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The Tribune today comprises twenty pages, eight of which are given over to an interesting exhibit of the industrial and commercial resources of this city. See that you receive the complete

Our Lop-Sided Navy. The salient note in Secretary Long's first annual report upon the condition of the navy, a synopsis of which appears elsewhere on this page, is emhodied in his advice to congress to pause in its ardor for new battleships until there are trained seamen sufficient to man them and enough docks to hold ; them-in other words, until naval development is evenly balanced. We have, it seems, been rushing forward the construction of ships without proper heed to the dozen or more recover that ships alone do not make a

The matter of docks is a most important one, yet heretofore it has been almost entirely neglected. A modern warship has to be docked on an average every six months. The dock rust be specially constructed, and John Alden and Priscilla," and "Thanksmust be so situated as to be accessible giving." The last will represent a typical to a center of population, where workmen and supplies may be obtained heretofore built for the accommodation of battleships one is too small, the second is torn up for repairs and the that his troops have left the place. In third, in addition to being at the rethe next, the same party, together with a large and enthusiastic section of the motest northwestern corner of the the Canadians. Therefore we have to send our warships to English docks, later. In the ball scene the minuet will

mediate building of adequate new docks or the improvement of existing ones at Boston, New York, Norfolk, Port Royal, New Orleans and Mare Island, the cest of which, in total, would not greatly exceed the cost of one new battleship. This, with the one effective dock which we at present have on Puget Sound, would give a total of seven docks sufficient to accommodate battleships, not to mention four others of smaller dimensions. Contrasted with this, Great Britain has 611 docks, 28 of which could accommodate first-class battleships. Fourteen first-class battleships can be docked at one time in the two yards of France has 76 docks, 22 of which belonging to the government and 7 to private companies can accommodate battleships. Germany has 70 docks, 2 of which belong to a second or the second of the s of which belong to private companies will sing "The Star Spangled Banner," and are capable of docking the largest

In addition to new docks Secretary Long thinks that we need a material approvement of our naval repair shops, In his judgment \$8,000,000 could be expended in this direction profitably, His recommendations do not appeal to the spread eagle instinct but they are eminently practical and timely.

The Tribune desires to express its indebtedness to Representative Connell for valuable public documents received through his courtesy.

A Spanish Fake.

Great ado is made in certain quarters because of the alleged discovery of a granting belligerency rights to the Cuban insurgents. The scheme really to sell to friends of Cuba at Washington and elsewhere 6 per cent, gold bonds of the Cuban republic at 50 cents on the dollar, on the reasonable representation that if Cuba gains her independence these bonds will go to

been openly advertised in all the magazines and in some of the leading daily does not obligate the republican goverument of Cuba until six months after the Spaniards evacuate the island. The purchaser who buys with a specuto all the chances involved. The money will have value; if it fails, the bond the Tyrolese and the Montenegrins.

will constitute a pathetic souvenir. It is further charged by Spanish emis-

But the absurdity of this bond story so far as it affects congress lies in the may at any moment deluge Europe manifest fact that Cuba's cause does not need to buy championship in the United States. Public opinion is sympathetic unscitishly and spontaneous-

All accounts from Washington agree that Hawaiian annexation is certain, and few robust Americans will be

Announcement is made in a Wash-

urally. But if congress cannot secure a reasonable modification of that law the enactment of repeal will be its un. avoldable duty.

It is said that Minister de Lome had sufficient influence with the officials of the Catholic University at Washington on Thanksgiving Day to prevent ex-Minister Taylor from delivering a lecture before that institution in critiism of Spain's course in Cuba. For the University's sake we trust that this report is untrue.

American History Re-Enacted.

Next Tuesday evening will witness quite a focussing of patriotism in the Metropolitan Opera house, New York. On that occasion the Mayflower society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America, the Holland society and the National society of New England women will, with their husbands, brothers and sweethearts, and perchance with a few plebeians, assemble to witness a dramatic and scenic reproduction of American history, the plans for which are certainly worthy of notice.

With the aid of a chorus of 800 members, suitably costumed, and by utillzation in the "speaking parts" of lineal descendants of colonial worthies, it is quisite accessories and now we dis- proposed in a series of living pictures to reproduce with painstaking fidelity early New England life, the Dutch occupation of New York, the Revolutionary period and the Civil war. Says the Sun, in an article setting forth the intent of the undertaking:

men and supplies may be obtained tion of the anniversary of Evacuation pay. There will be two scenes devoted by sea. Of the three American docks to this event, the first representing Washington and his staff waiting outside of the city-in the Bowery-for the an-nouncement of the British commander country, much beyond the reach of the Atlantic squadron, is at the mercy of the Canadians. Therefore we have to "Inauguration of Washington" and "The which would involve a pretty state of be danced, the costumes representing the affairs if by any mishap England and the United States should have a tiff.

Secretary Lore should have a tiff. Secretary Long recommends the im-nediate building of adequate new locks or the improvement of existing ber of the City Hall, the presentation being made by Major De Witt Clinton. There will be three scenes relating to the civil war; the first, "The Departur of the Seventh Regiment to the War," a bivouac scene, and the return of the veterans to New York. Over 200 voluna quartet will sing the old war songs. The final scene will be one of the most realistic and inspiring, for the chief participants will be the actual veterans of Lafayette Post, G. A. R., led by Com-mander J. C. Long: the Duryee Zouaves, the Sheehan Zouaves and others. They Chatham and Portsmouth alone.

France has 76 docks, 22 of which bewill carry the lattered battle flags which they brought home from the war, and will probably be received with an enthus-It is expected that Mme. Lillian Blauvelt

> While this idea of commingling historical instruction with entertainment is not new, the exemplification of it pon so great a scale in a city like New York, that is ordinarily believed to be comewhat untroubled with the instinct known as patriotism, cannot fail to be interesting. There have been features of the colonial society craze which provoked in many quarters an amused contempt but for this kind of activity there can be praise only. The effect cannot fail to be beneficial. A similar enterprise in this city would not be unwelcome.

Twenty_three prominent railroads representing every section of the country in September carned 24.21 per cent. gigantic scheme to bribe congress into better net profits than in Sept. 1896; and the figures for the quarter ended Oct. 1 are nearly as good. On all the consists of offers by the Cuban junta | trunk lines there is a substantial and a steady growth in gross earnings, Business is improving all the time,

The Upset in Austria.

It is evident from the proceedings in the Austrian reichsrath that the racial ferment so long latent in the As a matter of fact, this offer has politics of that patched up empire has begun to work again with ominous rapidity. The troubles of which Amernewspapers for months. There has leans have recently been reading are never been any attempt at secrecy in ascribed in their immediate significance the matter. The conditions of the pur- to the enactment of a law making the chase of the bonds are plain. The bond Czech language co-ordinate with the German language in Bohemia. This angered the German element and forced a parliamentary crisis. But back of the pretext of course is the fact that lative intent does so with his eyes open Austria-Hungary is a mere hodgepodge of unassimilated and largely anderived from such a sale of bonds goes | tagonistic racial stocks, with Pole and into the Cuban treasury and is devoted Czech and Stay and Magyar contendto the purposes of the war for libera- ing one with the other and all against tion. If that war succeeds, the bond the Germans, the Jews, the Italians,

Into the details of the situation in Austria we lack the knowledge to ensaries at Washington that a large free ter. Those familiar with them assert distribution of these bonds has been that the probabilities point to serious made by Cuban agents among mem- consequences, perhaps involving the bers of congress in the hope that such perpetuity of the Hapsburg dynasty congressmen, with an eye to increas- and very certain, unless speedily coming the value of their honds, will vote posed, to end in the dismemberment of for a belligerency resolution out of the present Austrian empire and its motives of cupidity. It is a case of ac- reorganization on new lines. That in cuention without proof, and the accu- the peculiar adjustment which now obsation loses credibility the moment we tains in the international relations of consider that the influences that make Europe such a contingency carries with it are the same that, under Blanco and it a grave hazard of continental peace Pando, now openly seek to conquer the or war is readily credible after what Cuban leaders by bribery. The cry the world has seen in the Armenian "stop, thief!" proverbially suggests affair. So that, from the apparently that those who first raise it are them- small matter as to whether contracts, selves not above suspicion; and the checks and business paper would be news from Havana turns suspicion in valid in Bohemia if written in either this case into certainty of Spain's own of two languages we have a development in race passion which already menaces the world's equilibrium and

with blood. Americans, viewing this scene though be but dimly from afar, can derive a lesson from it most timely at this noment. We, too, have race problems; and we have been in recent years by no means eager to solve them. We also have had attempts to wedge into legality in school curriculums forcign tongues, thus perhaps paving the way for a wider authorization of foreign ington dispatch to the Philadelphia speech and usages; and we have had Press that if congress shall pass a the cultivation for political purposes bill repealing the civil service law of the natural clannishness of alien President McKinley will veto it. Nat- races set down in a new environment.

ometimes these manifestations have been rebuked, but not always as sharpy and as emphatically as the occasion demanded. Cahensivism, to be sure, is pretty well stamped out, the Vatican having grown wise in its generation; but there are other forms of the same race dilemma not less in need of salutary vigilance. The Americanization of all would-be Americans and the casting forth of all who, being with us, refuse stubbornly to become of us, are duties which must be performed if our country would escape the peril which has overtaken the unhappy land of the Hapsburgs.

Three New York life insurance companies have announced an increase in the premium rates to take effect after Jan. 1 next. The only effect of this will be to give other companies more business. The present rates are ample.

There can be no excuse for brutality n army discipline, but the Lovering case shows that where brutality is proved the army itself is swift to con. demn. There is consequently no need or civilians to grow red in the face.

A certified report that General Maxmo Gomez had captured and hanged a dozen or more of the Spanish booders now at work among the Cuban insurgents would be welcome news.

Explorer Nansen, it is announced.has declared a boycott on American recepions. He will doubtless continue, however, to accept American dollars.

The fly in Sagasta's cintment is not Gomez but Weyler. It is not at all likely that the Sagasta ministry will attain a peaceful old age.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D:nwn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast, 4.06 a. m., for Saturday, November 27, 1897.

3 验 A child born on this day will not look or election contests cutside of the Sunlay papers.

The dignity of Showman Al Reeves is of the kind that should always be kept in thick glass case. The boarding-house Thanksgiving tur-

key joke made its annual round of the papers this year.

squirrel hunters. Ajacchus' Advice. Do not presume too much on short ac-quaintance. The man who skates on thin

Status and Needs Of the New Navy

e is liable to receive a very cold bath.

Washington, Nov. 26.-The report of the secretary of the navy was made public oday. It puts the present effective fight-ng force of the United States navy at battleships of the first-class, 2 battleships of the second class, 2 armored cruis-ers, 16 cruisers, 15 gunboats, 6 double-turreted monitors, 1 ram, 1 dynamite gunoat, I dispatch boat, I transport steamer, and 5 torpedo boats. There are under construction 5 battleships of the first class, 16 torpedo boats, and 1 submarine boat. There are 64 other naval vessels, including those used as training, receiving, and naval-reserve ships, tugs, dis-used single-turreted monitors, and some unserviceable craft. There is, further, the auxiliary fleet. This consists, first, of ore than 20 subsidized steamers which comply with the requirements of the pos-tal act of March 3, 1891, with regard to the adaptability to naval service, and to an armament of main and secondary patteries; second, of a very much greater number of large merchant marine steamnumber of large merchant marine steamers, which can be availed of at any time of need. The report adds: "These auxiliaries, ranging from 2,000 to 12,000 tons, will, if occasion require, form a powerful fleet of occan cruisers, capable of swift and formidable attack upon an enemy's commerce. Their great coal ca-pacity will also enable them to remain long time at sea in search of the where abouts of hostile vessels. The country is to be congratulated upon the results ob-tained in the rebuilding of the navy. While its ships are not as many-and it is not necessary they should be-as those of some other great powers, they are, class for class, in power, speed, work-manship, and offensive and defensive qualities, the equal of vessels built anywhere else in the world. The vessels un-der construction should be completed luring the coming year, except the five battleships, which will probably not be ready for service before the latter part of

It appears from the report that today the most urgent need of the naval service is an increase of docking facilities. Of the eleven government docks—nine on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific coast three were designed to accommodate bat-tleships of the first class, one at New York, one at Port Royal, S. C., and one at Bremerton, Wash, on Puget Sound, But the dock at New York has been for six months, and is likely for three months more to be undergoing repairs, and at the dock at Port Royal there is not only an insufficiency of water, but the cross-section of the dock is too small to safely admit battleships with blige keels af-fixed. A modern ship should be docked few months, and owing to the condition of the docks on this it was necessary to send the Indivery na to Halifax in August last for this ourpose. On the Pacific coast there is out one dock of sufficient size to dock a nodern battleship. This is on Puget Sound, 900 miles from San Francisco, Access to it is through a narrow chan-nel twenty miles long, one side of which is in possession of a foreign country. This lack of docking facilities, says Sec-retary Long, should be remedied at the earliest possible moment. The receipt variest possible moment. The necessity is imperative. On the subject of the de-velopment of a naval militia the secre-tury reports gratifying progress. Seventeen states now have naval militia or

With regard to the future of navy building, Secretary Long says: "Our comoteness from foreign powers, the remoteness from foreign powers, the genius of our institutions, and the devo-tion of our people to education, com-merce, and industry, rather than to any policy that involves military entangle-ments, make war to be thought of only as a last resort in defense of our rights, and our military and naval establish-ments as a police force for the preserva-tion of order and never for aggression. While all this is, therefore, an earnest of peace as the normal condition of our While all this is, therefore, an earhest of peace as the normal condition of our national life, there is no question of the necessity, the wisdom, and the economy, to the same end, of an effective navy, in view of the vast extent of our coast and the possibility of attack from the sea upon our great cities, where the concentration of population and property is enormous. The country is committed to the increase of the navy by the declarations of our people and the action of their representatives. The very fact that we are capable of manufacturing armor and guns, powder and projectiles, and to construct ships which are the equals of those built anywhere else, is in itself a source of great naval power, and our present resources in this respect should not be impaired. We should preserve and maintain these resources and the ability not only to continue the work already so well advanced, but to improve upon it, as the science of naval construction, as it is sure to do, develops the new

nodels and methods which at this agof progress so rapidly replace the best of today with the better of tomorrow.

"Hitherto for more than a decade the increase of the navy has very properly been in the line of new ships, and wisely been in the line of new ships, and wisely so, as this has hitherto been the vital need. In the opinion of the department, the time has now come when that increase should be on adjunctory lines in order to bring our naval facilities up to the same line of advance. As heretofore indicated, the principal need today is that of sufficient docks, of which there is a deplorable lack; of adequate supplies of the munitions of war, which should never be at the hand-to-mouth stage; of an e at the hand-to-mouth stage; of an quipment of our navy yards equal to the emand upon them of the increased number of our ships; and of an enlarged corps of officers and men to do the work. Additions to our fleet may be hereafter necessary to bring it in case of emorgoncy to an extent commensurate with the growing necessities of the country, especially in view of the development of Alaska, which is a continent in itself, and of the possible annexation of islands in the Pacific. On the other hand, it is a mistake not to recognize that our naval power has more than doubled with-in the last few years; that the case of any emergency beyond our present resources is the very rare case; that until it comes ships will be gradually taken out of commission and put into reserve n order to reduce running expenses; and that a due regard is necessary to the relation of the national expenditures to the national revenues. The department therefore recommends that the authori-zation of new ships by the coming concress be limited to one battleship for the Pacific coast, where, after the five now under construction are completed, there will be only two, while on the Atlantic there will be seven; and also to a few torpedo hoats and torpedo-boat destroyers, both of which are comparatively of little coast, and more of which are delittle cost, and more of which are de-sirable in order to bring this swift, mo-bile, and handily effective arm of the service up to its place in the general scheme for coast defense."

The running expenses of the navy last year, not counting the cost of permanent improvements, was \$17,514,231.

HEREDITY.

From the Syracuse Post, Modern science has demonstrated n proposition more clearly or convincingly than the proposition that like begets like. The principles of heredity have seen so thoroughly established that ne intelligent person can doubt them, Prof. Peelman, of the University of Bonn, Germany, has contributed to the study of this subject some very interesting observations as the result of practical investigations. Prof. Peelman selected as the special subject for his investigation the descendants of a profligate woman known as Frau Ada Jurke, who was for sixty years a resident of the city of papers this year.

The chrysanthemum will now go out with foot ball hair.

That nothing is made in vain is evidenced by the fact that some men in this community are excellent woodchuck and bunters.

Known as Frau Ada Jurke, who was for sixty years a resident of the city of Cologne and died there about a century ago. This woman lived a life of vice and erime and transmitted her traits to several children. Her descendants number SH persons, representing six generations of her restrict. For Packing have tions of her posterity. Prof. Peelman has secured the biographies of 709 of these descendants. He finds that 106 were of illegitimate birth, 162 were professional beggars, 61 of them died in almshouses, 181 wemen lived lives of open shame, 76 were convicted and imprisoned for crime and 7 have been executed for murder. That is quite a record for the descendants of one profligate woman.

> The economic side of the question is rought out in Prof. Peelman's con clusions as to the expense caused the state by this family. He estimates that cost the public an average of \$12,000 year, or a total of \$1,200,000, to support be paupers and punish the criminals and protect society against their depre dations during these 100 years. Here is a fine field of study for the sociologists. shows that from a financial standpoint done it is much better for society to re-form its criminals, if possible, rather than let them propagate their vicious species. If Frau Jurke had been properly trained as a child and kept from evil as sociations she might have been honored to this day by law abiding, respectable and not the fees of society.

An effort will be made during the next egislature to revise the penal system of this state so as to give more attention to the prevention of crime and the refor-mation of criminals rather than to the mere idea of punishment as a punitive measure. It is a good deal better to save a young man of criminal tendencies and send him back to society to be a useful nember of it than to treat him in prison n a way that will make him return to society as its enemy, believing that every man's hand is against him. Any system of penology that fails to take into conideration generations yet unborn is in complete and inadequate.

WHAT CONGRESS WON'T DO.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. It must always remain with congress o define the status of people hattling for iberty. More than a year ago congress lectared that the Cuban patriots were enitled to the rights of belligerents, and so far as we can observe, the president, through Minister Woodford, has been insisting upon those rights. General Blanco has ordered that prisoners of war be treated as such, and that the wounded e cared for instead of being slain in their cots. Should congress at its next session find that the conflict will not cease because of Spain's offers or the efforts of diplomacy, it may define status of the Cuban republic as i endent. Such definition would not be a war resolution. One thing congress will not do; it will not tolerate a practical al-liance with Spain to coerce the patriots in arms, struggling for liberty. If our diplomacy squints in that direction, there will be an explosion when congress meets. meets.

JUST ONCE.

Fowanda Reporter-Journal. The careful reader of daily newspaper cures some chunks of information that would surprise the elect themselves, witness the following from the Chicago Times-Herald: "Sam Knight, an authority on bees, says: 'If a stinging in-sect ever lights on you hold your breath until you can brush it away. If you don't breathe the insect can't sting. I wouldn't mind walking into the biggest yellow jacket nest in the world. I can hold my breath for a minute, and in that ime I could kill most of them and scare he others away." We should like to see Sam walk into a ten-inch nest inhabited by adult Pennsylvania yellow jackets, just once; and we predict that he would hold his breath not longer than ne-sixteenth of a second.

UNQUESTIONABLY TRUE.

from the New York Sun. The wisgst policy for Spain is to seek seace at once on the basis of Cuban inde-

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