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WHAT TROUBLES WALL STREET

Wall street is particularly interested just now in finding out why the United States, with an area of 17 times that of Germany, has only a population of 92,000,000 as against 65,000,000 in the Fatherland. Also it wants to find out whether Lewis Nixon is correct in his prediction that "Germany will soon be financial master of the world"

worth \$88,000,000,000 as against \$107,000,000,000 for the United States. So far as foreign trade is concerned, Germany's imports exceed those of the United States, the value being \$2,310,000,000 and \$1,533,000,000 respectively; while the former falls below in exports, Germany's valuation being \$1,928,000,000 and Uncle Sam has \$2,092,000,000.

Germany has 4,000,000 tons of merchant marine and this country has twice as much. But it must not be forgotten that Germany's tonnage is in big ocean vessels, which help to build up her foreign trade, and the bulk of the tonnage in this country is in small coasting vessels.

Germany expects to have a surplus of \$65,000,000 in its treasury this year. There are 5,240 joint stock companies in the empire with a total capital stock of \$3,832,500,000 and 22,179 limited liability companies with a total capital of \$1,006,000,000. The Imperial bank has a tax free note contingent of \$178,500,000 and the

eight leading banks have a total capital of \$283,000,000.

This is not all that is worrying Wall street. The population in Germany has increased during the last thirty years in a ratio nearly twice as great as that of Great Britain and over three times as great as France. In addition to keeping its own citizens at home there are over 1,000,000 foreigners happily domiciled within its borders.

All these facts are being anxiously studied by the expert financiers in this country. The idea that Wall street was soon to be able to grasp the money supremacy of the world looks like another of those chimeras having neither form nor substance.

Ohio reports a second crop of apples this year, but what the politicians hope for is a second crop of plums.

In Ohio they are trying to find the "men higher up." Well, the Wright school of aviation is in Ohio.

The Balkan war cloud is almost as realistic as though it were one of David Belasco's famous stage effects.

It is argued that the tobacco trust should have a receiver. Yes? An ash receiver, perhaps.

Claude Walden Home Afire.

A small blaze in the home of Claude Walden, 1904 N. Ash, brought out the fire department on the coldest day of the year. In spite of the frigid temperature the plucky car went its way with a great deal of speed and proved that in the coldest kind of weather, when the gas cars are wont to buck, it was fit to make the run. Pat Foley, the intrepid volunteer, extinguished the blaze with a bucket of water. Little or no damage was done. The blaze was lodged in a quarantined home, a smallpox flag, keeping curious bystanders away, and causing the firemen to act with circumspection.

Miss Mills Buried Sunday.

Miss Stella Mills, who was laid to rest in the La Grande cemetery yesterday, was born April 12, 1865, and died January 3, 1913. Heart failure was the cause of death. She leaves in this city one brother, John Mills, with

whom she made her home, a niece, Mrs. Pearl Leach and two brothers in the state of Illinois. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Scott's Narrow Escape.

The world had a narrow escape of never having known a Sir Walter Scott. When a tiny babe he was left in charge of a maid, but the girl's heart was in Edinburgh, whither she wanted to go to rejoin her lover. She was, however, compelled to stay and look after the infant at Sandy Knowe. The girl regarded her charge as an obstacle to be removed and afterward confessed that she carried young Scott up to the crags (under a strong temptation of the devil, as she expressed it, fully intending to cut his throat with her scissors and bury him under the moss.

Classifying Him.

"Brother Hardesty, can't you make your contribution for the education of the heathen a little larger than usual this year?"

"Dr. Goodman, I'm more than doubling it. I have just started that youngest boy of mine to college."—Chicago Tribune

His Lesson.

"You know I refused you half a dozen times before we were married," said Mr. Meekton's wife.

"Yes," replied her husband. "I suspect that's what has kept me from ever wanting my own way again."—Washington Star

He Did Not Need It.

Buskin—I can't go on. I haven't any makeup. Manager—What are you playing tonight? Buskin—The fool in—Manager—Go right on. Never mind the makeup.

A good conscience is heaven; a bad one hell.—German Proverb

New Piano Dealer Here.

A. Lineback of Falls City Oregon, situated not far from Salem, is here today to take charge of the management of the Reed-French Piano house. Mr. French expects to bring his family here in a few days and locate permanently in this city.

ARCADE TONIGHT.

Owing to a delay in shipment, the Sarah Bernhardt picture failed to arrive today but will be shown tomorrow without fail. There will be four reels of good pictures on the program tonight, featuring an excellent

picture of the collapse of the Marquon building in Portland.

Agnes C. Orton Laid to Rest.

Miss Agnes C. Orton who died of pneumonia a few days ago was buried in the Masonic cemetery this afternoon. She was the daughter of M. L. Orton and was 31 years of age.

Card of Thanks.

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