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General Luna is evidently a lumi nary who knows when he is eclipsed.

April showers having been greatly de layed seem to be trying to get in their work all at once.

Ajax defying the lightning isn't in it with Deputy County Attorney Dunn defying County Attorney Shields.

After all, the flood of the Missour river is only the Big Muddy's contribution to the quickening movement in real estate.

Before the fruit jobbers adjourn their meeting it is to be hoped that they will take the usual action announcing that not permit it to affect their evident purthe peach crop is a failure.

One of the busiest men in this city is the register of deeds. When he is not employed recording transfers of realty he is engaged cancelling mortgages.

And according to County Attorney Shields, Deputy Dunn is one of the men who, together with Moise, Herdman, Fanning and Hitchcalfe, constitute the democratic party.

It seems the Kansas men in these later days take to water just as handly as they did to the brewery in the earlier stages of the conflict.

It would be a big jump to take the speakership from Maine to California. For that reason, why not let it take a rest just this side of the Mississippl river?

According to the best advices the First Nebraska will return home just about in time to celebrate the Fourth of July. If so, it will be the most glorious Ne beaska has ever seen.

Colonel Fred Funston is a small man, but his fighting weight is evidently in the neighborhood of a ton. Whenever he appears the Filipinos make up their minds it is time to move.

Rumors are again affoat that Jim Dahlman is about to be pried loose from his do-nothing job as state railway commissioner. But the faithful will not believe it until they are shown.

Nebraska accepts the fine showers which makes vegetation jump out of the ground and gives thanks that the waterspout and funnel cloud have so far favored it with their absence.

Perhaps if the local yellow journal would agree not to priat the names of the two worthy citizens who donate the sites for a hospital and auditorium those philanthropists would come to the front ple. Those engaged in great enmuch quicker-

General Wheeler expresses a wish to go to the Philippines, and opines there are some good fights left in him yet. Doubtless, but at the present rate there will be none left in the Filipinos by the time he could reach the Orient.

While the new insurance law does not go into effect until July, there is nothing to prevent Governor Poynter from relieving the pressure on his front steps by announcing his selection of insurance commissioner in advance.

County Attorney Shields' organ insists that he is in earnest in his efforts to prosecute the gamblers. But how can be long as he keeps as his chief deputy a man who uses his office to protect the gamblers and obstruct their prosecution?

far better than those born and reared of the trusts, as well as an ample supin this country.

THE PROSPECT OF PEACE.

The order of the so-called Filipino gov- brought to bear, ernment to the insurgent commander to suspend hostilities pending negotiations. for terminating the war and the sending peace. It shows that the Filipinos had flict. It appears also to indicate that as has been supposed, nor so well supthe reports have been exaggerated. A London dispatch states, on the authority of the Filipino lunta there, that Aguinaldo has for some time been contemplating peace negotiations, but little crethis source. It is hardly more than a week since the junta at Hong Kong gave out that the Filipinos were in a position to carry on hostilities for years.

The unexpected change in the situation will be gratifying to all who desire the termination of a conflict that has been costly in American lives. What effect the refusal of General Otis to rec ognize the so-called Filipino government may have remains to be seen, but it is not probable that it will seriously interfere with negotiations. Aguinaldo and his associates could hardly have seri-640 ously supposed that Otis would listen to any proposal that involved a recogni-.772,836 tion of Filipino government. His point of view is that Aguinaldo and his adherents are in insurrection against the United States, that they are rebels and therefore that nothing short of unconditional surrender could be accepted by him. It is needless to point out that compliance with the request for a ces sation of hostilities until the Filipino congress could decide upon the question of peace would have placed our government in a decidedly awkward and embarrassing position and it is hardly possible that Aguinaldo for a moment believed that the request would be granted. A forceful point, which perhaps the insurgent leaders will appre ciate, was made by General Otis in saying that hostilities were begun by the Filipinos without consulting their congress and if they desire to end the war it can be done without regard to that body. Hence we think it probable that the Filipino leaders were quite prepared for such an answer as the Ameri can commander sent them and will

pose to abandon the conflict. The United States Philippine commission has full authority to carry on negotiations for peace and a Washington dispatch states that it will be very lenient toward the insurgents. It is to be hoped the end of the war in Luzon is at hand.

DEADENING EFFECT OF TRUSTS. s the deadening effect upon industrial recognition of their sacrifice. progress which must come from the and in some cases a larger number of says that when twenty industrial concerns are merged in one giant corporation and competition largely ceases to be felt, the greatest force which stimulates invention, improvement in methods and general progress is very much weakened. A large proportion of those who have been devoting their abilities to industrial upbuilding, under the stimu lus of a vigorous competition, affording encouragement to invention and to improvement in method, will be retired. Many who have been the most capable and enterprising and energetic in the work of industrial and commercial advance nent will drop out of the con-

test, for in the development of monopoly

it is not always the fittest that sur-

Manifestly this inevitable effect of in-

vive.

dustrial combination—the lessening of the stimulus to invention and to improved methods-cannot fail to impede the progress of the United States in the conflict of industrial and commercial rivalry with other nations which is growing constantly more strenuous. The marvelous industrial growth of this country, under a judicious economic policy, is very largely due to the stimulating influence of competition upon the inventive genius of our peoterprises have been ever on the alert for better methods of production. Ingenuity and skill have always been sure of liberal reward. Competition has also made a demand for the best business ability and energy. It is needless to point out the results; they are familiar to all. We are now confronted with the danger of having the force to which our wonderful industrial growth is due greatly impaired if not quite destroyed and we need not say that it is a very serious danger, menacing to the

progress and welfare of the nation.

There are some who think that the remarkable monopolistic movement that is still active must sooner or later break down from the operation of immutable economic laws, that so stumake any one believe he is in earnest as | pendous an industrial revolution cannot be permanent, that the innovation is at best but a vast experiment. They urge that the great American forces of capi- city health department in preventing tal and labor cannot be held in restraint for the convenience of the combina-The foreign-born citizens, especially tions. It would seem, indeed, that in the Germans, are radically opposed to the a country like this competition could not policy of imperialism. It is not because long be throttled, that the enterprise of of any lack of patriotism or love of the our people would not permit them to country which they have adopted as long endure the exactions of trusts, that tions and the exercise of care the reaptheir own, but because they have most in nearly every field dominated by the of them been born and reared in a coun- combinations there will spring up fresh try dominated by the militarism that rivalry, powerful enough to make headgoes with such a policy. They came way against the monopolistic organizahere as much as anything to escape tions. Possibly this will be realized. from it and they know what it means There is abundance of capital outside

The successful advance of the Ameri- and it is not easy to induce other capi- dare to enforce a demand for the resigcan forces upon the Filipino stronghold, tal to engage in a contest with them, nation of the chairman of the democratic at Calumpit, which the enemy appears It would not, therefore, be wise to walt county committee by preferring charges beats luck nine times out of ten. to have regarded as almost impregnable for such a possibility. The whole power against him in defiance of the hold-up and which was defended by the flower of the national and state governments gang. of the insurgent army, seems likely to must be directed against the trusts with be the culminating fight of the war, all the force and vigor that can be

CUTTLEFISHING AGAIN.

Whenever it gets into a corner through of officers to General Otis to ask like the exposure of its friends and partners action on the part of the Americans can the World-Herald resorts to its old cutonly be regarded as assuring an early tiefish tactics by shedding a great deal of linky fluid and imagines it can cover staked their last hope upon being able up its own rottenness by diverting pubto hold Calumpit and had determined in the attention to some irrelevant subject. advance that in the event of losing that In pursuance of this practice the Worldstronghold they would abandon the con- Herald is now attempting to help County Attorney Shields out of the the insurgent forces are not so strong dilemma into which he has brought himself by his connection with the gang of piled with munitions of war. It will hold-ups and blackmatlers that operates probably be found that in both respects in conjunction with that organ by impugning the motives of The Bee in exposing the crooked work in the county attorney's office.

No matter what the mouthpiece of the blackmatters may say the record of The dence is to be given to statements from | Bee speaks for itself. Every honest effort to bring criminals to justice or to stamp out lawlessness and crime has always found vigorous support in the columns of The Bee. A prosecution, however, which attacks one set of lawbreakers while protecting another set is not an honest effort at law enforcement and can bring no credit to any officer.

If County Attorney Shields is not the tool of the gang which has been dealing in protection to crooks and gamblers, why does he retain as his deputy a man with the lawbreakers?

If County Attorney Shields is bent upon the impartial performance of his duty, why did he send written notices to partles suspected of keeping lawless resorts warning them to desist if they were breaking the law, while arresting and prosecuting other gamblers without notice of any kind?

If County Attorney Shields is doing everything in his power to enforce the law against gambling, why has he, according to his own statement, pigeonholed complaints against sixty-one South | all criminally concerned. Omaha gambling resorts, although in possession of all the evidence necessary to convict?

Men sometimes find their most dangerous enemies among their pretended friends. The apologies which the World-Herald, the organ of the blackmailers' combine and the notorious newspaper fence for public thieves, is making in behalf of County Attorney Shields only emphasize his complaint that his friends are deserting and betraying him.

MAKE MEMORIAL DAY MEMORABLE. Preparations have been begun to make the Memorial day of 1899 memorable as a demonstration in honor of the fallen heroes not only of the war for the preservation of the union, but also of the war to free the colonies of Spain. What the nation owes to the men who have responded to its, call for volunteers can never be forgotten. The simple ceremony of decorating the graves of A strong point urged against the trusts their country is all that can be done in

In view of the events of the year a stopping of rivalry between four-fifths special interest should attach to the coming memorial day, particularly among matter, the men who have been pushing big the people of Omaha and Nebraska. factories and mills ahead by the use of | Every patriotic citizen and every friend all available resources of skill and in- of the soldiers should contribute his genuity. Referring to this phase of the share to the occasion, if possible, by partrust problem the New York Tribune | ticipation in the celebration and contributing to the small fund which will be required to cover the expenses for flowers and carriages.

Committees of the Grand Army posts which have the preparations in charge should find a ready response to their appeals for support for the Memorial day celebration.

The Bee acknowledges receipt of a opy of the Verdict with its editor's compliments, admitting and explaining its error in taking an editorial from The Bee as a text to read the World-Herald and Mr. Bryan a severe curtain lee ture. The explanation is that "Through the bullhead inadvertence of a clipping bureau the Verdict was misled to a mistake." The Verdict, however, keeps right on reiterating its demand for harmony and reconciliation of the gold democrats, for which it took Mr. Bryan so soundly to task, and tells him again that he needs New York, but he cannot get it unless he puts aside his fool friends and embraces Croker and Tammany Hall. In other words, all the bullhead inadvertences of all the clipping bureaus extant cannot change the truths embodied in its scathing arraignment two weeks ago of the presidencyseeker.

The banks of South Omaha are just as much Omaha institutions as they are South Omaha institutions and there is no reason why all the banks of Omaha everand South Omaha should not operate in harmony for mutual advantage. The South Omaha banks have gained nothing by the withdrawal of their business from the clearing house, although they Omaha. They will lose nothing by restoring the clearing figures to the old basis, but in a general way will reap the benefit that comes to everyone doing business in this city through the 1874. strength and credit it would give us abroad.

The smallpox epidemic which has been clinging to the community has now been practically eradicated. Considering the difficulties and obstructions that have beset their efforts the work of the the spread of this disease certainly deserves credit. In spite of its supposed malignancy no deaths have resulted from smallpox in this city, but on the contrary the visitation has been as light as it could be. With reasonable precaupearance of smallpox next winter ought to be effectually prevented.

Do not overlook the fact that the deputy of County Attorney Shields who refuses to testify in a gambling case for ply of business ability and of labor. man of the democratic county commit- product.

But the combinations are formidable fee. Of course Mr. Shields would not

not getting the applause he deserves for democrat willing to give up the ghost? his grandstand play in pretending to At a recent election in Hayes City, Kan. prosecute gamblers against whom he has a ticket composed of boys was run against no evidence. Why doesn't he file those the old men, and the beys wen. Fred Haffapigeonholed complaints in support of which he says he has conclusive evidence to convict? If he is in earnest why doesn't be get evidence before making his bid for applause?

Spain has notified the United States that It is ready to receive its \$20,000,000 in payment for the quit claim deed to the Philippines. As General Otis has pracpeld at once.

Naval officers who undertake to carry too big a load of the white man's burden should

San Francisco Chron

Talk to the Stars.

do all their talking to themselves or to the policeman on the way home. Henry Weights Affont Chicago Post

traveling companions.

Where Black Recruits May Be Had. Kansas City Star. The proposition to utilize negro troops o a large extent in future military operations in the Philippines suggests the possiwho in open court admits his collusion bility of obtaining a large force of black

A Remarkable Conspiracy.

the stake.

Cleveland Plain Dealer, The greatest counterfeiting scheme of the century seems to have just been unearthed by Uncle Sam's detectives. It was not only case of wholesale counterfeiting, but a plot to corrupt treasury officials as well. The audacity of the idea of passing the bogus bills on the treasury itself and receiving good money in return is certainly remarkable. But the employe who was approached disclosed the plot with disastrous results to

> Looks that Way, Perry. Milwaukes Wisconsin

"You condemn me," says Perry Belmont to Candidate Bryan, "because now I advocate a modification in 1900 of the Chicago platform. Yet four years ago this month publicans like Senator Teller, and with silver mine owners, to overthrow at Chicago the democratic policy of 1892. Is not that froin Bryan's behalf it may be urged that he Mazet investigation. Dr. Parkhurst is un-

Keep it Dark.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican. It has been suggested that the news from Georgia be prevented from reaching the Filipinos if possible. This is a good suggestion. One cause of the native uprising against the Americans is thought to have been the reminders, served upon the Filipinos by the might renew their determination to resist

Our Expanding Navy.

Indianapolis Journal. Not many persons outside of the Navy department are aware that forty-eight war ships of various sizes are now under construction for the United States. These in clude eight first-class, sea-going battleships is good as any affoat; sixteen torpedo boat lestroyers, averaging twenty-nine knots speed; four monitors for harbor defense; eighteen torpedo boats and one cruiser. These vessels, when equipped and ready or ea, will have cost over \$50,000,000. Of the pattleships the Kearsarge and Kentucky will eost \$2,250,000 each, the Illinois \$2,595,000, the Wisconsin \$2,674.950, the Ohio \$2,899,000, the Alabama \$2,650,000, the Maine \$2,885,000 and the Missouri \$2,885,000. As these ships will se supplied with the best equipment and manned by the best officers, gunners and machinists in the world, it will be seen that he American navy is not going backward.

THE SILVER TRUST.

Extent of Its Influence in Regulating Prices.

Kansas City Star. The price of silver has started to advance after having remained almost stationary for long period. Dispatches from New York and London attribute the rise to speculative buying, but it is more likely due to the in fuence of the newly formed Smelter trust which controls a large part of the silver output of the United States, and can exert considerable influence in fixing prices. annot carry an arbitrary advance in values very far, however, because the United States produces less than a third of the world's annual output of silver, and the Smelter trust does not control all of that, but it is likely that this big combination can cause some advance in prices. It runs the risk in so doing of stimulating the production of silver here as well as in other countries. however, and in that may bring about ultimately a greater decline in prices than

It is a remarkable circumstance that the production of silver has gone on increasing in the face of the fall in prices and the cessation of the rise of silver as standard money, by one nation after another. The world's output now is nearly double what it have inflicted an irreparable injury upon | was in 1887, and there has been only two years in twenty-five when an increase over the production of the preceeding year was not recorded. The production in 1898 was 190,000,000 onness, compared with 120,000,000 ounces ten years ago, and 70,000,000 ounces in

The United States and Mexico together produce 60 per cent of the aggregate world's output of silver, and if the smelter combine could extend its operations so as to handle he product of these two countries it might almost control the silver market, but to do so for any length of time it would be neceseary to make fronclad contracts with most the mining companies to restrict their output.

Even a trust cannot overcome the effect which increasing supplies must have in depressing prices of a commodity. When a trust arbitrarily raises prices it must be able also to regulate the supply of the artide it controls, otherwise the stimulus of higher prices and consequent increased profits of production must ultimately result such enlarged supplies as will overload the market and send prices down again.

The managers of the Smelter trust, like hose of most other combinations, probably will be content with the increased profits resulting from economy in managing the bust ness, and from the greater stability of prices, and will not undertake to bring about fear of incriminating himself is chair- any material advance in prices of its POLITICAL DRIFT

Young Mr. Croker contends that In the Congressman Dockery of Missouri inuates that free columns of silver will be

mier, the mayor, is barely 21, and only on of the councilmen is older than 23. Haffa-

mier was born on the town site. Hon, "Hinky Dink," alias Alderman Kenna of Chicago, has acquired such a robust condition of presperity that he is about to break into the aristocratic circles Michigan boulevard. The name on the door plate will read "H. Dynck Kennah."

The gross expenses of the state of New York in the year 1899 will, it is computed, amount to \$25,000,000, of which nearly 10 per tically concluded the work of quieting | cent will be necessary to pay the deficits of title, it is announced the money will be departments which exceeded in 1898 or in previous years the appropriations made for

The governors of California, Utah and Delaware are likely to follow the example of Governor Stone of Pennsylvania in apcinting a senator. Their appointments with hat of Matt Quay will make a quartet of for admission.

The salary of the sheriff of Philadelphia is \$15,000 a year. He has the co-operation of a Sir Julian Pauncefote and Thomas B, Reed real estate deputy, a personal deputy, an left for Europe Wednesday on the same executive clerk, an appearance clerk and a steamer with Richard Croker, but let us solicitor. The sheriff's name is Crow, the sympathize with them rather than blame solicitor's assistant is named Grew.

them. One cannot always choose one's chief of the deputy sheriffs is named Hogg. The Arkansas legislature has passed a bill for the erection of a new state capitol at a cost of \$1,000,000. The new capitol is to be erected on the site of the state penitentiary. The republican majority in the next United States senate will be sixteen and in the next United States house of representaives it will be the same a larger proporin and about Newnan, Ga. tion majority in the senate than in the The Filipinos don't burn their enemies at house-something unusual in a republican ongress

The funded debt of the city of Chicago at he beginning of the present year was \$16,-00,000, exclusive of the \$1,700,000 water certificates, \$9,000,000 for school and drainage funds and \$2,300,000 for revenue bonds, a otal of \$39,000,000. The estimated value of municipal property, land, buildings, water works, parks and water rights at the same period was \$63,909,000. There were \$12,000,treasury.

practice of hanging his weekly wash in his one of them. For all practical ends, moral | zar, with a view to collecting a number of you were conspiring with populists and re- and aesthetic, the biennial exposure in the petitions to be addressed to the conference home "deestrict" is sufficient.

The New York Society for the Prevention | gro." of Crime, of which Dr. Parkhurst is presitesque?" It is indeed grotesque, although dent, is torn with dissension because of the resigned his office and left the society and almost in a condition of insurrection against

following his example. Theobald Chartran has gone to Washington at the request of President McKinley, who Scandinavian peninsula to "pacify" the American newspaper at Manila, of the fate which he is now at work. It will represent could not allow disorder so close to its own of the American Indians; but if they should the signing of the protocol, and all the perlearn that our Christian civilization has a sons who took part in that interesting event putting forth a year ago. It is the opinion way of cutting off the ears and fingers of will be depicted in life size. Besides Presi- of Karl Blind, and of some other students those who have given up their lives for colored offenders and burning them at the dent McKinley there will be ex-Senator of European politics, that western Europe stake and then dividing up their hearts and William R. Day, Jules Cambon, the French is constantly menaced by Russian expansion livers and bones as precious souvenirs, they ambassador; M. Thiebaut, first secretary of Turkey has been supposed to be a defence our missionary efforts to the bitter end. Let Cridler and Adee. M. Chartran will finish policy of Great Britain for many years was the imperial censorship look alive to this the picture when he returns to Parls, and to uphold the sultan. Russia is now domiit will be exhibited next autumn.

ound and Potent Reasons Why West Should Get It. St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Two good reasons why the western states will suggest The west has had the speakership a comparatively few times only, and has not of Ohio retired, after serving one term. The west furnished more republican members to the present house than the east, and in the election last fall it made gains in its re- with equanimity see Russia advancing westpublican membership in the house, while the east scored losses. These two reasons, if standing alone,

yould entitle the west to the speakership at this time. But these reasons do not stand alone. The west ie the progressive section of the country. The republican party originated in the west. Until a little after the middle of the century the west was a stronghold of the democratic party. When the democracy committed its folly of trying to make slavery national and freedom sectional the west broke away from that party and formed a new party, bearing the republican name. Then the democracy, was invincible so long as it commanded the support of the west, was thrown into a minority, and it has been in the minority

Everything which is enlightened and progressive in public policy manifests itself in the west earlier than it does in any other part of the country and expresses itself more vigorously. As already intimated, the movement which defeated the democratic conspiracy to diffuse slavery all over the erritories, block emigration westward and sheck the tide of civilization was defeated by the revolt of the west. It has been charged that the democracy's base money folly, as expressed in Pendleton's "Ohio idee" in 1868 and in Bryan's 46-cent dollar infamy of 1896 originated in the west. But the new and revised Ohio idea, that of 1875, under which Hayes carried that state for governor on a 100-cent dollar platform, killed the Pendleton folly. Under the leadership another Ohioan Bryanism was extirpated 1896. The movement for expansion in 1898 had its origin in the west and from thence swept all over the country. Every policy which lives, or deserves to live, reveals itself in the western states before it does anywhere else. In political and social matters the west gives the law to the coun-The progressiveness and potency of

the west has been recognized in the national conventions of the republican party by giving almost all the candidates for the sidency to the west. The party which has always taken its presidential nominee from the west, except in the case of Blaine, has shown a sense of the importance of the west which should be supplemented more frequently by the selection of a speaker from the same section than has been done hitherto. The west ought to get the speaker- sonal ship this year, and probably will get it

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The fate of the present Italian cabinet matter of achieving success a robust pull will soon be decided in the light of the foreign policy that it has maintained for the last three months. As has been announced in these columns, many interpeliathe battlecry of democracy next year. That's tions are waiting to be put concerning the hazard of a long civil war he will not ac-County Attorney Shields thinks he is the stuff. Who ever heard of a Missouri vecent Anglo-French convention by which capt. France secured practical away over the Tripoli hinterland. There ar also interpellations scheduled concerning Italy's recent action in Chinese waters. Of these ques tions, the general opinion of the opposition organs is that the cabinet will fall. The government organs assert, on the contrary, that the foreign policy of the ministry has e full approval of all patriotic Italians. They assett that so far as the Saumun bay affair is concerned, the government will face the chamber with a fait accompli by coupying Saumun, and possibly by revealing England's assistance in the matter. will thus be shown that the object of the government is a very modest one and not likely to be of any risk to the country. They will explain that it is necessary to have a settlement in China unless Italy inthe Far East. In regard to the Tripoli hinterland, it is asserted that the government is prepared to present full explanations received from both France and England. And, moreover, not being satisfied strong men knocking at the senate doors | key, is now endeavoring to obtain a rectification of the territory in question.

relations of the various states among them- loyal to the government as long as it is beselves or the existing order of things as set by outside foes. When those foes have press of Vienna asserts that the contrary in opposing the administration's plans for thority that the principality of Montenegro Montenegro, tends to show that the gov- motives. If the stories of treason are inthat among the questions to be discussed the pan-Servians and others, affecting the in war with the Filipinos they will fail it Balkan states. In connection with this it may be noted that the Vienna press, which, has not yet formulated sufficiently definite a few weeks ago, was full of the predictions of an early revolt in Macedonia against Turkey, backed up by Bulgaria and other states, is now silent on that subject. Acvices from Cetinje are that Mentenegrowill be represented at the conference by no fewer than three delegates and a secre-000 of unpaid taxes and \$2,400,000 cash in the | Their chief, it is announced, will be M. tary, all of them well-known politicians. Bozo Petrovitch, a near relative of the The authorities of Washington have prince. Regarding the determination of the notified Congressman Showalter that the Montenegrin government, the Neue Frete Presse of Vienna says: "In pursuance of front yard mars the beauty of the neighbor- this idea. Montenegro intends to prepare hood, and must be stopped. There are some the ground in the neighboring territories. phases of expansion which Washingtonians and for some little time past it has procheerfully tolerate, but the exposure of con- moted agitation both in Macedonia and Old gressional lingerie on the front lawn is not | Servin, as also in the Sandjak of Novi Basoliciting a national union with Montene-Events are occurring in the north of Eu-

rope which are worthy of close attention was not inconsistent, for all along he was alterably opposed to having the society help, and which are calculated to arouse appreworking in the interest of William Jennings the investigation in any way because he hensions for European civilization. The thinks it is in the nature of partisan poli- Russianization of Finland is proceeding tics. E. A. Newell, who has been treasurer rapidly and when completed it will bring of the society for the last thirteen years, Russia up to the frontier of the dual kingtakes precisely the opposite view. He has dom of Sweden and Norway. The latter is other members and officers are talking of | the monarchy. Should the situation become a little worse Russia would have a plausible excuse for marching an army into the is to sit for him for a large picture upon country, on the familiar ground that it frontier, a reason for action that we were the French embassy and Mesers, Moore, against Russia, and it was as such that the nant at Constantinople; it is now tightening its grip upon Greece and the Balkan states; THE WEST AND THE SPEAKERSHIP, the dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary is with difficulty held together, and with its dissolution an important barrier against the westward movement of the Cossack would disappear. Just at this moment Russia is threatening western Europe from the hould choose the speaker who is to be north as well as from the south. Probably elected when the present congress opens the rupture between Norway and Sweden themselves to everybody, is the occasion for the destruction of constitutional Finland. But Russian predomi nance in the Scandinavian peninsula is a had it at all since 1883, when General Keifer matter that England and Germany cannot be indifferent to. In Asia Russia is capable of performing a work possessing some ele ments of usefulness, but civilization cannot ward.

> The Russian press has been forbidden to print anything more about the student roubles, but the latest reports from St Petersburg show that the situation is uncommonly serious. More than 30,000 young men, representing the rising intelligence of the country, are in practical revolt. It is known that the finance minister, M. Witte, condemned severely the peremptory and brutal conduct of the authorities, especially the use of whips by the Cossacks, and recemmended an independent and dispassion ate investigation. In accordance with the advice, the czar appointed General Vannoisky to make such an inquiry. Meanwhile, the students' committee of organization resolved to adopt a policy of peaceful protest, including a general abstention from study, and appointed a committee of sever to demand satisfaction for the indignities offered to them, and security against the repetition of such outrages. A the members of this committee already have been arrested and expelled. By this course the authorities have added fuel to the fire document has now been issued, purporting to come from the cashiers of the Mu tual Aid society of University Students of St. Petersburg, but probably the work of few extremists, which is distinctly sedition and revolutionary in character. It has been disavowed by the students' committee, but thirty young men suspected of complicity in have been arrested and thrown into prison. There is a general apprehension that serious social disturbances are impend-It is the belief in Paris that Don Carlos

will make the attempt to gain the Spanish throne within a short time, or will indelinitely postpone the enterprise. It is well it is asserted, that several lican leaders are on his side, and that certain generals of the army would be glad to join him if success were assured, and that the Carlists generally are fretting at the delay. The leaders have for the las three mouths tried in every way to make the pretender act. His only reply has been 'wait." Recently an explanation of the delay was made by a friend of Don Carlos The pretender, whatever may be his perfaults, abhors war, particularly civil war. He learned all its lessons in his last

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campaign in the terrible winter before Pleyna. And it is stated on what is said to be the highest authority, that Don Carlos, in spite of his elaborate preparations, will not strike unless he is absolutely convinced that success will be achieved in brief time and with comparatively slight loss. The

NO SIGN OF TREASON.

Attempts of Impecialists to Frighten the Opposition. Philadelphia Ledger (rep.)

The story that a treasonable plot had been discovered to arouse dissatisfaction among the volunteers in the Philippines has been promptly denied by the cabinet officers, but is nevertheless persistently circutated. Unless it is intended as a "feeler" it is difficult to understand what the circulation of such a report is intended to accomplish. There are honest differences of opinion as to what should be done with the Philippines and these differences can exist without the existence of any treasonable sentiment. As a matter of fact even those who greatly deplore the entanglement of the ends to renounce all future advantages to United States in eastern affairs are nevertheless disposed to support the government in reducing the Filipinos to order. After that has been accomplished public opinion will take more definite form as to the policy we should adopt in the government of the with this, Italy, in combination with Tur- Philippines. The administration, however, should not mistake concurrence in the measures necessary for the establishment of order in Luzon for acquiescence in any Although it has been generally reported scheme of imperialism. The people of the that the coming peace conference at The United States have not fairly considered Hague would not touch upon the present that question, but they will remain entirely established by treaties, the government been suppressed there will be no treason is the case. It is also stated with au- governing the Philippines. That is a very broad political question upon which men ill be ably represented at the conference. will differ in opinion, and differ honestly, Information from Cetinic, the capital of and both parties be actuated by patriotic exament of the principality has assurances | tended to intimidate those who differ with the administration as to some of the acts at The Hague is that of the aspirations of that helped to involve the United States their intended effect. The administration plans to admit of a division into parties or the government program. The work that it is now engaged in, that of establishing its authority in Luzon, is generally recog nized as necessary, and until that has been accomplished the larger question of future government of the islands is held in abey

CHEERY CHAFF.

Chicago Record: "How carefully your wife does watch your health."
"Yes, she knows that if I get up a big doctor's bill she won't get a summer trip."

Boston Transcript: Dilver-When I took he place it wasn't fit for a dog to live in hav- spent hearly \$1,000 on it. Sanson-Don't you think it would have een cheaper had you killed the dog?

Kansas City Independent: The Mistress-dary, don't let me catch you kissing that r again. Maid—Lor', mum, I don't mean to, but

Indianapolis Journal: "Perhaps you are not aware, sir, that I am a D. D."
"I'll go you five hundred better. I am a D. D. D.—a dollar-dinner democrat." Chicago Post: "She says her face is her

fortune."
"Well, she certainly ought to take advantage of the new bankruptcy law." Somerville Journal: She-Mrs. Stately is a Daughter of the Revolution, isn't she? He-I think likely. I saw her going through the motions yesterday when she stepped off a moving street car backward.

Chicago Tribune: "O. Absalom?" walled Mrs. Rambo, "you've been drinking again after all your promises?"
"Nanshy, m dear," replied Mr. Rambo "only had one lilli drinked, Fell? to me.

est raw onion take whichly sath, Smatter lith me is I all the 2 nsh-can't you shee

SONG OF THE SHIRT WAIST. Sprightly Spring Poem "Run In" for

New Orleans Times-Democrat Hark! the pipes of Pan are pleating-ike a sweetheart interceding-in behalf of any fellows nowadays-for the proof are milited tulip-and the meek and ministed -are a-bloom again along life's arid

rays!
Yes, it works a chap's undoing—when he intows that Nature's wooling—from the upands and the lowlands and the meres—When the noontide glows in splendor—when he nights are soft and tender—and the aptivating shirt waist reappears!
When the liver pad is wilting and the fly pad it tilting—an the breeze-bedimpled bosom of the pool—When the ripe red rose comes pleasing—and the ripe red nose stops sneezing—and the little boys play hookey from the school.

is lawful to be lary-when each dear ashioned darsy-breather a message ashioned darsy-breather a message the fragrant yester years. When the arc sweet with clover—and the still, leart) moreover—when the siry, fairy

waist roappears!
In the violet bloseoms happy—on the control of the chappears.
If the violet bloseoms happy—on the control of the chappie—When we hustle out dimosquito bar—When the tipsy bee wassall—in his honeysuckle castle when the troubadour is tuning his catarch.
When that tired, transcendent feeling—into every heart romes stealing—sweetly pensive, like a sunny maiden's tears—When the bird choirs lift their volces—when, in short, all earth rejoices—and the Immemorial shirt waist reappears!

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