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The next mayor of Scranton must be a man big enough and brave enough to own himself.

Secretary Long's Report.

New light is shed upon the Sampson-Schley episode by the detailed story of the navy's work in the war narrated in Secretary Long's report, which is liberally summarized elsewhere.

The reference in the report to the surpluses of General Shafter at Santiago in refusing Admiral Sampson's request for re-appointment during the negotiations for Santiago's surrender is made in the form of a statement of fact without comment.

In the light of Secretary Long's report, with its corroborating official dispatches, it is obvious that public opinion for long done gross injustice to Admiral Sampson, and one of the offenders in this respect The Tribune offers apology without reserve.

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It is well to remember that but for Democratic thimble-rising in councils the asphalted streets could have been repaired ere snow fell.

Dreyfus Knight-Errantry.

We are not, we hope, wanting in sympathy with the efforts made in France to have the sentence passed upon Captain Albert Dreyfus reversed and the man himself recalled to his military duties or at all events restored to civil life and citizenship.

This being so, we hope the rushing sentimentalists who have organized themselves into a Dreyfus Propaganda society in Baltimore will be emphatically repudiated by the people of this country.

Congressman Bailey says he has no fear of being deposed from the Democratic leadership in the house. He will certainly have the enthusiastic support of every Republican.

It who did not believe at the time of Dreyfus' conviction that he was guilty. Even his co-religionists were humiliated by his downfall, without their questioning until after the justice or validity of his sentence.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has been invited to speak at the banquet which the Baltimore society will give on the occasion of Dreyfus' exoneration and complete vindication by the court of cassation.

In some counties in Pennsylvania, according to Superintendent Schaeffer, public school teachers last year obtained less salary than it costs to maintain a pauper.

More than 60 per cent. of Pennsylvania's revenues goes to the support of public instruction. It is high time for local communities to brace up and bear a larger share of the burden.

The report that President McKinley will decline to see General Garcia is incredible. The president will see any worthy man who has business worthy of his attention.

Talk of deposing Tom Reed has subsided, but it is hardly to be expected that the mischief-makers can surrender this topic for long.

Soldiers in Cuba are less needed now than hoes, ploughs and seeds. The greatest foe of American pacification of Cuba is the inexpressible poverty of the people.

Admiral Dewey says he would sooner be in the top notch among American naval officers than be president of the United States. In a little time he will be.

The fault with Schley, according to Secretary Long's report, seems to be that he was troubled with a temporary attack of fluttering judgment.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Here is a bit of recent testimony before the war investigation commission which strikes closely home to the real cause of much of the suffering among the volunteer troops.

James S. Suters, a private of Company K of the seventy-first regiment, testified that after the surrender of Santiago his company had more food than before, but even then, he said, the coffee was not good.

Chicago just now seems to be getting the pace in scientific exploration. In addition to Walter Watson's North Pole hunting party, which had its inception in the Windy City, two new expeditions are about to start from that city.

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Some wonderful needlework is done by the Filipino women. "There is a cloth here," writes John T. McCutcheon, Manila correspondent of the Chicago Record, "which is manufactured of Philippine rice, and is called pinas deka."

An increase of \$6,000,000 in this year's postal business over that of the year

before shows which way the wind is blowing. An increase of \$16,871,545 in the amount of money orders issued shows it still more clearly.

Congressman McMillin says: "I am opposed to taking the Philippine Islands because I believe in the ability of the people to govern themselves."

Down in Santiago General Wood may have been a little short on Thanksgiving turkey but he can take consolation in the fact that he is not forgotten by his countrymen up North.

It is something of a novelty in public life to see how faithfully Colonel Roosevelt is trying to redeem literally and wholly every promise made by him before election; but the American people appreciate the innovation.

In commemoration of its sixth anniversary the Clyburn Record on Thursday issued a handsome special twelve-page edition which reflects creditably upon its resources.

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The answers to these questions doubtless would make a very interesting chapter. It is most certainly to be hoped that it shall have the full story at last. It is certainly high time, and more than high time, in addition to the more than seven months case has any substantially. Up to date partisan and malignant politics have enveloped the charges. Quay has been denounced in most outrageous language by Quay haters in the hypocritical disguise of reformers.

He has received thus far abuse, vilification and anything but justice. Now that he is to go into court, things will be different, and if the truth concerning his real prosecutors is brought out the history of Pennsylvania politics will be enriched by an exceedingly lively chapter.

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neckerechief, so microscopic and delicate in the fabric. Considering the coarseness of the finer kind of native needlework, it is hardly probable that the soldiers will take home many trinkets for exhibition purposes.

John W. Keely of "Keely motor" fame who died the other day was originally a chemist, perhaps an electrical inventor. His mysterious "motor" which never rotated, except on special occasions, was rebuilt by him 5000 times, and probably killed "Electric Eye," if any one of those things which become suddenly intangible just as they are beginning to become sensorially interesting.

A peculiar instance of canine affection is reported at Montclair, N. J. As Antonio Currallo, an Italian seaman, was driving his dog through the streets of that town his horse fell and broke its leg. Currallo let it lying by the roadside, but Currallo's dog remained beside the wounded animal, licking its face and howling so that the attention of the police was attracted and Currallo was arrested and fined \$5—all due to the dog.

Senators Hanna, Foraker, Allison, Baker, Carter, Allen, Kyle, Elkins, Turpie (the probable winner) and his wife, Senators Murphy, Platt, Davis, Mason, Gear, Teller and Clark are natives of New York. Pennsylvania, too, is the birthplace of numerous United States senators, including Senator Burrows, of Michigan, and Senator Shoup, of Idaho, besides her own two senators.

A lively dairy business ought soon to develop in Porto Rico. Heretofore all the butter in that island has been imported from Denmark and Holland and costs 30 cents a pound. The Susquehanna county product ought to sell well in Ponce and San Juan at 20 to 25 cents a pound when Americans get their goods.

The extraordinary gold production of 1898, as estimated by the director of the mint, exceeds every record that has preceded it in all the past. In 1897 the world produced \$27,000,000, which was the greatest up to that time. In 1898 the production will be \$27,000,000.

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