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GENERAL GRANT'S HEALTH.

His Condition Kept From the Public to Keep Letters From Pouring in and Exciting Him.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—In regard to General Grant's health, Colonel Frederick Grant said to a Post reporter this afternoon: "My father is a very sick man; there is no use in longer denying the fact. We have made every effort to keep the true facts from the public, because we knew that as soon as it should become known that he was dangerously ill there would be hundreds of letters coming in with every mail, and this would only excite him and make a cure less hopeful. My father has had little rest for the past few nights. He was up and about his room for a little while yesterday, and we hope to get him upagain to-day, but he is suffering constant pain in his ear and head. For any facts concerning the nature of his disease I refer you to his physicians. The doctors who are attending him are Dr. Fordyce Barker, Dr. J. H. Douglas, and Dr. H. B. Sands, of this city, and Dr. T. M. Merker, of Philadelphia."

Dr. Douglas said: "I am in no wise responsible for the rose-colored report that appeared in the Medical Journal last week. Two days before the report was published, I had a conversation with Dr. Sands at General Grant's house. The result of the consultation was that we both decided that the cancerous growth at the root of the tongue was hardening and steadily growing worse. A microscopical examination by an expert proved beyond a doubt that the case was a malignant epithelial growth. General Grant is a very sick man. I think there is little or no hope that he will recover. He is breaking down; but he has displayed much courage. For less than a month he has done as much as six or eight hours work a day, but has had little sleep for the past eight days. We have tried to keep a knowledge of his true condition from the General, because he had so many other troubles to bear. I have all along maintained that his trouble is from a concerous growth at the root of the tongue, caused undoubtedly by excess in smoking. Every time he speaks or breathes or eats this is disturbed. It is difficult to trest it for that reason. There have been times when the growth could have been temporarily checked, but it never has been arrested, and it is steadily increasing. There has been considerable loss of tissue of the soft palate. He takes nourishment every day in a liquid form. He can not eat solid food because he has lost all his teeth. They were extracted in the hope of easing the pain in the face. This pain, although it resembles neuralgia, is not that pure and simple, but it is a reflecting pain, caused by cancer in the throat. He has been suffering from a severe pain in the right ear and on top of the head. To ease this, his head is kept wrapped in hot flannels. I can not say how near the end is. He may live for months yet, as men suffering from this disease have done, but I do not think there is any hope he will ever recover."

NATIONAL MATTERS.

National Bank Dividends—More Talk of an Extra Session—Gold and Silver Prospects According to Secretary McCulloch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Rear Admiral Jewett, commanding the North Atlantic station, has been instructed to send a vessel of his squadron to relieve a number of destitute American citizens in the vicinity of Livingston, on the west coast of Central America, where they had gone for the purpose of engaging in work on the projected railroad.

It is estimated that there has been a decrease of a little more than $3,000,000 in the public debt during February.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has declared dividends payable to the creditors of insolvent National Banks as follows: The First National Bank, of Anderson, Ind., third dividend, 14 50-100 per cent., making in all 39 50-100 per cent.; Hot Springs National Bank, of Hot Springs, Ark., second dividend, 20 per cent., making in all 50 per cent.; City National Bank of Chicago, Ill., final dividend, of $12 1,000 of one per cent., making in all 77 $12-1,000.

Senator Fair succeeded to-day in calling up and of having passed the bill reimbursing Harris Boyle and Mr. Babble, settlers on Duck Valley Indian reservation, in Nevada, for the value of the improvement taken and appropriated by the Government for public use, amounting to $5,400. On motion, Senator Fair also had passed, under a suspension of the rules, a bill providing for the payment of $9,621 to John St. Dorsey and William F. Shepherd, for beef supplies furnished the troops engaged in quelling the Indian disturbance in 1860 in that portion of Utah now the State of Nevada.

The probability of an extra session is again the subject of comment among Congressmen. The Senate Committee on Appropriations has before it as much for three and a half days, including Sunday, as it would undertake to perform in as many weeks if the session were a long one. Members of the committee express the hope that they will be able to present the remaining bills to the Senate in time for action, but to do so will require them to work night and day. Two of the remaining bills, the Deficiency and Sundry Civil, are measures of indefinite detail, and their careful scrutiny at best by sub committees is held to be an imperative duty. Committee meetings will be in progress all day to-morrow and every night—perhaps all night—until the final adjournment.

Secretary McCulloch said to-night, in speaking of the silver question, while he regretted the action of the House, he thought there was no danger that the country would be brought to the silver standard at an early day. "The condition of the country now," he added, "is favorable for the maintenance of the gold standard, inasmuch as the balance of trade is in our favor, and there are no prospects of its being against us for some months to come. Besides, there is a large amount of gold in this country outside of what is held by the Government and banks, and there is little disposition on the part of the American people to hoard their money."

The grand jury returned an indictment for embezzlement against D. W. Middleton and S. E. Middleton, of the late firm of Middleton & Co., bankers of this city.

The same jury found a number of indictments against Daniel Carrigan, late Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the Navy Department, for making and using false vouchers.

The President's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The President to-day issued the following proclamation:

"By the President of the United States of America:

"A PROCLAMATION.

"Whereas, Objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at 2 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive and act upon such communication as may be made to it on the part of the Executive.

"Now, therefore, I, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States, have considered it to be my duty to issue this, my proclamation, declaring that this extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, of which all who shall at the time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

"By the President: CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

"FREDERICK T. FRELINGHUYSEN, Secretary of State."

An American Imprisoned in Ecuador.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Secretary of State to-day transmitted to the House a dispatch dated January 22 from Martin Reinberg, United States Vice Counsul General, at Guayaquil, relative to the imprisonment of J. E. Santos in Ecuador. Reinberg says: "It is evident that there is a studied intention to delay in furnishing this office with repeatedly requested information for supposed or real charges against Santos. It is supposed his trial, if the authorities institute, will occur at Burto Viejo, whenever they see fit to begin it, unless the Department will take more effective measures to exact of the Ecuadorian Government a faithful pursuance of the treaty obligations with the United States."

Gridiron Club Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Gridiron Club, a new organization, composed mainly of Washington correspondents, and modeled after the Clover Club of Philadelphia, gave its first dinner tonight. Among the guests were Vice President-elect Hendricks, Senators Hawley and Manderson, Representatives William D. Kelly and John S. Wise, Congressman-elect Merriman, of the New York Sun, and Major Burke, of the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mr. Hendricks Calls on the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Vice President-elect Hendricks called at the White House to-day in company with Henry D. Pierce, of Indianapolis, and the Inaugural Reception Committee and paid his respects to the President.

LABOR AND TRADE.

The Texas Pacific Order a Reduction of Wages.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—The workmen in the Texas Pacific Railroad shops, at Marshall, Tex., have been notified that their wages will be reduced 12½ per cent. after Monday next. The order produced much dissatisfaction among the men, and a meeting was held and a committee appointed to wait on the railroad officials and ask that the order be rescinded. This was done, but no satisfaction was received. A similar notification was served on the men at the International and Great Northern shops at Palestine, which are under the same management as those at Marshall, and it was received in about the same spirit. A strike is talked of, but no action in that direction has yet been taken by the men.

Miners' Mass Meeting.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 28.—A mass meeting of miners was held at Sand Run to-day, though no decisive action was taken relative to the late miners' troubles. Between 400 and 500 miners were present, and were addressed by Senator Fossett, who advised them not to molest the men who have gone to work at the operatives prices. It was announced that a State convention of miners will be held at Columbus on next Friday, when the situation will be fully discussed and decisive action taken.

A Strike Ordered.

BIG SPRING, TEX., Feb. 28.—The order reducing the wages of the workmen on this division in the machine shops of the Texas Pacific Road at this place resulted to-night in the men concluding to strike. The strikers appear firm. They say they will not allow other men to take their places.

The Wabash Railway Strikers.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 28.—The Wabash strikers held another meeting this afternoon at which an attempt was made to organize thirty boiler makers, including two foremen, to quit work today.

OPERA AT CHICAGO.

Two Weeks of Grand Opera Will be Given Under Mapleson's Management.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—The Chicago Opera Festival Association, under whose auspices a two weeks' season of grand opera is to be given in this city, commencing April 6, has about completed all the preliminary details and is out with an announcement of the programme for the first week. An opera hall has been improvised in the Exposition Hall, to accommodate an audience of 6,500 people. The audience room is provided with sixty-five private boxes, is handsomely carpeted, decorated and lighted, and possesses an ample foyer and large dressing rooms. The festival chorus includes some 300 voices, which have been in training for a year and a half, under the direction of Mr. S. G. Pratt. The orchestra will number 100, the chorus and orchestra being under the training of signor Arditi. The chief management of the opera rests with Colonel Mapleson. Among the artists that will appear are Adelina Patti, Scalchi, Nevada, Fursch, Modi, Steinbach and Dotti. The regular sale of tickets begins March 16, but the auction sale of the choice of seats and boxes will occur March 11 and 12. All the railways centering in the city have agreed to issue round-trip tickets for one and one-third fares.

Wheat Flurry in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—Wheat opened this morning with a very nervous feeling at 85½c., ¾c. above yesterday's closing, and gradually advanced to 85⅝c. Then it broke under the reports that two more houses were in trouble, and with a good deal of excitement and free selling, prices ran down to 84c. At this the rumors of trouble were denied, and the fact that all the firms had promptly reported to the calls for margins becoming known, a reaction set in. The market immediately advanced, and at noon prices reached 85⅝c. for May. The excitement has nearly subsided and confidence is generally restored. E. M. Samuel & Sons have made no statement of their condition yet, but prices of settlement have been agreed upon as follows: March wheat, 81½c; May, 85¼c; June, 86¼c; May lots, 81½c. The firm is understood to be "long" for over 1,000,000 bushes of wheat, of which less than 100,000 are their own deals, the remainder belonging to customers who have not kept their margins up, but from whom the firm expects to collect. Ben W. Lewis states that he was "long" on about 1,100,000 bushels, not more than $20,000 of which he shall pay every dollar. His total losses, however, are said to be three or four times this amount.

A Horrible Attack of Hydrophobia.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Feb. 28.—Stephen Clark, living near Consecon, was attacked with hydrophobia this week and became so violent that he had to be taken to Picton Jail. He has seized with convulsions while engaged in family prayers, and before his neighbors arrived he was raging like a madman, tearing and cutting his own flesh until he presented a hideous appearance. When he became rational he stated that he was bitten by a mad dog while traveling with a circus in Carthage in July, 1880. At first his fits were accompanied with barking, growling and heavy panting, and during the intervals the barking of a dog would immediately excite another fit. After being strapped to the bed by seven muscular men he got loose and cut his face badly in attempting to shave. He pulled off a piece of flesh which was hanging from a wound on his hand and chewed it, being apparently pleased with the taste of his own blood. Physicians think the case one of hypochondriac origin, and at first quite under control.

Arraignment of Mrs. Dudley and Short.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The General Sessions Court-room was crowded this morning by persons anxious to witness the proceedings in the arraignment of Mrs. Dudley for shooting Rossa, and Dick Short for stabbing Captain Phelan. Short was first arraigned. His face was flushed but his manner calm and collected. Short pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery. The Recorder said that, as the case was an aggravated one, he would increase the bail from $3,000 to $5,000. Short was then removed. Mrs. Dudley was then arraigned, and approached the bar with a quiet smile. Her counsel said, by his advice she stood mute. The Recorder directed a plea of not guilty be entered for Mrs. Dudley, and her bail was fixed at $5,000. The accused was then taken back to prison. Neither Captain Phelan nor O'Donovan Rossa were present during the proceedings.

The Defunct Penn Bank.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28.—In the suit of Assignee Warren against the Directors of the defunct Penn Bank, to recover $450,000 of securities which were taken by the Directors to indemnify them for personal notes given as security to associated banks for a loan to tide over the first suspension, Master George P. Hamilton has completed his report. The ground taken by the assignee was that the securities belonged to the stockholders and depositors, and the Directors had no right to seize them to secure themselves. The text of the decision has not been filed, but it is generally known to be in favor of the Directors.

An eminent Presbyterian divine announced to his congregation that he would be obliged to take a vacation on account of bronchitis, when the elders immediately raised his salary and advised him to take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and be cured.

SOUDAN AFFAIRS.

The Mahdi's Letter to Gordon Regarding the Fate of Colonel Stewart—Gordon's Emphatic Reply.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Last October the Mahdi sent an autograph letter to General Gordon exulting over the wreck of Colonel Stewart's steamer and the murder of that officer and companion. In proof of his knowledge of the disaster that had overtaken Stewart he inclosed copies of documents found on the steamer and an account showing the state of munitions and supplies at Khartoum at the time of Stewart's departure. By the messenger who brought the letter General Gordon sent back a defiant reply to the Mahdi. He said: "I do not care how many men you killed or what success you gained. It makes no difference to me." After more in the same vein he concluded with: "I do not care what forces you have. I am made of iron and intend to hold on here."

No Relief for Kassala Till Autumn.

ROME, Feb. 28.—The Italia states that General Ricci, commanding the Italian expedition to the Red Sea, has been ordered to report what reinforcements he needs to meet an attack by either the Turks or the Soudanese. The same paper says no attempt will be made to relieve the garrison at Kassala until autumn, when an attempt to relieve will be undertaken by Italy under the Military Convention with England.

More Commissary Transportation Needed.

CAIRO, Feb. 28.—General Graham, in command of the Suakim expedition, has sent to the War Office, in London, demands for the enlargement of the commissary and transport service because neither Suakim nor Cairo authorities are able to procure a number of camels sufficient for the needs of the service, even by offering extravagant prices or the use of force upon the native owners of the animals.

Lieutenant Askwith.

SUAKIM, Feb. 28.—After the late action of the rebels in destroying the advanced redoubts, Lieutenant Askwith led them to alter the arrangement for exploding the mines. While examining one of the mines it exploded, and Askwith was blown to pieces.

The Italians and Kassala.

ROME, Feb 28.—The Government has sent $1,000,000 to Mossowah for the purchase of camels. The action taken indicates that Italy intends to take steps for the relief of Kassala.

THE DYNAMITERS.

The Paris Gang Indignant at the Doubts Cast on Their Ferocity.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Fenians and dynamiters in France are indignant at doubts being cast on their "ferocity" by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the British Home Secretary, in Parliament yesterday. Since the conclave was held they seem to have shifted their headquarters temporarily to Chantilly. A report of an interview with Michael Flannery has been communicated to the Tribune bureau to-night. It bears out all statements previously published. Flannery is a man about thirty-six or thirty-seven years old, of fair complexion, with auburn hair. He is apparently well educated, and has traveled all over Europe and the East. He refuses to make his birthplace public, fearing to compromise his relatives. The interviewer asked his permission to publish the address at which the conclave was held. Flannery said: "The address was, as you know, in the Rue Cambon, Paris. You yourself were present at the conclave. The British and French police were baffled and the concierge of the building was outwitted. The Home Secretary is very glib in denying the holding of the conclave, but, unfortunately for himself, he can neither deny the occurrence of the past explosions nor prevent their recurrence."

"You anticipate fresh explosions, then?"

"Yes: within a few weeks, if only to consecrate the decrees of the convention."

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Letters signed Eugene Davis and Patrick Cary appear in the Gaulois and Figaro this morning maintaining the accuracy of the reports sent of the dynamite conclave in Paris. La Intransigeant persists in stating that the reports of the conclave were bogus and got up by English agents.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

The Des Debats on the English Vote of Censure.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Journal Des Debats, in an article on last night's proceedings in the British Parliament, says: "The fall of Gladstone will be Germany's political dream and Bismarck's aim." The trouble with England is, the Debats thinks, that her people are deaf to friendly foreign counsels, against which their British pride rebels on the assumption that they attempt to interfere with British policy. For this reason, declares the writer, Germany's furious attacks defeat their own purpose.

English Interrogatories.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Lord Lyons, the British Minister to France, has formally placed before Jules Ferry, the French Prime Minister, a number of complaints made by British subjects that English vessels, while engaged in trading between Hong Kong and other treaty ports, have been boarded and overhauled by French naval authorities, and he has requested Ferry to state whether France while blockading the port of Formosa claims the right to search vessels going to all ports of China. It is said the sincerity and fairness displayed by Lord Lyons, and as he insisted on satisfactory answers to these English interrogatories, proved somewhat startling to the French Ministers.

Gladstone's Cabinet in Council.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Telegraph states that Cabinet men were summoned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon to consider the question of resigning.

Ponsonby, the Queen's Private Secretary, left Windsor to-day and visited Gladstone at Dowing street. He was closeted with the Prime Minister for a long time.

3 p. m.—The Cabinet Council met at 2 o'clock this afternoon and is still in session. Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was present, having arrived from Dublin this morning. The outcome of the meeting is very uncertain, but a crisis is predicted.

Instructed to Remain—Land Tax Reform.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The French Envoy, who was about to return from China to Paris, has been instructed to remain at Shanghai and await the expected resumption of relations with the Chinese Government.

The French Radicals of the Left have agreed to an electoral platform, favoring reform of French land taxation, the decrease of army service to three years, the election of Senators by universal suffrage, and the abolition of State aid to churches.

Bismarck on the French Blight of Search.

HAMBURG, Feb. 28.—The steamship Metapedia, with a cargo of war munitions, which has been detained because of fears entertained by her owners, sailed to-day for Hong Kong. The departure of the Metapedia was decided on in consequence of Bismarck's refusal to recognize the claim of the French to search neutral vessels on the high seas for contraband of war, in any such state of hostilities at present existing between France and China.

No Appeal to the Country Before November.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Cabinet meeting to-day decided that as the Parnellites in the Commons voted bodily with the opposition the majority of fourteen obtained by the Government is not too small to enable the Government to continue in power. The decision as to the redistribution of seats will prevent an appeal to the country before November.

Rumors Regarding the Cabinet.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The reports that a crisis prevails in the Cabinet is semi-officially denied. The political clubs teem with unreliable rumors concerning the construction of the ministry.

It is certain there will be a rupture between Bartington, Secretary for State and for War, and Barcourt, the Home Secretary. The retirement of the latter is probable.

Rossa' Manifesto.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—A manifesto signed by O'Donovan Rossa is published in one of the papers in this city. Rossa declares that he never has had any intention to involve America in war or in any misunderstanding with England, but without neglecting the gratitude and respect due to the Americans, he can sustain his struggle for Ireland regardless of the bullet of an assassin.

Woman's Rights Meeting.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—At a largely attended meeting of women in this city to-night Madame Schacki presided. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the legal restraints placed upon the sphere or course of women's work. An association was projected to defend women's interests and a committee appointed to which was intrusted the preparation of an appeal to the Reichstag.

The Cabinet Meeting.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—It is reported that much dissension occurred during the four hours' session of the Cabinet this afternoon. The only decision arrived at during the conference was that no ministerial resignation should be tendered until Parliament has disposed of the Government's measure for the redistribution of seats.

Charged With Conspiracy.

BERNE, Feb. 28.—The twenty-three anarchists arrested here yesterday have been charged with a conspiracy to blow up the Federal Palace. The Government is believed to have strong evidence against the prisoners, which will convict many, if not all of them.

Bids the Queen Farewell.

ROME, Feb. 28.—William Waldo Astor, the retiring United States Minister to Rome, was to-day received by her Majesty, the Queen of Italy, who bade him a most cordial farewell.

Russia and Afghanistan.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 28.—Le Nord, in the Russian organ officially inspired article, says: "Russia has resolved to respect the existing arrangement concerning Afghanistan, provided the other side to these arrangements respects them."

The Prince of Wales' Irish Visit.

LONDON, Feb 28.—The Prince of Wales' programme for a tour through Ireland includes a visit to Cork.

Foreign Notes.

Every member of the Ministry was present yesterday afternoon at the Cabinet council in London.

The second Italian expedition to the Red Sea, under command of Colonel Soltenia, has arrived at Assab.

The British Admiralty have ordered six torpedo cruisers and invited proposals for war ships from the Clyde ship builders.

The steamer Irrawaldy, fully armed and carrying a number of military and naval officers, besides a force of marines, has started from Calcutta for Burmah.

Special advices from Pekin say that all dignataries of the Chinese Empire have been summoned to give opinions as to the expediency of continuing the war with France.

Count Ito and General Saigo, the Japanese special Commissioners on the Coreau difficulties, have departed for Pekin, to meet the Chinese Commissioners and adjust the dispute.

MISHAPS BY RAIL.

An Unfortunate Excursion Train.

CHARLOTTE, Mich., Feb. 28.—This morning at 5 o'clock, as an excursion train of seven cars on the Grand Trunk, from Boston to Mexico, was pulling out of this city it collided with a heavy freight train. The excursion train was stopped, but the freight train was running twenty miles an hour. Both engines and the baggage car are a total wreck, and four freight cars are badly disabled. The baggage was demolished, and two cars of wheat were emptied in the snow. A baggageman named Lynch was the only person injured. This is the third accident to the excursion party since leaving Boston, February 26.

A Broken Rail.

DETROIT, Feb. 28.—The Free Press' Coldwater, Michigan, special says: On account of a broken rail a carload of horses on a train going East jumped the track near Jonesville, last night. Edward Fry, of New York, jumped from the car and fell under the wheels. He was terribly cut and died this morning.

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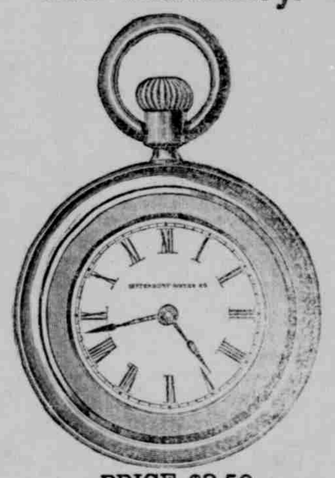

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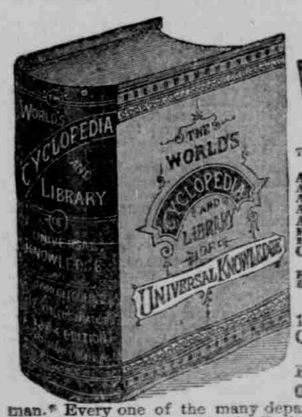

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