

**In a Condensed Form for Our
Busy Readers.**

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week

for cheaper telephones, lights and street cars.

imports were \$1,254,399,735 and the exports \$1,759,417,898, a total for the 12 months of \$3,101,817,633. These figures are supplied by the bureau of statistics of the department of Commerce and Labor.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—A grave problem is said to be facing the military authorities in this city. Soldiers are reported to be deserting in large numbers, and the reason given for the increase in abandoning the colors is said to be due to the fact that employment agents are luring men from the service by offers of big pay for small service in civil life.

Stockton, Sept. 24.—At 6 o'clock last evening a great meteor fell in the northwestern heavens, and many persons declared that an explosion occurred which was felt in this city. A monster tail of smoke followed the falling body which seemed to go in a zigzag course.

Age, Food and Temperature Seem to Have No Bearing on Size.

The salvelinus fontinalis, which currently but inaccurately called brook trout, was supposed for many years

Liverpool is stamped all over with the word "America." There are American ships in the harbor, and American goods on the docks. There are carted piled high with American cotton, and best of all, upon the mainmast of a great liner inviting to a homeward journey, the stars and stripes float proudly, as the giant steamship rides down the Mersey towards the sea.

(The End.)

"I did, Mr. Smith," sobbed the jaundiced young balloonist. "I knew the balloons were extra weight, so as soon as the car started down I ate every one of them."