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fathered by some of our own leading statesmen, had reached the point where success seemed assured, Mr. Wilson openly declared himself. He will probably win, but in winning he will split his party and disgust the Nation with his un-American policy of an object surrender of American rights to foreign nations. The longer the American people consider his action the less they will like it.

A DOLEFUL POSSIBILITY.
There seems to be an opportunity present for the man with an aptitude for figures and a desire for doleful speculation to calculate the City of Portland nearly out of existence.
City Attorney LaRoché says it is impossible to figure out the territory long supposed to be within the city limits is not a part of Portland, the charter never having been amended by vote of the people to include those localities.

It seems to be generally and cheerfully conceded by all foreign nations that we would not be violating the Hay-Pauncefote treaty if after exacting tolls on coastwise traffic through the canal we paid American coastwise ships a subsidy equal to the tolls exacted from the foreign vessels which apply to the Panama Canal, England, which owns a majority of stock in the canal, pays British vessels a mail subsidy which equals or exceeds the tolls. Russia and Austria refund the tolls paid by their vessels.

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GORKY AND THE AUTOCRACY.
Lovely is Russian justice. Some of its most exquisite features are displayed in dealing with the Jews, but nothing we have heard of recently quite compares with the tricks it has played upon the novelist Gorky.

The police system has seemed to go to pieces of late, as there are slightly robberies and a great many of them. Almost every street in the city has been entered during the past two months, and no one has been caught except four policemen who were arrested for burglary.

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Even little Denmark flings back Mr. Bryan's arbitration treaty in his face. If she has a quarrel with us she feels confident of being able to equip a navy strong enough to cope with any our Little American Administration is likely to send to sea, and she does not wish to hamper herself by any agreements not to prepare to whip us.

The sucker who would get a mail-order wife can refrain from temptation until a new plan to separate him from his money evolves. The latest plan is to carry with them some small burden.

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The Little boy abandoned at St. Helens is in better hands than left with the heartless people who left him in the barn. He will grow into a better man without the handicap of worthless parents.

Chicago has one woman who can fire a revolver without shutting her eyes. She is on the police force and made a record of 92 in a gold-medal contest. She can now win the masher.

Let the bells toll for free tolls and American self-respect.
Another American killed by Mexicans. No matter.
Where is the Stanley to find James Gordon Bennett?

COURSE VIOLATES ETERNAL LAW
Contributor Protests Against Arrest of Hindu Philosopher.
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Dyal was arrested on the charge of being an anarchist. Anarchists are "persons who believe in anarchy or the overthrow of the Government of the United States, of all government and all forms of law, or the assassination of public officials."

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WHERE INDIFFERENCE IS COSTLY
Voters Should Demand Economy of Legislative Candidates.
THE DALLERS, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—After reading the letter written by Jefferson Myers in the Oregonian March 25, I take this opportunity of seconding his statements and making a few suggestions.

It seems that the voters of Oregon have up to the present time been very indifferent about who they sent to the Legislature, and furthermore, they have never, to my recollection, demanded any platform or pledges of candidates, or sounded them on their ideas of what they were going to do for the legislature.

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Automatic Alarms for Hotels.
Other Regulations of Little Good Without Them in Case of Fire.
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Auckland, March 29.—Dispatches from Samoa state that the American men of war, the Vandalia and the Albatross and the German men of war, Adler, Olga and Eber were driven on a reef during a violent storm and totally wrecked. Of the American crew, four officers and 46 men were drowned, and of the German crew nine officers and 87 men lost their lives.

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The Eternal Question:
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