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THERE is published in New York a "Directory of Directors," a sort of financial "Who's Who," a list of the men who fill directors' chairs in the railroads, the trust companies, the banks, and in the industrial trusts. This directory is arranged alphabetically, giving the name of the man, and below a list of the corporations in which he is an officer. Most names are followed by one corporation; but a few are followed by a list of banks and trusts and railroads and companies than fill a page or more. The book includes every man of sufficient importance to have a director's voice in any one of the great corporations whose interests centre in Wall Street. To give a list of the score of names that are followed by the greatest number of corporations would be to name the little group of men who actually control, who compose the active, working, moving forces of high finance and industry in the United States. Such a list with the number of directors' seats credited to each, reads as follows:—

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THERE will be a total eclipse of the sun next August, and various governments are making preparations for sending scientific expeditions to take observations. It will be visible, among other places, at Labrador, and to that point will go a Canadian party. By erecting the observatory at the Central Experimental Farm and equipping it with a good modern telescope and other scientific apparatus Canada is marking her progress in the ancient science of astronomy.

AFTER showing the Archbishop of Canterbury through Canada and the United States Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has been received in private audience by the Pope. He is showing the world that he is not only rich but also enterprising.

THE problem of securing men to man the large number of new United States warships has confronted the naval authorities for some time, but just now the newspapers are discussing the problem of retaining the men now in the navy. A statement issued by the Bureau of Navigation shows that 3,210 men, or 10.7 per cent of the enlisted force, deserted during the past year. Of the trained fighting force of the navy—the seaman branch—the desertions were 7.97 per cent. The total percentage of desertions, says the bureau, was greatly increased by the number of desertions in the messmen's branch—stewards, cooks and attendants for officers' messes. Of this force the desertions were 23.17 per cent. A man does not have to be a citizen to enlist in the messmen's branch, and the bureau declares that the large number of desertions is due to the number of foreigners in that branch of the service. A few days after this report was made public, it was reported from Pensacola, Fla., that six hundred sailors belonging to Admiral Evans' North Atlantic fleet had deserted. The small pay and rigid discipline of the warship is not attractive to Americans, particularly in a time of peace and general prosperity.