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That ocean-guarded flag, forever may it fly! It floated o'er Mantoloking's bloody fight, and in its folds the flames to earth's remotest shore.

Under the franchise ordinance as it passed select council on Thursday night, the proposed new telephone company, which offers a guaranteed service at one-half the present rates, must lay out and put all its wires underground within a radius of 1,000 yards from the court house square.

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?

It begins to look as though the government will be obliged to let Sylvester Seovel 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 maudlin coffee little realize the enormous expense incurred, the difficulties surmounted, the dangers run, and the risks to life incurred 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 the thrilling story of the crowning achievement of a great battle fought and won.

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.

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.

truth as he sees and realizes it, dispassionately and candidly. The news of the battle of Waterloo took seven days in reaching London. It was then regarded as a phenomenally expeditious dispatch.

Let Sampson Cut Loose. Whatever may be the backwardness in preparation for actual fighting of our land forces, the American navy is as ready for war at this time as it is likely to be during the existing campaign.

It is not strategy but cunning which the situation calls for. Otherwise much of the good which Dewey did at Manila will be neutralized by fruitless maneuvering 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.

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.

Spain's war news seems always to be seasoned to suit the Spanish taste. The Alabama ought to be completed in time to show what she can do.

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 searching protest against an Anglo-American alliance, in the course of which it says:

It is announced that today the British flag waves above every American consulate in Cuba, hoisted by American hands. Is this possible? Is this the background and behind the scenes of American politics gives to the millions of Irish-Americans who guard with their hearts' blood the stately standard of the Union when English intrigue sought to plant secession on the ruins of the Republic?

When war was declared and a call for troops made there was no hesitation about the response so far as men were concerned. The full war equipment, and could have been filled three times over if necessary.

It is useless, therefore, for congress, the newspapers or any one else to criticize the administration for not being able to secure "victories" at once, and within a week. As a matter of fact, the government at Washington is doing wonderfully well in view of the state of unpreparedness for war in which, standing to the congress of the present and the past, we found ourselves upon the breaking out of hostilities.

The lesson is so obvious that even a foolish jingo congressman ought to be able to learn it, and that is that a nation of 75,000,000 of people with a double line of seas to defend and commercial interests to guard in every part of the world, should have an active military and naval force in some reasonable proportion to the importance of the interests to be protected and a sufficient supply of military and naval stores to equip a force three or four times as great as it is at present.

What would England take for her Bermuda? She has been their owner for 30 years. Though numerous they contain only nineteen solid square miles. Bermuda's commercial relations are almost altogether with this country; her exports to us are forty times as great as to Great Britain, and her imports twice as great. Financially she is not worth 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 Bermuda for \$100,000,000.

A glance at the map, or better yet, a globe, explains. These islands are entirely by themselves in the midst of the Atlantic. No land is within 500 miles. A survey will show that they are about equidistant from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Maine, New York, Virginia, Georgia, the Bahamas, Haiti and the Northern Antilles—all of them from 500 to 550 miles away.

Now, what the Bermuda Islands are to Great Britain the Hawaiian Islands are to the United States in the Pacific. They, too, are a mid-ocean group. They, too, are about equidistant from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Maine, New York, Virginia, Georgia, the Bahamas, Haiti and the Northern Antilles—all of them from 500 to 550 miles away.

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Not Allowed to Forget It. "Yesterday," said 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 ears the whole time." "Your softness of heart does you credit," said Mabson; "who was the woman?" "My wife."—Detroit Free Press.

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