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Correspondence Between Secretary Bayard and the Colombian Minister

Concerning Closing Certain of Its Ports to Foreign Commerce.

With Some Exceptions the Republic is Entirely Pacified

And They Would Like all Foreign Vessels Removed.

The U. S. Forces Have Withdrawn from Panama.

The Streets are Barricaded and in the Hands of the Insurgents—Trouble is Feared.

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Increase of the Probabilities of War Between England and Russia.

The Recall of the Duke of Connaught is Considered

The Most Significant and Warlike Official Act Yet Taken.

He is to Command the Second Corps in Afghanistan.

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THE AFGHAN TROUBLE.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE BEE. INCREASE OF THE PROBABILITIES OF WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, April 26.—During the last week the probabilities of war between England and Russia have greatly increased. The discovery that France meant mischief, the development of the Bosphore Egyptian incident into a grave international quarrel, the ostentatious mingling of Russian and French officers in every capital on the continent.

Some sensational news has reached London from India. One telegram goes so far as to state that a report is prevalent throughout the East that war has been declared by England against Russia. The excitement among the Indians aware of the report beggars description. In India the recall of the Duke of Connaught from Simla in Punjab, while on his way to Bombay to take a steamer to Britain is considered the most significant and warlike act yet taken by the Indian government.

It is stated to-night that the Duke of Connaught has been ordered to assume command of the second corps, destined for military service in Afghanistan. A remarkable increase in the vigor of the preparations in India for war has been reported. More than seventy-five million dollars has been already spent in these preparations, in order to meet the emergency in case of hostilities. It is reported that the New Indian Loan has been already provided.

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