

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.

Dr. Joseph Czaikowski, a foreign bacteriological expert, is reported to have discovered the microbe of measles.

Messrs. Caleb S. Dowling and John Fletcher, lumber operators at Alma, Albert county, have assigned to Sheriff Woodworth.

Borchester, N. B., has been reduced to an outpost of customs and placed under the charge of the collector at Moncton. A. W. Chapman has been appointed sub-collector.

Maine lumbermen, like those farther west, are actively agitating for the proposed increase in the duty on lumber, to reduce the effect of Canadian competition.

One of the largest stones ever taken from the St. George quarries, was quarried by the New Brunswick Granite company last week. Its measurements were 35x4x4 feet.

The congregation of a church at Fillmore, Cal., has invited its pastor to resign because he accepted contributions for church work from sporting men and saloon keepers.

Poker playing for money is not gambling, according to Chief Justice Beatty, of the California Supreme Court, or at least there is no criminal act committed in playing the game for money stakes.

Archie Turpie, a pier watchman in New York, has rescued his twenty-first individual from drowning. He keeps a coil of rope handy to throw to those who jump or walk off the pier. The last man saved was a drunken marine.

Mr. Alf. H. McCready, of the St. John Daily Sun, has purchased a controlling interest in the Sackville Post, and will leave to take up the duties of manager and editor of that paper early in the new year. Mr. McCready has been in newspaper work in St. John for three years or thereabouts.

The new woman has been officially ruled out of the Methodist ministry in Mississippi. At the Methodist conference in Yazoo City the other day Bishop Duncan ruled that the Methodist Church did not recognize woman's right to preach, but adhered to the doctrine of St. Paul. This is said to be the first time the question has been brought up in conference, and the ruling is the subject of much discussion in Mississippi.

The Canadian Freeman concludes an article on the Venezuelan question as follows: "However if there should be war, but we earnestly hope there will not, Canadian Catholics will be found in the front ranks defending our Dominion from invasion by Yankees. Catholics are not continually shouting about loyalty, but if the time comes for action they will be always ready to march to battle in full fighting regalia in defence of their country."

A reporter visited Hon. Peter Mitchell at his room in the Windsor hotel, Moncton, on Friday, and found him seriously indisposed. Mr. Mitchell said that the weather affected his lame foot and back. It was over a year since the accident befell him on the street car, and still the wound troubled him. What grieved the hon. gentleman most was that he was unable to do any work, owing to the effect the injury to his spine had upon his memory.

Ligonier, Ind., claims to have living there the largest and the smallest men in that State. George Washington Walker is 46 years old, weighs 560 pounds, and his weight is steadily increasing. He is five feet ten inches tall, measures seventy-six inches round the waist, sixty-eight inches round the chest, and his arm is a trifle more than two feet in circumference. During the hot weather he lives entirely in the cellar of his house. Jesse Allen, a neighbour of Walker, is 19 years old, his legs exactly a foot long, and stands but three feet six inches high. He weighs seventy-five pounds.

The post-mortem examination of the skull and brain of Harry Hayward, the Minneapolis murderer, reveals the reason for his going to the gallows with coarse jests and displaying a spirit of bravado. The surgeons have found that Hayward was congenitally defective; there was a lack of moral development and to this extent he was insane. Had this fact been known before his death his execution might not have occurred. Yet he was sane enough to plan and commit the worst of crimes. On the whole the law seems to have made no serious mistake in his case. He said gambling caused his downfall.

It is stated on high authority says the London Daily News, that the French Government, with the resources at its command, could not build a battleship like the Magnificent under two years. Next to Great Britain, the most successful ship-building country in Europe is Russia. But, while Russia could not turn out the hull of such a ship as the Magnificent within the twelve months that have sufficed Chatham Dockyard to float her, fully equipped, the Government of the Czar is absolutely dependent on British assistance for certain portions of the machinery. Not only are the engines and boilers of Russian men of war purchased in this country, but English skilled workmen are engaged to go to Russia to superintend the fittings.

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Mr. Thos. Dienade, a Moncton boy has been made city editor of the New York Sun.

A plan is now under consideration for the opening up of a trade in dressed meats from Canada to the United Kingdom.

Van Buren county, Michigan, has paid out \$2,800 in bounties for the killing of English sparrows during the past year or so, and there are just about as many sparrows as ever in that region.

An illustration of life's uncertainties is furnished in the death of Stepniak, the nihilist. He escaped many perils in his native land to be run over and killed by accident in England.

Students at Bowdoin College have started a co-operative store. All the odds and ends of the daily necessities of students will be bought wholesale, and sold practically at cost. The entire enterprise will be managed by students.

Many Maine fishermen have a hard time in prospect this winter. Those living on the islands in Portland harbour are said to be in an impoverished condition, and already to be suffering severely. The fishery was practically a complete failure this year.

Matters are reaching a crisis in Cuba. If the Spanish forces do no better within the next few weeks than they have done lately, the United States will be able to welcome a new republic within reach of the Monroe doctrine.

Ernest Emery Bonnell, the twenty-one year old son of Wm. Bonnell, St. John was instantly killed near Spruce Lake, Saturday afternoon, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Geo. T. Holyoke, son of the editor of the Woodstock Press, arrived home from Mexico on Friday last. He passed through a railroad accident some months ago, suffering the loss of his left arm.

Some York county farmers are seriously considering the project of trying the English market with cattle and produce from their farms, doing the business direct and shipping via St. John.

The full text of Manitoba's reply to the Dominion government on the separate school question is made public. The Manitoba government positively refuses the proposal to establish a system of separate schools in any form.

Alfred D. Hossack, of Vancouver, now in Toronto, is reported as saying that people will be flocking to British Columbia in search of gold next year from all parts of the world. He says that there is more available gold in sight than South Africa ever saw.

A little boy named Percy Schaum, aged 10, was drowned while skating on Maynard's lake Dartmouth, Saturday afternoon. The ice on the lake was in a dangerous condition and the boys had been warned not to go on it. This is the second drowning in Dartmouth lakes in a week.

A panic in a theater in Baltimore on Friday night resulted in the death of twenty-three men, women and children, and about 100 were more or less seriously injured. The panic was caused by some one crying fire as a tongue of flame burst forth from a leaking gas pipe.

British ship Moresby, Capt. Coombes, bound for Pisagua, Chili, went ashore in the bay of Dungarven, on the southern coast of Ireland, and broke up. Seventeen of the persons who were on board of her were drowned. Among those lost were Captain Coombes, wife and son.

Yellow fever is raging at Santiago de Cuba fearfully in spite of the winter season. The death rate among the officers is something dreadful. In four days a commander, four captains and two lieutenants died of the disease. In the military hospital there are more than 1,000 sick soldiers, of whom ten to fifteen die every day.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Parliament will meet next Thursday, but the business of the session will not be commenced until the following week. It is announced that after the formal opening on Thursday, both houses will adjourn until Tuesday, January 7th. It is understood that Mr. Powell, of Westmorland, will move the address in reply to the speech from the throne.



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The Times of India says: The military station at Poona has been thrown into deep sorrow by a tragedy which involved the death of an English and two native officers. This was brought about by a sepoy, in a wild burst of Eastern rage, running amuck. He had, it seems, been reduced to the ranks, and as his regimental altar was firing at the rifle range, the sepoy Sengat Singh, saw the Subadar Major, to whom he believed he owed his punishment. He became greatly excited, and though his comrades tried to calm him, he eventually raised his rifle, shot the subadar in the neck, killing him instantly.

Pay Oid-ly Havildar Yasin Khan ran forward shouting when the sepoy fired at him, the bullet passing through and killing him. The culprit next attempted to shoot Drill Havildar Sholk Kassim of his own regiment, but missed him. Lieut. Henry V. Riddell of the Fourth Bombay Rifles, who was range officer for the time went toward the man with a view to getting him to put down his arms. The man shouted to the lieutenant not to approach, as he did not want to shoot him. Mr. Riddell was not deterred, however, by the man's threats, but went toward him. The man fired, but only struck the officer's wrist. The sepoy fired again as the officer advanced, and shot Lieut. Riddell just below the heart. Sengat Singh then ran some considerable distance, knocked off his boot, and placing the rifle against himself, pulled the trigger with his toe and put an end to his existence.

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