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Railroad Rates. The great Vanderbilt of the railroad world is always remembered for the contemptuous way in which he referred to the public.

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We, therefore, are sympathetic to the plea of the railroads, and we think they are presenting convincing evidence for some slight increase in all freight rates.

Many Billions Increase. It would be very interesting to know just how many billion dollars more are necessary to continue the business of this country than was required in 1909.

Take manufactures alone, the value of products in 1909 was \$20,672,051, \$70. This doubled means about forty-one billion dollars output at present.

The increase in the amount of capital in the mercantile business can only be guessed at but it is immense.

America is much richer than ever before in its history and has more money in circulation, but it is facing demands that were undreamed of a few years ago and if it supplies all the money required it will accomplish the most stupendous task of all history.

What a Million Men Means. The Rutland News gives some interesting information about what is necessary to put one million men into the trenches in France which reveals the enormity of the task and the time necessary to do it.

First, there would have to be 4,000,000 rifles, 25,000 machine guns, 12,000 field guns, 7,000,000 rounds of field artillery ammunition, and about 4,250,000,000 cartridges.

worth of cotton and woolen goods, and \$8,000,000 worth of food per month.

It will be seen that such an army cannot be equipped for months and transportation could not be secured at a moment's notice.

Russia Rings True. Elihu Root, head of the American commission, said to the Russians: "America sends another message to Russia—that we are going to fight and have already begun to fight, for your freedom equally with our own, and we ask you to fight for our freedom equally with yours."

This is most heartening news from the new republic of Russia and promises good results for democracy throughout the world.

Close of the Academy. The annual closing of St. Johnsbury Academy took place yesterday.

Certain it is that St. Johnsbury Academy closed its 74th year in good working condition, with a well respected teaching force and the student body loyal to the institution.

We hope that Captain Wilcox will succeed in raising Company D to its full war strength.

The federal trade commission admits that its plan for relieving the news print paper situation has failed and asks that all paper producing plants be operated on government account and distributed by a federal agency.

The Dallas (Texas) Morning News says: "The farmer who does not make money under present conditions could not clear expenses if given a mint to operate."

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The value of helping a desirable industry to locate in town by exempting it from taxation for a term of years is vividly shown by the Queen City Cotton Company in Burlington.

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Gov. Graham has appointed James R. Hartness of Springfield chairman of the Vermont Committee of Public Safety to succeed Col. Ira L. Reeves.

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KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT. WHITE SHOE DRESSING. F.F. DALLEY CO. OF NEW YORK INC., BUFFALO, N.Y.

Rev. P. J. MacInnis will speak on "The Value of Service in the Nation's Crisis." Miss Gladys Young has gone to Lisbon, N. H., to work for Mrs. Rupert Cutting.

Miss Alice Moyle is home from her work at the Willoughby Lake House for two weeks. Mrs. Helen P. Burroughs and Mrs. W. L. Reed were in St. Johnsbury Thursday to attend the graduating exercises of St. Johnsbury Academy.

ALBANY. (W. A. Sanders, Correspondent.) The Woman's Home Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. T. J. Newton.

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