

# TELEGRAPHIC.

QUEEN VICTORIA TELEGRAPHS  
HER SYMPATHY TO  
MRS. GRANT.

## THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN!

### Wide-spread Excitement!

#### An Attempt to Injure Prince Rudolph

By Telegraph to The Mosquito.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—M. Peralta, Costa Rica minister, to-day received the following cablegram from the president of Salvador: Santa Anna, April 9.—We confirm the complete victory at Chalchepa, and the death of president Barrios, and his son Don Venancio. Signed, ZALD. VAR.

NEW YORK, April 9.—This correspondence has past through: "Aux les Bains, April 8.—To Mrs. Grant, New York; The Queen, who feels deeply for you in your anxieties, commands me to enquire after Gen. Grant. Signed, Dowager Marchioness of Ely." The following reply was sent: "New York, April 9.—The Marchioness of Ely, Aux les Bains; Mrs. Grant thanks the Queen for her sympathy and directs me to say that Gen. Grant is no better. Signed, Col. Grant." Queen's message was received last night, and the reply was sent to day.

TORONTO, April 9.—The news of the battle between the Russians and the Afghans has created great excitement here, and the newspapers bulletin boards are surrounded by groups of people. Old soldiers are preparing for active service in accordance with a notice posted up last week at the pension office.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The war news from Europe created a sharp panic in the prices this morning.

BRUSSELS, April 9.—Great excitement has been caused in this city this morning by the report that an attempt had been made to assassinate Prince Rudolph, crown Prince of Austria. The report arose from an incident which occurred to the Prince on one of the public streets. He and the Count and Countess of Flanders, were on their way in the royal carriage to the cathedral to attend Te Deum celebrated there to-day in commemoration of the 55th anniversary of the birthday of King Leopold, when a man who was in a state of great excitement when he saw the carriage approaching, rushed wildly at it and with his naked fist smashed in the windows. The incident produced much excitement on the streets and at the cathedral whither the story of it soon fled much exaggerated. The man who attacked the carriage was not known to any one. He was unarmed and is believed by the police to be a lunatic. He is in jail awaiting examination.

LONDON, April 9.—The government believes that Gen. Sir Peter Lumsden, British Afghan boundary Commissioner, is at present at Herat, which he will fortify and hold if necessary against the Russians. Ordinary defenses of Herat are reported to be in good condition. It is stated that the promised orders to have the Russian advance stopped, which M. Degiers, Russian foreign minister, gave assurance that

he would send, were so managed that they did not reach the head quarters of Gen. Kowaroff, Russian commander at the front, until after his attack upon the Afghans.

### CHAFF.

The hand of fortune—Four aces.  
Jokes are like eggs: They can never be too fresh.

When is a doctor like a carpenter?  
When he hits an ail on the head.

Ex-position is a good name for a rink—especially for beginners.

General Sherman is sixty-five:  
Who says kissing is not healthy?

Editors do not always have a good income simply because they can make their ink hum.

Iceland is a Niceland as well; the men are obliged by custom to kiss every woman they meet.

Even the redoubtable Rossa had to succumb to a woman's pop. And this isn't leap year either.

A capital crime—Well kissing is as good as any of them, if we admit that kissing is a crime.

When a man wears an air of resignation, he may be suspected of being a bank officer about to visit Canada.

Mark Twain is said to have come of a long-lived race. Many of his jokes show their paternity and have a family characteristic.

"Write something on Lent," said the managing editor. And the editor sat down and wrote: Umbrella.

One of our plumbers says he can see no fun in all these jokes about plumbers' bills. Neither can his costumers see any fun in the bills, either.

### Unadulterated Gall.

One cannot help admiring impudence sometimes, simply on account of its independence, ingenuity and audacity, even though the natural inclination is to kick the offender. The gall, so to speak, of the recent action of the German authorities is a case in point. It rises to the sublime, and is enough to make even Americans fumed for their superabundance of cheek, to stare in jealous wonder.

Germany has been unloading her paupers and criminals upon our shores for a long time, and this country has borne the infliction and given them a chance to live and prosper; but recently there has been a steerage rate war among the continental steamship lines running from New York, which has presented an opportunity "to a large number of indigent persons," to quote the circular of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, "to return to Europe, who, upon their arrival on the other side, having no means of support or funds to reach their destination, have fallen a burden upon the community of the ports." In consequence thereof the German authorities have made arrangements to prevent the paupers landing, and to compel the steamship companies to take them back to New York.

To put it briefly, Germany's paupers are permitted to come over here and when they try to return home the German authorities will not allow them to land. For bold-faced effrontery this certainly beats the record.—Texas Siftings.

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