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### THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair tonight, warmer south and east portions. Tuesday probably fair; westerly winds.

### ALL IMPORTANT.

Among all the things needful in this city and county the building of the electric line to the seaboard towns is the most important just at present. Because of it there will ensue a line of development in farming, gardening, dairying and fruit-raising that will be as astonishing as it will be profitable; aside from the new life that will be injected here by those who shall come to us and add their numbers and patronage to hundreds of collateral industries and businesses. We believe it will be built, and as quickly as possible; and the sooner the better, if only to bring about a reduction in the transportation rates for freight and passengers now prevailing. No city of Astoria's size in the country pays such a scale of fares and freights on an 18-mile haul as is paid here at present, and this is another reason why every aid should be given the venture at hand. It is not a question of men who own, control or stand sponsor for the new road, it is an issue solely of its building and the relief that must come in the way of time, cost, and development.

### FAIR PLAY IN BUSINESS.

There are those who think that a newspaper is a public institution to be used as a general convenience and an alround boosting agency without reference as to who pays for the service; that it simply MUST boom and push and hurrah for things because it is a newspaper. This is not only folly, but a sheer injustice to the people who have good money sunk in the enterprise and maintain a pay-roll as well as other business houses about it.

It is true that the newspaper with public spirit behind it is sure to do vastly more than it is ever paid for, but it is just as true that the home paper is entitled to the home patronage of those whose ends it serves as the leaders and promoters of local celebrations, entertainments, receptions and other schemes of business and enjoyment. It is also true that every dollar spent for these things outside the home town is a detriment and denial of the home-spirit, and a wrong to those who do business in that line here.

Don't expect too much of the newspaper that is ignored by you; spend your money with it, and you are not likely to want full measure from it; it's a poor newspaper that does not invariably exceed the demands made upon it in matters of public exploitation, and it is a grave blunder to overlook or neglect it. Fair play in home business and home advertising and home celebration is quite as essential as in any other line of home effort, and in each and all the newspapers is entitled to just, and first, consideration always.

### GO SLOW, GENTLEMEN!

No one denies, for an instant, the necessity and efficacy of the big things that public-spirited Astoria is striving for, and which she must have in the natural course of her civic development; but "the piper must be paid" in the end, and we are not immune from his insistent and unescapable demands.

The logic of natural, commercial and industrial development hereabout makes the seawall, the port of Astoria, the electric suburban lines, and all the rest of the great expedients absolutely indispensable; but there is no logic that warrants a reckless plunge into incalculable public in-

debtedness, when a city has her hands measurably full of that sort of thing; and the time to do the thinking and adjusting and limiting is before we commit ourselves irrevocably.

What is to be done along these lines must be done by degrees and at such times as are most propitious. "Look before you leap," and don't leap at all if you cannot do it with safety. Public enterprise costs money and there is no sense in blanketing a community already a bit uneasy "under the sheets."

This is said with all the loyalty that can inspire any citizen and is not to be taken as retroactive nor hide-bound nor in derogation of a single mooted improvement in city or county; but simply as a warning against the undue launching of extraordinary projects that may involve us beyond all limits of communal responsibility. Do them; but do them wisely, slowly and in such manner as will permit us to pay for them, year by year, as they progress. And before we do any of them, re-establish the grades of Astoria fairly, fully and finally.

### TOLSTOI'S LATEST.

The tremendous denunciation, hurled at the House of Romanoff and its satellites and systems and the myriad atrocities attributable to them, by the venerable apostle of human freedom, Tolstoi, is one of the noblest pleas against the last stand of tyranny and civic murder that has been penned in a century. It is the one passionate outcry of a man grown old in the awful fight for human rights against the human lust of power, and is written as the very martyrs write when they know their hour is near and seek to hasten it.

To the heedless world, at large, it offers an accounting for all that is detestable in the Russian character, for its lines reveal the dreadful courses that have warped a splendid people to the dregs of moral and spiritual life and made brute strength and brutish vengeance the commanding characteristics of a great nation.

The document is certain to create a profound impression everywhere and may start a revolution in the land where, and for which, it was written. It may not be lightly answered if there is a conscience or a heart left in high places at St. Petersburg, and a wondering world awaits the response that must come Tolstoi toog care that its reading should be made possible throughout the civilized world at one and the same time, and silence in the autocratic circles of Russia will surely be construed as full and unavoidable confession of its dreadful truths.

### What a New Jersey Editor Says

M. T. Lynch, editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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## A THING OF THE NIGHT

The Dark and Deadly Mission of the Modern Torpedo.

### ALMOST HUMAN IN ACTION.

It Starts Itself, Regulates Its Speed and Depth and Steers Itself to Its Unsuspecting Prey—Diabolical in Its Dogged Determination.

Unseen and unheard, the torpedo is a thing of the night. The gun announces its presence with thunder and flame, but the torpedo steals silently from the side of an unseen craft, and only those who released its deadly energy know that the missile is on its way.

Look at it lying upon the deck, the burnished body glittering in the sun. It is hard to believe that an object only sixteen feet long and weighing 1,200 pounds contains sufficient locked up force to sink a battleship of many thousand tons displacement and cause the loss of hundreds of lives and millions of dollars.

And yet there is a suggestion of tremendous force about the cigar shaped body that looks so threateningly solid and strong. Indeed, the torpedo at once attracts and repels the observer, having much the same effect as a beautiful snake.

Deadly as are its powers, a child could prepare the weapon for its murderous task. Nowadays simplicity is synonymous with implements of war, and man's ingenuity has made it as easy to kill our fellow men as to shell the proverbial peas. So everything about the torpedo works automatically.

Unlike other marvels of machinery, it is not even necessary to press the button. The torpedo presses the button for itself. From the moment it enters the sea it is freed from human interference. It sets itself in motion, regulates its own depth below the surface and even steers itself with a certainty that is almost human.

You can see the steering as you stand upon the deck by watching the double line of bubbles which mark its course, bending first this way and then that, but soon steadying into an unswerving line straight to the distant target.

There is something diabolical in the dogged determination with which this mass of metal refuses to be diverted from its goal.

The little rudders in the tail are always working, keeping the head pointing on its path. One might well imagine that a diminutive man were secreted within those shining walls, so accurately is the missile steered.

Strange as it may seem, this devilish ingenuity, for it is nothing else, owes its being to a child's toy. Think of the incongruity! The most deadly weapon the mind of man has ever conceived owes its practical existence to a "mangle top," primarily designed to amuse children.

But such is the case, for here again we find the wonderful gyroscope using its well nigh human intelligence for a sinister purpose.

This terrible ingenuity, however, has one great advantage, and that is in a peaceful direction. Practice can be carried out effectively and without danger. For this purpose the "war head" containing the charge is replaced by a "dummy" filled with wood to bring it up to the exact weight.

Three buoys are usually moored a mile or so away as a target, and the torpedo seems to spring from the vessel like a living thing, eager to reach the center buoy.

Two rows of bubbles streak from the ship in an ever lengthening line. The center buoy heaves slightly as they pass, and several hundred yards farther on the bubbles suddenly cease as a silver head protrudes for a moment from the sea.

Then, with engines at rest, the shining body heaves gently up and down, consciously waiting, as it seems, for the boat to tow it back to the ship. More than this, lest it should be overlooked in a heavy sea the torpedo breathes a spiral of smoke and flame into the air to show the seekers its whereabouts.

Harmless, as we see, in practice, but think of its powers in war—deadly certainty of action, human intelligence added to superhuman powers working in secret! At any moment a veritable "bolt from the blue" may shatter a great battleship from stem to stern.

Imagine the terrible uncertainty of it all—night following night of anxious watching, long hours passed peering into the darkness to see if a black craft is lurking in the shadows! Every speck dancing before tired eyes constitutes a menace to the weary brains behind.

And then when fears are lulled, since the danger never comes and vigilance is relaxed, a gentle heaving, the prelude to a deafening roar, and the splashing of steel plates and the rushing of water, a brilliant flare in the darkness, the cries of men on the verge of death, and the work is done.

Afterward silence, while the mantle of night closes round again, and under its welcome screen a tiny craft steams in search of another prey, leaving behind only a few floating sparks to mark the last resting place of a mighty battleship and 800 human beings.

Imagine this, and you will know the tremendous moral force locked up within those burnished walls.—Eschance.

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