

No. 00000

\$ _____

Certificate of Original Contribution

Gold Fund contributed re cashing American Travelers' Credits held
by Tourists abroad, under Plan, dated August 4, 1914.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

HEREBY CERTIFIES, as Depository in City of New York, appointed under the Plan above mentioned, that it has received
from _____

as an Original Contributor \$ _____ to be disposed of and administered as part of the Gold Fund created by said Plan, subject solely to the directions of the Fund Committee provided for in said Plan, as such Committee may be constituted from time to time. The contributions of the Original Contributors may be reduced pro rata by additional contributions to the Gold Fund and the amounts of such reductions shall be payable from said additional contributions.

The Contribution represented hereby has been made and received, and this Certificate has been issued, under and subject to the terms and conditions of a said certain Plan, dated August 4, 1914, executed by all of the Original Contributors and filed by said Original Contributors with the undersigned, as Depository named in said Plan, on the 17th day of August, 1914. The holder hereof by acceptance of this Certificate agrees to all the terms and conditions of said Plan and that the Contribution represented hereby shall be administered and disposed of as in said Plan provided.

The interest represented by this Certificate is transferable, subject, however, to the consent of the Fund Committee, only on the books of the undersigned upon surrender hereof duly assigned by the registered holder, or by his attorney authorized thereunto in writing in exchange for a certificate of like tenor.

Dated, New York City, _____, _____, 1914.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Depository,

By _____

SPECIMEN

Assistant Secretary

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell, assign and transfer, subject, however, to the consent of the Fund Committee, mentioned in the within Certificate, all the right, title and interest of the undersigned represented by the within Certificate and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint

_____ Attorney,
to transfer the said Certificate and the interest represented thereby on the books of the within named Depository, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated _____ 19____.

In presence of:

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the Certificate, in every particular, without alteration or enlargement, any change whatever.

No. 00000

\$ _____

Certificate of Additional Contribution

Gold Fund contributed re cashing American Travelers' Credits held
by Tourists abroad, under Plan, dated August 4, 1914.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

HEREBY CERTIFIES, as Depository in City of New York, appointed under the Plan above mentioned, that it has received
from _____

as an Additional Contributor \$ _____ to be disposed of and administered as part of the Gold Fund created by said Plan, subject solely to the directions of the Fund Committee provided for in said Plan, as such Committee may be constituted from time to time. The contributions of the Original Contributors may be reduced pro rata by additional contributions to the Gold Fund and the amounts of such reductions shall be payable from said additional contributions.

The Contribution represented hereby has been made and received, and this Certificate has been issued, under and subject to the terms and conditions of a said certain Plan, dated August 4, 1914, executed by all of the Original Subscribers and filed by said Original Contributors with the undersigned, as Depository named in said Plan, on the 17th day of August, 1914. The holder hereof by acceptance of this Certificate agrees to all the terms and conditions of said Plan and that the Contribution represented hereby shall be administered and disposed of as in said Plan provided.

The interest represented by this Certificate is transferable, subject, however, to the consent of the Fund Committee, only on the books of the undersigned upon surrender hereof duly assigned by the registered holder, or by his attorney authorized thereunto in writing in exchange for a certificate of like tenor.

Dated, New York City, _____, _____, 1914.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Depository,

By _____

SPECIMEN

Assistant Secretary

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell, assign and transfer, subject, however, to the consent of the Fund Committee, mentioned in the within Certificate, all the right, title and interest of the undersigned represented by the within Certificate and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint

_____ Attorney,
to transfer the said Certificate and the interest represented thereby on the books of the within named Depository, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated _____ 19__.

In presence of:

NOTICE : The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the Certificate, in every particular, without alteration or enlargement, or any change whatever.

PLAN FOR GOLD FUND
[FOR USE IN CASHING
AMERICAN TRAVELERS' CREDITS
HELD BY TOURISTS ABROAD

Dated August 4, 1914

J. P. MORGAN & COMPANY
BROWN BROTHERS & COMPANY
KIDDER, PEABODY & COMPANY
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL CITY BANK
GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK
FARMERS LOAN & TRUST COMPANY
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

Original Contributors

Filed August 17, 1914, with

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, *Depositary*
16 WALL STREET
NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK CITY, August 4, 1914.

An emergency having arisen in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and on the Continent of Europe with respect to the cashing by tourists and others abroad of travelers' credits (letters of credit and travelers' cheques) held by them, and issued by American bankers, banks, trust companies, express companies and other American institutions,—all by reason of the unsettled conditions there prevailing, and it being desirable to formulate a Plan to meet such emergency as to travelers' credits issued by any American bankers, banks, trust companies, express companies and other American institutions by the creation of a Gold Fund therefor,—all with the purpose of relieving the distress of the holders of such American credits,—

Therefore,—

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company,
Messrs. Brown Brothers & Company,
Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Company,
First National Bank,
National Bank of Commerce,

National City Bank,
Guaranty Trust Company of New York,
Farmers Loan & Trust Company,
Bankers Trust Company,
American Express Company,

hereinafter referred to, and in the Plan hereto annexed referred to, as "Original Contributors", do hereby, as of August 4, 1914, formulate, adopt and file with Bankers Trust Company, as New York City Depository of the Gold Fund, therein created, as such Plan, the Plan hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit A."

J. P. MORGAN & Co.,
BROWN BROTHERS & Co.,
KIDDER, PEABODY & Co.,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
By CHARLES D. NORTON, Vice-President.

NATIONAL CITY BANK,
By JOHN E. GARDIN, Vice-President.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,
By J. S. ALEXANDER, President.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
By BENJ. STRONG, JR., President.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
By CHARLES H. SABIN, Vice-President.

FARMERS LOAN & TRUST COMPANY,
By C. R. AGNEW, Vice-President.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,
By G. C. TAYLOR, Vice-President.

Original Contributors.

"EXHIBIT A."

PLAN FOR GOLD FUND

FOR USE IN CASHING

AMERICAN TRAVELERS' CREDITS

HELD BY TOURISTS ABROAD.

FIRST: The Gold Fund (above mentioned and hereinafter called "Gold Fund") has been created, in the first instance, by contributions of the following ten bankers, banks, trust companies and express company:

J. P. Morgan & Company,
Brown Brothers & Company,
Kidder, Peabody & Company,
First National Bank,
National Bank of Commerce,

National City Bank,
Guaranty Trust Company of New York,
Farmers Loan & Trust Company,
Bankers Trust Company,
American Express Company,

who are hereinafter termed "Original Contributors."

SECOND: The Gold Fund (of an amount or amounts to be fixed from time to time in the discretion of the Fund Committee hereinafter mentioned), has been created to be administered and disposed of, as provided in this Plan, through payments made from the Gold Fund, in cashing Travelers' Credits (either Letters of Credit or Travelers' Cheques), issued by any American bankers, banks, trust companies, express companies or other American institutions in good standing and held by tourists abroad, there having difficulty in cashing, or being unable to cash, such travelers' credits in the usual course of business, by reason of business conditions in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and in Continental Europe being unsettled by the wars there now prevailing. All proper expenses, including interest and disbursements, incurred in, and incident to, effecting such purposes, shall be paid from the Gold Fund.

THIRD: All contributions to the Gold Fund shall be in gold and the initial contribution of each Original Contributor to the Gold Fund shall be five hundred eleven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$511,700.). Contributions to the Gold Fund from American bankers, banks, trust companies, express companies and other American institutions other than the Original Contributors, will be received and such other bankers, banks, trust companies, express companies and other institutions shall be known as "Additional Contributors." Any contribution made by an Additional Contributor shall be subject to the approval of the Fund Committee, hereinafter mentioned. All contributions to the Gold Fund shall constitute a single fund. Whenever an additional contribution shall be made to the Gold Fund, the then respective contributions of the Original Contributors shall be reduced in proportion to their then contributions, and the Original Contributors shall be reimbursed from such additional contributions in the amount of any such reduction.

FOURTH: The contributors may increase, from time to time, the respective amounts of their contributions. The Original Contributors' contributions shall not be reduced, as provided in Article hereof numbered "Third", to less than an aggregate of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.).

In the discretion of the Fund Committee, the Gold Fund may be reduced from time to

time and the decrease in the Gold Fund represented by any reduction (except reductions provided for in Article hereof numbered "Third"), shall be distributed among all the Contributors proportionately to their then respective contributions. Whenever reductions shall be made in the contribution of any Contributor, such Contributor shall, upon request, surrender to the Depository, duly assigned, his certificate of contribution hereinafter mentioned, and receive in exchange therefor the share of the reduction apportionable to such Contributor and a new certificate of contribution for the face amount of the contribution as so reduced.

FIFTH: The ten Original Contributors have appointed and constituted the following ten persons as the first members of the "Fund Committee":

Benj. Strong, Jr., Chairman,	George C. Taylor,
J. P. Morgan,	Charles D. Norton,
James Brown,	C. R. Agnew,
William L. Benedict,	James S. Alexander,
A. J. Hemphill,	John H. Gardin.

SIXTH: Each Contributor (Original or Additional) constitutes and appoints the Fund Committee, in respect of all transactions affecting the Gold Fund and the interest of each Contributor in the Gold Fund, its or their agent and attorney in fact, as though the Fund Committee were the sole owner of the Gold Fund and each contribution thereto, with plenary power and authority to act with respect to any matter or transaction affecting the Gold Fund, and the administration and disposition of it, and of any interest of any Contributor therein, with full power to employ and appoint, both at home and abroad, sub-committees, agents and sub-agents and attorneys, fiscal agents and depositaries, appointed, in the full discretion of the Fund Committee, to act on behalf of the Fund Committee, in and to whom, or any of them, the Fund Committee may delegate any and all matters and transactions relating to the Gold Fund and any dispositions thereof.

The expenses, including interest incident to, and disbursements of the Fund Committee in, the creation, administration and disposition of the Gold Fund are to be borne by the banks, bankers, trust companies, express companies and other institutions whose customers in Europe shall be accommodated or benefited by the Gold Fund, in the proportion which the amount of such accommodation or benefit received by such customers bears to the total amount of the Gold Fund so utilized, and this without reference to whether such persons or institutions collect the same from their customers or not.

All such amounts not so reimbursed shall be charged to and paid by the several Contributors in proportion to the face amount of the certificates of contribution respectively held by them when the accounting shall be finally had by the Fund Committee.

The Fund Committee shall have full power, in its discretion, to determine when no further contributions will be received for the Gold Fund, and to determine when the Gold Fund shall be terminated and further transactions in connection therewith cease. Upon any such termination, the Fund Committee shall file with the New York City depository of the Gold Fund a statement and an account of the Fund Committee's transactions and shall notify the registered holders of outstanding certificates of contribution of such filing, to surrender such certificates, duly assigned, and to receive in exchange therefor their respective *pro rata* share of any balance of the Gold Fund then to the credit thereof.

SEVENTH: The Fund Committee shall consist of at least six members, and not more than ten members. No one shall be a member of the Fund Committee who shall not be an executive officer or member of the firm of one of the Original Contributors. No Original Contributor shall have more than one representative on the Fund Committee. A member of the Fund Committee may resign, and any vacancy created in such manner, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Fund Committee by the election of a successor member nominated by the Original Contributor represented by the member in respect of whom such vacancy occurs. Upon the election of a successor member, as aforesaid, such successor member shall become forthwith vested with all the powers conferred upon the original members of the Fund Committee by this Plan. Should any Original Contributor at any time not be represented upon the Fund Committee, on application of such Original Contributor, the Fund Committee shall elect a representative of such Original Contributor nominated by that Contributor, to membership on the Fund Committee. A majority of the membership of the Fund Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The Fund Committee can act by majority vote or by writing signed by a majority of the Fund Committee as at any time constituted. The Fund Committee can adopt any organization which it may approve and may adopt its own rules of procedure. Any member of the Fund Committee may appoint and act through a proxy approved by the Fund Committee, provided such proxy and member are executive officers of the same institution, or members of the same firm, as the case may be.

EIGHTH: Bankers Trust Company, as one of the Original Contributors, has been appointed Fiscal Agent and Depositary in the City of New York of the Contributors for the purposes of the Gold Fund, and shall be subject to the orders and directions of the Fund Committee alone, and against the receipt by it as Depositary of contributions made by the Contributors, shall issue a certificate of contribution, or receipt, in form to be approved by the Fund Committee.

NINTH: Neither the Fund Committee, nor any number thereof, nor any of the Contributors, assume any liability, or make any undertaking, in respect of the receipt, transmission and disposition of the Gold Fund, or of the interest of any Contributor therein, or in respect of the return of the Gold Fund or any such interest to any other Contributor. The contributions made by the respective Contributors are made voluntarily and no undertaking is made by any Contributor or any member of the Fund Committee as to any of the contributions, except to act in good faith, and all action taken by the Fund Committee in good faith shall be subject to review by no one, and the Fund Committee, and none of them, shall incur any liability in respect thereof. No Contributor assumes any risk except the risk attaching to such Contributor's contribution.

The Contributors do not assume any partnership relation to one another and are not to be deemed partners for any purpose.

TENTH: This Plan may, from time to time, be amended by the Fund Committee in any detail of the administration and disposition of the Gold Fund, and with respect to the amount or amounts of such Fund, so long as the purpose of the Plan as set forth in the Article hereof numbered "Second" is not departed from in substance and effect.

ELEVENTH: A copy of this Plan and all amendments hereof shall be filed by the Original Contributors with Bankers Trust Company, Depositary in New York City of the Gold Fund, and

such Plan or any amendment hereof so filed shall be deemed the only and sole statement of the terms and conditions of the Plan upon which the Gold Fund has been created, and is to be contributed to, and by which the Gold Fund is to be administered, disposed of and determined.

TWELFTH: This Plan is dated as of August 4, 1914, and this Plan and all the terms and conditions hereof are deemed to have been in full force and effect from the first contribution by any Contributor to the Gold Fund.

Dated as of August 4, 1914.

J. P. MORGAN & Co.,
BROWN BROTHERS & Co.,
KIDDER, PEABODY & Co.,
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

By CHARLES D. NORTON, Vice-President.

NATIONAL CITY BANK,

By JOHN E. GARDIN, Vice-President.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,

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GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

By CHARLES H. SABIN, Vice-President.

FARMERS LOAN & TRUST COMPANY,

By C. R. AGNEW, Vice-President.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,

By G. C. TAYLOR, Vice-President.

The foregoing Plan filed with Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary therein mentioned, by the bankers, banks, trust companies and express company, therein mentioned as Original Contributors, as of the fourth day of August, 1914.

Dated, New York, August 17, 1914.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Depositary,

By F. N. B. CLOSE,

Vice-President.

ATTEST:

B. W. JONES,

Assistant Secretary.

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Interim Receipt

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

No. A _____ Gold Fund contributed re cashing American Travelers' Credits held by Tourists abroad. \$ _____
(Of which \$3,000,000 shipped August 6, 1914, by U. S. S. Tennessee.)

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

hereby certifies, as depositary in City of New York, appointed by the Ten Original Contributors of the Gold Fund, above mentioned, that it has received from _____ as an Original Contributor \$ _____ to be disposed of and administered as part of the Gold Fund, subject solely to the directions of the Fund Committee appointed by the Original Contributors, as such Committee may be constituted from time to time. The contributions of the Original Contributors may be reduced pro rata by additional contributions to the Gold Fund and the amounts of such reductions are payable from said additional contributions.

At the time of the issue of this certificate the Gold Fund has not been limited in amount, but such amount is subject to be fixed from time to time, in the discretion of said Committee. The Gold Fund (of which \$3,000,000 was shipped August 6, 1914, by U. S. S. "Tennessee") may be transferred through credits or otherwise as determined by the Fund Committee. All contributions together shall constitute a single Fund to be disposed of and administered solely by said Committee, which shall have plenary authority in the premises with respect to the Gold Fund and all expenses and charges in connection therewith. The expenses, interest, charges and disbursements incident to, and incurred in, the creation and disposition of the Gold Fund, (including such expenses, interest and disbursements in respect of cashing travelers' credits issued by noncontributors and by them not reimbursed), will be a charge against the Contributors, as provided in a Plan to be filed with the undersigned by said Original Contributors, and which shall govern the administration and disposition of the Gold Fund.

This is an Interim Receipt exchangeable for permanent certificate of Original Contribution, in form approved by said Committee, which when prepared shall be issued subject to said Plan with respect to the Gold Fund in exchange for this Certificate duly assigned in blank. The holder by acceptance hereof agrees to all the terms of this certificate.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Depositary,

By

Assistant Secretary.

Interim Receipt

CERTIFICATE OF ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

No. B _____ Gold Fund contributed re cashing American Travelers' Credits held by Tourists abroad. \$ _____
(Of which \$3,000,000 shipped August 6, 1914, by U. S. S. Tennessee.)

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

hereby certifies, as depositary in City of New York, appointed by the Ten Original Contributors of the Gold Fund, above mentioned, that it has received from _____ as an Additional Contributor \$ _____ to be disposed of and administered as part of the Gold Fund, subject solely to the directions of the Fund Committee appointed by the Original Contributors, as such Committee may be constituted from time to time. The contributions of the Original Contributors may be reduced pro rata by additional contributions to the Gold Fund and the amounts of such reductions are payable from said additional contributions.

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Depositary,

By

Assistant Secretary.

G O L D S Y N D I C A T E

O R I G I N A L P A R T I C I P A N T S

Bankers Trust Company	\$511,700.
Farmers Loan & Trust Company	511,700.
National Bank of Commerce	511,700.
J. P. Morgan & Company	511,700.
American Express Company	511,700. ✓
Guaranty Trust Company	511,700.
Brown Brothers & Company	511,700. ✓
Kidder, Peabody & Company	511,700. ✓
) Blair & Company	\$100,000.
First National Bank) 1st National, Chicago..	\$300,000.
) 1st National, Boston..	\$ 50,000.
) 1st National, New York..	<u>\$ 61,700.</u>
	511,700.
National City Bank	<u>511,700.</u>
	\$5,117,000.

GOLD SYNDICATE

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM SUB-PARTICIPANTS

<u>AUG. 6 -</u>	Corn Exchange Bank	\$200,000.
	International Banking Corporation.	50,000.
	Kountze Bros.	150,000.
	Hanover National Bank	100,000.
	Hallgarten & Co.	25,000.
	United States Mortgage & Trust Co	100,000.
	Columbia Trust Co.	25,000.
	Chemical National Bank	100,000.
	New York Produce Exchange Bank.	50,000.
	Equitable Trust Co.	100,000.
	Redmond & Co	5,000.
	Continental & Commercial Natl. Bank, Chicago.	100,000.
	Chase National Bank	25,000.
<u>AUG. 7 -</u>	Fourth St. National Bank, Philadelphia . . .	100,000.
	Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne	100,000.
	Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago . . .	25,000.
	Northern Trust Company, Chicago	100,000.
<u>AUG. 8 -</u>	Citizens Savings & Trust Company, Cleveland..	50,000.
	Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago	150,000.
AUG. 10 -	The Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland. . .	25,000.
<u>AUG. 11 -</u>	Alexander Brown & Sons, Baltimore	35,000.
<u>AUG. 12 -</u>	Irving National Bank,	25,000
	American Exchange National Bank	100,000

1,665,000

RE: GOLD FUND

Original Contributors \$5,117,000.
Draw from the additional contributors 883,000.
\$6,000,000.

Additional Contributors to Date \$1,665,000.
To make up balance above 883,000.
\$ 782,000.

Commitment of Original Contributors
Reduced 1/10th viz \$ 78,200.

Funds to be returned as follows:

Each of the Ten Original Contributors will be notified to surrender their certificate of contribution and they will receive \$78,200. and receive back a new permanent certificate for the balance. The seven original contributors who made up the gold will be requested to hand us a check for 1/7th of the total, viz. \$117,714.28, and will receive gold certificates therefor.

August 19th - \$78.200 returned to each Original Contributor.

PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION 200,000

AMERICAN TOURISTS RELIEF FUND NUMBER 1.

Bankers Trust Company	£ 14,450		\$72,972.50	
Farmers Loan & Trust Company	14,450		72,972.50	
National Bank of Commerce	14,450		72,972.50	
J. P. Morgan & Company	14,450		72,972.50	
American Express Company	14,450		72,972.50	
Guaranty Trust Company	14,450		72,972.50	
Kidder, Peabody & Company	14,450		72,972.50	
Brown Bros. & Company	14,450		72,972.50	
National City Bank	14,450		72,972.50	
First National Bank	<u>14,450</u>	£144,500.	<u>72,972.50</u>	\$729,725.

AMERICAN TOURISTS RELIEF FUND NUMBER 2.

Corn Exchange Bank	£ 6,666.13. 4		\$33,666.67	
International Banking Corp.	1,666.13. 4		8,416.68	
Kountze Brothers	5,000.		25,250.00	
Hanover National Bank	3,333. 6. 8		16,166.33	
Hallgarten & Company	833. 6. 8		4,208.33	
U.S. Mortgage & Trust Co.	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Columbia Trust Company	833. 6. 8		4,208.33	
Chemical National Bank	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Equitable Trust Company	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Redmond & Company	166.13. 4		841.67	
Continental & Com'l. Nat'l. Bank, Chicago.	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Chase National Bank	833. 6. 8		4,208.33	
Fourth Street Nat'l Bank, Phila.	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.	833. 6. 8		4,208.33	
Northern Trust Company, Chicago	3,333. 6. 8		16,833.33	
Citizens Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland.	1,666.13. 4		8,416.68	
Merchants Loan & Trust Company Chicago.	5,000.		25,250.00	
Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore	1,166.13. 4		8,416.68	
Irving National Bank	833. 6. 8		4,208.33	
American Exchange National Bank	<u>3,333. 6. 8</u>	£55,500.	<u>16,833.33</u>	\$280,275
		£ 200,000.		\$1,010,000.

PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION

14,450

ACCOUNT FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NEW YORK

Blair & Company	£2,823.18. 5	\$14,260.80
First National Bank, Chicago	8,471.15. 3	42,782.40
First National Bank, Boston	1,411.19. 3	7,130.41
First National Bank, New York	<u>1,742. 7. 1</u>	<u>8,798.89</u>
	£14,450.	\$72,972.50

DIRECTORS.

JAMES S. ALEXANDER, Prest. Nat. Bank of Commerce in N.Y.
 STEPHEN BAKER, President Bank of the Manhattan Co.
 SAMUEL G. BAYNE, President Seaboard Nat. Bank.
 EDWIN M. BULKLEY, Spencer Trask & Co. Bankers.
 JAMES G. CANNON, President Fourth Nat. Bank.
 E. C. CONVERSE, President.
 THOMAS DEWITT CUYLER, Prest. Commercial Trust Co. Phila.
 HENRY P. DAVISON, J. P. Morgan & Co., Bankers.
 RUDOLPH ELLIS, President Fidelity Trust Co. Phila.
 E. HAYWARD FERRY, Vice President Hanover Nat. Bank.
 WALTER E. FREW, President Corn Exchange Bank.
 FRED K. T. HASKELL, V. Prest. Ill. Trust & Savings Bank Chicago.
 A. BARTON HEPBURN, Chairman, Chase Nat. Bank.
 FRANCIS L. HINE, President First Nat. Bank.
 THOMAS W. LAMONT, J. P. Morgan & Co. Bankers.
 EDGAR L. MARSTON, Blair & Co. Bankers.
 JOSEPH B. MARTINDALE, President Chemical Nat. Bank.
 GATES W. MCGARRAH, Prest. Mechanics & Metals Nat. Bank.
 CHARLES D. NORTON, Vice Prest. First Nat. Bank.
 WILLIAM C. POILLON, Vice President.
 DANIEL E. POMEROY, Vice President.
 WILLIAM H. PORTER, J. P. Morgan & Co. Bankers.
 SEWARD PROSSER, Prest. Liberty Nat. Bank.
 DANIEL G. REID, Vice President Liberty Nat. Bank.
 BENJ. STRONG, Jr. Vice President.
 EDWARD F. SWINNEY, Prest. First Nat. Bank, Kansas City.
 GILBERT G. THORNE, Vice President Nat. Park Bank.
 EDWARD TOWNSEND, Prest. Imp. & Traders' Nat. Bank.
 ALBERT H. WIGGIN, President Chase Nat. Bank.
 SAMUEL WOOLVERTON, Vice President Hanover Nat. Bank.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT



CAPITAL \$10,000,000
 SURPLUS 10,000,000

CABLE ADDRESS: BANKTRUST, NEW YORK.

16 WALL STREET

NEW YORK

OFFICERS.

E. C. CONVERSE, President.
 BENJ. STRONG, JR., Vice President.
 WILLIAM C. POILLON, Vice President.
 D. E. POMEROY, Vice President.
 W. N. DUANE, Vice President.
 F. I. KENT, Vice President.
 HAROLD B. THORNE, Vice President.
 F. N. B. CLOSE, Vice President.
 GEO. G. THOMSON, Secretary.
 GEORGE W. BENTON, Treasurer.
 GUY RICHARDS, Asst. Secretary.
 H. W. DONOVAN, Asst. Treasurer.
 BETHUNE W. JONES, Asst. Secretary.
 H. F. WILSON, JR., Asst. Secretary.
 R. H. GILES, Asst. Treasurer.
 PERRY D. BOGUE, Asst. Secretary.
 HARRY N. DUNHAM, Asst. Treasurer.
 I. MICHAELS, Trust Officer.

Sept. 1, 1914.

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the arrangement made between the New York Committee and the London Committee covering the gold shipment, we are to-day cabling the London Committee to pay to £ for your account, as your pro rata share of the disbursement at the rate of 5.05.

Kindly surrender your certificate immediately and receive a new certificate for your balance in the Fund.

Very truly yours,

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,

Depository

£ at 5.05 -- \$ _____

DIRECTORS.

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Sept. 1, 1914.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with the arrangement made between the New York Committee and the London Committee covering the gold shipment, we are to-day cabling the London Committee to pay to

£ for your account, as your pro rata share of the disbursement, at the rate of 5.05. As a number of subscribers desired to have payment made in New York in Dollars, it was agreed that the corresponding sterling amount should be divided pro rata among the original contributors, who preferred Sterling exchange.

There has therefore been allotted you £ 618.9.6 which we are cabling the London Committee to pay your correspondent, as mentioned above, and we shall be pleased to receive your check for \$3,123.30, as the equivalent of this amount at 5.05.

Kindly surrender your certificate immediately and receive a new certificate for your balance in the Fund.

Very truly yours,

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,

Depository.

£ at 5.05 -- \$ _____
 £ 618.9.6 at 5.05 -- \$3,123.30

MEMORANDUM

Re- GOLD LOAN

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1. Issue Permanent Certificate of Participation to the additional contributors.
2. Issue Certificate of Participation to the original contributors less their proportion of \$782,000.
3. Draw checks to the order of each of the original participants of \$78,200.

After the above has been done, we should have outstanding \$6,000,000. in Certificates of Contribution, divided as follows:-

Original Contributions\$4,335,000.
Additional Contributions..... 1,665,000.

B.W.J.

August 18, 1914.

New York, August 12, 1914.

To Banks issuing A. B. A. Cheques:—

Referring to our notice, instructing the discontinuance of sales of Travelers' Cheques, we beg to inform you that we have been in continuous and close touch with the situation in Europe by reason of the presence there of our Vice-President, Mr. Kent, who has had entire charge of our Foreign Department. Mr. Kent informs us by cable that arrangements for the cashing of Travelers' Cheques of the American Bankers Association, as well as all other credits held by travelers issued by responsible American concerns, have been rapidly perfected, and travelers are receiving the money for necessary expenses in reaching points where they can arrange for their return home.

This applies particularly to all of Great Britain, France, Switzerland, as well as other important points on the Continent.

Mr. Kent particularly requests that all banks which are receiving requests from their clients for additional funds or for any form of assistance, advise their clients by cable to communicate with him promptly—address: F. I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych St., London, where means are being provided to reach travelers who are at points now inaccessible and whose funds may have been exhausted.

It must be borne in mind that the banking situation abroad, created by the actual commencement of war, is entirely unprecedented. Many banks at first refused, or were prohibited by legal moratoria, to make payments of any kind, notwithstanding they held balances for the purpose of paying Travelers' Cheques. This applied particularly to points in the provinces, away from the banking centers. The announcement that arrangements had been made to ship a large amount of gold by an American war vessel seems to have resulted in instant improvement in the situation, as all forms of travelers' credits are now being cashed with greater freedom.

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August 12, 1914.

Gentlemen:-

We telegraphed you to discontinue all further sales of American Bankers Association Travelers' Cheques because the unsettled business conditions abroad prohibit for a time the cheques from being used there for the purpose for which they are issued.

The importance of providing some arrangement which would permit of the continuance of the domestic use of such cheques has led to the following plan, pursuant to which you are authorized to continue the sale of Travelers' Cheques for use in the United States. Such plan, we understand, has been substantially followed by all companies interested in the issue of Travelers' Cheques.

Each cheque sold by you must be stamped on the face (through the globe), ALSO on the back (through printed matter) as follows:-

This cheque issued for use
 and redemption within the
 United States only.

In addition to stamping the cheques, kindly communicate to each purchaser that the cheques are now being issued only for use and redemption in the United States.

We must also ask you to remit at once in New York funds for all cheques sold on the day of sale.

By your co-operation in such arrangement the domestic use of the cheques, which so far has been a most important feature of their issue, can be continued.

Very truly yours,
Benj. Strong Jr.
 President.

August 24, 1914.

H. W. Thornton, Esq., General Manager,
Great Eastern Railway,
Liverpool Street Station,
London, E. C., England.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing in behalf of the Committee
of American bankers, representing the following in-
stitutions and firms:

Bankers Trust Company
Farmers Loan & Trust Company
National Bank of Commerce
J. P. Morgan & Company
American Express Company
Guaranty Trust Company
Brown Brothers & Company
Kidder, Peabody & Company
First National Bank, New York.
National City Bank,
Blair & Company
First National Bank, Chicago.
First National Bank, Boston
Corn Exchange Bank
International Banking Corporation
Kountze Bros.
Hanover National Bank
Hallgarten & Company
United States Mortgage & Trust Company
Columbia Trust Company
Chemical National Bank
Equitable Trust Company
Redmond & Company
Continental & Commercial Natl. Bank, Chicago.
Chase National Bank
Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia
Knauth, Kachod & Kuhne
Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago
Northern Trust Company, Chicago
Citizens Savings & Trust Company, Cleveland
Merchants Loan & Trust Company, Chicago
Alexander Brown & Sons, Baltimore
Irving National Bank
American Exchange National Bank

We have been informed that at the time the legal holidays were declared in London, and distress arose among American travelers due to their fear that they would be unable to obtain money on their cheques and letters of credit, through your good offices, the Great Eastern Railway Company distributed money on American travelers' credits, thereby relieving much anxiety and distress.

It was the unanimous sense of the Committee that you should receive from them an early expression of their appreciation of the action taken by your company, which I now beg to convey.

You are, of course, fully acquainted with the various relief measures undertaken in Washington and New York, but the knowledge that one of our own friends from home had been willing to stand in the breach at a critical moment has created a warm feeling of regard for you and for your associates which we hasten by this means to express.

With assurance of our grateful appreciation, we are.

Very truly yours,

Benj. Strong, Jr.

Letter written by Mr. Strong to Mr. Kent:

August 24, 1914.

My dear Fred:

I had hoped to write you on Saturday, but various meetings kept us busy here until the last minute to catch my train, and I had promised myself a good bout at tennis Saturday, wishing to get the dust out of my head. I had the tennis and have felt refreshed ever since. Sunday I thought I would sit down and write you longhand, but Paul Warburg called me up Saturday afternoon urging that I go over to his place for a visit, and that took all day Sunday. Sunday night I was obliged to spend with Mr. Converse, so here I am Monday morning without having put pen to paper, and now I am going to write that letter or "bust".

First about things in the office: We have had extraordinary developments. As you know, I had been running pretty strong here for a good while, when the Stock Exchange closed and Clearing House Certificates were issued and the Aldrich-Vreeland currency put out. We have a good many things to take care, so that we jumped up in a week to over \$9,000,000 of Clearing House certificates, but some of our friends paid off loans without their being called - we had maturities coming in regularly that have been paid, principally commercial paper, and the result has been that we are strengthening our reserves every day, today have nearly \$3,000,000 over in bank and about three-quarters of a million over in cash, in addition to \$3,000,000 of gold which was packed and held as a special reserve against the credit of the equivalent of \$3,000,000 opened by the Bank of France in favor of Morgan, Harjes & Co. for the benefit of travelers. Our situation here is as strong, if not stronger, than any other institution here. We are not at all busy just now - Poillon, Thomson and H. F. Wilson, Jr. are away on vacation, in addition to yourself and North.

The Foreign Department has been the busiest little corner in New York. Schmid has had a world of matters to attend to, and he has missed his chief to learn on tremendously. I have done the best I could in an unfamiliar field, doing things out with Schmid as we went along. I don't mind telling you that he has been an army in himself. Everything you said about him has been more than verified by my experiences with him the past few weeks, I don't know what we would have done without him.

Your cable of today, indicating possibility of an interruption of cable service has led me to believe that it would be wise for us to grant special authorities to you while you are in Europe, so we are going to ask the Committee to pass a special resolution, as may be advised by Counsel, giving you these authorities, which we will send by the first mail possible, and send a summary by cable. Schmid has just told me that a tremendous batch of foreign mail came in this morning, and that it will take several days to straighten it out, but the important thing is that Holden has come to the scratch in giving you some authority to deal with our credits, which is as we desire. Our cable placing \$700,000 at your disposal naturally helped out things here, and you need have no hesitation as to the confidence we have in the way you are going to handle all problems at your end. We are also exchanging cables in regard to the shipment of \$3,000,000 gold which went to the Bank of England. We have a cable from the London City saying that the gold had been delivered to the Bank of England. We thought that it had passed through the London City accounts, but the authorities given to the Committee that went on the "Tennessee" and to the London Committee, in the letters of the 6th of August, instructed your Committee to deal with the gold in any way you thought best, so that if it was found wise to deliver it to the Bank of England

the authority in these letters should have permitted you to do so. I am relying entirely upon your own discretion in the matter, and the cables which I am sending, confirmed right up to date, will indicate the way we have handled it with the London City and Midland. With you in London, it would be better for Holden not to take any steps that would get ourwires crossing in handling these matters, so everything is being referred to you except routine stuff.

Just a words to say that everyone returns home with unstinted praise of your work in London. We have heard from many quarters. Porter, Vogel, of the Sub-Treasury, J. Walter Thompson and many others have been impressed with the importance of your work and the way in which you have handled it. The people in the State Department were a bit excited over a report that you were coming home. I think they had heard privately, although I have an idea that our Ambassador has been leaning rather heavily on you in these times and they may have heard the report from him, so I cabled and have your prompt reply which reassures us all.

Have had some concern about the contracts for foreign exchange of which you have been advised and probably already knew. The City of New York owes \$82,000,000 in London and Paris, principally the former, which begins to mature September 1st. Means must be taken to protect this obligation. I am hoping that you and Holden may be able to dope something out that will help us. New York just now cannot afford to lose that amount of gold. If the Federal Reserve Banks were in operation it might facilitate it. We are working on all sorts of plans which will have matured about the time this letter reaches you, in meantime matters of even greater importance than this are occupying the thoughts of the bankers who are always busy in such days as these. There has been a vast amount of Aldrich-Vreeland currency issued the figures are not yet available. Clearing House certificates are piling up, although not as rapidly now as in the last few weeks, and we are wondering, in case the gold premium abroad becomes preilous, just how we can conserve our gold supply in this country, and save either a general or limited moratorium or a possible suspension of specie payments. I wouldn't write this to any one but you, but I think you realize, we having discussed the question at such great length in Washington as to a foreign war, which we enlarged upon in paragraph 6 of the memorandum, copy of which is enclosed, how matters might develop in such an emergency as the present one. We have this development coming along that is going to press heavier every day: Commercial paper is not selling the railroads and industrial corporations can't refund their maturing obligations, and the burden of taking care of all this is gradually falling on the banks in the large centers. The necessity for a huge expansion of our credit system is apparent to every one. How we can safeguard the situation against a premium on gold here is the great question.

Our own position is so comfortable that we are tempted to take a selfish view of developments. On the other hand, this is the day when we have all got to be public spirited, and I think the Bankers Trust Company, when the accounts are made up, will be shown to have done its share and more to help out.

I am reminded about a trifling matter, with which I want to bother you, if you are able to look out for it, and if not, forget it. I am accumulating copies of various New York papers, together with the Congressional Record, etc., as a matter of interest in the future. I would like very much to get a copy of the official notices of declaration of war, suspension of the Bank Act, etc., to keep as souvenirs of this world cataclysm. If you have time to gather together a bunch of such stuff without burdening yourself I would appreciate it, if you are too busy, don't bother.

Letter to MR. Kent by Mr. Strong

Aug 24-

My heart has been so with you in your work in London that if it were possible for me to shut my desk and take the first steamer over to help you, you may be sure I would be there. Let me say that I have had a lot to do here, however, one of the most difficult of all the tasks being to arrange that shipment of gold and get it off. One can't conceive of the variety of asinine obstacles that arose and had to be arranged with only minutes, and not days, at our disposal. We have done the best we could, and I am sure the best thing of all that we have done is to trust you to carry the load abroad, and I am certain that you are the man on the spot and your work in London is much more important than it would be here just now. If I could cut you in two and have part of you over here, it would be a great relief.

As you may surmise, we are having daily meetings, Saturday at the Sub-Treasury, Sunday I was with Paul Warburg at his house all day, today a meeting at The National City Bank and gradually an understanding is being arrived at as to how the various emergencies should be met,

Please give my love to North and tell him I hope he understood our cable about his return. My very best to you and many congratulations.

Very truly yours,

August 20, 1914.

Hon W. J. Bryan,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

It has not been possible until the present time for me to write, as I had hoped to do, making some explanation of the urgency which developed in regard to the protection of travelers' credits held by our countrymen in Europe, and furthermore the reasons for my assuming that no effective measures for their protection could be undertaken without cooperation of our Government.

Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit which are issued by American banking institutions and bankers total many millions in the course of one season; some institutions which make sales as high as \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 annually have outstanding at one time from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of these credits which may be cashed at the election and convenience of the travelers in any part of the world. The banks which issue them are unable to anticipate in what volume they may be cashed at any given point, and they are accordingly issued under banking contracts, by the terms of which the foreign institutions which make the payments on the credits receive reimbursement by drawing drafts on London at the rate of exchange current at that place on the day the drawing is made. Without this method of London reimbursement it would be necessary for the banks issuing these credits to carry very large balances in a great many cities, the total being far in excess of the total credit outstanding, and naturally the business would be unprofitable, as it would absorb too much capital if conducted on that basis.

As soon as the crisis in foreign exchange occurred and it became known that London reimbursement was likely to be disarranged and possibly be absolutely discontinued, it was apparent that those banks on the Continent which were in the habit of employing London reimbursement under these contracts might in many cases discontinue cashing cheques. In order, therefore, to meet this situation (quite unprecedented in the history of banking) two methods of procedure only were possible; One was to ship gold directly to all points where travelers were congregating and would be without funds, and the other, to establish banking credits at these points, through the agency of the United States Government, which would enable the local banks to make payments on cheques and drafts.

The procedure which has been followed of shipping gold to London as the base from which these credits might be established at different points on the Continent, has, I believe, been effective in relieving a situation which might otherwise have become so distressing as to have caused intense suffering on the part of our citizens in Europe. In fact, the mere knowledge that a shipment of gold was being made in a United States war vessel had an instant effect in releasing money to our travelers even before special credits had been established. It has been possible in some places to establish credits against reimbursement out of the gold shipped to London, and in other places, against deposits in New York, must more readily than would have been the case had a mere promise of a gold shipment been held out to these foreign banks.

Prior to the writer's first trip to Washington, when he had the pleasure of meeting you, a number of the leading institutions and firms in New York were asked to make verbal commitments to furnish gold for the purpose of protecting these credits and insuring relief payments under such plan as might be developed. The response to this appeal was an immediate pledge of about \$7,000,000, which could have been largely increased had it been required, as some thirty-four firms and institutions have now participated in the fund. All of this fund was contributed with a view to cordial cooperation with the Government in relief plans.

The bankers who participated in this fund realized that although there are probably hundreds of institutions in the United States issuing letters of credit and travelers' Cheques, it would be impossible to secure their cooperation in relief plans of this character in time to make them effective, and they therefore furnished the fund, not has been once stated, for the protection of their own credits, but for the protection of all American credits issued by responsible concerns, irrespective of whether those firms were contributors to the fund or not. Subsequent developments have disclosed the fact that a large number, if not all of the ten original contributors who practically underwrote the funds, were in little, if any need, of taking measures of this character for the protection of their own credits, as the larger institutions, better known abroad, had much less difficulty in making direct financial arrangements.

We will, of course, hear of many cases of hardship, and possibly many complaints, but the course pursued has, I believe, reduced these to a bare minimum, and a continuance of the policy of opening credits where necessary, either against deposits made in New York, as will probably be necessary in some cases, or against the gold which has been shipped to London, will gradually furnish all travelers who have credits with means of paying absolutely necessary expenses and obtaining transportation home.

It now seems apparent that the three great objects to be accomplished, namely, to relieve the distress of our friends abroad; to demonstrate the ability of our Government to afford relief to its citizens in such a crisis as the present one, and to protect the credits of American institutions which were obliged to meet the obligations to their clients in Europe, are all in the way of accomplishment, and in behalf of many of the bankers in this city, who have felt a grave responsibility in this matter, I now beg to convey to you our warm thanks for your hearty cooperation and the repeated evidence of your confidence in our plans and purposes.

With cordial regards, Believe me,

Respectfully yours,

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

August 12, 1914.

Hon. Josephus Daniels,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Daniels:

Your kind note of the 11th instant was received this morning, and I beg once more to express my appreciation of your courtesy and cooperation in respect of the shipment of gold. Your letter is fully understood and will be regarded as personal and confidential.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

President

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY.

Foreign Exchange Department.

August 11, 1914.

Mr. John E. Gardin,
Vice President, The National City Bank,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gardin-

Since writing to you yesterday, confirming our telephonic conversation, we are in receipt of your letter of the 10th, and note that you have instructed your Berlin correspondents, the Deutsche Bank and the Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, to pay all Association Cheques under guaranty of the National City Bank of New York.

Believe I did not quite understand you yesterday, as our Mr. Kent was in Berlin the latter part of July and full arrangements were made with the Deutsche Bank and Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, who are both our agents in Berlin, for the protection of Association cheques. According to cable advices received from both banks, presumably sent about the 4th or 5th of August, we had several million marks to our credit in Berlin, which was ample to take care of all Association cheques which they may be called upon to cash, and we feel sure that neither bank would discriminate and refuse to honor Association cheques in view of the large balances we have in Germany.

As we understood your message, you had simply instructed your correspondents to honor the Association cheques. We question very much if the cheques were refused by the Head Offices of the two banks in question, but presume it may have been some smaller banks in Berlin and vicinity. We greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter, but thought best to explain this to you in order that you may understand our position and know that if any Association cheques are being refused it is not being done because of lack of funds in Berlin, but for some reasons unknown to us.

Very truly yours,

JFS/MCA

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK.

August 10, 1914.

Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr., President,
Bankers Trust Company,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Strong:

With reference to my telephonic conversation with you this morning relative to a cable message received from the American Charge d'Affaires in Copenhagen to the effect that Berlin had requested him to inform us that American Bankers Association checks were not being paid in Berlin, I now have to advise that we have requested the gentleman above referred to, to instruct our Berlin correspondents, the Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft and the Deutsche Bank, to pay all American Bankers Association checks under the guaranty of the National City Bank of New York, which I now beg to confirm.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) John E. Gardin,

Vice President.

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY.

New York, August 10, 1914.

Mr. John E. Gardin,
Vice-President, National City Bank,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gardin:-

We wish to confirm our telephone conversation of today, asking you to instruct your correspondent in Germany to honor American Bankers Association Travelers' Cheques, we guaranteeing to reimburse you for all charges, if any. We have been without cable advices from Germany for several days but from last reports our balances were amply sufficient to take care of all cheques, but we presume that your cablegram referred to one of our sub-agents who reimburse themselves through the Deutsche Bank, Berlin.

We shall appreciate a few lines from you regarding this in order that we may have same for our files.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter and assuring you of our appreciation, we remain,

Very truly yours,

(signed) Benj. Strong, Jr.,

President.

THE FARMERS LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY

New York, August 8, 1914.

Benjamin Strong, Jr., Esq.,
President, Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street, New York.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 7th instant, quoting the cable instructions sent to Mr. Kent in London with reference to the appointment on his committee of the representatives of our New York Committee in connection with the shipment of gold by the U. S. Cruiser Tennessee.

We have, in accordance with your suggestion, advised our Mr. Smith in London and, in fact, previous to this definite arrangement, we had cabled him fully to cooperate in every way possible with Mr. Kent in the good work which he, from all reports, has been doing in London.

We are also in receipt of a memorandum copy of your cable to Mr. Kent with reference to this shipment of gold and the method of handling it in London, which seems to be very complete.

There is only one point about it which it seems possible that there might be a slight confusion. In covering the question of reimbursement for payments made in London, in the case of drafts under Letters of Credit, after mention of the rate and interest, the words are added "and all expense when ascertained." In connection with the Travelers Cheques, these words are not added. Possibly this can be understood from the context and again it may not have been necessary for Mr. Kent to be advised of this as it refers only to final reimbursement in New York, but we assume that the final expense when ascertained will be borne equally by holders of Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit.

Yours very truly,

The Farmers Loan and Trust Company

By C. R. AGNEW
(Sgd)

Vice President

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ML/202

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

August 8, 1914.

C. R. Agnew, Esq., Vice President,
The Farmers Loan & Trust Co.,
16 William Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 5th instant is just received. Replying to the point which you raise about the difference in method for handling Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit, it must be borne in mind that Travelers' Cheques are payable at a fixed rate of exchange stated on the face of the draft which the drawer of the cheque is obligated to pay, and for which an additional payment cannot be required of the holder to reimburse expenses. This does not apply, however, to Letters of Credit as reimbursement, to be provided ordinarily in London exchange at the rate of the day of cashing. It is, therefore, proper for the issuers of Letters of Credit to require the holders of those credits to reimburse the issuers for the expenses where no rate of exchange is fixed, inasmuch as the rate of exchange would ordinarily be fixed to include all expenses were any exchange procurable. The fixed rate of exchange for Travelers' Cheques makes it impossible to establish a rate as against the holder of a cheque for reimbursement, but it is our intention to ask all issuers of Travelers' Cheques to bear their pro rate portion of the expense of cashing them.

Very truly yours,

President.

S:W

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

August 7, 1914.

N. A. McMillan, Esq., President,
St. Louis Union Trust Company,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Your favor of the 5th instant, confirming our wires in respect to the issue and cashing of Travelers' cheques, is just received.

I am writing you rather more fully than we are able to do generally to those who sell or cash these cheques, as I am anxious that you should not misunderstand the reason for our action.

The unprecedented situation which has arisen in connection with both foreign and domestic exchange, due to the foreign war, has led to our sending out notices for the discontinuance of all sales for the following reasons:

First. It would be impossible to distinguish between cheques sold for domestic and those sold for foreign use, and we are advised from many sources that cheques were being accumulated all over the country for foreign exchange, which present conditions might make it impossible to cover. We had considered instructing every one to continue selling the cheques for use in this country only and insure against their being sold for accumulation by having a stamp placed on each cheque to the effect that they were for use only in this country, but there naturally was considerable danger in doing this, as particular instructions would have to be conveyed to each one of the 7,000 agencies, and there was no assurance that they would be carried out accurately and with security to us.

Second. There was also the possibility that the domestic exchanges might be arrested, or at any rate be so slow of settlement, that these cheques would be sold for domestic exchange, just as bank checks and be so used, and this would result in releasing a flood of cheques from all the country for cashment in New York.

The matter was considered with the officers of the American Express Company and others issuing travelers' cheques, and after a good deal of hesitancy on the part of those concerned, it was decided that for the moment the only safe course would be to discontinue sales entirely.

I think you will realize that we would not have taken this step, which involved telegraphing to 7,000 correspondents, had we not thought the situation required it. Matters are now rapidly returning to normal, and we hope that an early date we can send instructions to all sellers of Travelers' Cheques which will in some way permit of their use for domestic purposes, but as yet the plan has not been entirely completed. Of course you realize that it would never do to make an explanation of this character generally to all of our correspondents. We will, therefore, ask you to hold this letter in confidence.

Very truly yours,

S:W

President.

P.S.- Of course the cheques will be cashed here as rapidly as presented, without

Letter to
N. A. McMillan, Esq., President.

the slightest delay, and there need be no hesitation in telling everybody who inquires that such is the case. Also, I want to thank you very cordially for writing us, and I appreciate your interest in the success of the plan.

ST. LOUIS UNION TRUST COMPANY

St. Louis, U.S.A.

August 5, 1914.

Mr. Benj. Strong, President,
Bankers Trust Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Strong:

We wired you today as follows:

"Shall we cash ABA travelers' checks that may be presented to us? We think it would be an excellent move if you can arrange to cash these checks in times like this. Wire us if you will refund us in cash any cash we pay out on these checks. We understand we are to discontinue selling. Answer."

and have your answer as follows:

"Referring to your telegram. Yes. We see no reason to discontinue cashing American Bankers Association checks."

We understand from this answer that you wish us to discontinue the selling of A.B.A. checks. We also understand that any checks that we may cash hereafter you will, in turn, cash for us. We feel that it will be very much in favor of the A.B.A. checks if travelers can cash them under the present conditions. I understand the express companies are refusing to sell checks. If the A.B.A. checks can be sold and cashed, in reasonable amounts for the needs of travelers, it would perhaps put them so far ahead that the business hereafter would be very much more than that of all of the express companies. We will be glad to cooperate in any way to bring about this situation and shall continue to cash these checks as suggested in your telegram. We believe if you can arrange to have the banks all over the country cash these checks for the small needs of travelers it would be a great advertisement and would not take much cash to carry it out. We have been recommending them to our customers when traveling in the West, and in fact all over the United States, as being more convenient than anything else, so if it is possible I think we should continue to sell these checks and cash them as they come in.

With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) N. A. McMILLAN

President.

August 5, 1914.

W. P. G. Harding, Esq.,
c/o U. S. Sub-Treasury,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Harding:-

I have just received a cable from Mr. Kent in which he states that the moratorium in London will probably last until small Bank of England notes have been printed; that no ships are obtainable for Continental Americans whose situation has become intolerable; that if our Government will credit him or any responsible person there with \$300,000, out of the appropriation made by Congress, he believes a vessel under the American flag can be started to relieve American residents who are in distress at Continental points; that they cannot await vessels from America; that some Governmental authority is immediately necessary to conduct this arrangement under the protection of the American flag.

This communication seems to me of sufficient importance to be brought immediately to the attention of those in authority at Washington, in order that it may receive the President's careful consideration.

Yours very truly,

August 5, 1914.

Guaranty Trust Company,
140 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you be good enough to deliver at our office today, as promptly as possible, your check for \$811,700., to the order of Bankers Trust Company, being the amount of your participation in a shipment of \$5,117,000. gold coin in bars, which is to be made to London or some other point in England, to be used for the relief of American travelers in Europe by providing in that amount a fund for cashing, to the extent of their needs, travelers credits held by them.

The details of the plan for the use of this fund are being arranged by a committee consisting of Messrs. J. P. Morgan, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.; James Brown, of the firm of Brown Brothers & Co.; A. J. Hemphill, President of the Guaranty Trust Company; George C. Taylor, President of the American Express Company; William L. Benedict, of Kidder, Peabody & Company, and Benj. Strong, Jr.

Pending the preparation of details of the arrangement, it is understood that the committee has sole charge.

The shipment, as you may know, plans to go forward by an American war ship, to be furnished by the United States Government.

Yours very truly,

President

S-MJB

August 4, 1914.

Hon. William G. McAdoo,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McAdoo,

I enclose a preliminary draft of the meeting of the committee of ten associated subscribers who have contributed to the \$5,000,000. fund proposed to be sent by the U.S. S.S. "Tennessee" to England and Europe, there to be used only and solely for the purpose of payments against travelers' credits issued by all American concerns. Of course the cashing of such travelers' credits will involve consideration of the responsibility of the banks or bankers drawing such letters of credit, but no trouble is anticipated in that direction, and the fund is intended to meet the requirements of all responsible American travelers' credits.

The enclosed is a preliminary draft only, but it embodies the substance of the meeting held this afternoon and is subject to revision in form only.

It is the firm belief of the committee that the proposed relief work would be much more effective if the same agencies handled, not only the relief contemplated to be furnished by the Government, but also the relief which is to come from the fund contributed by the ten New York City institutions. Therefore the committee strongly urges the Government to appoint as its fiscal agents which the committee has selected, namely, -the Guaranty Trust Company, Messrs. Morgan, Grenfell & Co., and Brown, Shipley & Co., in London, and Messrs. Morgan, Harjes & Co. and the American Express Company in Paris. The selection of such agencies fully equipped for such work by the committee was merely the selection of the ones most available for the purpose. The institutions represented here are acting in entire co-operation, no one trying to seek special credit for itself.

It is highly essential that the shipment is not complicated by any other features than solely relief features.

It may be advisable to take up some form of receipt, or some similar paper, to be given by the Government of the nature corresponding to a short form of bill of lading, to be given by the Government or by the Captain as master of the ship, indicating the consignor, who would be the Bankers Trust Company as agent, a citizen of the United States, and giving the consignee, the Guaranty Trust Company, a citizen of the United States, stating that the property consigned is solely a relief fund, limited in its use to financing the needs of the holders of American travelers' credits, - all that to avoid the possibility of its being construed a commercial proposition and therefore involving possible contraband features

This letter is written hurriedly, but to comply with your wish that you have something from me before you tomorrow.

Yours very truly,

August 4, 1914.

J. P. Morgan, Esq.,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Morgan:-

Advice is just received from Washington that the "Tennessee" will sail from the Brooklyn Navy Yard tomorrow night prepared to take the consignment of gold and a consignment from Washington, probably \$1,000,000. They urgently request sending a force of competent men to handle the matter on arrival.

I would appreciate your attending the meeting this afternoon, with suggestions of any men that you have available to go with the ship, notifying them on receipt of this letter to be prepared for a considerable absence, in case they are able; also arranging this afternoon for gold certificates for whatever contribution may be arranged by you at this afternoon's meeting.

Yours very truly,

JHL-MJB

The above letter sent also to-

Geo. C. Taylor,	American Express Company
A. J. Hemphill,	Guaranty Trust Company
James Brown,	Brown Brothers & Co.
W. L. Benedict,	Kidder, Peabody & Company

August 4, 1914.

J. S. Alexander, Esq., President,
National Bank of Commerce in New York,
31 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Alexander:-

The Government has arranged to have the "Tennessee" sail from the Brooklyn Navy Yard tomorrow evening, to take a consignment of gold from bankers and from the Government for the use of foreign travelers.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., the Bankers Trust Company, the American Express Company, The Guaranty Trust Company and Brown Bros. & Co. have each agreed to furnish up to \$1,000,000. of gold certificates, if necessary, and Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Company, \$500,000. Will you be willing to furnish some portion of the gold certificates necessary for this shipment; delivery to be made at Bankers Trust Company, Wednesday morning? It will probably not be possible to get insurance on the gold, but it is expected that a force of responsible men will be provided by some of the banks to go on the vessel with the gold and make delivery in London to the consignee arranged.

I would appreciate an immediate reply.

Yours very truly,

BS-MJB

The above letter sent also to-

First National Bank

National City Bank

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

IN NEW YORK.

August 1, 1914.

Benj. Strong, Jr., Esq., President,
Bankers Trust Co.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Strong:

I duly received your letter of 31st ult., which I quoted to Mr. Jas. F. Fargo, Treasurer, American Express Co., and am now in receipt of a communication from him as follows:

"July 31, 1914.

Mr. James S. Alexander, President,
National Bank of Commerce,
New York.

Dear Sir:

We hereby confirm the arrangement which you made with Mr. Benj. Strong, Jr., President of the Bankers Trust Co., and to which we agree whereby it is understood that the American Express Co. and the Bankers Trust Co. will notify their correspondents not later than today to discontinue, until otherwise notified, the sale of Travelers' Cheques.

This arrangement is made without any exception, it being understood that any sales effected by Correspondents would be in violation of the instructions given.

It is also understood that neither institution will resume sales of cheques without first giving adequate notice to the other, so that mutually satisfactory arrangements for sending notices to Correspondents can also be made.

We understand that you have a written agreement from President Strong of the Bankers Trust Co. similar to the above.

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. F. FARGO
Treasurer."

I notice that Mr. Fargo's letter does not say that their correspondents were advised by telegraph, but Mr. Fargo and Mr. Grant assured me yesterday that telegrams were sent yesterday to all their correspondents.

If you desire a further letter from Mr. Fargo covering any point whatever of the agreement, please advise me, and I am confident I can obtain from him whatever you may consider necessary or desirable.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. S. ALEXANDER.

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July 31: Letter sent to all Travelers' Cheque banks in confirmation of our telegram of same date.

We are advised that difficulty is likely to be encountered by travelers in Europe in obtaining cash on both Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit. In view of this fact, it seems necessary to notify every intending traveler that it is desirable to take cash rather than Letter of Credit or cheque, and we are reluctantly obliged to instruct you, as per telegram sent you today, to discontinue sales.

August 1: Letter forwarded to those banks which guarantee Commercial Letters of Credit.

In view of the difficulty of arranging for necessary remittances of foreign remittances of foreign exchange to meet drawings under Documentary and Commercial Letters of Credit, we would suggest the advisability of instructing your customers that the drawing of further drafts under such Credit which we have furnished to them should be discontinued, if possible.

The cost of making such remittance is prohibitive, and the difficulty of arranging for satisfactory insurance on shipments of gold makes it uncertain as to what means may be, for the moment, provided ~~the~~ to meet such drafts.

We are making this suggestion in your interest, as under the terms of our agreement it would be necessary for your customers to furnish prime London bankers' bills for all acceptances.

We would appreciate your advising us at once of any action you may take in this matter.

August 3: Letter sent to all Travelers' Cheque issuing banks.

Referring to our previous telegram and letter, we wish to inform you that all sales of Travelers' Cheques, both for foreign and domestic use, must be discontinued immediately.

We shall advise you in due time when sales can again be resumed, and until such time we shall be compelled to return all remittances sent us for cheques sold contrary to our instructions.

Your immediate acknowledgment of this letter will greatly oblige.

August 3: Letter from Mr. Fargo, Treasurer of the American Express Company, to Mr. Strong.

Confirming our conversation of this morning in regard to shipping gold to London and Paris by an American cruiser, we are under the impression that an amount of \$5,000,000 in gold would be sufficient for the temporary requirements of Americans in Great Britain and the continent.

Among those banks whose paper is held largely by American tourists are

the following:

Brown Bros. & Company,
Blair & Company,
Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago
Corn Exchange National Bank, Chicago
First National Bank, Chicago

including, of course, the Bankers Trust Company and American Express Company.

August 8: Letter from W. G. McAdoo to Mr. Strong.

I have called a conference for discussion of the grain export and foreign exchange situation, to meet^{at} the Treasury Department August 14th, at 11 A.M., and shall be very happy if you will attend. I would like a strong committee of the representative foreign exchange houses of New York to be present and loaded with as much data as possible. Will you not organize such a committee and advise me as promptly as possible how many will attend?

August 11: Letter to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, signed Benj. Strong, Jr.

I have your note of the 8th instant, and am arranging to have a number of the members of a strong committee of foreign exchange bankers, which has already been appointed in New York, attend the conference at your office at 11 o'clock on Friday.

At the moment, I am unable to advise you of the names, beyond stating that both Mr. Max May, of the Guaranty Trust Company, and Mr. John E. Gardin, of the National City Bank, will both probably attend, and I am hoping that Mr. Ickelheimer, of Messrs. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Company, will also be present. These gentlemen have already undertaken a thorough investigation of the foreign exchange problem and are in my opinion best able to furnish the data required.

Will you permit me to suggest that a discussion of this matter is bound to raise questions in regard to marine insurance, which might be well answered on the spot by having a leading representative of marine insurance interests present at the meeting. My suggestion would be Mr. Hendon Chubb.

I have also taken the liberty of asking Mr. Olds, my representative in Washington, to ascertain from your office whether you wish me to make any other arrangements in New York with respect to attendance at this meeting. I shall certainly be there myself and do anything in my power in New York to make the attendance a satisfactory one to you and to your associates.

August 10: Letter from N. A. McMillan, President, St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo. to Benjamin Strong, President, Bankers Trust Co., New York.

I have your favor of the 7th instant, and note carefully the full and satisfactory explanation given in regard to A.B.A. checks. You no doubt have taken the right view of the situation. You, being in the center, can better judge what is best to be done.

We are very anxious to have the business situation return to the normal as early as possible, and I am feeling that it will do that in a very short time. The strain is lessening here and I believe the issuance of currency

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under the Aldrich-Vreeland Act will supply the needs without difficulty. As soon as people know they can get the currency, there will not be such a demand for it.

I am trying to get away for a little vacation. If I do, will probably be in your city a short time and give myself the pleasure of a call.

August 11: Letter to Benjamin Strong, Jr., Esq., President, Bankers Trust Company, from H. G. Philips, Treasurer, International Mercantile Marine Company, 9 Broadway, N.Y.

In the matter of funds for cashing Travelers' Cheques at Naples, regarding which I had the pleasure of calling upon you today, I beg to advise that this Company's office in Naples is White Star Line, 21 Piazza della Borsa, and the cable which we received yesterday regarding funds was from that office.

I am sending the above at Mr. Franklin's request.

August 12: Letter to Muller, Schall & Co., 45 William St., N.Y. signed Benj. Strong, Jr.

We wish to confirm our telephonic conversation, and hereby guarantee to pay you \$2,000 plus cost of your cablegram to Lisbon, upon receipt of cable advice that the payment of \$2,000 has been made to the Consul General at Lisbon through your correspondent, whose cable address, we understand, is "Durnay, Lisbon."

We are guaranteeing this payment on behalf of the State Department at Washington, and we will arrange with the government for reimbursement covering our payment to be made to you.

We would appreciate your writing us, confirming that this matter is entirely clear to you.

August 12: Letter sent out by Knauth, Nachod & Kühne to their correspondents.

We beg to advise you that we have concluded arrangements to resume the issuance of Travelers' Cheques to be used in the United States only.

Each cheque sold by you must be stamped on the fact as prominently as possible, as follows:

This check issued for use and
redemption within the United
States only.

It is also necessary for you to advise each purchaser that the Cheques are issued for use and redemption within the United States only and that they should not be taken or sent abroad or to Canada. We must also request that you remit on the day of sale in New York funds, for all Cheques. sold.

We understand that the plan as above outlined will be followed sub-

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stantially by all parties interested in the issuance of Travelers' Checks and would ask that you co-operate with us in the way suggested.

August 13: Letter to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., signed by Benj. Strong, Jr., President.

I have now received the policies covering the insurance on the three million dollars gold shipped by the Cruiser "Tennessee", and in accordance with your request through Mr. Harrison, the policies have been made payable to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. We have also had the insurance broker render the bill in the name of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

I am enclosing insurance policies herewith, also a blank power of attorney, and would greatly appreciate it if you will have same endorsed on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and returned to me.

As we understand it, the Government desires to pay the insurance by their own check, we to reimburse you. We therefore enclose our check for \$5,312.50, being the amount of the insurance premium, and would appreciate your giving us your check for a like amount to the order of F. B. Hall & Co., (Insurance brokers), and we will close the transaction.

We trust that this arrangement is in accordance with your wishes and beg to remain.

August 13: Letter to Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., signed Benjamin Strong, Jr., President.

In accordance with telephonic instructions given by Mr. Carr, we have arranged with Messrs. Muller, Schall & Co. to cable the equivalent of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) through their Agents at Lisbon, who, we understand, are Henry Burnay & Company, to be paid to the Consul General at Lisbon, and we have agreed with Muller, Schall & Company to pay them this amount, plus any cabling charges, upon receipt of a cable from Lisbon that payment has been effected.

It is of course understood that cabling charges must be paid whether or not payment is effected.

We assure you that it was a pleasure to us to handle this matter for you.

Awaiting your usual confirmation, we beg to remain.

August 14: Letter to L. A. Carton, Treasurer, Swift & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Your favor of the 12th instant received. Up to the present time we have received no advice of any suspension of payment by the Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata, although a moratorium has been declared in Buenos Aires. We presume that the cablegram received by you refers to the moratorium and not to any cash suspension by the Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata.

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August 14: Letter dated August 12, from Swift & Company, Chicago, Ill.

BANCO FRANCES DEL RIO DE LA PLATA, MONTEVIDEO

We have a cable from our Montevideo house, as follows: "Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata suspended payment today owing to difficulties Buenos Aires branch." Have you any particulars regarding this suspension?

August 14: Clause inserted in Plan letter; 5th paragraph to read as follows:

We enclose circular concerning the system, which will give you further details, but desire to call your attention to the fact that the unsettled conditions abroad prohibit for a time Travelers' Cheques from being used there.

August 14: Clause inserted in S letter; next to last paragraph to read as follows:

We desire to call your attention to the fact that the unsettled conditions abroad prohibit for a time Travelers' Cheques from being used there for the purpose for which they are issued. You are therefore authorized to issue Association cheques for use in the United States only, and each cheque issued by you must be stamped in accordance with instructions contained in our circular, which will be forwarded with the general instructions going with the cheques.

August 12: Letter sent by Benj. Strong, Jr. President, to Muller Schall & Company, 15 William St., New York.

We wish to confirm our telephonic conversation, and hereby guarantee to pay you \$2,000. plus cost of your cablegram to Lisbon, upon receipt of cable advice that the payment of \$2,000 has been made to the Consul General at Lisbon through your correspondent, whose cable address is, we understand, "Durnay, Lisbon."

We are guaranteeing this payment on behalf of the State Department at Washington, and we will arrange with the Government for reimbursement covering our payment to be made to you. We would appreciate your writing us, confirming that this letter is entirely clear to you

August 12: Letter from Muller Schall & Co., New York.

"We received your to-day's favor, instructing us to cable to our friends Messrs. Henry Burnay & Co., Lisbon, to pay \$2,000 to the Consul General at Lisbon, and that you will refund us the amount paid, and cable charges, on receipt of a cable from our friends in Lisbon that they have effected this payment. It is understood of course, that you will refund us cost of our cable and cost of cable from Lisbon, whether the payment may be effected or not.

August 14: Letter sent by Mr. Strong, as Chairman, Committee of New York Bankers, to Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasurer.

"Referring to our conversation this morning, Mr. W. L. Benedict, of Kidder, Peabody & Co. and Mr. Benj. Strong Jr., President of the Bankers Trust Company, submit the following memorandum statement of a proposed method of opening necessary credits at various points in Europe for the benefit of American travelers who are unable to obtain cash on their letters of credit and travelers' checks:

Champery, Switzerland.
August 15.

Please excuse postal - it is more likely to reach you than a letter. I wanted to tell you that as soon as telegraphic money orders are possible between New York and Switzerland, I shall probably cable you to send me to the full limit, which I believe is \$200; perhaps I may add to send one also to my son, as \$200 will not be enough to pay my debts if this financial situation continues. We are unable to get Letter of Credit or checks cashed, and they even refuse good American bills; also English banknotes. Everyone is moneyless, and the hotels are obliged to give us credit. Hundreds of Americans are in this country unable to get away or get money. The Consul wrote me serious efforts were being made to help us cash checks, so perhaps before this reaches you, I can get money here and need not cable. Cables must be written in French too, I believe. We are cut off from all countries for the time being; no mail comes from Paris.

Very sincerely,

Aimee S. de Potter.

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The Bankers Committee of New York will direct the Bankers Committee of London to set aside out of the three million dollars gold shipped by the Bankers on the Cruiser Tennessee, such specific sums of money as are required to protect guarantee given by the United States government through Ambassadors or Consuls at various points, for the purpose of furnishing cash at those points. The amounts so set aside in London out of the three millions of gold shipment, will be held subject to the control of Ambassador Page at London, under instructions from the State Department, and will be in addition to the Government fund applied to the relief of those whose resources are exhausted.

The state department could then cable to the American Ambassador at Rome, or to other Embassies or Consulates, directing that the Government give its obligation for the amount of money desired at that point for payments on travelers' checks and credits, which would be disbursed by the Ambassadors or Consuls, or if preferred through suitable banking agencies appointed by the bankers. As payments are made out of the funds placed at the disposal of Ambassadors and Consuls or banking agencies, the evidences of payment in the shape of drafts, letters of Credit, or travelers' checks, will be transmitted to the Ambassador at London, and he, in cooperation with the London committee, will reimburse the Government out of the fund set aside in London for that purpose. We are informed that the office of the London committee is well organized with skilled clerks and in charge of experienced bankers, the chairman being F. I. Kent, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company, New York City, who has had many years' experience in handling foreign exchange and letter of credit transactions. Our committee feels every assurance that on the scheme above outlined the government will be fully protected and these payments can be promptly made."

- August 14: Above letter also addressed to Hon. W. J. Bryan, Secretary of State, and signed Benj. Strong, Jr., Chairman, Committee of New York Bankers.
- August 15: Letter sent to I. S. Olds, Washington, D. C. signed J. E. Schmid. As per our telephonic conversation, am enclosing herewith corrected Power of Attorney in duplicate, one of which please have signed by the Secretary of the Treasury and returned to me at your convenience. This Power is necessary in order to enable the insurance broker to obtain rebate due on the insurance premium, and will be adjusted by us with the insurance broker, so that all that is necessary for you to do is to secure the Secretary's signature.
- August 15: Suggested plan for handling transaction proposed by cable from Ambassador Gerard, received at Washington August 15, 1914. "First, as to one hundred thousand dollar gold item, deposit the \$100,000. gold with the German Embassy with corresponding deposit with Ambassador Gerard in Berlin. The proposed rate of 4 marks 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ appears to us satisfactory and the proposed plan to be the promptest way of effecting a temporary credit with which Ambassador Gerard can pay Embassies expenses, etc. This also affords means for the German Embassy at Washington to pay their expenses (stop) Second, as to five million mark item, the last paragraph of Ambassador's cable does not indicate for what purpose the Mk. 5,000,000 credit will be used, at what rate of exchange marks will be figured, or whether the amount to be deposited in New York shall be gold or simply a credit or whether the gold is to be ultimately shipped abroad.

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If, as we surmise, this sum is to be principally used for the purpose of paying transportation, possibly chartering vessels, etc., it will be difficult to arrange for bankers to advance this sum of money, the arrangement purposed so far does not furnish any means for reimbursement or, in fact, any certainty that the amount expended for these purposes will be reimbursed, unless the Government will give its obligation to do so. We therefore suggest the following transaction: Bankers Trust Company will credit Deutsche Bank, as one of their New York correspondents, with \$1,250,000 against similar credit to be extended by the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, in favor of Ambassador Gerard at the rate of 4.19 3/4 Marks per dollar, Ambassador Gerard to be instructed that under this credit the Deutsche Bank is authorized to make payments on all responsible American travelers' cheques and letters of credit for such moderate amounts as are required by each individual, the payments against such credits to be figured at the rate of 96 cents for 4 marks which will make but a small allowance to cover the expenses of handling the transaction collecting the cheques, etc.

This allowance is necessary inasmuch as the account will be handled for the benefit of some hundreds of American institutions issuing these credits, with whom we are in no position to communicate and confirm arrangements. Otherwise the entire risk would be assumed by Bankers Trust Company alone for the account of all issuers of American credits.

We assume that a large proportion of the Credit of 5,000,000 marks will be expended in paying expense of transportation, possibly chartering vessels, in fact for all kinds of relief work for Americans who are without available funds or credits. It would, therefore, be necessary for us to have the obligation of the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse the Bankers Trust Company at the rate of Mkts. 4.19 3/4 per dollar, and costs, for all of the expenditures which are not possible of reimbursement out of good travelers' credits.

Bankers Trust Company is quite willing to make the advance under this arrangement provided also instructions are given to Ambassador Gerard that an agreement be entered into with the Deutsche Bank that in case conditions make it advisable, the travelers' cheques, drafts or other evidences of the payments made by the Deutsche Bank, shall be delivered to the American Embassy in Berlin and given the same safeguards as are given to the possessions of the Government in its care. It will also be necessary to have duplicate accounts covering the payments and transactions filed with the Embassy in Berlin, also filed with Bankers Trust Company in New York, and to have advices of the completion of this arrangement promptly cabled to the Ambassador at London and to Mr. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London, Chairman of the American Relief Committee.

It should also be arranged by Ambassador Gerard, that the credit to Deutsche Bank, with Bankers Trust Company, is to be used in payment of obligations due in this country. This will avoid shipping gold and at present, no safe means to do so are available.

August 18: Letter addressed to Mr. Strong and signed by W. J. Bryan, dated Washington, Department of State, August 15, 1914.

"The department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant in regard to cabling \$2,000 to the consul-general at Lisbon, Portugal. The arrangement as stated by you is accepted and approved by the Department, and the consul-general has been instructed as to the transfer of the money."

August 19: Letter sent to I. S. Olds, c/o New Willard Hotel, Washington D. C.

"The following is a translation of a cablegram received from the American

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Committee, Berne, Switzerland, on August 18th, addressed to National City Bank, Bankers Trust, Guaranty Trust, Brown Bros. New York, as well as our reply of the same date, signed "Benj. Strong Jr., Chairman, New York Bankers Committee, representing institutions addressed and others:-"

cable
from
Berne

'The sending of a collective cablegram from New York's important banks or the addressing of the Banque Nationale Suisse, Berne, by the National City Bank, will materially better the situation of Americans in all Switzerland to obtain money from Swiss Banks. This cable should give assurance that the drafts against Letters of Credit will be paid directly in New York, instead of passing through London, against deposits of gold in New York. We recommend taking urgent steps and immediate action.'

reply
to
Berne

'Answering your cablegram addressed National City Bank, Bankers Trust, Guaranty Trust, Brown Bros. Understand London Committee arranged credit £20,000 with Swiss Bankverein for cashing Travelers' Cheques. United States Government deposited fifty thousand dollars gold with National City Bank for credit Banque Nationale Suisse for similar purpose. Does your cable just received mean that additional credits are required against guarantee of repayment in gold in New York, and if so, how much.'

August 19: Letter received from Muller, Schall & Co., New York. Upon request of your Mr. Strong, we have again cabled to Lisbon, Portugal, regarding the payment of \$2,000 to the American Consul General, and shall advise you as soon as an answer has been received. We enclose bill for cable charges, amounting to \$21.84 and remain:

August 19: Letter to Mr. Olds, Washington. Enclosed please find copy of circular received by us to-day from Messrs. Blyth & Bonner, containing message sent to them by the Banca Commerciale Italiana, Genoa.
(For enclosure see cablegram on "Miscellaneous sheet")

August 19: Letter from The National City Bank of New York. We delivered to you yesterday, by messenger, copy of cablegram received from the American Committee in Berne, relative to the situation of Americans throughout Switzerland. We are now informed by the cable company that this message was not intended for your goodselves and we would ask you therefore to kindly ignore same.

August 14: Letter addressed to Mr. Strong by Frederick S. Duncan, New York. Sometime ago you suggested that I telegraph Frederick I. Kent Waldorf Hotel, London, in regard to Miss Louise Crosby, sister of Mrs. Oscar T. Sewell of Englewood, N. J., who was staying at a little country village in France, her address being Cilla Desroches, Viarnes, Seineetoise, France. I telegraphed Mr. Kent as follows:-
"At Strong's suggestion, please telegraph Louise Crosby, Cilla Desroches, Viarnes, Seineetoise, France, offering assistance in returning. I will meet all disbursements this end."

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I also cabled Miss Crosby:-

"If you need money or assistance in returning, cable me also Frederick I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London."

A few days ago I received a message from Mr. Kent through your Company reading as follows:-

"Tell Frederick Duncan cannot telegraph as requested but trying other ways. Cable friends to look me up if possible, as difficult to find time to hunt them but doing best I can."

Yesterday I received a message from Miss Crosby consisting of the single word "Thanks" which evidently indicates that she is in no need of immediate assistance or that she has gotten in touch with Mr. Kent and has secured such assistance as she needs. I am writing Miss Crosby to communicate fully with Mr. Kent and I am also writing Mr. Kent telling him that I have heard from Miss Crosby; that she is at the address above given and that I have asked her to communicate with him. I have asked Mr. Kent whether to give Miss Crosby such assistance as she may need either financially or in returning to this Country, or to put her in touch with the proper people in Paris who will give her assistance and advice later on in case she needs it then. I also gave Miss Crosby's name to Mr. Gordon who sailed on the Tennessee recently representing, as I understand, your Company. It occurs to me that by this time matters may have cleared up so that in Paris there is a well established committee or bureau in which your company is interested, who could communicate directly with Miss Crosby and relieve Mr. Kent of the duties of communication from London, although possibly your Paris representatives and Mr. Kent are co-operating. If you know of people in Paris, or elsewhere in France who could communicate with Miss Crosby and take a personal interest in assisting her in such ways as she may need, I would greatly appreciate your making arrangements to that end. Miss Crosby has been an invalid for several years and she is quite alone in France. She has good courage and a keen interest in all matters, but I rather fear that the excitement and anxiety of the present situation may work upon her so that she ought to be looked after by some one who would take somewhat of a personal interest in her affairs. I congratulate you on the splendid work you have done at this end and your representatives are doing abroad for the wandering Americans.

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Letter from Mr. Strong to Mr. F. S. Duncan:

Your of the 14th is just received and I want first to thank you cordially for the expressions contained in your letter. We have had a good deal of worry and anxiety over the situation abroad with regard to American travelers, but I am glad to say that all advices continue encouraging, and I doubt if your friends from now on, will experience difficulty in getting money either in Paris or London.

My suggestion in regard to Miss Crosby is that you cable her direct telling her to apply to Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris, in case she needs any particular assistance or additional money, and to inform them that she is doing so at my request. This course is being pursued in a great many other cases, and I feel sure will be productive of the desired result.

A large credit has been established with Morgan, Harjes & Co. for the purpose of making advances on all good American travelers credits, and if Miss Crosby will mention my name as suggested, I

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feel sure that Mr. Harjes will give the matter prompt attention particularly when it is known that Miss Crosby is an invalid. If you wish to make the suggestion also that Miss Crosby apply directly to Ambassador Herrick, and mention my name in the same way, I am sure she will receive similar attention from him, as he is a warm, personal friend of mine, and will do everything in his power. Should occasion arise, don't hesitate to let me know and I will cable both Ambassador Herrick and Mr. Harjes myself about the matter.

- August 19: Letter from Mr. Frederick S. Duncan to Mr. Strong:
I greatly appreciate your letter of August 17th with suggestions in regard to Miss Crosby. Will cable her and also write her as suggested in your letter.
- August 19: Letter from The First National Bank, New Hampton, Iowa, to B. T. Co.:
We are enclosing you herewith American Bankers Association Travelers Cheques in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty dollars, for redemption and proceeds of which you will deposit with the American Exchange National Bank, New York, for our credit and advice.
These Cheques were issued by us on the second day of July to Mr. G. Kerkhoff for use in Europe. Mr. Kerkhoff was right in the war zone but he fortunately worked his way out thru Holland across to England taking ship, the Laconia of the White Star Line, from Liverpool to New York and reached New York last Sunday. Mr. Kerkhoff states that for these Travelers Cheques which we issued him that he would have been "up against it", as they were the only medium of exchange that would be accepted. Stated that he met many Americans with their pockets full of money and that were unable to get anything. He is busy among his German friends singing our praise for the good Cheques issued him which praise we will gladly accept at the same time however we will have to give you the real credit for the organization which you have perfected.
- August 20: Letter from J. Walter Thompson to Mr. Strong:
The regular Bank Holiday in London came on Monday, and the Government extended this Bank Holiday up to Friday. It being necessary to obtain gold, which could not be obtained anywhere on Bankers Checks at that time, I telephoned to the Guaranty Trust Company to ascertain if by any possibility I could acquire a small amount of gold there, believing that being an American concern and not an English concern they might be open.
After some conversation over the telephone I was invited to call, which I did, and found that while nominally closed there were people inside, and I was admitted. I presented my checks to the cashier or clerk and at sight, and without any particular comment he turned me down flat. I asked why he had me come all the way to Lombard Street if that was what he proposed to do, but he did not reply, or if he did I did not hear it.
Subsequently I cabled to you, and with your cable in hand I went to the Guaranty Trust Co. two days later and got what I required. Had he served me, however, in the first instance with the moderate amount I desired at that time, it would have been less than half what I required at the time of my second call.
Relative to the American checks in London, you can readily understand that in this case the war excitement was something terrific, although it was rather a suppressed excitement among business men and men engaged in financial matters. Neither hotels, shop people nor others seemed to know exactly where they stood, and when they declined to receive Bank of England notes and give change for them, which they did for the days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, it did not occur to me that there was any special animosity towards checks in

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declining them. So far as the A.B.A. checks were concerned, I changed my mind when I found that they accepted freely checks of the American Express and Wells Fargo companies, and I found the explanation later in an announcement published, if my memory is correct, in the financial papers, stating that these people would pay their checks in gold up to a certain amount, upon presentation.

There was no animosity or favoritism shown as far as I could see, excepting that there was probably a doubt as to when they could turn the checks into gold, which was the only thing that would pass current. This evidently must have been made very clear by some of the other companies, and it left people somewhat in doubt as to the A.B.A. checks.

The Cecil Hotel where I stopped, did accept checks on account of board, but would not give any change in money. The Cunard people declined to accept the A.B.A. checks in payment of passage, although at the same time they did accept checks from the American Express Company and some other checks, what ones I do not know.

This was the situation to the best of my memory and belief.

No man living could have foreseen this condition or known it unless he was on the ground. The A.B.A. checks were treated exactly the same as Bank of England notes.

August 21: Letter from Mr. Strong to Mr. J. Walter Thompson.

I am exceedingly grateful to you for your letter of the 20th, which I am anxious to have with other similar statements, in our files. There seems to be a great variety of opinions as to how matters were handled abroad, but I am glad to say that our clients in the main have been most courteously treated. Isolated cases of difficulty are bound to occur, and these we must deal with as best we can, and I hope that our friends will all be satisfied that the best possible was done under the circumstances.

August 22: Letter from J. Walter Thompson to Mr. Strong:

Replying to your letter of Aug. 21st, everyone on the other side seemed to feel regarding the checks, that the contretemps was simply occasioned by the war and I did not hear one complaint. In fact, everyone who used them spoke well of them.

The reason I took so much interest in the matter was that I felt there was an opportunity to gain some knowledge that might possibly be of use to your Company.

August 24: Letter from Fletcher S. Mason for Frank W. Matteson, Atty, to Mr. Bock, Foreign Exchange Dept., B.T.Co.

I beg to advise you that I am today in receipt of advices from Mrs. Georgette (Harold) Brown, via Newport, R.I., stating that she had received the funds kindly cabled by you to your correspondent, Haskard & Co., in Florence, Italy, although as yet she had not received the earlier remittance which we attempted to convey through governmental channels.

August 24: Letter from C. Peizette, Acting President American Chamber of Commerce, Paris, to the President, Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

The war has created a financial situation in France which should be brought to the attention of American bankers. On August 3rd, the moratorium was decreed. This means that ordinary business payments are postponed. It has practically put an end to banking accommodation. Similar conditions prevail in all belligerent countries. In France, outside of money to pay workmen and clerks, a depositor may draw out only Frs. 250 and 5% of his remaining deposit, until further notice. Within a few days it has become possible to draw out an additional 10%.

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American houses have, in the regular order of business, recently drawn against French companies, either their own branch or a house with which they have long had relations. These drafts which were accepted by the French houses, are coming due, and those since August 3rd fall under the effects of the moratorium. As collections are practically impossible for the time being, French concerns, even those having large deposits here, cannot pay these maturing drafts because of the restrictions of the moratorium. This virtual suspension of business payments will probably be further prolonged by another decree of the French Government, but the conditions will be somewhat modified.

Financial conditions, particularly in France, have shown some improvement within a few days. You no doubt have learned from the newspapers that cable transfers are becoming more nearly normal. Actual transactions are being made either through the deposit of funds by the buyer at New York, or by the payment of the buyer here in exchange for documents. We, therefore, urge that you give the fullest publicity to the situation in Europe, and point out that American bankers who have discounted drafts on French and other European houses, should exercise such indulgence as circumstances require, and should not create a hardship by calling upon the drawers of America of such drafts for immediate reimbursement. If all who are concerned with Franco-American trade, particularly banking houses, will be unusually patient for a short time, it is probable that we shall soon see a considerable revival of France-American trade, as well as of French industry. As the United States is the one great country which is now neutral, and as the commerce between France and the United States should be very large on both sides, American manufacturers, exporters, and consequently bankers, have much to gain by a liberal attitude at this time.

August 31. Letter from The Lumbermans National Bank of Houston, Tex. to Mr. Strong.

We appreciate very much the information contained in your letter of August 27th. You are certainly to be congratulated on the manner in which you Company has taken hold of the situation and it means the furthering of the present good standing of the Bankers Trust Company. (Sgd) M.S.Murray, Ass't. Cashier.

Sept. 4. Letter from Seward Prosser, The Liberty National Bank, New York to Mr. Strong.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Gibson, touching on the kind of service he is rendering you. I thought it might be of interest.

"Mr. H. D. Gibson,
On Board U.S.S. Tennessee.

War Department
Office of Ass't. Secretary
on Board U.S.S. Tennessee
Aug. 15, 1914

Dear Mr. Gibson-

As the TENNESSEE is nearing its port and the time for the dispersing of our party is coming near at hand, I desire to express to you my sincere sense of obligation for the valuable assistant cooperation and advice you have so freely given to us in connection with the preparatory work of the Relief Commission. Had it not been for your broad knowledge of international exchange and your ability and readiness to impart it, it would have been impossible for us to have done so well as we have in preparing the minds of the officers of the Commission for the conditions and situations that will confront them in their work on the Continent.

Personally and in the name of the Government, I desire to extend to you the expression of a very sincere appreciation of your valuable services to us.

(Signed) Henry Breckenridge,
Assistant Secretary of War
and Special Commissioner of the U.S.

September 7. Letter to Mr. Fred I. Kent from Wisconsin Bankers' Association, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Having seen in some financial paper within the last month, a statement from you that American Bankers Checks were being cashed freely in European Countries, I beg to quote from a letter received this morning from one of our members relative to this subject. The Bank of Burlington, at Burlington, Wisc., say that their Mr. Slade has just returned from Europe and reports that traveling with him was a Mr. Reynolds - the latter supplies with American Express checks, while Mr. Slade had the American Bankers Checks purchased from their bank.

"Mr. Slade states that the last checks he was able to cash was on August 2nd, at Milan Italy, and after that neither he nor other tourists that he met were able to cash at any place, any of the A.B.A. checks, but that his companion Mr. Reynolds, cashed the Express checks at practically every place where he tried. The Express checks, however, were cashed at the Express offices.

On the way home the question of cashing checks was quite prominent among the tourists and very bitter complaints were expressed by those holding Bankers checks while those supplies with Express Company checks were highly pleased with the accommodations extended them. "

The Burlington Bank write further that it seems to them an institution so large as the Bankers Trust Company should have influence enough to protect its checks, even at such times as the past month, and the fact that they have not done so shows a weakness on their part or a lack of proper attention.

Knowing your deep interest in the development of the American Bankers check plan, I send this information to you with the hope that it may tend to improve your foreign check plans.

Some of our other members have complained that you should refuse to allow banks to continue the sale of your checks after war was declared for there has been built up by many banks, the sale of these checks to persons traveling in this country and I understand your company sent out a notice prohibiting the sale of any of these checks, even in this country, which notice I think has been since somewhat modified.

I shall be glad to hear your report of present conditions.

(Signed) GEO. BARTLETT, Secretary.

September 8. Letter from the Bank of Burlington, Burlington, Wisc., to Bankers Trust Co.

We are sending you enclosed \$530 of your travelers checks which were returned by our Mr. S. D. Slade, who was traveling in Europe and we might say in connection with this that his traveling companion was supplied with American Express Company checks which were freely cashed on the continent.

Our man would have been stranded with the enclosed checks in his pocket if he had not been accompanied by his friend who was better situated.

It has been rather humiliating to us to have your checks in the hands of our customers and to be placed in such a situation and we are still undetermined as to the future but believe it advisable to handle other travelers checks than those issued by you.

Kindly remit for the above to Irving National Bank, for our credit and advice.

(Signed) G. A. Uebele, Cashier.

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September 11. Letter by Mr. Strong to Bank of Burlington, Burlington, Wisc.

Your favor of the 8th instant received, returning \$530 in Travelers' Cheques for redemption. As requested, we have sent our check for the amount to the Irving National Bank for your credit under advice.

During mobilization and first days of panic, no credits were cashed in some continental countries except in some miscellaneous places, some taking Association cheques and some others. From cable advices received from our Mr. Kent, who has been acting as Chairman of the London Relief Committee, we feel satisfied that Association Travelers' Cheques gave good general service, but both the Association cheques and the Express Company cheques were refused temporarily at many places, sometimes ours being cashed and theirs not, and vice versa. To our knowledge, Association cheques are now being cashed throughout Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Germany and all Scandinavia. At the outbreak of hostilities, we had sufficient balances abroad to meet all Travelers' cheques which might be cashed in foreign countries, but due to the bank holidays and moratoria, we were only in a position to dispose of our balances up to limited amounts, in a majority of cases five per cent. being allowed for the first fifteen or thirty days, and ten per cent. for the next fifteen or thirty days. This necessitated our making special arrangements for the protection of Association cheques, and as you no doubt know, the Bankers Trust Company in cooperation with other banks, firms and companies issuing Travelers' Cheques, arranged for the shipment of a large amount of gold by the U. S. Cruiser "Tennessee". As soon as cable advices reached Europe that this gold was being forwarded, European banks and bankers immediately released funds and began cashing all responsible American credits.

Through the cooperation of the State, Treasury, Navy and War Department, at Washington, we were able to make these relief arrangements promptly and effectively, and nothing was left undone to relieve the hardships and inconveniences caused American tourists caught in Europe by the unexpected cataclysm.

We have been advised by the representative of one of the French banks that on the first day of mobilization, practically their entire staff of clerks was compelled to report to their regiments, and they were so greatly handicapped by this utter breakdown that for several days it was impossible for them to take care of all demands upon them.

For a few days, we discontinued the issuance of all Association cheques until we received advices from abroad as to how wide-spread the war would become. Within a few days after suspending all sales, the banks were notified that they would resume the issuance of cheques for use within the United States only and a circular was forwarded to you to this effect, as well as a form letter outlining the work of the London Relief Committee and the cable reports made by our Mr. Kent, who is still in Europe.

It may interest you to know that we arranged to meet all incoming Steamers with sufficient funds to cash Association cheques and other Travelers' cheques, and the experiences of a great many returning tourists have led us to believe that in recommending Association Cheques to your clients, you are still giving them the very best possible service.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your kind interest and cooperation in the Association System of Travelers' Cheques, and thanking you for having written, thus enabling us to explain in detail our position in the matter, we beg to remain - etc.

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September 8. Letter from Frederick S. Duncan to Mr. Strong.

I am sincerely grateful to you and to your company for the very efficient assistance you have rendered to Miss Louise Crosby through Morgan, Harjes & Co. So far as we can gather from recent cablegrams she is being well looked after and will probably be safely started on the way home shortly. Mrs. Sewall and Miss Crosby's other relatives and friends deeply appreciate what you have done.

September 11. Letter to Mr. Strong from William C. Breed of Breed, Abbott & Morgan, N.Y.

I returned to town today after a week's rest, feeling somewhat recovered from my London experience. In going over matters today, thought you might be interested in seeing the travelers emergency note, which was hastily gotten up by the Committee in London, and used in connection with loans, - also notice issued by the Treasurer's office on money matters.

Hope you will be able to get a few days off very soon as the strain you have been and are now under must be something terrific.

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AMERICAN TRAVELLERS' EMERGENCY NOTE

London, England1914

I hereby acknowledge receipt from
.....the sum ofpounds
sterling, and I hereby agree and undertake to pay on demand the sum of
.....dollars
to theor order.

And I hereby pledge the following securities:

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for the repayment of the same and the holder of this Note is expressly
authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, with or without
notice to me, and deduct all expense. The holder also reserves the right
to realize on said securities in advance of presentation of note account-
ing to undersigned for any surplus less expense.

Signature

American Address

Resident

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AMERICAN CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

White Room

Hotel Savoy, Embankment Entrance.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS WILL HEREAFTER BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS.

- A. CABLE TRANSFER DEPARTMENT.
- B. AMERICAN MONEY - CONTINENTAL GOLD EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.
- C. LOAN DEPARTMENT.
- D. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(A) For cash on Travelers' Cheques or Letters of Credit persons should apply at the offices of banks and companies issuing them, i.e.,

American Express Company6 Haymarket
 Wells, Fargo & Co.....20 Charles St., S.W.
 Guaranty Trust Company.....33 Lombard St., E.C.

(B) American currency will be exchanged on the basis of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for One Pound (£1). Continental Gold at par.

(C) Cables for Money. All persons in need of money must cable their American connections and they shall only be afforded temporary relief until their cables can be answered.

(D) Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd Travelers' Cheques and Tickets. Loans upon these and upon receipts for money shall only be made in small amounts and then on 50% security.

(E) German and Austrian Money - the foregoing rule applies in these cases.

(F) Loans on Security - In all such cases persons obtaining loans shall sign cheques on American banks, or if without checking accounts then promissory notes, with full information as to the financial responsibility of the applicant.

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September 15. Letter by Mr. Strong to William C. Breed, New York

I much appreciate your courtesy in writing me, enclosing the exhibit in connection with the work of the London Committee, which we will add to our records pertaining to this most interesting and difficult matter.

Many Americans are to be congratulated upon having the aid of such men as yourself and your associates at their disposal abroad, and without it I know the situation would have been much more serious than it proved to be. We are all grateful to you, as well as to the others.

September 16. Letter to Mr. Strong from the Great Eastern Railway, London, E.C.
Liverpool Station - General Manager's Office - signed by H.W.THORNTON.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind letter of August 24th, and on behalf of my Board and myself I thank you for the sentiments contained therein. The Great Eastern Railway Company and its officers were only too glad to have been of service to those who were temporarily embarrassed. The reception of those who availed themselves of our offer and the attention of their needs representative of the kindly and hospitable attitude of English men to Americans in distress, and is a further indication of the cordial spirit which has distinguished the recent relations between these two great countries.

It may interest you and your Committee to know that relief was extended to 1,212 persons and about £ 12,000 paid at the full face value of the American cheques.

The knowledge that the action of the Great Eastern Railway has attracted the appreciation of your Committee is most gratifying to my associates and myself, and I beg that you will accept for your Committee and yourself my warmest thanks for your very kind letter.

September 15. Letter from Union Trust Company to Bankers Trust Co. (Union Trust-Rochester)

Referring to yours of the 14th inst. regarding the discount charged Mr. Wolff on the Bankers Letters of Credit, I submitted your letter to our Vice President, Mr. Wolff, and am enclosing from him memorandum covering the subject. (Following)

Mr. D.M.Rose, Asst. Secretary
Union Trust Company.

Referring to the letter of the Bankers Trust Company dated Sept. 14, 1914, regarding discount charged on the Bankers checks by Bankers at Lucerne and other Swiss banks, you may say to the Trust Company that they are mistaken in the belief that those banks were acting under instructions from the Paris Committee.

The banks at Lucerne sent out letters to the effect that they would pay American Express Co. Travelers Cheques in full and pay Letters of Credit and Bankers Cheques at the rate of five francs to the dollar. I, being one of the Bankers' Committee of the American Association at Lucerne, was supplied with a copy of the different letters sent out by the Bank at Lucerne. When I arrived in Paris, I called upon Mr. Harjes of Morgan, Harjes & Co., with whom I am acquainted, and took up the subject with him,

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the result being a conference with the other men of that institution. They were given a copy of the letters I had over the signatures of the Lucerne bankers announcing the discounts, etc. The Paris bank was very much disturbed, as they informed me that they had sent quantities of gold to Lucerne for the purpose of meeting Letters of Credit and Bankers Cheques and that the Swiss banks had no right or authority to discount. They sent a telegram to that effect to Switzerland.

My knowledge of the action of the banks at Lucerne was that at the time, at my request, those having Bankers cheques asked for a statement when their cheques were cashed. Those statements were cheerfully given by the bankers the first two days that they exacted the discount. It seems that they must have realized that they would be obliged perhaps to give this amount back to the Bankers Trust Company if they continued giving statements of the transaction, and so by unanimous understanding of all banks, they refused to give statements after the second day, with the remark, "Of course, if you don't want the amount that we are offering, you can take back your check", which of course the poor American could not do. It was simply a case of their making that amount of money.

If the Bankers Trust Company will take this subject up with Morgan, Harjes & Co., they will find that what I am saying here is correct. As far as the checks they cashed for me, \$250, they gave me 1250 francs, or 31.25 francs less than I was entitled to. The Bankers Trust Company need not bother to return. I am perfectly satisfied as the matter stands without putting them to unnecessary trouble.

I wish, however, that you would state to the Bankers Trust Company that the action of the banks in Switzerland and some of the other places in Europe has done a great deal to injure the Bankers Checks and build up those of the American Express Company, my supposition being that most of the bankers in these places being the agents of the American Express Company were working in the interests of that company as against those of other travelers checks. Mr. Harjes, of the Morgan, Harjes Co., informed me that his bank was considering the issuing of Travelers Checks beginning with next season.

September 14. Extract from letter from Mr. F. I. Kent.

"The following telegram from Gibson explains itself:

'Advise Kent in reply his telegram regarding rates. Excessive discount referred to by him only in exceptional cases where drafts were cashed by small private bankers. Drafts amounting to fifteen hundred thousand marks mentioned in my telegram yesterday all in hands of best banks here. They desire redemption only on entirely fair basis. Drafts will be accompanied by lists showing rate for each draft and they guarantee to you that in no case will this rate represent profit of over half per cent. over amount paid holder of credit. Expect these rates will vary from twenty to twenty fifty five. Strongly advise no definite arrangements be made for redemption these drafts until my return. Because of unusual conditions think your plan of debiting your account not most favorable. Banks are satisfied to leave matter in abeyance until my arrival in London. Accept my assurance that matter of rates can safely be left in abeyance as banks here expect no unusual profits even though loss of interest considerable.'

This situation by itself is sufficient to have more than paid for the great work which you did in getting gold fund started. If the German

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banks had not realized through the announcement that the gold was on the way specially for the purpose of protecting American credits, there is no doubt whatever in my mind but that they would never have been willing to have advanced such an amount of money to Americans when they had absolutely no means of getting it back except from such gold fund or until after the war."

September 17, 1914. Letter by Mr. Strong to Schweizerischer Bankverein, Zurich, Switzerland

We are receiving numerous complaints from returning tourists that Association cheques are being honored in Switzerland only at a heavy discount, whereas on all Travelers' Cheques which we are receiving from you, our account is being debited for the face amount, and we are at a loss to understand why the cheques should not have been honored for their face value, as any commissions due you are being paid by us.

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We are enclosing copy of a letter received by us from our Rochester correspondent, and would appreciate your advising us regarding this matter, as returning tourists are severely criticising Swiss banks regarding their action in this connection.

Upon receipt of this letter, would appreciate your immediately instructing your various branches and correspondents to honor these cheques at their face value, and if our account is in need of funds, you may reimburse yourselves by drawing on London, in accordance with the open credit established with the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London, in your favor.

** (For copy of this letter - see page 17 Misc. Letters)

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Correspondence with The Dominion Bank, Hamilton, Ont.

September 9. Letter from Dominion Bank, signed by Manager, addressed to Treasurer of B.T.

I beg to enclose herewith our S.B. 8886 \$1400, embracing American Bankers Association money orders as follows:

C. 2119930 - C.2119964 (35 x \$20)	=	\$700	
A. 143873 - A. 143879 (7 x \$100)	=	700	\$1400

These orders have been outstanding since the 30th June, and Mr. Carleton claims to have had a great deal of trouble cashing in England, other orders sold him by us at the same time. They are payable at par in Canada and as New York funds are selling at 3/8 to 7/16 discount, we shall be glad if you will deposit with the National City Bank for our credit - with advice to us - and with directions to the National City Bank to advise us also, the sum of \$1405.25 in settlement of the orders.

September 11. Letter to The Dominion Bank, by Mr. Schmid.

Your favor of the 9th instant received, enclosing \$1400 in Travelers' Cheques, in settlement of which we have today sent our check for \$1400 to the National City Bank for your credit under advice to you. We note your remarks that these cheques are payable at par in Canada, and as New York funds are selling at 3/8 to 7/16 discount, you ask us to deposit \$1405.25 in settlement of these orders.

In settlement of Travelers' Cheques issued by you we receive New York exchange, and although the greatest part of the year New York exchange

commands a premium in Canada, we receive no benefit, and feel that we should not be called upon to pay any discounts on unused Travelers' Cheques when New York exchange is at a discount. Furthermore, the full commission of 1/2 of one per cent has been waived in your favor on all cheques issued.

We greatly appreciate your courtesy in having written us, thus giving us an opportunity to explain our position, and assuring you of our appreciation of any courtesies shown to holders of American Bankers' Association Travelers' Cheques, we are -

September 14. Letter from The Dominion Bank to Mr. Schmid.

I have received your letter of the 11th inst., also advice today from the National City Bank of your deposit of \$1400 in settlement of that amount of Travelers' Cheques.

Your arguments, first, that New York exchange commands a premium in Canada throughout the greater part of the year, and second, that a full commission of 1/2 is waived in our favor, are not satisfactory explanations of your refusal to credit us with the amount of the discount. My personal experience during the last two years has been that I have had to decline certain good American business because of the prevailing discount for currency. Payment for all Bankers cheques received by us goes immediately into your hands and we should not issue them at all were it not for the one-half commission.

With regard to your further statement that no benefit is received when New York exchange is at a premium in Canada, our understanding has always been that settlement must be in New York funds.

We shall be glad to open an account if you like and place the funds here at your disposal. Today our entry is to be made, - funds are 3/4 - 11/16 discount. We do not consider that our customer should be charged with this discount, and shall thank you to send us the amount asked for, namely \$5.25.

September 16. Letter to The Dominion Bank signed by Mr. Strong.

Our Mr. Schmid has just handed me your favor of the 14th instant. We are most desirous of adjusting all matters in connection with travelers' credits to the entire satisfaction of our correspondents, and your letter offers a suggestion which possibly will afford us an opportunity to not only adjust this matter, but handle other transactions for Canadian clients. Will you write us at once under what terms we might carry a balance with your bank (which we presume should be with the head office) through which payments could be made in settlement of such items as the one referred to, also payments for travelers' cheques sold in Canada by our correspondents.

The writer is at present engaged in an effort to formulate plans which will overcome the disparity in both London and Canadian exchange, and if our efforts are successful we believe questions of this character will be promptly disposed of.

September 22. Letter from Franklin National Bank, Philadelphia, to Mr. Strong.

I have just returned from the other side, and know that you would have been very much pleased if you had been with me and heard on all sides the universal expressions of approbation of the fine work done by Fred Kent as a member of the American Advisory Committee in London.

Miscellaneous Letters.

He represented most admirably his Country and your Company. You, of course, know all this much better than I do, but I wanted to add ~~my~~ small voice in testimony of his untiring devotion to his duty, well done.

(Signed) J.A. Harris, Tr.

September 22. Letter from The Dominion Bank of Hamilton, Ont. to Mr. Strong.

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant to which I replied saying that my head office would communicate direct with you, I beg to say that they write me that before terms can be offered for your account, further information must be obtained as to:

The average balance to be kept in the account, the volume of business, would deposits made consist of Canadian or U.S. Funds, would any other business pass through the account besides payment for Travelers' Cheques sold in Canada by us or your correspondents, would this account be required to redeem Association money orders paid in Canada.

If you will kindly furnish me with this data I will see that the matter is promptly laid before our head office.

September 8, 1914.

Bankers Trust Co.,
16 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

Re Miss Louise Crosby

I acknowledge receipt of yours of September 8th enclosing copy of cablegram from Morgan, Harjes & Company to Benjamin Strong, Jr., reading: "Your friend, Louise Crosby, has been taken good care of by us financially and otherwise and on August 31st she left here giving her address as Hotel Walcott, 4 West 31st Street, New York City."

I note that you have received a letter stating that they paid Miss Crosby five hundred francs at \$5.00, which you are deducting from the five hundred dollars received from me, less cable expenses, leaving a balance of \$387.48, for which amount you enclose your check, receipt of which I acknowledge.

I wish to express my grateful appreciation of the courtesy you have extended to me and to Miss Crosby. Your assistance has been of great help to her and great comfort to me and Miss Crosby's family, who were naturally extremely anxious for her safety, particularly during the past two weeks.

On September 6th Miss Crosby cabled from Paris as follows: "Well. Ambassador helping us." This cable was forwarded to me at Fisher's Island, where I was spending Labor Day, and thinking that she might not have received the last cables that were sent through your office to her, and to Mr. Harjes, under date of September 4th, owing to the fact that she had undoubtedly been compelled to leave her former address some days before the cables were sent, I cabled her C/o Ambassador telling her to communicate with Mr. Harjes, who would supply her with funds and give her further assistance. This morning I have received a letter from her written August 15th, stating that evidently through Mr. Kent, your Vice-President, she had been put in touch with Mr. Harjes, who had arranged to supply her with money on her Letter of Credit.

In view of Miss Crosby's cable of September 6th I do not quite understand the cable received by you this morning from Mr. Harjes. Evidently Miss Crosby was in Paris on the 6th, and it is not impossible that when she receives my cablegram of that date she will apply to Mr. Harjes for such other funds as she may find necessary, although of course she may have previously received whatever funds she thought needed to get her back to New York. In any event I wish you would let the matter stand open for a little while longer until we can be perfectly sure that Miss Crosby is safely on the way home. If she needs any further funds from Morgan, Harjes & Company I would be glad to have them supply the money, charging the same to your account and to have you charge the same to my account, in which event I will promptly reimburse you for any expense you are put to.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Frederick S. Duncan

THE DOMINION BANK,

Hamilton, Ont., 14th September, 1914.

J. A. Schmidt, Esq.,
Manager, The Foreign Exchange Department,
The Bankers Trust Company,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 11th inst., also advice to-day from the National City Bank of your deposit of \$1400 in settlement of that amount of Travellers' Cheques.

Your arguments, first, that New York exchange commands a premium in Canada throughout the greater part of the year, and second, that a full commission of one-half is waived in our favor, are not satisfactory explanations of your refusal to credit us with the amount of the discount. My personal experience during the last two years has been that I have had to decline certain good American business because of the prevailing discount for currency. Payment for all Bankers cheques received by us goes immediately into your hands and we should not issue them at all were it not for the one-half commission.

With regard to your further statement that no benefit is received when New York exchange is at a premium in Canada, our understanding has always been that settlement must be in New York funds.

We shall be glad to open an account if you like and place the funds here at your disposal. To-day our entry is to be made, - funds are $3/4$ - $11/16$ discount. We do not consider that our customer should be charged with this discount, and shall thank you to send us the amount asked for, namely \$5.25.

Yours truly,

Manager.

12 noon - "N. Y. funds nominal 1% dis."

J. P. Morgan & Co.,
Wall Street, corner Broad.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co.,
52 William Street.

New York, September 17, 1914.

Confidential.

\$100,000,000

NEW YORK CITY LOAN SYNDICATE.

Bankers Trust Company,
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

Of the obligations of the City payable in Paris which the Syndicate has undertaken to discharge under contract with the City, we acquired, on September 1, 1914, as we orally informed the Comptroller, certain Paris maturities for the aggregate amount of Fcs. 13,500,000 at the exchange rate of 19.607843 cents to the franc.

We propose to turn these notes over to the Syndicate without profit, at the same rates of discount and exchange as those on which they were acquired. The purchase of these foreign obligations will reduce to that extent the possible requirements for gold.

Under the agreement with the City we are to offer the Comptroller the right to anticipate payment of any of the maturing obligations covered by the Contract which the Syndicate has acquired. The notes aggregating Fcs. 13,500,000 will be delivered to the City on a basis of 6% discount and at a rate of 20c. to the franc.

We are accordingly calling upon the City to deliver to us on Friday, September 18th, checks of the City upon the several depositaries for their ratable amounts of an aggregate withdrawal of \$2,677,545.21.

The check to be drawn upon you by the City will be for the sum of \$108,976.09.

As this transaction will not require the furnishing of gold, the check to be drawn upon you will be collected through the banks in the customary manner.

Very truly yours,

J. P. Morgan & Co. Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Syndicate Managers.

THE DOMINION BANK,

Hamilton, Ont., 18th September, 1914.

Benjamin Strong, Jr.,
President, the Bankers Trust Company,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 16th inst., and note that my letter has offered a suggestion which will obviate a recurrence of the case in point.

As you have asked us to quote terms on which an account might be kept here, and have suggested that the account should be carried at Head Office, I have forwarded the recent correspondence to Mr. Arthur Pepler, Assistant to the General Manager, Toronto, who will doubtless communicate with you in due course.

Yours truly,

Manager.

8 Via Solferino, Florence,
19 September, 1914.

The Bankers Trust Co.,
19 Wall St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Thank you for your letter of September 2, which I have just received, and especially for the efforts made in my behalf which you describe. Personally I was inconvenienced only a short time, as I was able to borrow some American Express Co. checks. Now all difficulty seems to be over.

I have no doubt the facts in other places were as you state them, but in Rome certainly they were as stated in my earlier letter. The American Express Co. and Cook's cashed their own checks, in limited amounts at any one time, and Sebasti made limited payments in all cases where he was named as a correspondent. The American Express Co. was most accommodating to all, and certainly will gain by its action. The Banca Commerciale Italiana not merely refused to make payments on anything whatever, but did so in a peculiarly exasperating manner, and when it began to make payments, exacted, as I was told, most unwarranted discounts. Many Americans were made exceedingly angry by their methods and manners. I myself only made one attempt there, but it was enough to show me what others probably experienced.

Now I hope our troubles are over for a time at least. With thanks, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) GEORGE BURTON ADAMS.

September 28th, 1914.

George D. Bartlett, Secretary,
Wisconsin Bankers Association,
Pabst Building - Room 408,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

Your favor of September 7th enclosing carbon copy of letter sent by you to Fred I. Kent, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company, came to these offices during my absence from the City.

I thank you for the information contained therein and you know that I am always glad to hear all sides of a question.

I do not consider it any very grave reflection on the Bankers Trust Company that their Travelers Cheques were refused for a brief period. I do not know of a single banking institution in the country issuing Travelers Checks or Letters of Credit upon which cash could be secured for a time. This also applied to the Express Companies for a brief period; then the Express Companies began to cash their own checks.

You are no doubt aware that this Association has been making a fight against the Express Companies for many years - it being our belief that the Express Companies were getting a large amount of business belonging to the banks.

And, you have proof of it in this particular instance. The Express Companies have the facilities for shipping money to their offices at very little or no cost to themselves. This is a distinct advantage, as has been proven in the instance cited by you.

Of course, you will understand that the management of these Bankers Cheques is entirely in the hands of the Bankers Trust Company.

I thoroughly believe that no institution in the United States could have handled this matter any better than did the Bankers Trust Company, under the circumstances. Fortunately, Mr. Kent was in Europe at the time (he is still there looking after the interests of travelers.)

Always glad to hear from you and with kind regards,

Very truly yours,

General Secretary.

New York, September 28th, 1914.

Benjamin Strong, Jr., President,
The Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

A few days since, I received carbon copy of letter sent by George D. Bartlett, Secretary, Wisconsin Bankers Association, to Vice-President Kent; and, in his absence from this country, I am enclosing herewith carbon copy of my reply to Secretary Bartlett's letter.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRED E. FARNSWORTH

General Secretary.

LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK.

New York, October 6th, 1914.

Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr., President,
Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street, City.

Dear Mr. Strong:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 5th instant, with regard to the services of our Mr. Gibson, which the Liberty Bank so willingly gave to you.

We are indeed pleased that what he has been able to do for you has been of such a character, that it has been possible for you to write the appreciative letter which is now before me. I will take great pleasure in having this letter read to the Board, and also shown to Mr. Gibson upon his return.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) SEWARD PROSSER

President.

J. P. MORGAN & CO.,

New York, October 14, 1914.

Bankers Trust Company,

New York City.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr's letter of Oct. 8th, in relation to the distribution of the \$3,000,000 held for credit of the Committee of the so-called "French" Account, we beg to advise you that we fully approve of the proposed distribution of the Fund, and that neither J. P. Morgan & Company nor Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris, will make any claim upon the Committee for reimbursement of checks cashed by Morgan, Harjes & Co. or ourselves against payments made abroad.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. P. MORGAN & CO.

LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK

OF NEW YORK,

New York, October 16, 1914.

Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr.,
C/o Bankers Trust Company,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

Upon my return from abroad, I find your letter of Oct. 5th to Mr. Prosser, in which you say many kind things about my trip to Europe as a representative of the Bankers Trust Company. I want to take this, the first opportunity I have had, since my return, to express to you my sincere appreciation of your thoughtfulness in writing Mr. Prosser as you did. It is needless for me to say that it was a great pleasure to make the trip, and to represent your institution. The nicest part of all is, to be shown as you have shown me in this case, that my efforts to represent you to the best of my ability were appreciated by you.

With kindest regards, and sincere thanks for your letter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

H. D. GIBSON

Cablegrams exchanged between Bankers Trust Company and the Credit Lyonnais.

- July 31: Cablegram from Credionais, Paris.
Account overdrawn owing to payments large numbers of money orders. Please remit. Reimbursement London impossible.
- July 31: Cablegram to Credionais, Paris.
Arranging with Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris, confer with you regarding Travelers' Cheques. Suggest paying minimum requirements of each applicant. What credit can you allow us against securities deposited New York. We have no commitments outstanding other than Travelers' Cheques, and must arrange holders of Travelers' Cheques receive sufficient funds for necessary expenses.

Cablegrams exchanged between Bankers Trust Company and Comptoir National
d'Escompte de Paris, Paris.

July 31: Cablegram to Comptonia, Paris.

Arranging with Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris, confer with you regarding Travelers' Cheques. Suggest paying minimum requirements of each applicant. What credit can you allow us against securities deposited New York. We have no commitments outstanding other than Travelers' Cheques, and must arrange holders of Travelers' Cheques receive sufficient funds for necessary expenses.

August 1: Cablegram from Comptonia, Paris.

Refer to our cablegram of 31st, under circumstances prevailing advance impossible. Will only pay against cash cover or deposit Paris.

August 25: Cablegram from Paris.

May we pay Travelers' Cheques to the extent your balance available according conditions moratorium.

August 26: Cablegram to Paris.

Cablegram received, pay Travelers' Cheques extent our balance according conditions moratorium. Refer all subsequent holders to Morgan, Harjes.

Cablegrams exchanged between the Bankers Trust Company and the Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, Berlin.

- July 30: Cablegram to Banktrudis, Berlin.
Charge our account and pay to National bank für Deutschland, Berlin, Marks 250,000 for account of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, New York. Charge our account and pay Deutsche Bank, Berlin, Marks 500,000 for our account. What is amount of our balance at the close of business tomorrow.
- August 2: Cablegram from Banktrudis, Berlin.
Your credit balance (Marks) 432,000. Have paid Kalisyndikat 55,000.
- August 2: Cablegram from Banktrudis, Berlin.
Have paid Kalisyndikat 41,000.
- August 3: Cablegram from Banktrudis, Berlin.
Have paid Kalisyndikat Marks 53,000.
- August 20: Wireless message to Direction via Radio Station, Tuckerton, N.J.
Repeat following message: Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, Berlin, renew documentary credit No. 273 for Mks. 300,000 and extend credit to cover August shipments, impossible to cable you direct, telegraph us if Kalisyndikat can make shipments in August, also total amount paid to Kalisyndikat since your last debit of July 18th, also telegraph amount of our balance and at what rate you can credit us in Marks against dollars here. Duplicating this message via Copenhagen and Amsterdam.
- August 20: The above message also sent to Direction through Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen and Hope & Co., Amsterdam.
- August 22: Message sent over the telephone to Mr. Olds to be sent to our Berlin correspondent: (Direction der disconto-Gesellschaft).
Cable us through Ambassador Gerard Amount of our balance.
- August 30: Cablegram from Berlin (via Nelson Page, American Embassy, Rome.)
August 30^w, your credit balance with Disconto-Gesellschaft is 141700 - Gerard

Travelers' Cheque, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exchange Telegrams, etc.

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- July 29: Telegram to Old Colony Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.
Discontinue using old rates for foreign checks. Foreign exchange market demoralized. New rates. sent.
- July 30: Telegram sent to National City Bank, Chicago, Ill.
Telegram received. European markets demoralized and currency scarce. Your telegram is the first we have heard regarding refusals of cheques and Letters of Credit. Have cabled our Zurich correspondent to ship currency to Cramer at once, no matter at what cost. We have ample balances abroad, but European bankers are holding tight to gold, and we are doing everything possible for tourists. You may rest assured we will protect your interests. Our Mr. Kent looking after matters personally.
- July 30: Telegram from National City Bank of Chicago, Ill.
Can you cable currency \$500 to Ambrose C. Cramer, care Thomas Cook & Son, Geneva, shipping currency from Paris or Berlin, if necessary. Advise us by wire.
- July 30: Telegram to National City bank of Chicago, Ill.
Can arrange payment through Thomas Cook & Son, New York, but without risk to them or ourselves. Cannot guarantee payment.
- July 30: Telegram from National City Bank of Chicago, Ill.
Transfer funds as per telegrams. Payment must be in currency, as party is unable to realize on your Letter of Credit or Association Cheques.
- July 30: 147 telegrams to our Foreign Check Correspondents:
Cancel all rates for foreign checks. Market demoralized.
- July 30: 50 telegrams to our Letter of Credit Correspondents:
Foreign Exchange and European market demoralized. Situation abroad critical. Discontinue issuance Letters of Credit until further notice.
- July 31: Telegram sent to the large issuers of Travelers' Cheques.
Owing probable difficulty cashing Travelers' Cheques, notify purchasers they take cheques their own risk. Suggest furnishing foreign travelers cash.
- July 31: Telegram sent to all banks, etc., issuing Travelers' Cheques.
Conditions abroad necessitate discontinuance sale of Travelers' Cheques.
- Telegram sent to banks in answer to inquiries:
Letter (Telegram) received. Discontinue all sales for the present. Will advise you shortly regarding arrangements for domestic use.
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- August 3: Telegram sent to Citizens Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
Yours first received. Cannot make transfers as requested, if traveler arrangements under way for their protection.
- August 3: Telegram from National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, Ohio.
Wire us all information you can concerning settlements of drafts drawn against commercial credits issued in favor of the Bour Company. If rates are to be very high, we wish to cable shippers to discontinue making drafts.
- August 3: Telegram sent to National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, Ohio.
Foreign exchange demoralized. General moratorium declared throughout Europe.

Wrote you this morning. Believe you should instruct all shippers discontinue making drafts, as we must look to you for reimbursement in London exchange. Our letter of today gives full particulars.

- August 3: Telegram sent to National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, Ohio.
Shall we insist on policies under Commercial Credits to cover war risk on shipments made prior to present conditions?
- * August 4: Telegram from National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, Ohio.
∅ Replying your telegram yesterday, policies apparently cover war risk.
- August 4: Telegram sent to Hon. W. J. Bryan, Secretary of the State, Washington, D.C.
We have received cable advice from Germany that Baroness Von Romberg payment has been made. We greatly appreciate your assistance.
- August 5: Telegram from W. A. Means, Treasurer, B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, O.
Bertram G. Work, our President, and also stockholder in Bankers Trust Co., is in Frankfurt-on-Main, care Carlton Hotel, and in need of funds. Will appreciate any relief or assistance which you may be able to afford him.
- August 5: Telegram sent Mr. W. A. Means, Treasurer, B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, O.
Telegram received. Impossible make transfer direct. Arrangements under way for general relief of all tourists. American bankers arranging with government to ship gold by cruiser Tennessee. Understand all foreign consulates have been advised to get in touch with Americans to furnish necessary relief when arrangements completed. Doing everything in our power to hasten matter.
Sent
Collect
- August 5: Telegram from St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.
Shall we cash ABA Travelers' Cheques that may be presented to us. We think it would be an excellent move if you can arrange to cash these cheques in times like this. Wire us if you will refund us in cash any cash we pay out of these cheques. We understand we are to discontinue selling. Answer.
- August 5: Telegram sent to St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.
Referring to your telegram - yes - we see no reason to discontinue cashing American Bankers Association cheques.
- August 5: Telegram from Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Albany, N.Y.
Can you or can you suggest any way we can buy exchange or actually send three thousand dollars in gold to Italy for one of our friends.
- August 5: Telegram sent to Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Albany, N.Y.
Regret impossible to make transfer. Government arranging to forward funds for the relief of tourists, Bankers forwarding gold for immediate needs of tourists holding cheques and credits. Doing everything to assist all Americans.
- August 5: Night letter sent to Mr. W. A. Means, Treasurer, B.F. Goodrich Co., Akron, O.
Referring to our telegram today, suggest you telegraph State Department, Washington, immediately, giving them full name and address of Mr. Work. We are doing everything possible at this end but require your cooperation with Washington. Do not hesitate to call on us if we can assist you.
Benjamin Strong, Jr.
- August 5: Telegram from Old National Bank, Spokane, Washington.
Dispatches report party American school girls marooned in Austria Mary Louise Corbin May and June Twohy Spokane girls with Mlle. Reuche

Travelers' Cheque, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams, etc., - Continued -

Chaperon Dana Hall School due Grand Hotel, Tarbole, Austria, August 1, Grand Hotel, Bellagio, Italy, second, Lucerne, Switzerland, fifth. Please cable Fred Kent to investigate and render any assistance possible, and wire us any information he may be able to obtain concerning the girls.

August 5: Telegram sent Old National Bank, Spokane, Washington. Arrangements under way to ship gold to London for relief American Travelers and negotiations for distribution of money throughout continent through Government channels being rapidly perfected. Suggest you cable full particulars F. I. Kent, Hotel Savoy, London, using no abbreviations and signing full name. Also communicate State Department Washington by telegraph. If arrangements can be made to disburse funds to travelers in Austria, their travelers credit will, we believe, be good without regard to by whom issued.

August 5: Telegram sent to Adolph C. Miller, c/o Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. The five million gold shipment contributed by ten institutions sending this telegram never intended to be limited to cash travelers' credits issued only by such ten institutions, but always intended and will be shipped only for relief use in cashing to extent immediate needs of tourists holding travelers' credits in form either of Letters of Credit or Travelers' Cheques issued by any American Bank, banker of concern. Validity of credit and goodness of drawer to be established in manner customary to such transactions through O.K. of foreign drawees of such credits.

- (National City Bank.)
- Farmers Loan and Trust Co.
- Brown Brothers and Co.
- Guaranty Trust Co.
- Kidder, Peabody & Co.
- National Bank of Commerce,
- American Express Co.
- Bankers Trust Co.
- J.P.Morgan & Co.
- First National Bank.

August 5: Telegram sent to Hon. W.G. McAdoo, Secretary of Treasury, Washington, D.C. Personal intimations have just reached me that word has been received in Washington of lack of harmony respecting gold shipment or appointment in connection with handling same. There is absolutely no foundation for this report so far as I know. The gold is being shipped by ten institutions and firms who are in entire harmony in this effort to protect all Americans holding Letters of Credit, no matter by whom issued. The gold will be used for the benefit of all responsible users of Travelers' credits through such agencies as may be employed, and the recommendations which have gone to Washington from our committee are the names recommended by the ten firms or institutions contributing. It occurs to me to suggest to you personally that if there should be any question on the part of anybody as to whom the consignee should be, I want you to feel perfectly free to eliminate our name, if you desire to do so. What we want to do is to insure that the shipment is made to responsible people who have facilities to conduct the business.

Benjamin Strong, Jr.

August 6: Telegram from W. G. McAdoo. Your telegram received; also telegram signed by Farmers Loan and Trust Co., Brown Brothers and Co., Guaranty Trust Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., National

Travelers' Cheques, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams, etc. - Continued-

Bank of Commerce, American Express Co., J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank, Bankers Trust Co. Also telephone message from Irving S. Olds to Doctor Miller. It is not the purpose to receive deposits for shipment on the Tennessee from any other than bankers' committee, and all inquiries from other bankers than your committee have been referred to you.

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August 5: Telegram from Merchants' Loan and Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
If practicable for us to put gold aboard Tennessee specifically for the protection of our own Letters of Credit, we wish to do so. Should gold be acceptable only for the joint fund, we see no need to contribute. If gold can be sent on above terms, charge our account \$150,000, and if you wish we can replace gold by express at once.

August 6: Telegram sent to Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
Your wire received. You realize that on basis of your telegram the New York bankers take all the risk holders of your Letters of Credit of course getting the benefit. We had hopes that all institutions issuing Letters of Credit would promptly join in reasonable contributions to the fund as patriotic duty which would be sent forward at their risk, but with regular insurance without war risk covered. Our Vice Presidents Kent and Duane in London handling details of redemption.

Collect

August 6: Telegram from the Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
The press reports war ship Tennessee leaves today; desiring to participate in depositing funds, let us have definite instructions at once as to what procedure we must follow. Must have time to give the necessary instructions to our correspondent in your city.

August 6: Telegram sent to Northern Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
Referring to your telegram via Read's wire, you realize that on basis of your telegram the New York bankers take all the risk holders of your Letters of Credit of course getting the benefit. We had hoped that all institutions issuing Letters of Credit would promptly join in reasonable contributions to the fund as patriotic duty which would be sent forward at their risk, but with regular insurance without war risk covered. Our Vice Presidents Kent and Duane in London handling details of redemption.

Collect

August 6: Telegram sent to Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.
Referring to telephone conversation yesterday, you realize that on basis of your message the New York bankers take all the risk holders of your Letters of Credit of course getting the benefit. We had hoped that all institutions issuing Letters of Credit would promptly join in reasonable contributions to the fund as patriotic duty which would be sent forward at their risk, but with regular insurance without war risk covered. Our Vice Presidents Kent and Duane in London handling details of redemption.

August 6: Telegram sent to Central Trust & Safe Deposit Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Letter received regarding Mrs. Wulsin. Any instructions you have cable Fred I. Kent, Hotel Savoy, London, in open language. He will do all in his power to protect your interests.

August 6: Telegram from Union National Bank, Scranton, Pa.
What arrangements are being made to cash ABA Cheques in Rome. Wire reply.

Travelers' Cheque, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams, etc., - Continued

August 6: Telegram sent to Union National Bank, Scranton, Pa.

Collect. Telegram received. Our Mr. Kent in London. Arrangements under way.

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August 5: Telegram sent to Ambassador Page, London, by Secretary of State.

Congress today appropriated \$2,500,000 to make advances to American travelers in Europe in need of assistance. F.I. Kent, Vice President Bankers Trust Co. of New York, at Hotel Savoy, London, has cabled that \$300,000 is needed immediately to relieve Americans on the Continent who are in great distress. The Secretary of the Treasury is sending you by Cruiser Tennessee, sailing August sixth, \$300,000 in gold. Please advise Kent of this fact, whereupon he will arrange to place \$300,000 to your credit and make it immediately available for relief purposes. Confer at once with Kent and with any American Relief Committee that may be organized in London, or if you think wise, organize such a committee if none exists and take all such steps as quickly as possible to extend relief to American citizens in England or on the Continent who need it, arranging, if you find it necessary, to dispatch a ship from an English port to some port on the Continent for this purpose on such terms as you think the circumstances justify. It is highly important to make the most effective possible use of these funds. You may employ such additional clerical or other assistance as you may require to carry on this work and pay the same out of this fund. You should take from every one to whom advances are made an obligation to reimburse the Government as soon as possible. Please cable fully and as frequently as possible the steps you take. For your information \$1,200,000 additional will go on the Tennessee, to be disbursed under direction of Government representatives who accompany the ship.

August 7: Telegram from National City Bank of Chicago - answered by mail.

We have been unofficially informed that banks must have their name approved by Treasury to insure encashment of Letters of Credit out of funds to be carried on warships Tennessee.. In view of special form of our Letters of Credit issued through you, please see that our name is also approved.

August 8: Telegram from First National Bank, Mullan, Idaho.

May we sell Travelers' Cheques marked good only in United States?

August 8: Telegram to First National Bank, Mullan, Idaho.

Telegram received. Discontinue all sales Travelers' Cheques. Will advise you shortly regarding issuance of further cheques.

August 8: Telegram from First National Bank, Berkeley, Calif.

Majority Travelers' Cheques sold by us are for domestic use. Continual demand here for local travel. We are both losing profits under present restrictions. Suggest use of rubber stamp across face reading for use in United States only, foreign rates do not apply. Wire reply.

August 8: Telegram to First National Bank, Berkeley, Calif.

Telegram received. Discontinue all sales Travelers' Cheques. Will advise you shortly regarding arrangements for cheques for domestic use.

August 8: Telegram to National City Bank, Chicago, Ill.

London telegraphs credit 280 our number 239 your number Dawson sent documents twenty-two bales Minnetonka direct to Chicago Wool Company. Understand goods arrived. May we authorize London to pay four hundred and sixty-four pounds? Telegraph instructions.

Travelers' Cheque, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams - Continued.

August 8: Telegram from First National Bank, Muskogee, Okla.
Please have your representative reach Mrs. J. H. Melton, Kaiser Elizabeth Street number eighteen twenty one, Vienna, Austria, advancing funds for her needs, advising us.

August 6: At Mr. Strong's request, Mr. Close called up the Brooklyn Navy Yard and ascertained the following from the First Aide of the Captain of the Navy Yard. Name of Captain of Navy Yard if Captain Gleaves. -
"Captain not now at the Yard. His First Aide states Tennessee now at Tompkinsville, and so far as they know, expects to be there all day."

August 8: Telegram from Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Please charge our account five thousand dollars. Cable Mr. F. I. Kent, Waldorf Astoria, London, to pay live amount to Mrs. Anna Busch. Wire action. Rush. Service will be appreciated. Many thanks for courtesy.

August 8: Telegram from Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Kindly advise if transfer has been made to London to Mr. Kent, as requested today.

August 8: Telegram to Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Telegram received. Cable Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, Collect London, address of Mrs. Anna Busch. We doing needful here, but cannot make direct transfer requested.

August 8: Telegram from National City Bank, Chicago, Ill.
Referring to your telegram of 8th, authorize London to pay. Advise us amount due on Monday.

August 10: Telegram to National New Haven Bank, New Haven, Conn.
Referring your letter eighth instant, please discontinue all sales. Arrangements under way for domestic use which will be advised later.

August 10: Telegram to State National Bank, Texarkana, Arkansas.
Referring your letter seventh, will be glad to protect cheques mentioned.

August 10: Telegram to Merchants State Bank, Port Arthur, Texas.
Kindly discontinue all sales of Travelers' Cheques. Arrangements for domestic use will be advised later.

August 5: Telegram from Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.
Put us down for one hundred thousand dollars, and we will ship you today same amount in gold certificates by express. Is this satisfactory? Answer over this wire.

August 5: Telegram to Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.
Send us gold certificates, and we will put you down for \$100,000. You understand this is a general fund and not for any particular credit.

August 5: Telegram from Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.
Referring to our previous messages, today we have transferred to you by wire through Assistant Treasurer U.S. at Chicago, one hundred thousand dollars gold certificates for our account, all charges paid, and Assistant Treasurer, New York, should make payment to you today or tomorrow.

August 5: Telegram to Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.
Have put you down for \$100,000. It will be all right for you to ship the

\$100,000 gold certificates to us by express today.

- August 10: Telegram from Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Answering wire eighth, Kent has Mrs. Busch's address, and we wired you at his request. Can we cable London that money will be there for Mrs. Busch, as she is in need. Wire answer.
- August 10: Telegram to Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Telegram received. Advising Kent you have deposited five thousand with us for use Mrs. Anna Busch, requesting him cable us when payment effected.
- August 10: Telegram from Walker Hill, President, Mechanics-American National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Please see if you cannot locate through your foreign connections where Jackson Johnson, our Vice President, is at this time. Last we heard was July twenty-fourth, at which time he was located at House Westminster Carlsbad, Austria. We will pay any expenses incurred.
- August 10: Telegram to Walker Hill, President, Mechanics-American National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Telegram received. Our Austrian cables have all been refused. Suggest Collect communicating with State Department, as they may succeed in getting word to Austrian Ambassador.
- August 10: Telegram from Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville, Pa.
Can you take care of your checks now in Italy?
- August 10: Telegram to Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville, Pa.
Telegram received. Have received no cable advices of refusals from Italy. Collect. Full instructions were cabled our Italian correspondent to protect cheques.
- August 10: Brooklyn Navy Yard telephoned that they had received a wireless from Secretary Breckenridge on board the Tennessee, asking for a complete list of issuers of Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit.
We telephoned the Navy Yard, stating that we could only supply them with a partial list, and advising them that a complete list could be obtained, from Mr. Fred I. Kent, c/o Hotel Waldorf, Aldwych Street, London, and instructed them to send a message to Secretary Breckenridge on board the Tennessee, requesting him to send a wireless to Mr. Kent, informing Mr. Kent of the port of arrival so as to enable the London Committee to make full and complete arrangements for the immediate transfer of the gold to London - which message was confirmed over the wire by the Brooklyn Navy Yard.
- August 10: Telegram to Grand Rapids Savings Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Letter seventh received. Discontinue all further sales Travelers' Cheques. Will advise shortly regarding arrangements for domestic sales.
- August 10: Telegram from Union Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
Kindly wire if you have information as to whether or not American Bankers Association Cheques are being negotiated in Switzerland and Italy.
- August 10: Telegram to Union Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
Telegram received. Arrangements made protection all Travelers' Cheques and credits in Switzerland. Negotiating now with proper authorities protection Italy.

Travelers' Cheque, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams, etc. - continued

- August 10: Telegram from German National Bank, Cincinnati, O
Wire best quotation your cable payment London.
- August 10: Telegram to German National Bank, Cincinnati, O.
Telegram received. Regret cannot quote cable London. No market.
- August 10: Telegram from W. L. Curry, 402 Curry Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
What are prospects for arranging a two or four hundred thousand credit
in London in next few days, and at what cost?
- August 10: Telegram to W. L. Curry, 402 Curry Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Telegram received. Regret absolutely impossible present arrange London
credit.
- *August 3: Telegram to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of Treasury.
Will meet Mr. Lansing, State Department, Metropolitan Club, Washington
nine o'clock tonight regarding arrangement for foreign travelers I dis-
cussed with you. Would very much appreciate your assistance. Can you
join us there or have a representative, Must return on midnight train.
Please wire answer.
- August 11: Telegram from W. G. McAdoo to Benjamin Strong, Jr.
Please telegraph me the names of the gentlemen to whom you advise that
invitations be extended as members of the proposed committee referred
to in my letter of August eighth.
- August 11: Telegram to Hon W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, signed Benjamin
Strong, Jr.
Suggest inviting Max May, of Guaranty Trust Company; John E. Gardin, of
National City Bank; Henry Ickelheimer of Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,
Adolph Pavenstedt of G. Amsinck & Co., all members of committee of New
York bankers now engaged in investigating foreign exchange situation;
also James Brown of Brown Brothers.
- August 11: Telegram to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, signed Benjamin
Strong, Jr.
Referring my previous wire, suggest inviting William L. Benedict, of
Kidder, Peabody & Company, New York, on account of their important foreign
connections.
- August 11: Telegram from W. G. McAdoo to Benjamin Strong, Jr.
Have invited representatives of the firms you suggest. Thanks.
- August 12: Telegram to Third National Bank, St. Louis, Mo.
Have received cablegram from Mr. Kent, reading, have taken care Mrs. Busch.
- August 12: Telegram to Union Trust Company, Chicago, Ill.
Letter received. Will advise by letter tonight regarding issuance cheques
for domestic use.
- Collect
- August 12: Telegram to Mount Vernon Bank, Mount Vernon, Iowa.
Your letter tenth received. Pay Travelers' Cheques if properly counter-
signed.
- August 4: Telegram from Mr. Olds, Washington, to Benjamin Strong, Jr.
Have seen Breckinridge and Harrison. Have engagement tomorrow with
McAdoo concerning appointment of fiscal agents. Tennessee plans to
leave Wednesday night.

Travelers' Cheques, Letters of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams, etc.

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August 1: Telegram to Charles D. Norton, Vice President First National Bank, New York City.
Your telegram delayed in transmission if funds are deposited with Department Embassy in Paris will endeavor to supply funds to Americans for returning home if money not obtainable will try to arrange for acceptance of orders by embassy understand Secretary has telephoned you to this effect.

Robert Lansing, Washington, D.C.

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August 3: Telegram to Benjamin Strong, Jr., New York City.
Secretary McAdoo now enroute to Washington from New York will place your telegram before him upon arrival about three thirty.

George R. Cooksey, Private Secy. Washington, D.C.

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August 4: Telegram to Benjamin Strong, Jr., Bankers Trust Company, New York City
Just received the following notice from Western Union "Your cable today to Fred Kent care Waldorf Hotel London signed Strong cancelled stopped by Government censor to go forward new message in plain English or French with full address and senders name in full is necessary no code cipher or abbreviations whatever allowed."

T.B.Harrison, Washington, D. C.

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August 4: Telegram to Benjamin Strong, Jr., c/o C. S. Hamlin Subtreasury, New York.
Your telegram received. The President sent a special message to the Congress at two oclock asking for an appropriation of two and one half millions of dollars for the relief, protection and transportation of American citizens in Europe and for the power to use such of the vessels officials and officers of the Government as he may determine and to take all necessary measures to accomplish said purpose. The money is to be used not only for the relief of the destitute but in the form of advances to citizens who may reimburse the Government on their return. Until Congress makes the appropriation and grants this power, it is impossible for me to advise you about fiscal agencies and other points in your letter, but the President will, I am sure authorize the appointment of such agents when he has the power. I see no reason why bankers should not receive from individuals deposits of gold for transmission at shippers risk. Our idea is to send the money in one of our naval vessels. We hope for prompt action by the Congress. The Secretary of State and I are going before the appropriations Committee of the Senate at four oclock this afternoon and shall appear before the Appropriations Committee of the house tomorrow morning at half past ten.

W. G. McAdoo, Washington, D. C.

August 13: Telegram from Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
May we issue Travelers' Cheques if we guarantee for domestic use.

August 13: Telegram to Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
Telegram received, circular letter mailed you today, each cheque must be stamped on face through globe also on back through premed matter as follows: this cheque issued for use and redemption within the United States only. Circular letter is being mailed you today.

August 13: Telegram from W. G. McAdoo to Benjamin Strong, Jr.
It was the distinct understanding that the bankers in New York represented by you should take care of American travelers in Europe holding unexhausted

Letters of Credit, and to enable you to get funds to them, you were permitted to send a committee on board the Tennessee and also to have transported free of cost three million dollars of gold for this purpose. It was understood that the government would advance money to take care of American citizens in Europe, who had exhausted their Letters of Credit and had no other available means. For this purpose one million, five hundred thousand dollars of gold was sent on the Tennessee in charge of Treasury agents. Since that time requests have come from several of the embassies to have funds transferred to them by cable. This has been done in the case of London, Paris, Rome and Berne, Switzerland, the government having agreed reimburse the banks making such advances out of the gold shipped on the Tennessee. It now transpires that many Americans holding unexhausted Letters of Credit are seeking and have secured from our embassies advances on such Letters or Travelers Cheques. I am consenting that this be done upon the condition only that all such advances against Letters of Credit or Travelers' Cheques shall be repaid to the American Embassadors out of the bankers' funds now on board the Tennessee immediately upon the arrival in Europe, or through any other means available to the bankers. Unless this is done, the Treasury funds will be exhausted in making advances upon bankers' Letters of credit, and will not be available for the relief of destitute Americans. Congress made the appropriation for the relief of destitute Americans only. Today I have a request from the State Department that we place one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the credit of the White Star Line in Naples, to be advanced against Letters of Credit or Travelers' Cheques. I cannot sanction this payment to the White Star Line except upon the express condition that the bankers will reimburse the Treasurer immediately upon arrival in Europe for all advances made by the White Star Line upon Letters of Credit or Travelers' Cheques, or that the bankers reimburse the Treasurer promptly through some other available channels. I understood also that Messrs. Morgan, Harjes and Company, Paris, had been put in possession of three million dollars of gold for the purpose of caring for American travelers holding Letters of Credit and Travelers' Cheques. It does not seem to me necessary that the government funds should be drawn upon to protect obligations of the bankers, unless it may be until the Tennessee arrives in Europe. It is most important to keep this distinction in mind, and to have complete understanding on this point. Good deal of confusion exists in State Department on this subject, and I want to have it clarified without delay. Please let me hear from you promptly.

- August 14: Telegram to J. R. Nutt, % Citizens Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland, O.
Have received cable from Mr. Kent, reading, tell Nutt his cablegram having attention.
- August 14: Telegram to H. G. P. Deans, % Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
Have received cable from Mr. Kent, reading tell Deans his cablegram having attention.
- August 14: Telegram to C. F. Hutcheson, Cashier, First National Bank, Kansas City.
Yours twelfth received. You may issue Travelers' Cheques for use in United States, stamping each cheque on face and back as follows: "This cheque for use and redemption within the United States only. You need have no hesitancy in cashing Association cheques presented, when properly countersigned.
- August 14: Telegram from Dudley E. Waters, Chairman Grand Rapids National City Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Can we issue Travelers' Cheques if we use rubber stamp on face reading payable only in United States.

Travlers' Cheque, Letter of Credit and For. Exch. Telegrams, etc. Continued

- August 14: Telegram sent Dudley E. Waters, Chairman GrandvRapids National City Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Telegram received. You may issue cheques for use in United States if stamped on face and back as follows: This cheque issued for use and redemption within the United States only, Circular giving instructions mailed yesterday.
- August 19: Telegram from California National Bank, Sacramento, Calif.
 Request your Mr. Kent in London to assist W. F. Myers four the Boyle Folkstone Kent England we guarantee.
- August 19: Telegram to California National Bank, Sacramento, Calif.
 Telegram received if you will cable your clients to communicate with Fred I. Kent Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych St., London, he will be glad to assist them in every possible way, you realize it is impossible for Kent to look up individuals but he will be glad to look after them if they apply.
- August 19: Telegram from Brownsville Bank & Trust Co., Brownsville, Tex.
 We have draft on Credit Lyonnais Paris for fifty nine thousand francs, make offer.
- August 19: Telegram sent to Brownsville Bank & Trust Co., Brownsville, Tex.
 Telegram received. Regret not buyers.
- August 19: Telegram sent to H. G. P. Deans, Merchants Loan and Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Kent cables us money telegraphed Lynch through Morgan Harjes, Paris.
- August 20: Telegram sent to J. M. Jellett, Head Office, Dominion Bank, Toronto.
 Kindly make inquiries and advise me by telegraph collect if the American Express Co. is issuing Travelers' Cheques in Canada.
- August 20: Telegram from J. M. Jellett, Toronto, Ont.
 No, their local agents received instructions yesterday might issue them marked payable only in United States and Canada but received telegram today cancelling such instructions.
- August 20: Telegram sent to Los Angeles Trust & Sav. Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Your favor fifteenth received. Issue American Bankers Association cheques for use in the United States only, stamping across face and back the following: This cheque issued for use and redemption within the United States only. Circular sent you August 12th, forwarding duplicate today.
- August 22: Telegram from Guaranty State Bank, Palestine, Tex -
 Could you cable hundred dollars Paris, if so where payable.
- August 22: Telegram to Commercial Germania Trust & Sav. Bank, New Orleans, La.
 We understand that American Line boats for loading grain are offered at New Orleans and Galveston and shippers hesitating about furnishing cargo doubting their ability to sell the exchange. Would appreciate your ascertaining situation at both points and if bills are offered wire us full description with names drawers and drawees, also particulars as to insurance, and we will endeavor to handle the bills after particulars are known to us. Would appreciate your ascertaining situation at Galveston promptly as possible.

Travelers Cheque, Letter of Credit and Foreign Exch. Telegrams, etc.

- August 24: Telegram from State Street Bank, Quincy, Ill.
Can your Mr. Kent transfer funds to Littstadt Westfalia, Germany. Answer.
- August 24: Telegram to State Street Bank, Quincy, Ill.
Telegram received regret impossible make transfers to Germany.
- August 24: Telegram to Jones Cotton Co., Decatur, Ala.
Wrote you 22nd regarding insurance certificates under normal conditions would not hesitate accept Providence Washington certificates for moderate amounts. As advised you, we are not buying cotton bills at present but handle for collection only. Have written you fully.
- August 25: Telegram to J. F. Sartori, c/o Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.
Abaco: some very important meetings will be held in New York beginning next Monday in relation to railroad and savings bank securities. Committee in charge think it very important you attend as President Savings Bank Section American Bankers Association. Will appreciate immediate telegram. Very confidential.

Cablegrams exchanged between Bankers Trust Company and London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London.

- July 27: Cablegram to London.
Charge our account and pay to Swiss Bankverein, London, for account of Bemco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba, Havana, £10,000. What is amount of our balance at the close of business tomorrow?
- July 27: Cablegram to Holden, care Midtrust, London.
Confidential. What is your opinion of political situation and money outlook?
- July 27: Cablegram from Holden.
Cannot think general war will ensue, but one between Austria and Servia is almost certain. Our government will not be allowed to go into war and think this will have great effect on Russia and prevent them going in. Directors of Bank of England met today and kept rate 3%. France not London will be drawing gold from you on account of paying higher prices for eagles. This afternoon things slightly brighter. Consols risen from lowest point. Sale of American securities will keep up your exchange. What will be the effect on your market if gold continues to flow out with new bank starting and provision to be made for crops?
- July 27: Cablegram to Holden, London.
Thanks for your cable. Doubt if new bank ready for business before mid-winter or spring, and probably not a money factor for the present. Treasury Department in position to materially assist crop moving demand. New York can still afford to lose some gold without much rate disturbance. Believe gold movement depends largely upon volume foreign sales securities and extent offset by drawings against crop shipments. Sharp advance bank rate would probably take considerable gold. Movement of money still from interior to New York and doubt any considerable change in New York rates unless gold shipments exceed \$20,000,000.
- July 28: Cablegram to Holden, London.
If necessary, what arrangement can we make with you for overdraft our account up to about £50,000. What is best discount rate you can secure on £50,000 to £100,000 our 90 d/s. What is best rate you can secure on the Roubles purchased for our account?
- July 28: Cablegram from Midtrust, London.
Balance to your credit £24,000.
- July 29: Cablegram from Midtrust, London.
Referring to your telegram of the 28th instant, 4 3/4% offered £50,000. if on ourselves. Overdraft 4%. Roubles no price obtainable. Discounts no quotation.
- July 29: Cablegram to London.
Charge our account and pay to Parrs Bank, Ltd., London, £140-10-0 for account of Washington Sullivan. You should receive £16,600. for our account tomorrow. What is amount of our balance at the close of business tomorrow?
- July 29: Cablegram to London.
Should we wish to sell Roubles in New York market, are we to telegraph instructions regarding payments in St. Petersburg to you? Rush answer.

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- July 29: Cablegram from London.
Think considerable improvement in position. Understand German Government will publish tonight exchange of telegrams between Kaiser and Tzar of Russia.
- July 30: Cablegram from London.
Roubles - you must instruct us. We will cable Banque de Commerce de l'Azoff don. St. Petersburg. Continental telegram subject to considerable delay. Discounts nil.
- July 30: Cablegram to London.
Foreign news very pessimistic here this morning and insurance on gold with war risk covered unobtainable. We have no commitments abroad save Travelers' Cheques, and would prefer gradually extend overdraft arrangement with you to shipping gold at present. Doubt if over \$200,000 required. Please telegraph promptly if this is satisfactory with adequate collateral deposited from time to time with First National Bank, New York, for your account. Kent due in London few days.
- July 30: Cablegram from London.
Received £10,000 Western Electric Company. Cannot tell fate until tomorrow. Will cable.
- July 30: Cablegram from London.
Balance to your credit 31,000.
- July 30: Cablegram to Sir Edward Holden.
Money rate 6% all maturities. Gold shipments have so depleted bank reserves I think higher rates likely. Stock market closed very weak and panicky. Shipping you by St. Louis tomorrow \$700,000 gold consigned to our order in your care. Writing instructions regarding credit on arrival. Please arrange to receive shipment. Would appreciate cable giving latest information.
- July 30: Cablegram to London.
Charge our account and pay to London County & Westminster Bank, Limited, Lothbury, London, £2,000 for account J. Scott McComb. You should receive £2,000 for our account tomorrow. Telegraph fate Western Electric Co £10,000. What is the amount of our balance at the close of business tomorrow?
- July 31: Cablegram from Sir Edward Holden.
Ship gold by all means to cover your total liabilities. Bank of England rate 8%. Balance to your credit 40,000.
- August 3: Cablegram to London.
Kent in London. Situation regarding travelers in France probably necessitates diverting some gold shipped you by St. Louis. Please place gold at Kent's disposal. You can rely on his good judgment.
- August 3: Cablegram from London.
Are we to insist on policies under Commercial Credits to cover war risks?
- August 4: Cablegram to Sir Edward Holden:
Cable immediately assuring us that \$700,000 in gold on St. Louis will be held subject to Kent's instructions. Keep in touch with Kent, whom we are keeping informed constantly of all particulars. Please answer immediately.
- August 4: Cablegram from London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London.
Impossible to discount here. You must send gold.

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- August 4: Cablegram sent to London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London.
Accept policies under Commercial Credits covering coffee shipments from Santos and tea from Japan to United States if war risk not included, provided shipments are under way at least ten days. Consult Fred Kent at Waldorf Hotel on all matters requiring immediate attention and keep us posted by cable.
- August 5: Cablegram from Holden, London.
It is quire understood that gold on St. Louis is to be held at Kent's disposal.
- August 7: Cablegram sent to Sir Edward Holden, care London City Midland Bank, 5 Threadneedle Street, London, England.
Your yesterday's cablegram received. Greatly appreciate the many courtesies extended to Mr. Fred I. Kent and ourselves.
- August 8: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Credit two hundred and eighty Dawson sent documents twenty-two bales Minnetonka direct to Chicago Wool Company. Understand goods have arrived. May we pay four hundred and sixty four pounds?
- August 8: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Refer yours twenty-third, seventeen thousand and fifty-three to fifty-six brokers refuse under moratorium.
- August 7: Cablegram from London City and Midland Bank, London.
Cable fate of all stock drafts.
- August 8: Cablegram to London City and Midland Bank, Limited, 5 Threadneedle Street, London.
Cannot understand your cablegram regarding stock drafts. Advise us more fully. Referring to your recent cablegram, you may make payment under credit number two hundred and eighty.
- August 9: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Cable amount of our balance Monday evening. Moratorium is absolute. Bankers paying about 10% of deposits in cash. Government is issuing government currency direct to bankers.
- August 9: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Keep down your drawings on your account as far as possible until discount market working again.
- August 10: Cablegram to London City and Midland Bank, Limited, 5 Threadneedle Street, London, England.
Referring your letter July thirtieth, draft for one hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred fifty dollars on Harvey Fisk & Sons should be drawn on Hayden Stone and Company, New York. Please confirm immediately. Refer your cable stock drafts all paid, except draft just mentioned, and Hallgarten \$125,400 Halle and Stieglitz \$95,000, Ladenburg Thalmann \$290,000. Understand these will be taken up tomorrow. Shall cable you when paid. Balance to your credit \$351,890.
- August 10: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
We convent (?) the following message: The Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada having agreed to receive on behalf of the Bank of England deposits of gold at Ottawa, the Bank of England are willing to purchase gold bars at seventy-seven shillings and six pence per oz. standard and eagles at seventy-six shillings and one halfpenny per oz. when deposited as above.

Deposits must be made free of expense, including all telegraphic charges, and the Bank will accept the assay of the American Mint, subject to the usual guarantee from the parties, claiming payment in London. The Minister of Finance has undertaken to advise the Bank of England by cable, through the High Commissioner in London, of any deposit made, and depositors should furnish him with the name of the person or persons to whom the proceeds are to be paid in London. Payment will be made by the Bank of England only on receipt of advice from the High Commissioner. These conditions are subject to any minor alterations or additions which the Minister of Finance at Ottawa may desire.

- August 11: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
We credit your account one hundred thirty-eight thousand gold balance tomorrow.
- August 11: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Commercial credits stating insurance cared for your side; we understand you are attending to war risk. Reply.
- August 11: Cablegram to London City Midland Bank, 5 Threadneedle Street, London.
Referring your cablegram commercial credits, if insurance America, war risk attended here.
- August 11: Cablegram to London City and Midland Bank, 5 Threadneedle Street, London.
Referring our cablegram tenth, stock drafts received too late to present all yesterday. Hallgarten, Halle, Stieglitz and Ladenburg Thalmann drafts paid immediately on presentation today. Notify Japhet and Company. We were in fault our cable advices, which may have indicated delay in payment. Awaiting your instructions regarding Harvey Fisk draft; Hayden Stone have no instructions.
- August 12: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
We sent you per Mauretania following stock drafts on Ladenburg Thalmann dollars thirty thousand, two hundred ninety thousand; Randolph ninety thousand; Hallgarten thirty, seventy-four thousand four hundred, fifty-one thousand; Sartorius and Einstein twelve thousand; Harvey Fisk one hundred thirty-two thousand two fifty; Elliott Co. twenty-nine thousand seven seventy-seven; Post Flagg five thousand; Bernhard Scholle fourteen thousand five hundred, one hundred and five thousand, ten thousand; Halle Steiglitz ninety-five thousand. Cable fate immediately.
- August 12: Cablegram to London City and Midland Bank, 5 Threadneedle Street, London.
Cablegram received. Mauretania stock drafts all paid, except Harvey Fisk. Refer our yesterday's cablegram regarding this.
- August 12: Cablegram to Sir Edward Holden, 5 Threadneedle Street, London.
Believe Bank of England plan for accumulating gold in Canada great mistake, and is arousing opposition here. If plan succeeded, would impair New York gold reserves at a time when huge credit expansion will be required. With Clearing House certificates in operation, emergency currency available, and later federal reserve banks in operation, our present gold reserves will serve as basis for credits here, which will be far more effective in handling Trans-Atlantic shipments and taking back securities than by arrangement proposed. Any tendency to withdraw gold or embark gold held
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here will, in my opinion, indefinitely defer opening Stock Exchange and call loan market, and interfere seriously with effort of New York banks to gradually take up foreign obligations and pay for them with grain and commodity bills. Please show this to Kent.

- August 12: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London:
Cambrian war risk policies received per Shipton account Robinson Sweet nine thousand quarters oats.
- August 13: Cablegram to London City Midland Bank, London.
Cablegram received, stock draft one hundred thirty-two thousand-two hundred fifty Dollars paid by Hayden Stone for account Bashford, notify Crews Lichtenstadt. Would moratorium be applied to Robinson Sweet's drafts on Shipton, covering which you hold war risk policy. Cable immediately amount out balance.
- August 13: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London
Stock draft one thirty two two fifty dollars Fish present to Hayden Stone. Cable result. Cambrian war risk policy seven thousand quarters received per Shipton account Robinson Sweet. Cambrian war risk policy one thousand quarters received per Wiles Son account Robinson Sweet.
- August 14: Cablegram from Holden, London.
Working here more freely today. Bill brokers are doing a little more business, and discounting at the bank money over for deposit with banks. Position easier. Improving daily.
- August 15: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Credit thirty five thousand.
- August 16: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Your cable fourteenth bills accepted before fifth August subject Moratorium shipton says Robinsons drafts will be paid on or before first maturities.
- August 16: Cablegram from Holden, Midland Bank, London.
Position still better today, banks are very liberal to customers and letting them have what they want.
- August 18: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
(x) What interest are you allowing on our account.
- August 17: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Discounts forward six spot five half per cent. clearing banks only, fifty thousand in all.
- August 17: Cablegram from Holden, Midland Bank, London.
Things much better here, bill brokers are quoting discount rates.
- August 17: Cablegram to Holden, % London City Midland Bank, London.
Your various cablegrams received, thanks very much. Some money loaning around eight per cent. here. Much better sentiment here but no prospects of New York Stock Exchange opening for some time.
- (x)
August 18: Cablegram sent to London City Midland Bank Limited, London.
Cablegram received, still allowing you 3 per cent. interest your account.

Cablegrams - Bankers Trust Co. and London City and Midland Bank - Continued -

Requesting Kent confer with you. Cable us immediately net amount credited our account for seven hundred thousand St. Louis gold.

- August 18: Cablegram received from Holden, Midland Bank, London.
Over pressure discounting bank not taking in bills after this Morning.
Will continue tomorrow; things going better, more money circulating.
- August 18: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Discount six per cent. Clearing banks limit £ 25,000 in all.
- August 19: Cablegram sent to London City, Midland Bank, London.
National Bank Greece, Athens, will deposit with you for our credit fifty thousand pounds sterling, cable us immediately when funds received and value date credited.
- August 19: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Discounts same as yesterday.
- August 20: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
2458 unpaid, refer drawer.
- August 20: Cablegram to London City Midland Bank.
Your cable received, present collection 2458 again and cable only when paid.
- August 20: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London
Proceeds gold St. Louis 143567 seventeen three.
- August 20: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London
We credit you £ 50,000 per Banque Nationale Greece Athens.
- August 20: Cablegram from Midland Bank London.
Discount give half stipulations same.
- August 20: Cablegram from Holden, Midland Bank, London
We are waiting for Bank Statement tomorrow, Bank closed for discounting almost as soon as opened, bill brokers will probably have money for discounting in few days, no continental exchange quotations whatever, things are still improving, money getting cheaper.
- August 21: Cablegram from Holden, Midland Bank, London.
Chancellor has issued circular asking, if general wish to renew moratorium our opinion will be renewed for one month, Joint Stock banks accumulating large resources if bank had not stopped discounting. Ratio would have been much less awaiting news.
- August 21: Cablegram to Holden, London City Midland Bank, London
Situation here unchanged; Money slightly easier, foreign exchange market nominal, large demand, very little exchange offered. Greatest difficulty here is shipping. Sentiment much improved last few days.
- August 21: Cablegram from Midland Bank, London.
Credit you £ 9191 ten six account Huronion Company per Merton.
- August 21: Cablegram to Midland Bank, London.
Cable amount our balance.

Cablegrams - Bankers Trust Co. and London City and Midland Bank, - Continued.

- August 22: Cable from Midland Bank.
No improvement from yesterday, business not likely to improve until allies gain decisive victory.
- August 22: Cablegram to Midland Bank.
Pay Imperial Ottoman Bank London one thousand pounds for credit Melachrino Company Egypt, Alexander.
- August 22: Cable from Midland Bank.
Discount same.
- August 22: Cable from Midland Bank.
Tennessee gold not deposited with us Understand deposited with Bank England to order of officials who accompanied - is this order.
- August 22: Cable to London City.
Your cablegram received, cabling Kent regarding Tennessee gold, consult him.
- August 23: Cable from Midland Bank.
Credit balance 70,000 credit you account Huronian Company per Merton £ 9171 thirteen five.
- August 23: Cable from Midland Bank.
Discount same.
- August 24: Cable from Midland Bank.
Discount same.
- August 24: Cable to Midland Bank.
Refer our cable regarding Tennessee gold. Cancel my letters of sixth, Kent cables has written you under instructions London Committee. Regret misunderstanding.
- August 24: Cable to London.
Charge our account and credit J. R. Trimble, 46 Stanwick Mansions Pounds ninety eight notify party Baker.
- August 24: Cable from London.
Receive our account 750,000 dollars from Hanover National Bank.
- August 25: Cable from London
Discount same.
- August 25: Cable to London.
Crediting you twenty two thousand dollars account Thomas Firth Sons Sheffield, per Wheelock Lovejoy.
- August 25: Cable to London
Pay William Fraser and Company, London, five hundred forty nine pounds, account Coronet Phosphate Company, and American Express Company, 6 Haymarket, one hundred sixteen pounds and seven shillings, account Gerda D. Lowndes, test number 88.

Cablegrams exchanged between Bankers Trust Co. and London City and Midland Bank.

- August 25: Cablegram from London
Imperial Ottoman cannot effect payment to Melachrino Cairo but will hold in London their disposal, instruct.
- August 25: Cablegram from Holden, London.
Notwithstanding Namur, things are better feeling against import cotton account uncertainty regarding mills continuing, merchants undecided at present regarding export.
- August 25: Cablegram from London
Credit 26½ Gottlieb; May we accept drawings from Shanghai also without war risk. Instruct regarding future drafts.
- August 25: Cablegram from London.
We credit you 18,051 eighteen eleven account Huronian Company per Merton.
- August 26: Cablegram to London.
Cablegram received. Instruct Imperial Ottoman hold funds subject instructions Melachrino, Cairo.
- August 26: Cablegram from London
Discount same.
- August 26: Cablegram from London.
Robinson paid.
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- August 26: Cablegram to London.
Cablegram received, accept drafts documents attached with war risk against documentary credit number two hundred sixty one.
- August 26: Cablegram to Holden, London.
Plans under way for warehousing large surplus cotton and enabling banks to carry until next year. Would appreciate details as to possibility English mills continuing. More sterling exchange offering daily. Still working on city warrants. Very quiet here, sentiment improved.
- August 26: Cablegram to London
Charge our account and pay London County Westminster Bank, Lothbury, London, three thousand pounds for account J. Scott McComb, test number 78.
- August 27: Cablegram from London
Discount five quarter Reeves Clearing Banks £ 25,000 in all.
- August 27: Cablegram to London.
You will receive twenty nine thousand pounds for our credit account Texas Company, cable when received.
- August 27: Cablegram from London.
Account American Waterworks and Guarantee per Guarantee Trust Co. £ 1500, test 81.
- August 27: Cablegram to London.
Pay Kleinwort Sons Company, London, fifteen thousand pounds account Goldman Sachs, New York. Pay Union London Smiths Bank, London, five thousand pounds account New York office; Pay yourselves five thousand pounds account National City Bank, New York. Pay Credit Lyonnais, London, four thousand pounds account Southwest National Bank, Commerce, Kansas City; refer our cablegram twenty-second, request Imperial Ottoman Bank, London, to cable their Cairo office that amount has been deposited with them for credit of Melachrino Co. Cairo. Test number 83.

Cablegrams between Bankers Trust Co. and London City and Midland Bank.

August 27: Cablegram from London.

Position still better, discount market beginning to work but few bills coming forward. Please inform us position cotton market with you, there is agitation to end moratorium but bankers and business houses think should be extended, agitation for opening stock exchange but if opened large amount of stock would be offered possibly leading to gold shipments.

August 28: Cablegram from London.

Discount five quarter Smith Reeves spot five stipulations same.

August 28: Cablegram from Holden, London

Question moratorium to be settled in House Commons Monday, feeling here not so good today but financial position about the same. Brokers buying bills on clearing bankers.

August 28: Cablegram from London.

£ 29,000 Texas received Shipton paid.

August 28: Cablegram to Holden, London

Considered here surplus crop this year may exceed three million bales. Plans now well developed for enabling southern banks carry over surplus but personally consider prices must and should go lower. Much depends on consumption by English mills. Personally believe lower prices will greatly stimulate American mills consumption and high cereal prices tend to reduce next years crop. Important that English cotton buyers should arrange credits which will insure discount long bills or handle through New York credits. Our stock exchange cannot reopen for some time, should think opening yours would be dangerous. Extension moratorium should be considered with regard to effect on American commodity bills unless payments can be arranged in New York. Demand for exchange insistant. Situation otherwise improving.

August 28: Cablegram to London.

Pay Albert Ochse, 43 Great Tower, London, four thousand pounds; pay Charles T. Garland, care Lloyds Bank, St. James Street, one thousand five hundred pounds; Pay Mrs. Helen B. Deweerth, care Ritz Hotel, three hundred ninety two pounds and three shillings, cable amount our balance, test number 98.

August 29: Cablegram to London.

We hereby open a credit for fifty thousand pounds sterling favor Chile Exploration Company, Chuquicamata, Chile, for account of Chile Exploration Company, New York, available by ninety days sight drafts on yourselves. Credit to remain in force six months, advise party by telegraph through Banco de Chile, Valparaiso. Test number 84.

August 29: Cablegram from London.

We credit you 12159 nineteen one Huronian Company per Merton. 2400 pounds account American Water Works Company per Guaranty Trust.

August 29: Cablegram from London.

Credit 87,000.

August 31: Cablegram to London.

Crediting you six thousand dollars account Thomas Firth Sons, Sheffield, per Wheelock Lovejoy.

August 31: Cablegram from London..

2487 unpaid, not sufficient, is credit 135 Conti still available cost policy added to invoice, discount five, clearing banks 25,000 in all Smiths.

Cablegrams between Bankers Trust Co. and London City and Midland Bank.

August 31: Cablegram to London.

Charge our account and pay Albert Tircher, Grand Hotel, London, one hundred fifty pounds, test number 84.

August 31: Cablegram from London.

We credit you 4626 Huronian Company per Merton.

August 31: Cablegram from London.

£ 4626 received account Huronian Company per Merton.

September 1: Cablegram from London.

Discount same

September 1: Cablegram to London.

Received two cablegrams advising credit £ 4626 each account Huronian, is this correct.

September 1: Cablegram from London

17085 Wiles paid

September 1: Cablegram from Holden, London.

Discount market better today, bills on Clearing Banks wanted mixed parcels of bills have been done.

September 1: Cablegram to London.

Renew Credit number two hundred eighty Dawson, for four hundred sixtythree pounds, test number 61. You will receive fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence from London Committee for our credit.

September 1: Cablegram from London.

17097 paid.

September 1: Cablegram from London.

We credit \$501 two nine account Huronian Co. per Merton. Test 63.

September 1: Cablegram from Holden, London.

Your cable twentyseventh, it is thought cotton trade will be very quiet for month or two, difficulty at present in arranging for delivery of goods to Eastern buyers: Spinners also refraining from buying because expecting raw cotton cheaper in near future, closing of cotton exchanges prevents quotations being properly tested.

September 2: Cablegram from London.

Forward 4 7/8 spot 4 3/4 Reeves Clearing Banks 50,000 in all.

September 2: Cablegram to London.

Message one: Referring our cablegram August twentysix, Imperial Ottoman Bank, Cairo, cables they received no advice from their London office of amount deposited there. Request Imperial Ottoman London advise their Cairo office by cable of amount deposited with them in London for use of Melachrino, Cairo, and cable us when they have done so. Will number our messages consecutively hereafter. Kindly do likewise your messages.

September 2 Cablegram from London.

Ours thirtyfirst 4626 Huronian ignore second cable, one amount only, regret.

- September 3: Cablegram from London.
Message one: Discount 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ Union stipulations same.
- September 3: Cablegram to London.
Message two; we hereby open a credit with you for fifty thousand pounds sterling, favor Braden Copper Company, Rancagua, Chile, available by ninety days' sight drafts for account Braden Copper Company, New York, for shipments copper bullion ninety per cent. invoice value to Perth Amboy, Baltimore or European ports; Credit to remain in force eight months from date, invoice and full sets bills of lading to order blank endorsed to be attached to drafts, insurance to be effected here, telegraph Banco de Chile, Valparaiso, to advise beneficiary opening of this credit, documents to be held at disposal of Braden Copper Company, New York. Charge our account and pay British Aluminium Company 109 Queen Victoria Street, five thousand pounds, account Arthur Seligmann, test number 63. Referring your cable August 31st, consider credit number 135 favor Conti and Figli as cancelled, confirm cancellation by cable. We credit you twentyone thousand six hundred sixtynine dollars eightyfive cents account your Holborn branch. Received from Bodenheimer and Jaskow, New York, to meet their notes due September 4, favor Henry Kryn. Cable amount our balance.
- September 3. Cablegram from London.
Message two. Imperial Ottoman Bank London inform us they cabled Cairo re Melachrino.
- September 4. Cablegram from London.
Three. Discount same Reeves Union
- September 4. Cablegram to London
Message three: Pay Union of London fifteen thousand pounds account Bank of New York. Renew Dawson Credit Number 280 for fifteen hundred thirtyseven pounds, notify beneficiary and advise us by cable that you have done so. Test number 73.
- September 5: Cablegram to London.
Message four: Please hold at disposal of L. Mundet & Son, Seixal, Portugal, twentyfive hundred pounds, account Diamond Cork, by order Mundet Brooklyn. Notify party immediately. Test Number 61.
- September 5: Cablegram from London.
Message five: Credit 74,000 credit you 2200 per American Water Works.
- September 5: Cablegram from London.
Credit you £10,000 per Capital Counties
- September 7. Cablegram from London
Message six: Discount four Reeves 50,000 in all, Clearing Banks and approved names.
- September 7: Cablegram from London.
Message seven: Yours fifth, Dawson advises, we credit you 10,000 pounds per F.I.Kent, test 59.
- September 8: Cablegram from London.
Message eight. Discount $3\frac{1}{2}$ Reeves, conditions same.
- September 8: Cablegram from London
Message nine: Credit 135 Conti acknowledge cancellation.

Cablegrams between London City and Midland Bank and the Bankers Trust Company.

- September 8: Cablegram from London. (Holden)
Rates here lower, accepting houses beginning to work the whole position is better, people have more confidence all round.
- September 8: Cablegram to London.
Message five: Pay your Holborn office 2600 pounds account Reichman Brothers New York. Pay Morgan, Grenfell 25,000 pounds account Morgan, New York. Pay Union of London 10,000 pounds account Bank of New York. Par Hart O Breg seven Gracechurch Street 100 pounds. Pay by telegraph equivalent 60 pounds to Adgo Hollberg in Albana, Stockholm, test number 79. You will receive for our credit 21,900 pounds account Texas Company. Telegraph when received.
- September 9: Cablegram from London
Message ten: discount same Smith Reeves.
- September 9: Cablegram to Holden, London
Arrangement payment city warrants concluded, plans progressing for providing gold fund to cover other maturing obligations, things look better here.
- September 9: Cablegram from Holden, London
Call money at present 3%. New money almost unobtainable, probably early reduction in bank rate if ratio becomes more normal, accepting houses bills being taken from 4 to 5 per cent. with some exceptions clearing banks taken freely at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, feeling here improving and very optimistic, sorry to see cable exchange firmer.
- September 10: Cablegram from London.
Message eleven, discount same.
- September 10: Cablegram from London.
Message twelve, received 21,900 Texas Company.
- September 10: Cablegram to London.
Message six. Pay Swiss Bankverein, London, 10,000 pounds account Banco Espanol, Havana. Par Albert Ochse, 43 Great Tower London, 4000 pounds, test number 65. You will receive 10,000 pounds for our credit from Canadian Bank Commerce.
- September 11: Cablegram from London.
Cable 13 discount same.
- September 11: Cablegram from London.
Cable 14. Fullman paid.
- September 11: Cablegram to Holden, London.
City financing satisfactorily concluded, am working on plan for gold syndicate to meet other maturing obligations, if successful hopeful exchange situation will greatly improve, Government attitude railroad rates encouraging.
- September 12: Cablegram to London.
Message seven. Pay Union of London 1954 pounds, 11 shillings, account R Mees and Zoonen, test number 78. Cable amount our balance.
- September 14: Cablegram from London.
Discount $3\frac{1}{2}$ Smith Reeves same conditions.
- September 14: Cablegram from Holden, London.
I wish you would make an effort to ship as much of our balance as you can

Cablegrams between London City and Midland Bank and the Bankers Trust Co.

in gold to Ottawa for our account, you would assist very much the American Finance in this market if you could do that.

September 14: Cablegram to Holden, London.

Personally believe we must pay our foreign balances promptly in gold if exchange not available but believe if one institution should ship gold not effect would be unfavorable. Our influence with others has resulted in protecting city warrants in full by shipping gold if necessary. My Company contributing nearly 5,000,000 for that purpose. Am now making effort through Washington authorities to raise gold fund seventyfive or one hundred million for general exchange purposes with some hope success. This far preferable to separate gold shipments as protects bank position New York. Present difficulty increasing volume exchange due partly to narrow London discount market. Would not this plan following payment city warrants result broader discount market which we regard vitally necessary. Please cable fully.

September 14: Cablegram from London

Cable 17 last 16 omitted, credit 24,028.

September 14: Cablegram to London.

Message eight Pay W. Zoultre Mordecai, Hotel Cecil London 250 pounds, test number 69, crediting you \$6,000 account Thomas Firth Sons, Sheffield, per Wheelock Lovejoy.

September 15: Cablegram from London

Message 18: Buy for our account daily until further notice 20,000 pounds sterling, cable, cable rate daily. Pay Kuhn, Loeb Co. 125,000 Dollars account Schinckel per Privatebank Copenhagen. Discount 3 3/8% Smith Reeves spot 3 1/2 same conditions, test 73.

September 15: Cablegram from London.

Cable 20: Pay Innovation Ingenuties Incorporated, 329 Fifth Ave., 9795 Dollars. Pay Harriman National Bank 1960 Dollars account Thomas Le Boutillier, test 81.

September 15: Cablegram from London.

Cable 21: Pay Remington Typewriter Co., 327 Broadway, 5500 Dollars advise payees credit 500 dollars Dublin account. Pay National City Bank 9940 dollars account Russo Asiatic Bank, Yokohama. Pay Guaranty Trust Co. 50,000 Dollars account London Office. Pay Merchants Bank Canada account Tampico Oil Limited 2448 Dollars seventyfive, test 99. Letter Credit 3899 Ellen F. French no advice drawn 250 pounds, cable particulars may we pay.

Cablegrams exchanged between the Bankers Trust Company and Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris.

- July 27: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Confidential. What is your opinion of political situation and money outlook?
- July 28: Cablegram from Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris.
Confidential. Political situation here very critical and hardly possible to give any proper appreciation as to outcome and the effect on financial situation, but at best outlook very disturbing for considerable time.
- July 29: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Charge our account and pay to Banque Francaise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie, Paris, for account of Pombo Hermanos, Cartagena, Colombia, Francs 15,000. Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, have Albert Nunes make alterations in the proposed assignments, reducing the amount of \$1,000 to any lower figure.
- July 31: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Assist Miss Younker, who is the holder of our Letter of Credit No.5447, and if necessary facilitate her return.
- July 31: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Our Travelers' Cheque balance Credit Lyonnais, Paris, exhausted. They advise London reimbursement impossible. Please arrange protect payments out of our balance with you, allowing each applicant minimum requirements. What credit can we arrange with you for Travelers' Cheques, reimbursement against collateral deposited here. Can you assist us arranging to have steamship companies accept Travelers' Cheques for passage money with reimbursement New York, allowing applicants sufficient funds for necessary expenses? Kent will get in touch with you from London and arrange details.
- August 1: Cablegram from Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris through Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., New York.
Refer to cable Bankers Trust Co., New York, July 31. Please tell them that in view of completely demoralized financial situation and impossibility get any kind of remittances from abroad, including England, very much regret arrangement suggested impossible. Of course will pay up to balance their credit waiting to hear from Kent, and will approach steamship companies in regard to Travelers' Cheques, although no passages available before end of September.
- August 3: Cablegram sent to Trustarjes, Paris.
Am endeavoring arrange with State and Treasury Departments for relief of travelers in France either by shipment of gold or arrangement special credits. Would appreciate cable from you offering co-operation with your facilities in handling matter. If our Mr. Duane in Paris, Hotel France et Choiseul, he will co-operate also Ambassador Herrick. Will cable details later.
- August 4: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Pay to George G. Fleuret Francs seven thousand five hundred on application. Advise us when payment has been made.

- August 4: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Will you please cable information regarding Mrs. M. P. Carter and Marguerite, whose address is in your care.
- August 4: Cablegram to Trustarjes, Paris.
Pay to Miss Delphine Dodge, in care of Elisee Palace Hotel, Paris, Francs 2,000. Please advise payment by cable. Give this your immediate and personal attention.
- August 7: Cablegram to Strong, President Bankers Trust Co., New York.
Your cable received. We have done everything needful provide financial accommodation all Americans in France who hold legitimate credentials. Ask Davison show you my cablegram to him.
- Harjes.
- August 7: Cablegram to Herman H. Harjes, Care Morgan, Harjes & Company, 31 Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, France.
Cablegram received. Many grateful Americans both here and abroad would like to send you their personal thanks.
- August 7: Cablegram sent to Morgan, Harjes & Co. from J. P. Morgan.
Suggest drafts against travelers' credits should be in New York funds on New York, five Francs to dollar. Cheques and Travelers' Cheques should be bought at five Francs to dollar, giving holders of Travelers' Cheques with fixed rate receipt which would show amount paid, leaving them opportunity claiming difference in rate from issuers of cheques after their return.
- August 8: Cablegram from Harjes, Paris.
We have paid Dodge & Fleurot, but as testword impossible, we act under your sole responsibility.
- August 8: Cablegram from Harjes, Paris.
Mrs. M. P. Carter and Marguerite Hotel Imperial, London.
- August 24: Cablegram to Paris.
Cable immediately amount our balance. Can we have funds deposited with you our credit not subject moratorium.
- August 25: Cablegram from Paris.
Balance about two hundred and seventy thousand francs, you can have funds deposited with us not subject moratorium.

Cablegrams exchanged between the Bankers Trust Company and the Deutsche Bank, Berlin, also Hamburg.

- July 27: Cablegram to Schmidt, care Bankerdeut, Berlin.
Confidential. What is your opinion of situation and money outlook.
- July 28: Cablegram from Hugo Schmidt, Berlin.
Confidential. Situation today shade better but still very uncertain. Money rather tight but further developments quite depend upon politics.
- July 30: Cablegram to Deutsche Bank, Hamburg.
Our Mr. Kent on board Victoria Luise. Please communicate with him immediately, if he has not already called on you. Telegraph result promptly.
- July 30: Cablegram to Bankerdeut, Berlin.
You will receive from Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, Berlin, Marks 500,000 for our account tomorrow. Communicate at once with them. What is amount of our balance at the close of business tomorrow?
- July 31: Cablegram to Bankerdeut, Berlin.
Sending cable to our Mr. Kent in your care. If he has called and departed, please repeat message to him in care of London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London. Telegraph us what has been done.
- August 1 :Cablegram to Bankerdeut, Berlin.
Anxiously awaiting reply to our various telegrams. Please reply by telegraph at once. Telegraph daily what is amount of our balance. When did you last hear from Kent?
- August 2:Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Your credit balance 1,890,000.
- August 3:Cablegram to Hugo Schmidt, care Deutschbank, Berlin.
Baroness Antoinette von Romberg, daughter of Converse, our former President and my father-in-law, wife of Captain von Romberg, your army Wiesbaden, desires your immediate credit your Wiesbaden branch Marks 25,000. Would greatly appreciate your arranging this at once out of our balance. Please answer by cable.
- August 3:Cablegram to Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Charge our account and transfer by telegraph to your Wiesbaden office Marks 25,000 for credit of Baroness Antoinette von Romberg.
- August 3:Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Referring to your telegram of 1st instant, have received your telegram of 30th ultimo only advising 500,000. Balance to your credit today 944,000;900,000. Kent left Friday evening London.

- August 4: Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Shall we under present conditions continue honor dispositions under your Commercial Credits which have not been confirmed by us.
- August 4: Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Telegraph us in your code via Vigo Emden.
- August 4: Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Your yesterday's cable payment Romberg Wiesbaden executed.
- August 4: Cablegram to Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Pay by telegraph immediately Marks 2500 to Mrs. O. R. Jackson, Nassauer Hof, Wiesbaden. Cable us when payment has been effected. Thanks.
- August 4: Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Our cable address now Deutsche Bank.
- August 4: Cablegram to Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Please pay against Travelers' Cheques sparingly. Telegraph us daily amount of our balance.
- August 4: Cablegram to Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Cancel our Commercial Credits 249, 251, 265, 279. Advise beneficiaries immediately. Please confirm cancellations by post.
- August 4: Cablegram from Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Cables for Kent just received. The same contain, as we see, code words; therefore cannot repeat them further from here. Would suggest to cable Kent from there direct to London where we suppose he is still stopping.
- August 4: Wireless message sent to Deutsche Bank, Berlin, through Radio Station, Tuckerton, New Jersey.
Converse hears nothing from his daughter, Baroness Von Romberg, Wiesbaden, would appreciate report if all right and supplied with money.

(Similar message to above sent to Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen. for forwarding to Deutsche Bank, Berlin.)

Cablegrams exchanged between the Bankers Trust Company and Mr. Duane.

- July 31: Cablegram from Duane, Paris.
Do you need me?
- July 31: Cablegram to Repamex, Paris.
Duane -- call immediately at Morgan, Harjes for cablegram.
- July 31: Cablegram to Duane, care Trustarjes, Paris.
Cable received. Using our code for this message. No immediate need for your return, but suggest you may prefer avoid any risk of delay. Our Paris balance for payment Travelers' Cheques pretty well exhausted. Please see Harjes and ascertain situation respecting cashing Travelers' Cheques there and at Credit Lyonnais, Paris, and advise us fully. We are endeavoring to negotiate special loan to Credit Lyonnais, Paris, \$1,000,000 gold against which we wish like overdraft, if needed with them, and will deposit securities First National Bank, New York. This arrangement would greatly facilitate travelers and hope can be made. Please cable fully what you learn. Are you in touch with Kent?
- August 1: Cablegram from Mr. Duane in Paris.
Your cable not received until after Credit Lyonnais, Paris closed. Harjes has cabled you fully - advises shipping gold at once to cover Travelers' Cheques. Situation here very grave. Am trying to locate Kent. Will try to go to London at once. Will cable on arrival. Address until leaving here Hotel France et Choiseul.
- August 1: Cablegram to Duane, Care Hotel France et Choiseul, Paris.
Cable received Saturday P. M. If unable leave Paris try to ascertain how much will be required for Travelers' Cheques and what is situation regarding our travelers getting funds. Will endeavor to divert \$200,000 gold arriving in London on St. Louis to Paris. Have Travelers' Cheques protected to fullest extent possible. Kent enroute to London from Berlin but not certain he will get there. Keep us posted fully by cable at any hour, but get to London if that is your judgment.
- August 4: Cablegram from Mr. W. N. Duane.
Reached London and joined Kent today. Advise all speed in following Kent's request for shipment of gold, ships to transport Americans.
- August 6: Cablegram to W. N. Duane, care Savoy Hotel, London.
Overjoyed your cable. We are hustling gold off possibly today. Are worried about Kent. Keep an eye on him and see that he does not risk his health. Both of you have huge task, which wont be performed if you break down and can't be done all at once.
- August 11: Cablegram from W. N. Duane, London.
No answer received to Kent's last two wires to you. You evidently misunderstand Kent's proposed plan with Swiss Bank-Verein; plan approved by London Bank committee. Suggest caution not to reflect on Swiss Bank's London Manager. London Committee fully endorse all Kent's plan; he is doing excellent work.
- August 12: Cablegram from Duane, London.
Advise that no company business be referred to in wires to Kent regarding London Banking Committee affairs, so such wires can be exhibited to Committee. Deliver cables sent today Company's care. Reidd here.

Cablegrams between Bankers Trust Co. and W. N. Duane.

August 22: Cablegram from Lond.

Will sail August 29 unless you advise otherwise, answer.

Miscellaneous cablegrams.

- July 30: Cablegram to Societe de Credit Suisse, Zurich.
We are informed that Ambrose C. Gramer is unable to realize on his Letter of Credit and Travelers' Cheques in Geneva. Telegraph your Geneva office to pay him the equivalent of \$500 in currency and notify party as quickly as possible in care of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, Geneva. Charge our account for all expenses.
- July 31: Cablegram to Bank of New South Wales, Sydney.
Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud, Buenos Aires, Panama Banking Company, Panama, and Banco Aleman Transatlantico, Sao Paulo. Conditions necessitate discontinuance sale Travelers' Cheques.
- August 1: Cable received from Mellanear, Liverpool.
In view abnormal exchange rate, hold remittances from National Lead our account until further advised.
- August 1: Cable sent to Mellanear, Liverpool.
Will act in accordance with your cablegram. Cable instructions regarding manner Vogelstein collections.
- August 3: Cablegram to Mr. J. Scott McComb, Bracknell, England.
Foreign exchange demoralized. Bank holidays declared in London. Impossible to make transfer requested at present. Instruct us further.
- August 3: Cablegram to Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires, and Montevideo.
Market unsettled owing to foreign situation. Must cancel temporarily credit allowed you. Remit at once to cover overdraft by telegraph.
- August 3: Cablegram to Pombo Hermanos, Cartagena, Colombia.
Referring to your letter of 27th ultimo, your cable payment cannot be executed. Foreign exchange paralyzed. Telegraph instructions. Writing.
- August 4, Cablegram from Den Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen.
Owing existing conditions, draw on ourselves only. Discontinue drawing our correspondents.
- August 4: Cablegram to George G. Fleuret, Etretat, France.
Cable received. Endeavoring to cable you funds in care of Morgan, Harjes. Communicate with them.
- August 4: Cablegram to Ugo Ciollo, Anglo Italian Agency, 28 Via Vigna Nuova, Florence, Italy.
Can you accept commission go Interlaken get my sister and cousin and send them New York neutral ship Italian port? If so, will send you funds. Cable me 14 Wall Street, New York. DuPratt White.
- August 4: Cablegram to Robert Thorne, Care Morgan, Grenfell & Co., London.
Cable me if you are safe and your plans. H.B.Thorne.

- August 4: Cablegram from Den Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen.
Can only honor Travelers' Cheques to debit Kroner account. Please provide cover.
- August 5: Cablegram to Den Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen.
Cablegram received. Instructing London City Midland Bank to arrange with you for protection Travelers' Cheques. Our Mr. Kent is in London, and he will probably cable you. What arrangement can we make to credit you here. Telegraph immediately.
- August 5: Cablegram from Pombo Hermanos, Cartagena, Colombia.
Do not remit Europe before consulting exchange.
- August 5: Cablegram to Pombo Hermanos, Cartagena, Colombia.
Referring to your letter of 27th ultimo, your cable payment cannot be executed. Foreign exchange paralyzed. Telegraph instructions. Writing.
- August 5: Cablegram from Banco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba, Havana.
Remit by registered letter \$25,000 in bills \$1,000. Insure for full amount. Confirm by telegraph.
- August 5: Cablegram from Banco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba, Havana.
Remit National Bank notes if necessary.
- August 5: Cablegram to Banco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba, Havana.
Sending \$15,000 in American Bank notes. Impossible to send more. Treat as confidential.
- August 5: Cablegram to Mr. Strong, Bankers Trust Co.
Can you get London branch of Guaranty Trust Company to redeem \$500 of associated bank checks in English gold drawn to my order. They declined. Necessary for me to return. Answer.
- J. Walter Thompson,
Caxton House,
Westminster, London.
- August 5: Cablegram to Mr. J. Walter Thompson, Caxton House, Westminster, London.
Guaranty Trust have instructed London branch to redeem \$500 in Association Travelers' Cheques for you in gold. Benj. Strong, Jr.
- August 5: Cablegram to Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Zurich, Switzerland.
Confirming our cablegram of July 30, Cramer was able to get away. Can you cancel payment and remit the equivalent of \$500 to Sarah White, Hotel Bellevue, Interlaken, Switzerland? Telegraph reply immediately.
- August 6: Cablegram from Williams Harvey, Liverpool.
Authorize you deliver Vogelstein and Co. documents Adriatic and Cedric shipments against deposit equivalent amounts our invoices at rate five dollars per pound Sterling on their undertaking eventually within fourteen days full settlement in Sterling. Meanwhile hold these monies at call for our account. Cable rate you can pay interest.

- August 6: Cablegram sent to Hanson Cleveland Coxe, 36 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris, France. Signed Allan Merritt, James Converse. Any help or advice given Miss Delphine Dodge, Hotel Elysee Palace, will be greatly appreciated.
- August 6: Cablegram sent to George Fleurot, care Morgan, Harjes & Co., 31 Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, France. Signed James Converse. Any help or advice you or friends can give Miss Delphine Dodge, Hotel Elysee Palace, will be greatly appreciated, as she is alone.
- August 6: Cablegram from Lorillard Ronalds, Geneva. Please cable instructions to your correspondents at Geneva, Switzerland, to pay me Francs 10,000. Advise me by cable Hotel Beau Rivage, Geneva.
- August 6: Cablegram sent to Lorillard Ronalds, Hotel Beau Rivage, Geneva. Endeavoring to cable you Francs 10,000 through Societe de Credit Suisse. Communicate with them.
- August 6: Cablegram sent to Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Zurich. Please telegraph your Geneva office to pay Lorillard Ronalds, Hotel Beau Rivage, Geneva, Francs 10,000. Advise payment by telegraph immediately. Why don't you answer previous cablegrams?
- August 7: Cablegram sent to Brown Shipley & Company, Founderscourt, London, England, signed James Brown. Duplicate of cable to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London will follow for authentication and your information.
- August 7: Cablegram from J. Scott McComb, Bracknell, England. Yours received. Cancel August first instructions. Code index word prohibited cable transfer or otherwise. Send three thousand pounds credit my account London County Westminster Bank, Lothbury, London. Cable me advice.
- August 7: Cablegram from Bankverein, Zurich. Credit exhausted. Reimbursement London impossible. Many cheques presented. Deposit with Hanover National Bank \$10,000 for account Bankverein, London.
- August 7: Cablegram sent to Schweizerischer Bankverein, Paradeplatz 6, Zurich, Switzerland. Cablegram received. Protect all Association Travelers' Cheques. Have deposited ten thousand dollars with Hanover National Bank for account Swiss Bankverein, London.
- August 7: Cablegram from Landmandsbank, Copenhagen. Can pay 37150 for dollars placed to our credit.
- August 7: Cablegram sent to Landmandsbank, Holmens Kanal 12, Copenhagen, Denmark. Advise us amount we should credit your account with us. Greatly appreciate your co-operation to facilitate protection of our Travelers' Cheques. Pay holders sparingly.

- August 7: Cablegram sent to Williams, Harvey & Company, Ltd., Altcar Road, Bootle, Liverpool.
Cablegram received. Will allow you three per cent. on daily balances for the present.
- August 8: Cablegram from Landmandsbank, Copenhagen.
Credit account five thousand dollars.
- August 8: Cablegram to Banque Internationale de Bruxelles, 27 Ave des Arts, Brussels, Belgium.
Pay Travelers' Cheques sparingly. If our account in need of funds, can we credit you in dollars here? If so, at what rate and what amount is required?
- August 8: Cablegram to Hope and Company, Keizersgracht 579, Amsterdam, Holland.
Pay Travelers' Cheques sparingly. If our account in need of funds, can we credit you in dollars here? If so, at what rate and what amount is required?
- August 8: Cablegram to Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Paradeplatz 8, Zurich, Switzerland.
Pay Travelers' Cheques sparingly. If our account in need of funds, can we credit you in dollars here; if so, at what rate and what amount is required?
- August 8: Cablegram received by State Department, Washington, from our Ambassador in Switzerland.
If National City Bank, New York, will cable credit of \$10,000. gold tomorrow and \$90,000 gold Saturday, \$100,000 total, to Nationale Banque Suisse, Zurich, immediate, I think relief American travelers in Switzerland will be effected. Drafts will only be cashed when secured by deposit of gold coin in National City Bank, New York, for credit of Banque Nationale Suisse. This information is from the Swiss Government. Think Department does not appreciate seriousness of financial condition here. Even drafts for salaries of legation officers are absolutely refused.
- August 9: Cablegram from Lorillard Ronalds, Milan.
Cable your correspondents, Banca Commerciale, Milan, Italy, to pay me five thousand Lire. Cable reply Hotel Cavour, Milan
- August 9: Cablegram from Williams, Harvey and Co., Liverpool
Regarding Vogelstein and Co., must ask you to protect our interest, delivering documents at such exchange as you consider necessary for transmitting money here.
- August 9: Cablegram to American Legation, Berne, Switzerland. Signed W.J. Bryan.
Yours August 5th 7: P. M. Treasury will deposit tomorrow \$50,000. in gold with National City Bank, New York, to your credit in Banque Nationale Suisse. You will use the money for necessary relief and protection American citizens, taking from each person, on behalf of whom disbursements are made, a signed receipt, agreeing to reimburse the Treasurer of the United States for the amount, to take the first available means of transportation to the United States, and

giving their permanent American address. Secure reimbursement of advances by assignment of Letters of Credit, Travelers' Cheques or other money demands, or in any way practicable. Where no security is possible, necessary advances may be made on receipt and personal obligation to reimburse. You will submit account to Secretary of State for all amounts so advanced, supported by obligations and securities to be delivered to the Treasury Department with report. Notify consuls and delegate authorities to them use part of this fund in your discretion, but in strict accordance with foregoing instructions. For better co-ordination direct them to address their communications regarding relief and transportation to the Legation instead of the Department, except answers to specific instructions and reports on individuals. Use every precaution to guard against imposition.

- August 9: Cablegram from Schmidlapp, Luzern.
Sailing from Genoa Wednesday.
- August 10: The reply to Cablegram to American Legation, Berne, Switzerland stated that it would not be satisfactory to have the credit opened up to the American Ambassador, but it must be a credit to the Banque Nationale Suisse and that has been done.
- August 10: Cablegram received by Paul M. Warburg from the Swiss Bankverein, London. We have cabled fully to Hanover National Bank, requesting cooperation in our endeavors to enable Swiss National Bank by deposit of gold in United States to provide increased currency for purposes explained in our cable. Would deeply appreciate your and Kuhn Loeb and Co.'s invaluable support in attaining this purpose. Kindly read our cable Hanover Bank sent after consultation with Kent of Bankers Trust, with whom are arranging meanwhile measures of immediate relief in other directions. All concerned will be deeply grateful for your assistance. Please cable.
- August 10: Cablegram from Hope Company, Amsterdam.
As impossible to draw on New York, prefer we continue as agreed.
- August 10: Cablegram from Bank Athens, London.
Remit balance cable.
- August 10: Cablegram to Bank of Athens, 22 Fenchurch Street, London.
Cablegram received. Impossible remit your credit balance under present market conditions.
- August 10: Cablegram from Banque Internationale, Brussels.
Telegram received. Your account shows debit of Francs 21,300. We would negotiate check for \$5,000 at 5.125. Cable if agreeable.
- August 10: Cablegram to Banque Internationale de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium.
Cablegram Received. Please continue pay American Bankers Association Travelers' Cheques. If London reimbursement impossible, draw on us. We agree rate 5.1250, but would appreciate more favorable rate if possible.

- August 10: Cablegram from Williams Harvey, Liverpool.
Cable amounts received from National Lead Company and Vogelstein and Company you hold our account. Advise us as other amounts are received.
- August 10: Cablegram to Williams, Harvey and Company, Altcar Road, Mellanear Works, Bootle, Liverpool.
Cablegrams received. Surrendered Vogelstein documents against payment in dollars of Sterling equivalent at rate five dollars, with understanding that adjustment be made as soon as market conditions permit. Your account credited with \$49,969 National Lead and \$28,427 Vogelstein. Will cable you of any further funds received.
- August 10: Cablegram to Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan, Italy.
Committee of New York bankers endeavoring to arrange for protection of American travelers' credits at various points abroad. Would appreciate cable stating whether such arrangements are necessary in Italy, through what bank they can be made and with what bank in New York deposits of gold to cover credits should be arranged, such fund to be disbursed solely for benefit of travelers holding American Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit. Please reply at once. We can probably obtain obligation United States Government, if necessary, covering gold deposited here.
- August 11: Cablegram from Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan.
Could utilize only Sovereigns or Napoleons shipped to Italy. American Government preparing gold shipment. Arrange send your gold together.
- August 11: Cablegram to Banque Frances del Rio de la Plata, Buenos Ayres, Argentina.
Telegraph reply to our telegram of 3rd instant at once.
- August 11: Cablegram from Dr. Worcester to Mr. Pomeroy.
Cable Constance Rulison two hundred dollars Morgan, Harges, Paris.
- August 12: Cablegram from Kreditanstalt, Zurich.
Confirm Lorillard order.
- August 12: Cablegram to Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Paradeplatz 8, Zurich.
Cablegram received. We confirm our cable instructions August sixth regarding payment to Lorillard Ronalds. Cable us when payment effected. Have you cancelled Cramer transfer, and has payment been made to Sara White in accordance our cablegram August fifth. Please answer immediately.
- August 12: Cablegram to Lorillard Ronalds, Hotel Cavour, Milan, Italy.
Cablegram received. We telegraphed funds to you August sixth to Geneva through Zurich. We cabled you this effect August sixth. Have you received funds?
- August 12: Cablegram to Williams Harvey Company, Altcar Road, Bootle, Liverpool.
Surrendered Cedric documents Vogelstein against payment seventeen thousand, eight hundred seventy-seven dollars. We credit your account.
- August 12: Cablegram received by Swift & Co., Chicago, from their Montevideo House.
Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata suspended payment today owing to difficulties Buenos Aires Branch.

August 12: Cablegram received by D. P. Kingsley, President, New York Life Insurance Co., New York, signed Grow, dated August 11. Your cable received today saying Washington has arranged for payment of American Bankers checks through Ambassador Page. Your information not correct. I have seen Ambassador, Government Officials and Bankers. Currency famine here. Only way for us to realize is described my cable August seventh. Have Secretary of State cable Ambassador Page guaranteeing through Ambassador that United States Government will repay Bank of Italy one million Lire, and we can get that amount immediately and more later same way, if needed. Ambassador will draw money and appoint fiscal agents such as American Express Company or Thomas Cook and Son to disburse fund, take securities and render account to our Government. We have twenty-five thousand dollars from Washington now, but this is devoted to relief. We need Italian money for Americans holding American Travellers securities. Most people here can help themselves if my suggestion followed to the letter at once. Cable should be to Ambassador and read

"United States authorize Ambassador Nelson Page to draw one million Lire from Bank of Italy and guarantees repayment to Bank of Italy. Signed Bryan, Secretary of State."

August 12: Cablegram from Credit Suisse, Zurich. Your cable July 30 subject Cramer not received. Confirm by telegraph order payment Sarah White.

August 13: Cablegram from Credit Suisse, Zurich. We received with delay your cable, have always continued to pay your Travelers' Cheques."

August 13: Cablegram from Williams Harvey, Liverpool. Understand exchange adjusted somewhat, cable best New York rate can transfer cable also demand ten thousand pounds."

August 13: Cablegram from Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan. Our bank willing arrange for protection American Travelers' Credits in Italy. As suggested our cable tenth, gold shipments to Italy best method. Willing continue payments American Traveler upon authenticated advice gold has been shipped under obligation United States Government, wire probable amount of shipment.

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August 3: Cablegram from Wm. H. Porter, London to H. P. Davison, New York. Been conference Paris, London partners last week. Seen cables to from you, therefore not troubled you with cables as nothing to add. Impossible conceive situation unless in midst of it. Grenfell very active innermost circles doing splendidly. Moratorium absolutely necessary as even richest unable obtain cash to pay. If England goes war, which I fear, then situation here cannot be imagined. Letters Credit, Travelers Cheques, etc., would be of no avail. Our Government should at once legislate if necessary and take steps send ships or charter them here take Americans home and furnish safe transit for gold for relief Americans this side. Latter can repay upon returning. Fred Kent arrived Sunday immediately called meeting Americans for organization committees to do whatever may be possible. Conferred with him but kept name out of movement for firm reasons. Are booked Oceanic August 12th, but no certainty any English ships sailing if England goes in. Secretary informed relatives all well. Many thanks Davison's cable Saturday. Albert sailed on New York Friday. Love to all.

Miscellaneous cablegrams

- August 13: Cablegram sent to Schweizerische Kreditstalt, Paradeplatz 8, Zurich.
"Cablegram received, cancel instructions regarding Cramer payment. Transfer by telegraph equivalent five hundred dollars to Sarah White, Hotel Bellevue, Interlaken, Switzerland. This is confirmation of our cable instructions of August 5. Cable us when payment has been effected."
- August 13: Cablegram sent to William Harvey Company, Altcar Road, Bootle, Liverpool:
Cablegram received, there is possibility of making cable transfer at five ten and remittance by demand draft at five hundred, telegraph instructions, transfers would be your risk.
- August 14: Cablegram from William Harvey, Liverpool.
When can cable transfer under five, send ten thousand pounds.
- August 14: Cablegram from Banque Suisse et Francaise, Paris, dated August 13.
How will you sell cable New York against payment Paris outside moratorium?
- August 3: Cablegram from Wm. H. Porter, London, to H. P. Davison, N.Y.
* (Already in book)
- August 14: Cablegram from Lorillard Ronalds, Milan.
Societe Credit Suisse have received no instructions. Cable them again.
- August 14: Cablegram to Schweizerischer Kreditanstalt, Paradeplatz 8, Zurich.
Refer our cablegrams sixth and twelfth, please execute payment to Lorillard Ronalds, Geneva, and cable us at once. Ronalds cables your Geneva office claims not to have received instructions.
- August 14: Cablegram to Haskard & Company, Florence, Italy.
We credit you one thousand dollars for use J. G. Hagemeyer, Florence.
- August 14: Cablegram from Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Cover check en route you will receive shortly.
- August 14: Cablegram to Banque Suisse Francaise, Paris
Cablegram received. Make offer value compensee moderate amount only.
- August 13: Mr. Phillips, in Mr. Franklin's office, White Star Line, says they have just received the following cable from their Naples office:
"In present financial situation quite impossible for us to help."
- August 14: Cablegram from Banque Suisse Francaise, Paris.
Telegraph for Monday how you will sell cable New York against Paris out of Moratorium.
- August 15: Cablegram sent by State Department, Washington, to Government's representative at Lisbon:
Muller, Schall & Co., New York are cabling equivalent of two thousand dollars for your credit through Durnay. Please apply at once for money, cabling confirmation of receipt to State Department. You will use this money for necessary relief and protection destitute American citizens, taking from each person on behalf of whom disbursements are made a signed receipt agreeing to reimburse Treasurer of the United States for the amount, to take the first available means of transportation to the United States and giving their permanent American address. You will submit account to Secretary of State for all amounts so advanced, supported by receipts and securities for de-

livery to Treasury Department with report. Use every precaution to guard against imposition. Any further funds required for relief work to be arranged by cabling direct to Ambassador Page, London, who is disbursing fund of gold shipped by Cruiser Tennessee in cooperation with Fred. I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel London, Chairman London Relief Committee. If credit required for cashing Travelers' Cheques and credits, arrange by cabling direct to London relief committee and Ambassador Page, London, who will give instructions as to manner accounting and settlement. Please report this department amounts of advances arranged through Ambassador Page.

August 15: Cablegram sent to Government's representatives at Madrid, Stockholm and Copenhagen by State Department, Washington:-

United States authorities guarantee of your drafts for equivalent \$ - - - - -. You will use this money for necessary relief and protection American citizens, taking from each person on behalf of whom disbursements are made, a signed receipt agreeing to reimburse Treasurer of United States for the amount, to take the first available means of transportation to the United States and giving their permanent American address. You will submit account to Secretary of State for all amounts so advanced, supported by receipts and securities for delivery to Treasury Department with report. Notify consuls and delegate authority to them to use part of this fund in your discretion, but in strict accordance with the foregoing instructions. For better coordination direct them to address their communications regarding relief and transportation to the Legation instead of the Department except answers to specific instructions and reports on individuals. Use every precaution to guard against imposition. Ambassador Page London, and F.I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London, Chairman London Relief Committee are in charge Disbursement of Gold shipped by Cruiser Tennessee. Arrangements for reimbursement of above credit also applications for further funds for relief work or to secure payment on Travelers' Cheques and credits should be made direct to London Relief Committee.

August 15: Cablegram sent by State Department to (American Embassy) Thomas Nelson Page, Rome.

You are authorized to arrange for advance by Bank of Italy of one million lire to be expended by American Express or Cooks in cashing Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit for Americans, giving guaranty of Government for repayment to Bank, The American Ambassador London will hold equivalent amount in gold out of shipment by New York bankers to secure government for guaranty and you are directed to arrange for delivery of an account with paid checks and documents to him for settlement with London Committee, F.I.Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Chairman. London Committee will advise you of each credit arranged by them and give details about accounting. Reimbursement of expenditures out of twenty-five thousand credit already arranged, should be made through Ambassador Page, London, out of Government funds shipped on Cruiser Tennessee.

August 15: Cablegram sent by State Department to Consul General, Naples.

You are authorized upon request of Ambassador Page, London, to arrange through White Star Line for a credit from Banca Commerciale Italiana of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, giving Government guarantee therefor to be disbursed through agent to be appointed by London Embassy in advances to Americans on Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit. London Embassy will furnish you full particulars method of handling checks and account and will hold like amount of gold to secure Government for guaranty. Convey this cable to London Embassy and ask for detailed directions.

Miscellaneous Cablegrams.

- August 14: Cablegram received by First National Bank, New York, from National Bank of Greece, Athens.
Credited you with London County 50,000 sterling to be placed in our sterling account. Please telegraph rate you would credit us in a dollar account for this amount.
- August 15: Cablegram sent by First National Bank, New York to National Bank of Greece, Athens.
Cablegram received, unable to handle transaction, Refer you to Bankers Trust Company here, which has our entire confidence.
- August 15: Cablegram received at Washington from Berlin, via Copenhagen.
Addressed to Secretary of State, Washington.
Answering yours ninth, Germany will allow entrance "Tennessee" with gold. Is allowing Americans to leave as fast as train service restored. If Germany blockades any coast will allow Americans to leave. If you pay German Embassy, Washington, 100,000 gold will pay Embassy here corresponding amount in gold, providing you approve proposed rate of exchange of four marks nineteen three quarters equalling one dollar. Deutsche Bank will give me credit up to five million marks provided United States Government deposits equal sum with its correspondents New York. (Signed) Gerard, Berlin.
- August 15: Cablegram received from Banque Suisse et Francaise, Paris.
Telegraph for Monday how you will sell cable New York against Paris out of moratorium."
- August 15: Cablegram from Schweizerischer, Kreditanstalt, Zurich.
Payments Cramer annulled, Sarah White and LorillardxRonalds effected.
- August 15: Cablegram from Banque Suisse et Francaise, Paris.
Can we still buy Travelers' Cheques.
- August 16: Cablegram from Banque Suisse et Francaise, Paris.
Monday compense we could take one hundred thousand dollars 5.12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- August 17: Cablegram sent to Banque Suisse et Francaise, Paris.
Cablegram received, rate not attractive on cable transfer. Refer your cablegram discontinue sales Travelers' Cheques except for use in the United States only.
- August 17: Cablegram received from Bankers Committee, Falmouth, addressed to Benjamin Strong.
English Committee instructs gold shall not leave Tennessee without insurance covering from ship to Bank of England, Commanding Officer Tennessee demands receipt on deck before delivery gold to be lightered by what we consider adequate ships launch to Falmouth transhipped by American Express to Bank of England, do policies cover to Bank of England. Reply by cable Tennessee Falmouth quickly as responsibility has been placed on us.
- August 17: Cablegram sent to Bankers Committee on board U. S. Cruiser Tennessee, Falmouth, England.
Cablegram received. Gold insured to place of delivery in London.
- August 17: Cablegram sent to National Bank of Greece, Athens, Greece.
Refer your cablegram to First National Bank, New York. Deposit fifty thousand pounds sterling with London City Midland Bank, London, for credits Bankers

Miscellaneous Cablegrams.

Trust Company, New York. We will credit you in dollars at four ninety-four value compense. Telegraph if rate accaptable. Request London City Midland Bank to cable us when funds received.

August 18: Cablegram from Grier and Gibson, Falmouth, addressed to Mr. Strong. Gold goes to London tonight, arriving there Tuesday morning.

August 18: Cablegram sent to Williams Harvey Company, Altcar Road, Bootle, Liverpool. We credit you eighty-five thousand dollars National Lead.

August 18: Cablegram from American Committee. Switzerland, from Berne. Addressed to National City Bank, Bankers Trust, Guaranty Trust, Brown Bros. New York.
The sending of a collective telegram by New York's important banks, or the addressing of the Banque Nationale Suisse, Berne, by the National City Bank, will materially better the situation of Americans in all Switzerland to obtain money from Swiss banks. This cable should give assurance that the drafts against Letters of Credit will be paid directly in New York, instead of passing through London, against deposits of gold in New York. We recommend taking urgent steps and immediate action.

August 18: Cablegram sent to American Committee, Berne, Switzerland, signed Benj. Strong, Jr., Chairman New York Bankers' Committee, representing institutions addressed and others.
Answering your cablegram National City Bank, Bankers Trust, Guaranty Trust, Brown Bros. (stop) Understand London Committee arranged credit twenty thousand pounds sterling with Swiss Bankverein for cashing Travelers' Cheques. United States Government deposited fifty thousand dollars gold with National City Bank for credit Banque Nationale Suisse for similar purpose. Does your cable just received mean that additional credits are required against guarantee of repayment in gold in New York and is so how much.

August 19: Cablegram from National Bank Greece, Athens. Credited you fifty thousand sterling with London City Midland Bank, London. Please open dollar account best rate.

August 19: Cablegram sent to Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen. Please endeavor send following message Deutsche Bank, Berlin.
Mr. Converse hears nothing from his daughter, Baroness von Romberg, Wiesbaden, would appreciate report if all right and supplied with money. Any assistance you can give to get this message through will be greatly appreciated.

August 19: Cablegram received by Blyth & Bonner, New York, from Banca Commerciale Italiana, Genoa:
Send immediately following circular clients receiving heretofore exchange offers. Banca Commerciale Italiana Genoa informs royal decree August fourth establishes old credit balances payable by Italian banks only up to five per cent. for period fourth to twentieth August. New royal decree sixteenth authorizes payment further the ten percent. from August twentieth to September thirtieth. New amounts entered after August fourth payable integrally. Having for solidarity's sake agreed with other banks to carry out decree, regret being obliged stick to its clauses. Will, execute payments against old funds within above stated limits of; integrally against new funds entered after August fourth here or with our London branch instructed to pay Americans stranded in Italy against American letters credit and travelers cheques reasonable amounts daily expenes and return tickets.

Miscellaneous Cablegrams

- August 20: Cablegram from Gibson, London.
Special payments your clients all arranged.
- August 20: Cablegram to Haskard & Company, Florence, Italy.
We credit you two thousand dollars for use of Georgette Brown.
- August 20: Cablegram to Hope & Co., Amsterdam.
Charge our a/c and pay Adele Lec Adams, care Amsterdamsche Bank two hundred thirty eight guilders, confirm payment by cable.
- August 20: Cablegram to Hope & Company, Amsterdam.
Endeavor to cable the following to Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft, Berlin. Renew Documentary Credit number 273 for three hundred thousand marks and extend credit to cover August shipments impossible to cable you direct. Telegraph us if Kalisyndikat can make shipments in August, also total amount paid to Kalisyndikat since your last debit of July 18th, also telegraph amount of our balance and at what rate you can credit us in Marks against dollars here, duplicating this message by wireless and Copenhagen. End of Message. Thank you heartily your cooperation.
- August 20: Cablegram to Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen.
Endeavor to cable the following to Direction der Disconto- Gesellschaft, Berlin. Renew documentary credit number 273 for three hundred thousand marks and extend credit to cover August shipments, impossible to cable you direct, telegraph us if Kalisyndikat can make shipments in August, also total amount paid to Kalisyndikat since your last debit of July 18th, also telegraph amount of our balance and at what rate you can credit us in Marks against dollars here, duplicating this message by wireless and via Amsterdam. End of message. Thank you heartily your cooperation.
- August 20: Cablegram from Haskard, Florence.
Cable if received two thousand Madame Brown.
- August 20: Cablegram from Banca Commerciale Italiana, London, through Blyth & Bonner.
Prepared to make cable transfers for stranded Americans Italy against Payment London.
- August 20: Advised by C. A. Stern & Co., New York.
The Credito Italiano Milan are buyers of Cable London against ~~at best in~~ Lire, Cable Paris (Payments to bank of France) against Lire at best in lire, upon actual receipt of cable advice of payment. For quotation only, not binding; cable London ag. lire 26.50, cable Paris ag. Lire 105. For information; Actual entries made after August 4 are not subject to the moratorium in Italy.
- August 20: Advised by C. A. Stern & Co., New York.
The Credito Italiano beg to announce that the Italian Moratorium limits Banks liability reimbursing funds due prior August 4th to 5% up to August 20, 5% up to September 10, 5% up to September 30. Balances matured or funds deposited after August 4 fully reimbursed.
- August 21: Cablegram sent to William Harvey Co., Altcar Road, Liverpool.
Remitting London your account by tomorrow's mail proceeds Vogelstein collections. Can cable small amount Sterling around 506 but would advise waiting until September unless you wish us remit demand National Lead payments rate around 504.
- August 21: Cablegram from Hope Company, Amsterdam.
Your yesterday cable paid Adele Lec Adams two hundred thirty eight guilders.

Miscellaneous Cablegrams

- August 21: Cablegram from Privatbanks, Kjobenhavn, Denmark.
Documents 177669 marks Steamer Zaandyk to Charleston against credit 273 presented today, telegraph us if Discontogesellschaft may honor same.
- August 22: Cablegram to Privatbank, Kjobenhavn, Denmark.
Cablegram received, request Discontogesellschaft honor Zaandyk shipment against proper shipping documents. We cabled Landmandsbank Copenhagen Thursday evening regarding extension documentary credit 273 please communicate Landmandsmark and ascertain if they telegraphed particulars to Discontogesellschaft. Thanks heartily your cooperation.
- August 22: Cablegram to Haskard and Company, Florence, Italy.
We credit you five hundred dollars received from Kidder, Peabody Boston.
- August 22: Cablegram to Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan Italy.
If we arrange to have lira deposits made with you our credit can we draw against same in full under terms of moratorium.
- August 22: Cablegram from Banco Frances del Rio de la Pata, Buenos Aires.
Stop all operations for our account. Have suspended payments August 12th.
- Cablegram from Banque Suisse Francaise, Paris. (August 22)
How will you sell cable New York against Paris, outside moratorium.
- August 22: Cablegram from Societe (de) Credit Suisse, Luzern.
Your letter 3d August received this morning; contents noted.
- August 24: Cablegram to Hope & Company, Amsterdam.
Your letter twelfth received, please pay Travelers' Cheques mentioned.
- August 24: Cablegram to Swiss Bankverein, London.
Received Two hundred fifty thousand Dollars for your credit.
- August 22: Cablegram from Haskard & Co. Florence.
Fay Banco Napoli New York balance leus thousand dollars credited by cable our account Banco Napoli Florence intra. (signed) "Haukard"
- August 24: Cablegram to Haskard & Co. Florence.
Your cablegram unintelligible, please repeat instructions more clearly, test-word wrong.
- August 24: Cablegram from Swiss Bankverein, London.
As arranged with Kent are paying you two hundred fifty thousand dollars through Hanover National Bank, Credit our account, please cable receipt.
- August 24: Cablegram to Hope & Company, Amsterdam.
Can we arrange have funds deposited with you against which we can draw immediately such funds not to be subject any moratorium answer immediately, with authenticate our cable messages authorizing payments by control words using names our directors consecutive order, cable understood.
- August 24: Cablegram to de Neuflyze & Company, Paris.
Your letter tenth received and instructions noted.
- August 24: Cablegram from Privatbanken, Kjobenhavn.
Landmandsbank say no cable such contents received.

August 25: Cablegram to Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen.

Endeavor to cable the following to Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft Berlin; renew documentary credit number two seventythree for Three Hundred Thousand Marks and extend credit to cover August shipments, impossible to cable you direct. Telegraph us if Kalisyndikat can make shipments in August, also total amount paid to Kalisyndikat since your last debit of July eighteenth also telegraph amount of our balance and at what rate you can credit us in marks against dollars here, duplicating this message by wireless and via Amsterdam. End of message. Thank you heartily your cooperation. Did you receive this message before on August twentieth.

August 25th: Cablegram from Hope & Company, Amsterdam.

No moratorium declared here and unless political difficulties arise, not very probable, however, should moratorium be declared, we might be compelled to adhere to any regulations possibly to be adopted by Amsterdam bankers. With this reserve understood.

August 25: Cablegram from Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan.

Under terms of moratorium you can draw in full against new lira deposits.

August 25: Cable to Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata, Buenos Aires.

Does matter referred to in your telegram of August twentyfirst apply to your Montevideo office. Telegraph instructions as drafts are being presented. X

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See opposite page
for cable Aug 21.*

August 25: Cablegram to Banque Suisse Francaise, Paris.

Cablegram received, will sell cable New York against cable Paris outside moratorium value compense, five twelve one half, limit Ten thousand Dollars accepted make payment francs Morgan Harjes for credit our account under cable advice.

August 25: Cablegram to Williams Harvey Company, Altcar Road, Liverpool.

Crediting you twenty thousand dollars National Lead.

August 26: Cablegram to Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan.

Charge to our account and transfer by telegraph forty thousand lire to Haskard and Company, Florence, you will receive one hundred thousand lire for our credit via Rome, account Texas Company. Telegraph when received. Test number 71.

August 27: Cablegram to Milan. Banca Commerciale Italiana.

Charge our account and transfer by telegraph five thousand lire to your Palermo office for use of Prince Belmonte, test number 72.

August 26: Cablegram to Valparaiso. Banco de Chile.

We are issuing Commercial Letters of Credit on ourselves, drawn in dollars and sterling, such credits favor Chilean shippers. Believe it would be our mutual advantage your opening account with us in dollars, would be pleased look after your American interests and accept deposits for your credit and allow three per cent. interest on credit balances. If conditions permit would consider taking reasonable amount acceptances first class New York reimbursements for discount.

August 27: Cablegram from Valparaiso. Banco de Chile.

Sincere thanks for kind offer but momentarily without interest for us.

August 25: Cablegram from Haskard and Company, Florence.

Remit by cable eight thousand dollars irpoz.

- August 25: Cablegram to Paris. Banque Suisse et Francaise.
Cablegram received, will sell cable New York against cable Paris outside moratorium, value compense, five twelve one half, limit ten thousand dollars, if accepted make payment francs Morgan, Harjes for credit our account under cable advice.
- August 26: Cablegram to Copenhagen. Privatbank.
Telegraph immediately if you can relay cable message to our correspondent in Berlin. Very important.
- August 26: Cablegram from Naples - Credito Italiano (Addressed First National Bank, N.Y.)
Please telegraph how (at what rate) you will sell ten thousand payment London our branch against payment dollars.
- August 26: Cablegram to Naples. Credito Italiano.
Answering your cablegram addressed First National Bank New York, will sell ten thousand pounds cable transfer payment your branch London against dollars here at 50750, subject immediate reply.
- August 27: Cablegram to Zurich - Schweizerischer Bankverein.
Receiving requests daily for transfers to Swiss Cities, as your London office has opened Dollar account with us, can we credit them in Dollars and cable you to pay equivalent to parties in Switzerland, collecting your charges at your end. Cable if satisfactory and for our information only, probable rate such payments would be made by you.
- August 27: Cablegram to Banco Frances del Rio de la Plata, Montevideo, U.
Cancel credit in favor of Frigorifico \$500,000 opened June 29. Confirm cancellation by telegraph and advise us if any amounts are in transit.
- August 27: Cablegram to Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud, Buenos Aires, A.R.
Cancel credit in favor of La Plata Gold Storage \$500,000 opened June 29th. Confirm cancellation by telegraph and advise us if any amounts are in transit.
- August 28: Cablegram from Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud, Buenos Aires
Have cancelled credit 500,000. Nothing on way.
- * August 28: Cablegram from Pombo Hermanos, Cartagena, Colombia.
Cable of Aug 28 opposite page.
Pay Goods Danube no war risk.
- August 28: Cablegram to Valparaiso. Banco de Chile.
For information only, please note we have issued our Commercial Letter of Credit No. CC-285 for £50,000 in favor of Braden Copper Company, Rancagua, available 90 d/s drafts on us, shipments copper 90% invoice value usual full set shipping documents to accompany drafts. This cable message sent at request of Braden Copper Company.
- August 29: Cablegram from Paris. Banque Suisse et Francaise.
How would you sell cable New York against London. Rush.
- August 29: Cablegram from Paris. Banque Suisse et Francaise.
We would take cable New York against Paris 5.
- August 30: Cablegram from Schweizerischer Bankverein, Zurich.
No exchange market actually, cannot therefore pay here against dollars pounds propose you pay gold National City Bank account Swiss Nationalbank for our

Miscellaneous Cablegrams

credit, we will credit you four ninety five per dollar, executing there against all payments Switzerland without any charge cable.

- August 29: Cablegram from Montevideo. Banco Frances del rio de la Plata.
Have cancelled the credit opened in favor of Frigorifico. Nothing transit.
- August 29: Cablegram to Buenos Aires. Banco Frances del rio de la Plata.
Referring to your telegram of 22d instant, have received your advices dated July 22, July 23, July 24. Telegraph if we should pay drafts which are being presented now. Telegraph full instructions at once.
- August 31: Cablegram to Paris. Banque Suisse et Francaise.
Will buy cable London against New York 505, limit ten thousand pounds. Pay London City Midland Bank for our credit, they to cable us, we credit you on receipt their cable. Rush answer. Paris, regret.
- August 29: Cablegram from Milan. Banca Commerciale Italiana.
Hundred thousand received.
- August 31: Cablegram to Milan. Banca Commerciale Italiana.
Charge our account and transfer by telegraph one thousand four hundred seventy Lire to Alice E. Field, Hotel Florence, in Bellagio. Cable when paid. Test number 81.

(For Cablegrams to various European Banks, after August
31st - see following pages made for each bank separately.)

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The New York Committee of bankers in charge of the relief fund for American tourists detained in Europe, have announced that contributions to the fund so far have been received from the following:

Original contributors:

J.P.Morgan & Co.,
Brown Bros. & Co.,
Kidder, Peabody & Co.,
First National Bank,
National City Bank,
National Bank of Commerce,
Bankers Trust Company,
Guaranty Trust Company,
American Express Company,
Farmers Loan & Trust Company.

Additional contributors:

Blair & Co.,
Chase National Bank,
Chemical National Bank,
Citizens Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland,
Columbia Trust Co.,
Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago,
Corn Exchange Bank,
Equitable Trust Co.,
First National Bank, Boston,
First National Bank, Chicago,
Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia,
Hallgarten & Co.,
Hanover National Bank,
Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago,
International Banking Corporation,
Knauth, Nachod & Kuhne,
Kountze Bros.,
Merchants Loan & Trust Co., Chicago,
New York Produce Exchange Bank,
Northern Trust Company, Chicago,
Redmond & Co.,
U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co.

Additional contributions to the fund will be received from banking institutions issuing travelers' cheques and credits who may desire to participate in the arrangements which have been perfected in both London and Paris for the protection of travelers holding American travelers' credits. If possible, the Committee will arrange to open credits in other of the principal Cities of Europe similar to those in London and Paris.

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Friday, August 8, 1914.

MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FROM

BENJAMIN STRONG, Jr.

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In order that you may be fully informed, and particularly of the arrangements respecting shipment of gold to London by cruiser Tennessee and its disbursement there, I quote the following cable sent to Mr. Kent last night:

"Personally delivered three million dollars in gold in double eagles to United States Assistant Treasurer on Tennessee tonight for relief American holders of Travelers' Cheques and credits and she has sailed, destination English port, to be advised to your later. All insured without war risk. Gold accompanied by John P. Grier, Henry W. Lewis, Arthur I. Jones, Elliot Tuckerman and Harvey D. Gibson as accredited agents New York Committee, with written instructions for delivery gold to the London City and Midland banks on delivery of gold then in England by United States Government. Committee is sending written instructions in duplicate to London City and Midland Banks, London, to place gold at disposal of your London Committee, increased by adding representatives nominated by Morgan Grenfell, Brown Shipley, Baring Brothers, Guaranty Trust Company of New York, London, American Express Company, also Henry King Smith, representing the Farmers Loan, and L. M. Jacobs, representing the National City Bank, all in London, with yourself representing the Bankers Trust Company. These appointments are official and necessary. Reimbursements of drafts against travelers' credits are to be in New York funds in New York at 4.90 plus interest and all expenses when ascertained, and clause to that effect to be endorsed on draft. Reimbursement in New York of travelers' Cheques are to be made at their face; payments to be made exclusively to holders of travelers' cheques and credits, after verification in usual way. All checks and drafts are to be cashed in Sterling, under direction of London Committee. Checks and drafts are to be forwarded to Bankers Trust Company for collection and reimbursement. Endeavor to secure advance at once against gold in transit for such amount as you will require before arrival. New York Committee recommends moderate advance to each applicant. Committee's only protection for repayment of advance is through collection of New York drafts and checks cashed in London. Committee is advised Morgan is arranging to deposit three to six million gold for credit Bank of France, to be immediately disbursed in Paris for similar purpose there. Particulars will be cabled you shortly, so that London Committee may cooperate with Morgan Harjes. Necessity for depositing balance of gold here to establish Paris credit reduced London shipment to three million from amount originally advised. Understand Government shipment on Tennessee one million, five hundred thousand, regarding which cooperate with Government officials in charge. Have endeavored to conform as near as possible to suggestions in your latest cable. Hope above will fully meet situation. To authenticate this duplicate will be cabled to Brown Shipley & Company of London. Please compare.

(Signed) Benjamin Strong, Jr., Chairman.

The above message replied to a message received from Mr. Kent that he must anticipate arrival of the gold by honoring all good credits in London against its arrival, which credits the banks will hold as collateral until the gold is received.

Message to the Secretary of the Treasury from Benjamin Strong, Jr. - continued -

He can arrange at once to make payment on all good credits against the government or general bank fund shipment. The hotels in London are doing wonders in advancing credit but have reached their limit. Necessary that he should have London Committee of bankers give assurance to hotels that credits honored by them will be paid according to London method when decided upon, such credit at present only being used by board. It is his idea that the various London bankers on whom credits are drawn should make out the drafts in the regular manner, but to the order of the hotels which take them in settlement for bills. The banks will then certify such checks and the hotels will thereby be assured that they can deposit them when cover is provided. This will divide the work among the banks properly and prevent any distribution of cash for hoarding (this word may have been intended for hoarding) and will at once allow payment of cash in small amounts. Quoting from cable he says:

"Government gold would only be held pending ultimate collection good credit and government would receive certified paper referred to as collateral from banks in meantime."

He also says that people have about exhausted their resources and must have relief at once. We are having some delay in exchange of cables, by reason of the censorship which we are asking the State Department to endeavor to eliminate by instruction cable to Ambassador Page. We would appreciate Secretary McAdoo's cooperation.

I am in receipt of definite advice from the London City and Midland Bank, our bank correspondent in London, that they have released to Mr. Kent, seven hundred thousand dollars of gold which I advised Secretary McAdoo and Secretary Bryan on Monday last we would endeavor to place at the disposal of the government, and I assume that Mr. Kent has met the emergency in London by the use of considerable part of this gold in advance of its arrival, and of the arrival of the gold shipped on the Tennessee by the Government. It is quite possible that this gold has been used to complete the credit of three hundred thousand dollars which Mr. Kent arranged for Ambassador Page. I am, therefore, sending Mr. Kent the following cable:

"Government shipping million half gold on Tennessee. Understand will be disbursed in cooperation with your committee by officers in charge. This includes the three hundred thousand made available to Ambassador Page by State Department. Wire immediately if further instructions on that matter are required. Hope everything now in good shape."

In order that reimbursements may be effected, either to Mr. Kent or to our London banks, to whom the gold was consigned, it will be necessary for the State Department to cable explicit instructions to Ambassador Page and convey instructions to the representatives of the Government in charge of the Government gold shipped by Tennessee to apply so much of the million, five hundred thousand dollars of the Tennessee gold to the repayment of whatever amount was used out of the seven hundred thousand dollars of gold placed at the disposal of the Government, pending arrival of Tennessee.

I am this morning advised that the arrangements for the disbursement of the credit arranged with the Bank of France, through J. P. Morgan & Company and Morgan Harjes & Company are substantially completed. The money is already being disbursed and details in respect of the method of effecting disbursements at Paris will be conveyed to Secretary McAdoo just as soon as they are completed.

Message to the Secretary of the Treasury from Benjamin Strong, Jr., - Continued -

I believe it is exceedingly important that instructions be conveyed to those in charge of the gold shipped by the Government on the Tennessee, informing them that the London and Paris arrangement which was in course of completion when the Tennessee sailed, will be perfected and in complete operation by the time of their arrival and further instructing them to take advantage of this machinery and cooperate with the London and Paris committee.

At our meeting in Washington Monday night I asked the Secretary of State if arrangements could not be made to furnish the Commander of the Tennessee with credentials issued by the embassies of the various foreign governments with respect to whom any question of belligerency or contraband might arise. While we in New York regard the possibility of difficulty on this score as very remote, we do feel that it must be covered. Might not this be done by wireless communication if it was not covered before the cruiser sailed?

BENJAMIN STRONG, Jr.

GOLD FUND RE TRAVELERS' CREDITS ISSUED
BY AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM

The Gold Fund above mentioned is to constitute a single fund and, in first aggregate amount contributed has been placed at \$5,117,000., a first installment of \$3,000,000. to be shipped in gold coin and bars by U. S. S. "Tennessee". Such Fund has been created in the first instance through a participation therein by the undersigned, hereafter known as the Ten Original Contributors. Such Fund, whether made up from the contributions of the Ten Original Contributors or from contributions from additional contributors, is to constitute a single fund to be used in cashing travelers' credits issued by American institutions held by tourists. The entire administration of such fund, including the transmission, delivery and distribution thereof, has been vested in a Committee, which is to have plenary power in the premises. Such Committee, as at present constituted, being:

Benjamin Strong, Jr.

J. P. Morgan,

James Brown,

William L. Benedict,

A. J. Hemphill,

George C. Taylor,

Charles D. Norton,

C. R. Agnew,

James S. Alexander

John E. Gardin.

Any and all contributors to the Fund, including the Ten Original Contributors and any additional contributors, release the Committee from any liability in the administration, transmission, delivery, distribution and return of the Fund.

No contributor assumes any risk other than that attaching to its or their contribution. The contributors assume no relation of partnership among themselves and are not to be deemed partners for any purpose.

It is understood that any expenses of the administration of the Fund, not reimbursed to the Committee, will be shared pro rata by the Ten Original Contributors.

Dated, August 6, 1914.

(Sgd) J. P. Morgan & Co.

" Brown Brothers & Co.

" Kidder, Peabody & Co.

" FIRST NATIONAL BANK

By (Sgd) C. D. Backus, Cashier
NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,

By (Sgd) J. S. Alexander, Pt.
NATIONAL CITY BANK

By (Sgd) John E. Gardin, V.P.
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

By (Sgd) Benj. Strong, Jr., Pt.
GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY

By (Sgd) A. J. Hemphill, Pt.
FARMERS LOAN & TRUST COMPANY

By (Sgd) C. R. Agnew, Vice Pres.
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

By (Sgd) G. C. Taylor, Pt.

MEMORANDUM

For

MR. STRONG

REGARDING SHIPMENT OF CURRENCY - \$500,000.

San Bernardino, California
August 5, 1914.

Bankers Trust Company,
New York.

Since writing demand for the money at home has developed. Board now feel different. I told them if necessary I would have you deposit proceeds of certificates when due in September, October and November with Treasury New York and San Francisco Department would pay me in coin. Wire me if I am safe in this and I will go north and have another conference with them on Friday and try and arrange for renewal which would be left for interest due in January.

E. D. ROBERTS.

Hon. E. D. Roberts,
c/o San Bernardino National Bank,
San Bernardino, California.

August 7, 1914.

Your wire fifth received. Treasury department require deposit gold certificates at Sub-treasury New York to pay similar amount in coin San Francisco. Under ordinary conditions no difficulty in arranging this matter.

BANKERS TRUST CO.

Sacramento, Calif.
August 8, 1914.

Bankers Trust Company,
Wall Street, New York.

Replying your wire the seventh am sending five certificates due August thirtieth direct today for transfer through Sub-Treasury San Francisco. Have taken care of all applications this week.

E.D.Roberts, State Treasurer.

August 10, 1914.

E. D. Roberts,
Treasurer, State of California,
Sacramento, Calif.

Replying your wire of today New York banks are cooperating for protection of entire situation throughout country as well as for protection of Government's position and a gold transfer at this time such as you suggest would be in violation of policy adopted, which is being scrupulously observed and in the spirit of which banks of entire country are in harmony and cooperation. We will ship currency immediately on receipt of certificates.

BANKERS TRUST CO.

Memo. for Mr. Strong regarding shipment of currency - \$500,000. -continued-

Sacramento, Calif.,
August 12, 1914.

Bankers Trust Company,
16 Wall Street, New York

Reply your wire tenth ship tomorrow registered mail insurance deduct expense from interest credit inclosing statement with your cashiers check for interest explanation entirely satisfactory.

E. D. ROBERTS, State Treasurer.

August 12, 1914.

E. D. Roberts, Esq.,
State Treasurer,
Sacramento, Calif

Telegram received. Mr. Strong desires me to thank you personally for your cooperation and understanding of the situation. Currency will be shipped tomorrow.

G.W. BENTON, Treasurer.

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A M E R I C A N E X P R E S S C O M P A N Y

T R E A S U R E R ' S O F F I C E

65 Broadway, New York.

July 31,,1914.

I M P O R T A N T

Owing to the political conditions in Europe and to the closing of the foreign exchange markets, we regret that it is impossible for us to authorize our Agents and Bank correspondents to continue to draw exchange for our account.

We have stopped quoting rates for exchange - Cables, Drafts and Postal Remittances - until further notice.

A M E R I C A N E X P R E S S C O M P A N Y

JAS. F. FARGO,

Treasurer.

KNAUTH - NACHOD & KUHNE

INTERNATIONAL BANKERS

New York, August 6, 1914.

TRAVELERS' CHECKS.

To Messrs. Our Correspondents:

Gentlemen:-

In further reference to our circulars of August 1st, and 4th, please take note that we have finally decided to request our correspondents not to issue Travelers' Checks either for use in this country or abroad until further notice.

Kindly be guided accordingly, and oblige

Yours very truly,

(signed) Knauth-Nachod & Kuhne.

Date

Name

Address

Amount

For payment to

Address

Description of person to whom payment is to be made

Age

Height

Weight

Other distinguishing characteristics:

This money is received at depositor's risk. Every effort will be made to find beneficiary. If found and identified, the United States Government will advance to the beneficiary such amount not in excess of this deposit as will in its judgment be sufficient for his needs; The United States Government will reimburse itself for such advance out of the deposit. Any unexpended balance will be returned to depositor upon surrender of this receipt to the Treasurer of the United States.

Signature of depositor:

MEMORANDA

FOR. EXCH.
Department.

July 31, 1914.

In conversation in this office this morning with Mr. Fargo and Mr. Grant, of the American Express Company, we concluded that, subject to Mr. Alexander, of the Bank of Commerce, feeling differently, it would be desirable to discontinue sales of Travelers' Cheques. Mr. Fargo and Mr. Grant saw Mr. Alexander, who agreed that that was the wise thing to do. Mr. Alexander then called me on the telephone while they were sitting at his desk, and the following understanding was arrived at: That we would at once telegraph all of our people to discontinue selling cheques, they to do likewise. The arrangements for resuming sales would be made through notice from one to the other, and then by some mutually satisfactory plan.

B. S., Jr.

MEMORANDA

for

Mr. Schmid.

August 8, 1914.

Better consider whether it may not be desirable to send out a letter similar to the Express Company's, to all the banks selling cheques, in order to reassure their clients.

B. S., Jr.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
Treasurer's Office
65 Broadway
New York

AUG' 6, 1914.

To Agents and Banks Selling Travelers' Cheques:

In order to relieve any anxiety on the part of relatives and friends of holders of American Express Company Travelers' Cheques and Letters of Credit, the Company begs to state that cable advices from our European offices are to the effect that Americans are experiencing no difficulty in securing funds, either on Company's Travelers' Cheques or Letters of Credit.

All our European offices are still open and doing business in the usual way, and every possible assistance is being given our clients.

Yours truly,

JAMES F. FARGO,

Treasurer.

This letter not sent

(Draft of Letter to be addressed to concerns issuing letters of credit, but who do not become contributors to the Fund.)

Gentlemen:-

A fund of \$5,117,000. in gold is being shipped on the U. S. warship "Tennessee" for use in London and possibly other foreign points, to relieve the necessities of American tourists abroad, through advances made from such Fund against travelers' credits issued by any American banks, bankers, express companies and other institutions held by such tourists.

Such fund of \$5,117,000. has been contributed in the first instance by the following ten New York banks or bankers:

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company
Messrs. Brown Brothers & Company
Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Company
First National Bank
National Bank of Commerce
National City Bank
Guaranty Trust Company
Farmers Loan & Trust Company
Bankers Trust Company
American Express Company

Such Fund will not be increased, but the terms under which such Fund was created permit additional contributors to be admitted from time to time, subject to the arrangements made by the Original Contributors. To the extent of such additional contributions the contributions of the ten Original Contributors will be reduced pro rata, and to the extent of any such reduction the Original Contributors will be reimbursed from such additional contributions. The administration of such fund is vested in a committee, consisting of one representative from each of such ten Original Contributors, which committee has full power with respect to any and all transactions affecting the administration and disposition of the Fund.

It is purposed to consign such Fund to fiscal agents of the Fund in London, namely, Guaranty Trust Company, Morgan, Grenfell & Company, and Brown, Shipley & Company, or any of them. The fiscal agents of the Fund in Paris will be Morgan, Harjes & Company and the American Express Company.

The travelers' credits as to which payments from the Fund will be made are not limited to those in which the ten Original Contributors or any additional contributors may be interested, but include any and all travelers' credits issued by any responsible American bank, banker, express company or other institution.

Such travelers' credits will participate in the Fund in substantially the following manner, (subject to such modifications of detail as may be made by the Committee).

Both with respect to letters of credit and travelers' checks a responsible committee, (or anyone designated for them) appointed by tourists to act, is to decide the amount of accommodation to be rendered from the Fund for each individual tourist, after investigation of the immediate needs of the particular case.

LETTERS OF CREDIT

As to letters of credit.-

The holder of each letter of credit must satisfy the fiscal agent as to the validity of the letter and the genuineness of his signature, by first obtaining notation of approval thereon of the London drawee specified in the letter of credit. Thereupon the holder will draw a draft to the amount of the accommodation in favor of the fiscal agent of the Fund, upon the London drawee, who will thereupon stamp the draft payable by the drawer (issuer) of the credit in America, in New York City funds, at New York City.

The face amount of such draft will then be paid in sterling to the holder of the letter of credit by the fiscal agent, at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.90 in the pound sterling. The holder of such letter of credit will be required also, through some signed statement, (form of which is to be hereafter determined), appearing upon the draft, to agree to reimburse the drawer of the credit the pro rata charge (later on to be determined on an accounting), of the expenses of the fund as to such draft.

Thereupon the draft will be forwarded by the fiscal agent to the New York City fiscal agent (Bankers Trust Company) for collection.

TRAVELERS' CHECKS.

As to travelers' checks,-

Upon the usual identification of signature and counter-signature, travelers' checks will be paid by the fiscal agent in sterling, at the rate of \$4.90 in the pound. The checks will thereupon be remitted to the New York City fiscal agent of the fund, (Bankers Trust Company) for presentation to and reimbursement by the issuing bank, banker, express company or other institution.

The expenses of the administration of the fund, including interest, insurance, loss on exchange and miscellaneous, are to be met as follows:-

Accounting will be had of all the transactions to the fund and the expenses will be pro rated according to the amounts of payment involved against the banks, bankers, express companies or other institutions which issued the travelers' credits, against which such payments were made.

The Committee however does not reserve the right to exclude from the travelers' credits as to which any such payments are to be made from the fund, travelers' credits issued by American banks, bankers, express companies or other institutions who will not agree to reimburse the fund for the pro rata share of expenses so to be determined on such accounting in respect of the travelers' credits issued by such bank, banker, express company or other institution.

The Committee acquaints you with the foregoing so that if you have any outstanding travelers' credits and desire that the same shall be among the travelers' credits against which payments shall be made from the fund, will you advise the depository of the Committee, Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City, of your willingness, if so disposed, to bear your pro rata share of the expense of the fund, so to be determined in respect of payments made from the fund in respect of travelers' credits issued by yourselves.

We call your attention to the provision of the arrangements under which the Committee act, as agreed to by the ten Original Contributors, as follows:

"Each contributor (original or additional) appoints the Committee, in respect of all transactions affecting the Fund, in the interest of each contributor in the Fund, its or their agent and attorney in fact, with plenary power to act as though it were the sole owner thereof, to act with respect to any matter or transaction affecting the fund and the administration and disposition of it, and any interest of any contributor therein, with full power to appoint sub-committees, agents, sub-agents, attorneys, fiscal agents and depositaries to act on behalf of the Committee, in, and to whom the Committee may delegate, any and all matters and transactions relating to, and any disposition of, the Fund."

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
16 Wall St.

August 7, 1914.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to quote the following from cable instructions sent to Mr. Kent last night:

"Committee sending written instructions in duplicate London City & Midland, London, to place gold at disposal of your London Committee increased by adding representatives nominated by Morgan Grenfell, Brown Shipley, Baring Bros., Guaranty Trust Company of New York, London, American Express, also Henry King Smith representing Farmers Loan & Trust and L. M. Jacobs representing National City all in London with yourself representing Bankers Trust Company."

In order that the gold shipped yesterday may be made immediately available it will be necessary for you to send a cable, advising your London representative of this arrangement and instructing that they co-operate immediately with Mr. Kent in respect of this appointment.

Will you not, therefore, arrange to have this cable sent at the earliest moment practicable in order that there may be no delay on the other side.

Very truly yours,

President

S-W

Similar letter sent to the following:

C. R. Agnew, Esq., Vice-President, Farmers
Loan & Trust Co., N. Y.
John E. Gardin, Vice-President, National
City Bank, N. Y.
J. P. Morgan & Co.
Brown Bros. & Co.
Kidder Peabody & Co.
Guaranty Trust Co., of N.Y., A.J. Hemphill, Pres.
American Express Co.

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RECEIVED in apparent good order sixty (60) Kegs
said to contain three million dollars U. S. Gold coin on
board U. S. S. "Tennessee".

(signed) A. R. Jones,
(signed) H. D. Gibson,
(signed) J. P. Grier,
(signed) Eliot Tuckerman,
(signed) Henry W. Lewis.

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RECEIVED from John F. Schmid, Manager Bankers

Trust Company, New York, the following papers:

One sealed envelop addressed to London City & Midland Bank, Ltd., London.

One original Bill of Lading signed by Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

One Outline of Plan.

One Letter signed by Original Subscribers.

(signed) John P. Grier.

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY.

New York, August 6, 1914.

GOLD FUND CONTRIBUTED RE
AMERICAN TRAVELERS' CREDITS AND CHEQUES.

London City and Midland Bank,

London, England.

Dear Sirs:-

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company, Kidder, Peabody & Company, Brown Brothers & Company, First National Bank, National City Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Bankers Trust Company, Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Farmers Loan & Trust Company, American Express Company have contributed to a gold fund, of which \$3,000,000. has this day been shipped from New York by United States Armored Cruiser "Tennessee", which \$3,000,000. will be delivered to your custody by the agents of such shippers, Messrs. John P. Grier, Henry W. Lewis, Arthur R. Jones, Eliot Tuckerman and Harvey D. Gibson, or their survivors.

You will please accept custody of such \$3,000,000 gold and hold it at the disposal of the London Committee representing the Committee below mentioned, which London Committee must include as members a representative from Messrs. Morgan, Grenfell & Company, from Brown, Shipley & Company, from Baring Brothers & Company, from Guaranty Trust Company of New York (maintaining a branch in the City of London), and from American Express Company. Such London Committee must also include Henry King Smith as representing The Farmers Loan & Trust Company, Fred I. Kent as representing Bankers Trust Company and Lawrence M. Jacobs as representing National City Bank (of New York).

Yours very truly,

(signed) Benj. Strong, Jr.,

Chairman of Committee of Ten
Original Contributors above named.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY.

New York, August 6, 1914.

London City & Midland Bank, Ltd.,
5 Threadneedle Street,
London, E. C. England.

Gentlemen:-

Certain depositors, viz., Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., First National Bank, National City Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Trust Company, Farmers Loan & Trust Company, and the American Express Company, are causing to be shipped today by the United States armored cruiser "Tennessee" \$3,000,000. in United States Gold Coin, contained in sixty kegs, marked as follows:

	<u>B. T. C.</u>	Nos. 1 to 60, inclusive.
\$50,000. per keg.	D.E.	

Messrs. John P. Grier, Henry W. Lewis, Arthur R. Jones, Eliot Tuckerman, and Harvey D. Gibson, have been appointed as agents for said shippers, to accompany such gold and to receive the same on arrival of the cruiser "Tennessee" in England, and thereupon to transmit such gold direct to your bank and place it in your custody. They have been furnished with a letter of this date, signed by me as Chairman of the Committee of such contributors, a duplicate of which is herewith enclosed. Such letter they are directed to deliver to you as your instructions for the disposition of said gold. At the date of this writing you have no other instructions than those contained in said letter.

The Committee is assured of your usual careful attention to this matter and of your cooperation with the London Committee referred to in such letter.

Very truly yours,

JDW-JEB

Chairman of Committee of ten
original contributors.

No. 10364

26 Exchange Place,

New York, August 6, 1914.

To The Secretary of the Treasury of the United States

Memorandum of Provisional Insurance effected by

FRANK B. HALL & Co.

\$3,000,000. per U.S.S. "Tennessee" at 1/8 per cent

On Gold Coin or Bullion

All risks but excluding War as per margin

At and from New York to London or Liverpool

Underwriters as per back

E.& O.E. C.P. Stewart.

Warranted free from capture, seizure, detention, &
damage by strikers &c. Institute clauses.

New York, August 6, 1914.

Messrs.

John P. Grier,
Henry W. Lewis,
Arthur R. Jones,
Eliot Tuckerman,
Harvey D. Gibson,

Dear Sirs:-

You and your survivors are, as agents of the undersigned, instructed to receive from the Commander of United States Armored Cruiser "Tennessee" certain kegs containing gold, shipped by said Cruiser from the port of New York August 6, 1914, and forthwith transfer and deliver the same to the Custody of London City & Midland Bank in the City of London, England, to be held and disposed of by it as instructed by letter signed by Benjamin Strong, Jr., Chairman of Committee of Ten Original Contributors of such gold, which letter you are authorized to present herewith.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) J. P. Morgan & Co.

" Brown Brothers & Co.

" Kidder, Peabody & Co.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
By (sgd) C. D. Backus, Cashier.

NATIONAL CITY BANK,
By (Sgd) John E. Gardin, V. P.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,
By (sgd) J. S. Alexander, Pt.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
By (sgd) Benj. Strong, Jr. Pt.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY,
By (sgd) A. J. Hemphill, Pt.

FARMERS LOAN & TRUST COMPANY
By (sgd) C. R. Agnew, Vice Pres.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,
By (sgd) G. C. Taylor, Pres.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY
16 Wall Street.

New York, August 6, 1914.

Captain C. E. Decker, U. S. N.

Commander, U. S. Amored Cruiser "Tennessee "

Messrs. John P. Grier, Henry W. Lewis, Arthur R. Jones, Eliot Tuckerman and Harvey D. Gibson and the Survivors of them are hereby constituted, appointed and accredited agents of J. P. Morgan & Company, Kidder, Peabody & Company, Brown Brothers & Company, First National Bank, National City Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Bankers Trust Company, Guaranty Trust Company, Farmers Loan & Trust Company and American Express Company, shippers of certain kegs containing gold by United States Armored Cruiser "Tennessee", leaving the port of New York on August 6, 1914, to receive and accept delivery of such gold from the Commander of said Armored Cruiser "Tennessee".

(Sgd) John P. Grier.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,

" Henry W. Lewis

By (sgd) Benj. Strong, Jr. Pt.

" Arthur R. Jones

" Eliot Tuckerman

" Harvey D. Gibson

(Copy of receipt given in two counterparts
by U. S. Government.)

UNITED STATES SUB TREASURY
NEW YORK CITY.

August 6, 1914.

RECEIVED from Bankers Trust Company, New York City, fiscal agent, for account of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company, Kidder, Peabody & Company, Brown Brothers & Company, First National Bank, National City Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Bankers Trust Company, Guaranty Trust Company, Farmers Loan & Trust Company and American Express Company, (hereinafter called "shippers"), -60- kegs, said to contain gold coin of the value of \$3,000,000., said kegs being marked as follows:

B T C - #1 to 40, inclusive

D E

B T C - #41 to 60, inclusive

D E

"D E" representing "double eagles".

The kegs so received and so marked are to be transported by the United States Government on board U. S. armored cruiser "Tennessee", leaving the Port of New York August 6, 1914, and to be delivered by the Commander of said "Tennessee" to properly accredited agent or agents of said shippers for whose account the said kegs were received from Bankers Trust Company, fiscal agent at such time and place as may be proper; said agent or agents to present proper credentials signed by Bankers Trust Company.

The receipt evidenced hereby is issued in two original counterparts, and no delivery will be made except upon surrender of one of such counterparts to the Commander of said armored cruiser "Tennessee", and upon the surrender of one counterpart the other counterpart shall be deemed cancelled. Should said kegs not be delivered in one single lot, but in instalments, no instalment shall be delivered unless one counterpart is produced and the amount of such instalment so delivered is endorsed upon the counterpart, and upon delivery to the Commander of said "Tennessee" by the agent receiving such instalment of a separate receipt setting forth the delivery of such instalment, satisfactory to said Commander.

Marine insurance covering ordinary marine risks and not covering war risks is to be effected to cover the value of the shipment said to be represented hereby, in whole or in part, in the name of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. If said insurance covers said value only in part, the United States Government is to be released by the shippers from any and all liability on account of that part of the value not covered by insurance. To the extent that insurance shall be so effected in the name of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, he shall hold said insurance for account of said shippers on account of whom said shipment is received.

(Signed) WILLIAM P. MALBURN,
Assistant Secretary of the
Treasury of the United States.

MINUTES of the meeting of the Gold Fund Committee held at the office of the Bankers Trust Company on Wednesday, August 26, 1914, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT: Messrs. Banj. Strong, Jr., Chairman
C. R. Agnew,
W. L. Benedict,
James Brown,
Alexander J. Hemphill,
Frederick P. Small, proxy for
George C. Taylor,
F. D. Bartow, proxy for
C. D. Norton.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Schmid of Bankers Trust Co.,
and Mr. Fay.

Proxies were submitted by Messrs. Small and Bartow, given by Messrs. Taylor and Norton, and were approved and ordered filed.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a cablegram sent to Mr. Kent on August 25th as follows:

"Message 11" "*****Bankers Committee desire report disbursements of gold fund and from what date disbursements were made. Think all items should be sent forward promptly for collection."

And a cablegram from Mr. Kent on August 25th, as follows:

"Message 6" "*****London bankers have been paying American credits presented here without using gold fund. London Committee feel they can safely release two hundred thousand pounds for distribution among London correspondents of American contributors. If you agree, cable with whom deposit must be made and for whose account."

After a discussion, the Chairman was authorized to send a cable to Mr. Kent, as follows:

"Message 13" "Your answer six seven received. Cannot answer your message six until we receive from you answer our message eleven. New York Committee desire avoid criticism gold shipment being used for exchange purpose by distribution among original contributors and subsequent contributors as shipment intended for all responsible American travelers' credits and cheques. Committee also want full detailed information regarding manner and procedure of disbursements made by London

Committee and how advances arranged prior arrival gold are being covered, also are vouchers surrendered to London Committee against payments from gold fund and sent here or being held London Committee to be forwarded later. Cannot understand if plans as outlined in previous cables were followed, how you can have amount mentioned still available. Please mail for benefit committee itemized statement of all disbursements and cable brief summary. Rush."

Adjourned.

MINUTES of Meeting of the Gold Fund Committee, held at office of Bankers Trust Company on Tuesday, August 18, 1914, at 2:00 P. M.

PRESENT: Messrs. Strong, Chairman; Agnew, Benedict, Brown, Hemphill and Norton.

The minutes of the meeting of August 13, 1914, copies of which had been forwarded to all members of the Committee, were approved.

The Chairman made a report of the present condition of the Fund, whereupon the Committee

VOTED, to approve the payment to each of the Original Contributors of \$78,200., one-tenth of the present amount of total Additional Contributions over the \$6,000,000. commitment of the Original Contributors.

Mr. Strong reported the progress of his various conferences with Mr. Morgan with reference to the \$3,000,000. Paris transaction, and announced that Mr. Morgan had advised that owing to arrangements made the actual gold would not now be required; and, furthermore, that in place of the Committee assuming their share of the liability and expenses in this connection, Mr. Morgan had offered to pay the Committee a commission of one-half of one per cent. for the use of the gold and assume himself all liability of loss in the matter. It was the consensus of opinion that the Committee did not care to take advantage of Mr. Morgan's offer, but would prefer to stand the risk of their share of loss or profit.

The Committee thereupon

VOTED, that the Chairman and Mr. Brown be appointed a

Special Committee to conclude the details of the arrangement with Mr. Morgan, and arrange to have the credits cashed brought over to America as soon as possible and the account finally settled.

The Chairman stated that in connection with the above-mentioned total \$782,000. repayment to the Original Contributors, if the seven banks which had supplied gold to the Fund would wait for a few days as to the refund of gold to them incident to such repayment, he might be able to make a suggestion for the use of the gold that would be more satisfactory to them and possibly return some profit; all of which seemed to meet the approval of those interested.

The suggestion that a message of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr. Thornton, the manager of the Great Eastern Railroad, for his courtesy to American tourists, was approved.

Adjourned.

Mr Strong

GOLD FUND FOR USE IN CASHING AMERICAN
TRAVELERS' CREDITS HELD BY
TOURISTS ABROAD

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MEETING of Fund Committee held August 13, 1914, at 3:30 P. M. at
office of Bankers Trust Company.

PRESENT: Messrs. Agnew, Alexander, Brown, Bartow (holding proxy
for C. D. Norton), Gardin, Sargent (holding proxy for
William L. Benedict), and Taylor. There were also
present Messrs. Jones, Schmid and Fay, representing
Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary.

In the absence of Mr. Strong as Chairman, Mr. Alexander was elected
temporary Chairman.

The proxies held by Mr. Bartow for Mr. Norton and by Mr. Sargent for
Mr. Benedict were submitted, approved and ordered filed.

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held August 4 and August
6, 1914, and of the Special Committee held August 5, 1914 (copies of which had
been transmitted to all members) were approved.

There was presented to the meeting a form of Plan, providing (1) for
the creation, administration and disposition of the Gold Fund, and (2) for the
appointment of the Fund Committee, with all powers as stated in the Plan, and (3)
for the appointment of Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary of the Gold Fund in
the City of New York, and (4) covering other details connected with such matters,--
such Plan to be signed by the ten Original Contributors, accompanied by a form of
letter to be signed, filing such Plan with such Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary.

After discussion the Committee

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, that such Plan be adopted and signed by such Original
Contributors, and such letter be adopted and signed by them, transmitting and filing
such Plan with Bankers Trust Company as Depositary, all as provided in the Plan; and
that copies of the Plan and accompanying letter as so filed be printed and distribu-
ted to the Contributors.

A report was made to the Committee, outlining the various steps taken

since the last meeting of the Committee with reference to the shipment of the \$3,000,000. gold by the "Tennessee", and the insurance of such shipment, and the issue of temporary certificates of contribution, both original and additional. The issue of such temporary certificates of contribution was approved.

A form of permanent certificate of original contribution and a form of certificate of additional contribution were submitted to the meeting, and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, that such forms be adopted by the Committee, and Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary, was authorized and directed to issue permanent certificates in such forms to the Contributors, both Original and Additional, upon the surrender of temporary certificates already issued, which the Bankers Trust Company was directed to call in. The forms of such permanent certificates of contribution are as follows:

The Committee was informed that the arrangement proposed at the previous meeting, whereby \$3,000,000. credit would be established in Paris in favor of the Gold Fund, had been made firm, and the Committee

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, that the excess (\$2,117,000.) of the original instalment (\$5,117,000.) of the original contributions over and above the \$3,000,000. gold shipment by the "Tennessee", be applied towards such \$3,000,000. credit, leaving a balance (\$883,000.) of original contributions to constitute the second instalment of such original contributions growing out of the acceptance by the Committee of the offer of Mr. J. P. Morgan to make such \$3,000,000. credit available to the Gold Fund.

Mr. Brown expressed his opinion that the Committee should fix a present limit to the Gold Fund of \$6,000,000., thereby making the aggregate of the Gold Fund as created from original contributions \$6,000,000. represented by \$3,000,000. gold shipped by the "Tennessee" and \$3,000,000. credit available in Paris to the Fund for distribution at its Paris agents, Morgan, Harjes & Company and American Express Company.

Thereupon the Committee

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, that the Gold Fund be so limited to \$6,000,000., although the Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary, should be authorized to continue to receive additional contributions thereto.

The Committee

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, that Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary, be authorized to make pro rata distributions to the Original Contributors from the additional contributions received in excess of such \$6,000,000. of original contributions.

Discussion was had as to the information that had been received from the London Committee, and the Committee was informed that a complete set of cables transmitted and received would be lodged with each member of the Committee, and that as cables came in from day to day, each member of the Committee would receive copies of such cables, or such extracts therefrom as appertain to the Gold Fund.

Discussion was had as to the procedure to be taken to settle the account of the Gold Fund J. P. Morgan & Company, in making available to the Gold Fund the \$3,000,000. credit in Paris with Morgan, Harjes & Company.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, to postpone action with reference thereto until a later meeting.

The Committee

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, to authorize Bankers Trust Company, as Depositary, to advance for account of the Committee such expenses as might be necessary in connection with transactions incident to the current administration of the Fund, detailed accounts of such expenses to be rendered to the Committee from time to time.

MINUTES of a meeting of the General Committee held at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Thursday, August 6th, 1914.

PRESENT: Messrs. Strong, Chairman; Benedict, Hemphill, Brown, Morgan, Gardin, Agnew, Alexander and Taylor. There were also present Mr. Harrison, Counsel for the Express Company, and Messrs. Fay and White.

The Chairman read to the meeting, a cable just received from Mr. Fred I. Kent, making suggestions as to the method of handling the gold fund, and criticising suggestions made to him from New York. The Committee voted that so far as possible, the instructions as stated in such cable to Mr. Strong should be carried out. The Committee voted that Mr. Kent be authorized to work out a plan of handling the Fund, as he might see fit, under the supervision and government of a London Committee to represent this Committee, which should include in its membership a representative from Messrs. Morgan, Grenfell & Company, from Brown, Shipley & Company, from Baring Brothers & Company, from Guaranty Trust Company of New York (maintaining a branch in the City of London), and from American Express Company. Such London Committee should also include Henry King Smith as representing The Farmers Loan & Trust Company, Fred I. Kent as representing Bankers Trust Company, and Lawrence M. Jacobs as representing National City Bank (of New York). Mr. Strong and Mr. Brown were authorized by the Committee to carry out the details of instructing Mr. Kent as to the action of this Committee in such respect.

The Chairman and Mr. Brown were authorized to formulate the instructions of the Committee to Mr. Kent and transmit them either by cable or by letter, bearing in mind provision, if possible,

to secure reimbursement in New York fund, payable in New York City, for all amounts of the fund used in cashing Travelers' Credits.

Mr. Morgan announced that he expected to have established a gold credit with his Paris firm, Messrs. Morgan, Harjes & Company, in the amount of \$6,000,000. and that he was willing to set aside for the purposes of the Fund, \$3,000,000. of such \$6,000,000. gold credit, if the Ten Original Contributors to the Fund would be willing to become contributors to such \$3,000,000. on the same basis on which they had contributed to the Fund to be sent to London. All the members of the Committee on behalf of the institutions represented by them, accepted Mr. Morgan's offer.

The Chairman outlined to the Committee the Special Committee's recommendations covering rates of exchange to be followed in cashing travellers' credits from the fund, and method for reimbursement to the fund for expenses to be incurred, etc., (all as set forth in the minutes of such Special Committee), which such Committee had agreed upon at their meetings, held August 5, 1914, and such recommendations were approved.

The Chairman announced that insurance as yet had not been effected, but the underwriters were in conference endeavoring to arrange for at least \$3,000,000. insurance.

The Committee authorized Messrs. Taylor, Harrison and Fay to confer with the Sub-treasury and formulate a receipt to be given by the Government against the gold to be shipped via the "Tennessee".

The Committee agreed that the shipment going via the "Tennessee" should be sent to the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London, to be placed in its custody, to be held by such Bank at the disposal of the London Committee above mentioned.

The Chairman stated that the Government officials had limited the number of agents of the Committee to accompany the "Tennessee" shipment to five men, and such five men were thereupon designated by the Committee as follows:

Messrs. John P. Grier,
Henry W. Lewis,
Arthur R. Jones,
Eliot Tuckerman,
Harvey D. Gibson.

The Chairman was authorized by the Committee to give all letters necessary as credentials of such five agents.

The Chairman was authorized to prepare an announcement to be given to the press and others interested. Thereupon, the Committee adjourned until 4:00 P. M. the same day.

The Committee at 4:00 P. M. reconvened, the entire Committee except Mr. Norton being present.

The Chairman stated that in view of the probability of the \$3,000,000. gold credit to be established, for the Fund in Paris, with Messrs. Morgan, Harjes & Company, it might be desirable to limit the shipment by the "Tennessee" to \$3,000,000. in gold.

The Committee thereupon voted to limit the shipment via the "Tennessee" to \$3,000,000.

The Chairman stated that insurance to cover the entire value of such shipment had been obtained, written in the name of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and that the receipt to be given by the Government against such shipment provided that such Secretary of the Treasury would hold such insurance for the benefit of the Fund. Such action was approved.

The Chairman stated that word had just reached him that afternoon (August 6) that the United States Government proposed to

make a freight charge for transporting the gold shipped on account of the fund by the "Tennessee", and that he was surprised at such proposition in view of the entire failure of the Government previously to mention any such charge.

The Chairman mentioned that he had been conferring with government officials since Monday evening (August 3); that at Washington on that evening he had informed them of the \$700,000. gold shipment made by the Bankers Trust Company then in transit; that Mr. Kent in London had been insistent to obtain for immediate use \$300,000. for relief; that the Bankers Trust Company was willing to divert from commercial uses to relief uses \$300,000., so asked for by Mr. Kent, out of the \$700,000. shipment; such \$300,000. to be reimbursed from the then proposed government appropriation for relief use.

The Chairman stated at all conferences, whether held at Washington or over the telephone, and in all correspondence, the relief character of the fund had been brought to the government's attention.

The Committee voted to acquiesce in the Government's present intention to make a freight charge, but with the purpose to bring all the facts to the Government's attention, showing the propriety of remitting such freight charge.

A form of preliminary memorandum outlining the control of the fund by the Committee and the limitations of the risks assumed by the Ten Original Contributors, was thereupon executed by all members of the Committee on behalf of the institutions respectively represented, constituting the Ten Original Contributors.

The original of such Memorandum was ordered filed with the Chairman.

It was understood that counsel should formulate, in reasonable detail, a statement of the Plan relating to the fund, setting forth the powers and authority of the Committee in the receipt, transmission and disposition of the fund, to all the terms of which the certificates evidencing contributions to the fund should state that all contributions (whether original or additional) should be subject.

The Committee was informed that the situation still required an actual shipment to London, it still being impossible to establish by cable a gold credit in London against an offsetting gold credit set up in New York.

The Chairman thereupon stated that everything was in readiness to effect the "Tennessee" shipment.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

MINUTES of a meeting held Wednesday, August 5, 1914, of a Special Committee appointed to outline instructions in connection with the application of the Gold Fund in cashing Travellers' Credits.

PRESENT: Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr., Chairman. Messrs. Benedict, Brown and Taylor.

The Chairman stated that he had added to the membership of the whole Committee, Mr. Charles D. Norton, Mr. John E. Gardin, of the National City Bank, Mr. C. R. Agnew of the Farmers Loan & Trust Company and Mr. James S. Alexander, representing the National Bank of Commerce, making a committee consisting of ten members, with a representative from each of the ten institutions, thereafter to be known as the "Original Contributors".

The Chairman's action was approved.

An informal discussion was had of the questions to be settled in connection with the cashing of Travellers' Cheques as distinguished from Letters of Credit, and the ways and means of the Gold Fund being reimbursed for the payment made from it in cashing Travellers' Cheques.

The rates of exchange to be fixed were discussed.

A preliminary memorandum was drafted and distributed for consideration, thereupon the meeting adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

At 2:30 P. M. the meeting reconvened with all members of the Special Committee in attendance.

There was submitted a memorandum with reference to Travellers' Cheques and the Special Committee recommended that both drafts drawn upon Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques should be cashed at the fixed rate of \$4.90 per

pound Sterling (the rate already fixed on Travellers' Cheques) in order that both Cheques and Letters of Credit be put upon parity.

The Special Committee agreed to recommend that the expenses incurred in the administration of the Gold Fund should be covered as follows:

FIRST: Upon the drafts drawn against the Letters of Credit by the holders thereof, the drawers of such drafts should be asked on receipt of accommodation, to agree by notation upon the drafts to pay the expenses incurred by the Fund in cashing such drafts, in the proportion in which the amount paid on such drafts should bear to the total amount of payments from the Fund against Travellers' Credits; but irrespective of whether or not the holders of such Letters of Credit should so agree, the institutions, (contributors to the fund), should pay the expense incurred by the fund in cashing such drafts in like proportions, and institutions not contributors to the fund should be invited to pay the expenses incurred in cashing their drafts in like proportions.

SECOND: Institutions issuing Travellers' Cheques who are at the same time contributors to the fund, shall reimburse the fund for the expense incurred in connection with cashing their Travellers' Cheques by payments from the fund. Issuers of Travellers' Cheques (not contributors) will be invited to reimburse in same way such expense as to their cheques.

THIRD: In so far as the fund shall not be so reimbursed as provided in "First" and "Second", the contributors shall be charged with the deficit so resulting pro rata to their respective contributions.

Report was submitted to the Committee of the progress made in obtaining insurance and the Special Committee recommended that no shipment should be made of any part of the fund by the United States Steamship "Tennessee" unless the entire value of the shipment was covered by all marine risks, exclusive of war risks.

The meeting of the Special Committee thereupon adjourned.

GOLD FUND CONTRIBUTED FOR USE IN CASHING TRAVELERS'
CREDITS ISSUED BY AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND BANKERS,
HELD BY TOURISTS IN DISTRESS ABROAD.

Minutes of First Meeting of
Representatives of Contributors.

August 4, 1914.

A meeting was held this afternoon, at the office of the Bankers Trust Company, at which the following were present:

Messrs. W. L. Benedict, of Kidder, Peabody & Co.,
James Brown, of Brown Bros. & Co.,
A. J. Hemphill, of the Guaranty Trust Company,
J. P. Morgan, of J. P. Morgan & Co.,
Benj. Strong, Jr., of the Bankers Trust Company,
Geo. C. Taylor, of the American Express Company.

The gentlemen present organized informally as a committee with respect to considering the ways and means of transmitting gold to England and Europe, to be used in connection with travelers' credits for the relief of Americans now in England and Europe.

Mr. Benj. Strong, Jr. presided at this informal meeting and explained the following plan:

He said that he was advised that the Government was prepared to dispatch the United States warship "Tennessee", upon which could be sent gold for use in cashing travelers' credits for the relief of American tourists.

He stated that the Bankers Trust Company had available \$5,117,000. in gold, which it was prepared to ship on such warship in connection with the participation in such shipment by other banks and bankers; that ten New York City banks or bankers were

prepared to go in pro rata on the basis of a contribution of \$511,700. each, towards a total fund of \$5,117,000., the Bankers Trust Company to receive reimbursement from the other contributing banks or bankers in gold.

Mr. Strong stated that the following ten institutions were ready to so contribute:

American Express Company	Guaranty Trust Company
Bankers Trust Company	Kidder, Peabody & Co.
Brown Brothers & Co.	J. P. Morgan & Co.
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.	National Bank of Commerce
First National Bank	National City Bank

It was agreed that the gold so shipped should be insured, if possible, against all risks except war risks, the latter being not obtainable, and that if it was found impossible to obtain insurance to cover the entire risk, but enough to cover more than one-half of the risk, in that event the amount not covered would be pro rated among the ten institutions contributing to the fund; but that if it was found impossible to obtain insurance up to one-half of the entire risk, no action should be taken with respect to the shipment until a further meeting of the committee. The matter of obtaining such insurance was left to the Bankers Trust Company and the American Express Company.

It was further determined that the gold should be delivered to the American Express Company for shipment on the "Tennessee". The Committee accepted Mr. Taylor's offer of the services of the American Express Company, organizing a force of men to supervise the shipment in transit and to accept delivery on arrival of the "Tennessee", on the understanding that the American Express Company assume no risk except that attaching to its own shipment.

Mr. Taylor stated that the force which he planned to

put in charge of such shipment would be under the direction of Mr. Henry Gee and Mr. John Grier, the latter of C. D. Barney & Co., and Mr. Taylor's statement in that respect was approved by the committee.

The Bankers Trust Company was appointed as the New York fiscal agent of the fund. The Bankers Trust Company was empowered as such fiscal agent to deliver to the American Express Company the fund (or that part of it) to be shipped via "Tennessee".

The Committee voted the fund, as contributed, should be used for payments against travelers' credits, (i. e. letters of credit and travelers' cheques) issued by American bankers or banking houses and the American Express Company, or other American institutions, in amounts necessary to relieve the needs of the holders of such travelers' credits, the sole purpose of the creation and administration of the fund being for relief so to be effected through cashing such credits for the holders thereof.

It was the sense of the committee that the determination of the amounts to be paid against travelers' credits as presented from time to time should be as advised by a committee or committees organized under the auspices of American travelers abroad, as approved by this committee at a later meeting, such committee so selected to be instructed and authorized by this committee to reject, in its discretion, any particular travelers' credit presented for payment, and in its discretion to advise the fiscal agents of the committee in London and Paris as to the particular travelers' credits which shall be cashed from such funds.

It was deemed wise at this time to make no public

announcement.

On the question of the liability of shippers and the risk of loss, the committee was advised that there would be no legal responsibility on the part of the United States Government to reimburse the shippers in the event of loss of the shipment, unless some definite arrangement was made to that effect.

It was agreed that at a subsequent meeting of the committee specific instructions would be formulated and sent to Mr. Fred I. Kent as representing the Bankers Trust Company, respecting the disposal of the fund.

It was decided to take up at a later meeting the details of the manner in which the ten Original Contributors and additional contributors were to be reimbursed for their contributions.

It was further suggested that each contributor receive, on payment of his contribution, a certificate from the Bankers Trust Company as agent to evidence such payment.

It was the unanimous agreement of the committee that Morgan, Grenfell & Co., Brown, Shipley & Co. and Guaranty Trust Company of New York be appointed fiscal agents of the Committee, in London, and Morgan, Harjes & Company and American Express Company such agents in Paris, and that such fiscal agents be entirely free to act as the fiscal agents of the United States Government in the distribution of the contemplated relief fund to be sent abroad by such Government.

The Committee approved the recommendation hitherto made by Mr. Strong to the Administration at Washington, that the guaranty Trust Company of New York, Morgan, Grenfell & Co. and Brown, Shipley & Co. be appointed the special fiscal agents of the United States Government for the purpose of the United States

relief fund in London, and that Morgan, Harjes & Co. and the American Express Company be appointed such agents for like purposes in Paris; as it was the unanimous opinion of the committee that both economy and efficiency advised that all contemplated relief work be done through the same agencies.

Adjourned.

MINUTES of the meeting of the Gold Fund Committee, held at the office of Bankers Trust Company on Monday, August 31, 1914, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

PRESENT: Messrs. Benj. Strong, Jr., Chairman,
W. L. Benedict,
James Brown,
John H. Gardin,
A. J. Hemphill,
F. D. Bartow, proxy for Mr. C. D. Norton,
John E. Rovensky, proxy for Mr. J. S. Alexander,
J. Herbert Case, proxy for Mr. C. R. Agnew,
F. P. Small, proxy for Mr. G. C. Taylor.

Proxies were submitted by Messrs. Bartow, Rovensky and Small, given by Messrs. Norton, Alexander and Taylor, and were approved and ordered filed.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the advisability of making distribution of £ 200,000, the estimated amount at the present time not required.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED, that the depositary be authorized to distribute pro rata from the fund, £ 200,000, with the right of each contributor to take payment in London or in New York, at the rate of 5.05; and

FURTHER VOTED, that any balance in sterling not withdrawn in London shall be taken in sterling cable transfers at the fixed rate of 5.05 pro rata by the Original Contributors (First National Bank alone excepted).

Adjourned.

Cablegrams exchanged between the Bankers Trust Company and Mr. Fred I. Kent.

- July 29: Cablegram sent to Kent, care Deutsche Bank, Hamburg. Exchange market demoralized. No trading possible. Over 26,000,000 bars and coins shipped within last few days. Insurance premiums almost prohibitive. Our continental balances in good condition. Mark loans were not renewed. Will require all for Travelers' Cheques and International's documentary credit. Travelers' Cheques reducing our London balances rapidly. Have no commitments for the immediate future. Will require about \times 50,000 in London about August 5 for Travelers' Cheques. Market quoted nominally. Cable transfers London 496, Berlin 97, Paris 495, demand 491.95 $\frac{1}{2}$, 505. Rouble cable transfers about 5120 here. Can we resell Roubles in London to make Sterling? Am cabling London for a rate. Have received no discount or arbitration rates of any kind since last Friday. Please endeavor to arrange with London for overdraft in our account or to give temporary advance to cover Travelers' Cheques, if necessary, in case we cannot ship gold. Keep us posted on all developments. Am figuring on gold coin shipments for Travelers' Cheques. Keep us informed of itinerary for cable messages to you.
- July 30: Cablegram sent to Kent, care Deutsche Bank, Hamburg. Go at once to London and read our cables in regard to cover for Travelers' Cheques and report at once with advice.
- July 31: Cablegram from Mr. Kent, Hamburg. Received telegram. Have telegraphed London and will wire you again. Left today for London by way of Deutsche Bank, Berlin. Arrive at destination Sunday morning. Making (made) arrangements to protect fully Travelers' Cheques. Don't worry, am on job.
- July 31: Cablegram sent to Kent, care Bankerdeut, Berlin. Cable received. Have shipped \$700,000 gold London by St. Louis. Credit Lyonnais balance exhausted. Have cabled Morgan, Harjes & Co., Paris, to use their balance sparingly for necessary travelers' expenses. Are asking for special credit but doubt getting it. Also endeavoring arrange steamship companies accept Travelers' Cheques New York reimbursement for passage money, and will meet arriving steamships with funds for travelers, if needed. Impossible to buy demand or cable or ship gold. Suggest you get in immediate communication with Paris and endeavor make arrangements for protecting cheques there after arranging Berlin. Also suggest reaching London soon as possible, though balances there for present in good shape. We have no commitments except Travelers' Cheques. Total in account \$6,500,000. probably \$4,000,000. abroad. Cable fully all news and details of arrangements. New York Stock Exchange closed. We are in good shape here. If you can arrange travelers' credit matter will be tremendous relief, but take no personal risk. Thank you heartily.
- Aug. 1: Cablegram to Kent, care Midtrust, London. Duane in Paris and trying to reach London. Communicate with him care Harjes. If necessary divert \$200,000 gold arriving London on St. Louis to Paris and more, if you can take care London payments. Cable fully at any hour. Consult London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., London, regarding latest action Banco de Cartagena. Have Lloyds Bank, Ltd., London, Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., London, Morgan, Grenfell & Company, London, allow use entire balances. Can Roubles be used in London or Paris? Travelers' Cheque outstanding balances six and one-half million. Impossible estimate European requirements under present conditions. Communicate with Harjes regarding Paris requirements.

- August 1: Cablegram to Kent, care Midtrust, London, also care Bankerdeut, Berlin. Why don't we hear from you? What cablegrams have you received?
- August 2: Cablegram received from Mr. Kent in London. Arrived London today. Your cablegrams probably unobtainable before Tuesday. Tomorrow bank holiday. Have called meeting Americans four o'clock Monday. Telephone Washington to authorize Ambassador by cable cooperate with me protect Americans here and on continent far as possible. Will open temporary bureau trust company as seems best and you approve. Can do much good. Answer care Waldorf by eleven, if possible. Tell Washington American Banker here who knows business can operate most effectively with Ambassador. Think plan very important. Have good scheme developed that will meet this serious situation as effectively as possible. Anxiety many here terrible. Haste necessary. Regards.
- August 3: Cablegram to Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London. Cable received. Delighted to hear from you. Secretary McAdoo and State Department will cooperate, and Ambassadors London, Paris, Berlin being advised you and Duane abroad and requested to cooperate your efforts. Think bureau plan excellent. Believe can arrange ship gold by American warship for benefit travelers, if arrangements for distribution against responsible American Travelers' credits possible. Suggest cable me explicit instructions regarding shipments gold, how much required, amount transport necessary to bring Americans home, and method reaching those marooned on continent without funds. Duane probably Paris, care Dalliba, American Express Company. Communicate with him regarding cooperation there. Cable with explicit suggestions on all points will enable me hasten arrangements Washington. State Department advises will endeavor to arrange for acceptance our travelers' cheques by Embassy. Would such plan be feasible and could Embassy furnish funds London, Paris, Berlin?
- August 3: Cablegram to Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London. Have shipped seven hundred thousand dollars gold per St. Louis. Credit Lyonnais balance exhausted. Have requested Harjes arrange with them honor cheques. If necessary ship portion St. Louis gold to Paris. Believe Berlin balance sufficient for present. Trouble on Credits and cheques reported from Geneva. Have cabled Zurich full instructions. Arrange with all our London accounts for full use of balances. See Midtrust regarding Banco Cartagena. Can you use Roubles in London or Paris? Total cheques outstanding six millions, five hundred thousand. Stopping sales of all cheques for present.
- August 3: Cablegram sent to Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London. Guaranty Trust Company are cabling placing their London office your disposal. Please arrange to use it if possible. Cable me fully what you are doing.
- August 3: Cablegram from Mr. Kent, London. Cable received. Mightily pleased. Held meeting today two thousand Americans. Formed fine organization. Battleships with gold and transports should start immediately for England. Before arrival will be prepared divert to continent their requirements both money and transports. Wiring Duane await my instructions Paris. Unwise forward direct continent. Conditions too dangerous and worse daily. Upon receipt definite instruction gold and transports started, can arrange English banks for funds to cash credits traveler continent and get them to England, where advisable. Haste imperative. Many Americans in frightful condition on continent. If government will give me supreme authority and will forward ships and money, can begin immediate work every country with organization I have back of me while awaiting arrival. Have Congress appropriate three hundred thousand dollars that I can use at once to get

Americans in distress while boats on way. Will act with Ambassadors each country, but must have power. Transport for twenty thousand people probably needed and five million gold in addition to St. Louis shipment. Aside from appropriation money furnished by government would only be used to take up credits. Embassies not proper places handle money. Can arrange with banks for space under American flag and control. Rush.

- August 3: Cablegram sent to Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London, from Washington. Conference State and Treasury Departments. Arrangements under way for shipment gold by Government vessel at once, to be placed at direction of special fiscal agents to be appointed and cooperate in connection with our embassies abroad. Arrangements in process for ships to bring travelers home. Vitally important to have following information at once. How much gold required for travelers credits and for any without credits or money. To what places should money be sent. How many travelers to bring home Can London arrange with Paris, Berlin and other points. What are your suggestions about Continental fiscal agents, particularly Berlin. Can you take general charge from London. Should we send Americans to assist. Cable particulars in fullest detail. Will try and arrange Western Union to give message right of way. Are you in touch with Duane or Dalliba? Strong.
- August 4: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London, via Western Union and Commercial. Cruiser Tennessee sailing Brooklyn Navy Yard Wednesday night. Will advise amount of gold shipped later. Probably five millions. At government's request sending staff of men with shipment. Cable name of consignee and port of delivery at once. Arrange with government for safe delivery and protection of shipment,
- August 4: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London. Divert only such portion of gold on St. Louis from London as will not be required for the protection of our various accounts in London. Cable us what arrangements you have made with London for maturing drafts under Commercial Credits. Also cable us the full details of the moratorium declared in London. Reports here so conflicting that we require immediate details. Impossible to get detailed advices regarding special gold shipment until details Washington arrangement completed.
- August 4: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London. Confidential. Some delay making necessary arrangements Washington about sailing. Actively on job here and everything possible being done to hasten and complete arrangements. Plan contemplates using Morgan Grenfell - Brown Shipley -- Guaranty Trust Company, London -- Morgan, Harjes -- American Express, Paris, as Special redemption agents, if possible, by government appointment, otherwise in behalf New York bankers. Absolutely necessary you cable at once that money will be sparingly and impartially used for all American Letters Credit and Travelers' Cheques and not for special reimbursement any interested institutions or firms, and those appointed to disburse will carefully scrutinize goodness of credits. Reimbursement in New York probably through Bankers Trust. Will try cable full details tomorrow. Cable me very fully at once.
- August 4: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, London. Midtrust cables quite impossible to discount here. You must send gold end of quotation. Important to protect our own Travelers' credits as far as possible. Please have this in mind in arranging gold shipment on St. Louis.

August 4: Cablegram from Mr. Kent.

Cable received. Consign gold to Bankers Trust Company of New York, care London City and Midland Bank, London. Will advise port delivery soon as British Admiralty opens in morning arranging protection shipment. Have government send \$300,000 that I can also use immediately without red tape to get Americans on continent and care for special cases here. Wish to charter vessel and send under American flag to take Americans now stranded and suffering at many continental ports. This must be done at once by some one who can act with authority in every country without awaiting telegraphic instructions from anyone. Am positively prepared to do work with proper credentials, which should be forwarded at once by cable through the Ambassador and direct. There may be no precedent for this, but there is none for this condition either. If they prefer someone else, will work just as hard for him, but he must be a hustler and fearless. All vessels should be coaled and victualed for round trip. Opened special office Savoy Hotel today. Am paying Bankers cheques.

August 5: Cablegram from Mr. Kent, London.

Moratorium probably last until small bank England notes printed. Don't worry about maturing credits. Will keep you informed when necessary. No ships obtainable for Continental Americans, who are in hell if government don't give me money quick. They cannot await vessels from America. Must also have governmental authority raise American flag, or would raise funds American residents here. Send notice banks selling cheques I am here and opened London office pay cheques, and refer Americans in trouble to me.

August 5: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, care Savoy Hotel, London, by H.P. Davison. I am much concerned lest you overwork and become unfit due to the terrible strain to which you are now subjected. Of course everything possible being done here to meet requirements; general situation here well in hand. The one thing required of you and me and all others in responsibility is to be calm and move with great deliberation. The complacency shown here by everybody is really remarkable. This word of caution is prompted by my personal regard for you, as well as for the importance of the situation as a whole.

August 5: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, care Hotel Savoy, London.

Cable at once suggestion of institution or individual to be appointed government fiscal agent Berlin, Austria and other countries affected. Awaiting word from Washington about special government fund. Hope to get five million gold off tonight. Don't worry, matters progressing here as rapidly as possible.

August 5: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, care Hotel Savoy, London.

Landmandsbank, Copenhagen, will honor Travelers' Cheques debit Kroner account. Are requesting cover. Impossible to buy exchange here. Arrange with London City Midland Bank to take care Landmandsbank, Copenhagen, on arrival St. Louis gold.

August 5: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, care Savoy Hotel, London.

Congress has appropriated \$2,500,000 for relief Americans abroad. Am advised States Department cabling Ambassador Page to arrange for expenditure \$300,000 at once and authorizing cooperation with you. Confer with him as he has detailed instructions. Arrangements for shipment \$5,000,000 gold by New York Bankers nearing completion. Hope to send final advice of shipment with five responsible bank men on Government vessel tomorrow. Full instructions regarding delivery and use of money will be cabled. Matter being handled by committee of bankers who are doing everything in their power. Cable me tonight particulars of situation in London and what possibilities of reaching people on continent. Necessary delay for Congress to act delayed shipment until tomorrow.

August 5: Cablegram from Mr. Kent.

Cablegram received. Scheme outlined wont work. We must anticipate arrival gold by honoring all good credits here against its arrival, which banks will hold as collateral until gold received. Cash payment \$50 being made Association Cheques. Would do same with all good credits with government or general bank shipments. Only Bankers Trust own gold used exclusively Association cheques. Hotels here doing wonders in advancing credit, but reached limit. We must get committee bankers here to assure hotels that credits honored by them will be paid according to London methods when decided upon. Such credits only used for board. It is my idea that we should have every London banker on whom credits are drawn make out drafts in regular manner, but order of hotels desired for settlement bills. That the banker should certify such checks, and that the hotels would be assured they could deposit them. This will divide work among banks properly and prevent distribution cash for boarding, and at same time allow payment cash in small amounts. Government gold would only be held pending ultimate collection good credits, and government would receive certified paper referred to as collateral from banks in meantime. If I have power, can meet every emergency as it arises, but if bond and damn fool red tape, can do nothing. People want to eat today and tomorrow, not wait until next week. and hotel resources ^{about} exhausted. Select anybody else they prefer and will work with him, but he must have authority and such control arriving gold that he can use it as collateral, or banks here won't act.

August 7: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Hotel Waldorf, London, England.

Government shipping million half gold on Tennessee. Understand will be disbursed in cooperation with your committee by officers in charge. This includes the three hundred thousand made available to Ambassador Page by State Department. Wire me if further instructions on that matter are required. Hope everything now in good shape. Boys all send love you and North.

August 7: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Hotel Waldorf, London, England.

Personally delivered three million dollars in gold in double eagles to United States Assistant Treasurer on Tennessee tonight for relief American holders Travelers' Cheques and credits, and she has sailed destination English port to be advised to you later. All insured without war risk. Gold accompanied by John P. Grier, Henry W. Lewis, Arthur R. Jones, Eliot Tuckerman and Harvey D. Gibson as accredited agents of New York Committee, with written instructions for delivery by them to London City and Midland Bank on delivery of gold to them in England by United States Government. Committee sending written instructions in duplicate London City and Midland, London, to place gold at disposal of your London committee, increased by adding representatives nominated by Morgan, Grenfell; Brown Shipley, Baring Brothers, Guaranty Trust Company of New York, London, American Express, also Henry King Smith representing Farmers Loan, and L. M. Jacobs representing National City, all in London, with yourself representing Bankers Trust. These appointments are official and necessary. Reimbursement of drafts against travelers' credits are to be in New York funds in New York at 4.90, plus interest, and all expenses when ascertained, and a clause to that effect to be endorsed on draft. Reimbursement in New York of Travelers' Cheques are to be made at their face. Payments to be made exclusively to holders Travelers' Cheques and credits after verification in usual way. All cheques and drafts are to be cashed in Sterling under directions London committee. Cheques and drafts are to be forwarded Bankers Trust Company for collection and reimbursement. Endeavor to secure advance at once against gold in transit for such amount as you will require before arrival. New York Committee recommends moderate advance to each applicant. Committees only protection for repayment of advance is through collection of New York drafts and cheques cashed in London. Committee is advised Morgan is arranging to deposit ~~here~~ three to six million gold for credit Bank of France

to be immediately disbursed Paris for similar purpose there. Particulars will be cabled you shortly so that London committee may cooperate with Morgan Harjes. Necessity for depositing balance of gold here to establish Paris credit reduced London shipment to three million dollars from amount originally advised. Understand government shipment on Tennessee one million five hundred thousand, regarding which cooperate with government officials in charge. Have endeavored to conform near as possible to suggestions your latest cable. Hope above will fully meet situation. To authenticate this, duplicate will be cabled to Brown Shipley Company, London. Please compare.

- August 7: Marconigram from Mr. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, to Mr. Strong. My cables to you being held up by censor in New York after having been passed by English censor. Do needful.
- August 7: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London, England. Marconigram received. No New York censor on cable messages. If your messages are being held, evidently action of Canadian censor, who must be instructed from your side. Request English censor to instruct Canadian censor to pass through immediately your messages to us. New regulations require full name and street address of both sender and addressee. Ambassador Page being advised by State Department to facilitate our cable exchanges. Have you received our cablegram of today giving details of the gold shipment by Cruiser Tennessee?
- August 7: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London, England. Sir Edward Holden cables he agrees to hold at your disposal the seven hundred thousand dollars gold shipped Steamer St. Louis.
- August 7: Cablegram to H. P. Davison, care J.P.Morgan & Co. from Mr. Fred I. Kent. Cablegram received greatly appreciate. Recognize necessity concerning all possible energy. My greatest concern is for Americans in Germany. Haste in relieving them necessary. Everything else working smoothly now government has acted. Regards to all. Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London, England.
- August 7: Cablegram from Mr. Kent, London, received morning August 8. Cablegram received. Understand instructions perfectly. Greatly delighted. State Department has not yet replied Ambassador's request authority to pledge government credit to make three hundred thousand immediately available. All arrangements completed, only awaiting such reply. Banks opened today, paying up to \times 40. Everything quiet, no runs. Moratorium acceptances extended 30 days. Both banks and hotels greatly relieved because gold coming. Vessels needed transport 20,000 people. Should start immediately. Calling London committee together tomorrow.
- August 8: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. J. P. Morgan has sent the following cablegram to Morgan Harjes, and we believe this information will assist you to adjust the exchange rate. Message -- Suggest drafts against Travelers' Cheques should be in New York funds on New York five Francs to dollar. Checks and Travelers' Cheques should be bought at five Francs to dollar, giving holders of Travelers' Cheques with fixed rate receipt which would show amount paid, leaving them opportunity claiming difference in rate from issuers of cheques after their return.
- August 8: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Personal. Suggest this may be opportunity to arrange with London City and Midland Bank, Lloyds and other responsible banks to open credits with us for financing commodity shipments and protecting stock drafts against sales stocks held abroad. New York will be in good shape to handle this, and believe we should take advantage of opportunity to get our share of business. Situation

abroad must be carefully considered before we open any extensive credits, but some kind of offsetting account or joint account with London banks should be possible by which amount of credit at either end would be reduced to minimum. Our idea to open credit here in dollars against similar credits if needed in Pounds Sterling. Should this necessitate establishing permanent London office, please consider and report views; also advise fully your opinion of transaction and suggestion regarding exchange rates. Just advised American bank notes being sold heavy discount in London. Think your committee should arrange to cash in Sterling at rate of exchange to be advised to me at once difference sufficient to cover expenses and insurance of sending bills home.

- August 8: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Secretary of Treasury telephones me Ambassador Page is asked for guarantee that three hundred thousand gold will be returned in thirty days before advances on that credit can be made. Can you not arrange to meet this requirement by using three hundred thousand our Saint Louis shipment, getting reimbursement from million and half shipped for Government's account on Tennessee. Cable me fully, as Washington end is rather technical, and I will have to arrange for instructions to be cabled to those in charge Tennessee shipment to make payment on arrival. Can you suggest any arrangement for opening credits in Germany, Austria and other countries by deposits gold here, using machinery of Government for giving necessary assurances as to credit. All quiet here.
- August 8: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Assist Mrs. Anna Busch, a valued client of the Third National Bank of St. Louis, requesting her to communicate with you. However endeavor to get in touch with her.
- August 9: Cablegram from Fred L. Kent, Waldorf Hotel. Bankers committee met to-day. I was elected Chairman. Suggested New York committee advertise could make cable transfers London to three hundred dollars through London committee, you cabling me mentioning names our Directors through whom transfers made in order received, and we pay anticipating arrival gold. Do you approve? Mrs. Waller can only be reached from Washington direct; Ambassador here cannot telegraph points mentioned, as communication stopped. I was appointed Chairman Red Cross Committee today, and shall try send parties for Americans, where necessary and possible, using appropriation Congress, which Ambassador has authorized the American Consul General and myself to disburse as Special Committee. Mrs. Ashley Grace here, I looking after her. Tell George Case Dr. Bell in Glasgow; wired him today. Tell Walter Frew taking care Mrs. Knapp. Tell Frederick Duncan cannot telegraph money requested, but trying; tell others to cable friends to look me up, when possible as difficult for me find time hunt them, but doing best can. Telephoned Mrs. Converse today. All well. Love.
- August 10: Cablegram from Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych. London committee suggests you advertise cable transfers to London up to three hundred dollars can be made by New York committee, you cabling us, we crediting account, parties with London committee. Total for present one hundred thousand dollars, to be increased later if advisable and necessary. Such payments additional to Letters Credit and Travelers' Cheques. Parties holding some S.S. cheques and others may need such help. Also advise American banks issuing Letters Credit to deposit funds with New York committee, if balance here depleted. to be credited their accounts by London committee to be used solely to pay drafts against Letters of Credits. Some banks whose correspondents in London are closed, such Deutsche Bank and others, must protect their credits this manner

as against law to honor credits outstanding. Can undoubtedly honor new credits favor holders for amounts undrawn. Can possibly deposit with Bank England account Swiss National Bank 20,000 pounds to protect American credits in Switzerland further amounts as needed. London committee want definite instructions such use funds arriving is intended. Some members committee think gold earmarked and unavailable, except special houses instruct. Cablegram received, three hundred thousand appropriation now in order. Impossible communicate with countries mentioned. Am working with Red Cross committee trying to find way to get funds to Americans and embassies.

August 10: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Hotel Waldorf, Aldwych Street, London, England. Referring our previous cablegram, Third National Bank, St. Louis, deposits five thousand dollars with us for use of Mrs. Anna Busch. Understand you have her address. Please have payment made and advise us.

August 10: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Kuhn Loeb advise Swiss Bankverein negotiating with you for deposit gold coin New York for account Banque Nationale Suisse to facilitate their note issues. Suggest caution this arrangement, as might seriously deplete our gold reserves if plan generally adopted other countries. No panic here now. Closing of Stock Exchange and issues Clearing House certificates throughout country have relieved immediate pressure. We have many difficulties ahead, particularly regarding credits, and New York banks must conserve their gold reserves. Bear in mind our discussion of danger in Government redemptions in case of foreign war. Has been only slight evidence of possible difficulty there as yet, but must have it in mind.

August 10: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Replying deferred message ending with word love, you understand the \$3,000,000 gold shipped London City for your committee to be used entirely cashing Travelers' Cheques and credits. The \$1,500,000 by Government to be used first to reimburse \$300,000 advance arranged by you, second for general relief work under instructions sent State Department to Ambassador, his instructions specify form of receipt to take, and that fund can be used for travelers whose credits are exhausted and obviate necessity of cable transfer suggested. Government arrangements for transports very slow. Suggest you keep me informed about transport plans. D. G. Reid at Hotel Normandy or Abbaye de Benerville, Deauville, France. Will ask your assistance. Other matters having attention. Referring your cable ending with word embassies, suggestion regarding cable transfer answered above. Three million gold shipped by Tennessee intended as fund to take up drafts drawn against any responsible Travelers' Cheques and credits and was not earmarked for use of special houses. Full details given our cable August seventh starting with word personally and ending with word compare. Question wisdom advising American banks issuing travelers' credits to deposit funds, as many banks have participated in Tennessee gold shipment and fear would withdraw from syndicate arrangement and deposit for benefit their own credits only thus disturbing present plan. Government is depositing today fifty thousand dollars with National City Bank, New York, for credit Banque Nationale Suisse and American legation at Berne, Switzerland, notified to this effect and instructed to use money for relief and protection American citizens, taking signed receipts, or securing reimbursement of advances by assignment Letters of Credit and Travelers' Cheques. You are best judge whether this will take care Swiss situation. Anxious to get in touch with Germany and ascertain situation there. Learn National City Bank here received cable from Germany via Copenhagen, stating our cheques not being paid, but Cable

Companies here decline our message. Cannot something be done from your end? Ascertain if cheques are being paid in Germany. Credits on closed banks, such as Deutsche Bank, should be handled similar to other responsible credits for reimbursement by issuers in New York.

- August 11: Cablegram from Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych. Cablegrams received, except reply yesterday cable, which please rush. Have seen London banks about stock drafts and other matters mentioned. St. Louis gold arrived. North Duane says ignore cablegram about Mrs. Martin. Understand exchange methods outlined, but not entirely feasible. Doing best possible; leave to us. Opened money exchange office take care discount on dollars by exchanging for Sterling with Americans sailing.
- August 11: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London. Confidential. Just received cablegram from London City Midland Bank regarding arrangement gold deposit in Ottawa for Bank England. Fear any further gold leaving New York will weaken position here. Clearing House disciplining members shipping gold even interior points. Balances English banks accumulating here account stock drafts forwarded New York for collection will have to be applied against credits, which should be opened in New York by London banks in dollars to facilitate commodity shipments, as shippers cannot dispose at present of bills drawn on foreign financial centers. Consult Sir Edward Holden if you believe advisable. Endeavored to arrange dollar credit here for Banca Commerciale Italiana, Milan to cover Italian situation, but received cablegram from them stating could utilize only Sovereigns or Napoleons shipped to Italy. This cannot be done under present conditions. See what can be done through cooperation their London office. Prompt action absolutely necessary.
- August 11: Cablegram from F. I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych. Have taken care Mrs. Busch; tell Stephen Flemming Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Flemming will be looked after when they apply, don't know addresses. London committee arranged through Rueff of Swiss Bank distribution twenty thousand Pounds Switzerland take up American credits. Only transaction with him - nothing to do matter mentioned your cablegram. Committee arranged twenty thousand Pounds for Italy, five for Spain, more as required. Also investigating needs Scandinavia; every effort reach Americans other points blocked, but still trying. Cablegram just received, instructions noted, but you can make cable transfers for Bankers Trust as outlined, whenever necessary. In touch with D. G. Reid.
- August 12: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, care Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Refer our message August seventh, beginning with word "Personally" and ending with word "compare". Insert between the words "destination" and "English" the following "Falmouth, England". Confer with Ambassador Page, and treat as strictly confidential. Please cable understood.
- August 13: Cablegram from F. I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street. Cablegram concerning steamer Tennessee received, fully noted and matter has attention.

Cablegrams exchanged between Bankers Trust Co. and Mr. Fred I. Kent - Continued-

August 13: Cablegram from Fred I. Kent, London.

Only method dealing with Switzerland was to deposit here twenty thousand pounds with Swiss Bankverein, which was done yesterday. Do you authorize committee deposit ten thousand pounds each with Credito Italiano and Banca Commerciale Italiana, London, for Americans in Italy. This is only method doing this business, but of course in making such deposits under present circumstances there is considerable risk, as it involves giving credit to these banks, besides the probability of loss in transmission of the paid documents and details, thus making the statement alone of these banks the basis of debiting their payments. Please cable immediately that your committee wishes to take all responsibility for these deposits, and whether the London Committee are authorized to deal with other countries, Scandinavia and Spain, by similar deposits.

August 13: Cablegram from Fred I. Kent, London.

Just cabled you as requested by London Committee. Have already deposited ten thousand pounds with Banca Commerciale for exclusive payment Association cheques, which are being paid in Italy. Have also arranged with Denmark and Scandinavia. Tell Charles Moore and Edward Kind, also Deans of the Merchants Loan, Chicago, and Nutt of Cleveland, their cablegrams having attention. Tell Roy Follit, our employee, his mother well in London. Saw Sir Edward today about special matter your cable. We are working together. European conditions look more serious. Mrs. Kent and Warner returning next week, and possibly Mr. and Mrs. Duane. I shall remain as long as necessary.

August 13: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London.

Have received cable advice. London City and Midland Bank crediting us Saint Louis gold shipment. Am collecting maturing drafts on commercial credits provisional rate five dollars, subject adjustment later. Have we credit balance with London City Midland Bank, and can we sell cable transfers or draw our account with London City Midland Bank. Cable transfers would be authenticated using directors' names consecutive order similar our arrangement with you. Robinson Sweet offering grain bills on Shipton Anderson London seventeen thousand Pounds Sterling, and on Joseph Wiles Son eight hundred fifty pounds Sterling. London City Midland Bank cables war risk policies received by them covering these shipments. Will probably buy these drafts, unless you advise contrary. Consult London City Midland Bank if further particulars needed. Telegraph immediately.

August 13: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London.

Will you cable me for information of New York committee manner in which various credits opened by London committee are being handled, and to whom we are to refer inquiries regarding payments and advances at various cities. Cablegram received beginning words only method. Will answer as soon as possible.

August 14: Cablegram from Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London.

Personal. Cablegram received. Our London balance twenty eight thousand pounds. Sell cable transfers and demand only for customers at present. Will advise more fully Monday when accounts checked up. Purchase drafts mentioned with wide margin in rates. Sir Edward trying hard arrange for credits in accordance with letter instructions I delivered him. Will advise result later. From London committee cablegram received deposited with Swiss Bankverein against their agreement to cash American credits in Switzerland our risk, they agreeing to make full and complete records every item on their books, depositing copy with Swiss National Bank for use in case original items list in mail. Italian banks prefer to make duplicate drafts

and copies of Travelers' Cheques, which they will hold for our account to protect us in case originals lost. Copenhagen will hold documents, forwarding duplicates, cabling us amount payments time to time, which we cover by deposit their account London City. Advised by wireless Tennessee due Monday. All arrangements completed.

August 14: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Mrs. Edna Allen Miller, one of our depositors will apply to you, assist her. Good for reasonable amounts.

August 15: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. State and Treasury departments agree to facilitate opening special credits in continental cities for payment Travelers' Cheques and credits by authorizing ambassador or consuls to give Government guaranty to local banks for amounts needed. This plan will simplify accounting and enable dealing with London agencies of foreign banks. Government requires that against credits so arranged an equivalent amount of gold out of three million dollar Tennessee shipment shall be set aside at once under control Ambassador Page London. London Committee to appoint disbursing agents in each city and give directions for method of handling or in case Government agencies employed, such directions to be given by Ambassador Page London. Accounts of disbursements with Travelers' Cheques and drafts to be rendered Ambassador Page and London Committee and paid out of gold reserved for that purpose. State Department will also authorize similar guaranties through embassies and consuls for relief destitute cases to be covered by gold in London out of Government shipment in similar manner of which separate account should ~~be~~ be rendered. Out of three million shipment please arrange following credits unless otherwise provided for. Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page Rome will guarantee Bank of Italy for one million lira to be advanced to Ambassador for disbursement through American Express or Cooks for Travelers' Cheques and credits only. Suggest you cable him for particulars of credits already arranged by you and information regarding methods and accounting - he has already negotiated fifteen thousand dollars draft with Banca Commerciale Italiana for destitute cases only and desires that amount reimbursed through London branch out of Government consignment on Tennessee. White Star Line Liverpool cable situation serious Naples, and request Government undertake to ship Banca Commerciale Italiana one hundred twenty five thousand dollars gold for relief travelers. Steamship Company's New York office cabling to Liverpool to get in touch with you and arrange immediate credit London, you to appoint disbursing agent Naples and give instructions also for Travelers' Cheques and credits. If funds required in this case for relief of destitute amount should be arranged direct from London and covered out of government shipment. State Department now authorizing following credits opened to be guaranteed by Government and confirmed by State Department directly to ambassadors or consuls to points named to be used for relief destitute only. American Embassy Madrid five thousand dollars, American Legation Stockholm one thousand dollars, American Legation Copenhagen one thousand dollars, American Consul General Lisbon, through Muller, Schall & Co. with reimbursement here, two thousand dollars. As these will be applied to destitute cases, suggest you communicate directly with these officers and ascertain if further credits required for cashing travelers' Cheques and will arrange for Government guaranty at once under above plan for these and other cities. State Department reports Embassies and consulates can get money in Russia except Warsaw. Can you handle that and other Russian points by using our Roubles for reimbursement out of Tennessee shipment. Above plan contemplates opening local credits under Government guarantee through Embassies for disbursement on travelers' cheques and for destitute cases the amount used for travelers' cheques to be secured

out of three million bankers shipment and the amount disbursed for destitute cases and embassy expenses out of Government shipment, the accounting for all travelers' cheques and letters of credit made to London committee and settlement effected there. This plan approved by State and Treasury Departments. Please cable at once whether you understand and can carry out plan asking Ambassador to facilitate prompt transmission. Refer your cable beginning only method. Swiss deposit approved. Plan above suggested avoids risking deposits and only care required to safeguard paid documents. Suggest these be handled through embassies. Try arrange other credits same plan. Cablegram ending with word completed received, manner of handling satisfactory. Committee urges every precaution safeguard documents.

August 15: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. This for your information. National Bank Greece Athens cabled First National, New York, as follows: Credited you with London County Fifty thousand sterling, to be placed in our sterling account. Please telegraph rate you would credit us in a dollar account for this amount. First National, New York, cabled them in reply as follows: Cablegram received, unable to handle transaction refer you to Bankers Trust Company here, which has our entire confidence. It may be possible that we could use this sterling in London and shall endeavor to secure the account of the Greece bank unless you believe unwise, New York market only nominal. Quotations today for small amount about 494 demand and 499 for cable transfers.

August 16: Cablegram from Fred Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London. Have seen Mrs. Miller, doing needful, tell Mr. Grace meet family and McLaughlin at Quebec, arriving Megantic August 21. Copenhagen Holland, Norway, Sweden, Italy and probably Germany paying our cheques. Sent letter by messenger to Hugo Schmidt today conditions there reported better for Americans, particularly large cities. Meeting Cruiser Tennessee personally tomorrow, have advised Gibson by telegram. If Cunard put on ships will relieve congestion here but thousands on continent will need transportation.

August 16: Cablegram from Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel. Cable National Bank Greece deposit London City Midland our account allow rate four ninety four if can sell small lots good rates. Americans advised by London institutions her rate five dollars cable acceptance Greece bank and I will wire them about travelers' cheques.

August 17: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, care U.S. Cruiser Tennessee, Falmouth, England. Cablegram received, insurance covered by us on Tennessee gold to delivery in London.

August 17: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. State Department communicating Ambassador Page large number private payments to be made abroad, including many in Switzerland, which Banque Nationale Suisse now agrees to make in Switzerland only upon receipt direct cable instructions from United States Treasury Department. This involves duplication very expensive cable instructions and State Department would appreciate your conferring with Ambassador Page and endeavoring to arrange other method if possible. Please answer promptly.

August 18: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. London City Midland Bank cables us as follows: what interest are you allowing on our account. Have cabled them: still endeavoring allowing you 3% interest your account. Kent will confer with you. While a little money loaning here at 8% practically all our loans running at 6 and we are paying 6% on Clearing House certificates. Endeavor to negotiate best terms possible with Sir Holden,

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having in mind that we would like large balances and a larger share of their business. Cable us any arrangements you make. Understand Lloyds Bank and others opening reciprocal accounts here, cannot we get some of this business.

- August 18: Cablegram sent to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Pay Mrs. Vandever Quick care American Express Company, five Haymarket, London, equivalent of three hundred dollars, funds deposited with us, Alexander,
- August 18: Cablegram from Fred Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych Street, London. Tennessee gold in Bank England, cablegrams received, can arrange Swiss payments and some consular payments mentioned if Breckinridge will release gold when he returns from France Sunday. He refused gold for English payments for moneys deposited with Washington Government. London Committee feels Government guarantee suggested wont help every situation as refusals of banks to pay due moratoriums and lack cash not doubt of credits, committee suggest little wider authority meet conditions each country as necessary, but will act far as possible as outlined by you. Transfer million lira to Italy completed. Telegraph Deals Merchants Loan Chicago money telegraphed Lynch through Morgan Harjes, Paris.
- August 19: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych St., London. Message number one, your cablegram beginning word Tennessee ending word Paris received, we have conferred with Washington and hope necessary instructions will be given stop. Cable specifically anything additional required. Please number your messages consecutively from now on and we shall do likewise.
- August 19: Cablegram from Fred Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych. Saw Lloyds yesterday matter your cable today, report later. Appointment London City tomorrow, sending messenger Mrs. Wanderver, tell Cromwell Mrs. O'Connor sailing Adriatic today, notify L. A. Wight and Company my baggage insured with them through Hamburg American Line lost in Germany,
- August 20: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych St., London. Message two. Confer at once with Ambassador Page, London, in regard to appointing travelers' ~~dis~~ credits disbursing Agents in Rome, Washington authorities are calling Ambassador Page also confer with you.
- August 20: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel. Message three. Have cabled National Bank Greece and received their reply stating fifty thousand deposited Midland Bank our Credit. Cable us immediately if received, also amount our credit balance with Midland Bank. We will require large amount sterling exchange for important customers. We have contracts future delivery October sixty thousand, November two hundred twenty thousand, December ninety one thousand. What is your opinion as to probable exchange rate during said periods and our policy respecting same. Twelve million dollars City warrants maturing London September, is there any way in which Sterling can be obtained London for paying warrange against dollar credit here and at what exchange rate. Boring and Company may have half million dollars sterling exchange covering fuel oil shipments equally divided next six months, account English contracts. Would like handle this exchange if we can arrange sterling credit in London with war risks, also covered there. Shall advise you fully regarding this. Keep us fully informed all matters.
- August 21: Cablegram from Fred Kent, Waldorf Hotel. Arranged pay London City four per cent. Until further notice, they to increase deposit and general business with us. Arranged London Company International Nickel deposit with London City our account under cable advise you credit ac-

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count with Bankers Trust at fair rates. National City advertisement covers nothing we cannot do, should advertise similar facilities different language. Your letter fully appreciated and lightened burdens but know that without your great work we could have accomplished little. Message one your message two one million lire paid Ambassador Page, Italy, yesterday. Ambassador here fully informed.

August 21: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, London.

Message four: Washington hears you are returning home. What are your plans. Haight concerned about report of accumulation Hamburg American tickets by London Committee for collection in New York. Cable me situation this regard and amount ticket claims. Might be able to arrange matters satisfactorily this end if you keep me informed. If possible look up Guy Richards at Grand Hotel Mas, Lamalon Les Bains, Herault, and assist him if necessary, Telegraph any information you can.

August 21: Cablegram from Fred Kent, London.

Message two. Grecian deposit made nineteenth Huronian Company deposited account International Nickel nine thousand one hundred ninety one pounds yesterday, balance this morning sixty one thousand stop will answer balance message three tomorrow, Lloyds positively agree open account when we send exchange to them but refuse earlier consideration. When we become buyers again can arrange.

August 22: Cablegram from Fred Kent, London.

Message three. Mrs. Kent and Warner returning Plympic today but I remain indefinitely. London Committee has no Hamburg checks Citizens Relief Committee took some collateral against notes or Americans who had nothing else. Telephone Charles McKay, Knickerbocker Hotel, his cable having attention. Looking up Richards. Everything in order. Dont worry.

August 22: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, London.

Message five. Tell Duane his cablegram received, satisfactory if you don't need him, all well here, have received cablegram from Banco Frances, Buenos Aires, reading stop all operations for our account, have suspended payments August 12th end of message. Both accounts show credit balance so don't worry, your messages two three received, advising your people here of Mrs. Kent and Warner's return. Everything working smoothly foreign department. Selling considerable demand customers, also cabling London regarding payments, instruct them system of control words which will appear end of our messages.

August 22: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, London.

Message six: Cable us fully which names are taken in London for discount. Opportunity for us to handle large block of exchange covering grain shipments from Galveston and New Orleans.

August 22: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, London.

Message seven. Midland Bank cables Tennessee gold not deposited with them, understand deposited with Bank England to order of officials who accompanied, is this in order. Our letters August sixth to Midland Bank and letter same date to men accompanying shipment outlined manner of handling gold arrival in London. Look ip our instructions and advise what is trouble and what is necessary for us to do.

August 23: Cablegram from Fred Kent, London.

Message four. Message seven received. Cable Midland cancelling your letter sixth. Have written Midland under instructions committee and your cable will be put in order personal Duane will explain on arrival, let books stand until then. Mon-

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day appointment Midland, this matter also City warrants grain shipments and other matters will cable afterward. Exchange October November expected drop sharply if city warrants paid, but campaign developments may demoralize market, was aware forward sales exchange but not yet time consideration. Dont worry if cables stopped later, meantime give me such authority as you can and remember I am on job all time whether you hear or not.

August 22: Cablegram to Fred Kent, London.

Confidential. Referring again Holden's cable I arranged for delivery Tennessee gold to Holden as we carry amount on our books as due from foreign banks and show liability like amount on deposit ledger. Also thought Holden would appreciate our favoring him. Please read Committee's instructions carefully and if perfectly satisfactory to you think Holden should have shipment. When report of deposit in Bank of England came we thought it was by Holden. Committee should have followed instructions unless good reason for change.

August 24: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London.

Message nine my cable beginning confidential is message eight. Stop. Have received Swiss Bankverein Deposit. Fine work. What rate of interest did you quote Stop. Your message four Will cable Midland Bank as requested, Stop. For your information arranged for Huronion Company deposit funds with Hope Amsterdam same manner as London. Stop. Is there any risk such funds being subject to moratorium. Stop. Intend selling Guilders immediately receipt of cable advise from Amsterdam Stop. Impossible get accurate particulars here French German moratorium. Stop. Hear daily from returning tourists of your splendid work.

August 24: Cablegram to Fred I. Fred, Waldorf Hotel, London.

Message ten: Executive Committee has appointed you and Duane joint agents with full power represent company abroad in all matters in which it is interested there with necessary limitation against creation new liabilities and requests Duane remain indefinitely or until relieved. This gives full authority to handle our foreign accounts.

August 25: Cablegram from Fred Kent, London

Message five: Rumored City Warrants may be extended bankers here think would seriously injure citys credit, expect report fully possibilities carrying out your suggestion in few days, Midland Bank working with me. Pay Swiss Bank three one half per cent subject change whenever advisable, they will develop good account. Amsterdam deposits should be turned over rapidly, moratorium there any minute. French moratorium apparently indefinite, banks there paying five per cent deposits when willing. Gibson left Germany today. Will report fully later result conditions there for Americans now excellent due to special proclamation. Midland Biscount rates are for maximum each acceptance of twenty five thousand pounds and covers only prime English Joint Stock Banks Midland agrees notify you every change these conditions. Grain bills are payment bills and cannot be discounted but are rebatable, have Schmid explain fully. Moratorium might carry forward maturity such bills indefinitely as may be extended another thirty days and then again. Our safety would lie in inability importers to obtain grain without paying acceptances. Midland bank notified all branches to endeavor arrange confirmed credits and if successful will give them to us. Cable regulations now allow closing each telegram as follows test number 123 therefore use regular test numbers for cable payments to Midland Bank, while allowed changing to other method later if necessary. Your messages ten inclusive received. Telephoned Duane immediately. Cannot express my appreciation his cooperation, but sincerely regret necessity keeping him. Bankers Trust may be proud of him.

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August 25: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London.

Message eleven: Refer your message five, Morgan, City Bank, ourselves and others discussing City Warrant arrangement, suggest conferring with Grenfell. Bankers Committee desire report disbursements of gold fund and from what date disbursements were made. Think all items should be sent forward promptly for collection.

August 25: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent, Waldorf Hotel, London.

Message Twelve: Columbia Trust Company have received cablegram from Provincial Bank stating American Consul London claims Tennessee funds destitute Americans only, Columbia Trust instructing Provincial communicate with you as Bankers shipment was for all responsible American credits. Please cable answer.

August 26: Cablegram from Fred Kent.

Message six. London Bankers have been paying American credits presented here without using gold fund London Committee feel they can safely release two hundred thousands pounds for distribution among London correspondents of American contributors. If you agree cable with whom deposits must be made and for whose account.

August 25: Cablegram from Fred Kent.

Message seven. Confidential. London bankers preferred pay credits rather than take gold knowing it was here. Couldn't get them operate as you outlined because pride and profit. Now they should be reimbursed to make gold work and held exchange, explaining fully Saturday's mail. We can use First National share and any other obtainable, everything working smoothly.

August 25: Cablegram from Fred Kent.

Message eight. Provincial bank misinformed, seeing them personally consider matter in order.

August 26: Cablegram to Fred I. Kent.

Message thirteen. Your message six seven received. Cannot answer your message six until we receive from you answer our message eleven. New York Committee desire avoid criticism gold shipment being used for exchange purpose by distribution among original contributors and subsequent contributors as shipment intended for all responsible American travelers' credits and cheques. Committee also want full detailed information regarding manner and procedure of disbursements made by London Committee and how advances arranged prior arrival gold are being covered, also are vouchers surrendered to London Committee against payments from Gold Fund and sent here or being held by London Committee to be forwarded later. Cannot understand if plans as outlined in previous cable were followed how you can have amount mentioned still available. Please mail for benefit committee itemized statement of all disbursements and cable brief summary. Rush. Personal: Tell Bank Athens have remitted balance their account check London. Cable amount our balance Midland Bank.

August 27: Cablegram to Mr. Kent.

Message fourteen. Cable us rates you are quoting London banks for documentary credits opened with us. You understand London City Midland charge us one eighth per cent. on our sight credits. Do you believe it advisable issue Sterling credits on London to American importers, available against sight and time drafts. Understand London banks refusing drafts under Commercial Credits bearing endorsements German banks in South America. Sterling, exchange more freely offered today.

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August 28: Cablegram to Mr. Kent.

Message fifteen. Just heard Mrs. Kent not well, please cable fully.

August 28: Cablegram to Mr. Kent.

Message sixteen. Our message fifteen sent from information given me by Mrs. Grace who saw Mrs. Kent in London. Is Mrs. Kent returning Olympic, arranging to meet steamer on arrival. Rush answer.

August 28: Cablegram from Mr. Kent.

Message ten. total deposits and guarantees to date in respect of continental Europe eighty five thousand pounds. Original plan outlined by you not considered practicable for London. Except on Bank Holidays and the fact that in some institutions credits have been cashed for limited amounts, bankers here have never ceased paying travelers' drafts in usual way leaving question of reimbursement till later. To meet this situation and to avoid gold lying idle our suggestion is to distribute on account disbursements already made say two hundred thousands pounds London correspondents of American contributors distribution being pro rate to amounts subscribed your side. There is no question of utilizing shipment for exchange purposes as sum payable to each correspondent wont equal his disbursements total of which far exceeds whole Tennessee shipment. If you approve, advise specific sterling amount to be paid each correspondent for account each contributor. Expect unused balance of shipment certainly more than sufficient take care remaining needs continent. Will propose further distribution account London disbursements when position clearer. Complete documents for continental disbursements cannot be received for some weeks, first batch from Switzerland just arrived. London bankers will not deliver documents or vouchers to London Committee but will continue dispose of them according to usual practice. Confidential; Personal opinion plan and other order procedure would help financial and exchange situation if simpler methods prove impossible. First, official notice Government to banks that Regional banks wont be organized until July nineteen fifteen, this would release gold accumulated by banks; Second, gold bond issue by Government for amount necessary make available one hundred fifty million gold; Third, syndicate formed finance city warrants and short term notes maturing London this year; Fourth, Government deposit gold with syndicate bankers as needed; Fifth, syndicate banks deposit gold Ottawa account Bank England; Sixth, Bank England hold disposal syndicates London correspondents for retiring maturities; Seventh, definite announcement whole plan agreed upon; Eighth, deposits Ottawa only made as maturities require; Ninth, English investors after such evidence American determination to protect obligations may prefer take new issues from Syndicate to large extent as American investments would seem safest thing in market; Tenth, readjustment whole foreign market might be immediate and exports and imports begin to wash themselves naturally; Eleventh, market might result Bank England releasing Ottawa deposits in large part even if all had to be made. Midland balance sixty thousand pounds. Telephoned Mrs. Waller here and well.

August 29: Cablegram from London.

Message 11: Yours sixteen. Mrs. Kent sailed Olympic, well. Appreciate your thoughtfulness. Midland will pay us one eighth sight credits against their dollar balance. Won't open time credits. Midland will accept our Commercial Credits issue when desirable. Better not have credits negotiated with German banks South America. Think great chance you get South American business.

August 29: Cablegram to Mr. Kent.

Message 17. Mrs. Kent, Warner arrived safe - all well. Your messages ten eleven received, having Committee's attention and will cable early next week.

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Your letter sent by Mrs. Kent received. Will have full attention. Foreign department has already issued dollar and sterling credits on ourselves favor South American firms, cabling London tonight Sterling Credit with them. We are proceeding very cautiously owing conditions South America. Don't worry, we are on job here.

August 31: Message eighteen. New Orleans offering ninetiew on Kleinwort and Huth drawn under confirmed credits against cotton are drawees mentioned discountable. Stop. For your information Gerard Berlin cables balances with Gwinner about fifteen hundred thousand. Stop. Will cable tomorrow particulars two hundred thousand distribution. Stop. London statements received but no letter explaining charges. Awaiting full particulars from you by mail. Stop. Hearing number complaints regarding encashment our cheques Italy Switzerland Presume matter now in order.

Sept. 1 Cablegram from London.

Message twelve: Hugo Smith reports one hundred thousand dollars Association cheques paid since August first: Gibson there now. During mobilization and first days panic no credits cashed some continental countries except miscellaneous places, some taking our cheques, some others. Satisfied Association and American Express cheques gave good general service but both refused temporarily many places, sometimes ours being cashed, theirs not, and vice versa. Association cheques being cashed to my knowledge Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Holland, all Scandinavia, writing fully enclosing circular for distribution. Houses mentioned your message eighteen not discountable as only Joint Stock Clearing Banks accepted. Don't take first name anyway.

Sept. 1: Cablegram to London.

Message Nineteen. Consult J. V. Drake and Company, ten Mincing Lane, London, and ascertain manner in which reimbursement is going to be made covering their sugar purchased through George H. Finlay, New York, there may be possibility our getting share this business. They have contracted for about four million dollars sugar shipments January March inclusive from Cuba on behalf British Government. Drake's transactions heretofore handled through Muller, Schall, account foreign agency banks in London, at one sixteenth commission, which believe much too low for us. Finlay also cabling Drake consult you. Write us fully after consulting Drake.

Sept. 1: Cablegram to London.

Message twenty: Refer your message six, making following payments account two hundred thousand pound gold shipment distribution. Pay Farmers Loan London, fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence, account New York office: Pay Union of London fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence, account National Bank Commerce, New York: Pay Morgan, Grenfell, London fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings and six pence, account Morgan, New York: Pay American Express London fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence, account New York office: Pay Guaranty Trust London, fifteen thousand sixty eight pounds nine shillings six pence, account New York office: Pay Brown, Shipley, London fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence, account Brown Brothers, New York: Pay Baring Brothers, London, fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds, nine shillings six pence, account Kidder, Peabody, New York. Pay London City Midland Bank fifteen thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence, account National City Bank, New York: Pay London City Midland Bank fifteen

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thousand sixtyeight pounds nine shillings six pence account Bankers Trust, New York; Pay London City Midland Bank, eight thousand four hundred seventyone pounds fifteen shillings three pence, account First National Chicago; Pay Union of London one thousand four hundred eleven pounds, nineteen shillings three pence, account First National, Boston; Pay London City Midland Bank six thousand six hundred sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, four pence, account Corn Exchange New York; Pay International Banking Corporation, London, one thousand six hundred sixtysix pounds thirteen shillings four pence, account New York office: Pay London City Midland Bank, five thousand pounds account Kountze Brothers, New York: Pay London City Midland Bank, three thousand three hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence, account Hanover National New York: Pay Credit Lyonnais, London, eight hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence, account Hallgarten: Pay Glyn Mills Currie three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence account United States Mortgage Trust, New York: Pay National Provincial, London, eight hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence, account Columbia Trust, New York: Pay London Joint Stock, three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Chemical National, New York: Pay Equitable Trust, London, three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account New York office: Pay Bank of Scotland, London, three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Continental Commercial; Pay Chicago: Pay Lloyds Bank, London, eight hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Chase National, New York: Pay London City Midland Bank three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Fourth Street National, Philadelphia: Pay Parrs Bank London, three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Knauth, Nachod, Kuhne, New York: Pay Bank of Scotland, London, three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Northern Trust, Chicago: Pay Union of London one thousand six hundred sixtysix pounds thirteen shillings four pence, account Citizens Savings and Trust, Cleveland: Pay Union of London five thousand pounds account Merchants Loan, Chicago: Pay Brown, Shipley, London, one thousand one hundred sixtysix pounds thirteen shillings, four pence, account Alexander Brown, Baltimore: Pay Union of London eight hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account Irving National, New York. Pay Commercial Bank of Scotland, London, three thousand three hundred thirtythree pounds six shillings eight pence, account American Exchange National, New York. Test word Baker. This makes total two hundred thousand pounds. Have payments made promptly and cable us when effected. Important as banks here have already disposed part their allotment.

Sept. 2: Cablegram to London.

Message twenty: Confidential, replying your message ten, if syndicate formed to finance eightytwo million maturing city warrants, shipping gold when necessary, do you believe London discount market would broaden. Limiting discount market bills clearing banks only working hardship American exporters. Davison believes meeting city warrants would broaden London discount market which would help materially re-establishing proper basis of exchange. Personally believe gold furnished this year should be subject to return later when exchange rates warrant, but most important we should pay our debts at maturity. Cable fully your opinion. George Burton Adams writes under date August eleventh unable to get money on our cheques in Rome - very indignant - please communicate with him through Brown Shipley.

Sept. 3: Cablegram to London.

Message twentytwo: Our message reading "Message twenty, confidential, replying message ten" should have been numbered message twentyone instead of twenty. Excuse error.

Sept. 3: Cablegram from London.

Message thirteen, yours twenty payments made today, your message twentyone, appointments tomorrow Sir Edward Grey Christopher Nugent and Holdon, will answer afterwards. Writing Adams payment resumed Association cheques Italy August fourteen instructions having been delayed in order since. Called Drake today. Ask Mrs. Kent if my sister recovering from operation.

Sept. 4: Cablegram to London:

Message twentythree: Mrs. Kent reports sister getting along nicely. Letter received, party's name is Mrs. Vandever Quick, not Mrs. Vandever, party writes clients here funds not yet received. Do needful and advise us further.

Sept. 5: Cablegram from London.

Message fourteen, strictly confidential: Morgan, Vanderlip, Schiff asking our Government through Government here to request Bank England advance money here against deposit one third gold two thirds National Bank Note in Ottawa. Advance against notes to represent loan five per cent. until redeemed in gold, total amount hundred fifty million dollars. This would help exchange situation exactly as my message ten but wouldn't provide Syndicate with funds to make deposit and so lift burden refunding from bankers. Expense would be greater as cash would be deposited and interest paid also. If Government deposited gold with syndicate bankers against refunding securities as collateral and if financial public knew gold deposited by bankers in Ottawa would not be demanded from bankers by Government until securities placed, no disturbance would occur but market would be relieved through knowledge vast amount securities indirectly refunded by Government. Bank reserves should be figured without government deposits as agreement not to call would represent time deposits with special collateral. Believe Embassy here willing urge my plan in Washington if you desire as they fully approve. Explained my plan to Holden who approved. Your message twenty four discount market would not be broadened because of this operation but am trying to and believe can arrange discount all names we ought to take. Danger buying acceptance houses bills would not be lessened even if discountable. Would make exchange now but might result losses at maturities. Tell Miss Barnes pay Kidders insurance.

Sept. 5: Cablegram to London.

Message 24. Will answer message fourteen Tuesday. Midland Bank cabling they credit us 10,000 per Capital Counties, request them cable fuller particulars immediately, also neglected number their message.

Sept. 5: Cablegram to London.

Message 25. Credit Lyonnais, Madrid, cables American Bankers Association place pounds their disposition London to pay for Travelers' Cheques. Have cabled them draw on Midland Bank in reimbursement. Please request their London office to cable Madrid also confirming our instructions.

Sept. 7: Cablegram from London.

Message fifteen. Birge, Forbes should be best possible business as can draw Parris Bank which discountable and safe for very large line, writing. Union Discount offer four per cent. our nineties delivered here Thursday fifty or hundred thousand if Midland willing accept do you want funds. Balance fortyeight thousand plus ten I deposited today against sale two hundred thousand cable marks Smith bank rate twenty flat. Can discount Bank Liverpool fifty thousand Eccles, Muir Duckworth, Fine Spinners and others, writing. Capital Counties d deposit was account Banque Suisse Francaise, Paris. Your message twentyfive has attention. Found Mrs. Quick.

Sept. 8: Cablegram to London.

Message twentysix: Replying your message fourteen, very confidential: Good progress for handling City obligations regular way without recourse plan you outline. Plans also forming for large gold syndicate to meet whole situation. Will cable payiculars soon. Your letter fifteenth greatly appreciated, will answer in detail few days. Smith arranging with Sparger purchase large block of exchange on consignment prime English clearing banks and approved names and will cooperate with you securing discounts. Will require balance of our Marks for International's credit shipments coming forward from neutral countries. Noted your sale to Union of London and have sold sterling today at good rate. Smith writing you fully all matters.

Sept. 9: Cablegram to London.

Message twentyseven: Regarding nineties our position here strong, carrying surplus reserve. Time money about eight percent. but considerable uncertainty in getting payment at maturity as loans are not being called. Also means increasing our future contracts. Possibility our being interested, if so shall cable few days. Include amount our London balance your next cablegram, telegraphed Birge, Forbes, Parrs Bank reimbursement satisfactory, necessary you cable us approved names acceptable for discount as exchange working more freely and some cotton bills being offered. Is Banca Commerciale Italiana discountable.

Sept. 10: Cablegram from London.

Message sisteen, can discount all clearing banks, Baring Bros., William Brandt, London Liverpool Bank Commerce, Huth, Kleinwort, Konig, Rothschild, Bank Liverpool, Manchester County, Manchester District and Union Manchester, also Lancashire Yorkshire. Nugents Liverpool man arrived today, says take no acceptances cotton houses at present. Writing fully. No London foreign banks discountable. Balance twentyfive thousand, Holden gladly accept nineties. Maybe can sell four hundred thousand marks for sterling at twenty if you can spare. Telegraph Illinois Trust Mrs. Anna M. Johnson paralyzed, depositor here wants four hundred dollars, shall we pay.

Sept. 11: Cablegram to London.

Message twentyeight, answering message sixteen hesitate drawing nineties account future short liabilities and until we know definitely regarding gold syndicate prefer waiting. September first cabled Hugo Smith to transfer five hundred thousand to discount bank. This sufficient to cover September shipments account International Agricultural Corporation. Require hundred fifty thousand for small payments but impossible estimate Travelers' Cheques requirements although believe heavy. Obtain balance from Smith and after making all deductions and allowances sell two hundred thousand if you believe can be spared and provided sterling still firm. Will sell sterling here only after hearing from you. Exchange here holding firm, city financing completed. Pay Mrs. Johnson seventynine pounds four shillings debiting our account Midland Bank. Cable us advisability our selling October November cables. Understand Bowring sold their exchange at four ninety, monthly deliveries September February. Request Bank Athens London cable instructions regarding their letter September second, their account closed. Your letters received, writing you fully few days, kindest regards.

Sept. 14: Cablegram from London.

Message seventeen: Your twentyeight, no market here October November unable advise. Return Bank Athens draft. Think we can sell some City Warrants here if in order on receipt particulars. Balance twenty-nine thousand.

- Sept. 14: Cablegram to London.
Message twenty-nine: L. Lahargone cannot cash Travelers' Cheques Bilbao, Spain, is in desperate straits, requires funds sufficient for passage homeward, his address is Amistad, five three A Derecha. Kindly arrange immediately for protection of cheques at Bilbao and cable us when in order. Arranged with Lasky Feature Play Company have funds deposited Midland Bank for our credit similar Huronian Company. Communicate with their representative Sidney M. Baber, 84 Charing Road.
- Sept. 15: Cablegram to London.
Message thirty, refer your message seventeen Morgan, Grenfell considering handling city warrants in London, suggest you consult them. Midland Bank Cables no advice Ellen French Letter Credit, this arranged by you, instruct them.
- Sept. 16: Cablegram from London.
Message eighteen, believe important that warrants for English market be drawn in Sterling and would benefit city and syndicate. Whigham cabling Morgan today. Balance eighteen thousand interest four per cent. can discount hundred thousand nineties three one quarter with commission three three quarters. French Letter Credit in order, Midland's error.
- Sept. 16: Cablegram to London.
Message thirtyone. Impossible draw warrants in Sterling, Whigham fully advised. Can purchase cable Lire here about 5.35, believe advisable we remit cable Lire Italy and have Italiana London release unused sterling balance. Cable us your opinion amount required. Regarding nineties, prefer using this method as cover for our futures if necessary, Smith writing fully next mail, exchange here fairly steady, cables about 4.98.
- Sept. 17: Cablegram from London.
Message eighteen: Your thirty one, saw Whigham believe millions sterling bills could be sold here but none in dollars worthy consideration. Interests city syndicate and general exchange market demand issue sterling bills even if amendatory agreement necessary with city. Lire here twenty seven, impossible operate your figure profitably, writing.
- Sept. 18: Cablegram to London.
Message 32. Received numerous complaints regarding Swiss Banks cashing Association cheques heavy discount, request Creditanstalt and Bankverein Zurich notify their branches and correspondents pay Association cheques face value. Received two messages numbered eighteen. You evidently misconstrued meaning our message thirtyone regarding Lire, writing. Hope wires Direction cables credit balance 139,000 sell you one million marks 9550 end message. Mark cables here about 9550 95625 telegraph immediately if profitable sell marks in London. Instructing Hope request Direction renew offer immediately subject prompt reply. Can you reach Salomonsohn and Smith without much delay or shall we handle cables from here in event transaction consummated.
- Sept. 19: Cablegram from London.
Message nineteen: Your thirtytwo, Switzerland now in order, refund difference asked not exceeding one percent. keeping records writing. Marks unsalable here. Gibson returning due Monday if require marks his arrival will advise. Can telegraph Smith little delay.
- Sept. 19: Cablegram to London.
Message 33: Possibility our cabling you Monday regarding nineties. Cable immediately spot discount rate, presume you and Duane can draw them wherever necessary. Gold pool hundred million approved, will endeavor cable more fully Monday.

- Sept. 19: Cable Letter to London.
Have completed plan for hundred million gold fund Washington fully approves, reserve board makes call reserve city banks. Believe banks will respond and exchange available early October or sooner. Special Clearing House committee New York will manage, cable your views handling London and New York accounts and other suggestions. Probably ask you make London arrangements then come New York assist here, can you do it without injury your London work. Advise Holden.
- Sept. 21: Cablegram from London.
Message twenty: Your message thirtythree discount nineties three one eighth percent. delivery here Tuesday or Wednesday by us. Your unnumbered message twentieth if given full power can arrange matters here easily. Should endeavor obtain better rate from Bank England for deposit as consider present rate too low but could do nothing without positive and unhampered authority. Could then return New York as suggested, coming back London later if necessary
- Sept. 21: Cablegram from London.
Message twentyone: London Committee recommends distribution further two hundred thousand pounds, instruct. Tell Heidelbach Ickelheimer papers delivered Hambro, tell Commerce have following items unpaid drafts numbers 54649 54652 54651 54650 3829 3695 4152 instruct. Collect cable charges.
- Sept. 22: Cablegram to London.
Message 35, consider cable letter as 34. Draw 75000 pounds nineties and discount at three and one eighth percent. or better. This will cover 50000 cable needed October fifth for short contracts, Prefer drawing now than risk higher discounts later. Advise Banca Commerciale, London, crediting their dollar account 25000 from Farmers Loan.
- Sept. 22: Cablegram from London.
Message twentytwo: Banca Commerciale opening account three one half percent. Midland Balance two thousand.
- Sept. 23: Cablegram to London.
Message 36. Refer your message 21, make following payments account 200,000 pounds gold fund distribution. Pay the following 14450 pounds each Midland Bank account Bankers Trust, Farmers Loan Trust account New York office, Union of London account National Bank Commerce, Morgan, Grenfell account J. P. Morgan Company, American Express account New York office, Guaranty Trust account New York office; Brown Shipley account Brown Brothers, Baring Brothers account Kidder Peabody, Midland Bank account National City Bank. Pay the following 3,333 pounds six shillings eight pence each: Midland Bank account Hanover National, Glyn Mills Currie account United States Mortgage Trust, London Joint Stock account Chemical National, Equitable Trust account New York office, Bank of Scotland account Continental Commercial, Chicago, Midland Bank account Fourth Street National, Philadelphia, Parris Bank account Knauth, Nachod Kuhne, Bank of Scotland account Northern Trust, Chicago, Commercial Bank of Scotland, account American Exchange National.

Pay following 833 pounds six shillings eight pence each: Credit Lyonnais London, account Hallgarten, National Provincial Bank account Columbia Trust, Lloyds Bank account Chase National, Union of London account Irving National. Pay International Banking Corporation 1666 pounds thirteen shillings four pence account New York office, pay Brown Shipley 1166 pounds thirteen shillings four pence account Alexander Brown Baltimore. Pay Midland Bank 6666 pounds thirteen shillings four pence account Corn Exchange Bank. Pay Midland Bank 5000 pounds account Kountze Brothers, Pay Union of London 5000 pounds account Merchants Loan Trust Chicago. Pay Midland Bank 2666 pounds thirteen shillings four pence account Bankers Trust, this makes total 185550 pounds, shall cable tomorrow instructions regarding balance 14,450 pounds make payments promptly and cable when effected.

Sept. 23: Cablegram to London:

Message thirtyseven: Telegraph Smith pay Matilda M. Satterfield 36 Holbeinplatz, Frankfurt a/M. 5000 marks, she is an American citizen in great distress, please urge her return to States with her family immediately. Telegraph amount, rate and maturity of nineties drawn by you.

Sept. 24: Cablegram from London.

Message twentythree: Tell Commerce documents here. Fully approve your letter eleventh. Writing detailed ideas Saturday's steamer if needed before will cable. Discounted bills three percent.

Sept. 24: Cablegram to London.

Message thirtyeight, refer our message thirtysix, pay British Linen Bank twentyeight hundred twentythree pounds eighteen and five account Blair and Company, pay Midland Bank eight thousand four hundred seventyone pounds fifteen and three account First National Chicago, pay Union of London fourteen hundred eleven pounds nineteen and three account First National Boston, pay Midland Bank seventeen hundred fortytwo pounds seven and one account Bankers Trust. This makes total fourteen thousand four hundred fifty pounds and grand total of two hundred thousand pounds, cable when payments effected.

Sept. 24: Cablegram to London.

Message 39: Our message 37 held up British censor, communicating with State Department, cable when received. Director Hotel Excelsior Rome writes Italian banks refuse reimburse them for Association cheques cashed, please do needful.

Sept. 24: Cablegram to London.

Message 40: Eighty million subscribed, believe balance gold fund will come. Possibility Vanderlip and I go London next week representing American bankers in negotiations regarding American credits and handling fund. Believe important you remain meantime. Use your own judgment about Duanes returning.

Sept. 25: Cablegram from London:

Message twenty-four, yours thirty-six, payments made except to Credit Lyonnais account Columbia, which was refused, should this not be National Provincial. Balance fiftyeight thousand, message thirtyseven undelivered.