

### COMPTROLLER AVERS ASSETS OF NATIONAL BANKS HIGHEST EVER

Annual Statement Covering Condition of Institutions of Country Tells of 12 Per Cent Increase; Pay Dividends of Over 11 Per Cent.

(United Press Landed Wire.) Washington, Dec. 7.—The comptroller of the currency says in his annual report: The deposits in all the banks of the United States, except 4000 private banks, on June 7, 1911, amounted to \$15,906,274,710. Cash on hand in the banks was \$1,554,147,169. Resources, \$23,631,083,382. On June seventh the total savings bank deposits were \$5,445,724,306. There were 56 state and private bank failures during the year and three national banks went into the hands of receivers. The world's supply of cash on January 1, 1911, was over \$12,000,000,000, or \$11.95 per capita. On June seventh the assets of the national banks totalled \$10,383,088,694, the highest ever reached. The national banks increased their business over 12 per cent and paid dividends of over 11 per cent on capital stock.

### PRESIDENT TAFT FAVORS NATIONAL COMMERCE BODY

(Continued from Page One.) ratification of the conventions of Nicaragua and Honduras, the president says: There rests with the United States the heavy responsibility of the fact that their rejection might consign the republics to still deeper submergence

in bankruptcy, revolution and national jeopardy." Party Not Considered. Maintenance of peace and order in Panama, without manifesting preference for success of either political party, is this country's concern, the president says. "An attitude of strict impartiality" is maintained by this country with regard to the Chinese rebellion, the president asserts. He says American interests in China are being safeguarded in strict accord with views of other powers.

The message recites two large loans placed by American capital in China for railroads and importance of China as a field for commercial conquest, on an equal footing with other powers maintaining Chinese integrity. "In the war which unhappily exists between Italy and Turkey," President Taft says, "this government has no direct political interests. At the same time all necessary steps have been taken to safeguard the personal interests of Americans."

Urolo Sam Not Concerned. The only reference to differences between Russia and Persia, over retention by Persia of W. Morgan Shuster as treasurer, is made by the president as follows: "Persia has been the scene of a long internal struggle. These conditions have been the cause of uneasiness in European diplomacy, but thus far without direct political concern in the United States."

Pleasure is expressed by the president over conclusion of a new treaty with Japan. He says Admiral Togo's visit "afforded a welcome opportunity to demonstrate the friendly feeling so happily existing between the two countries."

The president says he is convinced an American merchant marine should be built up speedily, declaring all other great nations pay heavy subsidies, and that this country should not lag behind in this respect.

International Game Law. Feasibility of an international game law is suggested, in expressing gratification over conservation of seals by action of the North Pacific sealing convention held last July.

President Taft also urges congress to pass laws regulating traffic in opium and other narcotics. For improvement of the consular service, legislation is asked to incor-

ate regulations now partially providing civil service. A generous scale of salaries and establishments is also suggested. Gain in American exports of \$300,000,000 to a total of \$2,000,000,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30 last also is reported by the president, declaring few arbitrary tariff discriminations exist in this country.

### RALPH BUDD MAY REMAIN IN OREGON

Oregon Trunk Chief Engineer Decides Not to Resign His Position.

It is stated today on good authority that Ralph Budd, who left for New York Tuesday evening to confer with John F. Stevens in regard to a position offered him by the former president of the Hill lines in Oregon, will not resign, but will remain as chief

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engineer of the S. P. & S. and the Oregon Trunk lines. President Carl R. Gray of the Hill properties in Oregon is out of the city today, having gone on a tour of inspection of the Oregon Electric, but it is understood that Mr. Gray has heard from Mr. Budd since the latter's departure to the effect that Mr. Budd had concluded to remain in Oregon. Mr. Budd will probably continue his journey to New York to see Mr. Stevens, especially since before departing he announced his intention of stopping off at Des Moines, Iowa, to visited relatives. Mr. Budd's position with the Hill lines here is a most important one as new construction work will be taken

up from time to time in conformity with the development of the country and traffic. "Grandma" Rickard Dies, Aged 93. Junction, Or., Dec. 7.—Grandma Rickard, aged about 93 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Tracer, Tuesday night. Mrs. Rickard was one of the pioneers of Oregon. Her husband, Casper Rickard, died about six years ago. Pianos rented \$3 per month. All money paid as rent can apply on purchase price later if desired. KOHLER & CHASE, 375 Washington Street.



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