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## TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

### WASHINGTON NEWS.

#### The Mexican Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The senate in executive session ratified an additional article to the Mexican treaty, extending till May 20, 1885, the time for approval of laws necessary to carry into operation the commercial convention between the two governments concluded at Washington January 28, 1883.

#### The Senate Adjourns This Week.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—It is probable the senate will adjourn without delay before the end of the week, and it is possible it may do so by Tuesday or Wednesday night. The sessions from this time until final adjournment are likely to be held chiefly in secret. A considerable number of nominations are expected to-morrow and Tuesday, and the time not consumed in their consideration will be spent upon minor treaties.

#### Coming home Empty-handed.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The delegation of Oregonians that came to Washington just before the inauguration, has gone home. Among the more prominent members of the delegation were Mr. A. Noltner, editor of the Portland Standard, who wanted to be postmaster at Portland; Mr. P. P. Hogan, who wanted the marshalling, and Judge L. L. McArthur, who thought he would have no trouble in securing the appointment as United States district attorney. Mr. Thomas B. Merry, a Portland newspaper man, also returns with the delegation.

### GENERAL NEWS.

#### Rich Gold Strike Near Helena.

HELENA, March 19.—Great interest is taken here in a new gold find. The discovery was made on the old Blackfoot road, about four miles from Helena. Six mines are in the course of development, and stakes are being set for five miles around. The ore has proved so rich that it is taken from the mines in sacks and shipped without being put through any process. The country is alive with people. Within the last few days some very promising claims have been located within the city limits of Helena.

#### Winter Wheat Prospects.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The unfavorable reports concerning winter wheat in Indiana and Illinois, in the Journal of Commerce and other reputable journals, are prominent topics on Chicago here. They represent that in southern Indiana the plants have suffered severely from alternating thawing and freezing. In eleven counties in Indiana and four in Illinois not even a fair crop is expected. Reports from eight Illinois and two Indiana counties indicate that the crop is uninjured; also that farmers in the district where prospects are most unfavorable do not despair of fair crops, if a few weeks good growing weather should supervene.

#### The Bartholdi Statue.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Interest in the fate of the Bartholdi statue has been renewed by the announcement that Butler, secretary of the building fund, sails for Europe presently, to confer with Bartholdi, who intended accompanying the statue to America. Also by the statement that the Vanderbilt, Eugene Kelly and one or two other millionaires propose each to be one of the twenty contributors giving \$5000 each to complete the pedestal. In the meantime work on the foundation will be resumed. The World daily pleads for the fund by popular subscription.

#### Texas Cattle.

LAMPASAS, Texas, March 22.—The action of Kansas and New Mexico in establishing a quarantine against Texas cattle is causing considerable comment among our business men. Lampasas is much interested in the cattle market this spring, as a fair price and speedy sale will bring the much-needed relief in business circles. The few buyers now here are disposed to wait further developments in the quarantine question before making purchases. The loss of cattle and sheep during the past winter in the eight or ten stock counties of which Lampasas is the business center, will average about ten per cent. Large stock men who have never before cultivated an acre of ground, are now joining the grangers and preparing to raise food for the stock.

### Marine Engineers threaten to Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The Oregon Railway and Navigation company have issued orders that all third assistant engineers employed on their steamships be discharged. Hitherto their vessels have carried a chief engineer and three assistant engineers. The first steamer on which orders were carried into effect was the State of California, now in this port. A meeting of the marine engineers was held here today. Instructions have been issued for all engineers of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company steamers to quit work immediately, unless the third assistant engineer on the State of California be restored to his position. The society of Marine Engineers embraces all certified engineers on the Pacific coast.

### The Illinois Legislature now a Tie.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 20.—Senator Bridges, democratic member of the state senate, who has been a sufferer from a stroke of paralysis received one month ago, and whose condition ever since has been very critical, died at his home near Carrollton this morning. This death following the death of Representative Logan three weeks ago leaves the Illinois legislature once more a tie on joint ballot. The house and senate both adjourned this morning when the announcement of his death was made.

### War's Demand.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The rumor of a probable war between England and Russia has tended to stimulate the demand from England for oats from the Atlantic instead of the Baltic ports. The demand has been so large in the past few weeks that the shipments this month in New York alone promises to reach 600,000 bushels, which will exceed the shipments of any one month heretofore. Engagements of berths range from 25,000 to 30,000 bushels a day.

### General Grant.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Grant is reading more about the trial James Fish than anybody can who reads on the published reports, for the newspapers squeeze each day's proceedings into a quarter to a half column, while he gets a stenographic verbatim report. This is provided to him, on his urgent request, by order of Judge Benedict, who is presiding in the United States court where Grant & Ward's silent partner is being tried for a violation of the banking laws. Short-hand notes of the testimony are taken to the general's house every evening and read to him. It was through Fish's connection with the swindle that Grant was drawn into it. He was president of a leading bank of reputed solidity and possessed considerable wealth. Therefore, when he seemed to trust young Ward implicitly Grant blindly followed his example. To this day Grant is not clear in his mind whether fish was Ward's confederate or victim, and he is a self-constituted jury, determined to convict or acquit the prisoner on the evidence.

### A TROUBLED MIND.

General Grant's inability to sleep comes not so much from the condition of his body as from unrest of mind. He has it firmly rooted he is going out in disgrace and under a cloud, and all that his friends can say to him in no wise changes this belief. He talks freely with certain of his intimates on the subject, and tells them of his mortification and chagrin that he should have been duped by Ward, and that so many persons should have lost money by him. He tells his dearest friends that the responsibilities of battle and of leading the armies of the nation gave no such concern as has this Ward business—that his rest in the White House in the critical period when the country was recovering from the effects of a civil war was sweet compared to the rest that has come to him in the last nine months. He had hoped that fortune might in some manner smile on him, so he might return to those who had lost the money thus wasted. He would write, he would work, he would do anything to remove this stain from the family; but he was attacked by a disease that must prove fatal, and soon he became too weak and too sick to stir out of the house. So he silently and grimly, and without a word of complaint, keeps to his couch and to his easy chair and thinks. He knows that he must die soon, and he is oppressed with a fear that he is in disgrace because of the failure of the firm of Grant & Ward, through the dishonesty of one of the partners. He does not seem to fear death, his friends say, but he does desire to make good all losses sustained by Grant & Ward. This thought, and the idea that he is in disgrace is hastening his death.

### THE GENERAL'S CONDITION.

General Grant slept a part of the time last night in a chair. A consultation was had at 2-to-day by Drs. S. B. Douglas and Shradley, and it was generally considered the patient's throat looked much better. There has been no pain or sensation of uneasiness about the throat for a week. Gen. Grant took some food to-day, but he has no appetite, and ate only as a matter of necessity. When Dr. Douglas saw Gen. Grant to-night he found his patient in the parlor. The General immediately walked up stairs to his room, and said he felt very tired, as there has been a great many visitors during the day. He retired shortly after 10, and Dr. Douglas thinks he fell into a refreshing slumber.

### FOREIGN.

#### Warlike Orders Received.

CALCUTTA, March 22.—It is reported that orders were received from England Saturday to concentrate from 20,000 to 30,000 men at Quetta and Allahabad. Orders were issued Saturday to mobilize an army corps aggregating 20,000 men with two strong divisions as a reserve.

CALCUTTA, March 22.—There are 50,000 men in India ready for service at any moment. The military authorities are confident of their ability to repulse an attack on Herat without assistance from England, but they consider that England forever to end Russian menace.

#### Russia Preparing for War.

BERLIN, March 24.—The Vossische Gazette says Russia is devoting a large portion of her recent loans to improving her naval strength. Ten men-of-war are being constructed. Five of them are the largest types of ships. Three are plate cruisers, and two torpedo rams.

#### Gloomy news from Hong Kong.

LONDON, March 22.—A dispatch from Hong Kong says the French are unable to make a forward movement from Langson. The country around is devastated and there is the greatest difficulty to obtain supplies. The Chinese constantly harass the French troops. It is reported that the French lost 900 men at Thuyenquan, the Chinese having sent 5000 reinforcements there.

#### Of Interest to the Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK, March 20.—It is stated here that the Pacific Mail Company contemplates reducing the fare from here to San Francisco to \$75. This will be a reduction of \$50 from the present rate. Also that freight rates be reduced in proportion. This move is reported to be directed against the Union and Central Pacific railroads. Among rumors in Wall street was one to the effect that the Pacific Mail intended putting on weekly steamers, in place of fortnightly steamers. Another report is that the Central Pacific to-day formally notified the Union Pacific that they would hereafter demand full local rates on all through business from the Union Pacific.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 13, 1885.

That "hope deferred maketh the heart sick" is what the democratic office seekers infesting Washington are realizing now. The old administration is not going half so fast as they thought it would, and their long petitions and memorials do nothing towards hurrying "the rascals out." There are rumblings of discontent, and mutterings of disgust and curses and threats, and a great state of excitement because of the uncertainty that hangs over the intentions of Mr. Cleveland and his Cabinet in regard to place giving.

At first the White House was the point of siege for the mass of office seekers, but they soon learned that the President would not hear applicants, and they made a rush upon the new heads of the Departments. There again they get little satisfaction beyond a courteous recognition. The new administration intends to go slowly, and if the army of rapacious spoils-hunters would take the hints already thrown out by the President, it would sound a retreat while it has money enough to get home. It is pretty well understood now that only a few necessary appointments will be made at present. When the importunate office hunters have gone home, the places to be filled will be gone over, and the men selected for them will not be from among those who charged upon the President upon his first appearance.

The majority of the democratic congressmen are still in the city and will be passing back and forth from their homes during the entire recess of Congress. They too are lingering to see just what they are going to get out of their party success. They have left the Capitol building and are now assembled in the hotel lobbies and about the White House. Their lack of encouragement in their efforts to assist the new administration in making changes and appointments has provoked some grumbling and caused many to inquire if New York is going to run the government. The Treasury department is now irreverently referred to as "the New York establishment." The Secretary and his assistant secretaries are New Yorkers, and there is scarcely an office in the building for which a New York aspirant has not been mentioned. Nor is there a vaulted corridor that does not echo to the footsteps of New York office seekers.

The most humiliating feature of the present situation in Washington is the pressure for office in person or by proxy, of ex-members of Congress. Having once tasted the sweets of official position, few of them seem able to restrain their appetites, and the scramble is at once disagreeable to themselves and disgusting to disinterested observers. Some of the more ambitious ones, who succeeded in having themselves mentioned in connection with Cabinet positions, or leading foreign missions, are now descending to assistant secretaryships in their demands, and by and by they will be content with a clerkship in one of the Departments—if they can pass the required examination. This is the old story over again of the man who came here in Andy Johnson's time to get a foreign mission. By degrees his ambition dropped to a clerkship, then to a doorkeepership and finally agreed to quit and go home if they would give him a free ticket and an old pair of breeches. It was only yesterday that I met a prominent democrat who two weeks ago, was confident of being Mr. Cleveland's Secretary of War. Now he is trying to be appointed government architect. Another such fall and it is pitiful to think where he may be. Another disappointment to the expectant crowds of democratic spoilsmen, was caused by the administrative reform significantly begun by the White House. I allude of course to the dismissal of the clerical force there. It means a clipping off of clerkships throughout all the Departments, and the reductions will give much less chance for place to democratic aspirants.

A democratic President is a curiosity and on each lay since his occupancy of the White House, President Cleveland has given some time to receiving the crowds of people who have gathered about the Mansion to catch a glimpse of him. On Wednesday, the long established day for Cabinet families, the ladies of the new administration held their first reception. Mrs. Hendricks received in her parlors at Willard's hotel. Her toilet was a short dress of maroon velvet, and bouquets of roses garnished the room. Among her callers were Mrs. and Miss Blaine, Mrs. Logan, and a number of others prominent in the society of the retiring administration. Mrs. Bayard and her two daughters held a large reception at their home on Massachusetts avenue. Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Vilas received conjointly at the Arlington hotel, this union of forces bringing a large company. Mrs. Endicott was also at home to receive callers at the Arlington, and Mr. Garland being a widower, his mother presided as hostess at his home. Secretary Lamar's family did not receive, and Mrs. Whitney has not yet arrived in the city.

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