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TEN BILLION DOLLARS

Ten billion dollars is the sum the crops of the United States for the year 1915 are estimated to be worth. This is one half of the entire amount of gold estimated to have been gathered from the earth since time began. It is at least three times the amount of gold in the United States and about two-thirds of the entire amount now known to be in existence.

It is an amount of which the mind can get no conception unless it is put in some more recognizable form than that given by mere figures. The difference between ten billion and ten million so far as the mind recognizing it is the difference between the letters B and M, the initial letters of the two sums.

Let us see what ten billion dollars really is by putting it in some understandable shape.

An ounce of gold 900 fine, which is the coin ratio, and using the avoirdupois weight, contains 7,000 grains. A gold dollar contains 25.8 grains. A pound avoirdupois of gold would therefore be of the value of \$271.28 and one ton would be worth \$542,560.

A million dollars would weigh 1.843 tons, and one thousand times that weight, or one billion dollars would weigh 1,843 tons.

Ten billion dollars would weigh 18,431 tons and still leave half a million dollars unaccounted for.

Loaded in freight cars each carrying 60,000 pounds it would take 614 of them, and this would make 12 trains of 51 cars each.

As another illustration let us see what it would represent in another shape.

Gold is 19 times heavier than water so that a cubic foot of it would weigh 1140 pounds. A slab of it a foot square and one inch thick would weigh 95 pounds. A million dollars weighing 3,686 pounds would make a slab of gold one inch thick and nearly 39 feet long; to be exact 38.8 feet. A billion dollars would make an inch slab 1,000 times this large or one a foot wide and 38,800 feet long; and ten billion dollars would pave a street ten feet wide and one inch thick for a distance of 38,800 feet, or seven miles and 1960 feet.

Yet vast as is this sum, the warring nations of Europe, it is estimated, have spent since the war began more than three times this much in assassinating each others' citizens, and should the war keep up another year this sum will be again doubled. Is it any wonder that even the war-crazed rulers are beginning to think of terms of peace?

THE NAVY IS NOT HELPLESS

Every day or so someone gets frightened almost to death on account of the wretched navy Uncle Sam has. At the same time these timorous ones point out how strong every other nation's sea power is, and how easy it would be for any little old country to come over and capture us because of that inadequate and obsolete navy. The United States has never tried to build a navy big enough to control the world as England has, but history shows that we have been fairly successful in all our wars on the sea. England tackled us in a sea war in 1812 and lasted like a snow ball in Arizona. When the Spanish war broke out these same timid folks feared our navy would be swept off the seas, and waited with baited breath while the battleship Oregon steamed 'round the Horn, laying awake nights fearing she had met a Spaniard and was hers. When the test came it was found the Oregon could have whipped the whole Spanish navy at once, and this before breakfast. Our navy is not so strong perhaps as it should be but if any other country tackles us it will give a good account of itself and let the enemy, whoever he may be, know he has been in a fight.

The present war has demonstrated that for the control of the seas we would either have to have the strongest navy in the world, or we would be bottled up just as Germany's navy is. With a good fleet of submarines to guard our ports an enemy would have a hard time making a landing and as for going anywhere else to fight, we

should have no occasion to do that. The United States has a weapon more powerful than navies or armies in dealing with other nations and that is simply to refuse to trade with them.

What the country needs is such a navy as prudence and a reasonable preparedness for a defensive war would dictate, not such an one as Bethlehem Steel, Carnegie and the makers of armor plate generally are yelping for.

Those who are so fearful of this country being caught in a state of unpreparedness so far as men with experience in war is concerned overlook the fact that there are nearly 200,000 veterans of the Spanish war still in the country, and that the militia numbers well up towards 200,000 more. Besides there are other thousands more or less trained in military drill at schools. Uncle Sam could dig up half a million drilled men and half that many experienced soldiers on short notice.

It is not necessary to go to Portland or to send away to the mail order houses for dainty or useful things for Christmas remembrances. Instead just read the advertisements in the Capital Journal, and then profit by your reading. He or she must be especially fastidious who cannot find gifts suited both to their tastes and pocketbooks in Salem's up to date stores. Try it and save railroad fare and have that much more money for your little gifts.

Salem as usual, responded generously to the call for aid for the needy, and several autos were kept busy the greater part of the time Monday gathering up the offerings of clothing and other things; and the big room at the Commercial club was filled with bundles which will soon be turned over to those in need. It was not much to those who gave but to the recipients the little gifts will be indeed welcome.

Hop dealers estimate that about 60,000 bales have been shipped out of the state and that the association has about 26,000 bales on hand. Stock in dealers' hands is estimated at 5,000 bales, which, with the crop totaling about 100,000 bales, would leave less than 10,000 bales still in growers hands. Prices have averaged from 10 to 12 cents, which is about what the present price is.

With the war aeroplanes flying over and around Mount Olympus, poor old Icarus must be uneasy enough to turn over in his grave and say "I told you so." At the same time he must have a poor opinion of his daddy's ability as a carpenter, while comparing his work with that of the builders of the modern flying machines.

It should be an easy matter to take the census of Portland just now. Outside of Commissioner Daly and Mr. Daly, there does not seem to be any worth enumerating. A census would total about this way: Daly 00,000.

Poor Mrs. Post, widow of the famous breakfast food manufacturer, has been shabbily treated. Out of her late husband's estate she receives a mere pittance of but \$6,000,000.

Portland shipping interests probably wish that the prohibition law would be effective enough to abolish the Columbia river bar.



RESTORATION

In Europe, when the war is done, the harried land will smile once more; the churches, sacked by howling Hun, some gifted genius will restore. The ruined shrines will rise again, to cheer the pious passer-by; but who'll restore the brave young men, who left their happy homes to die? Again the rich and fruitful vine will grow on France's sunny hills, where now the lethal bullet whines a requiem for the men it kills. Strong, patient hands will bring again the bloom to all the countryside; but who'll bring back the fine young men, who bade their girls farewell, and died? For all the wreckage do not grieve—a few years hence 'twill be a dream; once more the busy looms will weave, the millwheel paddle in the stream; again the sage will take his pen, and art will gain its former stride; all will come back—except the men, who kissed their mothers' lips and died. All ruined things will be restored; the sunken ships will be replaced; and there will be an endless horde of men in soldiers' trappings laced; the bear will mutter in its den, the lion roar in angry pride; but gone forever are the men, who left their fathers' roofs and died.

Marooned 34 Days On Barren Island

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 16.—Everett Fitzpatrick, a rancher of Flores Island, at the entrance to Clayoquot sound, is being cared for today at the Presbyterian Mission at Anousoot, after being isolated for 34 days on a tiny island off the British Columbia coast, the greater part of the time without food. November 11 Fitzpatrick left Anousoot in a canoe, after purchasing provisions, for his preemption claim. His tiny craft capsized and drifted to the shore where it was broken in two on the

NOT SPONSOR FOR FORD.

London, Dec. 16.—The American legation's at Christiania, Stockholm and Copenhagen today issued formal statements declaring that the American government has no connection with the Ford peace expedition, according to Copenhagen reports today.

BENEFIT CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS IS VOTE OF AUDIENCE

Forty of Salem's Most Talented Musicians Take Part In "Feast of Harmony"

The benefit concert given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. at the Grand opera house in which 40 of Salem's talented musicians participated was a "Feast of Harmony" with solos, sextettes, quartettes and chorus numbers that drew forth rounds of applause from the audience. From the opening chorus, "Wedding of the Sunshine and the Rose" to the grand finale, "Goodnight, Goodnight, Be- loved," there was not a dull number. A mixed quartette composed of Mrs. Gordon McGilchrist, Miss Margaret Hodge, Mr. Fred Metz and S. P. Wolf gave "Come Where the Lilies Bloom." This was labeled, an old favorite resurrected, but in the hands of the skilled artists who rendered it last night, the song will stand further resurrection without dimming its popularity.

Another heavy number well rendered was the sextette from "Lucia," by Mrs. Gordon McGilchrist, Miss Eugenia McInturff, Mrs. W. P. Babcock, Miss Ruth Brown, William McGilchrist, Sr., H. W. Bragg, Geo. C. L. Snyder and Albert H. Gille. Frank Barton sang the "Armorer's Song" in his husky voice and was followed by Mrs. Anna Rogers Fish, who gave a dialect reading, "The Marriage Chorus," depicting a few choice bits of gossip in the servants' kitchen in her usual clever style.

Tom Orlemann's baritone solo "The Sunshine of Your Smile" and "The Clang of the Forge" were well received but Tom needs no recommendation before a Salem audience as to his vocal accomplishments. George C. L. Snyder soloed with characteristic success on "Fear No foe," and H. F. McInturff rendered a tenor solo "Memories," supported by the chorus.

"My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from the opera Sampson et Dalila was given by Mrs. T. H. Galloway, who sang "My Little Irish Girl," as the second part of her number.

In "Twenty Minutes in Dixie Land" the black face artists "Rufe" White and Carl Gabrielson starred and from the moment Interlocutor McInturff said "Gentlemen, be seated," the smiles of the audience were plainly heard throughout the house. Rufe and Carl brewed some brand new jokes for the occasion and so finished was their act that they put even the old ones across with marked success.

HOW TO PEEL OFF A WEATHERBEATEN FACE

It's really a simple matter to renovate a face soiled by dirt, wind or cold. Ordinary mercurized wax, used like cold cream will transform the worst old complexion into one of snowy whiteness and velvety softness. It literally peels off the outer veil of surface skin, but so gently, gradually, there's no discomfort. The worn-out skin comes off not in patches but evenly, in tiny particles, leaving no evidence of the treatment. The younger, healthier under-skin forming the new complexion is one of captivating loveliness. One ounce of mercurized wax, to be had at any drug store, is enough to remove any coarse chapped, pimpled, freckled, faded or sallow skin. Apply before retiring, washing it off mornings. Many skins wrinkle easily with every wind that blows. An excellent wrinkle-remover because it tightens the skin and strengthens relaxed muscles, is a wash lotion made as follows: Powdered saxalite, 1 oz., dissolved in witch hazel, one-half pint. This gives immediate results.

Third Annual Meeting of Oregon Sportsmen

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