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KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE. During the progress of the war, as heretofore. The Bee will continue to outrank all competitors in telegraphic news. With the full Associated Press report, supplemented by special cable dispatches from Europe and all points in the seat of war, it will supply its patrons with the tion of The Bee, with the most authentic reports, will be published. The Bee false alarms by sensational fakes, either to rifle the pockets of the credulous. The field of fakery and imposture it will leave to the papers which subsist by such questionable methods.

The way for Governor Holcomb to get ald of the Robert E. Lee Herdman incubus is to press him into the service as a colonel.

By the time the Nebraska boys get down to the Gulf of Mexico they will want to shed their winter uniforms, but it is to be hoped the war will be over before they get that far.

Hawaii will be welcomed as a partleipant in the Transmississippi Exposition, but it will shine much better as a foreign nation than as a territorial province of the United States.

What will be the political condition of ne of the states have already broken away from their traditional politics and others will embrace the first excuse for so doing.

The next thing we hear of Governor War department on the ground that it is government of Nebraska under the constitution.

the State department brings the number of ex-secretaries of state living up to five-namely, Sherman, Olney, Bayard, Foster and Evarts. The latter retired from public life many years ago.

The most serviceable brand of patriotism is that which keeps its head even in the midst of the greatest excitement. A patriot who flies about like a chicken with his head off at every mention of Spain will be useless when his services are needed.

The obstructionists of Spain are resorting to the petition habit for the anhoyance of the boy king and his supporters. But, then, they have no newspaper organs through which they can make attacks on the government and encidentally help the enemy.

The newspapers that have always been loyal do not have to flaunt the flag in every column to prove their patriotism. Ex-copperheads and ex-rebels are natucally expected to shout loudest for Old Glory, which they fired bullets into or otherwise insulted when the life of the nation was in danger.

the plan by which Governor Holcomb the latter out. has let contracts for supplies on bids given over the telephone there would be 100,000 Japanese laborers had asked for in their Commercial club would do well several courts-martial convened to try passports to the United States and that to take the question up. charges of jobbery. But, then, the gov- 30,000 had received them. This was de ernor of Nebraska insists that he is nied, but the fact cannot be ignored that above both the law and the constitution.

the congressional nomination at the a few years ago. Strenuous efforts are and Second Nebraska regiments. Those hands of the populists in one of the dis- being made to prevent the coming of regiments have made their history and trices is on record as having called out Japanese on contracts and yet it is cer. their war records should be distinguished the fire department in Topeka by trying tain that many contract laborers slip from the record to be made by the volto mail a letter in the alarm box. Some past the immigration officers. That unteers of '98. This can be readily done populists, however, have done equally Japanese laborers are willing to sell by numbering the two regiments about to congress.

which has made it impossible to expect to go to work on the sugar plantations. good grass and grain crops this year in Japanese laborers are also being sent a large part of the state. However, in large numbers to Mexico and Central California is a state with so many and America under contracts. ously crippled by the loss of a part of state for grazing purposes.

THE FIRST NAVAL BATTLE. Wherever the first battle between the

fleets of the United States and Spain will go far to determine the still unfighting value of modern war ships. The few naval battles of recent years have not afforded an adequate test of than with others.

the efficiency of modern devices for warfare on the sea-of the complex machinery of the new navies. The battle between the navies of Chill and Peru the ships engaged were armor clad, furnished no test. The British reduction of the forts of one-sided and indecisive. The naval fighting in Brazil five years ago did not while the naval machinery of the Chinese was superior to that of Japan, it was ill-supplied with ammunition and badly handled. Each Chinese ship acted independently, while the Japanese squadron was directed as a whole and operated with coolness and skill. The Chinese navy, many of the seamen in which were both inefficient and cowardly, was practically annihilated, yet Japan did not have a single battleship or an armored cruiser of the first class nor any of the latest naval ordnance and and China made no effective use of hers.

Hence the world looks to a great battle between the navies of Spain and the United States, which contain some of the latest and best of modern war ships, for an adequate test of the fighting machinery of modern warfare on the sea. The belief among experts is pretty general that brains will count for quite as most complete and reliable war news. much as armor, while discipline and Whenever anything of great importance accuracy of fire will be important factors or startling nature occurs, an extra edi- in a naval battle. A writer on the subject remarks that the adoption of mechanical forces and devices makes a new demand upon the qualities of men. will not, however, attempt to create They need as much as ever coolness, courage and endurance, but impetuous on bulletin boards or in extras gotten up dash and fury and the prowess of sheer physical vigor must give place to mental qualities of a higher order than was formerly required. In this respect the navy of the United States ought to show a decided advantage over that of Spain. We think it safe to say that as a whole the men in the American navy are superior intellectually and quite the equal of the Spanlards in discipline and

ordinary shot and shell.

daring. The test which the world anxiously awaits cannot be much longer delayed. Spanish strategy must soon be disclosed and there can be no doubt that the American navy is ready for any emer-

SPANISH FORCE IN CURA.

There has been great divergence in estimates regarding the strength of the Spanish army in Cuba. It is safe to assume that no one outside of the Spanish military authorities there and the the "solid south" after the war is over? war office at Madrid is accurately informed as to the number of troops under Blanco, but it is difficult to understand why there should be such a wide difference in the estimates of those who are understood to have made some investigation of the matter. A variance in Holcomb will file a demurrer against the figures from 60,000, for which General Lee is authority, to four or five times not a co-ordinate branch of the state that number, as estimated by Consul Springer, is pretty broad. Certainly if the Spanish in Cuba can raise a force of between 250,000 and 300,000 soldlers, The retirement of John Sherman from adequately supplied with arms and ammunition, as Consul Springer says they can, the American people may as well make up their minds that driving Spain out of Cuba is likely to prove a pretty

hard task. Undoubtedly, however, General Lee is to be accepted as the better authority, especially as he is sustained by much other authority. It is probable that the entire available Spanish force in Cuba does not exceed 100,000 and while this would be a very for midable force if composed of first rate material, with the class of soldiers, according to trustworthy accounts, it for the most part embraces its real fighting strength is not above half what the figures indicate. Undoubtedly the Spaniards and Cuba will do some fighting. but an army largely made up of hungry and ragged youths, poorly disciplined cannot be very formidable.

JAPANESE LABORERS. It is probable that within a few years opposition to Japanese laborers will de-Chinese laborers in the past. This is If the United States War department largely taking the place of the Chinese handled its commissary department on where prejudice or the law has driven

A few days ago it was rumored that

the coming of large numbers of Japanese laborers is almost as great a A Kansas newspaper calls attention to menace to industrial prosperity on the ice? Nebraska furnished two regiments the fact that a man who is asking for Pacific coast as was the influx of Chinese during the civil war known as the First foolish things sometimes after they got themselves practically into slavery for to be mustered the Third and Fourth the sake of getting away from their Nebraska. overcrowded island is shown by the There is a diversity of opinion in Cali- fact that there are many thousand conf rnia as to the extent of the damage tract laborers in Hawaii brought from done to the fruit crop of the state by late Japan, where on one day this month frosts, but there is no question about two steamships brought to Honolulu the seriousness of the prolonged drouth, 1,176 Japanese contract laborers who are

varied industries that it will not be seri- The American people, with some show of reason, have looked upon the Japanese the fruit crop for one season or the as more desirable than the Chinese. have occurred in an Omaha saloon with necessity of sending the cattle out of the Japanese laborers are usually more in the result that the sergeant-at-arms of

shall be fought the entire world awaits selves with labor at starvation wages; ferring soldier, straps upon the victim it with intense interest, because it is but the coolle system is being introfelt that the result of such a conflict duced among the Japanese and it is not in all future ferorm conventions. less offensive with them than with any settled question in regard to the real other class of laborers. The American people will not tolerate a form of slavery with the Japanese laborers any more

A WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS. Now that the war spirit has been fully aroused and patriotism inspires every nearly twenty years ago, although American to make whatever sacrifice may be necessary to sustain the national honor, it is to be hoped that every agency which can ameliorate the rigors Alexandria sixteen years ago was and hardships of war will be called into activity.

The timely suggestion of General Mansupply a satisfactory test of the modern derson that Nebraska take the lead in war ship. The nearest approach to a organizing a women's relief corps is the battle of the Yalu, in the war be- meet with a prompt and cordial response tween China and Japan, but that was from the noble women of Nebraska. far from being a satisfactory test, for, While Nebraska's quota in the volunteer army will not be as large as that of the more populous states on the lakes and Atlantic seaboard, there is no reason why this state should not inaugurate the movement to provide for the sick and maimed heroes who have enrolled themselves to battle for Cuba's freedom.

During the civil war nothing contributed more toward making the life of the union soldier endurable than did the various relief organizations formed by the loyal women of the land. In the camp, in the hospital and on the battle gun appliances. Japan had no torpedoes field patriotic women ministered to the wants of the defenders of the union and The Japanese victory was won with the cheered them on to renewed effort to and smoothly save the nation. The women of 1898 order on hand. are surely as self-sacrificing and patriotic as the women of 1861 to 1865.

> Nebraska prides itself on being one o the soldier states. The example it will set in organizing the first women's relief corps will be emulated by the

When the women of Nebraska rally round the flag by organizing for the work of soldiers' relief they will encounter no obstacle in procuring abundant support from all classes of our citizens. The nucleus for this movement is already at hand in the woman's auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the experience of whose members will be invaluable in the present emergency.

TREATMENT OF SPANISH SHIPS. The proclamation of the president, announcing the policy of the government toward Spanish merchant vessels, is fair and liberal. The existence of war dates from April 21 and any merchant vessel of Spain that was in an American port at that date is allowed thirty days for departure, with freedom from danger of capture if they shall be found to carry nothing contraband of war. It is also provided that any vessel that sailed from a foreign port, prior to the date at which war was declared to exist, for a port of the United States, small be permitted to enter such port and discharge its cargo, departing forthwith without molestation and with permission to con-

tinue her voyage to any port not block aded. It is the right of a government to deermine for itself the time during which the merchant vessels of an enemy may remain in its ports and this has been made as short as fifteen days. Consequently this government would have been justified in naming a briefer period than a month for the departure of Spanish merchantmen from American ports, but the interests of our own people perhaps required that at least thirty days be allowed Spanish vessels to take on cargoes and sail away. Of course this privilege does not give them freedom from search. They may still be stopped by our war vessels and their papers and cargoes examined, but it is a safeguard against seizure if they are found to be all right. It is to be presumed that the Spanish government will observe a like course toward American merchant ves-

It is perhaps needless to say that the existence of war is the absolute interruption and interdiction of all commer cial intercourse between the belligerent countries, but the rule of international law to which the president's proclamation conforms is observed by all maritime nations.

A contributor calls attention to the fact that while the agitation for a general cleaning up in preparation for the exposition has worked noticeable improvement in many directions, in other lines there is an appearance of sad negmore particularly to the minor public carriers such as omnibuses, express velop on the Pacific coast almost as wagons, freight trucks, retail deliveries, bitter as that directed against the United States mail wagons and other vehicles that detract from the metrobecause the Japanese workmen are politan character of our streets. The complaint that at present they do no in this respect compare favorably with cities of less pretensions than our own is well founded and the business men

Why cannot Nebraska emulate the example of Iowa in the numbering of regiments furnished for the volunteer serv-

The butter makers of Iowa have a right to point with pride to the fact that of the 80,000,000 pounds marketed last year fully 75 per cent was sold in New York City. This does not include the much larger amount consumed by the lowa people themselves, every pound of which was necessarily of excellent qual-

The first blood of the war has been shed. The fighting, however, seems to telligent than the Chinese, and as they the late democratic state convention quainted with your country.

have become accustomed to a higher wears a bullet in his arm. It will be in standard of Eving in Japan, the Japanese order for Gozenor Holcomb to recog-laborers are unwilling to degrade themthat will entitle him to a colonel's rank

> A once famous picture illustrating T. Buchanan Read's stirring poem, "Sheridan's Ride," was knocked down at an auction sale of art works in New York a few days ago for \$175. The painting cost the original owner \$12,000. The poem never cost anybody that sum and it has been read and admired by chousands who would hardly take a second glance at the picture.

The county attorney deserves praise for getting after some of the skin game gamblers at South Omaha. Several skin games, however, are being operated right along in Omaha with the knowledge of the police and under assurance test of naval fighting appliances was in heartily endorsed by The Bee and should of police protection. How much longer are our reform police authorities to be permitted to work this graft?

The railroad earnings for the month of March show a substantial improvement in business in spite of war, especially in the west, 120 prominent roads reporting increased earnings of over \$6,000,000 over 1897. But there are still a few popocrats who believe the promised prosperity is all a sham.

Expeditious When Necessary.

The bill declaring war against Spain passed he house in one minute and seconds from the time it was presented hich may serve to convince Europe that the machinery of a republic works rapidly enough when there is a rush

The United States may have lost diplomatic points in previous regotiations, but it secred an important victory in volrelinquishing the right to engage in privateering, thus compelling Spain to choose between following her example and women of every state in the union from antagonizing maritime Europe. This was a stroke of real statesmanship on the part of the Umited Etates.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In the midst of war preparations it is a gratifying fact that the demand for our manufactured articles is growing in many directions. Orders have increased this American railroad iron, engines, bridges, plows, cultivators, reapers, thrashers, hullers, cotton-working machines, stamp mills and steam engines. American elecmachinery has control of the whole Not long ago three water wheels of 450-horse power each were sent to an elecmachinery is replacing that of foreign made ordering new battleships in our yards.

Shot Into the Blood.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. It will not do to suppose that the English people are unanimously in sympathy with the United States these days. themselves in difficulty, is still doing business at the old stand. It frankly avows its preference for "Cantile over Connecticut," as it says, which is complimentary to Connecticut. The Review finally reduces the whole question to one of "manners," and of course that is all there is to it. It hapraw, vulgar, batant Americans who scour Europe in search of their self-respect, and cannot conduct a mere legal case with de-

A War Governor Indeed. There can be no doubt about one thing-

Nebraska had a governor who is all that the name implies Silas Holcomb thinks he is more impor tant that the supreme court of the state: and, thinking so, drules any authority on the part of learned judges of that tribunal o order him to do anything whatever against his will. A writ of mandamus has been is sued by the outraged court to compel Gov of a certain law or show cause why he should not. The governor declares that he will do neither; that the judiciary of the state has not jurisdiction over him and can-not compel him to do anything he does not want to, because it is only a co-ordinate To cap the climax, Governor Holcomb de

clares that if the court commits him for contempt he will pardon himself out. Evidently a war spirit is awake in Mr. Bryan's state in good earnest.

Too Many Would-Be Colonels. Nothing can be more out of place and positively harmful to the national interest than the general disposition to suspend work

and go about shouting and offering to raise regiments. This is the very worst thing a nan can do for his country at the present juncture. There may be a call for gratuitous exhibitions of patriotic feeling of this kind later on if the worst sort of fortune follows our cause persistently enough, but for the present the government will have more men offering their services from the national guard of the several states than it will know well what to do with. It is, we must repeat again, not numbers as much as raining, efficiency and armament that count n war today, and industrial power is the basis and support of all. The great battle-ship Massachusetts carries a crew of 500 officers and men, but its power is immeasurably above that of the then mighty Royal

When Kempenfeldt went down With twice four hundred men.

lect that calls for remedy. He refers It were better, then, for the shoemaker or en the politician to stick to his last, than to go about offering or attempting to raise raw regiments for whose effective use there is no prospect, immediate or remote. government needs such service it will

WEST FOR THE SUMMER. Seasonable Tip for the Summer and Her Followers. Chicago Times-Herald.

One of the results of a naval war will be a desertion of the seaside resorts by those Americans who have formerly lived there to the mountains, and to the western moun-

It will be a good thing for Boniface of the northern woods and of those many cool elevations in the Rockies or the Sierra Ne-vadas. It will be money in the pockets of passenger agents, of very interesting stage drivers, and of guides innumerable. But it will be of far greater advantage to the guesta themselves. They will learn on en-forced lesson—raid will come to love it. They will find beauties they never before dreamed of. They will find distances and resources and variety that will vastly enrich them. And they will be better Americans for having lost themselves "in continuous woods" where flow rivers that were less

They may sleep secure in our pleasant resorts, and "dream of battlefields no more." for no foe shall approach within a thousand miles. They may fill their lungs with a new air that waits to heal them, and store their minds with new marvels from the un-thumbed volume of the west.

Incidentally the men may find opportu-Incidentally the men may find opportunities for lavestment that will bring them
in thirty and sixty and one hundred fold. And—also incidentally—the
young women may find heroes for
husbands, prouder of muscle than
dukes are of debt, nobler than princes
impoverished, and much more loving and
loyal than glasses of fashion and molds of
form, who devote their best thought to the
ballroom.

Come west, summer seraphs, and got ac

RETIREMENT OF JOHN SHERMAN.

Chicago Times-Herald: Mr. Sherman's name will always be an inspiration to pa-triotism and to lofty endeavor. He takes with him into his well-earned retirement the esteem and the gratitude of his fellow

Cincinnati Tribune: Full of years an honors, yet still not honored so much as such a man deserved to be, John Sherman has come to the end of his career as a public man. He will take with him into his retirement a satisfying sense of duty well done, and the lasting esteem and affection of the people he loves.

Milwaukee Scotinel: History will judge Mr. Sherman es he is judged today, when there is no generous spirit who is not easer to forget the last two years, in which old age and ill health have broken Mr. Sherman and kept him from being more than the nominal head of the State department. Today we all hark back to his days of health and vigor, when his opinion always com-manded respect, and when he was able to do important service to his party and this

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Forty years of distinguished public service the has won the right to an honorable retirement, and be goes out of office crowned with the grateful plaudits of the American people for his long record of noble actievements for his country. It is to be hoped that he may have many years yet before him in which to he has so largely contributed and to enjoy the respect and gratitude which his coun trymen feel they owe him

Indianapolis News: For more than fort; years he has been one of the masterful forces in American public life. In the house, those of the corresponding month of in the senate, in the cabinet, he has always not an imitator. Time after time he was seriously considered at a presidential can-didate. If parties were given to nominating their most conspicuous men-the men who have done most in constructive statemanship and in intellectual leadership—there can be no doubt that Mr. Sherman would have been nominated and elected.

and resumption. In that position he was the right man in the right place at the right time. He is entitled to high thonor, and the fact that the has not been able to meet the requirements of the State department under President McKkeley should not detract from the credit due him for the record made under Hayes and in the senate from 1881 to 1897.

Kansas City Star: John Sherman's fame is wholly secure. He will always remain a towering figure in the history of the re-public. Nothing can detract from the gracdeur of his record. He has been constantly in public life for nearly half a century, and his name is associated with the most splen-did achievements of his party. The retirement which he has chosen is fitting to a man of his years and his great achieve-ments. The best wishes of the American where he will be surrounded by "honor love, obedience, troops of friends."

Louisville Courier-Journal: No more pa thetic incident thas transpired in connection with the present outbreak of war than the enforced retirement of John Sherman from participation in public affairs. He is one the last of the statesmen that the civil war brought forth, and the greatest surviving. One of the ablest of all the secretaries of the treasury since Hamilton, it was certainly his fortune to do the most important work The resumption of specie payments and the funding of the war debt are achievements sufficient to entitle him to a place among Saturday Review, which loved to throw bou-quets at our ancestors whenever they found themselves in difficulty, is still doing busi-a long, vigorous and, altogether useful life should be brought virtually to a close by mental decay at a period when lesser states men suffer no loss of mental power is in expressibly pathetic. If the art of govern ment be the greatest to which man can de vote himself, John Sherman has served his generation well.

TIPS ON WAR TOPICS.

With a war tax on gum, every patriotic girl will chew for her country. "Buena Ventura" is not a lucky name for a Spanish merchantman. Senor Polo has concluded to reamin at

The patriotism of steam whistles would be appreciated all the more if they would blow Kentucky offers 500 colonels for the fray

Other states must furnish the material for the colonels to work on. While the United States is sending cannon balls to Cuba, Gloucester, Mass., is shipping codfish balls to the Cubans. Covernor General Blanco is quite an im-

provement on Weyler. He talks louder without the assistance of a typewriter. Two thousand Sloux warrions are said to be poxious for a hand in the fracas. What a lian whiskers!

The loyalty of the Chicago Inter Ocean to the country is a matter of grave doubt, owing to the fact that it publishes two columns of war poetry a day.

The intensely warliko tone of the Chicago Chronicle is readily accounted. Members of the staff recently sampled the concerts of a bottle of brandy said to be 97 years old. Captain Zalinski, the inventor of the dy-namite gun, is recovering from a severe illness. He is on the retired list of the iliness. army, but has asked to be assigned to duty. Several paragraphers make the mistake of charging Theodore Roosevelt with lack of experience in the fighting line. They forget that Teddy served on the New York police

commission, and had fights to give away. The American gunner who fired the first authorities Michael Malia, Terrence O'Malley and Patrick Mullin. Either nationality. More power to Malia O'Malley Mullin.

Prize money is sweet to man-of-war Jack and his officers. As our government turns over its share of prize money to the naval pension fund, Jack earns something for him-self and lays up something against his old

Scores of saloons along the harbor of New York give free drinks to men-of-warsmen. The usual saloon sign now reads: "In God we trust; all others pay cash, excepting marines, sailors and soldiers serving under the American flag."

Some more plutocrats are showing their Jacob Astor, who last week offered free transportation for troops over his railroads in Illinois and Ohio, now volunteers to equip a battery of artillery. Augustis Schermerhorn of New York has given his yacht to the government as a free offering.

"The value of a glass of beer," exclaim Americans who have formerly lived there the aesthetic Boston Transcript, "is largely through the heated term. The trend will be in its life. Without the creamy head which to the mountains, and to the western mounfit to lubricate a sensitive and elucate palate." Just as soon as the war tax placed on beer the Transcript will doubt less be accommodated with "creamy heads," less be accommodated with "crean and another head as the morning.

Royal is the highest grade baking powd

third further than any other brand.

SPAIN AS A NAVAL POWER.

Point. What, then, one asks, are the chances that, in the event of war, Spain would be able either to avoid a great battle at sea or to defeat the Americans if such a battle

the Americans if such a battle We believe the first alterna-

all the other way—that they lack the quali-ties which have made British seamen what they are. Now, of Spanish naval history the world does know something, and all that it knows tells heavily against Spain. In spite of her situation, in spite of her fine ports—fifty-six on the Atlantic and sixty on the Mediterranean shores—Spain

The government censor

"doing everything in his p has never been an effective naval power. Even when her power and wealth seemed strewn with her territories and the ocean and the army." They might possibly make laden with her argosies and fleets, her real a correct guess and thus give information

Chicago Inter Ocean: The name of John Stherman will be associated in the history would be little short of a miracle if it should of this country with great financiers. His turn out that Spain within the last two secretaryship of the treasury from 1877 to decades had bred a race of seamen capable will be associated in the history would be little short of a miracle if it should capacity of the cable line from Key West to the mainland is limited and it is just as secretaryship of the treasury from 1877 to of reversing the unvarying misfortunes of the past. It is when we consider the temper and traditions of the opposing nations, far more than when we study their resources and their fleets, that we realize how little probability a war would offer even Chicago Record: "There is a theory that of a transient victory and how much there is to justify the American people's expectation that from the very beginning of the contest they would sweep the Spaulards from the sea.

WAR'S VARIED PHASES.

How Long Will it Last? St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The 125,000 volunteers called out will bardly see Cuba before the late autumn, after the danger of yellow fever is removed. camps in the south and be thoroughly trained in company and battsion formations. The war cannot be one of heavy murching or fighting on land. Perhaps there are 60,000 Spanish troops in Cuba, but they are without lines of supply, and it is needless to waste strength in assaulting their fortified lines. A steady pressure and close blockade will compel their surrender. To all appearance our army in this war will have a comparatively easy time, and will look back upon it as in the nature of a long encampment.

It would certainly be an unjust reflection upon Christian ministers, as a body, to suppose for a moment that they have not fervently desired the preservation of peace. "Give peace in our time, O, Lord," is indeed the natural prayer of every minister of the gospel of peace, as it is the only logical aspiration of every Christian layman. And now that we stand as a nation in the shadow of war, with all its coxieties, burdens and miseries, we may take it for granted that the clergy generally, without regard to sectarian divisions, will rejuice to see it brought to a close as soon as it can be done consistently with the honor and interests of the nation, because the state of war is surely not in itself the ideal state of any olvilized pation

He Prepared for Delay.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.
If will be remarkable if the present of excitement over the initial events of the war is not followed by a reaction in the popular mind as soon as the people begin to realize that final and sweeping victory is a question of months rather than weeks. There ought to be no buoyant expectation that the Spaniards will be driven out of Cuba within a short time; we should be prepared for delays which may tax our patience and should accustom ourselves as soon as possible to the idea that war may last a year. Should it prove to be a six weeks' or a thre months' affair the surprise would then be agreeable to all. . . It might be dreary waiting for a people anticipating an easy triumph, yet let us be prepared for it. Don't expect everything to happen in a min-

The Yellow Faktra.

Once a boy who had been sent to care for his father's sheep cried out at the top of his voice one morning, "A wolf! a wolf!" and the neighbors came running across the fields to help him, but the boy only laughed at the joke he had played upon them. Another day he cried again "A wolf! a wolf!" and a few who did not know the boy's trick ran to shield him and his flock from the attack day he cried again
few who did not know the boy s
to shield him and his flock from the attack
to shield him and his flock from the attack
of the wolf. When they came the boy
grinned at them for being deceived. A
few days afterward he was heard to cry
again "A wolf! a wolf!" but the people all
around, having been fooled before, heeded
not the cry. A few weeks afterward some
to be a fights and land fights, grim and great.

Weary marches and sinking ships.
Cheers of victory on dying lips. so when the wolves came his cry was not

Moral: "A liar is not believed when he tells the truth." All of which is respectfully referred to the red-headed yellow kid, sensations! journals of the day.

Stately honor and fervent awe.

Sign of a nation, great and strong To ward her people from foreign we pride and glory and honor, all

Patience is Patriotism. The "On to Richmond" blunder imposed upon Lincoln by the yellow journalism and yellow demagogy of 1861 revived a still-born revolution. If Lincoln could have resisted The flag is passing by!

the pernicious influence and held his hand until he was ready the outbreak would have been suppressed in one wise, comprehensive campaign. It was "On to Richmond" then Few Observations that Go to the campaign. It was "On to Richmond" then
as it is "On to Havana" now, the cry of
ignorance end folly. • • We are in the
war to the end. The causes are beyond debate. Every sacrifice will be a privilege. It
is a war of humanity, but at the same time
we must crave the favor of that providence took place? We believe the first alternative to be unlikely. If the Spaniards go to war at all they must place some reliance on the fighting power of their fleet; they must know that they cannot hope forever to avoid a general engagement.

But it is not by the number or the weight of ships that the first battle or the war will be decided. Behind the paper lists of vessels are the larger questions of the spirit, the seamanship, the fighting qualities of the contending fleets. • • But as a whole American seamen spring from the same stock as our own, and we have no evidence for thinking—such evidence as we have is all the other way—that they lack the qualities which have made British seamen what they are. Now, of Spanish naval history

The government censor at Key West is "doing everything in his power to facilitate the transmission of news." For that reason he has given notice to correspondents who irresistible, when her military reputation file dispatches at that point that they must was at its height, when the world was not "forecast the movements of the fleet power was utterly incommensurate to the enemy. Probably their guesses would with the astonishing preteasions which it made. As soon as England and Holland laid a finger on it her maritime empire crumbled into dust. The Armada only revealed a fact which English sallors had for long suspected and the consciousness of which explains Drake's sublime contempt for the menace of Spain—the fact that, even at the zenith of their fame, the Spaniards had no mastery of the arts by which the sea is held.

Even in the days of her greatest power Even in the days of her greatest power at sea Spain was notoriously decicient in the capacity of her sailors, and since those days she has steadily declined. Today Spanish gunners and Spanish engineers are con- sent. The correspondents will chafe some-

Chicago Record: "There is a theory that inanimate objects have a sense of humor." "Of course; look at the bleycle and the folding bed."

Detroit Journal: "There being no marry-ing or giving in marriage in heaven," re-marked the observer of men and things, "what eventual disposition does that make of the person who is dying to marry?"

Cincinnati Enquirer: "There was a romantic side to the case of that young man who was convicted of setting fire to as store. He wanted the money to marry on." "Hush! I have often heard of fellows who would go through fire and water for a girl, but I never believed it."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "And what is your excuse this morning, Mr. Bimler?" "Splen'id 'scuse, Mrs. B. Gov'ment's go-n' to increash tax on b-beer, an' I've been layin' in summer shuppply—thas'a all.'

Judge: Living Skeleton-They say that new freak gets five hundred a week. What is he?" Armless Man-He's a deaf and dumb prize-

Jewelers' Weekly: Mrs. Con Noisseur-Isn't it rawthab remahkable that the cupids on all these vawses are shown in the clouds? Jewelor's Clerk-Not at all, madam. You see, this is very high art, Indianapolis Journal: "Yes, young man," said the Cornfed Philospaer, "It is a wise plan to be lavish with your money when wooing a girl. There is a fascination for her in the thought that she can curb your extravagance after you and she are married."

Chicago Tribune: "Maud, I am almost afraid to go and see your father."
"You needn't be, Harry. When he asks you if you can support me in the style to waich I have been accustomed, tell him you can support me a great deal better than he could ever have done if it hadn't been for mamma's money."

Chicago Tribune: Godfrey-I wish I knew of smoking.
Scorjei-Suppose you try giving him a few of those cigars you smoke.

Boston Transcript: Fuddy-So you were at the theater last evening? What did they Duddy-Play? They played a mighty mean game on the audience.

> Indianapolis Journal 'Tis now the minor poet gets As merry as a grig. And grinds out little chansonettes On "Berry gedtle Sprig."

Laugh and grow fat? All right for man-But woman (no, she isn't vain) If she perceives she's getting stout, She'll likely never smile again.

THE FLAG GOES BY.

H. H. Bennett in Youth's Companion Hats off!
Along the streets there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flasa of color beneath the sky;
Hats off!

Days of plenty and days of peace, March of a strong land's swift increase, Equal justice, right and law, Stately honor and fervent awe. To ward her people from foreign wrong; Pride and glory and honor, all Live in the colors to stand or fall.

"He who receives a good turn should never forget it." -- Charon.

Let us do you a good turn. That is the underlying suggestion of all of our advertising. We want to begin with the small boy and we want to continue with the young man and with the father, and then with the grandfather, if we can.

We are ready to do a good turn to each one the generations of the family. We expect by that means to win them all for friends and customers.

It is a simple business proposition, but it pays us both. We undertake to give you a perfect fit and perfect satisfaction., and you naturally undertake to give us your trade when you want good clothing, if we have always pleased you.

