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We must not contradict, but instruct him that contradicts us; for a madman is not cured by another running mad also. -Antisthenes.

ASTORIA'S ENTERPRISE

STEPS for the development of a boat and barge line on the Columbia river have already been taken by the Port of Astoria. The project also provides for the erection of elevators to handle grain in bulk.

This is evolution. An auto truck with trailers carrying wheat in bulk over hard surface roads to warehouses on the banks of the Columbia with a transfer by modern methods of the grain still in bulk to boats and barges, is a coming process in getting inland Empire wheat to tidewater.

JAPAN AND CHINA

THE terms of the Chinese-Japanese agreement have been made public. They show that Japan has strengthened her position, not so much against China as against other powers that may attempt to exploit China.

WAITING ON SEATTLE

THE Astoria Budget says: The Astoria has a veritable gold mine almost on her doorstep of which our people are not taking advantage.

THE LAW OF THE SEA

THE discussion of the Lusitania disaster in the British house of commons shows that the law of the sea draws very fine lines. There is criticism of the admiralty for not having furnished a convoy of warships.

THE SUBMARINE IN WAR

MILFORD LAKE, inventor of the even keel type of submarine, says this underwater craft may yet win the war for Germany.

as one of the most brilliant in the annals of naval warfare. One of the most famous British authorities recently said: 'International law has broken down. It will come up again, but now it is in ruins. I have written to our English cabinet, dissenting from their policy in many cases.'

THE VALUE OF A CHILD

HOW much is a baby girl worth? This question is suggested by the refusal of a Pennsylvania mother of the offer of a rich manufacturer to pay \$100,000 if she would consent to his adoption of her 2-year-old daughter.

FREE WATERWAYS

STEAMSHIP lines on the Great Lakes must be divorced from railroad control. This ruling by the Interstate Commerce commission, announced Saturday, is one of the most important ever made by that body.

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able to take more and harder licks than any other people on the face of the earth. Mount Lassen's eruptions, like Europe's, are getting to be a continuous performance.

SHALL AMERICA BE EMBROIDERED?

From the Seattle Sun. We do not say that Germany or any of the other nations engaged in this life and death conflict, is seeking to force the United States to take a hand in the war; we are hopeful that there is no such desire on her part or on the part of any of the other belligerents.

NOT A PARTISAN AFFAIR

IF any candidate for city commissioner courts or encourages an endorsement by any political central committee, it will be a sign that he is unfit for the position he seeks.

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fluence in the direction of establishing a world peace which shall never again be violated. 'The example of America must be a special example!'

A FEW SMILES

We gazed curiously on the listless drug store clerk leaning against the soda counter.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY

'My bunkie, Elijah H. Birch, had served with me through the Rogue river fight and retreat. In the Steep-Kinny of Walla Walla. He was a low, fat, genial, likable fellow. He had been wounded at the battle of Hungry Hill in northern Oregon, and I had helped fix him up.

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From the Iron Trade Review. The blast furnace industry of the country is revealed with remarkable clarity by the figures, just compiled, showing the production of coke and anthracite pig iron.

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