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or back at the French frontier defense line. The issue of the present great clash, third phase of the present great clash, will depend on the issue in the line of the Aisne.

The battle line as it appears at present is a most irregular affair, windings back and forth, whether the troops have forged ahead or have been forced back.

GOOD THING FOR THE AGITATORS.

The proportional representation scheme, submitted to the voters under the initiative, is a mathematical jungle, a hit-and-miss fraud.

WHEN THE GOVERNOR STOOD IN.

Portland, Or., Oct. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Why don't you tell the whole story about Governor West's resignation?

WHY NOT HAVE COMMISSIONS?

Throughout the debates in Congress on the Federal Trade Commission bill, the amendment to the reclamation law and on other occasions there crop out objections from members of both parties to what they call government by commission.

be silenced and the time wasted on filibustering would be saved. Congress should take that it is in low repute with the people because it persists in devoting so much time to the petty business of grabbing things for each particular state and district, and to other details which every well organized government entrusts to administrative officers.

DULL BIOGRAPHIES.

Most biographies are tiresome reading. A writer in an Eastern paper thinks they are dull because they are free from malice. The authors are out to paint a perfectly white picture of their unfortunate subjects.

THE WORLD PROCESS.

In the October number of the Yale Review, John Burroughs publishes one of his thoughtful articles on the fundamental question of the universe. He asks himself whence the "world process" arises. Does it come from the operations of an outside power upon matter? Or is it inherent in matter itself?

SERVILE AND THE SPECTACULAR.

That famous enterprise of Governor West in sending his secretary and five or six militiamen to close up two saloons in Copperfield has never until now received its possible deserts.

he reads therein that Sheriff Ed. Rand, with a well-armed posse, had previously been run out of Copperfield and had appealed to him for help.

CAN A STATE MURDER?

"Is it any less a crime for the state to murder a human being than for an individual to murder a human being?" It is the old familiar argument, based on an utterly false premise.

WAR AND ART.

The present war differs from those of former times in one particular which is extremely interesting. From other wars certain classes have usually been exempt.

ural phenomena in the universe and there is nothing else. But at a certain point of time the Creator attains a more advanced stage of intelligence. He is at last brought out of his own being, or out of the properties of matter, that wonderful miracle which we call intelligence.

LATER EDITION.

Alvius doth writ once more, About the glory he hath known; Of hischer bursting in a roar; But vainly do I wait to learn How he the midnight oil doth burn In boring at zoology.

FORECAST FOR OCTOBER.

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intellectual period in its history. That long and terrible war resembled the one now raging in the fact that it exempted no class of the population. The slaughter was indiscriminate and unsparring, just as we now see it in Belgium and the eastern confines of the German and Austrian empires.

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