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FINDING A QUARREL IN A STRAW.

With its accustomed shudder at any move toward war, the New York Evening Post says President Wilson "cannot fall to be hurt and disgusted by the raucous approval with which international strife and delighters in war have greeted his action toward Huerta."

On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that the means indicated with Huerta's approval, insult the American Nation. The Tampico incident was only the last of a series of affronts, all aimed at the American Nation through its seamen.

An affront to men wearing the uniform and carrying the flag of a nation is an affront to the nation itself. That is the position of the world, accepting the Evening Post and newspapers of the same ultra-pacific turn of mind.

There is an under current of regret at Admiral Mayo's action in the Brooklyn Island case. It is inclined to believe that our heady Admiral has run away with the situation. It says: "It had been better, of course, not to permit a too high-strung Navy to get away at long range."

POLITICAL ISSUES IN FRANCE. The Callaux scandal in France may lead to a change in the manner of conducting the French government. That scandal was the outgrowth of factional quarrels which have overturned one Cabinet after another.

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in order to give stability to the government. The recent sudden changes of administration and their evil fruits have turned discussion to this subject, and some of the political leaders declare that the present way of carrying on the republic must end.

Two years ago, on April 15, the Titanic went down, and the world has profited by the lesson. The latest deep-sea divers have double bottoms, and the bulkheads are more efficiently carried, and wireless is required on all ships carrying more than a certain number of persons.

Every reasonable precaution for safety could be made if the Senate would ratify the London agreement, and if the House would make the La Follette bill conform to that agreement. Ships of all nations would then be governed by the same rules, and there would be no occasion to enact treaties with all nations.

Self-interest and the pressure of public opinion have been far more effective than legislation in inducing ship-owners to apply the lessons of the Titanic's fate. By the time Congress acts, its action may serve only to cement the comment of the world.

LOCATING A REGIONAL BANK.

The Oregonian has received a singularly intemperate letter from a former resident of Richmond, now a Portland citizen, who takes for his subject the comment of the Oregonian on the selection of Richmond as the location for one of the regional banks. The Oregonian has frequently admonished correspondents to exercise self-control, particularly when writing about a person with whom they do not have their sympathies published.

It is in the way Admiral Mayo's conduct is regarded in New York the more shame for New York. Admiral Mayo is a man of high character, guardian of the honor, and good name of the United States, and his first duty was to preserve them unscathed. So far from having been heady and cocky, he had passed over several offensive acts with a simple exaction of amends and apology.

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These figures do not look very promising for radium, but it is only fair to say that the Denver view is not upheld by all his colleagues, even in Vienna. His report was delivered at the Congress of the American Surgical Association in New York and it was not left unanswered.

Dr. Abbe's judgment is that "radium is tremendously useful in the treatment of cancer." Both the Australian and the American surgeons warn the public against overdose of radium. It destroys other tissues as rapidly as the cancerous and may easily sever a blood vessel if it is incautiously applied.

ON THE RADICAL TOBoggAN.

The British Labor party has instructed its forty members of Parliament to vote independently of the government and to make only such alliances as seem calculated to advance the ends of organized labor. In other words, they are to keep in the middle of the road and may at any time break away from the Liberal coalition.

A NEW VIEW OF BILLY SUNDAY.

The current number of the Outlook contains some curious particulars about the Reverend Billy Sunday which may modify some people's opinions of that celebrated character. They are given by a Presbyterian minister who is evidently a man of wide culture and rather starchy in his tastes.

His work in Pittsburg is probably typical of what he does everywhere. In that city there was a group of "practical politicians" who had managed the wards for Fenrose and the liquor interests' year after year. Billy Sunday so changed the hearts of these hardened veterans in sin that "nobody could get their endorsement, even for dogcatcher, unless he was anti-Fenrose and anti-Penrose."

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EVERYBODY BUSY BUT UNCLE SAM.

While the United States Government is operating under a policy which practically prevents the development of its coal lands, under the plan of conservation, British Columbia, to the north, is preparing to take advantage of the coal trade opportunities which will develop with the opening of the Panama Canal.

The Department of Commerce at Washington has been advised only recently that D. A. Thomas, a Welsh expert on the coal trade, has secured options on the anthracite coal lands controlled by the British Columbia Anthracite Syndicate, in the Groundhog district in British Columbia, estimated to contain 1,141,444,000 tons.

The coal of the Groundhog district is not less than the only one known in the world outside of Wales, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, but notwithstanding its high quality and unmistakable value, the government of British Columbia is encouraging its development by private capital.

It is the expectation of the British Columbia coal producers that they will find a considerable market for their coal in Washington, Oregon and California. In fact, they are figuring on selling a part of their product to the United States Navy, which has an excellent harbor ready for use.

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IRELAND'S HOME RULE PROBLEM.

Some Objections on the Matter Presented by Correspondent. CORVALLIS, April 18.—(To the Editor)—I have read The Oregonian for over 30 years, and am generally in full sympathy with the opinions you so ably express.

In Ireland, unfortunately, this is not so. There is strife and animosity abound. Neither party will submit to be governed by the other. Home rule may cause civil war with troubles that may last for generations.

Undoubtedly Ireland has suffered great wrongs from England, but these wrongs are the more aggravated by harping on them doing nothing but aggravate the passions of the present generation. During the past 50 and 60 years, Ireland has had in real material things justice, and more than justice, from England.

I am reliably informed that the men who have purchased their holdings under this act are a very large number, do not particularly want home rule or anything that will make it difficult for them to continue their holdings and attend to their business. Nor are the Ulster men the only men to hope home rule.

The voting machine received a "black eye" at the recent municipal election at Hartford, Conn. Joseph H. Lawler, Democrat, ran ahead of his ticket for Mayor in every ward except the Fourth, where he got 191 votes and every other Democrat about 200.

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Prussia is about to repeat the history of Ulster by planting Germans in the Polish province of Posen and dividing land among them in holdings of less than three acres.

The vacation of Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, has come to an end. He took a long one, but the National Republican Club without him, Springfield Republican.

That explains why there has been so little mention of Japan and war in Congress recently. If Alabama will only keep Mr. Hobson at home after November we may have peace.

The Winter wheat crop promises to be a bumper, the yield being estimated on April 1 at over 550,000,000 bushels, as compared with 523,561,000 bushels last year.

If the New York World really wants to know what a highbrow is, it is a man of exacting tastes who has a great opinion of his intellect.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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WHEN VOTERS' INTEREST WANES.

Then Minority Rule Is Apt to Follow, Says Writer. SALHM, April 16.—(To the Editor)—Is it strange that the people are called of politics? I say no, and that most emphatically.

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HIGHER LICENSE; FEWER DOGS.

Citizen Believes It Well to Get Rid of Most Dogs in City. PORTLAND, April 19.—(To the Editor)—In the name of suffering humanity, I would like to see the City Council get busy and impose a license so high that it would get rid of about 90 per cent of the dog population of this city.

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VICE-PRESIDENTS' NEW VEST.

Beautiful Persian Garment 200 Years Old Given to Mr. Marshall. Washington, D. C., correspondent New York Post.

Vice-President Marshall has a new vest. It is a beautiful Persian garment, 200 years old. It was given to him by Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, of the Persian Legation.

This means that the vest is of dark brown with soft tones of blue and yellow making up the color scheme. Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, of the Persian Legation, is employed in carrying out the usual design.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of April 20, 1889. New York, April 19.—Fire swept the east bank of North River today from Fifty-ninth to Sixty-fifth streets. It destroyed more than \$1,500,000 of property belonging to the New York Central Railroad, and the total loss is estimated at \$3,355,000.

Seattle, April 19.—The City Council tonight elected O. D. Butterfield Chief of Police vice J. C. Mitchell, removed. CORVALLIS, April 18.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of citizens was held last evening in the parlors of Hamilton, Job & Co., for the purpose of taking action on the proposed water works into the city for manufacturing purposes.

Colfax, April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Youssier arrived from Washington this morning to make Colfax their home. Brownville, April 19.—The Woolen Mills Company organized here today with the following officers: President, George Kirtland; secretary and treasurer, Peter Hume; superintendent, J. W. Jager.

Arrangements are contemplated by which an abundance of drinking water will be conducted to the top of Mount Tabor. It is proposed to pump water from the Tillamook River into a reservoir on the highest point. Dr. R. G. Rex, who left this city about two years ago for San Francisco, disappeared shortly after his arrival there and nothing has been heard from him by his friends since.

Herbert Bradley, F. C. Reed, R. C. Campbell, A. H. Crook, Lewis Russell and E. P. Thompson have organized the Oregon Stone Company, which has purchased Mr. Thompson's sandstone quarry at Mach's Arch, Curry County. D. R. Davis, superintendent of construction of the Kootenai Union Telegraph Company, arrived yesterday to superintend the bringing in and connecting of the new copper wire connecting Portland with San Francisco.

Rev. Alfred Kummer lectured to a large audience last evening in Taylor Street M. E. Church. S. Barr's horse, while hitched in front of Atkinson & Wakefield's yesterday, broke a plate glass window. George Sunderland, the 21-year-old son of Dairy Commissioner Sunderland, is doing a day's work while cutting a tree on Sawie's island yesterday.

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