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WITH DIVIDENDS GUARANTEED

PORTLAND is shipping barrels to Seattle for use in packing halibut and other salt fish for exportation abroad. The North Sea fish-criser are badly demoralized by the war, and British dealers are seeking supplies from other sources.

It is even predicted by some experts that the explosion of mines and the other incidents of naval warfare will almost destroy the fishing industry in the North Sea for a long time to come.

Portland never had a better opportunity to establish an industry in this city. The high cost of meat is making an enormous increase in the world's consumption of fish.

Foreign countries are to be supplied from the Pacific coast banks, and not partly through Portland, almost wholly through Puget Sound and Alaska.

Italy, and the Italian minister of posts and telegraphs has issued an order partly suspending service with Austria.

There are two reasons why Italy may decide to fight. One is the old quarrel with Austria concerning Trentino and Trieste, formerly Italian territory, and the other is Italy's belief that Turkey has fostered a revolt in the province of Tripoli, which Italy won from the Turks.

When Turkey cast its lot with Austria-Hungary and Germany, a revolt followed in the province of Tripoli in Africa, and Italy was compelled to withdraw troops from the interior to strengthen the garrisons of coast towns.

Prince von Buelow was sent to home by the German government to patch up Italy's quarrel with Austria, but so far he has failed to secure Austria's consent to terms satisfactory to Italy.

There are two things, and only two, that are to be done in Mexico. First, pursue the present policy of watchful waiting by keeping his off while firmly insisting upon proper regard for alien life and property and waiting for the Mexicans to work out their own destiny.

Or, second, send into that country an invading army, reduce the people to submission at a possible cost of a billion dollars, a course that would lose us the confidence and friendship of every other nation in the Western Hemisphere.

SAINT PATRICK
As the years come and go, increasing honor is paid to the memory of the humble priest whose daily prayer to his Saviour was: "What Can I Do for Thee?"

ITALY'S NEUTRALITY
EVENTS indicate that Italy is about to abandon her policy of neutrality. The Duke of Abruzzi has left Naples, presumably for the Dardanelles, with the most powerful squadron of dreadnaughts ever assembled by

tariff laws were being framed by congress, with the result that schedules agreed upon in secret were put into effect.
Woodrow Wilson in the White House and two Democratic congresses in succession are the result. The country has a tariff law made in the open.

Its schedules were prepared by members of a free congress, not by tariff barons who were permitted to do so in exchange for campaign contributions.

THE JOURNAL NATIONAL EDITORIAL
A VICTORY FOR PEACE
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WHEN the great war broke out, Norman Angell summed up the situation in these words: "We were not successful; we were merely right." But as the war goes on with its welter of horrors, it becomes clear that the workers for peace have gained one great victory, the greatest in all human history, a victory so great, so all significant that it may be the date mark of reconstructed civilization, the world's "decisive battle" of the year of terrors, 1914.

This is the victory: "Who brought on this war?" There is no man nor group nor nation to claim the war. There is no man great enough, wicked enough, reckless enough, truthful enough to admit that he was the cause.

It was not so in other wars. Alexander the Great desolated and desecrated the valleys of Macedonia and Greece. He denied nothing and justified for more worlds to conquer.

But the war of 1914, the war of the ultimatum, had nobody behind it. The "sword was forced into the hands of nations" already armed to the teeth. Each nation set forth reluctantly to repel an invader. Each ruler asked only for self-defense.

There is no question to be sure, as to who wrote the ultimatum to Serbia, nor as to its purpose or its effect. There is no question what brought on the war, although those directly concerned dare not admit this to their own people nor to the world.

It has been a popular theory in Continental Europe that a nation can do no wrong, because there is no power above it to enforce morality. It is claimed that but one sin is possible to a nation—the sin of failure. It is claimed that war is God's test for the extinction of people that fall for the elimination of all nations which are small, backward, or inclined to peace.

SECRET CONFERENCES
A SECRET conference of manufacturers presided over by Chairman Hilles of the Republican national committee, was recently held in New York. It was a meeting called to lay plans for the 1916 campaign, and after its conclusion Mr. Hilles said other conferences of a similar nature will be held in various cities.

Telephone Information.
Portland, March 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—Insofar as the public has established a guarantee to pay a fair net income on the valuation of all public utilities, and has not established other lines of business, every citizen has a right to know, and to inform others regarding facts and conditions pertaining to the public utility business.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE
Worry is a bad bedfellow. Kick it out.
A man naturally feels put out if he loses his job.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS
Speaking of treasure trove, the Pendleton Oregonian says: "There is plenty of it in the hills of Linnetville county, and the custom is to sack the stuff during July and August.

GRASS IS NATURALLY GREEN, BUT AFTER A MAN HAS BUMPED UP AGAINST A GRASS WIDOW HE IS apt to imagine he is color blind.

TRY SAVING IN WEEKLY INSTALLMENTS
It is logical to acquire a savings bank account in the same manner. I have said time after time that savings banks are neglecting to use this well-tried method, largely because they are not usually run for profit.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE
(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have his name published, he should so indicate.)

Encourage Home Factories.
Portland, March 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Oregonian suggests that we may increase the prosperity of Oregon. We need many factories, and to increase the capacity of those established. In Pittsburg, Pa., there are seven or eight steel mills, each employing approximately 12,000 men at good wages.

The Ragtime Muse
The elevator's crummed, alas, But Nellie does not care; She says she'll fix her hair, And starts to fix her hair.

Very Watchful Waiting.
Does "waiting for spring" fairly characterize the operations along the French coast? It is only a very small section of it 600 enemy dead have been counted?

Reason for It.
House Cat (to sparrow)—No use sticking around today, birdie—there ain't going to be any crumbs. One Sparrow—Polks gone away? House Cat—Who? But they are going to have breaded yeast chops for tomorrow.

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