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IMPORTANT FROM KANSAS.

Gen. Lane's Expedition--Important Order from Gen. Hunter--General Hunter takes Command of the Expedition.

LEAVENWORTH, Jan. 28.—The following General Order, issued by Major-Gen. Hunter, has caused a sensation in civil and military circles:

In the expedition about to be started South from "this Department, called in the newspapers Gen. Lane's Expedition," it is the intention of the Major-General commanding this Department, to command in person, unless otherwise expressly ordered by the Government.

Transportation not having been supplied, we must go without it.

All tents, trunks, chests, chairs, camp tables, camp clothes, &c., must be at once stored or abandoned. The General Commanding takes in his valise but one change of clothing, and no officer or soldier will carry more. The surplus room in the knapsack must be reserved for ammunition and provisions. Every officer and soldier will carry his own clothing and bedding.

The General Commanding has applied to the Government for six Brigadier-Generals from the senior Colonels, to enable him to do this in accordance with the order on the subject. Each Colonel will immediately report the date on which he was mustered into the service of the United States.

D. HUNTER, Major. Gen. Com.

What is the meaning of the above order? Is Gen. LANE not to have command of the Expedition after all? It is strange that Gen. HUNTER should issue such an order without authority, and it is still more strange that such authority should have been furnished him. There have been many singular occurrences connected with this war hard to understand, and this is one of them. The public will hardly be baulked of its expectations in this way, without complaint. The New York *Times* calls this order "peculiar and incomprehensible." The Chicago *Journal* has the following notice of it:

We are assured by a gentleman connected with Gen. Lane's Staff, that there are already 14,000 troops at Fort Leavenworth, and that more troops have been tendered to the General than he knows what to do with. His expedition is to have 32,000 men in it. He probably reached Fort Leavenworth last Monday. It is not known how soon he expects to start his grand column southward.

P. S.—A new and decidedly "interesting" phase is given to the above expedition by a dispatch from Leavenworth, to be found in our telegraph columns. It appears that Major General Hunter does not recognize the right of Brigadier General Lane to step unceremoniously into his official boots. There is an imbroglio in prospect.

The question arises—who is Commander-in-Chief of the Armies? It was certainly understood that Gen. LANE went to take charge of the expedition with the approbation, and we presume with the authority of the President, Secretary of War, and of Gen. MCCLELLAN, and yet Gen. HUNTER issues a special order announcing that he is going to take command. We shall regret if Gen. LANE is to go in a subordinate capacity, as all the hopes of the country founded on his peculiar dash and spirit, will be blasted by this arrangement. It would seem, also, that Gen. HUNTER does not contemplate giving LANE a command at all, as he requests the senior Colonels to report the date of their commissions, in view of their appointment as Brigadiers. The Chicago *Tribune*, however, pretty good authority, says that it is all right, and makes the following statement:

Major General Hunter, in command of the Department of Kansas, announces that the Cherokee expedition, heretofore popularly known as "Gen. Lane's," is General Lane's no longer, but his own; as he himself will take command in person. His special order to this effect, given in our telegraphic dispatches, lays down the details of brigade organization and equipment. He will divide the column into six brigades, one of which will be commanded by Lane, another (probably) by Jennison; and the other four by the senior colonels, unless (as has been requested) the Government gives him Brigadiers enough to fill the bill. This action of Gen. Hunter has not been unexpected, either by General Lane or his friends, and it argues nothing of a change of policy, under whichever the column shall move forward. The relations of Hunter and Lane are most friendly, and the Government (as also Gen. Lane himself) expressly deferred to the former, as an officer of higher rank, to decide for himself whether he would take the chief command. The troops are rallying at Leavenworth, and the column, which more than any other carries along with it the hopes and prayers of the country, will move forward with as little delay as possible. Gen. Lane had arrived at Leavenworth before the issue of this order, and it was probably made as the result of a conference between the two gentlemen.

In this connection it is proper to say that Gen. Lane, when in this city, was asked as to the probability of Gen. Hunter's taking command, and replied: that there was work enough for both, indeed too much for one; and that he should prefer to be relieved of the thousand and one details that must devolve upon the senior officer, in order to devote himself more wholly to his own command. He said that there was the most perfect accord between Gen. Hunter and himself, and that whether Gen. Hunter took the field or remained at Leavenworth, he had no doubt they would work harmoniously together for the success of the expedition. The fact, therefore, that Gen. Hunter is to take command, seconded by such officers as Lane, Jennison, and four others like them, is encouraging of the result.

If all this is so, what is the meaning of the following, published in all the eastern papers of Thursday, as a special dispatch from Washington? If Gen. LANE is only to have a subordinate command, to be one of six Brigadier Generals, how does it come that he has such a formidable staff? Are all the six Brigadiers to be so formidably attended? It is a pretty kettle of fish, altogether.

GEN. LANE'S STAFF.

The President handed this evening to Col. Vaughan commissions for himself and the following gentlemen, who are to constitute the staff of Gen. James H. Lane: Col. Wm. H. Merritt, Lieut. Col. J. Kirkpatrick, Major Verplanck Van Antwarp, Major John Ritchie, Major T. J. Weed, Capt. Wm. A. Philips, Capt. Wm. O'Donnell, Capt. J. R. McClure, Capt. A. P. Pennell, Capt. William Lyle, and Capt. Volney Hickox. Col. Vaughan also had a social interview with Secretary Stanton. The above staff officers are to report forthwith to Major General Hunter, to be by him detailed to Gen. Lane. They leave for the West to-morrow, to enter active service.

Five Minutes With the New Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 1862.

Tuesday was the first day that it was generally understood by the people that any one could get a chance to see the new Secretary of War, without an introduction or having to wait in the lobby a week or two, as suited to the convenience of some petulant doorkeeper, or as a military man would say, the outer pickets. Mr. Stanton occupies the room formerly used by the previous administrations, at the head of the stairs in the second story.

The adjoining room is used by Mr. Watson, Assistant Secretary. In this room Mr. Stanton receives the crowd; in the centre is a table at which his amanuensis, Mr. Moore, sits, and in the corner is Mr. Watson, at his desk. The clock strikes 10, the awaiting crowd rush in as doors swing open, and being among them, we soon find ourselves in the presence of the Secretary. Now one stands in front of him, and with a smiling countenance he reaches out his hand and takes a hearty grip with a gray-haired man. "Well, Sir, what is your wish?"

"My name is ——; my son fought at Springfield, and was wounded in the arm; he was on Fremont's Staff, but is now without a commission; I want one for him that he may again try his other arm here on the Potomac, or in Missouri."

"You shall have it sir!" replied Mr. Stanton, and turning to his Secretary, he ordered him to note the case. "Return home," he added, "the papers will be sent you;" and as the man attempted to thank him, he stepped to one side to two ladies who had just come in. "Madam, what can I do for you?" "Want a clerkship for my son; his father was killed at the battle of Belmont." Turning again he noted the case, took the address, told the lady to send him a sample of her boy's writing, and he would care for him.

The other is connected with a Minnesota regiment over the river, and had some complaint about the treatment she had received in camp from some of the officers. "Madame, you must go to the headquarters of Gen. McClellan." "I have been there, Sir, and they would not read my papers or listen to my case." "Then give them to me, and I'll see why."

A small, bright-eyed boy, alone, was trying to work his way through the crowd, and the Secretary turned to him and asked what he wanted. "I want my father got out, Sir; he was taken at Bull Run, and has not come home with the rest." He gave his name and regiment, it was noted, and the Secretary, lifting him up, kissed him upon the forehead, and said: "Your father should be proud of such a noble boy, and I'll see that he is released."

A man with a half-military dress says he has been wronged by the Examining Board, and has been deprived of the command of his regiment (a Philadelphia cavalry regiment). "Sorry, Sir, if it is not all right; I cannot go back to investigate the acts of my predecessor." The Colonel insisted that his case was a plain one, if he could be heard. "Well," said the Secretary, "if you will get the officers to reconsider it, I will then listen to it."

An individual has some new invention for fire-arms; "Go to the Ordnance Department and get them to investigate it, and if they will recommend it, I will be glad to see it adopted."

A Colonel with a green uniform on has some passes he wants to read; "Are you an army officer?" "Yes, Sir." "Then you cannot be heard until to-morrow; come and see me then."

A large and well dressed man wanted a word in private; "What about?" Some little matter about a contract he had for horses. "Cannot interfere, Sir; go to Gen. Meigs. If there is anything wrong he will rectify it." Another succeeds in getting him off to the side of the room, and the conversation is inaudible until the Secretary replied: "No, Sir; on no account will I interfere in any contract, while I am here, for anything from a thimble up. There are men appointed to attend to that department, and I shall hold them to a strict accountability for every action."

Two soldiers wanted to be paid for the time they were in confinement at Richmond, having just been released, and presented a furlough they had received a week ago, and also an order for their pay for time and rations. "Why do you not take this to Maj. Beckwith, and have him attend to it?" "We did, Sir; and he says that he has no order that will cover our case, and for want of 'forms' we are afraid we will be kept here until our time is up, and we want to go home and see the folks again." Turning to his Secretary, he ordered him to write to Maj. Beckwith, and order him to report forthwith in writing why these men were not paid up, instead of being kept waiting. It was done; he signed it himself, and said, "Here, take that to him, and bring an answer."

A Western man, who said he hailed from the Reserve in Ohio, had about a dozen quires of paper written over two or three times, which he said was an "Essay on Cheese." The Secretary laughed! "You must go to the Commissary General; he has charge of the feeding of the army." "I have been at first one and another all summer, and somehow or other I do not get any further ahead, and that is why I want you to investigate it;" and commenced to unroll his papers. "Indeed, Sir, I do not know how cheese would agree with the soldiers."

"That's just why I want to you read these papers and examine these certificates." "But I have not time, Sir." All hands commenced laughing, but the Ohio man stuck to it bravely. "I assure you that there is not a soldier in the army who does not like crackers and cheese, and I can make it for three cents a pound." "Now I tell you what you had better do, go to Senator Wilson and get him to put it in his bill; it will then pass the Senate and become an army regulation to give out cheese rations." "Well, could you not endorse it, and then it would be sure to be passed?" "No, I cannot indorse it, because I know nothing about it." "Oh, well I will leave these papers," and he made for the table. "I will never read them, if you do, until the war is over." With a look of despair, Ohio made for the door, inquiring of every one he met if they knew where Senator Wilson lived?

Judge Wilkins, of Pittsburgh, here came in, received a hearty shake of the hand, and a number of congratulations passed between them. The doorkeeper of the little room announced the President, and off the Secretary went to see him. He soon returned, however. In came Maj. Beckwith, with the note sent by the returned prisoners.

"Why are those men kept waiting." "Because I have no order for their special case." "Mr. Wilson, issue an order that will cover all the prisoners that may be released in future, and allow them full pay for every day they are confined in rebel prisons. Major, I have just learned there are over 150 now waiting for their pay; every man must be paid to-day, and speed them on to their homes."

A tall man wants a commission in the regular army. "Have you been in any battle yet, Sir?" "I was in the Mexican war." "That won't do; that is too far back." "I was at Great Bethel." "That is better. I will examine your record myself and inform you if you are appointed."

A stout, healthy, young man wants a commission or clerkship. "Have you been in any battle?" "No, Sir." "Then it will be of no use to apply, for I shall make all my appointments from the list of heroes; those who fight the country's battles must be cared for first."

Another wanted an appointment as Quartermaster. "There are my recommendations, Sir, and I would be glad if you can read them." "I cannot do it now, I have not the time; but I will examine them." "Very well," replied the would-be quartermaster, "just read them. If you have any better man, according to those papers, let him have the office; in that case I don't want it."

A gentleman stepped up who appeared to be an intimate friend of the Secretary. "Ah," said the Secretary, "I am glad to see you; I have not seen you since we met at Wheeling a few years ago." He replied that he had been engaged upon the North-West Boundary question, and would like to have some conversation about it. "Ah," said the Secretary, "I will appoint a time to see you and have the whole matter talked over, for I wish to know all about it."

A man in citizen's clothes wanted an appointment in the army. "Well," said the Secretary of War, "what are your claims?" "I was an aid-de-camp of Col. Geary at the fight of Bolivar, and I am recommended for the appointment by the President." "All right," said Mr. Stanton, "I will attend to your case." Individual insisted upon having a promise, inasmuch as he "had got the indorsement of the President." "The President, Sir, is a very excellent man, and would be glad if he had an appointment for every man who applied, which, unfortunately for his good nature, is not the case." "Well, Sir, I am from St. Louis, I am a Union man, and I must go home, I suppose." "Well, if I can do anything for you, I will write to you there."

A soldier, in the uniform of a sergeant, handed in a recommendation for a first lieutenancy in an artillery corps. "Well," said the Secretary, "have you ever smelt powder in battle?" "Not exactly, Sir; but I have always been ready. I was in the Mexican war." "Can't help the Mexican war," said Mr. Stanton, "that is too far back. Have you been in any engagement in this war?" No, Sir; all I want is a chance to get in one. You can appoint me, and if you don't like it, I won't charge a cent extra pay, if I can only get the commission." The Secretary laughed, said his case would be considered, and he would be informed if the appointment was made.

Another gentleman, who also appeared to be a friend of the Secretary, came in. Said he, "I want to see you." "Come here to my room, and I will fix an hour when you can come, and we will talk over matters." They disappeared for a few moments, and, as they returned, ex-Senator Crittenden greeted him. He congratulated Mr. Stanton on the country receiving his services, for which Mr. Stanton thanked him, and said he hoped to be an instrument of aid to his country, but he should look to him and others for counsel in guiding his steps. "Any time, Mr. Crittenden, day or night; any hour I shall be glad to see you. You are always welcome; come and see me."

A young man wants a clerkship. "Sorry, Sir, there are no vacancies for the position you wish, and I have had over thirty applications already for it. I can do nothing for you."

An officer who was on Sickles's staff wanted an order or some means whereby he could get his pay. He said that he had been in service several months, and could draw no pay. "It is inconvenient, no doubt, to be without money," replied Mr. Stanton, and I will immediately order that your case be attended to."

And so it went on for five hours, in which he saw and heard all who came, pleasantly; and none went away but were pleased with their entertainment, and most of them had their hearts made glad. Over two hundred were listened to in this short time.—*Correspondence of the Philadelphia Enquirer.*

The Bright Treason Case.

The *North American*, in an editorial article on this subject, says:

Pennsylvania is divided on the question in the Senate, Mr. Wilmot being for and Mr. Cowan against expulsion. Yet Mr. Cowan's action exposes the Republicans of this State to invidious remarks, and they feel them so much that a set of resolutions has been offered in the Legislature instructing our Senators to vote for expulsion.

The *North American* states the ground of the argument against Bright, and then proceeds:

To this Mr. Cowan makes the reply that these are arguments to convict a man of treason, and if they are worth anything, Bright deserves to be arraigned on that charge and not merely expelled. The reply is worthy of a lawyer, but hardly worthy of a Senator. We all know the strange caprices of the law, the freaks of juries, and the oddities of judges. Most men can see how a case ought to be decided, when on trial, but how many can guess the actual result? The Senate is alone clothed with authority to decide upon the rights of its members. If a member be guilty of such an offense as is proven against Bright, the question is not whether he shall be tried for treason, but whether the public interest does not demand that the councils of the nation, in a time of war and danger, should be promptly rid of the presence of a man who is clearly unworthy to remain therein, and who cannot be trusted. If he has his personal rights, the safety of the republic is not inferior to them in consequence.

But this brings up the question, what personal rights has Mr. Bright really got in the Senate? He may exercise his individual freedom in any way compatible with his allegiance. He has, however, gone beyond that, and committed an act calculated to aid the armed enemies of the government. That fact overrides his rights, whatever they may be, and the rights of the nation rise far above them and demand his expulsion. Will this be an infraction of the honor or dignity of the loyal State of Indiana? We think not. His colleague, Henry S. Lane, is in favor of the expulsion. So are a large majority of the citizens of Indiana. Mr. Bright holds his seat in the Senate by one of the greatest legislative outrages ever perpetrated by the Senate, and in direct defiance of the precedent set by itself in the case of Mr. Harlan, of Iowa, on a previous occasion. He was admitted to a seat by the very leaders of the present rebellion because he was known to be in favor of their political schemes. He rewarded them by adhering to their fortunes while they were in the Union and conspiring against it, and this detected letter shows that he has not much, if any, changed since. The tenure by which he holds his seat, therefore, is defective. It rests not upon the free voice of Indiana, but the decision of men now in rebellion.

Gen. Hunter's Order.

It appears from an order issued by General Hunter, at Leavenworth, with which the telegraph favors us, that he is unwilling to have been made a Major General to have "Brigadier Generals commanding" taking the active positions and the glory away from him. He says he proposes to command "Jim Lane's Expedition" himself, and gives extraordinary directions to his men to prepare for action. It is difficult to determine from the tone of the order whether Gen. Hunter is passionately in earnest, or proposes to ridicule the popular notion of Jim Lane's Excursion to the Gulf. The General has some right to complain of the treatment he has received. Having been selected as the successor of Fremont, he remained in command just long enough to obtain the odium of ordering the retrograde movement from Springfield, and was hustled off to Fort Leavenworth and given a Department in the far west. Now, to have Lane come in and override him in his own Department, would, of course, be mortifying to him. We do not see how a serious difference, prejudicial to the public service, can fail to be developed between Hunter and Lane; and so obvious is this, that we are surprised the authorities at Washington did not give the subject their closest consideration.—*Cin. Com.*

A Naval Officer's Idea of Inactivity.

The following paragraph is extracted from a private letter, dated Jan. 17th, from a Naval officer stationed at Tybee. We give it without comment:

I have been lying here now nearly a month, blockading the Savannah river, and acting as a water guard for the soldiers. As I am not one of those who think that this war is to be decided by moral pressure, the price of sugar or salt, or the uprising of that Southern Union party, I cannot help being of the opinion that the quicker the army learn to do without gunboats and fortifications, and boldly march ahead, with themselves for their protection, the quicker we shall see daylight, which now is only visible to contractors and such like people, who, being quite satisfied with the present condition of affairs, are bound to speak hopefully, and in good spirits. I begin to think, with the Southern papers, that our soldiers enlisted because times were dull, but with an understanding that the moral grandeur of the uprising, as the politicians say, was to be sufficient.

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