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## TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

### GENERAL NEWS.

#### GENERAL GRANT'S CONDITION.

**His Condition Continued to Improve.**  
NEW YORK, April 26.—Shortly after 11 o'clock last night General Grant fell asleep, five minims of morphia having been administered, one minim less than usual. He did not sleep continuously through the night. The patient slept in all as much as usual, and aroused for the day at 8 o'clock this morning. He was said by Dr. Douglas to have been better to-day than any day since the improvement began, just two weeks ago. During the night the general coughed much less than usual and expectorated scarcely any. Dr. Douglas arose late this morning and left the Grant residence at 9 o'clock. The day broke cloudy and at 6 o'clock rain began falling. The air was chilly and raw, precluding the possibility of the general going out during the day.

#### GENERAL GRANT'S BIRTHDAY.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 26.—Flags will be displayed on Monday here, at Meriden and probably at other places in Connecticut in honor of General Grant's 63d birthday.

#### CARD FROM GEN. GRANT.

NEW YORK, April 27.—General Grant sends the following for publication: "To various army posts, secretaries, cities, public schools, states, corporations and individuals, north and south, who have been so kind as to send me congratulations on my 63d birthday, I wish to offer my grateful acknowledgments. Dispatches have been so numerous and so touching in tone that it would have been impossible to answer them if I had been in good health."

#### U. S. GRANT."

#### A SHORT WALK.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon General Grant, accompanied by Colonel Grant, walked as usual to Madison avenue and back. Sidney B. Dillon sat and conversed with the general in the drawing room for nearly an hour. The house was brilliantly lighted up in the evening and thousands of spectators passed through the street and stopped to gaze for a few moments at the house. Large and magnificent presents of flowers continued to pour in, while a continuous stream of telegraph boys were incessantly delivering messages from all over the country.

#### DISASTROUS FLOODS IN TEXAS.

DALLAS, Texas, April 27.—Reports from the surrounding country are coming in, giving details of great destruction of property and live stock by recent floods. Many hairbreadth escapes are recorded. At a point twelve miles north of Dallas thirty men, women and children surrounded by raging waters were forced to take refuge on roofs, where they remained exposed, without food for over thirty hours before they were rescued. At another point a family named Rankles, father, mother and three children, were surrounded and compelled to take refuge on top of a rail pen, where they were discovered in a starving condition and finally rescued by a young farmer with a bath tub, all the boats having been washed down the Trinity.

Particulars are also received to-day of the drowning on Saturday night in White Rock Creek of C. F. Royal, and Mathew M. Call, two prosperous farmers, who attempted to cross the stream with a frail skiff. The Trinity at this point continues slowly to recede, but the lowlands for many miles are still submerged.

#### ADMIRAL JOUETT EXPLAINS.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Admiral Jouett and Commander McCalls inform the navy department that American forces were withdrawn from Panama yesterday because of the promises made by the rebel general, Ailpura, that he would not interfere with American interests in that city, and that he would not erect barricades in the streets. The American troops were marched a short distance from the city to the Panama railroad company's property, where they were stationed at the time the telegram was sent to Washington.

### FOREIGN.

#### PANAMA IN A BAD FIX.

The American Troops are Withdrawn and the Insurgents take Possession.

PANAMA, via Galveston, April 26.—All troops were withdrawn from this city last night. The consequences cannot be foreseen, but that there will be serious trouble on the arrival of Colombian troops is certain. General Aizpura has proposed to the commander of the United States forces here to withdraw his troops to the station of the Panama Railroad Company, General Aizpura guaranteeing security of the city. General Aizpura, however well disposed, will not be able to prevent destruction of property and life. Barricades are being erected on the streets and sandbag defences are being constructed on the balcony of the barracks. This shows that the insurgents are determined to fight in the town. The native feeling here is very strong. It is considered cruel for the United States forces to occupy the town and then withdraw, leaving the people helpless and the city in control of the lawless mob.

#### MEDIATION ACCEPTED.

PARIS, April 26.—Le Paris says Germany has offered to mediate between England and Russia, and that the offer has been accepted.

#### AUSTRIA WARNS THE PORTE.

VIENNA, April 26.—The Austrian government has warned the porte that Austria will consider her treaty with Turkey null and void if the porte allows belligerents to force the Dardanelles.

#### WILL BE SETTLED.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—It is believed in well informed circles that the question of peace or war between England and Russia will be settled to-morrow.

#### RUMORS OF ANOTHER CONFLICT.

BERLIN, April 26.—A telegram from St. Petersburg reports that rumors are current there that another conflict has occurred between Russia and the Afghans.

#### GREAT UNEASINESS FELT.

BERLIN, April 23.—The National Zeitung mentions a rumor to the effect that the czar has written to Emperor William that the chances for peace have diminished. Several German papers have rumors that another conflict has taken place in Afghanistan.

#### MEXICANS DEFEATED BY INDIANS.

NOGALLES, April 26.—A recent arrival from Sonora states that a battle occurred between Yaqui Indians and Mexicans. The latter were defeated, with a loss of ninety killed and wounded, among the latter Col. Torres. The Mexicans were preparing to attack the Yaquis with two gattling guns. In Hermosillo and Magdalena every man who has not fled has been drafted. It is reported that many Mexicans from neighboring Mexican states are joining the Yaquis.

#### RIEL REBELLION.

MEDICINE HAT, N. W. T., April 27.—There is no new war news, except that Middleton is after the enemy with only 120 mounted men, leaving his entire force behind. He is liable to meet the fate of Custer. The Northwest Coal & Navigation Company through Grant & Ross, contractors, are rushing their construction work from this place to Ft. McLeod, and have demanded of the government troops, but none are here ready. Some trouble is anticipated. News that Middleton has met his fate is hourly expected here by old timers.

Times says editorially: "If Russia's policy is founded upon a belief that England will submit to any exactions rather than rupture relations, Mr. Gladstone's speech must dispel the illusion. The cheers with which the speech was received will be echoed through the country."

#### FROM COLGARRY.

COLGARRY, April 27.—A courier arrived last night from the North, having made a forced march. He reports that General Strange with the first division is camped on the north side of the Red Deer river. General Strange has decided to push on to Battle river without waiting for the left wing under Perry. Strange says that the Cree Indians were induced to make a raid on the Hudson Bay company and Baker's store. A Courier from Edmonton was expected by General Strange when Strange's courier left.

#### A GENERAL'S ADVICE.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 27.—A telegram has been received by the authorities here from General Strange, who advises sending all available troops into Saskatchewan country west of Battleford where the Indians are gathering in great force. He condemns the Frog Lake and Saddle Lake massacres, and has learned that two white women (supposed to be Mrs. Gowallock and Mrs. Daleny) have been sold by Indians to half-breeds to be held as hostages.

#### FRANCO EGYPTIAN.

LONDON, April 27.—In the house of commons this afternoon Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, said he was happy to state that the government was on the point of arriving at an arrangement of the misunderstanding with France, growing out of suppression of the Bosphore Egyptian. This arrangement added Lord Edmund, would prove a like satisfactory to France, England and Egypt.

#### PREPARING TO BACK HER DEMAND.

PARIS, April 27.—It is reported that a French fleet has been ordered to rendezvous at Pireas, Greece, and there wait further orders. This action is taken in reference to a naval demonstration before Alexandria, in the event of Egypt refusing to accede to the demand of France regarding the rehabilitation of the Bosphore Egyptian.

#### A HOPEFUL PROSPECT.

WINNIPEG, April 27.—The impression here is that there will be no fighting for a day or two, and very likely none at all. The Halifax battle has been ordered to leave here this afternoon, but the order has been countermanded.

#### TO INTERVIEW HALF-BREDS.

REGINA, April 27.—A detachment of mounted police were sent out last night from the barracks to interview a party of half-breeds who were coming north on a trail near Moose Jaw, and were making for Wood mountain.

#### PANAMA REBELLION.

PANAMA, April 27.—The whole republic continues in a state of disorder. Every effort is being made to render Colon habitable, immense orders for lumber, houses, etc., have gone forward to the United States. A large number of war vessels of different nations are in Aspinwall and Panama and with their men, combined with those already on shore, can easily repress any effort to create any further disorder. Reports from Buena Ventura, say that a mob seized a small steamer there. The mob pretends to obey the government of Kinez, with whom they have not been able to communicate for months. Defeated in the interior, they have been pillaging in Buena Ventura, and if it were possible would come here. This city continues quiet, but many families are leaving for quieter villages in the western departments of the state.

The latest date from the scene of operations is the Barranquilla, revolutionary organ, which states that the revolutionists have captured Circuta, pursuing the cavalry who held the town some miles and killing some of the people. After the victory at Casanare, Genera Camargo proceeded to the state of Tamoi. The revolutionary forces which entered Bacharamanga numbered 4000. The rebels in Bogota, the same paper states, numbers 10,000.

#### PANAMA STILL QUIET.

PANAMA, (via Galveston), April 27.—The city is quiet. The moral effect of the occupation by the American forces has been very great. Not a shot has been fired since. Colombian troops from the south are expected to arrive here this evening. An excited meeting was held on Sunday. Seditious speakers were stopped, under pain of arrest, by Aizpura.

#### SECRETLY MOBILIZED.

VIENNA, April 27.—A dispatch to the Allgemeine Zeitung from Riga says it is reported there that the first division of the Russian army has been secretly mobilized and ordered to defend Cornstadt.

#### NOTES FROM ST. PETERSBURG.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 27.—The decision as to peace or war is expected to-morrow or at the latest May 1.

It is estimated that the amer's forces number 50,000 men and 60 guns. The Norva Verms says if Russia is forced into war England may rely that it will be conducted with the utmost energy.

#### VESSELS HURRYING AWAY.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 27.—Thirty-three corolladen vessels have left the port of Riga during the past two weeks. Vessels remaining at Riga and other Russian ports on the Baltic are striving to complete their cargoes so as to be ready for immediate departure.

#### FROM THE MORNING PAPERS.

LONDON, April 28.—The Post editorially says: "The fact that the war credit is voted on without any one venturing to reply to Mr. Gladstone is unprecedented in this or any country. Mr. Gladstone's language is too significant to require comment. The attack on Penjdeh must either be justified or atoned for."

The telegraph cannot believe that such a spectacle decision of the house will be lost upon Russia. Such speeches as that delivered by Mr. Gladstone raise politics to a higher level.

The News in an editorial this morning says that there is strong hope that matters have not reached war points in the negotiations between England and Russia.

#### WAR INEVITABLE.

LONDON, April 27.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Reuter's telegraph company says: War between Russia and England is now regarded as inevitable. The czar leaves to-day for Moscow and from that historic city will issue his manifesto or declaration of war, if such an extreme measure should become necessary.

The Teuter telegram stating that the czar would to-day leave St. Petersburg for Moscow and issue his necessary manifesto from the latter place, has caused much excitement in all political and diplomatic circles.

#### BISMARCK HELPING RUSSIA.

It is asserted that the British government is in possession of information which proves beyond a doubt that Prince Bismarck is urging Turkey to side with Russia, in the event of war between England and Russia.

#### A POWERFUL SPEECH.

In moving the vote of credit Mr. Gladstone said that the government considers it necessary to have the entire resources of empire well in hand for use and application whenever they may be required. Events since the fall of Khartoum have shown that El Mahdi's power has collapsed. England's possession of Khartoum would not put a stop to the slave trade, and therefore it would be useless to shed blood and treasure in the Sudan. In regard to the alleged smallness of the vote he reminded the house that it is the largest that has been asked since the Crimean war, and it is also coincident with the largest increases in the general and navy votes. Furthermore he said the case relates primarily with India. In order to fully appreciate the amount entailed it is requisite to know the extent of measures being taken in India. The case is not one of war, actually or perhaps proximate. He did not feel called on to define the degree of danger, but he would say in regard to the sad contingency of an outbreak of war, or a rupture of relations with Russia that her majesty's government has striven to conduct the controversy in such a way that if it unhappily ended in violent capture they might at least be able to challenge the verdict of civilized mankind as to whether or not they have done all men could do, and had used every just and honorable effort to prevent the plunging of two such countries into bloodshed and despair. (Cheers.)

#### THE QUESTION SIMPLE.

The question before the committee, he said, was simple and even narrow, although an important one. Negotiations continue but to give parliament partial information would mislead them. The government submitted its case upon facts with which the whole world is acquainted. There exists abundant cause for war preparations which are being carried on. (Cheers.) The starting point was the obligation to the amer, which should be fulfilled in no stinted manner. (Loud cheers.)

#### MEDIATION NOT WANTED.

The house of commons, without discussion, as suggested by Gladstone, voted the entire \$5,000,000 asked by the government. Mr. Edward Temperly, Country, radical member for Sunderland, asked whether the government would endeavor to have the dispute with Russia referred for arbitration to the United States of America. Gladstone answered: "The government are quite sensible of their heavy responsibility to maintain the honor and good faith of the country on the one hand, and on the other to use every means consistent with honor to avoid war. I can give no more particular reply than this." The utterance was accepted as significant and was received with cries of "Hear" "Hear."

#### AN UNFAVORABLE REPORT.

Sir Edward Thornton, British minister at St. Petersburg, has reported officially respecting Russia's views of the last request of England asking an explanation of the conduct of General Komaroff at Penjdeh March 30th, in view of the report made by Sir Peter Lumsden, contradicting the Russian commander's story of the battle. Thornton reports unfavorably.

#### WAR NOTES.

LONDON, April 27.—A council will be held at Cornstadt soon to consider the defense of that point.

It is reported to-day that the czar is going to Moscow.

The admiralty has ordered all able seamen to be enrolled in the royal navy.

#### CABINET MEETING SUMMONED.

A special cabinet meeting has been summoned for to-morrow. Earl Spencer, lord lieutenant of Ireland, will come from Dublin to attend the meeting.

THE RUSSIANS DEFEATED WITH GREAT LOSS.  
BRUSSELS, April 27.—The Independence-Beige publishes under reserve, but from an excellent source, a report of a fresh battle between Russia and the Afghans, in which the former was defeated and retired, having met with a heavy loss.

LONDON, April 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent to the Daily News says: "I am informed by good authority that another engagement has occurred on the Afghan frontier. Of 1700 Russians who engaged the Afghans, nearly all were killed."

#### PACIFIC COAST.

CUT IN RATES TO NEW YORK.  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The war in passenger rates to New York, which has been in progress here for some days, has resulted in reductions being made on first-class tickets to the extent of \$18 though no definite cut has been made. The reduction is only made on lines from Chicago to New York, as the agreements of the passenger agent's association of lines here to Chicago prevents any reductions to that point. On third-class tickets a reduction of \$18 has also been made to New York.

#### AN INTERESTING DECISION.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 27.—In the U. S. district court to-day, Judge Parker decided the question of jurisdiction over the Cherokee outlet which depended upon the ownership of that tract. Judge Parker ruled that the Cherokee nations title to that outlet is "just as certain, fixed, extensive and perpetual as its title to its other lands, and that the outlet has never been parted with by the Cherokees."

### WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The president has signified his intention of selecting the successor of John Russell Young, minister to China, from California. Both factions of the democratic party in that State have endorsed Frank McCoppin, ex-state senator and ex-mayor of San Francisco, for the position.

The Italian government having invited the United States to send a delegation to the sanitary conference which is to be held at Rome on the 15th prox., the president has designated Major George M. Sternberg, of the army, to represent this government.

Judge Upton, second comptroller of the treasury, has made a ruling that officers of the army who had brevet ranks at the time of service in the Mexican war are entitled to three months extra pay allowed by congress for such service, according to the brevet ranks held by them at the close of their service.

The fourth-class non-presidential post-offices, are now receiving consideration at the hands of Postmaster General Vilas, and new appointments are being made as rapidly as he can consider cases. Seventy-two appointments were made Saturday and about sixty to-day.

#### THE CHANGES IN RATES OF POSTAGES.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Postmaster General has issued a circular order to postmasters, explanatory of changes made by congress at the last session in rates of postage. Postmasters are informed that on and after July 1st rate on all domestic first-class matter, including drop-letters at letter carrier postoffices, will be two cents per ounce or fraction thereof, instead of two cents per half ounce. This change will apply on mail to Canada, but not to other foreign mails. To provide for wants that may arise from the change in the rate on second-class matter, or newspapers mailed by publishers, from two cents to one cent per pound, the department has decided to issue a newspaper and periodical stamp, of the denomination of one cent and the design and color of which will be the same as those of the present series. They will be ready for issue on June 1. The Postmaster General has not yet found time to form a plan for giving effect to the congressional enactment, providing for the use of "special delivery" at specified postoffices.

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