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GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

In order to quiet the fears that have arisen in the home of his beloved Uncle Edward, the Emperor William hastens to assure his near relatives that they have overestimated the coming strength of the German navy.

The official denial of Germany that she will build more than 13 of the fighting machines prior to 1912 may relieve the anxiety of Great Britain, for it will leave her with at least four more of the big sea fighters than are possessed by Germany.

It is sometimes held by thoughtless persons that marriage is a matter that concerns solely the man and woman who assume its obligations; that it is nobody's business but theirs.

It is probable that the great Britain fears that Germany's "needs" include some British territory, and that all barriers have not been removed.

PERILS OF AIR NAVIGATION.

Ballooning is the safest method of aviation. So few are the fatalities attending the balloon that some enthusiasts have called it a sport rather than an automobile.

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be the difficulty of directing the balloon, even in a feeble way, out of sight and hearing of the earth in a violent tempest.

Air will probably always be unreliable as a method of travel or traffic, owing not altogether to imperfections of the air ship, but to uncertainties of the air.

AN OLD FRIEND WITH A NEW FACE.

The Götterberg plan of handling the liquor traffic undoubtedly has merit. In Sweden it has succeeded well, mainly because the company which has the monopoly of all liquor sales does not seek a profit.

We must remember also that the experiment of placing all the saloons in the same unity under the control of a single authority is no new thing in this country.

WHOSE BUSINESS IS IT?

Miss Helen G. Emery, of San Francisco, is the subject of a deal of notoriety because of the kind that she has been in the sun and reputable people everywhere deplore.

MAKE THE MOST GENERAL.

Nobody need think of it as a miracle if Portland's population grows to 500,000 within the span of not many years.

A WAVE OF FOLLY.

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ments, ranging from moral suasion to force, in an effort to prevent others taking the places vacated by the strikers. Generally speaking, it has only been when public service in which the Government was directly interested has been interfered with that the Government has taken a hand in settling the difficulty.

With the ordinary workman or mechanic in the employ of a private concern, this conduct may be excusable. On the part of a government employe, representing as he does in a degree, no matter how small, the government itself, this conduct is fraught with grave consequences.

PORTLAND'S SKYSCRAPER ERA.

At no previous period in the history of Portland has there been so remarkable a building movement as is now on at full swing.

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of the large retail stores and some of the financial institutions westward, leaving the streets along the river to the wholesalers and commission men. Where this movement will end nobody would venture to predict just now.

So far as our great department stores are concerned, it is conceivable that as the years pass they will draw an increasing volume of trade from the country. Part of it will come by mail, but not all of it.

Most Reasonable Bill of All.

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MORE VIEWS ON THE TARIFF.

Eastern Newspapers, as a Whole, Speak Favorably of the New Bill. Philadelphia Press, Rep.

Some duties are raised and the principle of protection to American labor where protection is needed runs all through the bill. If through inadvertence or imperfect knowledge this principle is violated at any point there will be ample opportunity for a demonstration of this fact and for the cure of this defect before the bill reaches final passage.

Genuine Revision Downward.

New York World, Ind. Dem. Chairman Payne's tariff bill shows evidence of the cross-purposes of contentedness in these respects. It is likely to be improved in the tunnel of a House debate.

Reserve to States, Tax Inheritance.

New York Sun, Ind. Rep. Whatever the changes in the duties and the free list, subject to unknown shifts or abatements, one evil device for revenue in this bill should be struck out.

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MEMORIAL TO SAM L. SIMPSON

Funds to Be Raised to Erect a Monument at Salem. SALEM, Ore., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—The Samuel L. Simpson Memorial Association of the City of Salem has taken upon itself the pleasant and agreeable duty of erecting a monument to commemorate the talent and genius of Oregon's poet, Samuel L. Simpson.

The idea of the originators of the association is to place the monument in Salem, in Wilson avenue, fronting the State Capitol Building. The funds to erect the monument can be obtained by entertainments, lectures and small contributions from former students of the Willamette University, pioneers and admirers of Sam Simpson's high literary ability.

Sam Simpson was a pioneer of the state, having been brought here by his parents in 1842. The reason for placing the monument in Salem is that a good portion of Sam Simpson's boyhood and early manhood was passed there.

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Ten Years in Bed for Lazy Man.

Jerseyville, Ill., Dispatch to N. Y. Times. The latest man in the world lives in the village. His name is John Mumura, and he is unwilling to comply with the rules of the Jersey County Farm, which say that every one living there shall rise at 5 A. M.

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Bank Check on Pine Wood Block.

At the Fourth National Bank of Cincinnati was presented a check for \$3 cents, written on a block of pine wood an inch thick, one foot long and six inches wide. It was paid. A real estate dealer became engaged in a dispute with a tenant over a broken window pane, and the tenant, being compelled to pay the expense, wrote the check on the pine block.

Firemen Called for Dance Partners.

During a dance on Potosi street, Cincinnati, it was discovered there was a shortage of male partners, whereupon a fireman woman turned in an alarm of fire. When a lot of handsome firemen from a nearby engine appeared the woman said: "What's the matter? Stay and dance; that's what we need ye fer. Why doncher stay and dance?"

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It will be seen that the Senate at every stage of the present tariff revision fight. There are many members of that body, who doubtless sincerely desire to keep faith with the people and to redress their party's solemn pledges.

THE DUNIWAY-BEAN CONTROVERSY

In Which the Portland Printer is Accused of Being Deceptive. EUGENE, Ore., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—Again I submit a reply relative to the state printing grant and in answer to Willis L. Duniway, who has so cleverly avoided explaining to the people of Oregon how he earned the odd-\$60,000 paid to him for the state printing during the years 1907 and 1908.

Mr. Duniway says that I am mistaken in stating that the Duniway bill means no reduction whatever in the jobwork. He drew the bill himself and "knows that a very great saving" will be made "especially through the use of 'eight-point' in lieu of 'six-point' and the cutting of the rate of press-work from 55 cents to 40 cents."

It is the wish of the organizers of this association to enlist in behalf of this cause persons residing in all the towns and cities of the Northwest who were formerly students of the Willamette University, and all persons who appreciate his fine literary qualities.

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