APPARENT OVER-CAPITALIZATION MEREL INTELLIGENTLY ANTICIPATED GROWTH

Charge of "Watered" Stocks so Constantly Made Against the Financial Centre of the United States and the Reservoir of That Country's Capital is the Merest Question --- Begging --- Capitalization of American Railroads Should be Doubled

Wall Street are in the exact preponderance to the cipal credit market of the country. rogues that they are in other parts of the country. You, as bankers, know what the late J. P. Morgan meant when he said he would lend on character in



SIR FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR. General Manager of the Bank of Montreal.

You, of all men, will recognize how high standards must be, how stringently they must be enforced.

e enforced.
You will have noticed in any newspaper that the dation. As you know, rediscounting has never been customary in this country. Banks discount personal as a newspaper editor, I can imagine that the student of history three hundred years hence will suppose that the present day-to-day condition of affairs for the United States, as of the year of grace 1915, was made up, for the most part, of outrages by "gunmen" in New York, lynching of colored people in the men in New York, lynching of colored people in the men in New York, lynching of colored people in the men in New York, lynching of colored people in the men who down few there are of the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that charity begins at home. But we are quite certain that reform begins there, and that it spreads outwards. It can never start from the top. Here again, the politicians have placed you in a false position, and wall Street isself should call the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that charity begins at home. But we are quite certain that reform begins there, and that it spreads outwards. Remember that Wall Street does not lend its own money. There are many banks there richer but not of it. There are many banks there richer of the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. No one is altogether sure that the evils from which men suffer which could be cured by statute. The evils for its remarks of corporations honestly managed with the fullest publicity, and that Wall Street itself should call the evils from wh criminal gets an amount of advertising out of all proing of railroads by dishonest financiers, and the enactment of futile and improperly influenced legislation by the politicians.

We know that this is not true. We know indeed that a society only five per cent. as corrupt as this would imply would fall to pieces of its own rotten-The reason for this false notoriety, perhaps is that the good citizen does not "get into the pa-pers." Those of you who are lawyers must know that in establishing character, in legal proceedings that is the best character which is least talked

Some Unattractive Sub-Headings.

Any newspaper sub-editor can make an attractive Virtue, in fact, is not news. In Wall Street we somefimes hear stories of the South, stories which should South America without paying London a commission reconstruction period. But we do not hear, with national discount market, and the South must in new, clean South which is standing on its own legs, tablishment. developing its own resources, attending to its own



neral Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada.

At the recent annual convention of the same year, were chosen to show the condition as believe Bankers' Association, held for once outside the borders of that State at Cape May, N.J., Mr. William of the end of the half-year. This makes four out of many years Jay Gould and Drew and Fisk have been of to your own disadvantage. When this is said of ders of that State at Cape May, N.J., Mr. William of the end of the half-year. This makes four out of Peter Hamilton, the editor of the Wall Street Journal, undertook to correct some misapprehensions regarding that section of the financial realm which, after a few introductory remarks, he did in the following terms:

This, of course, nullifies New York bank clearings by the respect to the half-year. This makes four out of dead.) The New Hayen system itself is capitalized yourselves, and it is an indisputable truth, do you need anything more to assure you that in everything discussed Rock Island, taking not only the railway, but the capitalization of the holding company to assure and it is an indisputable truth, do you need anything more to assure you that in everything that is best, most useful, efficient, clean and honorable, as anyone respects his honor and worships his Introductory remarks, he did in the following terms:

Perhaps it would be better to define "Wall Street," that day, including the shares and bond transactions which were obsoleted and forgotten twenty years ago. It has never been and forgotten twenty years ago. It has never been sufficiently understood anywhere that the honest men sufficiently understood anywhere that the sufficiently understood anywhere that the honest men sufficiently understood anywhere that the honest men sufficiently understood anywhere that the sufficient sufficiently understood anyw

Buying and Selling Credit.

with its metropolitan situation, from becoming the talization could be doubled to-morrow morning. greatest reservoir of credit. And the most pro-gressive feature, the most creative, of the Federal this series of shocking examples, so called there is not Reserve Act, is the opening of a new reservoir of one which equals the average capitalization per mile credit such as this country never knew before. Many years ago it was impressed upon me in London, how a highly capitalized of the five roads here instanced personal check was endorsed and re-endorsed, and shows less than one-third of the average capitalization passed from hand to hand, until it was covered with of the railroads of Great Britain, and their capital has passed from hand to hand, that it was covered with a signatures. Even a tail-piece was pasted upon it, the ascertained value which the market on the Stock and covered with re-endorsements, before that check Exchange treats as residue, irrespective of what the was deposited for collection at the bank upon which Interstate Commerce Commission chooses to leave. it was drawn

bill, as distinguished from commercial paper. But any country in the world, while we are demanding the Federal Reserve system shows you how you can of them service such as, taking it all through, no use, as they do in London, the power to rediscount other country gets, when the enormous distances we ommercial paper, so that you have a supplementary traverse are considered. circulating medium and an enormous reservoir of credit which really requires a reserve, not of gold,

eral Reserve Act removes this disability. It encourages you to do what the great central London discount market does to its great advantage and procount market does to its great advantage and profit. It shows you how you can rediscount your papaper all the time. The truly commercial bank, the
bank which is not tying itself up in financial promotions, or those personal loans such as the country

will do great things for this country. But there are
promises made by the politicians which it can never
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merchant, banker, storekeeper or farmer, against his
thrifty investors their savings, and unite them into
and at a reasonable price. The advantage we
most noticeable, and should be most marked us
most noticeable and the sudden
memergencies which one of the world's greatest finantravel no farther than from the Iron Range of the world's greatest fina which are emphatically not quick assets, may b fairly said to have its reservoir of credit doubled.

Untouched Reservior of Credit.

This is a great gain anywhere, and notably in s active a commercial State as this. It is an untouched reservoir of credit which the bankers of Virginia should develop as quickly as any others. of a murder or a suicide. But suppose There is no better collateral than good commercial pahe headed a news story with something like "Young per. The bank portfolio full of it liquidates itself he headed a news story with something like "Young per. The bank portions full of it liquidates itself man at Norfolk is good to his mother," or "Startling from day to day. Wall Street has had not only the instance of virtue at Richmond, Va." people would not buy the paper, and I would hesitate to tell you tated for many years past the development of this what the proprietor of that journal would say to him. great national resource. If we are to have what is called "dollar" exchange; if we are to do business with have been dead and buried before the closing of the for bills drawn upon her, both ways, we must have a anything like the same frequency, of that wonderful, telligently co-operate with Wall Street in its es-

developing its own resources, attenuing to its business, and not depending upon the politician or the plausible financier.

has been both justly and unjustly criticized, one can make an appeal to you, as business men having to Before taking up a point upon which Wall Stree As an example of the kind of prejudice which Wall deal with all manner of citizens, finding no two of Street has to bear, it is fair to call your attention them alike, adjusting the methods of your business to two facts in connection with the banks of New to suit the daily emergency consistently with honor York. One is, or was, the districting of the Federal Reserve centers, which actually compelled towns like our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of lowing, and believing, that the Federal Reserve Act servants, your responsible trustees. Our regutation may have dama may h Reserve centers, which actually compelled towns like ferror control liberty, our ambitions, the glory of ferror country. But let us also take the positis at Philadelphia, and to do their Federal Reserve pushiness through what was to them, not the natural channel of trade provided in the act. This has been the question. The charge of "watered" stocks so control reserved against the financial center and reserved to us free our pushiness through what was to them, not the natural channel of trade provided in the act. This has been the question. The charge of "watered" stocks so control reserved to us free our pushiness through what was to them, not the natural channel of trade provided in the act. This has been the question. The charge of "watered" stocks so control reserved to us free our position to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of our devotion to liberty, our ambitions, the glory of virtually suburbs of New York, to keep useless devil facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the interchange of credit to a degree will facilitate the inte But another example of what prejudice might do begging. No doubt, there has been plenty of over-

the demagogue would fetter, by a free market, remorselessly shows him the value of his investment.

Washington can do nothing of the sort; and it is the possible to maintain a fictitious value.

Nationally Useful Functions.

preach at Henry Ward Beecher's old church on two Secretaries of the Treasury obsessed with the

It is charged that Wall Street waters the capital of enterprises which it floats. I have studied the capital to safety of deposit and quick access in case of necessing the capital of the point where it can secure the best return, subject to safety of deposit and quick access in case of necessing the capital of the point where it can secure the best return, subject to safety of deposit and quick access in case of necessing the capital of the point where it can secure the best return, subject to safety of deposit and quick access in case of necessing the capital of the point where it can secure the best return, subject to safety of deposit and quick access in case of necessing the capital of the point where it can secure the best return, subject to safety of deposit and quick access in case of necessing the capital of the enterprises which it floats. I have studied the capitalization of the railroads of the United States, and I now suggest for illustration here what might be called the five most shocking examples. These are the Alton, the Eric, the New Haven, the Rock Island, and the St. Louis & San Francisco. These are those to every banker here. It is none way true, as supply the state of the same transfer of the same tr and the St. Louis & San Francisco. These are those invariably quoted by the politician when he wants to people sometimes stupidly say, that you are not in make a case against what he calls watered capital. I business for your health. But we know you represent a higher ideal than that. You are the trustees of the people whom you serve. The man who comes ed or controlled roads, pledged or unpledged securi- to make a deposit with you, or to discount his paper ed or controlled roads, pledged or implement security; and or to secure your advice upon his investment, doe advances to affiliated or controlled companies, with not assume that you are going to make any mone investments of capital for property included in the out of him, although you may most legitimately do assets, is \$124,288 per mile. The next greatest crim-At the recent annual convention of the Pennsylvania can assume that June 30, 1915, and December 31 of the same year, were chosen to show the condition as Erie, with \$122,120 per mile. (Pray remember how also, that you will give him your best advice, even

Better Railway Service.

May one, without presumption, point out to you and its capitalization is less than that of the state-can prevent it, you shall not be robbed or deceived. It meant when he said he would lend on character in preference to collateral as security. You know what happens to the man who uses your credit once, and here represented is a reservoir of credit. The Federal Reserve Bank in Washington is theoretically the great central reservoir of credit, although I do not see any way by which you can prevent New York,

Remember also that our railroads are working on a You know that this check was virtually a finance lower freight rate and passenger rate than those of

credit which really requires a reserve, not of gold, supposes you to be so ignorant as to assume that this but only of credit, of good faith and fair dealing, which is what credit means, behind it.

Remember the distinction between personal notes or notes secured by warehouse receipts, and strictly every day of your lives. I am frankly taking advancommercial paper. The commercial paper repre- tage of the publicity which this convention affords to sents something which has already been marketed, bring this matter before a larger audience than this. sents something which has already been marketed.

Such a bill is therefore an anticipation of a return already assured, and not a mere promise to pay, offered in quite the same way, and surely it is high contingent upon future, and possibly uncertain, liqui
time we poured a little cold water upon the powder in the politician's sun.

Louis, beside which the steel plant is being new communities are springing up.

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SIR HERBERT HOLT. President of the Royal Bank of Canada.

But another example of what prejudice might do can be shown in the calls for the condition of National banks from and including March 4_c 1914. We can assume that March 4 in that year, and in 1915, were chosen to record the banking activities of the present Administration. May I go upon record as saying that they have been useful activities? We indefensible. But the stockholder is only a partner in the business. He may call his share worth \$100, he from the first of the office of Congressman will a desire for the office of the office Stocks find their level inevitably, and under the stringent rulings of the Stock Exchange it is im-

thing to him in the fewest possible words. Another mistake is to suppose that by a new bank-And here we can see where the South has a griev- more available at any time of the year for local speing system money hitherto lent in Wall Street become ance. It is not merely against Wall Street, but culation. That money is sent to Wall Street beance. It is not merely against wall Street, out culation. That money is sent to wall Street be-against the politician. He blackguards Wall Street, cause the country bankers cannot use it to advanto show you by inference how comparatively good tage in their own districts, and prefer to keep it to show you my interence now comparatively good tage in their own districts, and prefer to keep it you are. He reminds me of nothing so much as a where it shall be available for the needs of the harnotorious preacher, long dead, who being invited to vest or for the sowing of the crops. We have seen Brooklyn Heights, warned that highly respectable idea that if, weeks before the crop-moving requirecongregation against the wickedness of wife-beating, ments of the country became urgent, they could de-This is part of the politician's trade. He must make posit Government funds in the country banks, they a moral umbrella of somebody clse, in order to secure could confine the use of such funds to local needs, your votes. It is needless to say that he has utterly falled to see the character and usefulness of what he seeks to reform; to say nothing of the growing inter-relation between your section and mine, and every other section of the United States.

The last time this was attempted practically all the deposits so made were being used in New York on call within a fortnight, and quite properly so. No genius in physics can make water run up hill. And all the financial officers of the Administration, the Federal financial officers of the Administration, the Federal You will be patient with me in an effort to explain Reserve Board, and all the King's horses and all the further the nationally useful functions of Wall Street. King's men, cannot prevent money from flowing to

as a nation's trustee. Not only does it feel itself the annals of American commerce. bound to guide you rightly in your investments, but The industrial world, and not least the East, will Now, the worst instance here quoted is the Alton, and the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange at the United States. The Minness



SIR EDMUND WALKER. President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

believes the securities it has sold to you should be those sired by the Northwest, there is no shid w of do

wall street sympathizes with you because it is in exactly the same boat. The Federal Reserve law ginia, or of any other State. But they use their of the metal.

But not of it. There are many banks there richer for its transportation back again. Here was a near and more powerful than those of the State of Virginia, or of any other State. But they use their of the metal. great capital sums, far larger than the richest man most noticeable, and should be most marked in the world ever heard of could possibly supply, even spect of farm machinery. If the Northwest ca on the absurd supposition that all his wealth con- manufacture its own farm utensils sisted of liquid assets.

Cfean Wall Street, which, as we have already seen, it will thereby effect an immense saving s in the overwhelming majority, gathers these enormous aggregated resources of capital and turns them has so advanced that two successive years failure of to the issue of securities of new and old corporations. such as have so signally developed the resources of panic of the first class. The callroads are carrying Virginia and of the United States.

the exigencies of war, wish to do more business with us, instead of with the belligerent nations of Europe. All this makes for good banking. It means that even with the most important of them. Is it asking you are getting a sound, all-around growth. Wall much of you that, in return for the desire which Street understands this, is proud of it, admires it, and and help you more, you should give us also that trust you extend to any honest man with whom you are the South, and, indeed, as I need hardly say to any doing business, and hold up our hands in a service Southern banker, for the interest of the great country greater than any we have ever attempted before, and under whose flag we are proud to live. ne which can be performed by no one else?

Capital For Investment.

Harping Upon Grievances.

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The business of the farmer is not conducted at the first State in the Union, that one which has pro-



General Manager of Molsons' Bank

SECOND GARY ARISES ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Industrial World Cannot Overlook Giant Rival for Steel Business of United States

NEW CITY OF 50,000

Minnesota Steel Company Pouring \$20,000,000 Into Its New West Duluth Plant-Will Give Employ. ment to 10,000 Men.

St. Paul, Minn., June 30.—A second Gary—and some Corporation. The rapid evolution of this city of steel constitutes an industrial epic which will live long in

ere another twelvemonth is ended, it should front rank among the great steel-producing works of the world. By its extensive use of electrical pe by its lavish equipment of safety devices and adoption of noise-reducing paraphernalia Duluth steel plant will have no rival on the score

Modern Methods in City Building.

But the Minnesota Steel Company's works, while he centre, are only a part of the new city wh springing up in its environs. In the Middle Ages. was only necessary for the Roman Catholic Chur to erect an abbey or a church in a given spot, and a populous town immediately grew up aron day a steel plant is constructed in some impos place, and a whole city leaps into being about Already other great industrial corporations and ing new factories under the shadow of the mamm steel plant, and still others are planning to d

Nor is that all. The steel factory alone mately employ 10,000 men, and that means inhabitants without counting the part will flock to the locality to cater wants. The United States Steel Corpoing commodious homes for its offcerfortable dwellings for its laboring men. West in will be a model industrial town. Both on the sota side and on the Wisconsin side of the River S Louis, beside which the steel plant is being

will with the advent of the West Duluth steel plant,

Irginia and of the United States.

This is not merely a National, but an international the districts they serve grow upall manner of freight, becoming more diversified a undertaking. As you may well suppose, we shall have to face, not only in Washington, but in New to face, not only in Washington, but in New prosperity from any successful crop, for they not

It would be impertinent to imagine up suggest that

this address carries to you any authori If you are told that the railroads are under-capitalized, it can be said also that the enfire country needs

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est (no coupons), first payment Dec. 1st, 1915, computed from Dec. 1st, 1915. (This issue is nathestred by the Provincial Government.)

No. 2.—\$12,000 Local Improvements, sidewalks interest at 5%, payable in 20 equal consecutive annual payments of \$962.91 each, comprising principal and interest (no coupons). first payment Dec. 1st, 1914.

No. 3.—\$8,000 Local Improvements, Sewer, interest at 4½%, payable in 20 equal consecutive annual payments of \$614.40 each, comprising principal and interest (no coupons), first payment Dec. 1st, 1915, computed from Dec. 1st, 1914.

No. 4.—\$4,500, Technical School, interest at 55, payable in 20 equal consecutive annual payments of \$361,68, comprising principal and interest (no coupons).

 comprising principal and interest on con-first payment Dec. 1st. 1915, computed from st, 1914. \$361.08 (Nos. 2, 3, and 4 will be guaranteed by the

County of Simose.)
Successful tenders to pay at par in Collingwood and cost of forwarding Debentures.

Deb. debt of Dec. 31, 1914:

 Local Improvements
 \$101.436.22

 Water Works and Electric
 74.580.67

 All others
 339.561.83

ter than Tenders to be sent to undersigned not lally 14th, 1915. Certified Copies of By-Laws will be sent to successful tenderer.

A. D. KNIGHT. Town Treasurer.

MFRICA'S DUTPUT OF EX DECREASED 23,934

4. exclusive of export, according ad by Albert H. Fay, of the Units Mines, was 450,251,489 as compared with 500,015,845 I ort tons, for 1913. The productions of tons as follows: Black powder explosives other than permi 8.453,971 pounds, and permissible

The figures represent a decrease black powder, 23,932,573 pounds of and 1,987,952 pounds of permissible ex with 1913.

Mr. Fay says: "As explosives are e ssen the dangers attending th eau of Mines undertook the cor pation showing the total amour actured and used in the United port dealing with the year 1912. Th refore the third technical pape reau relating to the production and

In the year 1902 only 11,300 pounds esives were used in coal mining, he quantity so used was 21,804,285 p red with 19,593.892 pounds in 1914 permissible explosives used in the s larger than in a number of foreign it represented about 5 per cen ity of explosives produced, and The total amount of explosive reduction of coal in 1914 was 220 which about 8.9 per cent, was of ss, as compared with 9.5 per cent.

LONDON STOCKS GENERALI ondon, June 30 .- The stock markets Consols 65 1-16; War Loan

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COTTON ACREAGE DECREAS New York, June 30.-H. F. Bachman & Watkins Bureau report shows their final ton acreage is 31,084,000 acres, a decr per cent.

The crop condition is estimated 79.4 inst 77.1 last year. On average crop days to two weeks late. Indicated crop

N. Y. COFFEE STEADY. New York, June 30.—Coffee market

N. Y. COTTON STEADY.

SPICE MARKET QUIET. New York, June 30.— The market for spi s generally steady.

SPOT WHEAT UNCHANGED. June 30.—Spot wheat

THE HOP MARKET

New York, June 30.—Renewed activity is California, where three lots of 1914 Sa hope aggregating about 700 bales have it at from 81/2 cents to 9 cents growers for English account, As to 1915's on contract, a good, stead,

he following are the duotations between advance is usually required between de States, 1914 Prime to choice 11 to 13; m

1913-Nominal. Old, olds 5 to 6, Sermans, 1914-32 to 33.

Pacifics, 1914—Prime to choice 12 to 13; prime 11 to 12. 1913-8 to 10. Old, olds 6 to 7. ohemian, 1914—33 to 35.



