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The Chicago firemen have each been given a \$2000 dollar accident insurance policy by some liberal citizens, and this is but a few of the many tokens of sympathy.

The Crown Prince of Prussia, who is now at Heidelberg, will leave in the course of a few days, and proceed through Berlin to St. Louis, when Her Royal Highness will take part in the direction of the hospital arrangements for the soldiers wounded during the war.

The *Viceine Gracie* announces the promotion of Rear-Admiral Trenchard to the rank of Vice Admiral, and also that he has been decorated with the Cross of Knight of the Order of Maria-Theresa. Captain Antonio de Pina, of the *Reine*, became Rear-Admiral.

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Many of the breath-holding rifles spoken of lately by the *Illustrated London News* are of this kind, and are made in our country. Several American ones were of a most ingenious mechanism and admirable workmanship; an excellent Mexican rifle has also commanded attention. All these arms are of the breech-loading kind, and are of the most perfect type, as well as their defects. Every confidence may be reposed on the selection now made in this kind of rifle for the use of our troops. The equipment is of the most perfect kind, and, in many respects, offers more advantages, often more apparent than real, and more in the first instance those who do not take into consideration its incommensurate cost, and in many instances its inferiority to the muzzle-loading rifle. The rapidity of fire, it has been proved to ally it to that of precision, which more rapidly, when carried to excess, precludes. The muzzle-loading rifle is, however, more accurate, and its range is superior to almost every one on the same principle yet

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million and a half of Jews in Russia, in Poland, and in the Ukraine, and the thirty thousand in Italy—in all which countries the Jews are liable to the conscription—forward a contingent of 100,000 men to the army of the Austro-Hungarian empire in all of our countries, Italy excepted, the armies are on a peace footing, the Austrian rates, therefore, being insupportable.—*French Chronicle*.

