

BANKING POWER STILL SOARING

Reached Enormous Total of Twenty-two Billions in the United States During the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Business in general, as reflected in the condition of the banks of the United States, was shared in the country's prosperity, according to Lawrence G. Murray, in his annual report made public today. The banking power of the nation, represented by capital, surplus profits, deposits and circulation, reached during the year the enormous total of \$22,445,707,000, a high record, showing an increase of 5.63 per cent. over 1911 and 25.8 per cent. over 1908. Since 1900 the banking power has increased 111 per cent. or more than doubled. During the last twelve years the number of banks has increased by over 107 per cent., and their volume of business as indicated by deposits shows an increase of over 127 per cent.

Less than 70 per cent. of the total amount of national bank notes which the national banks might circulate under the law has been issued. Based upon the September report, the banks might increase their circulation by \$321,927,000, Mr. Murray says.

The national banks held over 50 per cent. of the bonded debt of the United States in the way of security for circulation and public deposits and as investments. During the fiscal year 1912 the national banks paid dividends aggregating \$19,800,872, or 11.66 per cent. on capital and 6.93 per cent. on capital and surplus combined.

Eighth Balloon Race Participant Dead

Walter Mumm is Latest Victim, Whose Portrait Was Among Those in "Death Film."

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—The shooting of Walter Mumm in Paris, France, marks the eighth tragedy occurring around airmen who participated in 1910 in the aviation and balloon meet held in St. Louis. A motion picture was at that time taken of the prominent airmen at the meet. Mumm was in the picture, as were seven other balloonists and aviators who have since been killed. Col. Theodore Roosevelt also occupied a prominent place in the film, which has been termed "the death film."

Mumm was aid to Alfred Le Blanc in the international balloon race which started in St. Louis in November two years ago. Le Blanc and Mumm, in the late de France, the French entry in the event, landed in Pigamising, Ontario, 725 miles from the starting point after being in the air 27 hours.

Those who have been killed and who were present at the 1910 aeroplane meet and the international balloon race in St. Louis, are Ralph Johnston, "Tony" von Phul, Jacques Faure, A. L. Welsh, Arch Hoxsey, Lieut. Hans Gerike and Col. Theodore Schack.

French Finances Now on War Basis

Financiers Issue Bank Notes as Precautionary Measures to Prevent Trouble Should War Be Declared.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Large quantities of five franc (\$1) bank notes, for use in a possible war emergency, are now being printed by the Bank of France, which is a national institution. Should the eventuality arise the only thing necessary will be to number them and issue them, at once to the public.

The prevailing opinion among financiers in France is that a general war is unlikely and that the disposition made by the Bank of France is merely precautionary.

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New Jap Cabinet.

TOKIO, Dec. 14.—Prince Tarō Kato, who is confidently believed to undertake the task of forming a new Japanese cabinet to take the place of the Marquis Saionji's ministry, which recently resigned.

The crisis arose owing to the resignation of Lieut.-General Uyehara, a pillar for war, on account of the refusal of the other ministers to support his demand for an increase of the Japanese army.

Bourgeois Not For President.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Leon Bourgeois, a former premier and the minister of labor in the present French cabinet, has told his friends definitely that the state of his health forbids him entertaining any idea of standing as a candidate for the presidency of France at the coming election of a successor to President Fallières.

Radicals From Midcoast.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—By a new agreement between the Canadian Marconi Co. and the Newfoundland Government it will be possible to receive radiograms at Cape Race direct from vessels when half way across the Atlantic, as an enlargement of the station there will be carried out.

Louisa Street School Old Boys. A meeting of the old boys and girls of Louisa Street School will be held on Monday night at 8 o'clock in St. George's Hall, Elm street, for election of officers and other business.

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Ladies' Box Calf or Gunmetal Shoes, all sizes, Monday 2.95
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Toronto Candidates For Civil Service

Names of Those Who Were Successful in Recent Examinations.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Canada Gazette this morning publishes the result of the recent civil service examination:
Miss Helen A. Grange of Nanawee is first in order of merit among the ladies

who took the examination for appointment to the inside service.

In the list of those who passed the examination for the qualification outside service are the following from Toronto: Fred Baird, Victor Elsey, Richard J. Hacon, Clarkson James, Ada F. Legge, John F. Lynch, Robert McAllister, Thomas McKennell, Norman Meadows, Carl L. Moyness, H. W. Wilson.

For the preliminary examination for the outside service the list includes many successful Toronto candidates, as follows: Benfield Adams, John C. Barrett, W. J. A. Bartlett, Fred W. Bauer, Leonard Bell, Robert Bell, Joseph T. Berry, Edward T. Burt, Wm. G. Clarke, Robt. Copeland, Jos. A.

Corbally, A. S. Davison, Lawrence Davis, H. V. Delivigne, Marcellus Dini, Henry C. Douce, Robert Ellis, Albert C. Paul, Edward D. Fallase, Leister Fizzell, George K. Ford, John Forgie, Christina Foster, Thomas Gill, Harold J. Glenn, Chas. Hamblin, Wm. J. Henderson, Clement Hinana, Leonard Howard, Thomas Hughes, Harold A. Hurst, Florence Ibbotson, Alfred Ironmonger, James Jennings, Wm. A. Lee, Arthur Low, Grigg Low, Wm. E. Lyons, James E. McCollum, John T. McCart, Alfred E. Blackey, Harry Blain, H. J. Blough, Samuel Bobby, Edward Britta, Herbert F. Brown, Murray A. Brunskill, Chas. A. McCullough, Roger A. McGill, Roy Marshall, Mark R. Mathews, Geo. D. Ma-

whiney, H. N. Meadows, Clarence Mitchell, Robt. C. Montgomery, John L. Mowat, F. K. Pearrell, Wilson W. Perkins, Howard Proctor, George R. Rae, John R. Reed, Fred Robertson, Wm. J. Rowe, Cecil B. Saunders, Wallace Seeley, Samuel Singer, John W. Singleton, Herbert Smelson, Bert A. Smith, Robert C. Smith, Saget R. Snider, Frank Stoler, Vernon Thompson, Wm. J. Thorpe, John W. Trotter, E. W. Watson, John A. Worthy, F. H. Wray, Thomas H. Price.

Britishers Home for Christmas. There was a great gathering of Britishers at the Union Depot Friday afternoon when the White Star Line special train over the Grand Trunk

pullled out at 1.30 p.m. for Portland to connect with the R.M.S. "Teutonic." A force of 500 g.v.m. troops has been detached there to suppress the disturbances. Only recently the rebels inflicted a severe defeat on a detachment of government troops.

Disorders in China. AMOY, China, Dec. 14.—Serious disorders have broken out again at

Hingwa to the north of this city in the Province of Fukien. A force of 500 g.v.m. troops has been detached there to suppress the disturbances. Only recently the rebels inflicted a severe defeat on a detachment of government troops.

Whitelaw Reid leaves. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The condition of Whitelaw Reid, the U.S. ambassador to Great Britain, is now favorable according to the bulletin issued by the doctors in attendance this morning. They declare that he passed a better night. While the bulletins show optimism, it is believed the ambassador still is in a very serious condition.