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At a consultation of physicians on Feb. 19 there was no disagreement as to the trouble in his throat being a genuine cancer. He then came to understand the gravity of his condition, though he did not demand nor get the full information that he must speedily die.

I think that he has secretly thought so, however, for since then he has strenuously endeavored to get ahead as far as possible in the writing of his history of the war.

In an endeavor to complete the work he has overtaxed his strength, but his will was stronger than his body, and he has written what he has written.

At the age of 74 he has written a history of the war, and he has written it with a pen that has never been known to falter.

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Earl Granville has opened correspondence with the French minister, and the object is to receive a joint protest against the French declaration, this protest being in the form of a resolution of the convention of the Paris congress of 1856.

The Vostok Zeitung denies the report that the French government has decided to make a declaration of war against Germany.

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She went out, curling her lip, and she heard her husband stumbling up the stairs. He was very much intoxicated and crossed his wife's path in the hallway, and she proceeded to do so.

"Hurry up," said the now-creased man, "run to the door and get the door open, or I will kill you."

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The Mahdi's Instructions. KORTI, March 1.—Two Arab merchants have arrived from Berber in twenty days. They report that the rebels have crossed to the right bank of the Nile, and are ready to oppose the English.

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When he became rational he stated he was bitten by a mad dog while traveling with a circus in Carthage, July, 1880.

During the first four hours his fits were accompanied with barking, growling, snarling, panting and during intervals barking of a dog.

He was strapped to the bed by seven muscular men he got loose and cut his face badly in attempting to shave.

He pulled off a piece of flesh hanging from a wound on his hand and chewed it, being apparently satisfied with the taste of his own blood.

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