THE FORT GERONA PRISONER.

United States Consul General Torbert Calls on Ceballos.

SECRETARY FISH'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Reticence and Indecision of the Spanish Official.

A Cuban's Answer to the Charge of Butchering Prisoners.

HAVANA, April 16, 1873.

Your correspondent called on United States Consul General A.T.A. Torbert to-day, and had a short interview with him relative to the fate of Mr. O'Kelly, who is still imprisoned in Fort Gerona, at Manzanillo.

General Torbert informed me that he had AGAIN SEEN CAPTAIN GENERAL CEBALLOS yesterday, to press Mr. O'Kelly's request to be tried here. He informed the Captain General that his visit was under

INSTRUCTIONS FROM SECRETARY FISH. who had expressed the desire that Mr. O'Kelly's request be acceded to. RETICENT.

The Captain General was reticent and declined to answer definitely. NOT FOR SOME TIME.

The Consul General spoke of the trial; but General Ceballos replied that that would not be for some time.

SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY.

The impression was left upon the mind of the Consul General that after the sumario. which is a preliminary examination in the nature of a Grand Jury inquest, as to the gre ands for indictment and trial, the case will be turned over to the new Captain General, Pieltain, who will be here in a few days.

AN UNDECIDED ADMINISTRATION.

. This perhaps explains the indetermination of the Captain General, who wishes to transfer the responsibility. His whole administration, thus far, has been of this undecided character.

CORRESPONDENTS IN THE FIELD.

Secretary Seward's Action in the Case of Robert B. Lynch-Pardoned by the Canadians Through American Inter-

The case of Robert B. Lynch, who was arrested and tried in Canada for participation in one of the Fenian raids into that country, possesses at he present moment more than ordinary interest. He was tried at Toronto and condemned to death. Lynch, who was a British subject, accompanied the invaders in the capacity of a newspaper correondent to report the incidents of the campaign and had no connection with the Fenian organiza the great peril in which he stood, con sidering the exasperated feelings of the volunteers called into service and of the people generally across the border, caused the United States to intervene actively in his behalf. Mr. Seward, Secretary of State, took high ground in his correspondence with the English government, and insisted that there was no proof of Lynch's guilt, and that his detention and punishment would be regarded as an unfriendly act towards the United States. He followed the matter up with remarka ble vigor and firmness, claiming that Great Britain should not permit Canada to deprive an innocent countries were far from being in a satisfactory condition at the time, and during the discussion in this particular case, in connection with other un settled questions, Mr. Seward did not hesitate to declare that the continuance of peace between England and America was in imminent peril. The facts relating to the capture and trial of Lynch were as follows:-

In June, 1866, General O'Neil led a body of Fenians to the Canada line and crossed over to Fort Erie. They encountered a body of regular and celonial troops, and after some fighting, in O'Neil returned to American territory. Some were left behind and taken prisoners. Among these was Lynch. He declared when arrested that he was present only as a correspondent for the Louis-ville press; that he was unaware of committing any offence by following, according to the instructions of his employers, his profession as a reporter and that he came over with no hostile intensions. At the trial, which took place in October following, there was evidence introduced for the prosecution to show that Lynch was among the invaders; that he appeared armed with a sword, apparently exercising command, and that be was addressed as "Colonel." The accused solemply denied that he acted in the manner stated, and before coming to trial in order to prove his

FOR A SAFE CONDUCT for persons in the United States who were present at Fort Erie; but the Canadian authorities refused to grant it. The accused was, therefore, left without any witnesses to show that he was not armed and did not exercise military authority. The evidence was all one way. A point of law was made by his counsel to the effect that the indictment harged him with being a citizen of the United States when, in fact, he was a British subject. Lynch, it appears, wrote to a friend while in prison a letter in which he stated he was an American citizen, and the Solicitor General argued that they had good and sufficient ground alleging he was not a British subject, for had it in his own handwriting. He went on to say, sided here for any length of time, and we know well that he came from the United States." It was argued on behalf of Lynch that he was in law and

AN ENGLISH SUBJECT, AND NOT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. His counsel exclaimed, "Here is the life of a fellow being trembing in the balance, and we have evi-

cent Cubans do? President Cespedes being trembing in the balance, and we have evidence to acquit him, but we are unable to bring it forward." The gentleman (Mr. Martin) proceeded to say that it was proved Lynch was seen in Bufalo and being on that side he had no reason to disguise his intention, being among his friends; but a man, if he be what was alleged of him, would rather boast and seek to curry favor by holding out that he was a Fenian that the crowd might pat him on the back. If he was engaged with the Fenians he would then have been swaggering about teiling them to do this and to do that; but the very revere was the case. He said he was among them merely to report.

Mr. Martin said, sends reporters where anything of importance is likely to occur, yet no nation would think of hanging a reporter who was found with an army for the purpose of teiling the great war between the Northern and Southern States. Reporters were there in every quarter of importance. The leading papers of England had representatives there. Did they hapg Russell or the cubans do? President Cespedes What could the Cubans do? President Cespedes Commanding officers with the special request that the lives of the prisoners should be spared and exchanges made, as is well known. The only result of such propositions was to increase the rage of the Spaniaris and push them to greater butcheries with all kinds of prisoners, whether taken with all kinds of

the correspondents taken prisoners in either the North or the South? Take the late events in Italy. When Garibaidi, contrary to law, invaded the kingdom of Naples, correspo along with him; but would any one have you believe that they hanged these persons when cap-tured because Garibaldi was in the wrong or because they were reporting on the wrong side. So, what would the world think if you were to hang this man? The mere circumstance of his being in Canada makes no difference. A correspondent is not liable. He goes over as a mere spectator and gives to the world things as they occur. Lynch was convicted and condemned to death, as stated

VIEWS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. Mr. Seward made a request for the pardon of Lynch, and argued on moral, judicial and political grounds that it should be conceded. The English government declined to accede to the demand. grounds that it should be conceded. The English government declined to accede to the demand. Mr. Seward spinted out that it was the best policy of that country to vield. He said the American government believed the prisoner to be gulitiess, and holding him in custody at all wore an aspect of unnecessary severity and unfriendliness towards the United States. He added that he proceeded upon the belief that their release would be very conducive to the preservation of peace and a good understanding between the United States and Great Britain. The Secretary then expressed the opinion that "time must pronounce between this government and your own upon the wisdem of the decision at which they have arrived." The Secretary, writing to the English Minister at Washington, dealt particularly with the case of the newspaper correspondent, Mr. Lynch. He said:—"It seemed to me that the British government, nevertheless, might find reasonable ground for believing that he (Lynch) did not intend to encourage those who engaged in acts of vicience, and that the absence of this intention qualifying the question of moral guilt might well be taken into consideration. I frankly confess to the opinion that, although statutes, executive proclamations and judicial decisions have all concurred in treating the aggression of the so-called Penian raiders into Canada as merely a municipal crime, the transaction, nevertheless, partook of a pelitical character, and had relations and connections with mevements of that character that have widely manifested themselves not only in Canada and Great Britain, but in the United States also." Messrs Lynch and McMahon were subsequently discharged from prison; but it will be observed that Mr. Seward urged this result on the ground that it "would be very conducive to the preservation of peace between the United States and Great Britain." The sentence of Lynch was commuted, and he was subsequently pardened.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

The Uniust Accusation Against Mr. O'Kelly, the Herald Commissioner.

[From the New Yorker Journal, April 16.] Referring to the imprisoned correspondent of the Herald in Cuba, Mr. O'Kelly, it is stated that the United States government has been applied to to send a ship to that island especially in his interest. The application has been met with the reloinder that Mr. O'Kelly is not a citizen, having een but a little over a year in the country. been but a little over a year in the country. At the same time the assurance has been given that every exertion shall be made to nave him trans-ierred to lavans, where the authorities could form a court and where an impartial investigation could be had. The news circulated from Spanish sources that O'Kelly has brought with him intelligence from the insurgent intended for their agents in the various parts of the island, whereby ke is said to be greatly compromised, is, under the cir-cumstances, totally discredited.

WAR TO THE DEATH.

A Cuban's Apology for the Butchery of Spanish Wounded and Prisoners—He Alleges That the Spaniards Were the First to Murder Prisoners-Their Refusals to Exchange Prisoners. TO THE FOITOR OF THE HERALD :-

The active part you have taken in clearing away the apparent mystery which enveloped the state of affairs in my country (Cuba) encourages me to write a few words in regard to the letter you pubhished to-day from your in every respect worthy commissioner, Mr. J. J. O'Kelly.

To say that all true friends of Cuba owe you a debt of gratitude, and to your valiant correspondent ent the most profound admiration for his unwould be to repeat what has frequently been ex-pressed, and I can only hope that, at some future day we may have the opportunity of offering you a more unmistakable proof of our high considera

I shall now proceed to state the object of these lines. I observe in your said commissioner's letter the just censure, or rather condemnation, he exses at the conduct of the Cuban soldiers towards the prisoners and wounded taken from the Spaniards, and desire to place before the readers the Henal othe origin of this course, which, when considered independently of all antecedents, must necessarily force upon the reader a most un favorable impression as to the instincts and feet. igs of my countrymen. When it is known that this most outrageous manner of making war has been forced upon them by their enemies, the Spanjards, the conclusion must, however, be different. In the beginning of the war not a single prisone was shot. Such was the consideration shown to them that our Cuban officers in every case deprived themselves of the little comforts they could enjoy in their camp in behalf of the Spanish officers

them that our Cuban officers in every case deprived themselves of the little comforts they could enjoy in their camp in behalf of the Spanish officers they held as prisoners. And I do not speak by hearsay, but by actual knowledge of the lacts, a few of which I shall mention, and which the Spaniards will not dure to contradict if they have any respect for the truth.

In the very beginning of the revolution, when part of the garrison of Bayamo were taken and held as prisoners, and when alterwards the villages of Jiguani, Las Tunas, &c., were surprised and all the Spanish forces captured, how were they treated? Let those same Spanish officers come forward and say if every consideration was not shown them, and if, after a lew days' detention, they were not all released on parole, as well as all those of the soldiers who preferred to leave (for a great many remained) the Cuban camp.

Let particularly Colonel Luiros narrate his own experience—ne that alterwards equalled, if not surpassed, Valmascda in brutality and cruelty. When the news of the Yara uprising reached Satitago de Cuba this worthy Colonel was sent out with 1,200 men to disperse the rebeis. He left with great pomp, as usual, but before he had advanced many miles in the road to Bayamo was routed, and found himself and the troops under his command enveloped by the Cuban army and forced either to deliyer himself and division into the hands of the Cuban, to fight with no prospect of success or to starve to death, so nicely cooped in did he find himself. What did he do then? Knowing that the Cuban chief was a Freemason, and he being one also, he wrote a letter to the Cuban, promising under oath as such that if he and his troops were allowed to retreat unmolested he would never again take the field against them, and that further, he would use every endeavor to prevent his regiment from doing so in future. The kind-hearted Cuban chief, strange to all feelings of dubicity, never suspected Luiros of such infamous conduct, and agreed to let him return to Santiago

Latest Reports from the Front.

PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE.

No Communication with Headquarters Since Monday.

HONORS TO THE DEAD

Public Reception of the Remains of General Canby and Dr. Thomas.

SCHOFIELD TO GILLEM.

More Troops Offered and the Total Destruction of the Savages Demanded.

THE INDIAN AUXILIARIES.

Description of the Lava Beds and Battle Ground.

THE HERALD COMMISSIONER.

A Merited Compliment from the Army in the Field.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13, 1873. The remains of General Canby and Dr. Themas eached Yreka this evening. A procession of citizens went to receive them. Flags were at halfmast, and Secretary Delano was hanged in effigy. General Canby's body is in charge of the Masons and the body of Dr. Thomas will be sent to this city.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS OF THE MASSACRE. The following additional particulars of the massacre of the Peace Commissioners have been received:-

Captain Anderson was at Colonel Mason's camp when the attack was made on the Peace Commission and party. He says Lieutenants Sherwood and Doyle were allured out from the camp by a white flag. They went four or five hundred yards, where they met what they supposed were only two Indians, who said they wanted to talk to "Little Tyce" (Colonel Mason). They were told that they (the officers) did not want to talk, and for the Indians to go back to their camp and they would return to theirs. As the officers turned around, the Indians, four in number, fired upon them, wounding Lieutenant Sherwood in the arm and thigh, the latter being a very serious wound, the bone having been shattered by the bullet.

THE SCENE FROM THE SIGNAL STATION. Captain Anderson, who was on duty at the signal station on Hospital Rock, saw plainly the attack upon Colonel Mason's front, and telegraphed General Gillem to notify the Peace Commission immidiately. Colonel Biddle, who was at the signal station at General Gillem's headquarters when this message was received, at once placed his field glass upon General Canby, as the party sat together, about one mile distant, and very soon afterwards he perceived

The Colonel followed the General's course with his glass while he ran about fifty yards, when he threw up his arms and fell backwards dead. Two of the Indians who were following him jumped on him, and one-believed to be Captain Jack-STABBED HIM IN THE NECK.

THE WHOLE PARTY SCATTERED.

His body was afterwards completely stripped. Dr. Thomas was also entirely stripped. His purse, containing about sixty dollars, was found under the body, the Indians having dropped it. MR. MEACHAM'S WOUNDS.

Mr. Meacham was shot in three places, one ball entering at the inner corner of his right eye, another inside of his head and the third passing both believed to have lodged within his cranium. He also received a cut in the left arm and a scalp wound about five inches long. He was found about fity vards from the spot where the slaughter began in a direction opposite that taken by General Canby. He was also entirely stripped, and when found was hewildered in mind. Cantain Anderson spent an hour with him yesterday morning, when he was conscious and in no pain. Meacham says he thinks he

SHOT SCHONCHIN IN THE ABDOMEN, and blood was found which indicated that one of the Indians had been wounded. The soldiers who were ready started on a double-quick immediately upon the firing of the shots. They met Dyar and Riddle and his wife before they were half way from the camp.

THE INDIANS RETIRED and kept up their retreat about six hundred yards in advance of the soldiers, who followed them half a mile beyond the murder grounds where they remained until dark, when they were withdrawn, as they were not provided with supplies.

THE EXPROTED FIGHT. Tnesday was to be spent in closing upon the red levils, and if a general assault was not made today it certainly will be to-morrow.

The Bodies of General Canby and Dr. Thomas Lying in State at Yrcka-No Farther News from the Front.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14, 1873. The remains of General Canby and Dr. Thomas have been dying in state at Yreka in the Masonic Hall all day and were visited by nearly the whole population. Over one thousand persons have viewed the remains. At tweive o'clock about three hundred children of the public schools passed in procession by twos. The coffins are wrapped in the national colors and strewn with wreatns and flowers. An expression of great sorrow is visible on every countenance.

THE REMAINS OF GENERAL CANBY will be forwarded to Portland by this alternoon's stage in charge of the General's aid, Captain R. H. Anderson, who will be met at Rosebut on Wedne day evening by a special train for Portland.

THE REMAINS OF DR. THOMAS will leave for Redding by private conveyance at two o'clock this afternoon. They will arrive there Wednesday evening.

No couriers have arrived from the front up to this hour (one P. M.), but they are hourly ex-

There is nothing later from the Modoc country than was contained in last evening's despatches.

REFORE THE RATTLE.

Ammunition Going Forward-Condition of Mr. Meacham-Preparations for Battle-The Pitt Indians Quiet.

San Francisco, April 14, 1873.

A special messenger arrived at Yreka to-night from the lava beds. There is nothing definite from the seat of war. There had been no fighting up to the time he left. AMBUNITION AND SUPPLIES

had been crowded forward with despatch. The surgeon had extracted four bullets from Mr. Meacham's wound, and there is little hope of his There were various rumors as to when an attack will be made. Some say to-day and some to-morrow, the commanders waiting the arrival of

Colonel Mason's commands, they, with cavalry,

and all advancing together, from the north, south and east of the lake to the west. It is believed the battle will be a hard one, and that no quarter will

be shown the Modocs.

The Pitt River Indians remain quiet and peaceable, but if the Modoos escape there will be danger.

EPIZOOTIC TROUBLES. Every horse in the Hot Springs, Surprise Valley and Big Valley, is down with the epizooty.

GENERAL SCHOFIELD TO GENERAL GILLEM More Troops Offered if Needed-The

Prompt and Sure Destruction of Savages Urged. SAN FRANCISCO, April 14, 1873.

General Schofield has sent the following despatch to General Gillem :-"Please inform me fully of the situation so I may send more troops if necessary. If the Indians escape from the lava beds I may send troops to operate against them from another direction. Let me knew fully what you wish. I suppose you have force enough to destroy the outlaws, unless they

succeed in cluding you.
"Nothing short of their prompt and sure destruction will satisfy the ends of justice or meet the expectations of the government. "JOHN M. SCHOFIELD."

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAVA BEDS.

The country along the line separating California from Oregon, in which the lava beds are situated, has been the theatre of military operations against the Indians at different times during the past twenty years. It has been traversed by emigrants who settled in the neighborhood, and it is well and favorably known as a cattle range. With the exception of the irregular volcanic region, south of the lakes, the land has been surveyed and laid out in sections. Still very little accurate information can be had concerning the retreat where the Modocs have continued to defy the power of the government. It is known, however, to be cut up with fissures, yawning abysses, lakes, high moun tains covered with snow and abounding with caves. The lava beds cover an area of 100 square miles. They appear to have been brought into existence by upheavals from below. The roughness of the upper surface remains, while all underneath is honey-combed by cracks and crevices. The largest save is known as

which is said to contain fifteen acres of open space under ground, in which there is a good spring and many openings through which a man can crawl, main entrance being about the size of a common window. In this cave, it is understood, Jack and his followers have fortified themselves. The gulches and crevices range from a few feet to one nundred feet in width, and many of them are one hundred feet deep. The Indians can travel through all these lava beds by trails only known to themselves, and stand on bluffs over persons fifty yards beneath and where it would require a long journey to go to them. They can see men coming at a distance of five miles without being visible themselves. They also can permit their pursuers to come within a few feet of the bluff and shoot down and retire, if necessary, to other similar bluffs. If pressed too closely the Indians can drop into crevices entirely inaccessible to troops, and follow some subterranean passage, with which they are fully acquainted, and gain another ambush from which it would cost ten lives to dislodge them. It is represented that the Modocs can shoot from the tops of cliffs without exposing an inch of their persons. In the lava beds are a number of small

ABUNDANTLY SUPPLIED WINH BUNCH GRASS which cattle find by long and circuitous trails. The only thing the Modocs lack is ammunition Those who visited the military headquarters during the past few months were detected on several occasions' stealing cartridges, and even some of the women were caught in the act. The troops are well posted so as to prevent the Indians escaping. Their only line of retreat would seem to be in a southerly direction into the Pitt River Mountains. The tribes in that quarter are of a warlike character and have given the government considerable trouble in times past. In 1858 and 1859 their ambushes were so effective and their manner of warfare so advantageous that at first very little progress was made in reducing them to submission. The Pitt River savages, when pressed closely, would take to their canoes and paddle to the islands in the lakes, where they could not be followed. After much care and trouble several boats were built and transferred across the lava beds, and the Indians were cut off from these hid ing places. One of the latest measures of precau tion taken by General Canby was to place boats on Tule Lake. CHANCES OF ESCAPE.

The troops, in pursuing the Modees, have to follow them on foot, and in passing through the guiches and crevices must expect to find the enemy on the high bluns above them at every point, or making their way through concealed passages to secure retreat. The canuon and howitzers command all approaches to and from the cave. Five hundred hand grenades arrived last week at Van Bremer's, and the supply of shot and stell is ample for prolonged operations. There is no disguising the serious difficulties that Colonel Gillem has to encounter. The Modocs know every nook and corner in the lava beds, and will, or course, seek to find safety in flight. It would be very unfortunate, indeed, if they succeeded in effecting a junction with the Pitt River Mountain

GEOLOGICAL FORMATION OF THE LAVA BEDS. The peculiar geological features of the lake country in Califernia resemble the county Antrim, in Ireland, in which is located the celebrated Glants' Causeway. The scientific interest of the latter is enhanced by the beauty of its terraced formations and its great richness and variety of coloring. Like the lava beds, the posalt is from three hundred to five hundred feet in thickness, and, like them, too, the pillars, caves, wells, &c., in the Giants' Causeway, appear to be the result of some great convulsion of nature, an upheaval equal to the effect of the explosion of vast quantities of gunpowder placed underneath the surface. Miners have not, heretofore, explored the lava beds, but after the cases of Jack and his tribe are disposed of by the troops no doubt there will be a thorough examination of this volcanic tract, which will always remain identified with a piece of very black Indian

GENERAL GILLEM'S INDIAN AUXILLIARIES.

The band of friendly Indians brought from the Warm Springs reservation in Oregon are entrusted with an important duty. They are intended to act as ecouts and also to intercept any movement of the Modocs to escape in a southerly direction. These Indians are known as the confederated bands in Middle Oregon, and comprise seven of the Walla Wallas, Wascos, Teninoz and Deschutes tribes, numbering 626 men, women and children The leader, Donald McKenzie, is, no doubt, a halfbreed, and well acquainted with the mode of warfare Jack and his party have adopted. The Warm Springs reservation contains over a million acres, located in the central part of the State, and the tract of country is such that nobody wants it. The tillable portion occupied by the Indians consists of 500 acres, and though even this portion is not very good land many of the families, by reason of their industry, have succeeded measurably in their farming operations, and are considered self-sustaining. THE MORALS OF OUR RED ALLIES have greatly improved, so that polygamy, the buy-

ing and selling of wives, gambling and drunken-ness, have ceased to be common among them, as in the past. Each of them has a small plot of land them have good herds of horses and cattle, which are rapidly increasing. Those who own houses dress as white men and attend church and Sunday school with more or less regularity. A few of them are professing Christians. Some of the children they read, and have been instructed in arithmetic, the Warm Spring Indian scouts, who are to be geography and writing. The Methodist church used between the lines of General Gidem and has charge of the Warm Springs Agency. Under

the treaty made with these bands in 1855 they receive an annuity, in beneficial objects, for a limited period, of \$4,000, after which they are entitled to \$2,000 annually for five years. Employes are maintained for their benefit at a yearly expense o \$9,100. The head chief is paid \$500 per annum by

the government. VALUE OF INDIAN SCOUTS.

The employment of red men as soldiers has been found to work very satisfactorily. The Commander of the Department of the Platte a few weeks since published a general order, in which he warmly commended the emcient and faithful services of Indian scouts, and, at the same time, he impressed upon commanding officers of posts and expedi-tions to take pains in reading and explaining to these auxiliaries the high estimate in which their services are held by the government. The Warm Springs warriors are expected to prove useful allies. They have, according to the reports, been always well disposed towards white people, and consider they have a grievance against the Modocs, which they now propose to avenge. The number of indian auxiliaries can be considerably increased from the Klamatn and Yianax reservations. red men there have long been at war with the Modocs, and are, consequently, ancient enemies. They still entertain the feeling incidents to such relationship and would, no doubt, be pleased with the oppor tunity of giving active assistance to General Gillem's battalions. But really there is a sufficient force in the lava beds to carry out the purposes of quired the Indians close by ought to be placed in the field. In Arizona friendly Indians have rendered valuable aid in punishing marauding and refractory Apaches.

IN MEMORIUA.

Meeting in Richmond in Honor of the Memory of General Canby.

RICHMOND, Va., April 17, 1878. Agreeable to a published call a large number of citizens, mostly republicans, assembled in the United States Court room here to-day to give expression to their views concerning the tragic death of Brigadier General E. R. S. Canby, of the United States Army. After the erganization of the meeting feeling tributes were paid to the memory of General Camby by Dr. E. H. Smith, Rush Burgess, Mayor Worthington and others, all of them highly eulogistic of his Christian character and soldierly bearing. A preamble and resolutions were then adopted expressive of the deepest sympathy for the widow of the General, testifying to the delicacy, ability, wisdom and courtesy with which he managed the affairs of this State while military commander here; gratefully remembering his friendliness and protection to the weak; deploring his death as a loss to the nation, and setting forth their indignation at the treacherous manner of his assassination while discharging the duties of a peaceful mission.

A copy of the resolutions will be forwarded to Mrs. Canby and to the Secretary of War.

Upon motion of Captain Jackson, President of the meeting, the following resolution was adopted :-

Resolved. That we commend and heartily indorse the instructions of President Grant, issued through the War Department, directing General Canby's successor in command to visit this culminating crime of savage warfare upon peaceful citizens with swift and complete punishment After a number of other testimonials to the many

virtues and military genius of the distinguished dead, the meeting adjourned.

THE BERALD'S ENTERPRISE.

A Well Deserved Tribute to the Herald Commissioner from the Army. CAMP ON TULE LAKE, CAL., March 26, 1873.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERALD :-Having just read the account of the "Battle in the Lava Beds," written by Mr. Fox, the HERALD correspondent with this expedition, I think it due that gentleman to express the satisfaction felt by this command for his truthful and graphic description of the events of that engagement. The visit tion of the events of that engagement. The visit that Mr. Fox lately made to Captain Jack in his stronghold was a beld, brave act, and was in strict accordance with that spirit of enterprise that seems to animate all connected with the Herald. A few days ago he placed himself as a hostage in the hands of the Modocs while Captain Jack came out to "talk" with General Canby. In fact he is willing to do anything or 30 anywhere to advance the interests of the journal he represents. My only motive in writing this note is to do justice to a genticenan who well represents a journal which takes more interest in the army tima any other newspaper in the country. The army and Navy Journal should do this work, but it doesn't SOLDIER.

TWEED AT PORTLAND.

tel-Tired of Travelling-"I Shall Proceed Directly to New York."

PORTLAND, Me., April 17, 1873. William M. Tweed and party arrived in this city at eight o'clock this evening and took apartments at the Preble House. They will proceed westward

in the morning.

Tweed remained close in his apartment at the hotel, and declined all visitors except the correhotel, and declined all visitors except the correspondent of the Herald, to whom he explained that he had retired because he was weary from his long ride from Montreal. He was evidently considerably wearied and very chary.

In response to the direct question as to his destination he replied, "I shall proceed directly to New York." As he would respond to no further interrogatories your correspondent retired.

Mr. Tweed's party is five in number—two ladies and three gentiemen.

The rumors that Tweed came here to seek a departure to Europe by the Allen steamer on Saturday are considered to be idle.

NEW JERSEY.

Governor Parker Calls an Extra Session of the Senute-Formation of the New

York and Philadelphia Rattroad. TRENTON, April 17, 1873. Governor Parker has issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate on the 24th inst., for the purpose of considering the nominations made by him of two persons from each Congresional district to prepare amendments to the constirntion of the State for submission to the next stitution of the State for submission to the next resolution passed on the 4ta lust, by the Legislature empowering the Governor to make such nominations with the consent of the Senate. The organization of the New York and Philadelphia Raifroad Company in the interest of the National Raifroad wascompleted to 4ay. The time of its existence extended to 909 years, instead of fifty, as at first 'instituted. Seventeen directors, with Samuel N. Wilson as President, Robert R. Corson, secretary, and Whitam W. Stelle, treasurer, compose the organization.

A COUNTY TREASURER ARRESTED.

Governor Moses Making It Hot for De-

faulting Carpet-Baggers in South

Carolina. Columbia, S. C., April 17, 1873. A telegram received at the Executive Department here from the Sheriff of Greenville county states that, agreeably to orders issued to him by the State Treasurer, he has arrested James M. Allen, the treasurer of the county, on a charge of being a defaulter to the State. Allen was formerly State Senator from Greenville, but was defeated at State Senator from Greenville, but was defeated at the last election, and was subsequently appointed treasurer of the county by Governor Moses. The amount of defalcation with which he is charged is \$40,000, cellected as taxes. It is stated that Allen held claims against the State to a large figure, which were not paid, and that in consequence he refuses to turn over the taxes collected by him until a settlement is made with him. It is also stated that he will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law by the State Treasurer. Similar proceedings will doubtless also be instituted against all the defaulting carpet-baggers, and by this means the State may recover a portion of the money out of which it has been swindled.

RIOT AT KNIGHTSVILLE, IND.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 17, 1873. There was considerable disturbance this afternoon at Knightsville. About five o'clock, while a free fight was progressing, several arrests were made by two policemen, whereupon a party of eight or ten women appeared and rescued the prisoners. Further disturbances are anticipated to-night.

Frederick Hughes was sentenced to six months in the Penitentiary by the Court of Special Sessions yesterday for an assault committed on Wolfgang Scalessel on Sunday night last in avenue A. Hughes was one of the gas works strikers,

SATANTA AND BIG TREE

Great Excitement in Texas Over President Grant's Request.

A Full Release Asked for the Murderers.

ACTION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Governor Ordered Not To Set the Villains Free.

Petitions from the People Supporting the Legislators.

Vindictive Attitude of the Caged Chiefs.

HUNTSVILLE, April 10, 1373. The probable action of Governor Davis, on the uestion of pardons for Satanta and Big Tree, as requested by the President, is the topic here just now. Writing, as I do, from a personal knowledge of the data and the feelings of the people of the State, I must claim credit for giving your readers facts. rather than mere suppositions. I can also safely

assert that I have no prejudice in the matter what-

ever. THE MURDEROUS CHIEFS. Satanta, the chief of four or five Indian tribes, and Big Tree, a sort of lieutenant to him, have been confined in the Penitentiary located at this place since November 17, 1871. The facts of their capture, their trial, sentence to be hanged, and the action of Governor Davis in commuting their sentences to life in this prison, your readers are doubtless fully conversant with already. Prompted by what at that time was generally considered as questionable charity, Governor Davis treated these noted chiefs as any other class of criminals, and chose to give them a lease of tife. Doubtless he was fully advised and did what, in mature judgment, was considered right. With his action, at this time, we have nothing to do at this writing, since the arrival of these chiefs at the prison, the most strenuous efforts have been made by the tribes to which they belong towards their release. These efforts have been seconded by officers and attachés of the general government, but so far in vain, the only result being a visit to Washington of these two chiefs, with the principal mea of their tribes, then gathered at St. Louis, CONFIDENT OF RELEASE. nestionable charity, Governor Davis treated

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Satants came back to the prison feeling very confident that the "Great Father" at Washington would use his induence and have him and his lieutenant pardoned. He was so certain of it that he fixed the "moon" at which he and Big Tree would rejoin their people, and his "moon" is now waning, though the President has requested his pardon and that of his sullen brother, Big Tree.

These two Indians were caught in one of the many murderous acts which have characterized their lives, and the courts of the Western district of this State proceeded to deal with them after the maner usual in such cases. Out of regard for the fact that the prisoners were Indians, or something equally as good as a reason, their sentence was commuted by the Governor at the request of the President.

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BITTER FRELING OVER THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST.

The people of this State did not take any particular pains to show their displeasure at this request and the subsequent act of commutation; but the latter action of the President in requesting a full and free pardon for these indians has met the most unqualified, adverse action from the Legislature, now in session, and the most bitter comments from the people at large. What makes the matter, peculiarly embarrassing—to use a mild expression—is, that the request came at a time when the Legislature and the people at large were making efforts to protect the long stretch of frontier from the ravages of the Indian tribes to which Satanta and Big Tree belong. Having the necessary forces and equipments, and in fair financial circumstances, Texas had, less than a month since, sought the privilege from the general government to provide protection, and had been refused. Close upon the fine selection, and had been refused. Close upon the finess of this peremptory refusal to grant such a reasonable request comes the most unreasonable one—of pardons for these two noted villains of the same tribes, who have for years past murdered men, women and children on the frontiers of this State. Is it at all strange that THE LEGISLATIVE BODY SHOULD RISE UP as one man and instruct a refusal of the President's request, and that the people of the State echo these instructions, and are covering the Executive table with petitions asking him to keep these two savages where they are. It makes all the difference in the world to know an Indian as he is, as these Western people know him, and to suppose him such and such from the "big talk" standpoint, as the Quaker policy people know him. The first of these people have a full realization of him; the second, those who deal with him with the sugroundings of a peace commission only see him when he is full to the brim of good things and particularly

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John Bunyan once said, "Always talk to a man for favors just after dinner," The Peace Commissioners have followed John's advice with the Indians and found them exceedingly full of peace. These Texas people see the Indians between meals and have found them exceedingly thresome, or, as old Weller would say of the "vidders"—"Monstrous for'ard, Sam; monstrous for'ard," Naturally enough these Texas people don't have a very abiding faith in the Indians' promises to reform, and we cannot blame them when, in the very face of all the promises made to the Quaker-policy people, THESE RED MEN
have committed indescribable crimes upon the almost helpless people of the irontier. Appeal after appeal from these frontier launites has reached the legislative body now in session, and the efforts of this body to provide all the protection possible have been ably seconded by the Governore Under the present circumstances this protection could not be very thorough, and for this reason aid was sought at the hands of the general government. Instead of granting it a request comes for the release of two of the most desperate members of these murderous tribes, the very two who possess the influence and the disposition to carry on a warfare throughout their lives. To these people this seems a somewhat singular action on the part of the general government, and I taink, when all the facts are known, it will appear so to the people of other Stales.

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The INDIANS AS THEY ARE.

These people, knowing the Indians as they do, only desire that these two, and others that are caught raiding upon the State, shall be dealt with as any of the criminal classes. Murderers are either hanged or confined in the State Penitentiary for life. This is but carrying out the law. These Indian chiefs were found guilty of not one but many marders, and are but paying the penalty of violating the law of the State. They are the wards of the State, and the Governor alone has the disposition of them during his term of office, and I most sincerely believe that a majority of the people of the State desire that Governor Davis shall

REVUSE TO SET THEM PREE;

not, however, as a retaliatory measure for the refusal of frontier protection, but as a measure of self-defence, for it is pleinly manifest to those thoroughly conversant with the Indian character, that these two chiefs will go from this prison not reformed or with such an exalted opinion of the strength of the State as will deter them from acts of violence in the future, but, on the contrary, with a feeling of hatred and vindictiveness, sharpened to the keener cige by their long yet extremely humane confinement.

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The idea advanced, that this treatment of prison-life will have a good effect both on the chiefs and their people, develops only a baid ignorance of the indian nature. If this confinement is to accomplish so much on the tribes at home, it will increase with its length, and the rule should be to keep them for life, so that the frontier will be safe. We are reliably informed that the confinement so far has not made any marked reformatory change in the chiefs, and there is nothing on which to hinge such hope. Since coming here these chiefs have shown nothing in demeanor or speech which could be accepted as remorse, penitence or shame, their only thought being an escape from this bondage.

is about fifty years of age, of a light copper color; and quite cheerful when compared with his second, Big Tree, who is younger and possesses a suited through the control of the color of

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talks but little, and when he does the burden of his speech is his freedom and his intentious where free. These are born of malice and revenge. Satanta, older in crime and Indian tactres, index his intentious mere, and makes promises, which of course are made under protest and will not be kept longer than they serve him to escape his present fate. Messers. Watd, Davy & Co., the lessees of the Penitentiary, grant these indians many more privileges than are usually accorded to criminals of this class, and hence they are being pleasantly situated—if such an expression may be used at all in connection with a prison-the people of this State do not discover any marked vindictiveness toward these Indian chies, simply desiring that they be punished as the law directs, executive interference of the President nor his desire to let loose upon an almost unprotected frontier these two bloodthirsty chiefs; and I am of the opinion that it will require a strong force to protect them on their way to their homes if they are pardoned and set at liberty. For the sake of the immigrants who are making homes upon the western borders of this State it is to be hoped that the Governor of the State will reluse the request of President Grant.