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PORTLAND'S CHANCE
THERE is to be a new deal in Alaska. The Guggenheims are already on the run.

Mr. Fisher, speaking for the administration, would only lease mines in sufficient number to supply the needs of the market.

Another big fact is the strong protest against Mr. Taft. The Republican vote was: La Follette 352, Roosevelt 164, Taft 55, Cummins 1, Hughes 3, and scattering 3.

It is a remarkable protest. Though Mr. Taft is in the White House with his administration in full view of the country, he receives but little more than four per cent of the total vote, and only about eight per cent of the Republican vote.

Alaska trade for eleven months ending last May was more than double the value of all the wheat, more than three and one half times the value of all the fruit, more than three times the value of all the dairy products, and more than 14 times the value of all the hops produced in Oregon in 1910.

ITALY'S PERIL
IF it be true that the Italian army of invasion is meeting serious fighting, it not repulse, on the shore of the Mediterranean, and under the range of the great guns of her fleet, it bodes ill for her success when her army must turn its face to the interior.

Very few readers know the meaning of this name. But from Egypt to Morocco, from the Congo to the Mediterranean it tells of a strange and growing power of Mohammedism in the heart of Africa.

ACTIVITIES OF AMSTERDAM
AMSTERDAM has about 578,000 people, and is the most prosperous city of the Netherlands.

in business matters ever created. Its sections, its enforcing power, outweigh every possible degree of the courts. Its participants declare themselves as conspirators to effect an absolute evasion of the law.

The Arabs have been for years instructed in European warfare as modified by the surroundings of the desert.

BISHOPS AND BISHOPS
MANY who heard Bishop Padock of eastern Oregon at the laymen's dinner the other night describe the surroundings and functions of his Episcopal life must have had a new light on a bishopric and its inner meaning.

But then there rose a bishop, who told them first of the few and scattered towns and villages in his diocese of 150,000 people, of his ten clergymen set to work in the chief centers, small though they were, and then of his own desire and determination not to add to the already too many churches, nor to the number of godly ministers striving to make both ends meet on their too scanty stipends.

Some, he said, wondered to know that he spent so many hours in the saloons of the little towns. But, since the gathering places of the cowboys and shepherds, the ranchers and miners was so largely in the saloon, there he went to find and to reach them.

It is doubtless true that the religion of social service displaces, in many men, nowadays, the religion of creeds and of tradition. Each man of us is more than ever a law unto himself.

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENTS
WHATSOEVER else shall be the outcome of the government's attempt to bring into open air at the bar of justice, the steel trust, its fathers, foster-fathers, obstetricians, and constituent agencies, it is to be hoped that so-called gentlemen's agreements may receive their death blow.

Contracts? Oh, no. Enforceable at law? By no means. Binding in minutes or written notes? No. How, then defined? Just in the memories of the participants. What force have they then? This is how the government answers this last question:

It was understood and agreed," said the bill, "that they (the steel manufacturers represented at the meeting) were bound to protect one another, that to carry out this purpose their honor was at stake, and that the obligation binding upon them was even dearer than life itself, and that no one of them should act or fail to act except with a distinct and clear understanding that his honor was involved, and that this was more binding upon him than any written contract.

The Tripolitan war has already cost Italy 100,000,000, and as a war it is not a thriller, either.

DR. GLADDEN'S CORRECTION
A FEW weeks ago a statement ran the rounds of the press that Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, Ohio, was resigning his ministry because people had ceased to attend his church, and that congregations had dwindled so fast that he had lost heart, and had concluded to abandon the pulpit.

There was some in Matty's manner and a smile upon his face. As he wound him up an inward curve no smiling eye could trace.

Forest to Pay City's Taxes.
From the Technical World Magazine. San Diego, in the extreme southwest corner of Uncle Sam's dominions, is the first of American cities to inaugurate a great forestry enterprise, in the expectation of speedily lessening the burden of taxation borne by its citizens, and, possibly, of ultimately relieving them of all tax levies for the support of the city government.

TWO GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS
TODAY is the 25th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Halley, who computed the orbit and predicted the return of Halley's comet. His astronomical achievement fixed his name imperishably in history by linking it with the comet itself.

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A Japanese Military Hero as a Tramp
From the Japanese Imperial Review. From the heroic of Prince Fushimi, who engaged Japan in the coronation of King George of England, went Japan's great martial hero, Admiral Togo, to the great sea battle, Admiral Togo's name is known to all.

News Forecast of the Coming Week
Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—Leaving Chicago Monday afternoon, President Taft will and his original trip the following day in Pittsburgh, and from that point will begin his "supplemental tour."

Mr. Taft and the Insurgents.
From the Oakland, Cal., Equivocal. President Taft says that the insurgents will return to the party before 1912.

As We Speak It.
From Success Magazine. A German, who had come to America to master our language, was being shown behind the scenes of a vaudeville theatre by one of his American friends.

SEVEN FAMOUS EXILES
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Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt
MARY HAD a little bird, Mary had a little bird, She kept it in a cage, One day the cat caught it there— Let's turn another page.

Stricken With Generosity.
From Success Magazine. A Scotsman brought his entire family of seven to visit a relative in London. They were entertained in a manner that left nothing to be asked for two weeks; theatres, suppers, cab rides about the city, excursions into the country.

Skeptical.
From the Washington Star. "I don't believe it," said Uncle Ruck in a 66-page paper, "I don't believe it," said Uncle Ruck in a 66-page paper, "I don't believe it," said Uncle Ruck in a 66-page paper.

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