

# L. H. C. MAKES \$14,000,000 IN YEAR 1917

### Annual Report Shows Profit of 11 Per Cent of All Working Capital.

Chicago, May 12.—According to official announcement, made recently, the annual report of the International Harvester company of New Jersey, shows net profits for 1917, after deducting taxes, interest, depreciations, extinguishments and reserves, of \$14,000,000, or 11 per cent on the actual working capital employed, which was \$125,000,000, including surplus retained and used in the business. Nearly half of these profits resulted from the operations of the company's steel properties, which shared in the abnormal prosperity of the steel industry. About 60 per cent of its steel output was sold in the general market.

Excluding steel the percentage of profit on the volume of sales and capital invested in the business was substantially the same as in former years.

"It is gratifying to note," the report says, "that the purchasing power of farm products has more than kept pace with the increase in prices enforced by war conditions upon the entire implement industry. This is reflected in the noticeable improvement in percentage of cash collected in the last two years. Of 1917 sales more than 90 per cent was collected in cash during the year."

Quite another picture, according to the official announcement, is presented by the report of the International Harvester Corporation, which purchases large quantities of farming implements from the New Jersey company and sells them in foreign countries. While the volume of 1917 sales shows an increase over the preceding year of about 23 per cent, due to larger production of farm tractors and motor trucks and to the higher prices for products enforced by increased manufacturing costs, war losses sustained in Russia and the countries dominated by the Central powers have exceeded the total 1917 earnings.

America's entrance into the war and the Russian collapse have compelled the company, the announcement says, to charge \$13,941,168, of which \$10,120,000 represents unquestionable losses in Russian funds

## FAMOUS CASINO IN PARIS TURNED INTO CLUB FOR YANKEE FIGHTERS



View of the Casino of Aix and grounds and (below) an American colored band giving a concert in the garden of the Casino.

Nothing is too good for the Sammies in France. Every United States soldier is a hero, and government and people vie in their efforts to make our boys feel at home.

The famous Casino of Aix in Paris has been turned over to the American expeditionary forces and has been converted into a clubhouse for the use of American soldiers on leave from the front. Here the boys forget their troubles and have a rare good time. There is always plenty of music and the boys put in their time reading American newspapers and magazines, playing games and swapping tales of their experiences in the front line trenches.

and \$316,825 in the value of equipment commandeered by Germany at the Croix works near Lille, France. These losses absorbed the whole of the corporation's 1917 earnings and caused a deficit of \$1,350,721 for the year."

Of the remaining loss, it is explained, \$2,556,175 represents an estimate of 50 per cent of receivables in Russia, Rumania, Belgium, Serbia and

enemy countries; \$948,168 represents inventory goods, materials and other property commandeered by Germany at the French works.

Both companies report three wage increases of approximately 10 per cent each, making a total increase in average hourly earnings at the domestic works since Jan. 1, 1915, of 75 per cent.

The New Jersey company, according to the announcement, bought and holds as assets, \$9,000,000 of the First and Second Liberty loans of 1917. Through the two companies, and largely by their aid, employees made \$9,400 subscriptions to these loans, aggregating \$2,250,000. It is further announced that employees' subscriptions to the Third Liberty loan probably will exceed the figures for the first two.

Employees of the two companies in the United States and Canada are in army or navy service to the number of 2,230.

"Positions will be open to them on their return," says the report, "and the companies are keeping in close touch with them during the period of their service."

### PIPE AND SUPPLIES ASSOCIATION OPENS MEET IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio, May 12.—One thousand delegates were in attendance at the opening session here today of a two-day convention of the National Pipe and Supplies Association. James W. Watson, U. S. Senator from Indiana, was announced as the principal speaker at today's meeting.

Dr. J. T. Holdsworth, dean of four national "war conventions" to be held here this week to consider problems of supplying pipe, machinery, tools and supplies for winning the war.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday approximately two thousand delegates representing the National Supply and Machinery Dealers' association, the Southern Supply & Machinery Dealers' association, and the American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers' association will meet in a joint convention to consider ways of keeping the supply and machinery industry at the highest possible efficiency as a means of carrying on the war to a successful conclusion.

"No industry has a greater responsibility at this time than the machinery men," said H. W. Strong of Cleveland, president of the National Supply and Machinery Dealers' association today. "We must have men but behind the men must be ships and munitions, and behind the ships and munitions must be machinery and more machinery. The American machinery and mill supply industry is ready to 'carry on' to a 'knockout.'"

### NEW AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION PROPOSED IN S. D.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 12.—A number of important proposed amendments to the state constitution, including one for woman suffrage, will be submitted to the voters of South Dakota in the general elections next November. The woman suffrage amendment, which has failed of passage at the polls several times heretofore, will be before the voters in a new dress.

At the March special session of the legislature, which was called to enact emergency "war" legislation, the suffrage amendment as passed by the 1917 legislature, was amended to prohibit the voting of aliens in the state. Heretofore aliens who had obtained only their first naturalization papers, were given the ballot.

As the amendment will be submitted to the voters it now embodies the project of woman suffrage and also the alien voting clause. Woman suffrage supporters confidently predict victory for the amendment as every vote cast to prohibit aliens from voting will be recorded for woman suffrage. "Some anti-suffragists have asserted that the amendment will be found to be unconstitutional as it embodies two separate issues."

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Other amendments to be voted on provide for: State ownership and operation of plants for the development of power upon open streams and coal mines on land owned by the state.

State insurance against loss or damage to crops by hail.

State ownership and operation of grain elevators and warehouses, flouring mills and packing houses.

State ownership and operation of cement plants.

Authority for the state to engage in coal mining and the distribution and sale of coal.

Increasing the salaries of state officers to give the governor \$8,000; Judges of the Supreme Court \$4,500;

the attorney general and judges of the circuit court \$3,000 each.

A "rural credits" amendment would permit the state and counties to loan money and extend credit to the people of the state upon real estate security.

### HERE IS HUN LAW GOVERNING REMITTANCES TO CAPTIVES

Washington, May 12.—The war department issued a statement giving facts regarding the remittance of money to interned civilians and military prisoners of war in Germany. It shows that the American minister at Berne, Switzerland, has notified the state department that the Spanish ambassador at Berlin, who represents American diplomatic interests in the German capital, has been notified by the German war department that there are "no restrictions in regard to the remittance of money for civilian and military prisoners," and that the money is placed to the credit of the prisoner to be spent under certain stipulations.

The announcement, which advises those who have money to send to interned civilians and prisoners of war in Germany to remit it through the bureau of prisoners' relief of the American Red Cross, gives the following limitations imposed by Germany:

Sixty marks (15) weekly may be spent by officers and others of similar rank; 50 marks (\$12.50) by non-commissioned officers and men.

Sixty marks weekly for civilians of better social positions; 50 marks weekly for others.

## MANY MUSICIANS OUT OF WORK

### Closing of Chicago's Cabarets Cause for Releasing Many Players.

Chicago, May 12.—Chicago's 400 cabarets passed out of existence last week when the city's anti-cabaret ordinance went into effect. The jazz bands are hushed and the singers silent. The cabaret which had developed into a conspicuous feature of the city's night life is dead.

As a result of the enforcement of the new law several thousand of expert saxophone players, trick drummers, piano players and other musicians are out of work and hundreds of singers are idle.

Hotels, cafes and restaurants in the downtown district which in the past depended largely on the lure of cabaret entertainment to draw patronage were comparatively deserted. The owners of cabarets obliged to close their doors accepted the situation philosophically and viewed the future with doubt and uncertainty.

Persons who wanted to dance were compelled to patronize temperance dance halls.

The new law prohibits singing, dancing and other forms of cabaret entertainment in any building where liquor is sold. Hotels, restaurants and saloons may have music for the entertainment of their guests by taking out an amusement license and paying a fee of \$300 a year.

Strangely enough the brewers are chiefly responsible for the stamping out of the alleged cabaret evil in Chicago.

Church organizations and other reform bodies have been fighting for several years to close the cabarets but without success. Several months ago the brewers, to the surprise of the reform element, took a hand in the fight by arraying themselves against the cabaret.

They argued that the cabaret was a detriment to the decent saloon and was rapidly crystallizing public sentiment in favor of a saloonless city. Then after a series of hearings before an aldermanic committee, the city council passed the ordinance.

At one large hotel where ice skating and dancing marked the entertainment, the proprietor abolished the elaborate show and installed an orchestra. Another hotel which levied a "plate charge" on patrons for the entertainment provided, will retain the amusement features and eliminate the sale of liquor.

The owner of one of the largest cabarets in the city threatens to bring a suit to test the validity of the ordinance. A majority of the owners, however when compelled to choose between liquor and entertainment, promptly decided to cut out the amusements.

### German Prisoners Say Von Hindenburg Is Dead; Taken As Excuse For Defeat

London, May 12.—All German prisoners captured in France say that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is dead, letters from British officers on the western front report, according to the Daily Express. At the same time the name of General Von Mackensen is brought into prominence as that of a great man who is to bring the Germans victory.

AIR OVER NATION'S CAPITAL HUMS DAILY WITH PLANES  
Washington, May 12.—Exhibitions of flying by some of the best flyers of the allied nations have become a commonplace every-day affair in Wash-

ington. Today there are housed in a great steel hangar in Potomac Park almost a dozen airplanes—French, British, Italian and American. Within a few days there will be added several other planes which have just arrived in this country, including a fighting monoplane which has seen service over the French front and which will be piloted by Lieutenant Constant Soulier, France's 19-year-old ace.

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