# GOULDS ACCUSED BY TEXAS & PACIFIC

## Answer in Note Action Alleges Controlling Family Knew Issue Was Void.

## $1,741,000 IS INVOLVED

Charges in the name of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company against members of the Gould family, who have controlled the road for years, were made in an answer filed in the Supreme Court yesterday to the suit brought by the Goulds to recover $1,741,000 from the railroad company as the amount of Texas and Pacific promissory notes owned by the Goulds.

The answer, filed by Taylor, Jackson & Brophy in behalf of a sub-committee of the Texas and Pacific directors designated to defend the suit, alleges that the plaintiffs, George, Edwin and Howard Gould and Mrs. Helen Gould Shepard, suing as executors of the estate of Jay Gould, are trying to force the railroad to pay notes which were issued without consideration.

These facts became known yesterday by filing of papers on a motion to be heard to-day by Supreme Court Justice Donnelly in which the defendants' attorneys ask that Taylor, Knowles & Hack, counsel for the Goulds, be compelled to accept the answer but which the plaintiffs' attorney contend is void because it is not signed by a proper officer of the Texas and Pacific, of which George J. Gould is president and his son, Kingdon Gould, one of the vice-presidents.

The complaint filed by the Goulds early in January alleged that on March 1, 1914, the defendant corporation, in order to procure money for corporate purposes, executed to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad a series of thirty-five promissory notes aggregating $1,741,000, payable on June 1, 1915. The plaintiffs say that in due course of trade the notes were indorsed to them by the Iron Mountain, and they asked that the defendant be forced to pay the amount of the notes.

The answer says that in 1888 the defendant issued $24,987,000 of bonds due in 2000 at 5 per cent. interest, but the terms provided that they were payable only to the extent that the defendant's net income permitted it, and if in any year there was no net income the coupons due that year were to become void. All but $1,319.00 of the bonds were held by the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, a Gould road.

The answer then sets forth that the plaintiffs controlled the defendant's management and financial arrangement, as well as of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern. It is alleged that for several years prior to 1908 the plaintiffs presented coupons on the bonds to the defendant for payment, although there was no net income out of which to pay the coupons, which they well knew, and then caused the defendant to issue its promissory notes for the amount of the coupons which are the notes sued on in the present case. Accordingly, it is alleged that the coupons were void and the plaintiffs knew it.

## WARNS AGAIN ON EXPANSION.

### National City Bank Circular Points Out Dangers Ahead.

While admitting that business conditions are at present hopeful from every point of view the National City Bank in its February circular, regarding excessive demands for a share in profits, continues to sound a warning note to labor and to the country at large over expansion and inflation. Money rates are admittedly easier but in their very ease, it is pointed out, may lie a menace in that the cheapness of money is in itself an invitation to rampant speculation on the very eve of the time when the country will be called upon to devote its available credit to other and better purposes.

Referring to the present ease in the money market the circular says in part:

"One of the most encouraging features of the present situation on a broad survey is the subsidence of speculative activity in the stock market. The expansion of industry is only now well under way and has scarcely as yet begun to call for credit. It is evidently undesirable, therefore, that our lending power shall be taken up in financing a mere rise of prices."

It is pointed out that while capital and wages are both increasing in this country such is not the condition abroad and unless we are careful we shall have either an outflow of capital or a tremendous inflow of labor as the result.

## THE BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—Cosden advanced to 19½, a new high price. Maryland Casualty gained 7 points and Davison Chemical closed ½ point lower, these being the most important price changes. Bonds were firm, with Cosden is the most active. The summary:

| Sales. | | Open ing. | High est. | Low est. | Clos ing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 110 | Armadale S & G | 36¾ | 36¾ | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| 201 | Balto Tube | 67¾ | 68½ | 67¾ | 68 |
| 10 | Balto Tube pf | 84½ | 84½ | 84½ | 84½ |
| 15 | Com Credit | 48 | 48 | 48 | 48 |
| 15 | Con Coal | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| 5 | Con Power pf | 111 | 111 | 111 | 111 |
| 2177 | Cosden | 19⅛ | 19½ | 19⅛ | 19¼ |
| 370 | Davison Chem | 66 | 66 | 65½ | 65½ |
| 2 | Elkhorn Fuel | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| 10 | Fidelity & Dep | 136 | 136 | 136 | 136 |
| 200 | Houston Oil | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| 10 | Mfrs Finance | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| 285 | Mfrs Finance pf | 61½ | 61½ | 61½ | 61½ |
| 16 | Maryland Cas | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| 20 | Mercantile Trust | 221 | 221 | 221 | 221 |
| 12 | Mt Ver C Mill pf | 52 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| 210 | Pa Wat & Pow | 74 | 74¼ | 74 | 74 |
| 5 | Un Sys & Elec | 27½ | 27½ | 27 | 27 |
| 190 | Wayland Oil | 4⅛ | 4⅛ | 4¼ | 4¼ |
| 35 | Western Nat | 37½ | 37½ | 37½ | 37½ |

BONDS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $1000 | Balto Elec 5s | 99¾ | 99¾ | 99¾ | 99¾ |
| 800 | Ches Rys 5s | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| 2100 | City Balt 4s | 99⅛ | 99⅛ | 99⅛ | 99⅛ |
| 3000 | Con Coal 6s | 104¼ | 104¼ | 104¼ | 104¼ |
| 1000 | Con Gas 4½s | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ |
| 2000 | Cosden 6s | 102½ | 102½ | 102½ | 102½ |
| 2000 | Davison Chem 6s | 103½ | 103½ | 103½ | 103½ |
| 1000 | Kinloch Corp 6s | 98⅛ | 98⅛ | 98⅛ | 98⅛ |
| 1000 | Maryland 4s 15-24 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| 8000 | Mer & Min Tr 6s | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| 2000 | Nor & Port Tr 5s | 82½ | 82½ | 82½ | 82½ |
| 1000 | Pa Wat & Pow 5s | 87 | 87 | 87 | 87 |
| 100 | Un R & E 6½s | 85½ | 85½ | 85½ | 85½ |
| 1000 | Un R & E 6½s | 83⅞ | 83⅞ | 83⅞ | 83⅞ |
| 4000 | Un R & E inc 4s | 61½ | 61½ | 61½ | 61½ |

## THE PITTSBURG MARKET.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 1.—American Window Glass Machine common and preferred were 1½ and 1 point higher respectively. Elsewhere there were no important changes in prices. The summary:

| Sales | | Open ing. | High est. | Low est. | Clos ing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 305 | Am W Glass Mch | 15 | 15½ | 15 | 15½ |
| 410 | Am W Gls M pf | 133 | 135 | 134 | 135 |
| 10 | Am Sewer Pipe | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| 120 | Cane River Gas | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| 50 | Crucible Steel | 77 | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| 100 | Columbia Gas | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 39 | Harbison & W pf | 101 | 101½ | 100½ | 101½ |
| 125 | Indp Brewing | 3⅛ | 3⅛ | 3⅛ | 3⅛ |
| 170 | Indp Brew pf | 5⅞ | 5⅞ | 5⅞ | 5⅞ |
| 130 | La Belle I & S | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| 5 | La Belle I & S pf | 123½ | 123½ | 123½ | 123½ |
| 5 | Mfrs L & H | 31¼ | 31¼ | 31 | 31 |
| 24 | Nat Enameling | 19 | 19¼ | 19 | 19¼ |
| 30 | Nat Fireproofing | 21⅞ | 22 | 21⅞ | 21⅞ |
| 150 | Ohio Fuel | 38½ | 38½ | 38½ | 38½ |
| 15 | Osage & Okla | 106 | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| 215 | Pitts Brewing | 5¼ | 5¼ | 5¼ | 5¼ |
| 235 | Pitts Brew pf | 18½ | 18½ | 18 | 18 |
| 250 | Pittsburg Coal | 30½ | 32¼ | 30½ | 32¼ |
| 5 | Pitts Plate Glass | 116 | 116 | 116 | 116 |
| 5 | Pure Oil | 26½ | 26½ | 26½ | 26½ |
| 20 | Ref Oil | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ | 31½ |
| 20 | Westhe Air Brk | 137 | 137 | 137 | 137 |
| 20 | Westhe Elec | 65½ | 65½ | 65½ | 65½ |

BONDS

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| $1000 | Monong Coal 6s | 113½ | 113½ | 113½ | 113½ |

# CASH REGISTER CASES DROPPED BY THE U. S.

## Criminal Suits Could Not Be Maintained Under the Sherman Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The United States Government has dropped its criminal proceedings against the National Cash Register Company's officers who were indicted and convicted under the Sherman anti-trust law.

By taking this action the Department acknowledges its defeat in what were regarded by it as the strongest cases ever brought under criminal sections of the Sherman law. The Department's action follows the decision by the Court of Appeals, which annulled two of the three counts of the indictment.

This left a third count, but the Department holds that it is construed so narrowly that a successful retrial would be practically impossible.

The court decision in the cases against the Cash Register officials was regarded by many as proof of the failure of the Sherman law as a criminal statute. This impression has gained ground as the result of the refusal of the Grand Jury to convict in the New Haven Railroad cases.

In the civil case against the National Cash Register Company, John H. Patterson, its president, and other officers, a decree was entered to-day at Cincinnati with the consent of the company, finding that the corporation and its officers, "had violated the Federal anti-trust act by combining to restrain and attempting to monopolize interstate trade and commerce in cash registers."

The decree sets forth the means employed by the company to accomplish its object, and specifically forbids the use of any of those means in the future. The defendants consented to the entry of this decree by the Government.

### Decrease in Business Failures.

*Bradstreet's* states that there were 1,771 failures in January of this year, a decrease of 25.5 per cent. from January a year ago, though failures were 11 per cent. more numerous for the initial month of 1916 than they were in December, 1915. Liabilities in January, 1916, aggregated only $17,179,977, a decrease of 36 per cent. from December, 1915, and of 13 per cent. from November, and were only one-third what they were January a year ago.

## THE BOSTON MARKET.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—There was a better tone to the mining shares market, with the entire list responding to moderate demand. Granby continued to be conspicuously strong. New Haven was weak and closed 1 point lower. Industrials were dull and featureless. The summary:

MINING.

| Sales. | | Open ing. | High est. | Low est. | Clos ing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | Ahmeek | 96½ | 97½ | 96½ | 97½ |
| 75 | Alaska | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | 23⅞ |
| 30 | Alaska rights | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 |
| 210 | Allouez | 67½ | 67½ | 67 | 67½ |
| 1470 | Am Zinc | 66⅞ | 67 | 66⅞ | 67 |
| 146 | Anaconda | 84½ | 84⅞ | 83⅞ | 84½ |
| 127 | Ariz Com | 8¼ | 8⅜ | 8¼ | 8⅜ |
| 25 | Butte & Bal | 21½ | 21⅝ | 21½ | 21⅝ |
| 1755 | Butte & Sup | 23⅞ | 24 | 23⅞ | 23⅞ |
| 95 | Cal & Ariz | 60 | 60½ | 59⅞ | 60⅛ |
| 25 | Cal & Hec | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| 110 | Centennial | 17 | 17 | 16¾ | 16¾ |
| 17 | Chino | 32¼ | 32¼ | 32¼ | 32¼ |
| 1160 | Copper Range | 62 | 62⅞ | 61½ | 62⅞ |
| 150 | Daly West | 20 | 20 | 19⅞ | 20⅛ |
| 227 | East Butte | 14⅞ | 15 | 14⅞ | 15 |
| 25 | Franklin | 9 | 9⅛ | 9 | 9⅛ |
| 970 | Granby | 91½ | 92½ | 91 | 92 |
| 112 | Greene Can | 47¼ | 47¼ | 46½ | 46½ |
| 50 | Indiana | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 40 | Island Creek | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | 47⅞ |
| 180 | Isle Royale | 27½ | 27½ | 27 | 27½ |
| 140 | Lake | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16½ |
| 30 | La Salle | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ |
| 20 | Mason Valley | 2 | 2¼ | 2 | 2¼ |
| 150 | Mass Con | 11¼ | 11¼ | 11¼ | 11¼ |
| 10 | Miami | 23¾ | 23¾ | 23¾ | 23¾ |
| 108 | Mohawk | 90 | 90 | 89½ | 90 |
| 140 | Nevada Con | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 120 | New Arcadian | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| 1970 | New Idria | 21½ | 21¾ | 19½ | 19½ |
| 25 | Nipissing | 7⅞ | 7⅞ | 7¼ | 7⅞ |
| 580 | North Butte | 27½ | 28 | 27¼ | 28 |
| 40 | North Lake | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ |
| 45 | Old Dominion | 62 | 62½ | 62 | 62 |
| 40 | Osceola | 84¾ | 85 | 84¾ | 85 |
| 55 | Pond Creek | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 65 | Quincy | 88 | 89 | 88 | 89 |
| 76 | Ray | 23¼ | 23¼ | 23¼ | 23¼ |
| 100 | Santa Fe | 3¼ | 3¼ | 3¼ | 3¼ |
| 320 | Shannon | 8 | 8½ | 8 | 8½ |
| 465 | Shattuck | 21⅞ | 22⅛ | 21⅞ | 22⅛ |
| 42 | South Lake | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 300 | South Utah | 30 | 32 | 30 | 32 |
| 187 | St Mary's Land | 61¾ | 62 | 61¾ | 62 |
| 65 | Sup & Boston | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 610 | Superior | 22 | 22 | 22⅛ | 22 |
| 12 | Tamarack | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 165 | Trinity | 9⅛ | 9⅛ | 9⅛ | 9⅛ |
| 900 | Tuolumne | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 |
| 2320 | U S Smelters | 23¾ | 26½ | 23¾ | 26⅛ |
| 455 | U S Smelters pf | 49½ | 50 | 49½ | 49½ |
| 470 | Utah Apex | 3⅞ | 4 | 3⅞ | 4 |
| 120 | Utah Con | 12¾ | 13⅛ | 12¾ | 12⅞ |
| 30 | Utah Cop | 17⅞ | 17⅞ | 17⅞ | 17⅞ |
| 5 | Winona | 7¼ | 7¼ | 7¼ | 7¼ |
| 67 | Wolverine | 60½ | 61 | 61¼ | 61 |

RAILROADS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | Boston & Albany | 192 | 192 | 192 | 192 |
| 14 | Boston Elevated | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| 35 | Boston & Maine | 38½ | 38½ | 36½ | 37½ |
| 72 | Boston & Me pf | 48 | 50 | 48 | 50 |
| 3 | Boston & Prov | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| 53 | Fitchburg pf | 80½ | 81 | 80½ | 81 |
| 65 | Maine Central | 101 | 101 | 101 | 101 |
| 25 | Manchest & Law | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 |
| 30 | Nor & Wor pf | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 |
| 425 | New Haven | 66¾ | 68½ | 66¾ | 68¼ |
| 5 | West End St R R | 65½ | 65½ | 65½ | 65½ |

MISCELLANEOUS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 250 | Am Az Chem pf | 98½ | 98½ | 98 | 98 |
| 1470 | Amoskeag | 69 | 69 | 69 | 69 |
| 40 | Am Pneu Service | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 55 | Am Pneu Ser pf | 13½ | 13½ | 13½ | 13½ |
| 77 | Amer. Sugar | 117½ | 117½ | 117½ | 117½ |
| 377 | Am Tel & Tel | 126½ | 127 | 126½ | 126⅞ |
| 46 | A G & W I | 27½ | 28 | 27½ | 28 |
| 45 | A G & W I pf | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| 65 | East Bos Land | 11½ | 11½ | 11½ | 11½ |
| 12 | Edison | 242 | 242 | 242 | 242 |
| 11 | Ga Ry & Elec | 126 | 126 | 126 | 126 |
| 67 | General Electric | 169 | 169½ | 167 | 167½ |
| 8 | Mass Gas | 51½ | 51½ | 51½ | 51½ |
| 30 | Mass Gas pf | 85½ | 87 | 85½ | 87 |
| 32 | N E Telephone | 132½ | 132½ | 132 | 132½ |
| 20 | Nipe Bay | 114 | 111 | 114 | 114 |
| 30 | Pullman | 161½ | 161½ | 161½ | 161½ |
| 60 | Swift & Co | 130¼ | 130¼ | 129½ | 130 |
| 200 | Torrington | 40 | 41 | 40 | 40 |
| 483 | United Fruit | 136½ | 137⅞ | 136½ | 137⅞ |
| 4225 | United Fruit rts | 5 | 5½ | 5 | 5½ |
| 187 | Unit Shoe Mach | 54¼ | 54½ | 54¼ | 54½ |
| 30 | United Shoe M pf | 29¼ | 29¼ | 29¼ | 29¼ |
| 900 | U S Steel | 80⅞ | 82½ | 80⅞ | 82⅞ |
| 1500 | Ventura Oil | 9 | 9⅛ | 9 | 9⅛ |
| 100 | Western Union | 88¼ | 88¼ | 88¼ | 88¼ |
| 25 | Wollaston Land | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ |

BONDS.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $500 | Am T & T 4s | 92 | 92 | 92 | 92 |
| 1300 | A G & W I 5s | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 |
| 1000 | C B Q Jt 4s | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ | 93¾ |
| 2000 | Chic Jct & S Y 4s | 83½ | 83½ | 83½ | 83½ |
| 500 | Miss Riv Pow 5s | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |
| 1000 | N E Tel 5s | 102½ | 102½ | 102½ | 102½ |
| 400 | Swift 5s | 99⅞ | 99⅞ | 99⅞ | 99⅞ |
| 2000 | United Fruit 4½s | 97¼ | 97¼ | 97¼ | 97¼ |
| 4000 | Western Tel 5s | 99⅞ | 100 | 99⅞ | 100 |

## THE BOSTON CURB MARKET.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—The closing Boston curb bid and asked quotations:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Alvarado | 1⅛ | 1¼ |
| Bay State Gas | 20 | 22 |
| Bingham Mining | 7½ | 8 |
| Bohemia Mining | 2 | 2⅛ |
| Bezole | 50 | 1 |
| Boston Ely | .50 | .55 |
| Butte & London | .02 | .03 |
| Butte & New York | 2¼ | 2¾ |
| Boston & Montana | 28 | 30 |
| Calaveras Copper | 3 | 3¼ |
| Chief Consolidated | 1⅛ | 1¼ |
| Consolidated Arizona | .15 | .16 |
| Cortez | .60 | .70 |
| Consolidated Copper | 2 | 2⅛ |
| Crown Reserve | .25 | .35 |
| Cal Corbin | .06 | .07 |
| Davis-Daly | 1½ | 1⅝ |
| Eagle & Bluebell | 1½ | 1⅝ |
| First National Copper | 3⅞ | 4⅛ |
| Goldfield Consolidated | 1 | 1⅛ |
| Houghton | 2½ | 3 |
| La Rose | .60 | .65 |
| Majestic Copper | 1 | 1¼ |
| McKinley Darragh | .51 | .53 |
| Mexican Metals | 4 | 4½ |
| Mines of America | 2¼ | 2½ |
| New Baltic | 3 | 4 |
| New Cornelia | 12 | 12¼ |
| Nevada Douglass asst. paid | .82 | .85 |
| Ohio Copper | 1⅛ | 1¼ |
| Oneco | 1⅛ | 1⅜ |
| Onondaga | 1⅞ | 2 |
| Riker Hecaman | .04 | .05 |
| Southwest Miami | 5 | 5½ |
| Stewart Mining | .55 | .62 |
| Tonopah Belmont | 4⅛ | 4⅜ |
| Tonopah Mining | 3 | 3⅛ |
| Truro | 10 | 10½ |
| United Verde Extension | .25 | .30 |
| Utah Metal | 1¼ | 1½ |
| Yukon Gold | 2½ | 2¾ |

# $200,000,000 STEEL MERGER COMPLETED

## Youngstown, Cambria, Lackawanna and Others Combine.

## SECOND LARGEST IN U. S.

It was learned in Wall Street yesterday from interests close to the bankers and steel men mentioned in connection with the plans to merge the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the Cambria Steel Company and the Lackawanna Steel Company that the consolidation has been effected and calls for the incorporation of a $200,000,000 company. Formal announcement of the merger will be made shortly.

The new concern will be called the International Steel Company and will be capitalized at $200,000,000, par value $50, of which $160,000,000 will be for Stock Exchange and market purposes. An issue of $40,000,000 of stock to be brought out immediately will provide working capital and the necessary funds for new financing connected with the merger.

Plans for the consolidation of the three companies were considered by a committee composed of Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank; Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Harrison Williams, chairman of the board of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and director of many companies in the public utilities field, and James A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

This committee agreed upon the terms of the merger the latter part of last week and the three companies will participate at these prices: Cambria Steel, 80; Lackawanna Steel, 90, and Youngstown Sheet and Tube, 300. The financial backing has been secured, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. will underwrite the stock.

While the three companies mentioned form the nucleus of the new $200,000,000 corporation, it is understood that smaller independent steel concerns will be absorbed, among them a lake district company, probably the Inland Steel Company, and possibly a large tidewater shipyard.

The aggregate capital of the three companies is approximately $107,750,000. The total outstanding stock of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company amounts to $10,000,000 preferred and $18,000,000 common. At the rate agreed upon $64,000,000 new stock will be issued in exchange for Youngstown securities. For the $34,760,000 stock of the Lackawanna company $31,275,000 will be exchanged and $72,000,000 in new stock will be issued in exchange for the $45,000,000 stock of the Cambria Steel Company, which has a parity of $50.

James A. Campbell will probably be the president of the new company and J. L. Replogle will be first vice-president, while Harrison Williams, Frank A. Vanderlip, Mortimer L. Schiff, Moses H. Taylor and others will be directors.

The National City Bank and Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia will not participate in the merger underwriting, but the latter company has figured in the negotiations as representing the selling end of the transaction along with Mellon National Bank interests of Pittsburg.

The new company will have a capacity for a yearly production of nearly 3,250,000 tons of finished steel and will be the second largest steel company in America.

The plan for a consolidation of independent steel companies was brought to the front following the financial coup of J. Leonard Replogle, who purchased a block of 240,000 shares of Cambria Steel Company stock held by the Pennsylvania Company, which formerly had control of the steel company.

# OFF TO ASK BRITISH TO PASS GERMAN GOODS

## W. W. Bride, Ex-Trade Adviser of U. S., Will Sail for London Again To-day.

William W. Bride, a former foreign trade adviser to the State Department, will sail for London to-day for the purpose of negotiating with the British Foreign Office for the bringing of large quantities of merchandis from Germany for the brokerage firms of M. J. Corbett & Co., Bernard Judae & Co. of this city and Chicago, and Samuel Stern. A representative of Bernard Judae & Co. is on his way to Germany to cooperate with Mr. Bride in getting goods from the interior of Germany to Rotterdam or some other neutral port.

Mr. Bride will endeavor to obtain the release of all German goods purchased from last March 1 to March 11. It will be contended on behalf of American importers that the British Orders in Council, which became effective on March 1, were not published here until March 11. Mr. Bride also plans to ask for the release of all merchandise purchased during March, April and May and to request the issuance of a blanket permit covering the shipment of a certain percentage of the goods usually shipped to this country by any German firm.

Mr. Bride figured prominently some months ago in similar attempts to release German goods. Afterward an arrangement was made whereby all applications for the release of German and Austrian goods would have to be made through the foreign trade advisers of the State Department. This arrangement necessitated the return of Mr. Bride.

It is understood that Judge Thaddeus S. Sharretts, counsel to the American Importers Association, does not favor Mr. Bride's mission because of the negotiations now in progress between the British Foreign Office and the State Department.

### Consolidated Exchange.

An improved tone was reflected in the market on the Consolidated Stock Exchange from the opening. It was evident that the pressure of liquidation of the previous day was absent. Under general buying prices advanced, with the gains recorded by many prominent stocks of very substantial proportions. United States Steel, the leader among the standard shares, opened at 80⅞, an overnight improvement of ⅜ of a point, and it failed to change hands below 80⅞, from then on gradually advancing until it touched 82⅝ in the afternoon, closing at 82.

Crucible Steel opened at 74½, ¼ of a point above its closing price on Monday, and from there advanced to 78, but it closed at 76½, with a turnover of 12,170 shares. Mexican Petroleum opened at 102⅞, an advance of ⅞ of a point, reacted to 102⅝ and then advanced to 106⅛, closing at 105½. Its total for the day was 11,050 shares. There was a good demand for American Can, as well as for American Smelting. The last named, after opening at 67⅞, unchanged from Monday's closing, rose to 69½, while Can opened at 62⅞, reacted to 61¾, the same as its closing price on Monday, and then advanced to 65⅛.

Industrial Alcohol opened at 145¼, up ¾ of a point from Monday's closing, and from there advanced to 159½, at which it closed.

# STRUCTURAL STEEL DEMAND IS WEAKER

## Contract Placed for New Building Here—Railroads Ask Bridge Bids.

In January the fabricating shops, according to preliminary returns, booked orders for between 75,000 and 80,000 tons of fabricated structural steel to be used in the construction of buildings and bridges and manufacturing plants in all sections of the country. A moderate tonnage was also taken for export, but returns are not complete. In January last year the tonnage taken by the same shops aggregated about 65,000 tons, so that there was a substantial increase last month, but conditions a year ago were very different from what they are to-day. It is also significant that the falling off in structural business last month, compared with December, was the most marked, but again the December tonnage was unusual because of the reporting of many large contracts which had been previously placed. The decrease in activity in January, however, was at least 20 per cent. after making allowance for accumulated tonnages reported in December.

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The Susquehanna Silk Mills Company has placed with the Empire Structural Steel Company a contract for a loft building to be constructed on Madison avenue, New York city, requiring 1,600 tons of structural steel. The contract for another loft building to be constructed on Seventieth street, calling for 500 tons of steel, has been awarded to the Hinkle Iron Works. The Crystal Loft Building, which will be built on Thirty-third street, requires 600 tons of structural shapes, which will be furnished by the Passaic Steel Company. A store for the Winthrop Associates, requiring 700 tons of steel, to be constructed at Springfield, Mass., is to be built by A. E. Norton & Co.

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The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has come into the market for bids on a bridge to be built over the barge canal at Rochester, N. Y., requiring 350 tons of structural shapes. Bids have already been submitted on 500 tons of steel for bridge work on the New York Central, and the Baltimore and Ohio will take bids to-day on 200 tons of bridge work. In the central West railroads are taking tenders on about 1,000 tons of structural steel for bridges and shop work.

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Word comes from San Francisco that the Alameda plant of the United Engineering Company has been acquired by the Union Iron Works, a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Company. The property will be utilized in shipbuilding. It is reported that the contract price was approximately $1,000,000.

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The Chester Shipbuilding Company is reported to have closed contracts for the building of five tank steamships and one freight boat for ocean service. It is asserted that two of the boats are for Norwegian interests which have already placed two contracts with local shipbuilders. According to reports from Philadelphia the contract price for each of these boats is a little under $1,000,000. These contracts were included in the total previously reported as having been placed since the first of January. About 7,000 tons of structural shapes and plates and forgings are required in the building of these boats.

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The reports of great activity in the wire trade last month are verified by the heavy volume of business taken by the American Steel and Wire Company. It is now that the January shipments of the latter company were in excess of those made in December, indicating that more than 225,000 tons of wire products were shipped last month. Specifications for wire products in January were the heaviest for a single month in the history of the company, being but slightly less than the shipments. The orders placed by domestic manufacturers are understood to have aggregated about 190,000 tons. Of the export sales of 50,000 tons of wire products last month approximately 40,000 tons went to the largest interest and it is understood that another contract for 50,000 tons has just been closed.

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Manufacturers of rivets in the Pittsburg district have again advanced prices $2 a ton. Structural rivets are now held at 2.70c. and boiler rivets at 2.80c. f. o. b. Pittsburg shops. Some manufacturers of bolts and nuts have advanced prices 10 per cent.

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The placing of contracts for steel to be used in the manufacture of war munitions was relatively light in January, the total being only about 100,000 tons, aside from the contracts reported to have been virtually closed by the Crucible works, referred to yesterday. Thus only about one-tenth of the war inquiries resulted in actual business in January. The oversold condition of the mills is largely responsible for the small contracts accepted recently.

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Sales of about 2,000 tons of foundry pig iron came to the surface yesterday for delivery in the Eastern territory. These transactions were made up of lots ranging from 300 to 500 tons each for delivery in New England, New York and New Jersey. The contracts now pending in this immediate territory are also for small lots, including one for 300 tons for Brooklyn delivery and another for 800 tons for Newark. Some additional resales of pig iron in the Buffalo territory are reported to have been made at $17 to $17.50 for No. 2, while larger tonnages sold as high as $18. It is difficult to purchase now at the latter price. Most of this resale iron is for prompt shipment or for delivery over the first quarter of the year.

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Revised reports of the car contracts placed in January indicate 24,106, requiring 241,000 tons of steel. The orders placed include 7,000 tons being built for the French Government. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is understood to have placed a supplementary order for 4,000 freight cars with the American Car and Foundry Company, making 4,000 in all, half of which are to be built by the Cambria Steel Company, as previously reported.

## DAILY TREASURY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury shows:

| | Last month. | Fiscal year. |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts | $62,128,163 | $460,237,463 |
| Disbursements | 61,993,322 | 447,267,430 |
| Surplus | $194,841 | Def. $46,964,967 |

The receipts from customs to-day, $520,949; internal revenue, ordinary, $1,356,725; income tax, $32,175; miscellaneous, $47,466.

National bank notes received for redemption, $2,550,907.

Current statement of the United States Treasurer for January 31 shows:

GENERAL FUND.

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| Available gold | $32,512,121 |
| Available silver | 16,553,881 |
| United States notes | 7,856,973 |
| National bank notes and Federal reserve notes | 43,520,157 |
| Certified checks on banks | 17,906 |
| Subsidiary silver, minor coin and silver bullion | 28,210,730 |
| Unclassified (unsorted currency) | 1,217,975 |
| Deposits in banks and Philippine Treasury | 70,781,522 |
| Available currency in Treasury and banks | 202,686,168 |
| Deduct current liabilities | 92,599,354 |
| Net balance in general fund | 111,176,813 |

RESERVE FUND.

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|---|---|
| Gold coin and bullion | $152,979,023 |

TRUST FUND.

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| To redeem outstanding certificates | $2,000,411,394 |
| Grand total cash assets in Treasury | 2,357,076,185 |

# BUSINESS BOOMING, SAY RESERVE BANKS

## Freight Blockade at New York Improves, Financial Markets Active.

## BUYING CONTINUES GOOD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Federal Reserve Board in its regular monthly bulletin reports a continued improvement of business conditions throughout the country. Here are some of the things it says:

Boston district: Business has continued its upward trend throughout the month and improvement is reported in nearly all lines of trade. The longer established and more conservative merchants, however, are proceeding with caution. Manufacturers are scrutinizing orders and there is a very general inclination to restrict production to actual requirements, refraining from anything bordering on speculation.

New York district: Wholesale, jobbing and retail trade were all very active during December and in the latter trade the holiday business was of record volume. Interviews and correspondence with many public service corporations, manufacturers, and business houses have confirmed the marked improvement and unusual activity of trade and industry reported in recent months. Some observers have noticed a tendency to overbuy. Collections are generally good. Announcements have been made of a number of important wage increases.

Congestion of export freight traffic in and near New York was somewhat relieved last week by a reduction of approximately 3,000 cars of export package and piece freight from the quantity of the previous week. But the railroads estimate that between 45,000 and 50,000 cars of freight are still held up in terminals or on the tracks. In many cases new embargoes have been imposed, while old ones are modified or abolished.

Statistics for December, 1915, compared with December, 1914, are the following: Exchanges through the New York Clearing House, $12,331,140,315, an increase of $5,801,464,857. Transactions on the New York Stock Exchange: Par value of bonds sold, $122,142,000, an increase of $86,715,000, but decreased $4,834,000 from the previous month. Transactions in stocks, 13,732,300 shares, an increase of 11,857,318, but decreased 3,742,463 from previous month.

New incorporations in the Eastern States of companies capitalized at $1,000,000 or over, $135,125,000, an increase of $29,675,000. New York State failures 347, with liabilities of $4,606,373, a decrease of forty-five in number and $875,927 in liabilities. New York city building permits, $11,189,188, an increase of $7,559,987. Exports from the port of New York, $216,809,179, an increase of $118,939,854. Imports at New York, $93,792,790, an increase of $28,551,429.

Acceptances of the national and State banks and trust companies in this district on December 31, 1915, aggregated $69,635,261.

Philadelphia district: On account of the belief that much of the business with which the manufacturing plants of this district are now engaged, is of a temporary character, there is not the underlying confidence in trade conditions that the existing industrial activity may seem to justify. Except for this feeling on the part of the community, there is no change in conditions from those reported one month ago. The great holiday trade and some difficulty in obtaining goods has emphasized the necessity of dealers carrying larger stocks, and increased orders are being placed.

## KENNECOTT DIVIDEND IS $1.

### Copper Stock Is Put on $4 a Year Basis.

The Kennecott Copper Corporation directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of $1 per share, putting the stock on a $4 per annum basis. The dividend is for the quarter ending March 31, 1916, and is payable March 31 to stock of record as of March 10.

The report of President Birch, submitted to the directors, showed a surplus on hand of $9,765,857, figuring copper at 18 cents a pound. This surplus does not take into account any income from the Utah Copper Company or earnings of the Braden Copper Company.

The amount of dividends which will be disbursed on March 31 will be about $2,800,000. The board of directors has instructed President Birch to make application to have the stock listed on the Stock Exchange.

## THE PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—There was a firmer tone to the local stock market, with Cambria Steel the most active issue and closing near the top at 7⅞. Bonds were active and strong. The summary:

| Sales. | | Open ing. | High est. | Low est. | Clos ing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Alliance Insurance | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 20 | Am Gas | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 110 | Buff & Susq pf | 83½ | 83 | 83½ | 83½ |
| 5 | Bell | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| 1 | Cambria Iron | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 5079 | Cambria Steel | 7⅞ | 8¼ | 7⅞ | 7⅞ |
| 25 | Eco Star Rat | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 30 | Gen Asphalt pf | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| 100 | Ins Co N A | 35½ | 36 | 35½ | 36 |
| 100 | Lake Sup Corp | 5⅞ | 5⅞ | 5⅞ | 5⅞ |
| 10 | Leh Nav | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 |
| 34 | Leh Val R R | 56½ | 56½ | 56½ | 56½ |
| 1 | Leh Val Tran pf | 25½ | 25½ | 25½ | 25½ |
| 5 | Penna R R ex div | 54½ | 54½ | 54½ | 54½ |
| 167 | Penna Salt Mfg | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| 14 | Phila Co | 53½ | 54 | 52½ | 53½ |
| 174 | Phila Elec | 24⅞ | 25 | 24⅞ | 25 |
| 815 | Phila Rap Tr | 17½ | 18 | 17½ | 18 |
| 5 | Reading | 47½ | 47½ | 47½ | 47½ |
| 1 | Union Traction | 41½ | 41½ | 41½ | 41½ |
| 145 | W Jersey & Seash |