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That ocean-guarded flag, forever may it flyt isled our Monmonth's bloody fight, and the Monto was a on he folds of flame to earth's bed and guns have it radiant glow.

Its faces shall march with married tread To good these stars that never paied in

Its stripes of red element dyed with heart-stricting of all a nes. Its white the snew-emped hills that hide in starm their agreed hands; Its alge the ocean cavea that bent 'round

Freedam a circle chorer lis stars, the owns of angels' feet that shine for everyone;

Wherefore?

Under the franchise ordinance as it proved select council on Thursday night the propered new Telephon company, which offers a guaranteed service at one-half the present rates, must lay conduits and put all its wires underground within a radius of 1,000 yards from the court house square, a radius that takes in nine-wenths of the telephone connections in the city. This means that every phone connection made within that area must be made by single-wire laterals branching off. from the underground conduit, a circumstance which would effectually prevent the installation of any telephone system operated on the basis of moderate charges.

If a new company offering to sell to the public a service of admitted necessity at a price 50 per cent, less than that now charged is to be held down to such restrictions, why should not the same conditions be imposed upon the old telephone company, also? Until a year ago we are informed it had no franchise at all, but simply used the streets on telerance. Then a franchise was sought and obtained from councils, but no such franchise as the one passed Thursday night. Why this dis-

The granting to the new company of a tranchise on the same terms as are enjoyed by the old company would mean a saving to the telephone users of Scranton in five years of not less than \$200,000, in addition to the bettered service which would result from competition. Other forms of business enterprise have to undergo competition. Why should select council strive to preserve the monopoly now enjoyed by the local branch of the American Bell Telephone company, at the cost of the hundreds of business and professional men who use 'phones? What is the secret behind this peculiar atti-

It begins to look as though the government will be obliged to let Sylvester Scovel run the war again if we are to have any more excitement.

Our War Correspondents.

The readers of The Tribune who drink in the war news of the preceding day with their manutinal coffee little realize the enormous expense incurred, the difficulties surmounted the dangers run, and the risks to life couried in the successful collection and transmission of the latest and most reliable operations of our army, the movements of our fleet, the details of a bombardment or achievement of a great battle fought and won. We read the result in the printed page; it appeals to our sympathy or natriotism; it gives in realistic and graphic outline the heterogeneous minutiae of the plans of action of the belligerents, and we accept the panoramic picture wihout inquiring by whom the kaleidescopic details were brought together from the remotest ends of the earth and placed before our minds and imagination in a concrete whole. We do not bear the rear of the cannon or see the carnage that accompanies it: we cannot comprehend the ferocity, passion, and impulse that are involved in the heat and action of a great battle, but all its details are laid before us individually, not from the standpoint of a single speciator, but derived from the diversified impressions of a number of trained and accurate observers amid the engagement itself. It is this feature of war correspondence in the newspapers that makes its accuracy unimpeachable and its record of high-est historical importance. Whatever may be the particular bias of the war correspondent or however he might personally wish to exaggerate the effeets of a battle on the enemy, his in-

truth as he sees and realizes it, dispasdonately and candidly.

The news of the battle of Waterloo took seven days in reaching London It was then regarded as a phenomenally expeditions dispatch. The first ruis from three to five hours fresher | England almost seven weeks after the battle was fought. It was almost three weeks after the event took place before Englishmen learned of the death of field. Those papers go to press at Nelson, What marvellous changes have taken place in the transmission of news since those days! The transition did not come at once. It came about gradually and imperceptibly almost. The telegraph was an established institution for some years before it journalism. It is not fifty years ago mense potentiality that lay in the ments. scientific results of the telegraphic in-

> the daily newspaper. his sphere and character first ap- fronts him in the harbor at Santiago Mutiny and our own great war of se- called strategy board at Washington. cession in the interest of the London Forbes, Edmund O'Donovan Skinner, and MacGaghan, who having spent his youth on an Ohio farm, first drew the attention of Europe and especially of Mr. Cladstone, to the Bulgarian massacres, and involved Russia and Turkey in a war. He died of fever in Adrinople just before the close of the war which he was instrumental in having waged, not yet thirty-five years of age.

War correspondents are not regarded very highly by the military authorities. They would willingly do without them, and telerate them simply because it is not possible to exclude them. General Lord Wolsley, commander in chief of the British army, says in his 'Soldiers' Pocketbook" they are nonbelligerents who eat the food of the army and give information to the enemy. At any rate, they know how to die and no war could well be sustained for a week without the relief they bring to the curiosity and anxiety of the people. Official dispatches are all very well; but the war correspondent's war news is still better. In fact, it is indis-

If Kansas does not have a cyclone, or grasshopper fog, or something of the sort soon it will lose its identity as the home of culamity.

An Irish Nationalist View.

The "Irish Nationalist organization of Ireland and Britain" has addressed to its fellow countrymen and comrades, the Irish Nationalists of America, a scorching protest against an Anglo-American alliance, in the course of which it says: "It is announced that today the Brit-

sh flag waves above every American onsulate in Cuba, hoisted by Ameican hands. Is this possible? Is this the reward which a British faction in the background and behind the scenes of American politics gives to the millions of Irish-Americans who guarded with their hearts' blood the starry standard or the Union when English intrigue sought to plant secession on the ruins of the Republic? Arise in the dignity of your insulted citizenship, and insist upon the repudiation of the English alliance and on the repudiation of Britsh protection! It is contrary to the spirit of the Monroe doctrine, as well as to every principle of manly nationhood, that the United States should commit the protection of their interests. even for a single hour, even in a single island, to a European monarchy, and east of all to such a monarchy as England's. Remember, too, that when all the nations of Europe have joined against the rapacity and greed of British policy, it can only injure the United States throughout the world if the British flag is allowed to take the place of the Stars and Stripes upon a single American consulate. Are there not plenty of American states, any one of which would be proud to perform consular duties for United States citizens? Why go to Europe, and why go to England for a protecting flag? In the name of American freedom, in the name of the thrilling story of the crowning Ireland. England's victim, in the name of the memory of ninety-eight, tear down that insulting and unnatural

connection! One very good reason for putting American interests under British consular protection where it has become necessary to withdraw our own consular officials is that adequate care will thus be taken of them. Even crazy Sparlards evince & wholesome fear of the consequences which would follow any meddling with British preroga-

If the Monroe doctrine forbids American acceptance of British courtesy then it must also draw the line at any attempt by the 'Irish Nationalist organization of Ireland and Britain" to instruct the American government and people. The Monroe dectrine would be a poor rule if it couldn't be used both ways. But of course our Irish friends across the sea are not serious and don't mean to be taken seriously.

The State Medical society has made the discovery that the study of physiology in the public schools as it is pursued at present is productive of more harm than good. Examination has shown that many of the text books structions are undeviatingly explicit used are misleading, and that the in-

late in the day, as much mischief has probably been done if such is the case, It is understood that the State Medical society will take steps to correct the evil at once, which action will be entirely within its sphere. The study mor of the battle of the Nile reached of physiology properly conducted is one of the most beneficial ever introduced in the school room; but directed by incompetent persons and guided by misleading text books it can become the most dangerous.

Let Sampson Cut Loose.

Whatever may be the backwardness n preparation for actual fighting of our land forces, the American navy is as ready for war at this time as it is became the hand maiden of modern likely to be during the existing campaign. Dewey at Manila showed its since the dispatch boats of the New quality in an achievement that seems York Herald lay in wait outside Sandy to have embarrassed the authorities at Hook to meet incoming European Washington almost as much as it did teamers. The laying of the first At- the authorities at Madrid, since they lantic cable revolutionized the modern | have been unable to follow it up with newspaper. It was not that newspaper anything like a corresponding promptpropriet is were slow to realize the im- ness in the despatch of re-inforce-

What Dewey dtd 9,000 miles away cention; but they were then beyond the | the public expects Sampson to do with reach of their exchequers. With the an enemy of inferior strength which revolution that set in in printing ma- | has the hardihood to venture within a chinery and the cheapening of paper, few hundred miles of our own shore. the submarine cable and the overland | This does not appear to us to be an telegraph become the sheet anchors of unreasonable expectation. Sampson has four or five ships to Cervera's one, With this tremendous evolution in the He has the benefit of cable intelligence sphere of journalism, the war corre- from nearly every strategic point in spindent took his place. Caesar might | the western Atlantic and Caribbean legitimately be called a war corre- sea. He has an abundance of fast spondent even in this modern sense of scout boats, all the coal he needs and the word, so might Xenephon. They a fighting strength in his high power vere not journalists, however, but gen- | guns which would annihilate a much erals. The war correspondent in heavier force than that which now conpeared during the Crimean war. The de Cuba. He has every incentive to first and most renowned of modern war | pursue the enemy until a fight is forced correspondents, Sir William Russell, is and he should be permitted to do this still living. This gentleman went at the earliest possible moment, withthrough the Crimean war, the Indian out hampering restrictions from the so-It is not strategy but fighting which Times. Then arose simultaneously or the situation calls for. Otherwise much in rapid sequence as the occasion called of the good which Dewey did at Manthem forth, such men as Archibaid ita will be neutralized by fruitless manocuvering in the waters about Cuba.

> New Jersey farmers have decided to protect snakes on their property in future, as the reptiles are said to be useful in destroying worms and insects that prey upon vines, If the average citizen down there could be taught to regard the serpents with indifference one-half of the terrors of Jerrey lightning" would be done away

Prince Bismarck has given evidence of the effect of the rainy weather upon his system by emitting another growl at the United States. It is probable that the prince's unkind remarks are due to neuralgia rather than to any real feeling of hostility.

The officers in command of the Inliana troops have issued orders that the faces of men in their regiments who wear chin whiskers shall be shaved. The Indiana troops evidently do not intend to be mistaken for "reu-

Spain's war news seems always to be easoned to suit the Spanish taste.

The Alabama ought to be completed

Our Unpreparedness for Effective War

From the Philadelphia Times. ITH a foreign war on its hands the country is being furnished with an object lesson on the folly of maintaining the insignificant standard nificant standing army of but 25,000 men, trusting to luck to furnish an efficient fighting force if we get in a sera; with a foreign government. Congress has steadily refused to increase the army of o appropriate sufficient money for coas defense or an ample supply of modern ar-tillery. It has pursued a foolishly niggardly policy in regard to every detail of our military equipment, and while do-ing a little better in regard to the navy ias haggled about the price of armor for battleships, and when war became immi-nent the ships ready for service were short of armament and other necessary supplies for a campaign at sea.

When war was declared and a call for roops made there was no hesitation about the response so far as men were concerned. The call was promptly filled, and could have been filled three times over if necessary. But men are not soldiers until they are drilled, armed, uni-formed and provided with camp equipage and a commissary department. An army of men could be, and were enlisted, almost in a day, but uniforms, tents rifles, cartridge boxes, cartridges, blank-ets, and rations, horses for cavalry and artillery and the thousand one other things necessary for the equipment of an army cannot be improvised in a day, especially when no provision has been made in advance.

It is useless, therefore, for congress the newspapers or any one else to criti-cise the administration for not being able to occupy Cuba at once and Munila within a week. As a matter of fact, the government at Washington is doing wonderfully well in view of the state of un-preparedness for war in which, thanks to the congress of the present and the ast, we found ourselves upon the break ing out of hestilities. We have men, and noney can be furnished if congress will permit; but rifles, cannon, uniforms, tents and other military furnishings must be made and distributed to the men before they can become soldiers or go on a ampaign, and this precludes taking the

The lesson is so obvious that even a foolish jingo congressman ought to be able to learn it, and that is that a nation f 70,000,000 of people with a double line f seacoast to defend and commercial nterests to guard in every part of the world, should have an active military and mayal force in some reasonable proporon to the importance of the interests o be protected and a sufficient supply f military and naval stores to equip a size three or four times as great if such force should be suddenly required, as is at present. We come very near bears in the position of the man in the particle who began to build without counting he cost, and the result is likely to be an innecessary prajouration of a particle. cossary prolongation of a wer that hould have been short, sharp and decis-

OUR ASIATIC BERMUDAS.

New York Mail and Express. What would England take for her Her-mudas? She has been their owner for Though numerous, they con-nincteen solid square miles. 100 years. Bermuda's commercial relations are almost altogether with this country; her exports to us are forty times as great as and must be obeyed. His duty is to structors are incompetent. This dis-report the truth and nothing but the covery seems to have been made rather to England one one-hundredth part of

the money expended upon her, her exports being in 1897 a trifle over \$500,000, and her imports about the same. But England would probably not sell Ber-muda for \$100,000,000,

A glance at the map, or better yet, a globe, explains. These islands are englobe, explains. These islands are citirely by themselves in the midst of the Atlantic. No land is within 800 miles. A closer survey will show that they are about equi-distant from Newfoundland, Nova Scotla, Maine, New York, Virginia, Georgia, the Bahamas, Hatti and the Northern Antilles—all of them from 600 to 700 miles away. The map will show them to be the center of a circle, the western half of which is outlined by all these other islands and the United States these other islands and the United States coast. In case of a war with Spain, Prance or Denmark, England could swoop down on their West India posses-sions in one-fourth the time they would require to reach them. In a war with the United States she could be within the above distances of all our ports.

Now, what the Bermuda Islands are to Breat Britain the Hawaiian Islands are to the United States in the Pacific. They too, are a midoccan group. They, too are isolated from all others. They, too, form the center of a full third of a circle, with a radius of 2,000 miles, which eaches the various ports of California Oregon, Washington, British America Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, Siberia and North Japan. They are the center of this almost unislanded sea. Then, South America, Korca, China, India and the nearest of the Australasian islands are hardly twice that distance from Hawall, Geographically she belongs to us, as well as redemptively, through our early teaching of her children. British America is as near to her almost as us, and England would undoubtedly find her a desirable link to join her Asiatic to her American possessions. But we need her immense more than she. She is the middle of the Pacific, like a huge turreted moni or at sea, facing the approaching enemy from any and every side.

The best way to defend our western itles is to occupy and arm well this great stronghold in the middle of the Pacific herself. Let congress act at once, and se core our "Bermuda Islands in the Pacific

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Do waver thro' the night, To creep to haven sullenly, Once all their own by right, We may not follow where they gleam-The false fair lights aglow; Tis not for us they sudden stream— O doomed lights that briefly beam Afar from old Morre! -H. C. P.

Not Allowed to Forget It.

"Yesterday," raid Jabson, "I refused a poor woman a request for a small sum of money, and in consequence of my act I passed a sleepless night. The tones of her voice were ringing in my cars the whole time." "Your softness of heart does you cred-

ft," said Mahson; "who was the wo-"My wife."-Detroit Free Press.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D:awn by Alacchus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 4.98 a. m. for Saturday, May 21, 1898.

(3) A child born on this day will notice that another ultimatum has been sound-

ed in the sworn and unsworn circulation The members of the Scranton Colum-

ola Cavalry company may join Teddy Roosevelt's rough riders. Some of the Scranton editors are swearing about their circulation, but most people feel more like swearing about

the weather. Pawnee Bill's show received a combinaon of the freshet and frost in Scranon yesterday. Weyler probably expects to land his

army of 50,000 in the United States at the close of the rainy season. The month of roses and open street cars is at hand.

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