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## SOME TRADE, AND SOME MONEY.

In spite of the lachrymony of standpat papers the country continues to live, prosper and grow. The foreign trade is rolling up again as a snowball grows from being rolled when the snow is wet. The federal commerce department shows that during October we exported \$200,-000.000 worth of goods. If that rate is maintained, and are seen from an entirely different viewpoint. There it it gives promise of even far exceeding it, it will come within \$66,000,000 of equalling the banner year, 1913, and it will exceed any other year by \$200,000,000. The situation is indeed encouraging, and if the exports reach above does, there seems to be good grounds for a trade agreethe 1913 showing and to the figures anticipated, we will have a year's trade balance against the world of a billion dollars. Surely there is nothing gloomy in the outlook. with a billion dollars due us in the year as the balance of trade in our favor. Speaking of a billion dollars, it may the eastern Oregon sage flats and bunch-grass hills. safely be stated the mind cannot grasp it any more than it can infinity. The only difference between a million and a billion is the difference between the letters "b" and "m." Let us put a billion dollars in something tangible. One billion dollars in gold would weigh 1,600 tons. It would things. Daily this long list is being added to until practimake a solid block of gold ten feet square and thirty feet long. If some of your ancestors, remote ones, had left you an income of a dollar a minute for every minute of the off, it means that this country will be kept working overyears, at the beginning of the Christian era, you would time to supply the demands caused by the war. Prospernot have gotten your billion dollars until about the middle ity built on other folks' misfortunes is perhaps not the of July in the year 1902. Some money, isn't it?

## IF TOO FAT, SMILE.

"Don't worry because you're fat," says Marie Dressler actress, whose weight, like her age, is beyond telling. "No matter how stout you are, heaven alone is to blame. You can't help yourself, so make the best of it. Whenever you think you are too stout, smile awhile; and while you smile, others smile, and soon there'll be miles and miles of smiles."

Miss Dressler says she has tried out 28 different plans to reduce her weight, and all were failures.

Why cannot people be content to remain fat and hearty? Fat people have advantages not to be despised. Over in Sweden a tax is levied on fat people in order that they may not enjoy superior blessings without some compensation to the less fortunate portion of the community.

It is strange how large a part of humanity are never satisfied with what they have, but must be eternally worrying and fretting and striving and starving to get something or other that somebody else is just as dissatisfied with.

Half the people in the world wish they had more fat the other half wish they had less. Lots of people devote a lot of their time to stewing and fretting because they are not more fat or more lean. It sems to be a universal quality of human nature to want for things we have not and to be something other than what we are. The mule standing with its head over the fence, with ears drooping and mouth drooling for the grass in the next field, which is really not a whit better than that in his own field, is a good type of the host of human beings who are always pining for things which are different from what they have.

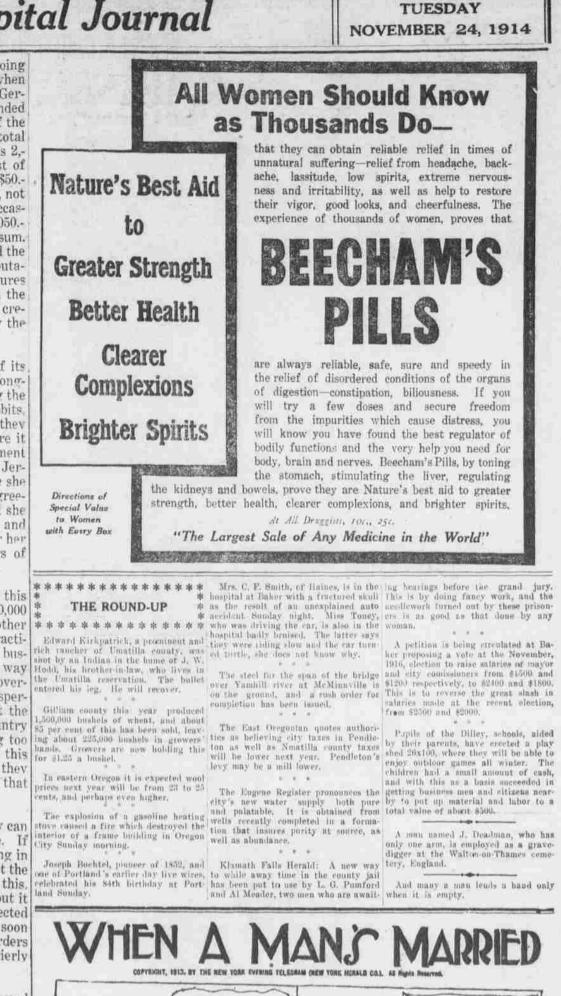
Next Monday the European war will have been going on exactly four months, as August first is the date when Germany declared war on Russia. In that time the German loss alone is estimated at 1,250,000 killed, wounded and missing, with 500,000 on the sick list. The loss of the allies is, no doubt, as great. This would make the total losses in killed, wounded and missing in four months 2,-500,000, and the total sick 1,000,000. The actual cost of the war is variously estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50.-000,000 a day. At the lower estimate, the cost to date, not counting the destruction of property and the loss occasioned by the destruction of commerce, would be \$3,050.-000,000, and at the higher estimate just double that sum. The loss of commerce, the destruction of property and the et-back civilization has received are beyond all computation or expression in mere figures. At the lower figures and rating, the interest that will have to be paid on the lebt being created, at four per cent, the nations are creating an interest debt of \$1,000,000 a year every day the var continues.

The extent of the country and different wants of its widely separated sections is aptly illustrated by the longeared rabbit. Here in Oregon farmers are demanding the legislature give a bounty for the destruction of rabbits. for they are a costly pest. In New Jersey, however, they s an offense to kill a rabbit out of season, the punishment for which is \$100 fine or ninety days in jail. If New Jerzey really wants rabbits as badly as her laws indicate she nent with this state. As a starter, it may be stated she can have all the jackrabbits she can kill in this state, and he closed season will be kept open the year round for her nimrods hungry for the velvet-footed wind-splitters of

In the first three months after the war started this country was given contracts for more than \$300,000,000 worth of foodstuffs, war materials, horses and other ally every industry feels the effects of the increased business. With the end of the war probably yet a long way most desirable kind, but as it is prosperity, the country will accept it for what it is worth without scanning too closely the causes of it. Then, too, if we did not do this work and furnish these things for the war-stricken, they would have to go without, as we are the only people that can deliver the goods.

It is now up to the Mexicans to show whether they can keep the lives of foreigners in their country secure. If they can, there will be no excuse for again interfering in their affairs. If they cannot, it may mean that at last the United States will have to take some steps to compel this. Vera Cruz is now in the hands of the Carranzistas, but it looks as though Villa will soon place the president elected by the convention in full charge of the capital, and soon after that of the entire country. Villa has issued orders that any soldier caught pillaging or doing any unsoldierly acts will be court-martialed and shot.

Beginning Saturday next, the Daily Capital Journal will give its readers a new serial story of especial interest, "The Secret of the Lonesome Cove," by Samuel Hopkins Adams. It is a detective story out of the ordinary, and, while full of thrills to hold the reader's attention, it also possesses literary merit. A full page installment will be printed each Saturday, and it will be completed in about seven weeks, so that the opening chapters should not be missed.



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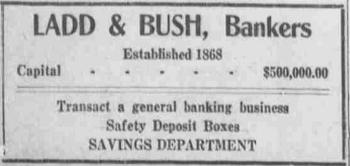
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Now comes Dr. Louis R. Wolzmiller, physical director of the New York West Side Y. M. C. A., and says "overindulgence in meat will keep more than one man out of heaven." He says eating meat "makes men irritable, high-strung and quarrelsome." This being the case, how does the learned doctor explain why Americans who are the greatest meat eaters in the world are at peace with that world, while those nations that only see meat once a month are butchering each other instead of the other not edible animals?

Of the 131 vessels recently placed under American registry during the month of October, more than 100 were built in American ship yards. This indicates there is something more than cost of construction that has driven the American merchantman off the seas.



From London comes the report that airships have eally accomplished something outside of scouting work. The story is that three British aeroplanes flew 120 miles over German soil and dropped bombs on the Zeppelin factory at Freidericshshafen, which did extremely heavy damage to it. Two of the three aviators got back safely, but one was winged and captured.

Four months ago yesterday Austria sent her ultimatum to Servia demanding reparation for the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his morganatic wife. She did not get it, but started something she would no doubt give much if she had left undone or could undo.

Evidently the administration is not superstitious or it would not have selected the date, November 23, for the evacuating of Vera Cruz. However, it may prove an unfortunate date for the Mexican faction taking possession.



She is stewing inscious prines, in her eye a happy tear, and her heart is sing

Appreciation



WHY MEN SWEAR.

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