

RESERVE BANKS MAY EXTEND FUNDS TO WAR FINANCIERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Federal Reserve Board today practically threw open the vaults of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks of the United States to the financiers of the European war, giving permission for the use of the funds of these semi-governmental banking institutions in purchasing munitions of war for belligerent nations. The permission is given in the second annual report of the Federal Reserve Board made to the Speaker of the House of Representatives at noon today.

In view of the terms of the Federal Reserve Act, however, the Board warns the banks that foreign financing must be performed in round-about manner, the Federal Reserve Banks making no direct pure chases of obligations of foreign governments. On this point the Board says:

"The Board has received many inquiries with reference to its attitude toward foreign borrowing in the United States and its policy with reference to the obligations of foreign governments. The Board has reached the conclusion, supported by competent legal advice, that the purpose for which goods are sold or exported, or the use to which such goods are ultimately put does not fall within its province or jurisdiction. If the transactions which have given rise to such sales or shipments are of a true commercial nature, if the basis upon which they rest is such as to comply with the requirements of the Federal Reserve Act, and if the maturity of the loan falls within the limitations of the law, then the paper growing out of them, no matter by whom or for what drawn, may at will be discounted by Federal Reserve Banks and must be regarded as falling within the legitimate sphere of their operations. The Board believes that the financing of the country's export trade is at the present time one of the most important financial problems with which the nation has to deal; and it is of the opinion that Federal Reserve Banks cannot, even if they would, avoid the responsibility of assisting in this process of financing what legitimately and properly devolves upon them."

While not authorizing the Federal Reserve Banks to buy directly the bonds of foreign governments, this appears to give them authority to lend money on bills, notes, drafts and similar commercial paper growing out of war order transactions and other foreign financing. Labor interests in this country alleged to be pro-German last summer communicated to the Board the threat that if the banks were per-

mitted to engage in this sort of financing, steps, not directly in the pathway of recognized legal procedure, would be taken to preserve the neutrality of the nation.

NO PRICE PLACED BY UTILITY BOARD

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 14.—The Indiana Public Utilities commission had no Valentine for the City of Richmond today in the way of an order setting forth the total purchase valuation of the electric plant of the Richmond Light, Heat & Power company. Not enough members of the commission were present today to determine the purchase price. This matter will be disposed of tomorrow, Chairman Duncan said. If the commission accepts the appraisement of its engineers for additions to the plant since last June the total purchase price will be \$212,891.

ENDORSES FILM BIRTH OF NATION

W. A. Rinehart of Boston, has submitted the following:

Editor Palladium—
I see in tonight's Palladium several endorsements on the picture, "Birth of a Nation." It was my good fortune to see this production at the Illinois theatre in Chicago in the latter part of July, 1915, and consider it one of the greatest educational and historical pictures I have ever seen; and it is a picture that the people of Richmond need to see at the present time more than anything else. I wish to add my little mite toward seeing that the people see it.

Yours truly,
W. A. RINEHART,
General Yard Master C. & O. Ry. Co.

PETER GEIER

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ber of St. Joseph's Benevolent society of St. Andrews' church.

Mr. Geier was one of the most active members of the South Side Improvement association, and took an interest in all questions of civic government, especially as related to the south side.

Death was due to heart failure, according to Coroner Morrow and the two physicians who were called. Before the physicians had arrived after being summoned by Mr. Feltman, the man had died. Never regaining consciousness after he was found by Mr. Feltman. He had always enjoyed good health, his family says, and had never been under a doctor's care.

Horse Attracts Notice.

One man saw Mr. Geier fall, although it is presumed from the position he was in when found by Mr. Feltman, that he had been the victim of a sudden attack of heart failure, and as he fell to the bottom of the wagon he struck the reins, starting the horse. The horse had walked over a square before being stopped by Mr. Feltman. When found, one of his legs was hanging over the dashboard. He was carried into the home of Mrs. Christina Ahaus, 738 South Seventh street.

He is survived by his son, Howard Geier; one daughter, Mrs. Martha Geier Torbeck; two brothers; Frank Geier of Fort Wayne, and John Geier of Saginaw, Mich. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Andrew's church. Burial will be in St. Andrew's cemetery. Father Roell will have charge of the services. Friends may call at the home, 619 South Ninth street, at any time.

The congregation of the Third M. E. church will attend the services to-night in a body and Tuesday night will be known as "Students" night when special invitation is given high school pupils.

Following is Tuesday's list of prayer meetings:

Mrs. Emma Evans, 516 North Ninth street; Mrs. Frank Neal, 257 Richmond avenue; Mrs. C. C. Talcott, 510 Pearl street; Mrs. L. E. Laning, 223 North Seventh street; Mrs. Childs Holmes, 1109 Cross Hall; Mrs. D. B. Owens, 330 South Eleventh street and Mrs. Clara Dilks, South Sixteenth and E streets.

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By Applying Q-Ban—No Dye or Sticky Mess—Harmless.

If you care for evenly dark, radiant, lustrous, fluffy, soft hair that fascinates and makes you look young, if your hair is thin, gray, streaked with gray or faded, just a few applications of Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer to hair and scalp will give you nice, heavy, healthy hair, and darker ever; gray hair and entire head of hair so evenly that no one can tell you have applied Q-Ban. This is a harmless, ready-to-use hair color restorer. No dye or sticky mess, but delightful to use, as it eases the scalp at once—dandruff, and changes all thin gray hair to an even, beautiful dark shade by making hair and scalp healthy. Sold on a money-back guarantee. Ask for Q-Ban Hair Restorer. Only 50c for a big 7-oz. bottle at Fife's Drug Store, Richmond, Ind. Out-of-town folks supplied by mail.

Scott's is pleasant to take.

Scott & Bowe, Bloomfield, N.J.

15-30

MUSICIANS' AND THEATRICAL PROTECTIVE UNION ENDORSE FILM "THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

The following has been submitted:

We the undersigned, Executive Officers of the Richmond Musicians' Protective Association, Local A. F. of M. No. 388, and, the Richmond Theatrical Protective Union, Local No. 263, I. A. T. S. E. desire to thank you for your offering of "The Birth of a Nation" to the citizens of this community.

Furthermore, the citizens themselves have The Palladium to thank for the offering of this stupendous production since it is extremely doubtful if it would ever have been exhibited in Richmond under any other circumstances.

Arrangements have been completed whereby each and every one of our friends are not only absolved from all responsibility regarding the patronage of the Gennett theatre during the engagement of this production but they are urgently requested to extend their undivided support to the project.

All the details of this mammoth production will be presented in their entirety. All the wonderful electrical effects as well as the magnificent orchestra will offer an unusual inducement to the public in general and without the usual interference of organized labor.

After the presentation of "The Birth of a Nation" until further notice it shall be clearly understood to our friends that the policy of the Gennett theatre is still inimical to the interests of organized labor and until a more definite settlement is reached it can be expected that we will exercise our prerogative in preventing other attractions from playing this theatre.

Richmond Musicians' Protective Ass'n.
OLIVER R. KING, President.
RUDOLPH M. WEISBROD, Secretary.
Richmond Theatrical Protective Union,
GEO. J. MUVE, President.
E. T. BASS, Secretary.

MINISTERS FAVOR CHURCH FEDERATION TO LEAD ACTIVITY

Sentiment favoring the organization of a federation of churches in the city was expressed at the meeting of the Ministerial association this morning.

The committee, Rev. J. J. Rae, Rev. L. E. Murray and S. E. Nicholson, appointed to take initial steps in the matter, reported sentiment among the ministers of the city as favoring the plan. Further and more complete action will be taken at a called meeting of the association Monday morning.

Ministers of the city, almost to a unit favor the plan and more concrete action is expected at next Monday's meeting.

Other business matters taken up at this morning's session was the discussion of and the decision to co-operate with the Y. M. C. A. in its effort to hold shop meetings. The association voted its co-operation in the plan. Discussion of a proposed plan whereby Bible Sunday will be observed was made and favored.

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