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GERMANY'S PLEA IN EVASION.

The summary of the German reply to President Wilson's note regarding the Lusitania massacre and the attacks on American ships is an evasion of the issue and is an implied attempt to justify crimes which would still be crimes were all the excuses offered by Germany valid. But they are not walld; none of them are valid.

The facts on which Mr. Wilson based his demand for reparation and for cessation of submarine attacks on merchant ships can easily be proved. The proof was in the President's possession before he wrote his note. The only condition on which the President could, with due regard to the dignity of the American people, postpon compliance with his demands until this proof had been furnished to Germany would be that during the necessary period of delay, all German attacks on American ships and on belligerent ships carrying American passengers should cease. But while the German reply was in course of preparation another American ship, the Nebraskan, was torpedoed. This ship had lowered her flag at sunset, ac cording to custom, but it was not yet dark and her name and nationality could have been read by the submarine's commander. Not even this much care was taken, much less was the ship visited and searched, as required by international law. There was absolutely not the slightest excuse for the attack on the Nebraskan, except that she had salled from a belligerent port She carried no contraband, for she was in ballast. She had passed into the open ocean and was therefore not in British waters. Germany, instead of making amends for past offense and giving earnest of her purpose to offend no more, has repeated and aggrayated the offense.

Germany pleads in extenuation that the Lusitania was armed. She was not armed, and the charge that she was includes a charge that the United States has committed a breach of land,

carried explosives in violation American law. She carried only small efit it derives from local supervision arms ammunition, which is not an over expenditure of whatever small explosive, and to carry which is no be the carrying of a supply of cartridges for a passenger's revolver. Germany had a right to stop and necessary to go to Denver. The engiseize the ship and its contraband cargo. She had no right to kill 1500 take slight interest in a state 1600 of neutrals, in order to destroy ship still less consideration in the future

excuse for wholesale murder.

It is pretended that the Lusitania maintain an office here?

Oregon has always been was not; she was an unarmed merchant ship, in strictly merchant servfrom an American port in this serv-ice is proof, which Mr. Wilson should That land can only be made to yield not permit to be questioned, that this returns to the reclamation fund mary Judge Humphries was almo is the truth, for to do otherwise would through the expenditure of money in constant attendant upon Republican be to call in question the neutrality which we have been at pains to maintain under great provocation to depart therefrom.

Presence on the Lusitania of some British subjects on their way to join the British armed forces is made excuse for slaughter, not only of these British subjects, but of all on board the ship. Since when has it become the practice of the German army to shoot on sight not only an unarmed man on his way to join the enemy's forces, but everybody in his vicinitydren, even bables; not only people of hostile but those of neutral nations? That is a parallel on land to what Germany did at sea.

The attacks on the Cushing and the nany. An aeroplane descended significance so far in 1915 is the en-Germany. An aeroplane descended 400 feet of the Cushing, yet it is pretended that the aviators could not see as plainly displayed, but the prox- tria. investigation. The submarine could little, this attack from a It was not willing to risk its own favor of the ailies. safety by approaching near enough It has become more and more apto determine the character of the ship, parent that this titanic struggle possible enemy to escape.

States can buy safety for its citizens and national units designed to try the by inducing the enemies of Germany endurance of each. In fact, the law of to relax the severity of their blockade survival of the fittest is in full operaagainst importation of food to Ger- tion, and the resources of the several ripened fruit of the diplomacy of th many assumes that we are willing to nations and all the virtues and quali-purchase our unquestioned rights from ties of the people who make up these great combination of nations which Germany by obtaining for her con- nations are being put to the acid test now confronts Germany, Austria and essions from her enemies. The United as they never have been put before. States will never bargain for elemenregarding the blockade of Germany, behind her. Furthermore, lay within reason. Our differences selves to the newest battle methods, herself neutral her ultimate adhesion with Germany relate to the very life

of urgent haste. equivocal demand was made on Gerterritory. Roumania has a first-line growing more intense with each year many for reparation for past offenses army of 500,000 men, a majority of and had been deepened by the inci-and for assurance that these barbar-them having been seasoned under fire. dents of the Boer war, which was still ous methods of warfare would be The same is true, although to a lesser in progress. France was inflamed

abandoned. The answer is not a frank avowal of wrong done and a solemn pledge that it shall not be repeated. Nor is the answer a bold defense and north effance. It is an evasive plea in extenuation, an apparent play for time, while the objectionable course is still the possibility of their entrance on pursued. Does Germany imagine that the American people are so weak that the American people are so weak that the first becomes apparent to the Balitary foe of Britain. Italy was grateful for Br so reckless that she invites addition sessions already inhabited by their ousted Britain from her position as the Adriatic Sea. This little port, situtive to the number of her enemies? Unown people. The Balkan states may the chief friend and adviser of Turkey, and near the southern tip of Dalmatia, the Principles of Population in 1798. King Edward set to work to amend among the earliest objectives of unsue.

Commissioner Daly and his triple alliance of newspapers have had a great deal to say in this meter cam-paign about the "water hog." It may

well to define him. "Water hog" is a collective term It applies to a family that realizes blessing of Portland's bountiful supply of the world's finest water. Any family that believes in the plentiful use of this life-giving fluid to promote cleanliness and good health falls under Mr. Daly's classification. Every family that takes pride in beaulifying the home with a green lawn the year around and beautiful flowers

in season is a "water hog." Portland has many thousands of iese "water hogs." Some are wealthy, but the great majority are people of modest circumstances and, happily, ven those near poverty can afford to e "water hogs."

By being "water hogs" these peo ole have done much for Portland and land one of the most beautiful cities the equipment is followed in the United States, with a death It is proposed to pay for the meters cottages, surrounded by Clty." their work, Portland, its good health, quirements of the department. If me

But Mr. Daly and his cohorts would curb the water hog." What matters all else if by handing several hundred thousand dollars to Eastern meter Portland sewers?

PUNISHMENT FOR OREGON.

Having robbed Oregon of nearly all amounting to about \$10,000,-000, and spent them in other states, Germany alleges that the Lusitania the Reclamation Bureau now intends to deprive the state of whatever benremainder is given to Oregon irrigamore a violation of law than would tion. Hereafter, when it is desired to consult any official regarding an Oregon reclamation project, it neer in charge there will naturally

regen has always been the prolific brilliant ing outside of reservations is arid, to hold office. reclaiming it. Oregon is the last thing of which the tion to some office or other.

supply, not a field for expenditure.

ITALY'S ROLE,

Those tremendous events which vere forecasted for the Spring months in the European war have been connot only men, but women and chil- spicuous thus far by their absence. Although bitter, stubborn fighting on restricted battle fronts has been continuous since the troops emerged from Winter quarters, the larger distributions have not been subjected to Guiflight are termed "mistakes" by vital change, and the one event of real

With the Italian hosts sweeping into Austrian previnces unchecked by Austhe great letters on the ship's side trian advance elements, speculation is proclaiming her name and nationality, keen as to how much of a menace The Gulflight's name and flag were Italy will prove to Germany and Aus-For, while the addition of a imity of British patrol ships is made million men from France or Great the excuse for torpedoing her without Britain or Russia might mean very recognize the patrol ships and could source and from a nation that has not prudently steer clear of them, but it suffered any depletion of munitions could not recognize the clearly neu- and supplies may prove a big factor tral character of an American ship. in turning the balance of power in

but it took no chance of permitting a Europe is not merely one of first-line armies and reserves, but rather a test suggestion that the United of strength among the several racial

tary rights, the loss of which would of strength that cannot be reckoned might have been forced to choose be lose us our place among nations, for in mere strength of armies. She tween letting Austria work her will it would render us in effect a subject brings limitless supplies and a virility with Serbia and fighting the unshaken nation of any buccaneer power which which has not been impaired or de-triple alliance. Though Italy might ravaged the seas. Our differences with oreased by long fighting. At a time have still considered the attack on Germany must be settled without ref- when German and Austrian resources Serbia an act of aggression in which erence to any negotiations we may are sorely taxed by the stupendous she was not bound to aid under the have with Britain. We have impor- task of facing a world in arms Italy terms of her treaty, she might not tant questions to settle with Britain steps in with unimpaired resources have dared to incur the displeasure of but we will settle them without ref- Italian armies have learned the les- did so is due to the seed sown by King erence to our relations with Germany, sons of the war without having been Edward and to the accession of Brit-They do not concern the safety of life compelled to pay the cost that other ain to the Franco-Russian alliance. and limb, therefore will brook no de- armies have met in adjusting them- From the moment when Italy declared

of our citizens, therefore are matters ample is certain to have more or less was inevitable as a result of the secret More than three weeks have now Roumania has the same grievances and as a measure of self-preservation passed since the Lusitania was sunk against Austria-Hungary that Italy and the sea was strewn with the dead has held. Roumania wants back what throne, his country was isolated among and dying. More than two weeks has been taken away from her in the the powers of Europe. The antagon have passed since Mr. Wilson's un- past and what she regards as national ism between Britain and Germany was

that she can hardly spare a great many more for Austria,

forces held firmly back at the western WRT.

EACH TO BUY HIS OWN METER.

Assertion that each water con umer is not to be charged with the ost of his meter in event the meter policy is adopted is mere subterfuge for themselves. They have kept Port- if the announced plan for providing

rate near the recorded minimum, out of water revenues. The water the revenues are contributed by the conchoicest blossoms, have made Port- sumers or property, as the case may land known far and wide as the "Rose be. Each consumer is to be sup-In other cities where meters, plied with a meter. Water rates installed because of expensive pump-ing or purifying systems, have done ance with an estimate as to the reits flowers, ever-green lawns and its ters cost money, and no one has yet "water hogs" are envied. they will be charged up to the mer who pay the water bills.

If the meter ordinance were a straight proposition to attach a meter manufacturers they can multiply the to each service and charge each occumillions of gallons that already flow pant or owner of the premises on the over the spillway at Bull Run and into books specifically with the cost of one meter, it would not be essentially different from the present proposal. Under the Daly plan the meters will nasquerade as water. Each service will pay for its own meter with this qualification: The large users water will pay for their own meters and also a fraction of the cost of each meter used by the small consumers

But that fraction will be very small ter hidden away in his quarterly pay-

A STRANGE MAN.

Judge John E. Humphries, who died in Seattle Saturday, had long tary age who struck will now have to been a spectacular and sometimes choose between enlisting and hunting unarmed people, including hundreds miles distant, and Oregon will receive been a spectacular and sometimes prominent figure in Washington poliand cargo. Her lack of facilities to than it has had in the past. But, haviare take the ship to a German port is no excuse for wholesale murder.

Some other job. Stell who still less consideration in the lattire product and the past. But, havities. His was a character that one that juts out into the Adriatic Sea. Its me to send him my picture. Would that harbor is small and ill adapted to the harbor is small and ill adapted to the pathy in England.

The debutante—A young man would more likely expect to find in harbor is small and ill adapted to the pathy in England.

The older one—Why not?

The older one—Why not? in the law, eloquent in speech and as a trial lawyer, he milch cow which has poured money unusually successful in legal practice, into other states. It is about milked But he was not content. He possessed ice. The fact that she was sailing dry, for nearly all public land remain- a hobby, an obsession. It was desire

> Before the days of the direct pri-Spending money in political conventions, seeking nominabureau thinks. Oregon is a source of possessed few of the characteristics necessary to the successful politician. Oregon long ago ceased to expect a He ever had but the semblance of square deal in public land affairs, an organization and often was supthe Biessed is he that expecteth nothing, ported principally by those wily fel-lows who always attach themselves to persons willing to spend money to gratify a political ambition. In mannerism he gave impression of timidity and in the counsels of the leaders stood apart, a deprecatory free lance,

never successful. The adoption of the direct primary gave him a freer opportunity to seel office. He was twice a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, once a candidate for Governor, once a candidate for United States Senator, and it is our recollection that he ran for Mayor of Seattle once or twice 1912 he was finally elected Judge of the Superior Court.

As state elections do not occur oftener than once in two years, it will be observed from the record herewith that his quest for office tended over a long period of time be-fore success attended his efforts. The odd phases of his career were that he had the demonstrated ability to rise high in his profession, yet courted repeated rebuffs in politicis, and that the lumber industry. although he was a recognized authority on written law, his record on the bench presented a strange lack of tudicial temperament. His passing renoves a unique figure and some the spice from Washington affairs.

FRUIT OF KING EDWARD'S WORK.

Italy's transfer from the triple allance to the triple entente is the slowly Turkey is the work of his brain. But Italy brings to the allies a source for him. France and Russia alone the her allies by standing aside. That she Further than that, the Italian ex- to the Anglo-Franco-Russian alliance of an influence on the Balkan states, forces which King Edward set to work When King Edward acceded to the

degree, of Bulgaria, which may be against her neighbor by the loss of a said to hold the key for successful ad-vance into European Turkey from the Fashoda incident and by the Boer war, n which she had backed the If it becomes apparent to the Bal- Russia was still regarded as the hered.

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will be watched with the deepest in Fashoda and renounced claims on terest because of these considerations. Egypt. Britain proved her good and its With the French, English and Belgian faith by threatening to fight beside policies, France at the time of the Agadir incident and thus cemented the bond. France became the medium through which an agreement with Russia was reached, and fear of Russian designs on India was put to sleep. Italy became more lukewarm toward Germany and Austria, when the entente powers gave tacit consent to her annexation of Tripoli, while Austria growled at Italian attacks on Albania. Italy became more alienated from Austria during the Balkan wars, for their interests clashed in regard to Albania. Thus flaty has been gradu.

On the other hand, when it comes to making the necessary adjustments for supplying the food for this rapidly in make room for a making the necessary adjustments for making the necessary ad battle area, with the Russians driven cident and thus cemented the bond. back from the strategic points in the France became the medium through Carpathlans and kept on the defen-which an agreement with Russia was sive in Poland, it has seemed for some reached, and fear of Russian designs months past that the German armies on India was put to sleep. Italy behave had the situation well in hand came more lukewarm toward Gerthus far. We shall know before many many and Austria, when the entents weeks whether pressure from the powers gave tacit consent to her ansouth will affect the impasse which nexation of Tripoli, while Austria appears to have been reached by the growled at Italian attacks on Albania. allies up to the time Italy declared Italy became more alienated from today, their interests clashed in regard to gusa was always a peaceful one; the kind requires, Albania. Thus Italy has been gradu-ally drawing away from her former other lands to arbitration. Despite its alternatively and drawing nearer their eneallies and drawing nearer their ene-

The King's influence set in motion the forces which delivered his country from isofation and made it a member of the most powerful coallition existing in Europe since the days of Napoleon. Though no formal alliance existed prior to the war, this coallition has proved stronger than the coallition has proved stronger than the combination against which it was arrayed, for it was bound together by complete understanding, common interest and what was conceived to be a common danger. It has proved strong enough not only to hold together understanding and the coastie, well builded and thoroughly fortlined. Ragusa is mentioned in this fact has lover the world. In this fact allowed the world. In this fact that allowed the served the submined allowed the world. In this fact allowed the world. In the submined the world. In this fact allowed the world. In this fact that allowed the world. In this fact allowed the world. In the submined allowed the down the beautifulation.

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earthquakes and other terres-Jupiter disdains Venus of a chilly fires and clean the fish for breakfast Every man who pays a water bill the season of marital discord prevails Ragusa today, the "Gem City of the regularly will have the price of a meter hidden away in his quarterly pays the how the learned men able to explain seaport in the Austrian crownland of all these things can get around without using crutches to hold up their heads.

> The London tramway men of milisome other job. Men who strike while

The people of Washington are already thring of the referendum and may soon relegate it to its proper ontory, north of Ragusa, four place-an appeal to the people from distant. flagrant abuse of power by the Legis-

If the allied fleet should reach Constantinople, the United States ship Scorpion might be between two fires, For a short time during the Napoleonic step reverently, comrades mine, but the fleet has many obstacles to overcome before getting there.

Albir I. Clark's conviction of elec-

The live town shows its spirit by

elebrating the Fourth. Come to

Portland for the Rose Festival, but observe the great day at home. Since Judge Hennessy Murphy be came a twelve-cylinder empirist there

Has the war microbe infected the pattleship Virginia, that she rams bulkhead and bumps a tug?

More logging camps reopening or Coos Bay inspire belief in revival of

Remember, the firemen have not the ground on which to grow roses, and be generous

came Governor.

will walk with her legs, and not on her toes.

Do not peddle the bunk by promis-ing all candidates to vote for them. Only the boiled "spud" and the German fry go in Berlin now.

An extra sesion is needed to break in Congressman McArthur,

Roumania and Bulgaria seem to fear they will sit on tacks, The Vanderbilt makes excellent provision for both series.

The fitney men are going to develop nto real politicians. Semething has scared off the Sun-

Treat the candidate gently but policy upon us?

M. C. ARMSTRONG.

All together now for the Rose Fes-

The time for picules is at hand, The blue line is thin today,

European War Primer By National Geographical Society,

nand for troops in every direction that she can hardly spare a great that she can hardly spare a great many more for Austria.

The Italian movement into Austria will be watched with the deepest interest because of these considerations. With the French, English and Belgian forces held firmly back at the western france at the time of the Agadir interest because of these considerations. Ragusa was an asylum for extraction, faith or politics. It was democratic in its tolerance long before the French Revolution made the word "freedom" a world-wide feith. Ragusa was an asylum for extraction, faith or politics. It was democratic in its tolerance long before the French Revolution made the word "freedom" a world-wide feith. Ragusa was an asylum for extraction for troops in every direction do their work.

The result was the understanding given century.

This increase of population in any given century.

This increase, arising out of man's litard expert, has been corresponding with Shaefer, the brilliant state, concerned more with its wealth and its commerce than with politics or policies.

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allies and drawing nearer their enemies. Her final step across the dividing line is but the completion of a change which began at King Edward's instigation.

The King's influence set in motion the forces which delivered his country from isolation and made it a nowering conquerors.

Win over one of its adversaries.

A colony of Slavonian people joined the Latins, and greatly added to the lin the city's power for resisting the encroachines the actions of these scientists who attempt to ments of its hostile neighbors. Sarabirth con Bulgarian Rossies Windows prove the actions of the planets are responsible for severe climatic condisome cases, heat off its enemies, and, in trial diabola. We all understand that others, was forced to acknowledge a when Mars hits Saturn a wallop under the belt, war must result, and when ment however, though Constantinoule. ment, however, though Constantinople, Venice, Hungary, Bosnia and Serbia were, at various times, recognized to a

seaport in the Austrian crownland of Dalmatia. Every line of the quaint little city is a monument to the importance and the power that are flown. It is a medieval town, still wailed in by heavy masonry, and still towered. Rates are floored with the flaggings of gusa is floored with the flaggings of the middle nges. Its homes and build-ings are ancient structures, and over all

vessels that visit here anchor osa, a twin city, situated on a safe side, I'd better inclose one of my north of Ragues form miles distant. Mostar, capital of Herzego-vina, is 50 miles to the north-northwest. Ragusa is a fortified port, and an outlying mival base. It still has some transient trade with the interior, and its industries include the output of liquor, oil, silk and leather products. Albin L. Clark's conviction of election fraud will serve as a warning to
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A Federal grand jury finds all things satisfactory at McNell's Island. Should the guests concur, the fact will be so remarkable as to deserve special mention.

A Federal grand jury finds all things satisfactory at McNell's Island. States and France, the tiny beacon was no longer needed, and it was sliently extinguished.

Lift up your eyes, ye veterans old. As in the days of war, And bless each gently swaying fold, Each sacred stripe and starthe fing you bore with zealous care when death held revel in the air.

METER DOUBLES COST OF WATER Small Homeowner Relates Experience

and Neighbors Are Alarmed. PORTLAND, May 20.—(To the Editor.)—We have read with concern of the proposed installation of meters in Portland. A month ago one was put in our home. With great economy we notice out that the proposed installation of meters in Struck down in field and wood. The unturned faces of the slain, The flow of patriot blood:

this system.

It certainly is an imposition on the people of this city to tax them and also to raise the water rate, besides the annoyance of thisking every time you water a rose it is increasing expenses.

These pictures come as on we treat To reverence our slient dead.

To reverence our slient dead.

Bear Spring's most lovely floral gems Plucked fresh from nature's breast. And crown with flowery diadems.

The mounds 'neath which they rest. Few people waste water. With the great rainfall in Oregon it surely is a tax which should not be imposed.

Two of my neighbors have ceased planting a garden on account of the proposed change. They say times are too hard to increase expenses, as they have seen how our water cost is double

Getting out of the Penitentiary is one.

We hope the people will not be inflicted with this change; it is against the interest of the people and the growth of the city.

MRS. W. F. BURROWS.

Hyper-Prohibitionism. PORTLAND, 'May 30.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly allow me a little space to exhaust the pent-up censure I feel should be utilized regarding the meter

Portland is located in the midst of an unlimited water system. The idea to regulate one's water supply at this early stage seems the height of injus-tice or monetary chicanery. Well enough for those dry states to regulate the water supply, to tax citizens, and economize, but here where nature has favored us with myrlads of nexhustible streams, with water as clear and pure as the mind of Pericles; right in proximity of old Mount Hood, whose output alone would well supply Portland, looks almost sacrilegious as rell as idiotic.

Can we not save time and money by mental examination of those gentle-

Training as Candy Sampler. Boston Transcript.

Mother-Tour paps, dear, is a tea ampler. He samples the different sampler. He kinds of tea. Bobbie-When I grow up, mamma. I'm going to be a candy sampler,

MALTHUS NOT OF MIDDLE AGES Mr. Uthoff Calls Mr. Wagnen on His

Error of 400 Years. PORTLAND, May 30 .- (To the Ed

lies the one unanswerable argument for birth control. H. C. UTHOFF.

tor. Harry Lane, is quoted in the me-terized paper as follows:
"The second pipe line from Buil Run would still have been unnecessary if

we had installed meters."

The inadvertent Harry forgets that last Summer, during the the opportunity was selzed by our Wa-

Erring on the Safe Side,

Puck.
The debutante—A young man wants

Our Memorial Day By James Barton Adams

of Fall in! Fall in! Dress up the line, Right face and march away

When death held revel in the air. Again our thoughts go winging back

To stirring scenes of war, The musket's sharp and vicious crack, is renewed confidence across the our home. With great economy we notice our bill will be almost double with To reverence our slient dead.

> The mounds neath which they rest.
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> Above them bend while memory's tears
> The honored graves bedew,
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> As through the dimming veil of years Of time again we view The battle ranks in which they stood With us on many a field of blood.

And as we glorify the dead, Our silent hero braves, And here in fond remembrance spread These tributes o'er their graves, Let each old veteran's heart expand With prayer to God on high That in a reunited band These boys we bade good-by May join us when we, too, pass o'er The stream unto the golden shore.

THE PORTLAND OREGON ROSE. Neath the balmy skies of June time Where the bright Willamette flows, Where the clinging vines and shrubbery Where grows the Portland rose.

From crowning heights of emerald hue To the whitened peak top froze, To the lovely vale for me and you And the pretty Portland rose.

Where the queen of all the flowers Lend sweetness to the breeze that blows. From the garden, hedge and bowers Of the dainty Portland rose.

From June until December, from De cember until June The pride of Portland throws Its fragrance as a hearty boon, The famous Portland rose.

To describe the sweets of nature All the world of nature knows, of the pretty Portland rose.

Then come along and join the throng And as you come suppose We rend the air with gladsome song To the pretty Portis

HI HENRY, Eugepe, Or.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, May 31, 189

Portland observed Decoration day as

received double the purchase, oney for the property

Half a Century Ago

We publish this morning President Johnson's proclamation appointing to-

pring.
In the biological facts here outlined les the one unanswerable argument for out and give up his arms, and that young Garrett would receive the arms.

Hint to Our Astute Junior Senator,
PORTLAND, May 39,—(To the Ediport)—Our astute United States Senabarn, Lieutenant Baker was sent for-

Some time since we alluded to the fact that First street was an odd-herse in the car of progress now moving in ur midst, no signs of improvem-pon it being visible from one end he thoroughfare to the other, and a about as impassable in the Winter as any part of the city.

The fruits of a foul deed were rought to light yesterday by Ball, a police officer, our special reporter, and Mr. Wetmore, by the discovery of a pile of human bones which had evidently been conveyed to the property, which he recently purchased, by the criminal in a barrel and left in a sectioned place.

A loan is to be started in San Francisco in favor of the Liberal party in Mexico. Maximillan's crown does not sit firmly on his head. The French have spent some years in the endeavor to crush Juarez, but he now stronger than ever.

Number 4 Engine Company's bell was taken to the house yesterday and rung several times. It sounds well, and is the best bell in the city.

MR. DALY CHARGED WITH TRICK Law Holding Property Liable for Water

Rents "Put Over."

PORTLAND, May 20, - 'To the Editor.-In reference to Mr. Daly's watermeter scheme that the people are asked to vote upon June 7, it behooves the taxpayers to know exactly what they are voting for, in view of the trick that Mr. Daly put over them at a former

election. All that time the big majority of the voters were under the impression that they were voting for a flat-water rate of 50 cents, whereas they were voting for the rate to remain at 75 cents, just as it was then in force. And, although we got a 66-cent water rate, it was not owing to the way that the election went.

After last election a befuddled water user who was under the impression that he had voted himself a 50-centrate, inquired at the water office to find out why it did not go into effect, and was politely informed that Mr. Daly was just playing politics in the way that the measure was placed upon the ballot. If that is the case, will the new measure be a political play, and liable to be interpreted to will as occaliable to be interpreted to suit as occa-sion may arise? Or is it a measure that will really benefit the com-

Landlords have not forgotten Mr. Daly's former scheme that saddled them with the collection of the water ate that most certainly should be attended to by the water office.
A TAXPAYER.

British War Losses. PORTLAND, May 20 — (To the Editor.)—Please give us an estimate of the British losses in killed, wounded and missing so far during the war.

JOHN SALVATORE,

English newspapers before the secnd battle of Tpres estimated the British casualties on land at 140,000. The Canadian contingent lost 5000 in the attle mentioned. It is probable the British losses on land are now about

Manufacturers, Read

A New York bank has just con pleted a country - wide survey of business conditions. One of the facts that is particu-larly impressive is that the auto-mobile industry is the most pros-

perous industry in the country. An advertising survey would show this to be the leading industry in newspaper advertising. Newspaper advertising has sent

the message of the automobile into It has made the motor-drawn vehicle a necessity.

What newspaper advertising has done for this industry it will do for