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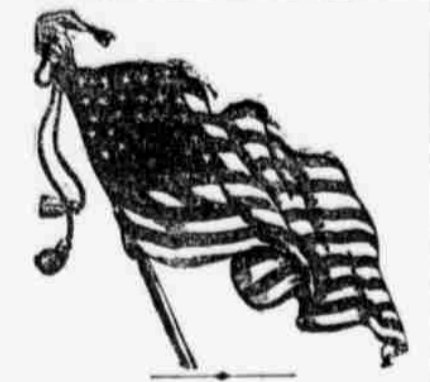
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If the Spanish fleet will not fight on this side of the ocean, Sampson and Schley should be permitted to accommodate it on the other. Make it fight or surrender.

Some Military Lessons.

In marked contrast with the course of the Thirtieth regiment of Scranton, the Thirtieth regiment of Brooklyn has been disbanded by order of the Governor of New York state because it refused to obey his order to present itself at state camp.

Taken in connection with many other incidents arising from the recent call for volunteers, this action of the Brooklyn regiment teaches a number of valuable lessons. One is that there needs to be a clear and exact definition of the legal status of the National Guard, sufficient to cover any and every emergency, to the end that the very considerable and general confusion which has attended this recent mobilization may in future be obviated.

Another lesson taught by recent experiences and observations is that militia, whether organized or unorganized, furnish in time of imminent national hostilities a poor substitute for a large, thoroughly disciplined and efficiently officered regular army.

Under modern military conditions, it is absolutely imperative that an army of invasion, to be effective, be compact, precise and uniform in drill and equipment, and implicitly obedient to the commanding authority.

Spanish braggarts seem disposed to slay the modern Sampson with the weapon used by Sampson of Scriptural fame in his celebrated engagement with the Philistines.

Already Whipped and Whimpering. The premier of Spain, Senor Sagasta, since he has heard from Manila, has ceased to boast and begun to whine.

The situation is very simple, and, unfortunately, it cannot be concealed. Spain is desolated and ruined by internal troubles. The United States is prosperous, and increases in riches and strength daily.

Senor Sagasta forgets that the United States for three years most solemnly

warned Spain before proceeding to attack her. An intelligent government would have heeded these repeated warnings and not have gone on blindly piling up infamies against a day of wrath.

Before we did that we offered Spain a last chance to escape. We agreed if she would give up her already barren sovereignty in Cuba, permitting the people of that unfortunate island to govern themselves, not only not to press our just claims for indemnification further but also to put no obstacles in the way of her getting if possible from the Cuban revolutionists some farewell payment in return for her recognition of Cuban independence.

From orders issued at Madrid it looks as though the government was anxious for the United States gunners to reduce Spain's army pay roll as rapidly as possible.

Berating the Governor.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: Governor Hastings and General Snowden deliberately deceived the president and the war department by the solemn assurance that the Pennsylvania division of the National guard was fully equipped and thoroughly prepared to take the field.

Our Philadelphia contemporary seems disposed to emulate in a small way those papers which, during the Civil War, pestered and insulted President Lincoln, attacked Grant and ran the war every morning in their editorial columns far better than the government could.

As for the conditions at camp, we venture to say they will compare very favorably with those of any regular army camp in similar climate and with corresponding weather.

As for the laughter of the regular army officers, it had best not be premature. The administration of the quartermaster and commissary departments of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will not shrink from comparison as to honesty of service and freedom from scandal with the corresponding departments of the federal government.

Congressman Daisell lives and learns. "Above all things," says he, "the battle of Manila has inspired the belief that we ought to have a splendid navy, able to cope with any of the navies of the world. I have had serious doubts as to the value and efficiency of our battleships. They are complicated and cumbersome machines. Before Dewey's victory their efficiency had never been demonstrated. Their action in that conflict and the fact that the Oregon, which is the greatest fighting

machine afloat, has successfully withered a cruise along the entire western coast of South America, around the Horn and up the eastern coast, goes to show that they have an efficiency which I was very much afraid they did not possess.

The "old salts" of the Atlantic navy fleets will doubtless continue to see strange boats along the banks until the war is over, or at least until the sea serpent season opens.

The men who stay at home enjoying their ease should take care of the dependent families of the men who fight at the front. Push the organization of patriotic relief work.

Events at Manila harbor indicate that Spanish warships are more successful in blowing up ships with mines in times of peace.

We don't begrudge the Cramps their brightened trade prospects. Men who can build warships like Dewey's deserve to prosper.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle are the more knightly in view of their patriotic attitude toward the American eagle.

The most prudent thing Spain has done since the war began is the calling of her fleet back into home waters.

Ex-Senator Edmunds says of course we'll give the Philippines back to Spain. Of course we won't.

The chances are Blanco will be hungrier yet, ere many days have passed.

When Blanco's appetite gets the better of his pride it will be Cuba Libre.

Now the war department is acting as if it had some sand.

Allentown's band sounds like the real thing.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 1.48 a. m., for Wednesday, May 11, 1898.

A child born on this day will notice that there was nothing the matter with the screech of the "Eagles" in Scranton yesterday.

Persons who insist that it is an unlucky number evidently forget the Thirtieth regiment of Scranton.

For a few days at least almost every one would rather belong to Admiral Dewey's crews than to a member of the Scranton school board.

In many respects the Spaniard seems to be like Lot of the far east—it is safe to trust him only when he's dead.

The best way to make peace is to destroy the enemy's fighting material.

Ajacchus' Advice. Always remember that a 7½ intellect seldom identifies itself with petty acts that indicate "boys' sizes" in brains.

INSOLVENCY OF SPAIN.

Threatened with insurrection at home, and with already declared war against her by this country, Spain is now placed "between the devil and the deep sea." Bankruptcy, moreover, stares her in the face.

In addition to the enormous cost of the Cuban campaign in money, the loss of Spanish soldiers killed in the field, or who have died from wounds and disease, has been extraordinary. More than fifty thousand men have been killed; an equal number have been sent to hospitals in Cuba a few months ago, and as many more have been sent back to Spain as invalids.

A recent issue of Fairplay contains a lengthy and exhaustive review of "Spanish Insolvency," in which the following interesting account of the bankruptcy of Spain and the government loans appears: "That institution has a total paid-up capital of \$5,000,000, and is a creditor of the government for \$2,000,000."

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the former, bankruptcy stares it hard in the face.

These facts have an important bearing upon current events. Money is the moving force in modern warfare, and it is inconceivable that a bankrupt nation, incapable of obtaining this sinew of war, can meet in battle a great and wealthy nation like the United States with hope of any measurable success.

HAVANA GUNS BOOMING.

It is Thought Much Ammunition Was Carried in by the Lafayette.

Key West, Fla., May 10.—The attitude of the gunners on the Havana forts has changed. Up to yesterday it was entirely safe for our warships to approach within a couple of miles of the entrance to Havana harbor, and the batteries were silent.

All day long the big guns at the Santa Clara and Telasco batteries have been firing desultory shots at our ships ten miles away. Of course, they could do no damage, but the fact that they are willing to use their ammunition in this reckless manner proves conclusively that they must have received an additional supply, as their equipment in ammunition has always been reported lamentably small.

Another fishing smack was brought into Key West today to swell the list of prize vessels. It is the Santiago Apostol of Havana, which was outside Havana harbor about ten miles going into the harbor. She had a large cargo of fresh and dried fish. The capture was made by the Mayflower yesterday morning.

SPANISH CRUELITIES.

Numerous Cubans Drowned in Matanzas Harbor in 1895.

Lancaster, May 10.—Mr. Joseph T. Cartaya, of Matanzas, Cuba, who has been attending the Millersville Normal school for some time, left today for New York city, where he will join an expedition which will unite with Gomez's army. Mr. Cartaya was in Cuba at the outbreak of the rebellion and tells a story which illustrates the inhumanity of the Spaniards even at the opening of the war.

At first it had been the custom to shoot prisoners, but the noise of the guns could be heard in the city, and to conceal the great number of such executions drowning had been resorted to. Mr. Cartaya was in Matanzas at the time and saw the bodies after they had been brought to land. And this was but a month after the outbreak of the rebellion, before the rule of Weyler.

A WHALE IN THE CHESAPEAKE.

How Like a Spaniard, but is Probably Unarmed.

Philadelphia, May 10.—On Saturday last, writes a Tidewater Island correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, while captain Thomas E. Taylor and his crew were engaged in mending their pound-net, which had been torn by the nor'easter of the two days previous, they were startled by a loud blowing noise a mile or two below them, between Sharp's Island and Hill's Point, but were not able to make out what caused the blowing until a large whale broke water within twenty feet of the buoy on which they were employed. One of the crew declared that the whale was sixty feet long.

At the same time the fish weir between Sharp's Island and Cook's Point caught 1,400 fish, over 3,000 pounds. Mr. James B. Harrison got the output of the weir. He thinks the whale "schooled" them.

GOT AWAY WITH \$46,000.

The Ex-President of a Canal Corporation Indicted.

Norfolk, Va., May 10.—Franklin Weld, former president of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal company, who left here under a cloud two months ago, was today indicted by the grand jury on fourteen counts alleging embezzlement of sums ranging from \$130 to \$5,700. The peculations cover a period of four years and aggregate \$46,000. Weld's friends, both in the board of directors and elsewhere, have sought to shield him, but no settlement seemed possible. He did not gamble, and his fall was a general surprise. He has been at his home in Massachusetts since the shortage was discovered.

NO DESECRATING THE FLAG.

Merchant Arrested for Using It as an Advertisement.

Altoona, Pa., May 10.—Samuel March, a prominent clothier of this city, was arrested today on the charge of desecrating the American flag by using it as an advertisement. The alleged offense was committed on May 2, when he pasted a small flag on his advertising space in the Altoona Times. The charge is based on "an act to protect the American flag from insult or degradation," approved by Governor Hastings, April 29, 1897. The case will be heard by Alderman Raymond.



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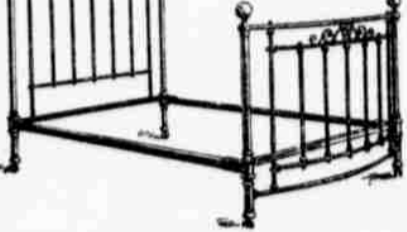
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Lot 4 5 dozen Percalé Waists, excellent quality and good pattern; our \$1.25 quality, at..... \$1.00

Lot 5 6 dozen Percalé Waists, best goods made; our regular \$1.45 quality, at..... \$1.12 1/2

Lot 6 7 dozen Gingham Waists, very best styles and quality; reduced from \$1.65, at..... \$1.25

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