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We are surry that the opinion of The Tribune relative to Congressman Bailey's had break Wednesday doesn't suit the Ecranton Times; nevertheless we must reliterate it. A time like this is no time for the introduction into congress of petty partisan trickery,

The Queen Regent.

The sympathy with the acting sovereign of Spain which is very generally held in Europe is fully shared in the United States. All the information which Americans percess is to the effeet that the queen regent is a woman of humane impulses, generous spirit and signal ability. Destiny has woven around her a network of unfortunate circumstances which properly entitle her to the respectful pity of maukind. Herself not of Spanish blood end drawn against her wish and will into a crisis which permits no leniency to the Spanish government; perhaps not aware in any comprehensive sense of the inhumanity which has been practiced in her name in Cuba by the military cormorants who have preyed on that unhappy island's vitals; compelled at the last by concern for the future of her juvenile son to face the herrible alternative of a revolution at home or a hopeless and crushing foreign war-her dilemma is one which appeals to the chivalry of the American people and causes them so far as she is concerned to forego all bitter-

And yet this personal aspect of the situation does not change the stern the creed of American democracy, as it is by the yet higher precepts of Christianity, that the woe of the queen enthroned is not more pitiable nor more holy in the sight of God, than is that of the crushed and bleeding victim of oppression, however poor and humble. Americans sympathize with the queen regent; but they sympathize more deeply with, and they consider as of infinitely greater importance, the cruel lot of the hundreds of thousands of famished men, women and children in devastated Cuba who yet linger on the living side of the abyss into which Spanish fiendishness, put forth with the full sanction of the Spanish government, the queen regent unthinkingly approving, has fereed other hundreds of thousands of human beings whose bones now populate

the chaos which Spain has wrought. The sovereign of Spain, true to the instincts of motherhood to which Americans low in silent tribute, yearns to trunsmit undiminished the heritage which she holds in trust for her boy; but there are mothers in Cuba who also have had sons; sons cut down in the morning of life by the burbarou! Weyler; sons lured to death by treachery, tortured by slow starvation or murdered outright before their parents' eyes. And there are also American mothers, mothers whose boys, lately proud beneath the folds of their country's flag, new lie done to death in the slimy harbor of perfidious Hayana. We cannot allow the misfortunes of the one to come between us and the duty which in humenity's name we owe to the other. The mother of the infant king of Spain is fighting for a tarmshed crown; a throne made rotten by the villainy of its upholders; but the mothers of Cuba and America cry to heaven for justice.

No peanut politics in the foreign affairs of this great nation; no cheap John demagogism in a question of peace or war.

The Volunteer Reserve.

The enlistment blank of the National Volunteer Reserve, which The Tribune printed first on last Tuesday morning and has since kept standing in its columns, is now being printed and circulated throughout the United States. The Tribune received a persenal request from the organizers of this patriotic movement, which bears the official indorsement of the war department, of the leading netive and retired generals of the army and of the governors of nearly all the states, to publish the blank free of cost, as a public duty. The same request was simultaneously made to our contemporaries and we cannot understand why any of them should have hesitat-

ed to comply. It is proposed by Lieutenant General Schofield, the head of this moveresal and the prominent military and executive officials and ex-officials cooperating with him, to create a nashall be to strengthen the available military and naval forces of the United States by the organization of the citizens' soldiery of parriotic volunteers ships, against which no effective pro-

The Scranton Tribune of proper age and physical qualifications to bear arms. They shall sign any foreign power to take up arms, f called upon by the constituted authorities of their state or the United States through the lawful existing channels. Headquarters of the National Volunteer Reserve have been established in New York, from which collstment blanks are sent out to where they will be best thought available. It is intended that the permanent organization will include the president of the United States to be exofficio commender-in-chief, the secretary of war to be ex-officed vice commander of the military forces, and the general of the army commander; the secretary of the nevy to be ex-officio vice commander of the naval forces and the admiral of the pavy to be exofficio commander; the governor of each state to be ex-officin commander of all the reserve of his own commonwealth, and the adjutant general of each state to be ex-officio vice commander of the state. A record and address of all men enlisted shall be kept at the beadquarters, and the original rolls transmitted direct to the war and navy departments, there to be included and recognized in the summary of the milhary forces of the United States, and a copy shall also be filed with the

teers in his commonwealth. In brief, the idea is to have the patriots of the country, the men who, in their country a emergency, would not wait to be drafted into its service, but who would promptly voluneer, known and registered, thus enabling our officials to say to the world. not "we have so many million men of military age who might be impressed into the service if needed," but "we have a permanent, enlisted volunteer eserve of so many millions, ready to spring into line at the word of command," The placing of this knowledge in definite statistics before Europe would quickly constitute a grand peace measure.

Cut out the blank elsewhere, fill it ut and forward it as directed. It will not cost anything or entail any liability further than that which rests upon very true citizen when his country has need of him.

It is easy in this fit of popular exitement to say that the president of United States has been derelict in his duty because he didn't instantly pull a pistol and commence peppering at Spain, but it will not be so easy to get the sober second judgment of the nation to believe it. Six months, yes, six weeks from now, the fire alarm present assailants of William McKinley will be groveling in the dust in search of pardon.

A New Terror of the Sea.

It is very evident that there are large possibilities in the little Holland submarine torpedo boat. At an exhibition given in Staten Island sound last week, for the benefit of a representative of the United States navy, this perpoise-shaped craft sucessfully submerged herself to a depth of seventeen feet, or as far as the shallowness of the sound permitted, necessities of justice. It is taught in and traveled invisibly beneath the cuface for more than 1 000 feet. Then she bobbed up, took a new sniff of fresh air, and went under again. Only a few bubbles on the surface gave evidence of her course. To an enemy standing off some distance in a choppy en her approach would be absolutely invisible She could slip up unexpectedly, dive under the hostile ship, attach to its keel a torpedo with a ime fuse and run away without being The explosion would be the mly audible or visible evidence of her

Another feature is the location force

and aft of two formidable dynamite gues, which, when the boat is affoat the surface, just escape the wash of the waves. Each gun is twelve feet long, eight inches in diameter, and runs up from the inside of the boat at an angle of 15 degrees, "Running parallel with it," says a description in the Sun, "for three feet from its breach is another tube of the same diameter, in which compressed air and gustpowder sufficient to hurl a shell propectile two feet long containing eighty pounds of dynamite for a mile and a half are stored. This gun is intended or use against forts principally, but it can be used against ships under favorable circumstances. The boat is lesigned to approach the object which is desired to hit submerged. When she gets within range she is to rise to the surface, the man in the conning tower gives the signal and the gun is discharged. For the first three feet the projectile travels through the tube by the force of a compressed air charge of 500 pounds pressure. Then its sides scrape against a button which automatically explodes the powder charge and the projectile is hurled through the muzzle of the gun at 2,000 pounds pressure. A propellershaped vane fixed in the end of the projectile keeps it in the right course. The powder charge is regulated by the distance the boat is from the object it is desired to hit. Both the compressed air and the powder are admitted into the tube by a system of valves behind the projectile. The whole thing is done simply by touching a spring. Mr. Holland is confident that he can hit any object as large as a warship within 2,000 yards without exposing his boat to hostile fire for longer than a minute or so. Even then the target he offers is so small that there is not one change in

management." It should be understood, of course, that some of these representations remain to be tested. But if the ship can travel submerged for 400 yards in smooth water without accident and with the ship's mechanism under thorough control, as the Holland boat has already done, the achievement of the boat's other claims ought not to be tional volunteer reserve whose objects impossible. At all events the prospect that to naval warfare will soon be added a new terror, the terror of the unheralded destruction of war-

a hundred that he could be hit. If he

should be hit, his boat would not ne-

cessarily be disabled. The muzzle of

the dynamite gun could be shot away

without interfering with the boat's

of proper age and physical qualifica- vision can be made, a destructiveness as swift and treacherous as was that an collatment blank agreeing in event of the Maine when riding at peace in of war between the United States and Havana harbor, would seem to strengthen materially the demand for peace with honor.

Tomorrow night in the Arlington hotel in Washington a public reception will be given in honor of Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, the hero of the Maine. President, cabinet, congress and the remainder of official Washington are expected to attend; and it is a safe guess that for every American present in the flesh there will be 100 other Americans present in sympathy. Men like Sigsbee exalt a nation.

The graceful act of the British queen and government in sending Ambassador Paurcefote to Captain Sigsbee with a message of congratulation will not be lost on the American people. Our English cousins are doing their kinship proud.

The time has about come to invite Spain's torpedo boat flotillas to a surprise party.

Blanco's apology and Spain's good promises come too late, The clock has struck.

A good deal of abuse is being heaped on Senator Hanna, but what for? "Alternative proposals" will not do

There is no alternative save war. In peace or war be prepared, everybody, to stand by the flag.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D:awn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 1.46 a. m., for Friday April 1, 1898. D A child born on this day will run a riel of being an April fool.

As soon as the roads become dry enough the wheelmen at Green Ridge propose t let pedestrians use the sidewalks again. In case of war the ex-commodores of the Scranton Press club navy, can probably be relied upon, Some one has evidently intercepted

Ajacchus' Advice. The war situation is becoming so grave that it should not be discussed save in a epulchural voice.

Uncie John Wanamaker's terpede flotilla

The Isle That Soon Will Be Made Free

THERE is a widespread and growing feeling that the time when this country will intervene to put a stop to the atrocities which are being perpetrated by Spain in under the excuse of suppressing the rebellion there, is to be almost count ed by days. The powerful and righteous reasons which impelled the Cubans to recolt against the continued domination of Spain, and engage in a war for in dependence, are generally known and heartily sympathized with, but there is less familiarity with the character of the country and wonderful resources in time of peace. Of an irregular crescent shape, Cuba is much larger than popularly sup-posed, for it is 750 miles long, has an average width of 80 miles and an area of 45,319 square miles, without including its adjacent islands, which add over 2,00 square miles more. Although mountainous in the interior, much of the coast ine is low and flat, and difficult of an reach on account of the numerous reefend small islands. Notwithstanding the feature of the coast, it is said that no other island in the world has as many excellent harbers in proportion to its size. Of these, Havana, Matanzas, Bahia Honda, Mariel, Neuvitas, Nipe and Car lenas, on the north side, and Santiago de Juba. Trinidad, Guantanamo and Clon-negos, on the south side, are the prinipal and best known.

The island of Cuba is divided into six provinces, the most thickly populated of which is Havana, and the least is Puerto Princips. The total population befor the present insurrection was over 1,500 60, but it is estimated that at least hal million have since perished in battle y disease and by starvation. Although there is much chared and cultivated land there are no less than 20,000,000 acres of almost impenetrable forest, fully 12,000, 200 of which have never been disturbed by man. But the soil which has been cui tivated is marvelously rich and produc-tive. To what extent this is so is shown by the fact that, notwithstanding the disouragements to industrial enterprise brough the misrule of Spain, the export n 1893 were valued at over 89,000,000 Spar

ish dollars. Notwithstanding the prevalence of yel-low fever in the seasonst cities and towns the greater part of Cuba is said under normal conditions to be a very healthy place. Although not altogether in the tropics, it has all the characteristics of the terrid region. It has a wet and dry season and except in few spots in th mountains not even light frosts. The prevailing temperature is not unpleasant ly hot, for the highest is rarely over degrees, while the average is 77 degrees,

The chief agricultural products are United States takes the greater part. In 1892, for example, there were 815,894 tons of sugar produced, of which 718,294 tons were exported, the United States taking 689,642 tons. Of 227,000 bales of tobacc exported, two-thirds come to this country together with more than half the 147, 265,000 cigars made. But while the exports footed up a total of \$9,000.000 Spa ish dollars, and the imports 55,00,000 Span-ish dollars, and the imports 55,00,000 the taxation on the people reached nearly 25, 500,600 Spanish dollars. Of this tremen-dous burden, which is more than one-

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sixth of the combined value of the imports and exports, less than one-half came from the customs, and one-fourth of whole is entirely diverted from the island to the uses of the Spanish crown.

It is supposed that the negro race It is supposed that the negro race either predominates in point of numbers in Cuba, or at least nearly so; but this does not appear to be the fact, for just before the robelion it was estimated that there were less than half a million of this race on the island, against over a million whites and about 50,000 Chinese. Of the whites, the native hours or Cubars. whites, the native born, or Cubans, are by far the best educated, but neither the mass of the Epanish residents nor the negroes are overburdened with scholastic knowledge. There seems no doubt that under proper government the wealth of Cuba would be prodicious, and even with a poor rule, but free from the oppression of Spain, it should be of more than ordinary proportions.

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