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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON NEWS.
The River and Harbor Fund.
WASHINGTON, March 12.—Notwithstanding the failure of congress at the last session to make an appropriation for the rivers and harbors, the engineers in charge of the improvements will be able to continue the work for some time. Of \$14,000 appropriated at the close of the first session of last congress there was about \$9,000,000 balance in the treasury the latter part of February. This appropriation was not made until July, 1884, and not until August was it available. At that time but a short period remained during which work could be accomplished. Especially was this the case in the north. A considerable portion of the \$9,000,000 will be used in contracts which have been made, and under which contractors will work during the present season. The Mississippi river will be the greatest sufferer.
Interesting to Soldiers.
WASHINGTON, March 13.—Among the many department reductions that the House Committee on Appropriations has made are several which taken together indicate something like a well-defined policy in regard to the soldier's claim. The Second Auditor of the Treasury and Secretary McCulloch included in their estimates for payment of arrears of pay which may be certified to be due officers and men of the United States army for pay of two and three years volunteers, which may be certified to officers and men who served in the war of the rebellion, for bounty to volunteers, their widows and legal heirs, for payment of bounties under the act of 1866, and for payment of commutation of rations to prisoners of war and soldiers on furlough. All of these items were stricken out in the committee room. No reason for this action was given on the floor or in private communication to the secretary of the Treasury. Old soldiers are curious to know if this is the first gun of the Democratic regime in the matter of soldiers' legislation.

Good News for the Territories.
WASHINGTON, March 15.—A delegation of gentlemen representing all the territories except New Mexico visited the White House yesterday, to present their views in regard to territorial government. There were in the delegation John Hailey of Idaho, Judge Mead of Arizona, M. H. Day of Dakota, Judge J. A. Kuhn of Washington Territory, Delegate Tuole of Montana, Judge Merritt of Utah, and J. W. McCormick of Montana, all members of the national committee. Mr. Hailey acted as spokesman for the party, and said they came to learn what the administration was going to do in territorial affairs. Mr. Cleveland replied, briefly but clearly, that he should appoint territorial officers men from the territories. He also clearly pledged himself to listen to the recommendations of democrats within the territories, and not be decided in his choice of men for governors by outside pressure.

Slater's Chances Pronounced Good.
WASHINGTON, March 15.—The fight for the commission of the general land office has about narrowed down to ex-Senator Slater of Oregon, ex-Representative Sparks of Illinois, and Surveyor General Wiley of California. George W. Julian has retired from the race, though he was endorsed by the Indiana delegation. Slater has the very strong senatorial influence, and the best opinion is in his favor. All of the papers of this city now agree that Slater is pretty certain of the appointment, and the Californians are even willing to admit it.

British Columbia to be well Defended.
OTTAWA, March 16.—It is the intention of the war office at once to put the defenses of British Columbia in a more satisfactory condition, and increase the fleet in Pacific waters by the addition of four or five powerful iron clad rams. The Canadian Pacific railroad will be pushed to completion with all possible speed, to be available for conveyance of troops and munitions of war to the Pacific coast.

The Wheat Crop Damaged.
LYNSBURG, Va., March 16.—Reports from the principal wheat growing counties in the state show the average is small and has been, to a large extent, frozen out of the ground and damaged.

GENERAL NEWS.

Indian Troubles in New Mexico.
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 13.—A letter just received from Fort Apache brings news of an expected outbreak there, and that troops are kept in readiness for instant action. The trouble originates as follows: A Chiricahua, who is in prison under Indian guards, for the murder of a white man two years ago, attempted to escape last Friday. One guard, a White Mountain Apache, called upon him to stop, and on refusal brought his gun to bear on the escaping man, when another guard, a Chiricahua and cousin of the murderer, placing a rifle against the abdomen of the other guard, literally cut him in two. White mountain braves are gathering for vengeance, and serious trouble is anticipated.

Cleveland's Civil Service Policy.
NEW YORK, March 13.—The Sun this morning bristles with points against Cleveland's civil service policy. It advises Cleveland to stand by the democracy, and let the mugwumps go.

The Herald's Washington Special.
Cleveland yesterday emphatically declared that he will carry out the civil service reform. Both Hendricks and Vorhees dissented most emphatically from the positions of the president, and especially from the purpose he announced of making changes very slowly, and only in those classes of offices in which every one expects a change almost at once, with the administration making them. The president's views, if carried out, will not, speaking generally, give offices much faster than commissions expire.

General Grant's Condition.
NEW YORK, March 13.—With the exceptions of brief spells of wakefulness, Gen. Grant passed a comfortable night. When he retired he complained of a dull pain in one ear and his head. He did not get up till late this morning.

New York, March 13.—General Grant slept a good deal to-day. He took food frequently, and asked for it. His pulse and temperature are about the same. His general condition is more favorable.

Trade Dollars.
PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Superintendent Snowden of the United States mint of this city, states that he has received over 50,000 trade dollars since March 4, and that letters from holders of the coin in various parts of the country are pouring in upon him.

Woman Suffrage Bill Vetoed.
BISMARCK, Dak., March 13.—Governor Pierce to-day vetoed the woman suffrage bill.

Heavy Snow.
THAYER, Mo., March 15.—This section of the country was visited by a heavy fall of snow last night, measuring fully seven inches on a level, and was general throughout northeastern Arkansas. It nearly all disappeared, however, under the influence of a warm sun to-day. To-night the weather is clear and freezing. During the past week farmers have been plowing and doing other spring work, and retired last night at the close of a spring-like day, only to awake this morning and find everything covered with snow.

Consumptive Animals.
FELTON, Mo., March 15.—The lung plague among the asylum cattle is spreading alarm among our cattle dealers. Dr. Traubner had two cows killed from the herd yesterday afternoon that were infected, for the purpose of demonstrating the disease to the Asylum Board. One of the cows seemed perfectly well, but the doctor said she had the disease and had it for some time; that one of her lungs was almost entirely gone. On examination the doctor's statement was verified. The other cow, that appeared quite sick, he said had had the disease but a short time, and gave what he supposed to be the condition of her lungs. When examined his statement was accurate in every detail.

Society Circles Disgusted with Cleveland.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Chronicle's Washington special: Society circles are terribly shocked at President Cleveland's plebeian habit of breakfasting at 8 o'clock and working in his shirt sleeves. During Mr. Arthur's administration the White House grew to be a sort of Windsor castle, to be admitted to which all society people felt honored. They are now disposed to look upon Cleveland as a crusty old bachelor, with severe ideas of business and a real contempt for society. Therefore society feels a little rebellious, and some of its leaders have already resolved to keep away from the White House altogether. People who are well acquainted with the president say that this resolve, if faithfully kept, will afford him almost as much satisfaction as the withdrawal of the politicians.

The Strike Over.
HANNIBAL, Mo., March 15.—The railroad has notified the strikers that wages will be restored to the same as those which were paid in October, 1884. This caused great joy among the men, and everybody is jubilant. Trains that have been blocked for the past two weeks, were fired up and started up.

Bayard's Successor.
DOVER, Del., March 16.—Attorney General George A. Gray, has been nominated as successor of United States Senator Bayard.

PACIFIC COAST.

Reduced Rates on Fruits and Vegetables.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The Transcontinental railroad association will announce to-morrow a special reduced tariff on green fruits and vegetables from the Pacific coast to points east. The rate per 100 pounds by freight train to St. Louis and New Orleans will be \$1.45, and to Chicago \$1.50. It is expected this reduction will greatly encourage the shipment of fruits from here to the east.

The Texas Legislature.
AUSTIN, Texas, March 12.—The senate to-day, under suspension of the rules, passed the house bill providing that railroad companies shall render an account of their rolling stock to the assessors of the various counties through which the roads pass, and the comptroller shall then apportion between the counties. The bill now goes to the governor. Last night the senate, after a sharp prolonged discussion, passed at midnight, under suspension of the rules, the Shannon bill to protect persons in the employment of railroad companies, and those who may wish to become employes thereof. The bill was drafted by Governor Ireland. It provides thirty days notice shall be given persons in the employment of railroads before their wages can be reduced. It also makes it punishable with a fine of not more than \$700, and six months in the county jail, to obstruct or stop trains, or interfere with railroad employes.

Grand Army of the Republic.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The committee appointed by the department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to promote the movement for the holding of the national encampment in this city in 1886, has issued an address, embodying the action of the government to the legislature, and the final work of that body in appropriating \$25,000 towards defraying the expenses of a proper reception. It is followed by a petition to the next national encampment, signed by 5000 citizens of San Francisco, uniting with the department of California, in an invitation extended to the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to convene in our city in 1886.

The First on this Coast.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—A private dispatch received by D. E. McCarty, proprietor of the Virginia, (Nev.) Evening Chronicle, at present visiting San Francisco, states that Joseph R. Ryan of Virginia City has been appointed superintendent of the Carson City mint. This is the first appointment made by President Cleveland for the Pacific coast.

FOREIGN.

A War Tax.
LONDON, March 15.—Excitement has been caused in commercial circles by an apparently well founded report that the Government, in its budget for 1885, will recommend an increase in the duty on tea. In consequence of this report many of the bonded warehouses have been almost cleared of their stores of tea. Among the well informed it is believed that the tax on beer and the duties on cigars and the more expensive wines will be raised by the Government.

London, March 13.—In the house of commons this afternoon Gladstone announced that an agreement has been arrived at between Russia and England by the terms of which neither the Russian nor the Afghan forces would advance any farther on either side of the frontier. The agreement was to last as long as there was occasion for it.

Spirit of the Press.
LONDON, March 14.—The Standard says: "The agreement between England and Russia leaves the essence of the difficulty untouched. Matters must have been bad when such an agreement was paraded as a 'diplomatic gain.' Many consider this pause in the situation the prelude to surrender." The News still fears for the result of negotiations between England and Russia, and is doubtful of a peaceful solution.

Russia Preparing for War.
BERLIN, March 16.—Baron Von Bloch reader is negotiating with other capitalists, with a view to placing the new Russian loan. Baron Von Bloch reader is not only one of the most eminent bankers or Berlin, but is also confidential advisor of Bismarck in financial affairs. His appearance in the market as fiscal agent of Russia would therefore be very significant, and would indicate that war with England was seriously intended by Russia.

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