Window Shade Factory Completely Destroyed.

A despatch from Toronto says:—At twenty minutes past four on Friday afternoon a fire broke out in the three-story window shade factory of George H. Hees, Son and Company, 276 Davenport road, which totally destroyed the building, partially destroyed a number of surrounding houses, and resulted in the death of one man and the injury of seven others, one of whose injuries may prove fatal.

A still alarm by telephone informed the firemen that an explosion of benzine had occurred at the window shade factory of Geo. H. Hees, Son and Company, 276 Davenport road, and that the building was on fire.

The Yorkville avenue and Yonge street sections immediately responded to the call, and on their arrival sent in an alarm from Box 134. The fire was discovered by Foreman Fred Sears, in the basement of the building, on the west side, and everything seemed in its favor. The building was filled with the lightest and most inflammable materials, a strong west wind fanned the hot flames to greater fury, while the water pressure was of the weakest.

In five minutes the conflagration had assumed serious proportions, and was beyond the power of the fire-fighting appliances to hand. A hurried call was sent for the engines, and at 4:35 the Waterous and Hubbard steamers had arrived and were doing noble service.

#### A SEETHING FURNACE.

By this time, however, the entire main building, 60 feet by 200 feet, and three storeys in height, was a seething furnace of flames, and the shower of sparks and flying embers had ignited the roofs of the row of brick houses to the east, giving the firemen a dozen small fires to fight, as well as the big one.

To the west of the main brick factory there were three or four one-storey lean-to frame structures, and eight or ten men, from numbers ten and three sections were at work here with three branches of hose.

#### BENEATH THE WALL.

Suddenly the roof and two top floors collapsed without a moment's warning, and the west wall wavered to and fro from the shock of the crash. Chief Graham and the foreman of the Yorkville avenue section saw the danger from the front of the building, and yelled to the men on the roof of the lean-to to leave their post. But the roar of the flames drowned their voices, and in another second the wall had fallen outwards, demolishing the frame structure on which the men stood, and burying them beneath a pile of red-hot bricks and debris. Deacon Jones and Lang, the street railway men, were completely buried, but the others were merely thrown to the ground and struck by flying bricks.

#### RESCUING THE VICTIMS.

A hundred willing hands got to work to release the imprisoned men, and Jones was the first released. Then Lang was found, and beneath them all, nearly at the bottom of the pile, Deacon's mangled and bleeding corpse was found.

Meanwhile the fire was raging with unabated fury, and the row of houses to the east was being well drenched with water to prevent a further spread of the flames. Dense volumes of smoke poured eastward along the ravine, and even as far as Rosedale the smoke was quite thick.

#### FURNITURE IN THE STREET.

The residents of the row of houses had little or no insurance, and did the best they could under the circumstances by dumping their furniture out on the street. For one hundred yards or more the opposite side of the street was blocked with a motley collection of household goods.

#### FIRE-POT EXPLODED.

St. Thomas Man Terribly Burned With Gasoline.

A despatch from St. Thomas, says:—David Lowry, a young man 22 years of age who resides on Catharine street, met with a bad accident on Friday afternoon. He was engaged in soldering a gasoline fire-pot in the cellar at Glover's confectionery, Talbot street east, opposite the M.C.R. park, when the apparatus exploded. Lowry was burned in a terrible manner, about the head, particularly the eyes and face. He will lose an eye. The explosion severely shook the confectionery store and Master's barber shop. The damage to the building was slight.

#### THROWN ON A SAW.

Jacob Bloom, a Saw Mill Owner, Meets an Awful Death at Glencoe.

A terrible accident occurred at North Glencoe on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Jacob Bloom runs a saw mill in the station yards of the Canadian Pacific railway at North Glencoe. He was engaged in sawing a log when one of the planks caught in a pulley, and springing back, threw Mr. Bloom on the circular saw. He was hurled a distance of thirty feet. He was terribly mangled, and his death was instantaneous. He leaves a family of four daughters and two sons, all of whom are grown up.

#### ACTOR SHOTS MANAGER.

MURDERED ON THE STAGE OF THE LONDON AUDITORIUM.

A Dispute Over Salary - James Tuttle of Brantford, Struck W. D. Emerson, and the Latter, Pulling a Gun, Killed Him Instantly.

A despatch from London, Ont., says:—James Tuttle, manager of the Wesley Stock Company, was shot dead on the stage at the Auditorium on Friday night by W. D. Emerson, leading man of the company, as a result of a dispute over the question of unpaid salary which Emerson claimed was due him. Emerson made no attempt to escape, but asked that an officer be sent for, and walked with the policeman to the station.

#### DISPUTE OVER SALARY.

When the curtain call was sent for the production of "The Nominee," W. D. Emerson, the star, who speaks the opening lines, sent word to the manager that he would not go on until his salary was paid. The manager sent up to him the money which was due for Friday and Saturday of last week, and which had been unpaid. After receiving this Emerson still refused to go on until he had been paid in full up to date. Then Mr. Tuttle came to the stage from the box office. Tuttle asked Emerson if he still refused to go on. Emerson repeated his demand for payment in full before the curtain was raised.

There was a short argument, and Tuttle struck Emerson heavily in the mouth, cutting his lip. Like a flash Emerson's hand went back to a pocket, there was a loud report, and Tuttle fell heavily on his face. Attracted by the shot, the stage was filled with the members of the company in an instant.

"Gentlemen, I did it in self-defence," exclaimed Emerson, turning to the startled crowd, "send for an officer." Then, turning, he went to his dressing-room, laid the revolver on a shelf, and waited for the policeman to take him into custody. The theatre was crowded, and the audience had become impatient at the delay in raising the curtain. When the shot was heard, and a white-faced boy raced down the hall for a policeman, the story was spread that a man had been shot, but the majority of the auditors thought it was only a first of April joke.

#### STAMPEDE IN THE THEATRE.

However, when P. C. Egelton walked through the hall and mounted the stage they knew the affair was a reality, and there was a stampede for the door. Outside the patrol wagon was drawn up, and a crowd of 2,000 people surged around it. Policeman Egelton saw the folly of trying to get through the crowd and took his prisoner out the rear entrance, and walked with him to the police station by side streets. Emerson walked with the policeman, and was accompanied to the station by his wife. There his baby girl of fifteen months was brought to kiss papa good-night ere the bars closed upon him. James Tuttle, the dead manager, was a resident of Brantford, and manager of the Stratford theatre. He was only 27 years old, unmarried, and a son of R. S. Tuttle, proprietor of the American hotel. He had organized the company only some two weeks ago, and was playing a repertoire of melodramas and comedies at popular prices. The company opened a week's engagement in London on Monday last, and had done fair business. There was over \$200 found by the police in Tuttle's pockets.

#### EARTHQUAKE'S DAMAGE.

Enormous Loss to Property in San Francisco - Buildings Rattled.

A despatch from San Francisco, says:—This city and a portion of the State were shaken at 11:45 on Thursday night by the most severe earthquake experienced here since 1868, when several persons were killed. This time, however, no fatalities have been reported. Five families narrowly escaped being buried in the wreckage by the collapse of the tenement 445 Clementina street, which followed the rocking tremor. Propped up on the frailties of supports, with practically no foundation, the flimsy structure sank three feet below the sidewalk in shifting sand, and now stands ready to tumble at the first disturbance. The occupants, most of them awakened from sleep, were caught as in a trap. Doors, warped out of shape, would not open, and windows were jammed. While the wildest excitement prevailed within, neighbors, attracted by the crash and the screams of women and children, were doing their best to liberate the unfortunate prisoners.

The doors were finally burst open, and the women, many of them scarcely able to walk, were conveyed across the way and cared for by friends. All were luckily got out without injury except W. F. Howe, who was badly jammed by falling timbers. Mrs. U. N. Davis, an old lady of 75 years, and Mrs. Herman Kaiser, the latter an invalid, had to be carried from their wrecked homes. The property loss is enormous. Thousands of windows were broken, crockery smashed, plaster fell from walls; the 19-storey Claus Spreckles building swayed like a tree in a storm. In drug stores, bric-a-brac houses, and all mercantile houses the loss was heavy. At the United States navy yard the loss is placed at \$25,000. A great tidal wave swamped many vessels. The earthquake was confined to Northern California, and lasted between 30 and 40 seconds, according to the seismograph in the University of California.