

WASHINGTON.

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The Thirty Thousand Dollar Story Exploded.

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TEXT OF THE BILL TO PREVENT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND TO PUNISH BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS.

The following is the text of the bill to prevent the solicitation, contribution or acceptance by any officer or employee of the government of money, property or other thing of value, for political purposes, as passed by the House and sent to the Senate for concurrence...

GENERAL SHERMAN IN WASHINGTON—HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF WAR—PROBABLE RETURN OF ARMY HEADQUARTERS TO THE CAPITAL.

General Sherman arrived here this morning from St. Louis and held two consultations with the Secretary of War, who it appears, had expressly summoned him...

THE WHOLE CONVERSATION LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF WAR HAD SUCCEEDED IN ALL GENERAL SHERMAN'S WISHES REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ARMY, AND THAT HIS POSITION AS GENERAL OF THE ARMY WOULD NO LONGER BE A MERELY NOMINAL ONE.

General Sherman will remain here two or three days, and during this time the question of transfer will be finally settled.

THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE AGAIN—MORE ABOUT IT—THE LAST TRACE OF KILPATRICK—BUTTERFIELD STILL AWAITING ELEVATION.

The mystery attending the disappearance of General Kilpatrick, who came here last Wednesday to testify before the Judiciary Committee on the subject of the alleged purchase of the office of Sub-Treasurer at New York by General Butterfield for the sum of \$20,000, is secondary only to the excitement...

GENERAL WASHINGTON DESPATCHES.

MRS. C. P. MARSH BEFORE CLYMER'S COMMITTEE—THE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLAR STORY MELTED INTO THIS AIR—THE CONVERSATION AT THE ARLINGTON MISUNDERSTOOD—THE FLIGHT TO MONTREAL, AND WHY—THE TRADESHIPS.

Mrs. C. P. Marsh came into the room of the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department to-day, accompanied by her husband, who introduced her to Mr. Clymer, its chairman.

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OBITUARY.

PAUL DAHLGREN.

The death of Mr. Paul Dahlgren, son of the late Rear Admiral Dahlgren, of the United States Navy, was announced yesterday as having occurred in Rome.

MRS. SHEPPARD F. KNAPP.

A void has been occasioned in the social and benevolent circles of Washington Heights by the death of Mrs. Sheppard F. Knapp, who, for many years, has been the originator and chief patron of the numerous charities for the sick and aged in the neighborhood.

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OUR CABLE SHIPPING NEWS.

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