

NEWS SUMMARY.

At a meeting of the Irish parliamentary party on Monday, John Redmond was re-elected chairman for the coming session.

Independent sheet steel manufacturers of Cleveland have advanced the price of steel \$2 a ton at least, saying present figures are below cost.

William C. Whitney, secretary of the United States navy in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, died in New York on Tuesday. He had been operated on for appendicitis.

The position of secretary for the railway commission has been given to D. A. Cartwright, barrister, a member of the law firm of MacDonald, Cartwright, and Garvey, Toronto. Mr. Cartwright is a son of Sir Richard Cartwright.

The colonial fisheries department has received advices that seven vessels, hailing from American, Canadian, and Newfoundland ports, are adrift amid the ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is feared that the crews of some of these boats may perish.

An old woman who for twenty years past has lived in a small room in St. Petersburg, has been found dead of privation. The officials found \$8,000 in a cupboard and a further search resulted in the finding of securities valued at \$1,000,000. The woman leaves no heirs.

The Eddy paper mills, Ottawa are humming, and the paper makers evidently have given up hope of winning the strike. The employees maintain that there has been no defection from their ranks and that they are comfortable with the weekly strike pay drawn from the International Brotherhood.

The Department of Militia has received a despatch from the War office stating that a special committee appointed by the commander-in-chief has under consideration the allotment of guns captured from the Boers during the late war. Of the total number which fell into the hands of the British troops twenty have been allotted to the colonies so that Canada's proportion will be five of six.

Mr. Dillon, an authority on Russian affairs, says that the Czar is an intensely emotional man, but has schooled himself to hide his feelings. At the death of his father he broke down and wept like a child, but none knew of the agony of heart he was suffering. He is a brilliant linguist, a good classical scholar, a sportsman. His many-sided knowledge has won the encomiums of best informed men. Lyon Playfair, dining with him one day at Windsor, found him "singularly well read," and declared "it required all my knowledge of geography to keep up with him."

An exchange says: The ministers of the Porte, after having decided that Turkey should not be represented at the St. Louis exposition, were influenced to change their decision when the following facts were submitted: Since the establishing of direct steamship service between New York and Turkish ports, freight rates have been reduced from \$6.75 to \$4.26 a ton; the value of Turkish imports to the United States has increased from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 a year, and the United States is buying from Turkey direct more than \$10,000,000 a year.

Flanking the great floral clock on the north side of the palace of Agriculture at the World's fair will be the six largest vases ever built. As the clock with its dial 100 feet in diameter, appears to be constructed entirely of flowers so will the vases appear to be built of Flora's most beautiful offerings. These giant vases, in the tops of which are oblong beds 12 feet by 16 feet are designed by Mr. Harkinson, superintendent of floriculture, and they stand on the slope of a terrace 30 feet wide having a slant of 30 degrees. The vases assume the form of mammoth baskets of flowers, and so tall is each basket that the handle rises several feet above the top of the terrace.

Heavy selling and a violent break in prices marked Tuesday's business in the New York coffee exchange, the day's slump being even more sensational than the recent advances which have steadily sent cotton quotations upward until they reached the highest level since 1873. Under the influence of a number of causes and enhanced by the belief of many operators that its culmination has been reached, quotations for all months collapsed to the extent of from \$6 to \$8 per bale and utter demoralization ruled in the pit. No failures were reported, but the violent fluctuations represent losses of millions distributed throughout the market. The close was about steady at 20 to 50 points above the low points of the day.

CRIMINAL FACTORIES.

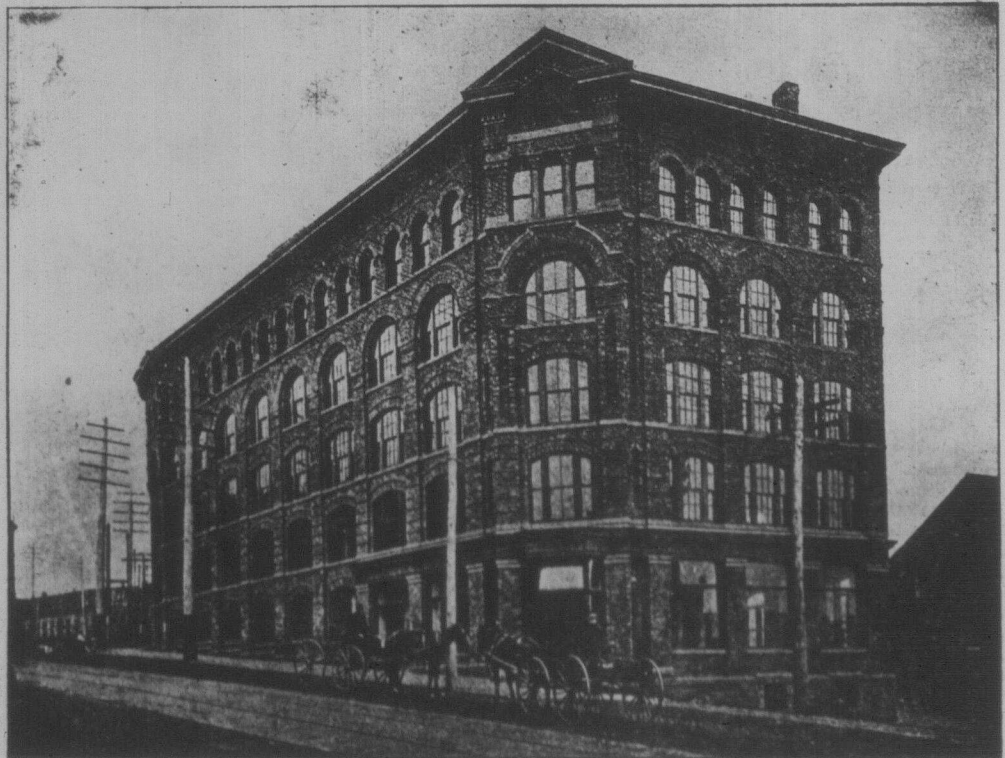
The Venago Vindicator writes as follows about the jail population of the Windy City: "Chicago prisons can accommodate 1,500 victims. They now contain 1,612. The problem of how to make room for the increasing hordes perplexes the mayor. Build larger, or let the 'Birds' out sooner. If Chicago would choke off the saloons there would be renting room in the jail; the tax be cut one-half, and morals and manners be bettered a hundredfold."

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THE LARGEST TEA WAREHOUSE IN CANADA



THE illustration on this page shows the largest tea warehouse in Canada, and probably the largest in America. It is the new warehouse of T. H. Estabrooks, on Mill Street, St. John, N. B.

The building is 110 feet long and about 70 feet wide, with five floors and basement, and the offices, on the ground floor, are the finest, outside of the leading banks, of any business offices in the city of St. John.

The occupation of this new building by Mr. Estabrooks, marks another stage in the development of a business that has grown with a rapidity truly wonderful. Nine years ago T. H.

Estabrooks had a small warehouse and one clerk. He was then located on Dock Street. Later, he moved to the finest warehouse on North wharf. Now he is in his own building, specially built for the blending, packing, and shipping of teas, and has a staff of seventy persons. He employs fifteen travellers, has branch offices in Toronto and Winnipeg, and his trade extends throughout Canada, Newfoundland, the West Indies, and into the United States.

Mr. Estabrooks has ample floor space in his new building to store teas and to carry on the work of blending, packing, and labelling to advantage, with the latest and best machinery invent-

ed for that purpose. The name of Red Rose Tea is now familiar to the people throughout Canada, and the new building is the home of Red Rose.

The new building has been designed in such manner as to facilitate to the greatest degree the work of blending and packing teas, and nothing is wanting in that respect.

Looking back at the small beginnings of nine years ago, and realizing that no less than fifteen clever men are kept busy selling the goods from this establishment, the conclusion is inevitable that Mr. Estabrooks' teas are good teas, and that the merchants who deal with him are satisfied with results.

WIDE AWAKE BOYS.

When General Grant was a boy his mother one morning found herself without butter for breakfast and sent him to borrow some from a neighbor. Going without knocking into the house of his neighbor, whose son was then at West point, young Grant overheard a letter read from the son stating that he had failed in examination and was coming home. He got the butter, took it home, and without waiting for breakfast, ran down to the office of the Congressman from that district. "Mr. Hamar," he said will you appoint me to West Point?" "No; so and so is there, and has three years to serve." "But suppose he should fail, will you send me?" Mr. Hamar laughed. "If he don't go through, no use for you to try." "Promise you'll give me a chance, Mr. Hamar, anyhow." Mr. Hamar promised. The next day the defeated lad came home, and the Congressman laughing at Uly's sharpness, gave him the appointment. "Now," said Grant, "it was my mother's being out of butter that made me General and President." But it was his own shrewdness to see the chance and promptness to seize it that urged him upwards.—Christian Advocate.

FLEET-FOOTED DOGS.

Comparatively few people realize of what remarkable speed dogs are capable. Some remarkable statistics in regard to this have been gathered by M. Dusolier, a French scientist. After pointing out the marvellous endurance shown by little fox terriers, who follow their masters patiently for hours while the latter are riding on bicycles or in carriages, he says that even greater endurance is shown by certain wild animals that are akin to dogs. Thus the wolf can run between fifty and sixty miles in one night, and an arctic fox can do quite as well if not better. Nasen met one of these foxes on the ice at a point more than seventy miles north of the Sanikow territory, which is 480 miles from the Asiatic coast. Eskimow and Siberian dogs can travel forty-five miles on ice in five hours, and there is one case on record in which a team of Eskimow dogs traveled six and a half miles in twenty eight minutes. According to M. Rusolier, the speed of the shepherd dog,

and those used in hunting ranges is from ten to fifteen yards a second. English setters and pointers hunt at the rate of eighteen to nineteen miles an hour, and they can maintain this speed for at least two hours. Fox-hounds are extraordinary swift, as is proved by the fact that a dog of this breed once beat a thoroughbred horse, covering four miles in six and a half minutes which was at the rate of nearly eighteen yards a second. Greyhounds are the swiftest of all four-footed creatures, and their speed may be regarded as equal to that of carrier-pigeons. English greyhounds which are carefully selected and which are used for coursing, are able to cover at full gallop a space between eighteen and twenty three yards every second.—Our Animal Friends.

More ships have arrived at Boston, the number of idle sailors who refuse to work under the condition of five dollars a month reduction in the wages was increased on Monday until it reached 400. According to the seaman's union a dozen or more coast-wise vessels are held because of the inability of the owners to secure crews of either unionists or nonunionists.