

WORLD FINANCIAL SUPREMACY FOR UNITED STATES AFTER THE WAR

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—America's ascendancy to financial supremacy in the world in the brief space of three years gives every promise of continuing after peace comes, according to the annual report of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

It is probable that the demand by European countries, the report says, especially Russia, France and Belgium, for building material, machinery, railway equipment and other construction and reconstruction material will be larger than during the war. Much of our new business in South and Central America, Australia and the Far East, as well as in Africa, is expected to be permanent, especially in view of our increased purchases of raw materials and foodstuffs from these countries.

Since 1914 the flow of gold has been steadily toward the United States in payment for this country's goods, until one-third of the world's visible supply of gold is held here. Net imports of gold have amounted in three years to \$1,115,000,000 and in addition millions of dollars' worth of American securities held abroad have been returned here in exchange for merchandise. Millions also have been invested in foreign securities and government loans and the United States has made loans to the allied governments amounting to \$2,250,000,000 to the close of the fiscal year 1917.

Three years ago the suggestion that the United States would soon be a creditor nation received scant respect either here or abroad," the report says. "Now speculation is turning on our future rank among creditor nations."

The fiscal year 1917 was the nation's greatest year in foreign trade, due almost entirely to higher prices and not to larger quantities.

"That higher prices are not confined to the United States, but are general throughout the world is proved by the increases in the prices of imported articles," says the report.

Exports in 1917 were valued at the unprecedented sum of \$6,294,000,000 and imports were \$2,969,000,000. The exports showed an interesting feature in the growth in sales of completed manufactures, \$2,944,000,000. The tendency to increase imports of raw materials and decrease purchases of finished manufactures made a striking contrast on the other side of the ledger.

"There has been a pronounced tendency," says the report, "to buy direct from the original source of supply instead of through middlemen as heretofore."

Most of the exports went to Europe, consisting in the main of army supplies and foodstuffs, but tremendous increases were made in commerce with Latin-America, the Far East and remote parts of the world which formerly were customers of European countries. It is this new trade which the bureau is organizing to aid American manufacturers to retail after the war, and which Bureau S. Cutler, chief of the bureau, says can be done despite the United States becoming a belligerent, adding:

"It is confidently expected that our trade with South America and Australia will not be so seriously interfered with and that we may reap in the future the benefits of having cultivated those markets so assiduously and intelligently during the past few years."

Exports to North American countries increased from \$529,000,000 in 1914 to \$1,164,000,000 in 1917, a gain of 120 per cent. Shipments to South

America more than doubled, raising from \$125,000,000 to \$260,000,000. Exports to Asia increased more than three fold, from \$113,000,000 to \$380,000,000. Sales to Oceania rose from \$84,000,000 to \$111,000,000 and to Africa from \$28,000,000 to \$53,000,000.

An interesting fact recorded in the report is that war has not stimulated exports of raw materials, which are needed at home and which it is difficult to ship, owing to the war, although exports of cotton showed a recovery to \$543,000,000 after the depression in the market during the first two years of the war.

For the first time in the history of the United States, Europe took second place in selling goods to the United States. Imports of \$766,000,000 from North America during the fiscal year 1917 were greater by \$158,000,000 than the imports from Europe. The increase in purchases from North American countries was due largely to the greater value of

sugar purchased from Cuba. Imports from South America and Asia showed a gain of 100 per cent over 1914.

In order to retain the advantages gained by aggressive business methods and honest dealings, the bureau is engaged in efforts to furnish reliable data on all commercial subjects and also to aid American commercial activity in every foreign field. The corps of special agents employed to investigate specialized lines in various countries has been doubled and now numbers 26. Their activities have extended into South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and Oriental countries. Much information has been gathered and assorted by the bureau for the benefit of American manufacturers. A separate division for handling Far Eastern affairs has been organized, to promote commerce with nations there as the Latin-American division has stimulated trade with American republics.

S. F. VOTES ON FICKERT RECALL

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Recall of Charles M. Fickert, district attorney of San Francisco county, was sought in an election held here today.

Official aspects of the event were swallowed up in nation-wide controversy over Fickert's activities in obtaining the indictment and trial of persons accused of murder in connection with a bomb explosion which killed ten persons here July 22, 1916, in a preparedness parade. Fickert's friends took the position that his recall was sought because of these cases, which resulted in one sentence to death, one of life imprisonment and two acquittals, with one case not yet adjudicated. His opponents asserted that his activities against the defendants were not warranted by facts or evidence, and accuse him of "persecution." Magazines throughout the country, and some men in public life, took sides as to the propriety of these prosecutions.

Fickert's opponents today were Charles A. Sweigert, who ran second in the last election for district attorney, and Frank P. Haynes. Sweigert was a member of the police commission just after the fire of 1906. Haynes took an active part in politics here some years ago.

The specific charges against Fickert, as contained in the recall petitions, were that "he has failed to appreciate the duties and responsibilities of his office, and has been guilty of violating the standard of conduct demanded of him by the supreme court of California," and that "he is not conducting the office of district attorney in the interest of justice, and to the satisfaction of the people of the county of San Francisco."

Several persons were indicted by the grand jury on charges of per-

jury in connection with the signing of the recall petitions. They were later released.

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LEADERS PLEASED BY RESPONSE WEST TO CALL OF THE RED CROSS

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Marshal Hale, manager of the Pacific division, American Red Cross, and W. L. Hathaway, chairman of the Christmas membership drive in this division, are pleased with the work that is being done in this division and believe that the final days will bring the quota of 467,000 new members required. From every locality in Arizona, Nevada and California come reports of enthusiasm for the work.

In a message from Henry P. Davison, chairman of the national war council of the Red Cross, a special appeal has been made to the college men, in which Davison says: "The Red Cross is the army behind the army and the navy behind the navy." Davison points to the fact that the colleges and the universities have sent out thousands of the best fitted men physically and mentally, but that many who have been compelled to stay at home must realize that their work is just as important by aiding the Red Cross at home.

Speakers are carrying the Red Cross message to all parts of the division. The four-minute men, through William McCormick Blair, national director of the organization, are enlisted in every state and the Lyceum bureaus are providing their best speakers, who serve without pay, and may be called for.

Among those who have volunteered for service outside their district in the Pacific division are the following: Governor William D. Stephens, N. G. Poon Chew, Chinese orator and statesman with Redpath Lyceum bureau; L. D. Wishard, Lyceum bureau speaker; David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus of Stanford university; Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed college, Portland, Ore., who has just returned from France; Prof. Tully Knoles, University of Southern California; Bishop W. H. Moreland of Sacramento, Rev. F. W. Clappett, Charles C. Wilson, Lyceum lecturer; Fontaine Johnson of Sacramento, Robert J. Flynn, who has just returned from service in

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST SUES FOR \$12,150

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—What is said to be the first suit ever brought by a Christian Science practitioner for the recovery of money alleged to be due for services rendered was filed here yesterday against Clarence C. Gurger, a banker and promoter, by Miss Grace M. Trunkla. Miss Trunkla asks \$12,150 for "services and instructions" alleged to have been given between April 1 and October 1, this year.

In her complaint, Miss Trunkla alleged that Gurger sought her assist-

ance and instruction in Christian Science "to lead him to a deeper understanding of its principles, so that he might not only be healed, but in order that his greater business success in life might be promoted by like aid."

TURKS FRIENDLY TO AMERICA IS CLAIM

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, has made public a letter which he wrote to Senator Lodge, senior member of the foreign relations committee, on the occasion of the senator's recent speech in favor of a declaration of war on Turkey and Bulgaria. Speaking with the authority of many years' residence in Turkey, Dr. Barton set forth reasons against such action by the United States.

He declares that both Turkey and Bulgaria are under the military rule of Germany and unable to throw off that rule and that there has been an almost universal protest among the Mohammedans of Turkey against the alliance of Turkey with Germany and an absolutely universal protest against such an alliance by the non-Moslems. He says recent reports make it clear the Turkish officials are increasingly friendly toward the United States.

He declares if the United States should declare war on Turkey German officials probably would seize large plants of ammunition, colleges and institutions and put them to military uses, materially increasing their military equipment.

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(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Brig. Gen. John A. Johnstone today approved court martial sentences for violation of the draft law of twenty years each imposed on John T. Dunn and Adolph I. Yanger of Providence and of fifteen years on Fritz Stepanovich of Boston. They were sent at once to the federal prison in Atlanta, Ga. The Providence men were found guilty of refusing to register and the Boston man of failing to report for examination.

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