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director of the mint, we find that the whole circulation of money in the country on October 1st was \$1,806,-425,054, or thirty-three dollars per capita, were it not for the fact that more than one-quarter of this vast vault! Of the \$814,000,000 in gold and silver coin in existence here, \$386,000,000 or neaely one half lies rusting in rotten canvass bags, not only earning nothing but depriving the business interests of the country of the means to contribute to the prosperity of the people. And the useless taxation of the people continues on. Instead then, of having thirty-three dollars per capita of circulation, we only have a little more than twentyfour per capita, which is less than that Italy with all her paupers. What kind of statesmanship is it that thus hoards up in the Government coffers the money that is absolutely robbed from the people in the way of taxation when there is no earthly occasion for it? Another beautiful illustration of month under the requirements of the law, when we have 142,000,000 of these same dollars locked up, and all the available space in the Treasury v. sults filled up with them !

From official data furnished by the

1.7 the quiet of a sabbath afternoon I visi ted the dark and bloody ground at Bladensburg, which is about a twenty minute's horseback ride from the capitol. In the memorable epoch of duelling, when every man's wounded honor carried its appeasement in a vicious-looking horse-pistol, this spot was the chosen field for both civilians and knights of war. It was here that the youthful Decatur went to his doom by the unerring aim of Barron. It was here that Cilley, a member of Congress from Maine, bit the dust when Graves, of Kentucky, got in his work first. It was here that Clay received the fire of Randolph after delivering his own, and each, finding the other unhurt, fell upon each other's neck and wept. It was here that Thomas H. Benton, Henry A. Wise, and a core of other Congressmen have met a nd settled their differences either by the code or by compromises and mut-ual concessions. The place is peculiari'y adapted by nature for the purpose to which these sensitive public men put it, for it was at that time surrounded by a dense forest of trees, at a suitable distance from the road to avoid scrutiny from meddlesome passers-by. The spot is a broad plat of ground just east of the Baltimore turnpike, and by the side of a sluggish inttle stream that has its source at a spring near the village of sladensburg. There is a willow the planted at the exact spot wher e Cilley fell, which has now growr, to large proportions, and the traditions of the spot are suggestive of the difference in the ntensity of regard for one's honor

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