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ON THE ALERT.

In the general stir in Portland in regard to matters of public moment it would be strange indeed were the public-spirited women, with whom the city abounds, to remain inattentive.

LOST ON THE AIR.

The strenuous life which our President has apotheosized invades sometimes even the sanctum sanctorum of the most self-contained newspapers.

Would that its tone could reach the State Department, and Mr. Dickinson and the American Board and the bloody bandits in the Bulgarian wilds! But ebullitions of this order seem destined by unkindly fate to stir no wider ripple than in the editorial breast, or perchance in the consciousness of some steadfast and sympathetic reader.

stopped over on the sea of public opinion, to be discredited, or, even worse, to be ignored. We call upon the people to rebuke the Money Power, or the awful specter of Militarism, or the Administration's policy of criminal aggression, but they do not hear.

IDOLATRY IN AMERICA.

The demand for tariff revision swelling up from all over the country has reached the ears of the tariff worshippers. Their answer, voiced by Senators, manufacturers and newspapers, is that the tariff must not be touched.

WILL IT BE A BARREN CENTURY?

Leading thinkers in both Europe and America predict that our century will be barren in the sense that it is not likely to add much to the body of knowledge that the work of the century will be exhibited in the triumphs of the genius of commercialism and the vast extension of the domain of applied science.

DEBTORS AND THEIR DEBTS.

It is a sad and suggestive story that comes from Constantinople anent the Sultan's birthday. The hours hung heavy on his hands, the cable says, and it was a time of sadness and gloom.

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