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SCRANTON, MARCH 22, 1902.

General Miles should remember that broncho busting is one of the president's strong holds.

The Army Re-Organization Bill. ISMISSING all personal blas ing high command in the

army, and looking at the proposed army reorganization measure as we would look at something affect produce the desired results?

General Miles says that an army law responsibility without recasting the en- possible time, tire structure of our government.

the military affairs committee is that individuals, with welcome but non ir if the president and secretary of war toxicating cheap refreshments. prietor of an industry think if the law and the grace of God. should say to him that he must not pick his men for promotion according to his estimate of their fitness for certain trusts, but that he must promote all hands according to the rule of seniority? As applied to a civil enterprise this seniority rule is manifestly ridiculous. As applied to the army it is equally so, especially in times of emergency, when men who can do regardless of how long they have been in the service.

Of course there is the possibility of favoritism in the use of discretionary power. This would be larger in a time of tranquility, when commanding positions in the army have little actual meaning so far as large inferests are concerned, than in a time of war. But it is in war time that discretionary power is most essential. Under all arrangements of human affairs the cry of favoritism from those who have fallen by the wayside is inevitable. No system can stop it; and it is hardly worth while to try to do away with it. But it should at least not be permitted to interfere with making army promotion responsive to fitness; for that is the only tenable groundwork of a perfeeted military service.

Mr. Dillon's experience shows that the House of Commons has no use for South Carolina elequence.

An Issue Bound to Come.

ONGRESSMAN DICK of Ohio recently made the statement that'a manufacturer of mowand shipping it back to the United still getting the steel cheaper than it could be purchased of the steel trust direct. Congressman Dick is a Republican and protectionist. He is the chairman of the Ohio Republican state central committee and a man whose word is taken at par wherever known. It is possible that the Akron man drew long bow while writing to General His statement bardly seems reasonable. But the fact that steel exports command lower prices in foreign markets than the same articles sell explains why many sincere protectionists believe the time is near at hand when there will have to be a revision

trine; and for that reason those high protectionists who insist that nothing shall be done really do their cause harm by exposing it to radical attack. It is as certain as day that the present rates will not long prove acceptable to the people if they give a preference to foreign consumers.

Until the government at Washington moves it is not likely that Turkey will comply with the demand of correspondents that the Porte shall refund Miss Stone's ransom,

Philanthropic Saloons.

X 7 E ALLUDED briefly the other day to the presence in New York of a distinguished British philanthropist, the Earl Grey, whose mission was to interest the City club, a body of philanthropic New Yorkers, in a plan, already in operation in England, for overcoming many of the attendant evils of the saloon business. Additional information as to this British plan has since been received; and no doubt it will interest some of our readers.

In England what is known as the Public House Trust,-an incorporated body of prominent men interested in public improvements, material and moral-has gone into the saloon business on a large scale and for certain well-defined purposes, which differ from the purposes usually actuating the American saloon-keeper. In the first place, the English company limits its profits to 4 per cent, on the capital invested. All above that figure is turned over for purposes of public utility and improvement, such as the construction of public play-grounds, reading rooms,

libraries and the like. The trust buys all its liquors through central agency, thus getting the best possible quality and securing the lowest possible price. No adulterated goods are permitted a place on its shelves. The local managers are under instrucing generations to come, what ground tions not only not to sell to persons has General Miles for objecting to under the influence of liquor and of clothing the president with power of known intemperate habits, but also to selecting such men to command the push upon customers, whenever possiarmy and to advise with the command- | ble, non-intoxleating drinks or liquors ing officer as he deems most likely to having a low per centage of alcohol. It is hoped by this means to gradually reduce the large consumption in Great of this kind would simply facilitate the Britain of spirits. Emphasis is also exercise of favoritism by what he calls placed on food sales and on the cultivathe army ring. Would not that depend | tion of wholesome amusements. The upon the kind of man occupying the aim is to make the trust public house white house? The responsibility in time a poor man's club, without the demorof war rests upon the president of the alizing features often to be found in United States and upon the secretary the saloon whose object is to make the of war. There is no way to shift this largest possible profit in the shortest

In a letter to the New York Sun Dr Though as the law now stands, under Funk, the well-known advocate of prothe rule of seniority, they have little hibition, presents with ability the exdiscretionary power in picking men for pected objection to this policy. He is difficult military commands, they are opposed to "respectable" saloons and held responsible just the same. If a wants them to become just as uncampaign goes wrong, the secretary of respectable as possible, in order that war, and behind him, the president, persons of naturally respectable tastes catch it; no one thinks of putting the and inclinations will be discouraged blame on the lieutenant general com- from going into them. Nevertheless, manding. Although General Shafter Dr. Funk is impressed with the thought was the officer whom General Miles that something should be done to comrecommended for command of the San- pete with the saloon as a social rentiago expedition, no one heard any cen- dezvous for the poor. His idea is that sure of Miles during the time that the the municipalities should provide abunnewspapers were making Shafter and dant clubhouses and concert saloons Alger the targets of raillery and abuse, containing ample provisions for sports The meaning of the bill now before and for social reunions for families and

must carry responsibility they should Between these extremes of opinion have corresponding power. If they find there is no satisfactory basis of comthat a captain or a colonel exhibits a promise. It is like the army canteen better fitness for responsible command controversy; neither side is willing to than some officer of a higher grade be guided wholly and dispassionately whose main prop is seniority, the penc- by the evidence; each is a slave to ing bill means that this subordinate theory. As a matter of fact, neither may, in the commander-in-chief's dis- prohibition nor philanthropic essays at cretion, be called to the higher position saloon-keeping will overcome the drink where his usefulness would be greatest. habit and the evils growing out of it; and the senior officer of inferior merit, they are fundamental in human nature be set aside. What would the pro- and will yield only to moral evolution

> The Venezuelan rumpus threaten soon to take on the dignity of a war.

Two Gentlemen from Indiana.

W NDIANA Republicans have the proper Idea, A few days ago they renominated by acclamation Judge Crumpacker, the congressman who is pushing the enforcement things are doubly and trebly valuable of the American constitution in respect to jug-handled franchise restrictions, and now word comes that they have accorded a similar honor to Congressman Landis, the brilliant and eloquent member from the Delphi district, who so pleased a Scranton audience in his joint discussion with Champ Clark. These representatives from adjoining districts entered congress together, one from the bar after a term of service on the bench, and the other from the sanctum of an influential newspaper, the discussion of political topics in which had attracted widespread compliment. Both are, comparatively speaking, poor men, who could easily better their condition from a financial standpoint if they would refinquish public life; but the people of their districts will not have it. Having aiready served three terms, they will in their fourth be among the recognized leaders. For that matter they are leaders now, but the longer the term of service the greater the opportunity of securing that recognition in committee assignments which enables the congressman of ability to put his ability to the most effective use. Indiana is evidently learning from Maine ers and reapers at Akron, O., and Iowa that it does not pay to make had written to him that his firm was frequent changes in congressional repbuying American-made steel in Europe | resentation except for cause. We congratulate Messrs. Crumpacker and States, paying the duty and freight and | Landis, but more especially we congratulate their constituents.

According to the New York Sun, the railway interests of this country "view with the greatest alarm" the possibility of rate-making power being conferred upon the Interstate Commerce commission. The Sun notes one exception. It excepts the Pennsylvania railroad, and it frowns upon Mr. Cassatt's policy as severely as it dares. Events will prove which view is right -that of the railway managers who for at home is well established, and it think centralization of railway control should not be subject to safeguards in the public interest, and that of farseeing men like President Cassatt, who,

AN ART EXHIBITION FROM A LOCAL VIEW

T IS ALWAYS a source of surprise why people will buy oil paintings by the yard. There was a time when Oil Painting spelled Ari.

It covered the entire ground before the advent of Timothy Cole's engravings and included in their remote life, are for the few only.

very parlor wall.

Then came the era of Gibson and the Poster

firl. Gibson did a good work in instilling prin-

nate buyer with airocious pieces of "art." Seme-times the new owner has misgivings on the mate. Mr. Mora has two delightful s ther, but there is the receipt for a large amount framed in a buriap mat, besides that spirited and there, too, is the statement of the artist that the pictures are good. Where is the friend who will dare malceeive bine? The busy man has not things to follow the exhibitions, catalogue in hand, and learn to induce for himself and acquire an art kins' story, "The Love of Parson Lord." should jargun. He says: "I must trust somelwidy. Why not you!" to the willy artist, us it would never ceur to him to trust a reliable home dealer, The reason the busy man doesn't buy original drawings and fine water color studies is because they are not brought to his door by scenebody with a winsome smile, a portfolio, and on installment plans and specifications. He does not know

New York and would scarcely bother to do it he knew. So he continues to buy oils-and ther things.
The visit of the Association of American Illus returns of many lands—grouped in our little given,
talys, Polands, Aremenius and Hungaries, But Many will remember the Louis Loeb illustra
to have original drawings, such as have never beir home for inspection, is an event,

etter than the author. He opens a window to- feature. ward the wide world for a million eyes and reads a poem of aspiration to a million cars. Every versatility. The one where Charley Steele and magazine makes him the friend of the public and Joe are seen in the Canadian forest is strong he great throngs outside learn to know and love vindeed

was a time when Oil Painting spelled Ari. It covered the entire ground before the advent of Timothy Cole's engravings and included even the Early Macrame Period, except in the great centers of civilization. Slowly in and through provincial life crept the new idea that perhaps after all there was something beyond the lightning artist, and chromes and their kind became a little unpopular. The etching mania followed, and was violent and disastrous while it lasted, but it had a good effect on the public taste, even if it did place a brother to the ox on every parloy wall.

week and month, on the cars, in the shop, in the quiet evening, hour, is the one who finds a missison now. We learn to watch for the stiff eiples of simplicity, but it has come to the place little signature, the angular dip of the pen, of now where there is a difference between laving simplicity and being simple. Mr. Gibron is simplicity and being simple. Mr. Gibron is simplicity and being simple, and his insolent trays, in the clear, fine lights. Sometimes, when methods and careless and active was wrought his we grow a little intimate with his style, as ruin. Those who started far in his wake have with Wenzell, we say, "Oh, yes, we know his passed him long ago, and their faithful, pairs-taking efforts are taking them into wide, calm the women of his pictures, high-bred, dainty, taking efforts are taking them into wide, calm claiming efforts are taking them into wide, calm claiming of honest renown, where his frail craft, overladen with replicas of a hauging girl with a tip-tilted chin may never hope to sail. By the side of the work of Smedley, Wenzell, Sterner, Hutt and many others, who have branched out into original lines, Gibson's monotonous, glasmy-browed maidens are more than a little tiresome. One would rather live with a nice old lady of Smedley's than with one of these littermarches in anytic as transporent in tone as Tadema's in Smedley's thin with one of these filtempreds in pastel as translucent in tone as Tadema's in looking young women, the whilem favorite of the matine girl.

But there are still neople in the smaller towns and efficiently opening to be provided in the smaller towns and efficiently opening to be provided in the smaller towns and efficiently opening to be provided in the smaller towns and efficiently opening to be provided in the smaller towns and efficiently opening to the smaller towns and efficiently opening to the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns and efficiently opening to the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns and efficiently opening to the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns as the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns are smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns are smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns are smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns are smaller towns. The smaller towns are smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns are smaller towns and efficiently opening the smaller towns are smaller towns. this is not meant to include those who parchase really good works from artists of repute, but rather those who buy all sorts of nondecript subjects, done in a viciously bad style. One wonders at them, particularly when original drawings of charming and interesting subjects may often be purchased for less money.

It is just possible that the explanation may be made thus: Indifferent artists with acres of high contents and contents of the property of prope canvases, make pligrimages from city to city with their work. They camp in each place for a few weeks and stock up the homes of the indiscrimis "We jaked 'long slow, 'court of Turk not bein Mr. Mora has two delightful studies of a child

he given attention. It represents the old man with his head bowed after the revelation relating to his fair young daughter, "Love."

Mr. Birch's colored drawing for the St. Nichola story, where the sprite rides off away on a whee of a calculation—airy, delicate as one of Frederi Churches's factuates. It has the barmony of plendid colors, which is not often seen there's pictures. here to go to hunt out engravings and drawings No more exquisite illustration is to be

than Robert Blum's "Arrival in Japan." One expects the gleam of poppies, the flash of cherry rators to this city is an epoch in art for us. We blooms and the strong lights on Oriental faces is ave had art in doses, varying in size and character. Robert Blam's Japanese color work. This is it er, for years. It has ranged from Art clubs, the a low key, tender soft, with a stretch of sea, memory of which maketh and the heart of the as-pirant after the aesthetic, to bogus civings and vard-wide oils. We have it always in the Soit Thodarno's "Close Call," is one of the mosrescure, formed by faces litted from the mine spirited pictures in the exhibition in a certar t against a dulled cobalt mountain of cults. retelling far in level lines, and in the genre reliding off the bows of the one whose deck

ore been collected in this country, brought to is superior in the original, as seen in this exhibit the home for inspection, is an event, The illustrator speaks to the multitude as no Hebrew as he curses his daughter. The greater may. His pictures tell the story often picture from the Mantle of Elijah is a notable

FALL IN EXPORTS NOT DISCOURAGING

special Correspondence of The Tribune Washington, March 21.

THE REDUCTION of forty-one million dollars in the experts of the United States for the eight months chaing with February is not considered at all discouraging by those sterested in the growth of our export trade, nor it an indication of a decline in the general rowth of that trade. On the contrary, in all aportant articles except three, in which condi-ions are abnormal, there has been an increase he decrease is solely or practically so in comto the great crop shortage caused by the ought of last summer, in copper, in white ices have greatly fallen and in Iron and stoel anufactures, due to the unusual demand of the me market upon our manufacturers and th duced demand in foreign markets. In corn and an uncal alone the exports fall more than 47 offlien dellars below those of the corresponding eriod of last year, while the total decrease in all sports is but \$11,012,584; showing that if corn sports were normal the total figures would sho n increas, of more than six million dollars eve ist year and over the corresponding period of , the figures of the seven months emlinwith January (February figures not yet available) show a reduction of about 16 million dollars in xports, this, as has already been explained market upon our manufacturers and the lower rices and reduced detaind abroad. In wheat the experts for the eight months show on in-crease of nearly 30 million dollars compared with e of the same months of the preceding year in provisions there is an increase of five illion dollars. In cotton the month of February shows an increase of over two million dollars compared with February 1991, though the six contlar of the cotton year ending with February now a decrease of about 10 million dollars, due a lower prices and not to any reduction i puntity, the number of pounds experted during be period being 2,635,347,613 pounds, against 1,408,244,023 pounds last year, an increase of over 330 million pounds. In mineral oils the preliminary figures of the Treasury Bureau of tatistics for 8 months ending with Vebruar how an increase of nearly 2 million dollars over hose of the corresponding months of the previous car, measured by values, while in quantity the netease is in much greater proportion. The total number of gailons shown by the preliminary state ment of the Bureau of Statistics for the 8 month 750,156,201, against 078,001,765 last year, on 'r crouse of 7 per cent.; while the value, as show by the same statement is, for the 8 months en ; with February 1902, \$48,155,475, against \$40 ing with February 1992, \$38,169,473, against 209,495,854, an increase of 3 per cent. Thus this feature of our export trade, mineral oils, which a few months ago was showing a decline, bus fully recovered, and its exports now exceed those of any preceding year both in quantity and value in copper, the only other important article which howed a decline, the figures for January sho on increase of nearly 50 per cent. In quantity, and a slight decrease in value, compared with those of January 1901 (February figures being not yet available), though for the seven months ending with January, the export figures still fall considerably below those of the preceding year. Tims, corn in the 8 months ending with February has fallen 47 million dellars in the value its exports, solely due to the shortage crused to the drouth of last summer; copper in the 7 aths ending with January showed a falling off f \$9,536.884, by reason of the enormous fall is rices and in fereign demand; and manufacture from and steel showed in the seven months : cline of \$16,365,320, due to increased newbord bonne and reduced prices and demand abroad the e three items, in each of which the falling in experts is due to exceptional causes and y he considered as temperary, the reduction over 70 million dollars, while the total reduc-February is but II million dollars, showing that

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

of some of the schedules of the tariff in the interest of the home consumer. When done, this must be done by hands about on terms which will be most characteristic favorable to honest railway operation.

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of more than 30 million dollars.

Even with this decrease of 41 million dollars the United States still stambs at the head of the world's exporting nations, the tool exports domestic merchandisc being: United State United State 8057,986,427; and the United Kingdom, most nearly approaches the figures of the United States, 911,345,250.

are abnormal there has been an increase in export-

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 1.11 a. m., for Saturday, Marc A child born on this day will note that it mpossible to satisfy earthly debts with pros while too little may prove the undoing of his

The man who is willing that his wife should isit his place of business at any hour may be rusted. Some people lead double lives because their Ridheule will do more to place some men o

the right path than good advice Chean noteriety would be more desirable if i Ajacchus' Advice.

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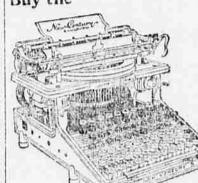
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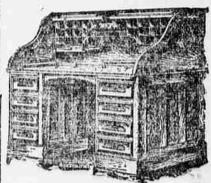
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