

FROM ALL OVER

Interesting Items from all Over the World

IN CONDENSED FORM

General Jose Miguel Gomez has just been elected premier of Cuba.

The Right Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Bishop of Stepney, who recently refused the Bishopric of Montreal, has been appointed Archbishop of York.

The style in women's hats are so queer nowadays that a woman can wear any old thing from a coal-scuttle to a wagon-wheel and she will be right in it.

The Vatican authorities have decided that Christian burial shall be refused to Catholics who are married to non-Catholics by non-Catholic clergymen. That will hardly affect the soul's salvation, nor can it even prevent Christian burial.

For the first time in the history of Denmark women are given the privilege of voting. The Danish municipal elections have been thrown open to the women voters, and in Copenhagen next spring they will just use the ballot for the first time.

A Philadelphia woman has had tucks taken in her stomach—this being the very latest thing in the operation line—considered vastly more high-toned than hemming up the appendix. No knowing what kinds of frills in our internal organs surgical fashion may soon be dictating.

The courts in the United States are not so slow as many critics would have us believe. A man who took up a homestead claim in Kansas in 1866 and whose right was contested by the railroad has just got a decision from the supreme court declaring his title good. The case has only taken 42 years.

A Western U. S. statesman was arguing to a company of farmers against prohibition, and he told the immense amount of corn, rye and barley used for liquors, and asked: "What would you farmers do if you did not have all that market?" A farmer interrupted to ask: "Do you want an answer to that question? We would raise more hogs and less hell."

It is estimated that over 10,000,000 men and women who came to the United States professing the Catholic religion have fallen away from it through being scattered in communities where they were not in touch with the faith for many years. Even in the cities this has been true, where foreigners have fallen away.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year ending Oct. 31, 1908, shows net profits, after the usual deductions to be \$1,957,658. This is a slight decrease from the profits of the previous year, which were \$1,980,138. The reserve fund has been augmented by an appropriation of \$1,000,000, bringing the reserve up to \$12,000,000. The paid-up capital is \$14,400,000.

The exportation of German picture post cards has recently diminished considerably. The foreign demand is, however, still great, amounting to about 500,000,000 since the beginning of the year to July 1. Compared with the previous year, this shows a diminution of 150,000,000. The United States is said to be Germany's best customer, followed by England, Asia and Australia are also good patrons of this form of art industry.

A research party from the American Museum of Natural History has discovered part of a skeleton of a *Tyrannosaurus Rex*, a prehistoric animal, in the Bad Lands several miles south of Glasgow, Mon. The fossil, which is 40 feet long and 22 feet high, has a perfect skull, an entire set of ribs, back bone, and hip girdle and practically supplements the specimen discovered in the same section 1902. The first fossil had good hind limbs but incomplete back bone. The museum will now be enabled to mount a complete animal.

Miss Mary Harriman daughter of E. H. Harriman, the American railway magnate, is having built a schoolhouse

on the Harriman estate at Arden, Orange county, where the children of the laborers employed on the estate will receive the rudiments of an education. The schoolhouse will be 16x20 feet, roofed with tar paper, and will cost \$100. Last summer a report went forth that Harriman was to build a trade school for the poor young men, the school to be endowed with several hundred thousand dollars, and to accommodate a hundred or more young men of Orange county. The extent of the trade school project it is now learned, is the \$100 building.

Two cottage buildings have been erected by the State of Illinois at the site of the Illinois Hospital for the Insane at Bartonville, Ill., at a cost of \$100,000, and equipped with eight solariums for the work of phototherapy. Phototherapy is studied in no other public or private institution in the cure of mental trouble excepting in Denmark, where it is used in the cure of diseases. Two of the solariums are equipped in ruby, two in violet, two in amber, and two in opal. The incandescent lamps are of these colors, also the decorations of the wall. The doctor had found that despondent insane patients are enlivened when placed in the red room and the violent patients soothed when in the blue room. Opal is antiseptic and aids the consumptives.

At the end of this year (December 22-23) there will be a total eclipse of the sun, visible only in the southern hemisphere. Astronomers have been endeavoring to find a spot from which the eclipse can be observed. Bouget Island situated in latitude 54 deg. 22 min. S. and longitude 3 deg. 1 min. W., has been suggested, but M. W. Downing, director of the British Nautical Almanac, points out the important fact that this island lies 10 minutes south of the southern limit of the zone of totality, so that only 0.988 of the sun's diameter will be eclipsed.

It has long been known that sea water contains gold in solution, but in quantities so small that all attempts to extract it have proven unremunerative. Luther Wagoner has recently revived the hopes of the gold seekers by demonstrating that the quantity of gold varies greatly in different parts of the ocean, the ratio between the extremes being 1 to 30, and that the richer specimens of sea water may repay working for gold. In the first place, Wagoner finds that both gold and silver are more abundant in sea water taken from great depths than in shallow waters near the shore.

PEANUT SHELLS FOR BREAKFAST

Several Car Loads of Product Are Wrecked on Way to Cereal Factory.

Pshaw! No, not pshaw, either—Pshucks—pshucks of the peanut! Several carloads of the "pshucks" of peanuts have been wrecked, said pshucks being on their way to the breakfast food market.

And some pshredded pwheat pfactory, or pbarley or psawdust or pnear-oatmeal company is anxiously awaiting the peanut hulls which go into the making of their "pure food" products.

A reliable communication to a Chicago daily says that a number of cars of peanut shells destined to a breakfast food firm were recently wrecked on an eastern railway.

And a certain great railroad company rushed its appraisers to the peanut wreck to ascertain whether or no the peanut shells contained nuts, and if so, whether the peanuts were worth more with the meat inside than they were empty—and if so, why?

The appraisers rushed to the place where the peanut shuck train had been derailed and ascertained to their satisfaction that the wreck had entailed upon the railway company nothing more than the expenses necessary to reimburse a breakfast food firm with enough sawdust to take the place of three cars of peanut shells. There was no necessity for worry; the shells were as empty as a Conservative campaign treasury.

And so it is that numerous persons who arise in the morning with the idea that they are saving their stomachs by eating shredded things of various names will not have peanut shell for breakfast; for once it will be necessary to ring in substitutes and the weary stomachs which cannot stand a good breakfast but which demand the shredded things for health's sake will be compelled to forego their favorite delicacy.

The name of the railroad company and the name of the breakfast food company are on file in the office of the said daily paper.

THE LAST VOLUME

By the Late Dr. W. H. Drummond just issued

The last volume of the works of the late Dr. W. H. Drummond has just been issued under the title of "The Great Fight: Poems and Sketches" (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.) This contains the latest products of the pen of the man who became the best-known Canadian poet, the pioneer in the poetical exploitation of the quaint simplicity and humor of the life of rural Quebec. This volume will be cherished quite as much for the exquisite memoir it contains by Mrs. Drummond as for the poems and sketches by the poet himself. Mrs. Drummond writes with a discriminating literary style, and the life touches she gives are probably unequalled in the case of any other Canadian writer. The lovable character of Dr. Drummond stands revealed by a host of incidents and habits of life, until the reader is placed on more intimate terms with the poet than ever before, save through the medium of personal friendship.

Dr. Drummond was a man of tender sympathy. When two calls came to him simultaneously for medical aid, one from a wealthy man, the other from a poor carter, from whom a fee might scarcely be expected, he chose to attend the latter, saying: "The rich can get any number of doctors, but poor Pat has only me." When called to a difficult but not hopeless case he was unremitting in his attention. Dinner was neglected for his medical library, and when he found a helpful authority he was off to the "case" once more. "If all went well," writes Mrs. Drummond, "he would return about midnight, and I would smile to hear him say: Gee, I'm hungry!" No need to ask if the patient was better, for here was evidence enough.

Though Dr. Drummond had a good practice he was not fond of money-making. His wants in life he thus described: "Enough money to own a strip of salmon water and the best Irish terrier going, and to be able to help a friend in need." Surely the modest demands of a very human human being. His love of fishing was insatiable, and it is interesting to learn that he received his first instruction in fly-fishing from Lord Palmerston, who visited Ireland when as a boy Drummond sat around the waters of the River Duff with a mere worm-baited hook.

The origin and history of some of Dr. Drummond's best poems are related. "The Wreck of the Julie Plante" was written on hearing a haunting story from some rivermen when Drummond was a telegraph operator on the Riviere des Prairies, back of Montreal, in 1869.

The poems and sketches included in the volume number little more than a score. Several of them, such as "The Calcite Vein," and "Ploom," relate to the life the poet knew so well in Cobalt in his last few months. "We're Irish Yet" he recited in Montreal but a few days before his death. The habitant dialect is used in only a few of these poems, but the sparkling humor which marks so much of his work is found in nearly all. "The Tale of a Cocktail" and "The Calcite Vein" will rank with Dr. Drummond's best non-dialectic work, but for originality and characteristic humor the little poem, "De Leetle Cow of Ste. Flore," contained in the sketch "Philorum Abroad," will be treasured with "Johnny Courteau," and "Little Lac Grenier." It is worth quoting in full, but space will only allow a few stanzas:

"Oh! it's sailin' away on de sea we go,
Dat song de engine is sing below—
Bringin' us nearer to Anglettere.
We're every wants waitin' to eat us dere

"Twas only leetle small place Ste. Flore,
But de grass is green by de reever shore,
An' de clover was grow on de medder groun'

Is de sweetes' clover for miles aroun'.
"So I jump an' run wit' res' of de cow,
Get fatter an' fatter—jus' look at me now!

But de harder to squeeze t'ro de stable door,
De beeger de chances for leave Ste. Flore!

"An' many a tan' ma gran'moder say,
'If you don't look out you'll be goin' away—
So eat an' drink de leetle you can.
Or you'll mak' some beef for de English-man!"

"If dey geev me a chance, an' leave me untied,
Quickly you see me jump over de side,
But dey watch me an' feed me and water me too,

"So w'at can de leetle Ste. Flore cow do?"

"Not'ing at all only night an' day
T'ink of de ole place far away—
De reever, de medder, I'll see no more—
Oh! ma heart, is breakin'! Good-bye,
Ste. Flore!"

It should be added that Mr. F. S. Coburn's illustrations are again a feature of the volume.—Toronto Globe.

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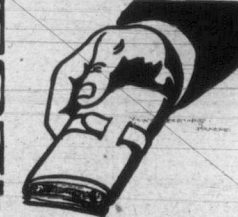
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