

"LABOR'S WAR,"
SAYS PRESIDENT GOMPERS

Washington, Jan. 1.—In a New Year's greeting to all organized labor Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, calls upon representatives and organizers to make plain to their fellows the issues involved in the war and the obligation that devolves upon all citizens. He also emphasizes the importance of seeing to it that the spirit and methods of democracy are maintained at home while the country is fighting to establish them in international relations.

"War means victory for our cause or danger to the very existence of our nation," said the address. "With our nation at stake, individuals can not interpose opposition to the war—a war declared by the will of the nation's representatives. Under the exigencies of war opposition to the war declared by constituted authority becomes treason.

"While this is true there is even more than ordinary need for the maintenance of the rights of men and women and for careful scrutiny and the fullest discussion of policies and methods before their adoption. The time for labor to interpose its needs and contentions is while policies are in the making.

"The fighting and the concrete issues of the war are so far removed from the people of our country that not all of our citizens have a full understanding of the issues involved. An understanding of the principles involved, an understanding of the automatic force which the central powers desire to substitute for the real principles of freedom, makes clear to all citizens of this republic the effect of our possible defeat upon their own lives and activities.

"In addition to the fundamental principles at issue, labor has an additional interest in the war. This war is in the last analysis a people's war—labor's war. The final outcome will be determined in the factories, the mills, the shops, the mines, the farms, the industries and the transportation agencies of the various countries. That group of countries which can most successfully organize its agencies of production and transportation, and which can furnish the most adequate and effective agencies with which to conduct the war, will win.

"The workers have a part in this war coequal with the soldiers and sailors on the ships and in the trenches.

"Continuous production is an indispensable prerequisite to production of necessary war supplies. The government, as well as the workers themselves, is vitally interested in maintaining such conditions that there shall be no occasion for interruption in production.

"The chief responsible agents of the government have shown a desire to be fair and an understanding of the human elements involved in this problem. The organized labor movement has also shown an equally broad understanding and grasp of the situation."

Mr. Gompers quotes at length from the declaration adopted by labor's representatives meeting here March 12 and from the resolutions of the Buffalo convention of the American Federation of Labor outlining the attitude of organized labor toward war work.

"THE LONESOME CHAP"

Louise Huff and House Peters will be seen at the Isis theatre on Friday and Saturday in the Pallas-Paramount production "The Lonesome Chap," a thrilling story by Emma Rochelle Williams prepared for the screen by Harvey Gates. The cast supporting the stars in this production includes such clever artists as Eugene Pallette, John Burton, Betty Jonson and Senor Buzzi.

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Located this 29th day of October, 1917.

Jessie Froi DeVeaux, Locator.
Lee J. Brawley, Agent.

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Located this 29th day of October, 1917.

J. E. Corlett, Locator.
Lee J. Brawley, Agent.

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1917

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year ..	\$ 802,319 09
Net Profits for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts ..	2,637,555 43
	\$ 3,439,874 52
This has been appropriated as follows:	
Dividends Nos. 120, 121, 122 and 123 at ten per cent. per annum ..	\$ 1,500,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June ..	150,000 00
do do do 1st December ..	150,000 00
War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November ..	150,000 00
Transferred to Pension Fund ..	85,000 00
Subscriptions:	
Canadian Patriotic Fund ..	\$50,000 00
British Red Cross Fund ..	7,500 00
British Sailors' Relief Fund (Canada) ..	5,000 00
Sundry subscriptions ..	10,300 00
	72,800 00
Balance carried forward ..	1,332,074 52
	\$ 3,439,874 52

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th NOVEMBER, 1917

LIABILITIES	
To THE PUBLIC—	
Notes of the Bank in circulation ..	\$ 23,995,244 68
Deposits not bearing interest ..	\$ 86,458,403 02
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date ..	189,967,251 39
	276,425,654 41
Balances due to other Banks in Canada ..	580,958 01
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada ..	7,295,110 40
Bills Payable ..	120,857 29
Acceptances under Letters of Credit ..	5,597,665 13
	\$ 314,015,489 92
To THE SHAREHOLDERS—	
Dividends Unpaid ..	2,668 20
Dividend No. 123 and bonus, payable 1st December ..	525,000 00
Capital Paid up ..	\$ 15,000,000 00
Rest Account ..	13,500,000 00
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account ..	1,332,074 52
	29,832,074 52
	\$ 344,375,232 64
ASSETS	
Gold and Silver Coin Current ..	\$ 22,697,336 96
Dominion Notes ..	21,954,910 25
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve ..	10,000,000 00
	\$ 54,652,247 21
Notes of other Banks ..	\$ 2,004,762 00
Cheques on other Banks ..	11,930,875 21
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada ..	8,496,103 99
	22,431,741 20
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value ..	27,596,420 22
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities ..	22,095,133 29
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value ..	6,192,461 60
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks ..	13,460,862 62
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding 30 days) elsewhere than in Canada ..	20,076,903 18
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund ..	831,173 35
	\$ 167,336,942 67
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) ..	149,822,028 44
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) ..	14,846,130 56
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra ..	5,597,665 13
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for) ..	237,796 39
Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank) ..	\$ 1,236,999 52
Less mortgage assumed ..	100,000 00
	1,136,999 52
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank ..	196,005 81
Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off ..	\$ 5,390,075 44
Less mortgage assumed on property purchased ..	300,000 00
	5,090,075 44
Other Assets not included in the foregoing ..	111,588 68
	\$ 344,375,232 64

B. E. WALKER
PRESIDENT

JOHN AIRD
GENERAL MANAGER

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce

In accordance with the provisions of subsections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers of the Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than, and in addition to, the verification at 30th November, 1917, and found that they were in agreement with the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C. A.
of Webb, Read, Hegan, Callingham & Co.,
AUDITORS

JAMES MARWICK, C. A.
of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co.