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With Orders to Carry Out the Above Intentions.

Two Hundred Marines also Dispatched from New York.

Secretary Whitney Telegraphs the Orders to Rear Admiral James E. Janett.

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WASHINGTON, April 3.—Senator Becerra, representing the United States of Colombia, at Washington, sent the following dispatch this afternoon to General Gann at Panama:

"The United States forces are going to cooperate in securing the free transit and the protection of American life and property. If they find that the Colombian forces are able of themselves to attain that object they will withdraw. I have perfect confidence in the good faith and upright intentions of the American government. Public opinion here is deeply gratified at the excesses committed in Colombia, we need energy, repression, and exemplary justice so that we may not be held for the forehead excesses, repeated frequently."

He also sent the following to the authorities at Panama: "It is important that more forces be sent to Panama to restore order and to prevent the nation from being held responsible. Secretary Whitney late afternoon telegraphed as follows to Panama: 'The United States steamer Tennessee, under the command of Rear Admiral James E. Janett, will sail to-day from New Orleans with the United States steamship Tennessee, and in addition to the force under your command in the steamships Tennessee, Albatross and Galena, all of which are at Apinwall, upon your arrival you will be reinforced by about 200 marines dispatched to-day from New York to the American City of Para, with tents and camp equipage. To provide for contingencies further supplies will be sent at once. The duty you are called upon to perform, calls for the exercise of great discretion. The object of the expedition is the performance by the United States of their engagements to preserve the neutrality of and keep open the transit route across the Isthmus of Panama, and further to protect the lives and property of American citizens. The circumstances are understood from the necessity with which the American government are in general that the steamship belonging to the Americans had been seized at Colon by an armed force, and goods in transit taken there. Her officers and crew were all imprisoned, and the transit across the isthmus interrupted. With the consequences involved in these past acts, you are not concerned. Your duty is confined to seeing that free and unimpeded transit across the isthmus is restored and maintained, and that the lives and property of American citizens are protected. The United States government order shall have been restored, and the Colombian authorities are adequate to the protection of life and property, and the maintenance of free transit across the isthmus in respect with the constituted authorities, but report and await orders. You have no part to perform in the political or social disorders of Colombia and it will be your duty to see that no invitation or unfriendliness should arise from your presence at the isthmus. The incidental exercise of humanity toward American citizens and the exercise of justice must be left to your sound discretion."

CENTRAL AMERICA. AN IMPORTANT LETTER FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTING GENERAL BARRIOS' MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Gen. T. B. Bunting of this city, who some years ago held a prominent position in the army of Guatemala, has just received the following letter from an American gentleman residing in Guatemala, which throws much light on the present Central American complications:

GUATEMALA, March 12, 1885.—Dear General: By this mail I send you a paper containing the proclamation and the order of Gen. J. R. Barrios, whereby he makes one of the five and floats to the breeze the flag of Central America, pledging his talents, fortune and his own life to the cause. Declaring all traitors who oppose the common cause, and threatening destruction to those governments who fail to join in regenerating movements, he declares Central America to be a republic, and he calls upon the nations of the world to recognize the new republic. He has dispatched (as they say) 10,000 troops to the frontier. I think the number may be exaggerated, but the troops are leaving every day. A gentleman told me to-day, as near as he could count, fully 2,500 men marched to the frontier this morning. I saw a battery of artillery start off yesterday, and miles following loads of baggage, and boxes, at least 100,000 cartridges. I also noticed the saddles and equipments were all new and everything seemed in good fighting trim. The men were in excellent quarters, without the necessity of "returning the ropes" for this man as he alone can do, imparted his magnanimity to the people. Many foreigners are offering their services, and things are being pushed with a vigor and energy that leaves no doubt of a speedy and glorious termination of the conflict. Barrios sets all understand. All with a memory that staggers at nothing, a cool perception as quick as lightning, a mental scope taking in everything at a glance, a personal bravery amounting to frenzy, a cool head that never loses its judgment, and an energy that knows no faltering, he compels success, and will before many months roll around, make of this weak, disintegrated country, a solid, strong, prosperous republic.

MARINES FOR APINWALL. FORTRESS MONROE, Va., April 3.—The United States steamer Dispatch, with between 200 and 300 marines and 200 tons of stores on board, from the Norfolk navy yard, passed here this afternoon. She will intercept the steamer from New York for Apinwall off the Cape of Virginia and the men will there be transferred.

GENERAL GRANT'S CONDITION.

HE PASSES A COMFORTABLE NIGHT AND FEELS MUCH IMPROVED.

Special telegram to the Bee.

NEW YORK, April 3.—General Grant's heroic will is about the only thing that prevents his immediate collapse. It is a hard fight for life. Since the alarming attack with which he was seized last Monday his death has been daily, even hourly expected. Several times he was believed to be dying, and hope was abandoned by the physicians, his friends and the family. The most sanguine of them did not have hope that he would live until the

present time. Each day was mournfully upon by them as his last. Throughout the long hours of the night the house with in which the sick man lay was wrapped in the dim light of the moon. Through one of its windows could be seen the faint glimmer of the two turned light, shortly after 4 o'clock his son, U. S. Grant Jr. drove up to the house, the street at Fifth avenue and alighted there to prevent the rattle of wheels disturbing his father's rest. Before entering the house he said he had been absent for a few hours, and he was to feel assured, he had been anxious, however, to learn how his father was, and had come from the St. Cloud hotel for that purpose. As he entered the room, and the doctor, Dr. Newman descended the steps from the house, the sorrowful and anxious look visible on his countenance the last few days had disappeared, and was replaced by an expression of contentment and almost cheerful. When asked how the General was he replied that:

HE WAS MUCH BETTER THIS MORNING.

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was suspended in the following localities: All land west of the first meridian in Kansas, all west of range 17 west in Nebraska, the whole of Colorado except the lands in the Utah reservation, all lands in New Mexico, Wyoming and Nevada, and that portion of Minnesota north of the indemnity limits of the Chicago, Minnesota & Manitoba railroad. Final action in the land office is also ordered to be suspended on all timber culture entries under the act of June 3, 1878, which have not already been examined, also in all cases of desert land entries.

Hon. L. J. Calman qualified to-day as commissioner of agriculture and took formal possession of the office. He gave bond in \$10,000.

MR. MCALMONT is reported to be a staunch democrat and one who has taken an active part in the political campaigns in Pennsylvania. He is a lawyer by profession, and at one time speaker of the state house of representatives. His appointment to his present office was recommended by Representatives Scott, Randall, and Emmert, of Pennsylvania, and Representative Warren, of Ohio. Mr. Garrison, appointed to be deputy first controller, is at present chief of the foreign intercourse division in the first controller's office his promotion is in strict accordance with civil service reform principles.

MR. CHARLES CHELEY, of New Hampshire, solicitor of internal revenue, has at the request of Attorney General Garland tendered his resignation to take effect on the appointment and qualification of his successor. Judge Chesley entered the treasury department as \$1,400 clerk in June, 1865, and was promoted from time to time since. He is reported to be a faithful and well informed official.

OWING TO THE critical condition of General Grant, the President has postponed indefinitely the General's evening reception to the public which was to have been given on Tuesday next.

TOTAL NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS sent to the senate by the president 173 and of these 159 were confirmed, two rejected and twelve unacted upon.

THE MEMBERS of the Utah commission called on the secretary of the interior to-day. He showed a lively interest in the plan of the work.

COMMISSIONER ATKINS said to-day that the white men who had settled on the Winnebago or Brown Creek reservation would have to leave, and that the government would adopt the mildest means possible to effect their removal. He anticipated no trouble but the other officers in the interior department believe that the government will experience great difficulty in removing them.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that General Grant has expressed a desire to be buried in Washington.

THE PRESIDENT to-day appointed John R. Garrison of Virginia to be deputy first controller of the currency, vice Judge Zerbe, resigned, and John S. McCalmont of Pennsylvania, commissioner of patents, vice Judge E. Johnson, resigned.

CHICAGO FIRE BELLS. IN CASE OF GEN. GRANT'S DEATH THE FIRE ALARM BELLS WILL BE TOLLED.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE BEE.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The chief fire marshal, following the example of the New York fire department, will announce the death of General Grant the moment it happens by the tolling of the fire bells. He has made arrangements with the telegraph company by which we will receive the news as soon as the bells ring, and he has arranged that the tolling of the fire bells in the city will be struck one for each year of his life; that is, sixty-three times at intervals of half a minute. The bells will be struck simultaneously from headquarters.

A Sample of Democratic Reform. Special Telegram to the Bee.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A good story comes to the surface here about the democratic features of reform. Secretary Lamar will be remembered as the first man to inaugurate "reform" by the sale of the carriage used by the department. It comes to the surface now that, at the same time, established a suite of luxurious apartments in his department quarters, that quite offsets the savings which he proposed to make by the sale of horses and carriages. Adjoining his office there is a room formerly occupied by a copyist and other clerks. He has had the room furnished with other rooms and has had rooms handsomely and luxuriously fitted up. Persian carpets have been laid, and the costliest rugs, diamonds and ottomans, purchased, all of course, at the government's expense. This is a sample of "democratic reform."

THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE. SPRINGFIELD, April 3.—The house presented a deserted appearance this morning, not more than thirty members being present. The time until 12 m. was taken up in reading bills the first time. After the joint assembly the house adjourned.

IN THE joint assembly the members were in a rather festive mood and cast votes for various persons, including Haines, Andrew Jackson, Streeter, McMillan, Morrison, Logan and others.

ST. LOUIS IN WESTERN MISSOURI. ST. LOUIS, April 3.—The storm in western Missouri on Wednesday night was very general. All the streams are greatly swollen, bridges carried away, and other damage done. Four bridges of the Missouri Pacific system varying in length from forty-six to one hundred feet long were swept away.

TEST YOUR BAKING POWDER TO-DAY. Brands advertised as absolutely pure CONTAIN AMMONIA.

THE TEST: Place a can top down on a hot stove until heated, then pour in a little water and immediately test to detect the presence of ammonia.

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THE WARRIORS.

Defeat of the Arabs at Tamai by the British.

General Graham Lays the City of Tamai in Ashes.

Canadian Troops Pushing Forward to the Northwest.

The Latest News from Half-breed Riel's Rebellion.

Purchase of a Large Amount of Arms by Canada.

The Fickle French Anxious to Restore Minister Jules Ferry to Power.

THE SOUDAN. GRAHAM'S GREAT GAIN.

LONDON, April 3.—Dispatches from Suakin give the following account of events at the front: Gen. Graham occupied all the heights above Tamai last evening. During the night the rebels fired on the zebra, and one soldier was killed and two wounded. Early this morning Gen. Graham advanced to Tamai, and at 7 o'clock took possession of the springs. Another dispatch is as follows: "The Guards, Bangalore troops, Marines, Berkshire regiment and Sikhs will occupy Tamai on Monday. The commander of the force will follow when a water supply has been secured."

A DISPATCH from Gen. G. M. is as follows: "TERRAP HILL, 6:30 A. M.—The hills around the zebra were occupied last night by a chain of pickets supported by a strong reserve force. The enemy's fire was silenced at one time by a volley from the advanced pickets, the grenadiers and by a shell from the thirteen pounder. The rest of the night was quiet. The troops are in good condition. Do not expect to meet with serious resistance."

ANOTHER DISPATCH from Gen. Graham is as follows: "AMANI SPRINGS, April 3, noon.—Our forces advanced at 8 o'clock and occupied the village and Khan, encountered slight opposition on the part of the enemy; found very little water, which is of bad quality. The British moved on to the first zebra. Four soldiers were wounded in occupying the villages. Of these two belong to the Australian forces."

A DISPATCH filed at Suakin at 2 this afternoon says: Tamai is in flames. The British loss in occupying the place was, one killed, 7 wounded.

THE BATTLE RAGING. A Suakin dispatch is as follows: Gen. Graham commenced his advance on Tamai this morning. He had not proceeded far when he found the enemy entrenched just above the town. Gen. Graham immediately attacked the Arab position, and a battle is now going on.

ON TO MANITOBA. RIEL AND THE FRENCH. CHICAGO, April 3.—A number of eminent Canadian officials passed through here to-day en route to Manitoba. It was learned through a conversation with them that the Dominion government is taking active precautions against Fenian evasion and the government is in receipt of information which shows conclusively that the Fenians contemplate some buildings are closed except one door and there are two policemen constantly on duty to prevent any one not well known from entering the building. It is reported that they sold out last night for a large sum of money and moved back into the Prince Albert country. Here they became disheartened and sent to the United States to get their arms and during this visit, which every one supposed was a friendly and conciliatory movement, they had the seed of disunion which finally culminated in a rebellion. The Dominion authorities expect a long guerrilla warfare which will probably last a year or more. The military authorities are active in organizing an expedition to get the Fenians' loyalty and influence which was circulated among the natives proved a complete failure.

LOT TO ASSASSINATE KING ALFONSO. MADRID, April 3.—Correspondence asserts that King Alfonso has been ordered to abdicate in the alleged plot to assassinate King Alfonso.

ANXIETY AMONG GERMAN OFFICERS. BERLIN, April 3.—Arrests of German officers for divulging military plans are increasing. A feeling of anxiety is prevalent in the German garrisons where it is believed that false information has been given to the government for the sake of reward.

THE EMPEROR in a congratulatory letter to Bismarck on the occasion of the latter's birthday, said: "My dear prince, you know that I have had the fullest confidence in you. He signed himself, Your grateful father, WILHELM."

ENGLAND AND TURKEY. LONDON, April 3.—It is stated at Berlin and Vienna that negotiations between England and Turkey for an understanding on the Egyptian question have fallen through. England believing the concessions which she offered when she desired an alliance with Turkey against Russia. It is reported that the sultan is incensed at England's action to obtain his signature to the Egyptian convention and at Fehmi Pasha's course in submitting to such treatment without protest. Fehmi Pasha has, it is said, been recalled by the sultan.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA. LONDON, April 3.—A dispatch from Teheran says the Shah of Persia has summoned Moh Shih Khan from Constantinople to consult about Herat. Moh Shih's long residence in England qualifying him as an authority.

BOARD OF TRADE. ARMOUR'S EXTENSIVE SALE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.—THE NON-OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY. Special telegram to the Bee.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Robert Wilson, head of the canning department of Armour & Co., was asked how much canned corn beef had been ordered from the firm lately by the British government and he said: "We have sold to the British government since last September 4,000,000 pounds, not cans, of canned corn beef. About 1,600,000 pounds of that amount was sold after the rumors of war with Russia began to prevail, and every pound of this amount has already been delivered out of our stock on hand in London. There is nothing in these sales to indicate war with Russia. Most of this meat was bought for the troops in the Sudan. Even if there were no war either with Russia or with the Sudan England could very easily use this much meat on its garrisons all over the world, so that there would be no waste. This meat is put up in different sized cans, the largest which contains six pounds each, so that I can tell how many cans there were."

THE NON-OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY. There was a good deal of noise on the floor of the board of trade, and less actual business done than usual. It is customary for the

board to adjourn over Good Friday, but this time, perhaps as much through oversight as through any intentional disrespect to the day that so many regard as sacred, the board did not do so, and the consequence was that the notice of a motion to adjourn for any special occasion shall be given one day in advance, and in the present instance this was neglected. The consequence was that the board did not do so and could not adjourn, and this raised something of a feeling among certain seats. The majority of the members thought it was better to do as almost all other boards of trade do, especially as under the circumstances there was not much business to transact, but the minority took advantage of the technical point involved and were apparently determined not to be deprived of one day's trading, because of some people's religious scruples. There was not much heard upon the subject during the forenoon of yesterday, but among some group of operators who saw no