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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH PLAN OF THE CAMPAIGN

### The Mahdi's Troops Crossed the Bank of the Nile.

### STUBBORN AND DETERMINED FIGHTING.

### Raising Yulan Regiments At Durban.

### SICKNESS AMONGST BRITISH TROOPS.

### England's Decisive Reply to Ras--A Hot Look Out.

### THREATENED FENIAN RAID ON CANADA.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### The Pope III. His sickness results from a recurrence of an intestinal complaint.

### The Queen has returned to Windsor, and the Prince of Wales has arrived in London.

### The British government will introduce a bill to enable the Australian colonies to organize a confederation.

### The Knicker cotton mills at Blackburn, England, were burned to-day by falling walls, and several employes are missing.

### The Italian troops in Egypt, after strength, will occupy the Bogos plateau, in order to protect the trade route from the Red Sea coast to Kassala.

### The statue of Sir George Carter was unveiled at Ottawa on Thursday last. Speeches complimentary of the deceased were made by Sir John Macdonald and Sir Hector Langview.

### Rev. Wm. T. Osmun, of Stamford, charged with rape on a little girl six years of age, was allowed to plead guilty to simple assault, and was sentenced to one year in jail.

### In the British House of Commons to-day Sir Herbert Maxwell gave notice of motion for the introduction of measures empowering judges to order offenders under the explosives act to be flogged.

### The Irish national convention at Paris to-day decided to establish a press for the purpose of printing manifestos. It is stated that a manifesto has been sent to members of the English cabinet, threatening them with death in the event of the renewal of the crimes act.

### A telegram has been received by one of our leading citizens, stating that the Hon. J. C. Cuchon, ex-Governor of Manitoba, is seriously ill. His son, who is attending school at St. Boniface has been telegraphed for. Mr. Cuchon's medical adviser says that his case is hopeless.

### Articles of agreement have been signed for the glove contest between John F. Scholz, the champion of the Dominion, and Charles Mitchell, the champion of England. The pugilists are to box four rounds. Police Gazette rules, at the Atlantic skating rink, Toronto, on Feb. 25. The rink will hold over 2,000 spectators. The contest will be over the auspices of the Toronto Fencing Club. Richard K. Fox has agreed to allow Wm. E. Harding to act as referee.

### The Russian authorities refuse to allow Simpson, an artist for the Illustrated London News, to return from Russia by way of Amur and Krasnoyarsk, as the latter is the strongest military post in East European region, and likely to play an important part in the probable encroachments of Russia towards India. It is supposed that Russian agents fear that Simpson might report facts about the alleged extension of a Russian railway in the direction of Saraka.

### Late Friday night Omer St. Pierre, aged 74, was found insensible on the ice a mile below Galtoun Point. When picked up he was found to be covered with blood from several ugly wounds on his head. When his senses returned he said that he had been brutally beaten by two brothers named Herbin, who have long had a grudge against the old man over some land. No doubt the Herbins, who bear an unsavory reputation, intended to murder him. They will be arrested.

### Calvin Pierce, an old desperado, was hanged yesterday on the Palmes river, Washington Territory, by a crowd of uneducated miners. Pierce was working a claim in the Hootloo diggings. He provoked W. H. Newcomb, a young miner, into a row. Newcomb, however, declined to quarrel, returned to his claim and commenced work. Pierce slipped up behind Newcomb and crushed his skull with a large rock, killing his victim instantly. The miner attempted to flee from the camp, but was caught by a pursuing party and brought back. About 100 miners organized immediately as vigilantes. Pierce was given a fair trial and sentenced to death by hanging. He was quickly hung up to the nearest tree and his body left dangling some time and finally taken down and buried. The authorities know of the lynching, but that far no investigation has been held nor arrests made. Pierce had a very bad reputation. Last spring he shot and killed George Curtis, a respectable citizen of Grand Forks, Or. He was tried, but acquitted on the ground of self-defence. Citizens were so indignant over his acquittal that they threatened to lynch Pierce unless he left the country within twenty-four hours. Pierce is said to have committed several other murders.

### Tramway block, on DeWorm street, near Washington street, Chicago, occupied principally by architects, lawyers and insurance agents, and on the ground floor by the Continental National Bank and the National Bank of Illinois. The fire started about six o'clock, as the employees were preparing to leave the building for the night. As far as learned all escaped. Half an hour after the flames broke out the destruction of the building was considered certain, as the work of the firemen was greatly impeded by the extreme cold. Twenty engines were pouring immense volumes of water into the burning building, yet the flames seemed to defy all attempts to suppress them. At 9:15 the roof fell in. The suddenness of the fire came near resulting disastrously to the valuable books and papers, as the vaults were open, and on account of the panic it was feared that the vaults had been closed. It was found, however, that the vaults had been closed, and no danger to their contents is apprehended. Two of the most valuable law libraries in the city were burned, besides valuable papers in other offices. The loss of the book and furniture will amount to a quarter of a million.

### Mr. Therese Granger, cousin of M. Clovis Hugues, whose wife recently shot Morris, to-day attempted to murder her partner, M. Sonchon, with a revolver. The bullet lodged in the man's lungs, and it is believed he is dying. Sonchon refused to marry the woman. She expresses no regret for the deed. Mlle. Granger was imprisoned in 1869 for a similar attempt on a former lover.

### Parliament opened on the 15th. There was no crowd in attendance, as the police allowed no persons to pass the gates unless able to show they had a right to enter. Gladstone upon entering was loudly cheered.

### In the house of Lords the government was at once assailed by the Conservatives with a bombardment of questions concerning its intentions in the Sudan. Gladstone stated that the government had left it entirely to Waiseley to decide whether the British force should proceed to attack Khartoum at once or delay the attack until later, say some time next autumn. He admitted that the government believed Waiseley would decide upon a postponement of aggressive operations. Salisbury said everybody should be made to feel that the government would properly meet the present grave juncture in the public affairs of England. He said the statement made by Granville was one which it became the Lords to think upon.

### Granville, continuing, said the finances of Egypt and the relief of Gordon, that heroic soldier, whose loss had excited the greatest sympathy and unanimous regret, are the prominent questions before the country. The government had hoped to be able to soon present papers to parliament to show that a complete settlement of Egypt's financial affairs had been arrived at a settlement alike consistent with public engagements and honorable to the country. But just when the government were expecting to hear of a meeting between the British troops in their advance under the leadership of Col. Wilson and General Gordon, the dreadful news arrived that what military strength and fame had failed to succeed in doing had been accomplished by treachery, and that one of the greatest and most gallant of soldiers was no more.

### Salisbury said: 'If the country is not satisfied with the government's explanation it will visit better censure on those answerable for so fruitless a policy. We do not propose to anticipate the discussion which must inevitably come later on, but we must hope that England will not retire from Egypt leaving no record of our presence there except the mischief done and the bones of our soldiers.'

### O'Reilly, editor of the Boston Post, and an Irish exile, was invited to lecture before the St. Patrick's society, Montreal, last East. Granville, British Foreign Secretary of State, and Sir Alex. Campbell, Dominion Minister of Justice, has refused him admission into Canada unless he comes on his own responsibility, when he is 'liable to arrest, as a sentence of high treason is hanging over him.'

### Upon the capture of Khartoum the Mahdi seized all Gordon's treasures, including a large amount of bank notes. A few couples of a leaden medal struck by Gordon to commemorate the long siege of Khartoum have been received in London, and are selling for double their weight in gold.

### The war office considers Gen. Buller's retreat from Gubat as a most fortunate escape. Buller reached Gubat Well on the 20th and will return with the entire force to Korti. Waiseley has applied for reinforcements on the Nile. It is reported he wants two thousand English troops to attempt the march from Korti across the desert upon Abu Hamed, where Gen. Brackenbury has been ordered to remain until a simultaneous advance with Gen. Griban's forces from Suakin can be made upon Berber. Should the Mahdi threaten Dongola Waiseley will retire to Debbeh. It is feared that the ap-

### pearance of the Mahdi near Dongola will lead to a general rising in Nubia and Upper Egypt in his favor. The Egyptian troops are ebullient between Assuan and Wady Halfa. Disaffected tribes are ready at any moment to declare for the Mahdi. Egyptian consuls touched 93 to-day, the lowest since 1878.

### Gen. Wood arrived at Gaddul Wells on the 18th with three companies of infantry. The third battalion of the Grenadiers Guards started for Suakin on the 20th. Previous to their starting out from Windsor they were addressed by the Prince of Wales. He said he well remembered the day 31 years ago when the same battalion departed for the Crimea, and he distinctly recalled the bravery with which they bore their part in that great struggle. In the campaign upon which they now entered he felt sure they would uphold the honor of their country. In conclusion he wished them God speed and a safe and speedy return to England.

### After this the Prince shook hands heartily with the officers, while the men raised enthusiastic cheers. The Queen commemorated the occasion by sending an autograph letter to the officers. She assured them of her good wishes and prayers.

### After the inspection was over the Grenadiers marched from the castle to the South-western railway. The streets through which they passed were brightly decorated with flags and banners. Crowds of people thronged the walks and cheered as the Grenadiers marched by.

### At the station they quickly entered the train and were brought to the Waterloo station, London. An immense crowd had collected here and the arrival of the train was greeted with tremendous cheering. The wives of the soldiers were permitted to the platform to bid their husbands goodbye, and the pathetic scenes which took place when the Coldstream Guards took leave were again enacted.

### When the last parting was over the train moved out from the station and renewed cheers from the multitudes and proceeded to Gravesend. At all the stations on the way crowds were assembled and enthusiastically greeted the train. It was a constant ovation from Windsor to Gravesend. The men, though touched by the leave-taking, quickly rallied, and were soon in remarkable high spirits singing war songs after war songs with stirring effect. At Gravesend an enthusiastic reception awaited them, and they embarked on the steamer which takes them to Egypt, to inspiring strains of music from the lands and to the sweeter music of cheers from the throats of thousands of fellow-countrymen.