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JAMES LAURENCE LAUGHLIN

(1850 - 1933)

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Mr. Laughlin was the author of "The Federal Reserve Act, Its Origin and Problems," 1933 and many other books on economic and monetary matters. His papers contain material on the Federal Reserve System and banking reform.

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## Biographical Note

- 1850, Apr. 2 Born in Deerfield, Ohio; son of Harvey and Mary Mills Laughlin
- 1873 AB Harvard
- 1873-78 Taught in Hopkinson's Classical School, Boston
- 1875, Sept. Married Alice McGuffey
- 1876 AM and PHD Harvard
- 1878-83 Instructor in Political Economy, Harvard
- 1883-88 Assistant Professor Political Economy, Harvard
- 1888-90 President, Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Philadelphia
- 1890-92 Professor of Political Economy, Cornell
- 1892-1916 Professor and Head of Dept. of Political Economy, Univ. of Chicago
- 1892 Became editor of Journal of Political Economy
- 1894-95 Prepared for government of San Domingo a scheme of monetary reform, which was afterwards adopted.
- 1897 Member of Monetary Commission created by Indianapolis Monetary Conference.
- 1906 Lecturer in Berlin on invitation of Prussian Cultus Ministerium; Doctor, honoris causa, Univ. of Giessen.
- 1909 Delegate Pan-American Scientific Congress, Santiago.
- 1911 Chairman, Executive Committee National Citizens' League for Promotion of Sound Banking System.
- 1919 Member European Commission of National Industrial Conference Board.
- 1933, Nov. 28 Death

## Author of:

Anglo-Saxon Legal Procedure in Anglo-Saxon Laws. 1876

J. S. Mill's Principles of Political Economy (abridged). 1884

Study of Political Economy. 1885

History of Bimettallism in United States. 1886

Elements of Political Economy. 1887

Gold and Prices Since 1873. 1887

Facts About Money. 1895

Report of Monetary Commission. 1898

Principles of Money. 1903

Reciprocity. 1903

Industrial America. 1906

Aus dem Amerikanischen Wirtschaftsleben. 1907

Latter-Day Problems. 1909

Credit of the Nations. 1918

Money and Prices. 1919

Banking Progress. 1920

Money, Credit and Prices. 1931

The Federal Reserve Act, Its Origin and Problems. 1933.



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| 2-4               | Name and Subject File. c ] 3. 3 containers.<br>Letters sent and received and other papers. Alphabetically arranged by names of correspondents, or by subjects. c Dr. Laughlin's working groups of material have been retained for the present, so far as possible. When the papers are re-processed there will almost certainly be changes in this series. ] |
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