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BANKS ON SOUND BASIS.

The comptroller of the currency on Monday advised Congress, in submitting his annual report, that the United States at the present time seems to be "intrenched financially almost as firmly as it is possible for any human government to be."

"Practically the whole world is in debt to us," the report said, "and is steadily increasing its obligations. Our financial condition in relation to other peoples and the world at large becomes stronger from week to week and from month to month. As the figures show so conclusively, our wealth is piling up with wonderful rapidity, but to do our proper work in the world and to protect and enlarge our own interests we may before long need every dollar of these resources, gigantic and inexhaustible as they now seem to be."

"In reviewing our banking and fiscal situation we seem now to be intrenched financially almost as firmly as it is possible for any human government to be. We are well prepared for preparedness and ready and able to provide for whatever increases of army and navy Congress may think to be necessary."

Since the inauguration of the federal reserve system, the report states, charters have been issued to 264 new national banks, with aggregate capital of \$16,109,000, and 189 national banks increased their capital \$27,117,700. During the same period to Nov. 15 last 143 banks went into liquidation and thirty-four banks reduced their capital. In addition twenty-seven national banks were placed in receiverships.

Gross earnings of national banks for the last fiscal year, the report states, were \$590,642,051 and net earnings \$157,542,547, an increase in the latter item of \$30,599,000 during the year. Dividends paid were \$117,724,594, an increase of approximately \$1,000,000.

Compilation of clearing-house figures for the entire country, embracing 173 clearing houses, places the aggregate transactions for the year at the huge total of \$241,407,541,000; an increase during the year of \$78,235,494,000. There were decreases in seven associations aggregating \$42,947,000, chief of which the decrease in the association at Albany, N. Y., of \$31,355,000. New York leads in increases, the total increase for the year being \$55,338,001,000. Other notable increases were: Philadelphia, \$4,050,121,000; Chicago, \$3,725,285,000; Boston, \$2,698,779,000, and St. Louis, \$1,064,177,000.

THE CROOKED TIRE DEALERS.

The Chicago Eagle voices the opinions of its large constituency of automobile owners and honest auto dealers and manufacturers when it declares that something should be done to put crooked and rotten tire makers out of business. It is alleged that some of the "made over" outfits are not on the square.

TAXI CAB HALL.

Why not change the name of the City Hall to Taxi-Cab Hall? To look at it from Washington street one would think that its main purpose was to serve as a taxi cab stand for a big La Salle street rooming house with bath and lunch attachments.

PNEUMATIC TOOLS GOOD SHOWING.

Substantial gains in the principal items in the income account for 1916 were reported by the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company in its annual report for that period. Profits were \$1,577,979, as against \$982,565 in 1915. After deducting depreciation, bond interest and minor charges, there was a balance of profit amounting to \$1,002,422, from which \$50,000 was deducted for the sinking fund, leaving a balance carried to surplus of \$952,422. This, added to the previous surplus of \$2,278,133, made a total surplus of



FRANK JOHNSTON, JR., Able First Assistant State's Attorney, Talked of for Superior Judge.

Dec. 31, 1916, of \$2,836,848 after deducting dividends and \$136,754, retained from profits of subsidiary companies for working capital.

EAGLETS.

A. H. Goodwin, the popular vice-president of the big W. W. Barnard Seed Company, has a warm place in the regards of the thousands who have patronized that great establishment. There is no better seed man in the country and The W. W. Barnard Company has never disappointed a customer.

L. C. Whitton of the O. E. Chaney Company, 108 South LaSalle street, stands high with business men, manufacturers and financiers. His square and honest methods have won a place for him in the esteem of the community.

The Emerald Motion Picture Company is turning out some grand films at its new studio, 1717 to 1729 Wells street. This well known company, of which Frederick J. Ireland is president, now possesses one of the most extensive and best organized plants in the country.

County Judge Thomas F. Scully has announced that Dr. H. M. Adler of Boston, Mass., has consented to serve as medical advisor to the County Court for feeble-minded cases. Dr. Adler was sent to Chicago by the Rockefeller foundation to make a survey of Cook county's methods of handling its demented.

Bernard J. Conlon, who made a splendid record in the legislature as representative of the 29th Senatorial district, has been endorsed for alderman of the 21st ward by the regular 21st Ward Democratic organization. He will be nominated and elected.

Robert M. Chambers is an independent candidate for alderman in the 23rd ward.

Walter Steffens, the well-known athlete and former star of the University eleven, who is a successful practicing lawyer, is a strong candidate for the short term Republican

nomination for alderman of the Twenty-third Ward. Mr. Steffens has the vim, the vigor and the ability to serve the people well.

William B. Kluge, president of the Brazil Tire & Rubber Co., may well be proud of the record made by his Racine tires. Mr. Kluge always makes a success of everything he undertakes.

LA SALLE ST. GOSSIP

An advisory traffic board to consist of the traffic managers of the chambers of commerce in a number of the largest cities, to act with the railroads and the war department in the event of war, has been suggested in a telegram to President Wilson. C. O. Frisbie, president of the Cornell Wood Products Company, and formerly general traffic manager for Armour & Co., who makes the suggestion, has named Chicago as the logical meeting place for such a board in his message to the president.

Mr. Frisbie suggests that the president call upon leading traffic men of the country to meet in Chicago and formulate a broad general plan of transportation to facilitate the movement of government traffic and at the same time keep up the best possible service for ordinary business.

"I would respectfully suggest that the national traffic board be composed of men like the traffic managers of the chambers of commerce in the following cities: New York, Chicago, Jacksonville, Fla.; New Orleans, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles," said Mr. Frisbie in his telegram to President Wilson. "These men are picked experts of national standing without private or railroad connections."

In New York financial circles it is expected price regulations will follow in the event of war. It is said while this will naturally cut profits it also will hold down expenses to a certain extent and minimize tendencies toward excessive war taxes.

At the annual meeting of certificate holders of the Chicago City and Connecting Railways Company the same governing committee was re-elected.



JOHN E. OWENS, Strong Democratic Candidate for Mayor—Former County Judge.

WHO IS WHO NOW

CANTRILL, PLAIN FARMER

"I'm no lawyer, and I'm no orator, I'm just a plain farmer from Kentucky, but here's what I think."

In this wise James Campbell Cantrill, congressman from the Seventh district of Kentucky, began a speech that produced one of the most sensational climaxes that have been staged in congress for a long time.

Congressman Cantrill, long, lean, and lanky, is a Democratic member of the rules committee of the house. But, unlike the other Democratic members of that body, he did not vote for the majority report recommending that the "leak" on the president's note be indefinitely put out of the way.

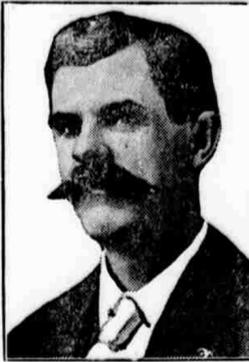
What he said was sufficient to disrupt the Democratic majority completely and to stampede the entire house into overthrowing the majority report of the committee.

It is true that Mr. Cantrill is no lawyer, but he was brought up in the atmosphere of the law. His father, James E. Cantrill, was the judge who sat in the trial of Caleb Powers. Most of his forefathers were lawyers.

He hails from the richest blue-grass section of Kentucky, and is a real farmer. Ten years ago he was one of the chief organizers of the tobacco growers of his state, and figured prominently in the exploits of the so-called "night riders."

Farmer Cantrill has a mind quick to grasp the essentials of any situation and a logic, however roughly spoken, that is usually invincible.

He is a fighter through and through, and doesn't know the first sensation of fear. He showed that when he defied the leaders of his party and forced them to accept his views.



EUGENE R. PIKE, City Comptroller of Chicago.

EAGLETS.

Albert H. Severinghaus, head of the big G. A. R. laundry, is very popular on the Northwest Side. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention last year and is frequently mentioned for high political honors.

Henry J. Kolze made a splendid County Commissioner. He would make a good city treasurer.

Judge John J. Rooney grows in popularity every day.

Hempstead Washburne, the popular former mayor, is active in many branches of public life.

Congressman McDermott, who retires from congress on March 4th, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for city clerk and is making a great fight for it.

Benjamin M. Mitchell, former representative, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for alderman of the Fourteenth Ward against George Maypole. Mr. Mitchell's friends are pointing to his labor record in the legislature and to the many good things he did for Chicago while in Springfield.

John Barnett of 856 Diversey Parkway is frequently talked of by Democrats for County Commissioner. Mr. Barnett, when in active business life, proved his ability and his popularity is attested by the thousands of friends he possesses.

Charles A. McCulloch, the popular manager of the Frank Parmelee Company, is frequently mentioned for mayor by Republicans of influence. There is no more popular man in the Republican party today than Mr. McCulloch. He is popular with the leaders and with the workers, and has the good will of everybody else. As treasurer of the Republican County Committee in the last campaign he did great work for the party.

Paul H. Davis of the big brokerage firm of Paul H. Davis & Company, 39 South LaSalle street, is one of the most popular men in the financial world. The house of which he is the head has the good wishes of everybody who has ever bought securities or made investments through it.

F. William Morf, with the big and well-known South Water street house of C. H. Weaver & Co., is one of the most popular men in the vegetable and fruit trade.

E. W. Wagner, the head of the great grain, provision, stock and cotton house of E. W. Wagner & Co., is a recognized authority in the financial world. The "Wagner letters," issued four or five times a week, contain newsy and valuable summaries and

comment on all markets. They are widely quoted by the financial press of the country.

William D. Munhall, whose reapointment as a master-in-chancery of the Circuit Court is announced, is one of the most highly respected lawyers of Chicago. He would make a splendid judge in the opinion of his many friends and his nomination for judge of the Superior Court next year would not only mean his election but would strengthen the bench.

L. B. Kilbourne, manager of the butter and egg department of the big South Water street house of C. H. Weaver & Co., is very popular with everybody in and out of the trade. He is one of the best posted men in the business.

John C. Richberg, the veteran and able lawyer, is always fighting for the advancement of his native city—Chicago.

Julius Oswald, the well known barber at 154 West Randolph street, is very popular with the city hall boys.

R. McDonald of Clinton and Adams streets is popular with printers, manufacturers and everybody else.

Rudolph E. Kurovski, vice president of the John C. Moninger Company, stands high in the business world like the great concern of which he is an officer. The John C. Moninger Company is the largest and best-known green house manufacturing plant in the country.

Edward J. Birk, the well known brewer, makes friends everywhere he goes and would make a great race for public office if he would allow his name to be used.

Adam Wolf is one of the most popular men in Chicago. You can't beat him.

Tanner & Conley, 72 West Washington street, have the finest and latest clothing for fall or winter.

Judge M. L. McKinley of the Superior Court is making a fine record.

The New Roma restaurant at 117 North Clark street is attracting attention by its fine bill of fare and its splendid cooking. Mr. I. Pellegrini, the well-known restaurateur, is the manager.

When you need envelopes phone Heco, Superior 7100. You can't fail to be satisfied.

Benjamin F. Richardson, the well known lawyer, has met with deserved success and has a host of friends.

William Cullen Burns is making a great success at the Bar.

WISCONSIN'S PRIZE GIRL



Wisconsin, one of the most progressive of the states, has come forward the last few years with more new ideas regarding government and agriculture than almost any other state. To be a prize winner in any of these lines in Wisconsin you have to get up in the morning and keep going all day.

The champion farmer girl of the state, so adjudged at the state fair, is Miss Helen M. Hatch of Lake Geneva, and the list of her accomplishments sounds like the list of accomplishments of that most desirable of mortals, a good housewife.

These are some of the things she had to do to win the championship: She had to make her own cap and apron; she had to name 20 different kinds of cloth; she had to put up one can of carrots and one can of peaches; she had to bake a loaf of bread; she had to make a tin of baking powder biscuit, the sort you used to eat at bedtime with honey when you went visiting with your mother. She had to prove she can darn and patch. She had to make garments for herself out of whole cloth and make them well.

Miss Hatch also won the prize as "Miss Agriculture" in the big parade at the fair, in which she wore a costume of alfalfa, trimmed with goldenrod.

MAN WITH PERFECT BRAIN

Thomas J. Abernethy, now half through his senior year at Harvard, has learned that he is mentally perfect.

The expert who tested his mentality and gave him 100 per cent was no less an authority than the late Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, who made the test last spring and announced the result only a few days before his death.

It surprised Thomas J. Abernethy, as much as it surprised anyone. The college records show that he has been only an average student. He says himself, "I have just about broken even on grades."

If Abernethy has not taken advantage of his natural endowments in college, he will start on the more serious phase of life aware of his extraordinary mental equipment, or aware at least that his mentality was labeled "A1" by one of the world's greatest psychologists. Abernethy specialized in romance languages, having had the idea originally that he might go into business in South America. He now plans to enter the canning business with his father in his home town, West Pembroke, Me.



LYAUTEY, MILITARY GENIUS



The new French minister of war is described by Stephen Latusanne, formerly editor of Le Matin, Paris, as follows: "As for General Lyautey, the new minister of war, in all France the premier could not have found another man so splendidly qualified to handle the big problems of the war office. He is a genius at organization, and I do not think I exaggerate when I say he is perhaps the greatest organizer that the French army has ever known. For the last five years, General Lyautey has been governor of Morocco, and in these five years he brought the Moroccans from a state approaching savagery to quasi-civilization. He is a great master of efficiency, and combines all the qualities of a great general with those of a great business man."

"General Lyautey is a native of Lorraine. He had a little home not far from Nancy, and when the Germans made one of their raids upon that city in the early days of the war General Lyautey's home was among the first to be looted and subsequently destroyed. He is between sixty and sixty-five years of age and is a member of the Academy and the one member who has yet to make his presentation speech to his colleagues.

SCRAPS

North Carolina has three negro normal schools. Factories rarely pay \$140,943,000 in wages in California. England's paper box trade employs 30,000 workers. Bacteria are killed by a pressure of 3,000 atmospheres. The Hell Gate bridge, now nearing completion, cost \$20,000,000. A state-owned paper mill is being advocated in Minnesota.

A public auditorium seating 4,200 is to be built in Louisville. A California man made \$1,100 out of an acre of celery cabbage. Los Angeles county has the largest olive grove in the world. Mexico City is 7,315 feet above sea level. Its death rate has been high. A toy exhibition in France has attracted much artistic discussion. For hotels and similar places a new motor-driven machine will wash and sterilize 1,500 drinking glasses at a hour.

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