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The Post-Intelligencer is after Portland again, this time over government contracts for supplies. The Seattle paper is very much worried over an award for supplying lumber. Under the terms of the call for bids, contractors were allowed to submit offers on condition of delivery either at Portland or at Puget sound. The successful bidder chooses to deliver at Portland, and the P.-I. says, it is now found that the ships required to handle this immense business cannot successfully be got up the river to Portland. The Post-Intelligencer adds: "No such stipulation would ever have been included in the call for bids but for the survival of the foolish notion that Seattle and Portland are equally available as ports of delivery for goods destined for ocean shipment. Every private shipper knows, all the rest of the world knows, and it is time that the United States government knew officially that this is not true. The difficulties of getting from Portland to the ocean are so great as almost to destroy the usefulness of that city as a port. They are such that the government will, if this award stands, have to overcome them as best it can. It can lighten the stuff down to the sea, or ship it by rail to Puget sound, where there are no obstructions to navigation, or get out of the difficulty the best way practicable. But the experience should be sufficient to keep it from getting into the same box in the future. Let every tub stand on its own bottom. We have no desire to see Portland excluded from any competition for government contracts. We should be glad to see bids called for delivery at San Francisco or at Portland or at Seattle, but without any alternative feature. There is no sense in that, as the event proves. If Portland, under these conditions and on its own merits, obtains the business, it is welcome to it. But we do object seriously to a bidder's option that places on an equality two cities whose facilities are not equal, to having awards made for shipment either from Puget sound, from which ocean navigation is open, or from Portland from which it is practically closed to large vessels. The event shows this to be a farce, and the government ought to drop it." The Seattle paper's contentions are, so far as lumber is concerned, quite logical, because lumber is manufactured in Seattle, but so far as other government supplies are concerned, it should remember that Portland is even more advantageously located than the sound metropolis. If Seattle wants to see the fair thing done, it should demand shipment of such supplies from Astoria.

The settlement of the great anthracite coal strike is, perhaps, the most important event that has transpired in a decade. It is singularly important as showing a disposition on the part of the two great interests of the country, capital and labor, to amicably adjust their differences. Credit for this gratifying departure rightfully belongs to President Roosevelt, who was the first to suggest an arbitration committee as a means of settling the troubles between the employers and their men. In the appointment of this commission one can see the end of prolonged strikes and the great damage that is always wrought by them. After years of wrangling, the contending factions have finally got back to first principles, and the nation is to be congratulated on the success of the president's overture. The international arbitration commission, with headquarters at The Hague, has been quite successful in settling disputes between nations, and, so long as the arbitrators are inclined to act fairly,

there should be no difficulty on the part of any commission in bringing about amicable adjustment of disputes between capital and labor. John Mitchell has proved himself to be a truly great man in the gigantic struggle that he has carried on for almost 150,000 men and the 1,000,000 other persons dependent upon them, and his intelligent stand at all times will go far towards obliterating the sentiment existing in some quarters that strikes are usually the work of senseless agitators. The coal operators, while steadfastly refusing to recognize unionism, have, in agreeing to leave arbitration of the strike to the commission, given more cognizance to the rights of their employees than if they had openly recognized the miners' association and agreed to the employment of none than union men. They have recognized the right of the laborer in even a more pronounced way than the miners themselves had asked, and, better than all else, have opened the way for settlement by peaceful methods of the industrial struggles that mark our progress.

Electrolysis is menacing the safety of several ships in the navy, notably the cruisers San Francisco, Brooklyn and Columbia. Electrolysis is an insidious ship-disease, the ravages of which are frequently not discovered until the materials affected become disintegrated and crumble to a powder-like mass. In the case of the Columbia the disease has been contracted at her berth at the New York navy yard, where the filthy water impregnated with electricity and other destructive agencies has seriously injured the inside bottom and valves under water. The other two ships, however, have been in active commission for a number of years and no intimation until a month ago has been reported of the electrolysis symptoms. The navy regulations regarding the care of the inner bottoms of ships are explicit, and if complied with would largely reduce the fatal results of electrolysis, which is due primarily to bad wiring, insufficient insulation and neglected inspection. The senior engineer on a warship is held responsible for the condition of the double bottom under the engine space, boiler room and coal bunkers, and the executive officer is charged with looking after the compartments forward and aft of the engineer's domain. In addition a board of three independent officers are supposed to make a quarterly inspection of all compartments. Judging from past experience these important regulations are complied with in only a perfunctory measure, for the inner bottom is contracted in its space, is filled with drain and other pipes and is a place of bad odors and destructive to the clothes and skin of the inspector. Yet there is no excuse for the neglect of the engineer to perform his duty, while there is much to be said in exoneration of the executive officer, whose duties are so multifarious as to make it a physical impossibility to personally perform them all. There is reason to believe that electrolysis is only another term for accumulated dirt and neglect. This disease does not appear to have attacked ships of other navies, not even in the Russian navy, where electricity is used to a much greater extent than even in our navy vessels.

Every spring and fall large numbers of birds are killed by the Washington monument. The city of Washington seems to be directly in the route taken by many of the migratory birds in the flight between the North and the South, and twice a year thousands of feathered songsters meet their death by flying against the tall marble shaft in the night. Just now the fall slaughter is at its height, and every morning many birds are to be seen about the base of the monument. The cause and cure of that part of the city have learned that the base of the monument is a good place to get an early meal in the morning without trouble, and many of them are regularly on hand. Most of the birds killed are yellow and black-throated warblers and small thrushes.

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