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THE STRICKEN SOLDIER.

Gen. Grant's Obstinate Battle with Death

Gen. Grant slept uninterruptedly through the night of April 21, and was reported as apparently gaining in strength. The swelling at the base of his tongue still existed. He was driven through the city park during the day. A New York telegram says: "There are no rumors in certain circles that Gen. Grant's disease has been misrepresented. These rumors are increasing, and this morning the *San* said editorially that the hemorrhage was caused by a sore which has now disappeared; that he has not had cancer; that his doctors now admit it, and that Drs. Douglas and Shadley have got a good deal of free advertising and are sharp fellows."

A continued improvement in Gen. Grant's condition was noted in the New York dispatches of April 23. His three physicians held a consultation and examined his throat, which they found to be much better than when last seen. The General drove out in his carriage, and later walked the park, returning to his room in the hotel fatigued. A gentleman just arrived from England, presented the General with a card, upon which Premier Gladstone had written his sympathies and good wishes for him. A Chattanooga dispatch reports that a movement is on foot in that city to tender Gen. Grant the free use during his convalescence of a private hotel on Lookout Mountain, in sight of the battle-fields of Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and Chattanooga.

"Gen. Grant expresses himself as feeling better and stronger than at any time since the favorable symptoms began to appear," says a New York dispatch of April 21. "The General, his wife, Mrs. F. D. Grant, and Mrs. Sartoris went for a drive yesterday. Afterward the distinguished patient took a short walk. He gave an artist a sitting for a bust. On being weighed, the General found he had lost twenty-one pounds in the past three months. His weight was 141 pounds. There were a number of callers during the day, including Senator Leeland Stanford and ex-Speaker Keifer."

New York dispatches of the morning of April 24 reported Gen. Grant as having passed a comfortable day, but a somewhat restless night. The usual airing in the park was taken. It is likely that the General and his family will spend the month of July at or near Saratoga, and August in the Catskills. Mr. Drexel has offered them his cottage at McGregor, and they may occupy it in June.

Gen. Grant's health continues to improve rapidly, is the language of the bulletin sent out on the morning of April 27. "The four doctors in the case held a consultation, and found less irritation in the throat and a better condition of the system generally. In regard to the cancer the doctors had not expected much change, and were consequently prepared to find it about as it had been. They parted with the understanding that they would meet again in a week unless sooner summoned. The electric light agent who gave out the statement about the cancer was not allowed to see the General and his machine was not used. Arrangements have been made to transfer the General and his family to Saratoga during the latter part of June. Joseph W. Drexel having tendered the use of his cottage."

EASTERN.

Capt. O'Brien, of the steamer City of Mexico, has been arrested in New York for carrying arms and munitions of war to the Colombian insurgents.

In Camden County, N. J., orchards, buildings, and other property have been devastated by forest fires, the loss approximating \$100,000. The fires are still blazing in some sections, and trains, in a few instances, run for miles through smoke and flame.

Overexertion on roller-skates caused the death of George Smithey, a citizen of Pittsburgh.

The extensive boot and shoe factory of Bridges & Co., at South Framingham, Mass., was damaged by fire to the amount of \$200,000.

Health officers from the sea-board cities held a conference at New York, and agreed upon the establishment of rigid rules to prevent the introduction of cholera. Rag cargoes will be closely quarantined until they are either boiled or steamed, the sulphur process being voted a failure.

Isaac W. England, publisher of the New York *Sun*, died at Ridgewood, N. J., of dropsy of the heart.

It is reported that William H. Vanderbilt is seriously ill, having suffered two strokes of paralysis. He has retired from both business and social life, and is rarely seen driving.

Milton Weston, who is designated as a Chicago millionaire, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, for inciting the Murrysville riot, in which one man was killed.

WESTERN.

Near Medicine Lodge, Kan., a waterspout caused the death of several entire families. A dispatch from Medicine Lodge gives the following meager particulars of the disaster: "The water rolled down over the lowlands east of Medicine Lodge five to twelve feet in height. Several families are known to have been drowned. Men who went out to give relief found men, women and children clinging to trees with nothing on but their night-clothes, and some without any clothing whatever, but still alive. Their cries could be heard as early as 4 o'clock in the morning. Three attempts were made to rescue persons on the opposite side of the river, but each boat in turn was swamped, and the occupants only saved themselves by swimming to trees. Six bodies have so far been recovered. There were eight movers' wagons camping in the bottoms, and one old man has recognized the bodies of three of his family--his wife and two children."

The Mormon Bishop, Hiram J. Clawson, was arrested at Salt Lake City for unlawful cohabitation.

The Coroner's jury at St. Louis returned a verdict that C. Arthur Preller died from the effects of chloroform administered by Walter H. Lenox Maxwell.

To settle a personal quarrel, William D. Winter, of the Bank of Commerce, and Bernard P. Bogy, Secretary of the St. Louis Wire Company, met in a stable on the grounds of the former at St. Louis, and

fought four rounds with bare knuckles, according to Queensberry rules. At the beginning of the fifth round the police raided the place, but made no arrests. Pugilistic honors were about evenly divided.

An Omaha dispatch reports that near Trenton, Hitchcock County, in the western part of Nebraska, a fatal fight occurred between some cowboys and settlers, resulting in the death of four settlers. There has been considerable ill-feeling between cowboys and settlers for some time, owing to the fact that settlers have dared to take up homesteads on cattle ranches. On Thursday a difficulty arose between a settler and a cowboy, which resulted in the former discharging his rifle at the latter, but without effect. The cowboy then, with some companions, returned and shot to death four farmers."

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that the administration has resolved to make no more "helter-skelter" appointments. Attention will in future be paid to geography and the Democratic vote.

John Kelly, of New York, rumor has it, is to be appointed Minister to Italy.

Gen. Logan, on being interviewed in Chicago, declared that he would not leave the Senatorial track until taken off by his party.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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LATER NEWS ITEMS.

It is asserted that the British Government is in possession of information which proves beyond a doubt that Prince Bismarck has been urging Turkey to side with Russia in the event of a war between England and Russia.

It is stated that the British Government proposes to buy for Prince Victor, the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, as a place of permanent residence in Ireland, the Ardbraccan Palace at Navan, in the County of Meath, between the Rivers Boyne and Blackwater, near the point of their confluence.

Tom Campbell, one of the attorneys for the defense in the Berner murder trial, the verdict in which caused the court house riots at Cincinnati in March, 1884, has just been acquitted of the charge of bribery. He was accused of giving money to one of the jurors.

A bill has been introduced in the Lower House of the Illinois Legislature to repeal the law under which the Chicago Board of Trade was incorporated. It provides for the appointment of a receiver, sale of the property, and winding-up of the affairs of the board. The proceeds of the sale are to be divided among the stockholders of the board according to their respective interests.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Hon. George H. Parker, of Iowa, a Special Agent of the Treasury Department.

The President has appointed the following named Presidential Postmasters: Silas H. Montgomery, at Bristol, Hartford County, Conn., vice Silas Norton, resigned; Y. G. Rust, at Dougherty, Ga., vice George W. Arnold, resigned; L. H. Edwards, at Waterloo, Iowa, vice W. K. Hartman, commission expired; T. W. Lynn, at Grundy Center, Iowa, vice Charles W. Reynolds, resigned; Charles E. Bronson, at Manchester, Iowa, vice William C. Conley, commission expired.

Cable dispatches of the 28th ult. report that a fresh battle had occurred on the Afghan frontier, between the Russians and Afghans, in which the former were defeated and retired, having met with a heavy loss. Of 1,700 Russians who engaged the Afghans, nearly all were killed. Premier Gladstone informed the House of Commons that Capt. Stephens, of the Afghan Boundary Commission, was on the way to London with maps of the disputed territory and a detailed account of the affair at Penjdeh; and that Sir Peter Lumden would forward to Earl Granville a statement of the present situation. The British Government claims to have information that Bismarck has been urging Turkey to side with Russia in the event of war. The House of Commons, without discussion, as suggested by Mr. Gladstone, voted the credit of \$55,000,000 asked by the Government.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has brought three suits for damages against the *Inter Ocean* and Edwin Lee Brown, the aggregated claims being \$800,000.

New York telegrams of the morning of April 28 reported Gen. Grant as still on the mend. His sixty-third birthday, the 27th, was one of the best he has passed since his illness began. During the day he took a drive in Central Park, and also walked out. To the thousands of congratulations he received, the old soldier sent the following answer through the Associated Press: "To the various army posts, societies, etc., public schools, State corporations, and individuals, both at home and abroad, who have been so kind as to send me congratulations on my sixty-third birthday, I wish to offer my grateful acknowledgments. The dispatches have been so numerous, and so touching in tone, that it would have been impossible to answer them, if I had been in perfect health. U. S. Grant." In the evening thousands passed by the residence, which was brilliantly lighted, and birthday cards by the basketful, and flowers more than sufficient to stock a florist's shop, were received during the day. The family enjoyed a special dinner at the table, being lighted by sixty-three wax-candles. The General's birthday was commemorated by the raising and the hoisting of flags in various cities, and in some of the cities the celebrations assumed the form of public meetings, at which eulogies upon the life and services of the illustrious soldier were delivered by eminent men. Senator Stanford attributes the improvement in Gen. Grant's cancerous affliction to the use of clover tea, which was suggested by a large number of letter-writers.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

BEEVES..... \$5.00 @ 6.25

HOGS..... 4.00 @ 5.00

WHEAT-No. 1 White..... 1.00 @ 1.02