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## London Gold Market "Defaults" On Physical Deliveries!

### Asset Performance Versus 1 Ounce Of Gold

8 Weeks ended April 7, 2020

#### Asset 8 Weeks Performance To Gold

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| US Dollar Index            | -4.7%  |
| Japan Yen                  | -5.0%  |
| Switzerland Franc          | -5.1%  |
| Philippines Peso           | -5.4%  |
| Hong Kong Dollar           | -5.7%  |
| Denmark Krone              | -5.9%  |
| Taiwan Dollar              | -5.9%  |
| Euro                       | -6.0%  |
| China Yuan                 | -6.7%  |
| South Korea Won            | -8.0%  |
| Singapore Dollar           | -8.0%  |
| Shanghai Composite Index   | -8.1%  |
| Sweden Krona               | -9.5%  |
| Peru New Sol               | -9.7%  |
| Malaysia Ringgit           | -9.9%  |
| Israel Shekel              | -9.9%  |
| Thailand Baht              | -9.9%  |
| Great Britain Pound        | -10.1% |
| Canada Dollar              | -10.4% |
| India Rupee                | -11.3% |
| Argentina Peso             | -11.6% |
| New Zealand Dollar         | -11.9% |
| Chile Peso                 | -13.0% |
| Australia Dollar           | -13.1% |
| Colombia Peso              | -16.6% |
| Russia Ruble               | -20.2% |
| Indonesia Rupiah           | -20.3% |
| Brazil Real                | -22.1% |
| NASDAQ                     | -22.9% |
| South Africa Rand          | -23.0% |
| Tokyo Nikkei 225           | -24.7% |
| Standard & Poors 500       | -25.3% |
| Dow Jones World (ex-US)    | -26.3% |
| Dow Jones Industrial Avg   | -27.1% |
| Mexico Peso                | -27.7% |
| Frankfurt Xetra DAX        | -27.7% |
| London FT 100              | -27.9% |
| Australia S&P/ASX 200      | -29.5% |
| Russell 2000               | -35.7% |
| Sao Paulo Bovespa          | -36.1% |
| US Treasury 10 Yr Int Rate | -52.8% |

### 2020 Year To Date Results

Through April 7, 2020

#### Precious Metals

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Palladium | +9.7%  |
| Gold      | +9.6%  |
| Silver    | -13.5% |
| Platinum  | -23.4% |

#### Numismatics

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| US MS-63 \$20 Liberty            | +22.1% |
| US MS-63 \$20 St Gaudens         | +20.5% |
| US MS-65 Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921 | -6.4%  |

#### US Dollar vs Foreign Currencies

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| South Africa Rand   | +30.9% |
| Brazil Real         | +30.1% |
| Mexico Peso         | +28.5% |
| Russia Ruble        | +22.1% |
| Colombia Peso       | +18.8% |
| Indonesia Rupiah    | +16.3% |
| Chile Peso          | +14.0% |
| Australia Dollar    | +13.7% |
| New Zealand Dollar  | +12.4% |
| Thailand Baht       | +10.2% |
| Argentina Peso      | +8.4%  |
| Canada Dollar       | +7.6%  |
| Great Britain Pound | +7.5%  |
| Sweden Krona        | +7.4%  |
| India Rupee         | +6.1%  |
| Malaysia Ringgit    | +6.0%  |
| Peru New Sol        | +5.8%  |
| Singapore Dollar    | +5.6%  |
| South Korea Won     | +5.2%  |
| Israel Shekel       | +3.5%  |
| Euro                | +3.0%  |
| Denmark Krone       | +2.9%  |
| China Yuan          | +1.3%  |
| Taiwan Dollar       | +0.6%  |
| Switzerland Franc   | +0.2%  |

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Japan Yen         | +0.1%        |
| Philippines Peso  | -0.3%        |
| Hong Kong Dollar  | -0.5%        |
| U.S. Dollar Index | 99.89 +3.52% |

#### US And World Stock Market Indices

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Shanghai Composite                     | -7.5%         |
| NASDAQ                                 | -12.1%        |
| Standard & Poors 500                   | -17.7%        |
| Tokyo Nikkei 225                       | -19.9%        |
| Australia S&P/ASX 200                  | -21.4%        |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average           | -20.6%        |
| Frankfurt Xetra DAX                    | -21.8%        |
| Dow Jones World (excluding US)         | -22.8%        |
| London FT 100                          | -24.4%        |
| Russell 2000                           | -31.7%        |
| Sao Paulo Bovespa                      | -34.0%        |
| 10 Year US Treasury Note interest rate | 0.75% -60.94% |

#### Energy and Other Metals

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Tin                    | -11.3% |
| Cobalt                 | -7.8%  |
| Lead                   | -12.0% |
| Copper                 | -17.7% |
| Aluminum               | -19.1% |
| Natural Gas, Henry Hub | -13.5% |
| Nickel                 | -18.9% |
| Zinc                   | -15.7% |
| Molybdenum             | -32.4% |
| Crude Oil, Brent       | -51.2% |

#### Metal Content Value Of U.S. Coins

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Lincoln cent, 1959-1982        | 1.53¢ |
| Lincoln cent, 1982-date        | 0.50¢ |
| Jefferson nickel, non-silver   | 3.32¢ |
| Roosevelt dime, 1965-date      | 1.51¢ |
| Washington quarter, 1965-date  | 3.76¢ |
| Kennedy half dollar, 1971-date | 7.53¢ |

coins and ingots as a form of 'wealth insurance,' you may not have much more time to do so."

Those are some of the most prophetic words ever to appear in more than 25 years of issues of *Liberty's Outlook*.

As those words were being typed late on March 11, Asian markets were already open and trading for March 12. From the New York COMEX close on March 11 to its close just 24 hours later, the spot price of gold dropped 3.2%, silver was down 4.7%, and platinum plummeted 9.9%!

As Liberty Coin Service opened for busi-

ness on March 12, we experienced heavy traffic in our showroom and the telephones were ringing off the hook. We had our highest sales volume day in several years (only to be topped by sales the following Monday).

Almost no one was selling. Nearly everyone wanted to purchase bullion-priced gold and silver (and we also sold the largest quantity of platinum in one day than we have sold in any day for many years). Usually when we are talking with customers, they have questions they would like answered first before conducting their transac-

The very first sentence of last month's issue read, "If you have not yet acquired bullion-priced physical gold and silver

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tion. Not on March 12 (or for the following days through March 23). They wanted to buy as quickly as possible.

Such strong demand quickly depleted most of the bullion-priced gold and silver coins and ingots we had in inventory available for live delivery. Bullion wholesalers were also experiencing a surge in demand to where they also were running out of in-stock coins and ingots. Premiums for some items started to rise.

As the days continued and bullion prices declined further, even mints and private ingot manufacturers ran out of available inventories to supply to the wholesalers. Premiums continued to rise and delivery times extended further into the future. A growing number of products became totally unavailable at any price.

Some retail customers refused to accept the rise in premiums and delayed delivery time frames and declined to place orders, but most kept on buying.

Gold closed on the COMEX on March 19 at a 3-month low. The day before, the COMEX silver closed at its lowest level since it settled at \$11.56 on January 22, 2009! Also on March 19, platinum closed at its lowest price since it finished at \$588.00 on December 26, 2002.

When it became obvious by March 20 that the US government would enact its largest spending bill in history and the Federal Reserve Bank stated it was willing to engage in unlimited quantitative easing (i.e. inflation of the money supply), precious metals prices started to recover.

Then the London Bullion Market Association, the world's largest gold market, effectively defaulted on delivering physical gold on March 24.

## Did The London Gold Market Collapse?

On Tuesday, March 24, two different bullion wholesalers told us that the London Bullion Market Association, the world's largest gold market, was not delivering any gold to settle maturing contracts that had been called for delivery of the physical metal.

While this cessation of delivery was accurate, there were multiple possible explanations as to what occurred, each of which avoided terming the non-delivery of gold as a "default" by the exchange.

One story said that it was not possible

to arrange shipment of gold on passenger flights across the globe. It is true that much of the gold shipped from London travels as cargo on passenger flights and that such flights have decreased during the current pandemic.

Another report was that the Brinks vaulting operations for the LBMA was responsible for the interruption of delivery. Apparently, the Brinks vault operations in India last week encountered logistical difficulties receiving all incoming gold shipments.

Last was an official statement by the London Bullion Market Association that read, "LBMA has offered its support to CME Group [which owns the New York COMEX] to facilitate physical delivery in New York and is working closely with the COMEX and other key stakeholders to ensure the efficient running of the global gold market." In effect, the LBMA was blaming the New York COMEX for whatever delivery problem that existed.

The problem appears to stem from the dominant use of the "exchange for physical" option in settling maturing COMEX gold contracts called for delivery of the physical metal. Normally, COMEX contracts called for delivery would be settled by providing the underlying physical commodity. Another option is a cash settlement. For gold and silver contracts, a third option is to deliver shares in exchange traded funds for an equivalent number of ounces of the COMEX contract.

Around 2005, the COMEX began to allow a fourth option of "exchange for physical" where the party liable for delivery would pay some cash to the contract owner plus tender an equivalent contract for delivery of the same amount of metal on another exchange. The exchange for physical option is the most expensive way to settle a contract, which is why it was considered an emergency measure.

Starting about 18 months ago, a rising percentage of gold contracts called for delivery were being settled via the EFP option, with the contract delivered almost always being for gold in the London Bullion Market Association futures market. Today, a majority of COMEX gold contracts are settled using EFP.

There are some logistical problems with delivering a London gold contract. First, London gold contracts are for 400-ounce bars whereas the COMEX contracts are for 100-ounce bars. Second, like the COMEX, the LBMA also has a huge shortage of physical gold to deliver against maturing contracts called for delivery. As a consequence, a higher percentage of London gold contracts are being settled for cash than in years past.

Even worse, from the standpoint of the LBMA, is that the negotiated cash settlements now are for an increasing premium above the spot price than in the past. What that means is that short-sellers of contracts in the London market were suffering financially when the COMEX passes along its

## Patrick A. Heller's Upcoming Speeches and Appearances

**To be rescheduled for later in the year, East Lansing, Michigan.** "Consumer Protections When Buying And Selling Physical Precious Metals" at the East Lansing Rotary Club meeting at noon at the University Club at Michigan State University. Not open to the general public.

For more information on any event or to arrange for a presentation at schools, senior citizen groups, coin clubs, Scout organizations, fraternal or business organizations, call 800-933-4720 or email him at [path@libertycoinservice.com](mailto:path@libertycoinservice.com).

gold contracts.

In response to the initial news of the lack of London market gold deliveries Tuesday last week, the physical gold market developed a large bid/ask spot price spread—as much as \$100 that day. The bid/ask spot price spreads also widened for silver, platinum, and palladium. They gradually narrowed, though gold and silver bid and ask spot prices spreads are still wider than they were just over two weeks ago.

Industry officials have gone out of their way to avoid calling the March 24 interruption in gold deliveries a default. A formal default (which, by the way, came close to happening in the palladium market earlier this year) would send a signal of a major shortage of physical metal that would result in a huge disruption in paper contract market trading for precious metals. Even though this event was effectively a default, exchange officials are trying to reassure investors and industrial users that there are adequate physical precious metals inventories. At worst, they are claiming, the physical metals were simply in the wrong location.

The LBMA and COMEX have taken steps since this failure of delivery to try to backstop a repeat by changing how gold trades at the COMEX. It has added a new kind of gold contract (the name may be "Gold Enhanced Delivery") which may include kilogram, 100-ounce, or 400-ounce gold bars as being available to deliver against mature contracts (kilogram bars are the standard contract size on the Shanghai Gold Exchange). This would give the COMEX some flexibility over what kinds of bars were received at its warehouses and also eliminate the need to melt down 400-ounce bars to refabricate as 100-ounce ingots.

Another change is that the COMEX has amended its gold contract rules so that a new settlement option is available. Instead of delivering the physical metal, cash, ETF shares, or Exchange for Physical to settle a maturing contract called for delivery, a short-seller can now deliver a new form of paper gold called

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“Accumulated Certificates of Exchange” (ACE). This enables the short-seller to be settled with “fractional” delivery of a 400-ounce bar theoretically in the COMEX warehouses. The ACE could be delivered as fulfilling a future delivery obligation. Or, someone could acquire four of these ACEs and turn them in to receive the full 400-ounce bar.

There was one initial problem with the unveiling of the ACE option to settle gold contracts—the COMEX warehouses did not have any 400-ounce bars.

The sum total of all the developments at the LBMA and COMEX over the past two weeks reinforce the fact that there are huge shortages of physical gold (and, by extension, silver) inventories available to cover all promises for delivery. As more people are willing to pay ever higher premiums to get their hands on bullion-priced physical coins and ingots, the risk of a collapse—a formal default—of the “paper” gold and silver markets is also rising.

Officially, the London gold market has not collapsed. In reality, it already has. Some smart major deep pocket investors are taking advantage of the pretense that the paper and physical gold and silver markets are still almost in sync for prices.

The percentage of COMEX and London gold contracts being called for delivery upon maturity is up sharply. They know that if they don’t get the metal, they will be paid cash well above the “spot” price.

## It’s Time To Act—Stop Waiting

When Congress passed and President Trump signed the largest spending bill in history (alleged to be \$2 trillion but one \$500 billion part of the law is expected to bloat to \$4 trillion—making the total expenditure about \$6 trillion), a few things became eminently clear.

1. It clears the way for hyperinflation of the dollar.
2. The US government did not have any funds to cover the expenditures.
3. The US government would never have any assets or funds to pay for the expenditures.
4. Consequently, the full cost of this legislation will eventually be fully paid by taxpayers and private citizens, through higher taxes, increased debt, or reducing the value of the US dollar (and almost certainly all three!).

As the law was enacted, the value of the US dollar temporarily soared. The US Dollar Index came close to its highest level since August 2003! But,

it turned out that much of the demand was from foreigners seeking to obtain US dollars to hedge their US dollar-denominated debt for the end of the calendar quarter. As of yesterday, the US Dollar Index is down about 4% from its recent peak.

The recent massive and widespread government bailouts were not caused by a reaction to the emergence of the coronavirus, despite the claims of many politicians, bureaucrats, financial market observers, and the regular media.

The underlying problem is the massive growth of debt in the US and worldwide. By any measure, it is far higher today than it was during the Great Recession earlier this century. A major, perhaps record-breaking, economic downturn was inevitable. It was bound to happen eventually even if the coronavirus problem never existed. At most, the disruption caused by the coronavirus may have only accelerated the global downturn.

Right now, we face with two major financial crises.

First, the US government is committed to destroying the purchasing power of the US dollar as it implements many trillions of dollars of bailout and subsidies it cannot afford.

Second, in reaction to collapsing global paper currency values, soaring demand for physical gold and silver will permanently disrupt the markets for “paper” gold and silver. That includes commodity futures contracts, options, shares in exchange-traded funds, and possibly even certificates of partial ownership of bars stored in the vaults of the Perth Mint in Australia, the Royal Canadian Mint, and the Royal Mint in Great Britain.

It is almost certain that the major players in the paper gold and silver markets know that the day of collapse is getting near. In February the COMEX gold market peaked at almost 800,000 futures contracts sold short (representing almost 80 million ounces). As of the final COMEX report yesterday, the number of open contracts was down almost 40%, to 480,050).

COMEX silver contracts peaked a couple months ago at around 250,000 contracts, representing about 1.25 billion ounces of silver. As of yesterday it was down to 138,974 contracts, a decline of more than 44%!

**The major bullion banks, hedge funds, and other investment funds are engaged in a major push to close out their short sales of gold and silver, using loans from the Federal Reserve to help keep gold and silver prices temporarily suppressed. That tells me we are close to the day when the huge price disparity between the “paper” spot prices and the spot prices at which physical gold and silver are actually traded become permanent.**

I am normally tight-fisted and careful with what I spend. I have been extremely uncomfortable with the high premiums to the “paper spot prices” at which the available gold and silver products are selling. In almost any other circumstances, I would say to not buy right now

## Summary Of Current LCS Recommendations For Precious Metals and Rare Coins

*How much of your total net worth should be in precious metals and rare coins?*

| <u>Conservative</u> | <u>Moderate</u> | <u>Aggressive</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 10-15%              | 20%             | 25-33%            |

*How much to allocate for each category of precious metals and rare coins?\**

|            | <u>Conservative</u> | <u>Moderate</u> | <u>Aggressive</u> |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Gold       | 40%                 | 35%             | 25%               |
| Silver     | 60%                 | 55%             | 50%               |
| Rare Coins | 0%                  | 10%             | 25%               |
| TOTAL      | 100%                | 100%            | 100%              |

\*Platinum and palladium both have volatile markets with long-term supply/demand fundamentals that are not as attractive as those for gold, silver or rare coins. While either or both might outperform gold, silver, or rare coins in the short- to long-term, to be conservative we have omitted them from our allocation.

because of how high the premiums are.

However, if you simply acknowledge that there is already a wide disparity between the spot prices in the “paper” and physical markets, then the premiums at which physical products are selling are really quite reasonable.

Last week, analyst Ronan Manly of Bullion Star in Singapore was asked in an interview if the global debt problems and rising inflation could lead to a reset in the value of all currencies and, if this happened, what might be the gold and silver prices against a reset US dollar.

Manly thought it highly likely that a reset will occur this year. Should that occur, he estimated that the price of gold will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and silver could be about \$140.

If you are looking at those kind of spot prices for physical gold and silver, it is not that important today whether you pay \$1,700, \$1,800, or \$1900 to buy physical gold. Similarly, it doesn’t really matter today if you have to pay \$16.00, \$18.00, or \$20.00 for an ounce of physical silver.

**Although there has been a major disruption in financial markets already since the Federal Reserve started injecting tens of billions of dollars of liquidity into the overnight bank lending market in September 2019 (long before the coronavirus appeared), I fear the worst is yet to come.**

Therefore, I plead with you to take action to accumulate your holdings of bullion-priced physical gold and silver as a form of “wealth insurance.” It is unimportant if the price was lower in the recent past. What matters is the price right now against what it could be in the future.

As you can see right now, the longer

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you wait, the greater the risk you may not be able to acquire any physical gold or silver, no matter how much you are willing to pay.

### Gold Takes Top Honors

As I did last month, I compared how the value of the US dollar, the other 28 foreign currencies I track, and the 11 major stock indices I follow have performed against an ounce of gold from February 11 to April 7. All of them are down against an ounce of gold over that time period. No exceptions. See the list in the left column on page one.

### Gold And Gold Coins

Gold finished at the COMEX close today at \$1,665.50, up \$24.00 (1.5%) from last month.

This net change does not indicate the extreme volatility of prices over the past four weeks, with the low and high daily closes being almost 12% apart from each other. Prices were even more volatile if you consider intraday ups and downs. At least twice in the past two weeks the price of gold exceeded \$1,700. In the middle of March, intraday trading touched as low as \$1,440.

There is another factor that adds to the volatility—the developing spread between the bid and ask spot prices for gold and silver. Last month there was only a \$1.50 spread for the difference between the bid and ask spot prices. It was as high as \$100 on March 24, and is still a \$10 spread today.

As already noted, almost all retail activity is in buying products from dealers. Very little is being liquidated right now.

To give you some idea of the extent of the rise in demand, the US Mint in March sold 151,500 total ounces among all four sizes of its **Gold American Eagles** (10.6%-21.0%). This compares to only 7,000 ounces sold the month before or 152,000 total ounces sold for the year 2019!

When an employee of the US Mint in West Point, New York was diagnosed with coronavirus, the facility closed for a few hours to be disinfected. If multiple employees become infected, there is a risk the entire facility could be closed. Most bullion coins are struck at the West Point Mint.

The Royal Canadian Mint closed two weeks ago for health concerns. I understand it has resumed limited production.

In Switzerland, three of the world's largest gold ingot manufacturers were also closed as part of the national health lockdown. They too, are coming back into production at reduced capacity.

In today's market, where finding any product available at all, much less for immediate delivery, it is more important to be able to purchase any products than worry so much about what has the lowest premium. Do not expect to find anything available for

### The Month

|                     |         |       |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Gold Range          | 194.75  | 11.9% |
| Net Change          | +24.00  |       |
| Silver Range        | 4.99    | 29.8% |
| Net Change          | -1.59   |       |
| Gold/Silver Ratio   | 110.0   |       |
| Net change          | +11.9   |       |
| Platinum Range      | 156.00  | 18.0% |
| Net Change          | -135.00 |       |
| Platinum/Gold Ratio | 0.44    |       |

| Date   | Gold     | Silver | Platinum |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Mar 11 | 1,641.50 | 16.73  | 868.00   |
| Mar 12 | 1,589.25 | 15.96  | 782.00   |
| Mar 13 | 1,515.75 | 14.46  | 744.00   |
| Mar 16 | 1,486.00 | 12.77  | 658.00   |
| Mar 17 | 1,525.00 | 12.47  | 665.00   |
| Mar 18 | 1,477.50 | 11.74  | 605.00   |
| Mar 19 | 1,470.75 | 12.12  | 591.00   |
| Mar 20 | 1,484.00 | 12.35  | 623.00   |
| Mar 23 | 1,567.00 | 13.23  | 627.00   |
| Mar 24 | 1,585.00 | 14.23  | 702.00   |
| Mar 25 | 1,600.50 | 14.58  | 746.00   |
| Mar 26 | 1,650.00 | 14.64  | 737.00   |
| Mar 27 | 1,631.00 | 14.50  | 740.00   |
| Mar 30 | 1,622.00 | 14.07  | 724.00   |
| Mar 31 | 1,583.50 | 14.10  | 725.00   |
| Apr 01 | 1,578.25 | 13.93  | 712.00   |
| Apr 02 | 1,625.75 | 14.60  | 726.00   |
| Apr 03 | 1,614.50 | 14.44  | 714.00   |
| Apr 06 | 1,646.00 | 14.58  | 729.00   |
| Apr 07 | 1,664.75 | 15.42  | 744.00   |
| Apr 08 | 1,665.50 | 15.14  | 733.00   |

Gold, silver and platinum quotes are working spots at 1:45 EST/EDT each day, quoted in U.S. dollars per troy ounce.

much less than a 6.3% premium to the ask "paper" spot price.

**Note: In these volatile markets, it is more important than ever to compare prices for merchandise. Liberty Coin Service regularly checks prices quoted by several of our major competitors on a wide variety of products to ensure that our prices are the lowest or among the lowest you will find. Also remember, the premiums and product availability are subject to change at a moment's notice.**

With it becoming difficult to purchase bullion-priced gold coins and ingots, there has been soaring demand to purchase **Pre-1934 US Gold Coins**. Most supplies of these coins come in from banks in Europe and South America, which bullion operations are largely curtailed right now. As a consequence, prices for many of these coins have been rising faster than the increase in the gold spot price.

### Silver and Silver Coins

Silver closed today at \$15.14, down a significant \$1.59 (9.5%) from four weeks ago.

But—it was also up 29.0% from the silver close on March 18! The spread between the bid and ask spot price, which was 5 cents on March 12, far higher on March 24, is back down to 10 cents now.

Strong demand is exemplified by the US Mint's **Silver Eagle Dollar** sales. In February, the US Mint sold 650,000 coin. In March it sold 5,482,000 coins—the highest monthly total since January 2016! The demand was this strong despite soaring premium levels.

In most circumstances, we would not recommend paying a 20% or greater premium to purchase physical silver. However, if you consider that the physical spot price is really much higher than the paper market silver spot price, then the premiums are reasonable. About the best value right now is **100 Ounce Ingots** (24.0%) where we do have some available for immediate delivery.

Last month, \$1,000 face bags of **US 90% Silver Coins** (36.1%) were selling at 25 cents per ounce of silver content above the silver ask spot price. There is a supply problem with these coins where they have not been in production for 35 years. You can only purchase them if a previous owner is willing to sell. In the past month, almost all liquidation ceased. As a result, this same \$1,000 face value bag of US 90% Silver Coins would cost you \$5.50 per ounce above the ask silver spot price. In other words, even with the ask silver spot price down \$1.54 per ounce from four weeks ago, these coins would today cost you \$3.71 per ounce more than they did a month ago.

As the future spot prices of gold and silver rise, the high premiums will diminish. Unfortunately, there is no practical way to purchase physical silver today to avoid the high premium to the "paper silver spot price."

Prices for Mint State **Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars** have been stable while the silver spot price has declined. Quantities of circulated silver dollars are difficult to come by for now. See our offer of **Superb Gem Mint State-66 1923 Peace Dollars**. While they last, you can buy them today for 93% less than you could in mid-1989!

Incidentally, we are receiving many questions about why gold and silver premiums can rise so high and products can cost more than they did a month ago. You can review two LCS staff discussions. LCS General Manager Tom Coulson has his column available at the Liberty Coin Service website at <https://libertycoinservice.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/prices-of-precious-metals.pdf>. LCS Communications Officer Patrick A. Heller wrote about the subject in his March 19, 2020 NumismaticNews.net column posted at <https://www.numismaticnews.net/article/precious-metals-spot-prices-down-physical-market-premiums-up-strong>.

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**Spot Prices**

| Item                        | Qty   | Fine Wt | Price                  | Cost/Oz | Premium |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| *U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle       | 10    | 1.0000  | 1,852.50               | 1852.50 | 10.6%   |
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| *U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle     | 10    | 0.2500  | 479.50                 | 1918.00 | 14.5%   |
| *U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle    | 10    | 0.1000  | 202.70                 | 2027.00 | 21.0%   |
| *U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo     | 10    | 1.0000  | 1,862.50               | 1862.50 | 11.2%   |
| *U.S. 1 Oz Medallion        | 10    | 1.0000  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *U.S. 1/2 Oz Medallion      | 10    | 0.5000  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo    | 10    | 1.0000  | 1,782.50               | 1782.50 | 6.4%    |
| *Austria 100 Corona         | 10    | 0.9802  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic  | 10    | 1.0000  | 1,832.50               | 1832.50 | 9.4%    |
| *Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf     | 10    | 1.0000  | Check for Availability |         |         |
| *Canada 1x25 Maplegram      | 10    | 0.8039  | 1,724.00               | 2144.55 | 28.0%   |
| *China 30 Gram Panda        | 10    | 0.9646  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *China 1 Oz Panda           | 10    | 1.0000  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *Mexico 50 Peso             | 10    | 1.2057  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *S. Africa Krugerrand       | 10    | 1.0000  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *1 Oz Ingot                 | 10    | 1.0000  | 1,780.50               | 1780.50 | 6.3%    |
| *Austria 1 Ducat            | 10    | 0.1107  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *British Sovereign          | 10    | 0.2354  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *France 20 Franc            | 10    | 0.1867  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *Swiss 20 Franc             | 10    | 0.1867  | Not Available          |         |         |
| \$20 Liberty BU             | 10    | 0.9675  | 1,905.00               | 1968.99 | 17.5%   |
| \$20 St Gaudens BU          | 10    | 0.9675  | 1,905.00               | 1968.99 | 17.5%   |
| \$20 Liberty Extremely Fine | 10    | 0.9675  | 1,880.00               | 1943.15 | 16.0%   |
| \$10 Liberty Extremely Fine | 10    | 0.4838  | 950.00                 | 1963.62 | 17.2%   |
| \$10 Indian Extremely Fine  | 10    | 0.4838  | 960.00                 | 1984.29 | 18.4%   |
| \$5 Liberty Extremely Fine  | 10    | 0.2419  | 485.00                 | 2004.96 | 19.7%   |
| \$5 Indian Extremely Fine   | 10    | 0.2419  | 495.00                 | 2046.30 | 22.1%   |
| \$2.50 Liberty Extreme Fine | 10    | 0.1209  | 325.00                 | 2688.17 | 60.4%   |
| \$2.50 Indian Extreme Fine  | 10    | 0.1209  | 300.00                 | 2481.39 | 48.1%   |
| *U.S. 90% Silver Coin       | 1,000 | 715     | 14,830.00              | 20.74   | 36.1%   |
| *U.S. 40% Silver Coin       | 1,000 | 295     | 5,530.00               | 18.75   | 23.0%   |
| *U.S. Peace Dollars, VG+    | 1,000 | 760     | Not Available          |         |         |
| *U.S. Silver Eagles         | 1,000 | 1,000   | Check for Availability |         |         |
| *Canada Silver Maple Leaf   | 1,000 | 1,000   | Not Available          |         |         |
| *100 Oz Silver Ingot        | 10    | 100     | 1,889.00               | 18.89   | 24.0%   |
| *10 Oz Silver Ingot         | 100   | 10      | 198.90                 | 19.89   | 30.5%   |
| *1 Oz Silver Ingot          | 1,000 | 1       | 19.89                  | 19.89   | 30.5%   |
| *1 Oz Platinum Ingot        | 10    | 1.0000  | Not Available          |         |         |
| *U.S. 1 Oz Platinum Eagle   | 10    | 1.0000  | 874.00                 | 874.00  | 17.9%   |
| *Canada Palladium ML        | 10    | 1.0000  | Not Available          |         |         |

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| <b>Gold:</b>      | \$1,675.50 |
| <b>Silver:</b>    | \$15.24    |
| <b>Platinum:</b>  | \$741.00   |
| <b>Palladium:</b> | \$2,195.00 |

**Notes from Liberty**

By Allan Beegle  
LCS Chief Numismatist

Despite our reduction of hours and the cancellation of four coin shows on three consecutive weekends, March ended up being our highest sales month in almost five years. From March 12th to the 23rd we enjoyed several of our highest individual sales days over the past several years. The high volume came from customers who almost all wanted to purchase bullion-priced precious metals. But, when Michigan Governor Whitmer announced her "stay home, stay safe" order on March 24, our volume fell sharply.

I am one of several Liberty staff now working from home. For the duration of this health emergency, we are only admitting visitors on an appointment basis, one at a time, to promote social distancing. Now, on weekdays we are open 9:30 AM-3:00 PM Eastern and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to noon.

Up until a couple weeks ago, we always encouraged local customers to come to our showroom in the Frandor Shopping Center to conduct their buying and selling transactions. For the time being, we are now asking local customers seeking to make a purchase to call us to confirm a transaction handled by mail-order delivery.

To further encourage more local customers to switch to mail-order purchases, for now we have lowered the minimum order size to \$2,000 to qualify for free shipping.

With all the uncertainty and unexpected changes (and not working with other dealers face-to-face at major coin shows), we have still come up with some wonderful bargains to offer you this month. First, a Midwest dealer visited us earlier in March. While here, he told me about his recent acquisition of a fresh original 1,000 coin bag of 1923 Peace Silver Dollars. They had been carefully preserved, allowing him to submit more than usual to the NGC

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*Coins, Rolls and Sets*

|  |           |  |  |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU                 | Not Avail |  |  |
| U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20     | \$650     |  |  |
| U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20 | \$860     |  |  |
| U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20            | \$525     |  |  |

*Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)*

|                                 | MS-63 | MS-64 | MS-65  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens         | 1,985 | 2,045 | 2,180  |
| U.S. \$20.00 Liberty            | 2,075 | 2,260 | 2,740  |
| U.S. \$10.00 Liberty            | 1,060 | 1,225 | 2,400  |
| U.S. \$5.00 Liberty             | 565   | 665   | 1,430  |
| U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set  | 4,290 | 5,390 | 12,390 |
| U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set | 4,060 | 4,550 | 7,290  |
| U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set         | 8,290 | 9,790 | 19,230 |
| U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)   | 48    | 56    | 118    |
| U.S. Peace Dollar               | 35    | 43    | 98     |

Prices quoted are for quantities indicated, and are actual selling prices at today's closes. Smaller lots are available at slightly higher prices. No Michigan Sales Tax on rare coins or precious metals bullion. Numismatic purchases have a 14 day return period. Orders for bullion-priced items (marked with \*) are not returnable and, after confirmation, cannot be cancelled.

grading service. More than usual came back graded Superb Gem Mint State-66 quality. We have been looking for solid quality problem-free **MS-66 Peace Dollars** for several years, with very little success. When I asked about purchasing all of the MS-66 grade coins that met our strict quality standards, we were able to get together on price. When the coins arrived, we returned several to the seller as not attractive enough. Those that remain are more than we had accumulated over the past five years combined! Best of all, the price is almost irresistible.

We had also picked up a few specimens of **US Small-Size Star Notes** that have been popular with our customers whenever we can find them. Then, a long-time knowledgeable collector offered us a treasure trove of low-population Federal Reserve Note Stars. In one trade, we acquired notes so scarce it would take years decades to duplicate.

Working from home enables me to devote more time to talking with dealers and wholesalers across the country and reviewing their inventory lists. This has made it possible for us to continue to pick up a number of **Fresh Bargain Rarities**. Once more this month, we can offer some incredibly rare coins that are among the finest we have ever handled. LCS General Manager Tom Coulson and Inventory Manager Paul Manderscheid between them also acquired some exceptional ancient Greek and Roman coins that are included in this list.

Several of last month's featured offers sold almost instantly. Therefore, I'd like to re-

mind you to promptly review our offerings. Then, call our **Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375** to check on availability and to place your order.

Beyond these coins and notes, here are other new treasures in our inventory:

**2013 Great Britain Gold 1 Pound Perfect Proof-70 Ultra Cameo:** The Royal Mint struck 5,750 of the 2013 Gold 1 Pound coins, each containing 1/20 Oz of pure gold. We just picked up 5 specimens newly certified Perfect Proof-70 Ultra Cameo by NGC. A seller on eBay has another example listed at \$259 as a buy it now price. Another sold on eBay in January for over \$175. You can purchase one or more of our beautiful small gold coins for just \$139 each today.

**Franklin Mint America In Space Sterling Silver Proof Set:** Whenever we acquire one of these 24-piece sets, they seem to sell almost instantly. The first 12 medals honor unmanned flights from Goddard's first rocket to the lunar orbiter. The second 12 feature manned flights from the Mercury to Apollo programs, culminating in the Apollo 11 first moon landing. This set comes packaged in a custom album. Silver content is approximately 19 troy ounces. At \$380 (about \$20 per ounce), that is less than you would pay for many bullion-priced silver coins and ingots.

**The First Two 2015 Coin And Chronicles Reverse Proof Presi-**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| <b>Gold:</b>      | \$1,675.50 |
| <b>Silver:</b>    | \$15.24    |
| <b>Platinum:</b>  | \$741.00   |
| <b>Palladium:</b> | \$2,195.00 |

**dential Dollar And Silver Medal**

**Sets:** In 2015, the US Mint tried an experiment with all four of the Presidential Dollars issued that year—honoring Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson. It struck a Reverse Proof Dollar for each one, where the bust, Statue of Liberty, and \$1 had reflective mirror surfaces and the fields were frosty satin. It packaged them in a "Coin and Chronicles Set" with a 1 Ounce Pure Silver Medal honoring the same president.

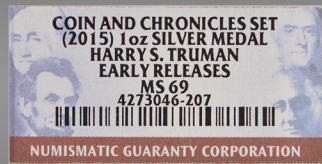
Mintages were so modest—under 17,000 for the Truman and Eisenhower sets—so that they were almost guaranteed to trade for well above the Mint's issue price of \$57 per set. By far, these two coins are the lowest mintage of any of the Presidential Dollar series. They are also the two lowest mintages for any Reverse Proof Dollar coins.

The Mint experienced so many complaints from people who were unable to order these sets (the Truman set sold out in 15 minutes). Because of the Mint's technical glitches with its marketing technology, it stopped issuing more of these Coin and Chronicles Sets until one for President Reagan at the end of 2016. The Mint also issued Reverse Proofs for each issue of the American Innovation Dollar series that began at the end of 2018.

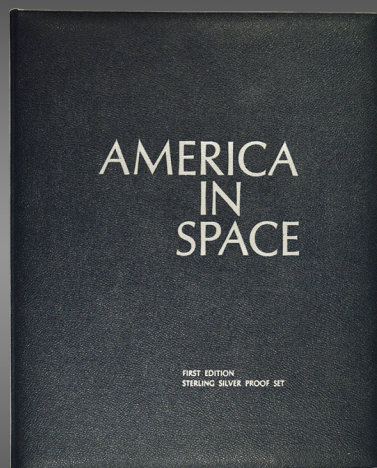
We now have one set each of the Truman and Eisenhower Coin and Chronicles Sets. The Truman pieces have been certified by NGC, with the coin grading Near Perfect-69 and the medal MS-69. Both holders are marked "Early Releases." The Eisenhower specimens are also graded Near Perfect Proof-69 and MS-69 by PCGS, with the holders noted "First Strike." As a bonus, both of these sets come with the original US Mint packaging in which the sets were shipped. You can own the Truman set for \$119 and the Eisenhower set for \$109, less than the few places you may find them for sale elsewhere.

**Lovely Early Hong Kong Cents:**

In a collection where we acquired other coins offered this month, we also picked up some high-grade early Hong Kong Cents, a denomination only struck in occasional years. Both are NGC-certified. The 1904-H grades Choice Mint State-63 Red and Brown. The 1931 grades Gem Mint State-65 Red and Brown. Both coins exhibit a large amount of original Mint Red. The NGC populations for the grade or higher are 127 and 54, respectively. The 1904-H is available for \$100, the 1931 for \$80.



Great Britain 2013 Gold 1/20 oz. Britannia  
PF70 NGC Certified - \$139 each



Franklin Mint America in Space  
Sterling Silver Proof Set - \$380



2015 Eisenhower Coin and Chronicles Set  
MS/PR69 PCGS Certified - \$109



2015 Truman Coin and Chronicles Set  
MS/PF69 NGC Certified - \$119



# Hong Kong, 1904-H, Cent, MS63 RB NGC Certified - \$100



# Hong Kong, 1931, Cent, MS65 RB NGC Certified - \$80

# Fresh Bargain Rarities!

By Tom Coulson, LCS General Manager, and Allan Beegle, LCS Chief Numismatist

Coin shows have been almost all cancelled around the world. Even traffic in our showroom has come to almost a complete stop. Still, we are receiving more phone calls than ever from many of the same coin dealers we would see at shows or in our showroom. As a consequence, we have had the opportunity to continue to acquire some significant numismatic rarities, both in coins and paper money.

Dealers and wholesalers across the country know we like quality coins with some rarity to them, and can pay for them with reliably fast checks. In uncertain markets such as we are experiencing now, solid long-term relationships and a dependable financial reputation pays dividends.

We have selected some of the best bargains among a wide variety of fresh purchases. All coins offered here have been independently certified by either the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) or Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as well as meeting our own strict quality standards.

Some coins offered here are among the finest specimens we have ever handled.

Review these one-of-a-kind beauties. Find your favorites. Then call our Trading Desk toll-free at **800-527-2375** to check availability and confirm your order. (Note that we are now closing at 3PM Eastern weekdays and at noon on Saturdays for the duration of Michigan's "Stay Home Stay Safe" order. Refer to our Computer Quotes page for the postage costs.

For fastest shipment, you can use your Discover, Mastercard, or Visa credit cards for payment. As with all of our numismatic offerings, you must be satisfied. You have 14 days upon your receipt to return them for a full, no-questions refund.

## Ancient Coins

**Ancient Greece Silver Tetradrachm, Athens, circa 440-404 BC, About Uncirculated with Strike 4/5 and Surface 4/5, NGC—\$1,250.** This is one of the finest Athenian Owl Tetradrachms we have ever handled. Technically, it may grade Mint State as you can still see the flow lines clearly on the reverse (which wear off quickly after coins enter circulation). Every detail is needle-sharp. The coin weighs 17.21 grams which is full weight with no metal clipped off.

Perhaps the only negative you can say about this coin is that the planchet, like many others, is thicker than average. As

a result, a bit of the crest above Athena's hair on the obverse and the very top points of the letters A and E on the reverse are missing.

Athena is the patron goddess of Athens as well as the goddess of wisdom and strategy. The Owl on the reverse was the original symbol of Athena before Greek gods and goddesses were given human form.

We have seen other dealers asking \$1,500 or more for coins of this quality. We wish we could have more coins of this beauty and condition at our money-saving price.

**Ancient Greece Silver Didrachm, Islands of Caria, Rhodes, circa 300-250 BC, Choice Very Fine with Strike 4/5 and Surface 4/5, NGC—\$495.** After Rhodes was conquered by Alexander the Great,

wresting it from Persian domination, it managed to stay independent among the three dynasties established from his empire after Alexander's death. From its key location in the center of the eastern Mediterranean, it effectively became the top trading port in the region. It eventually negotiated to be an ally of the Roman Republic in the 2nd Century BC.

The obverse depicts the Sun God Helios, who in mythology sired the islands of Rhodes. The reverse depicts a rose, symbol of Rhodes. At the top edge of the reverse is the word "Rodion" which still partly visible. A bunch of grapes are at the left of the rose. This piece is exceptionally well centered for the issue.

The state or Rhode Island may have derived its name from Rhodes.

**Ancient Roman Republic Silver Denarius, L. Titur. Sabinus, circa 89 BC, Choice Very Fine with Strike 5/5 and Surface 4/5, NGC—\$350.** In the days of the Roman Republic, a different moneyer was appointed almost every year to vouch for the weight and purity of the coinage and oversee production. This coin is amazingly well centered—about as nice as you could ever hope to find.

The obverse bears the bust of Sabine Titus Tattius along with his family name of Sabin. The reverse depicts the goddess Victory (Nike) driving a two-





horse chariot called a biga. Below the horses is “L Titvs.” This piece is an exceptional example of Roman Republic coinage.

## US Coins

**1864 Seated Liberty Half Dime, Choice Proof-63 Cameo, NGC—\$625.** Mintage is a meager 470 coins. Being from a Civil War year, it is always popular with collectors. As the War wore on, US coin mintages plummeted. Only 48,000 specimens were struck by the Philadelphia Mint for circulation purposes this year.

This may be the only Proof specimen we have ever handled. It has an awesome look, being near white in the center on both sides turning to a moderately heavy metallic blue at the periphery.

Over the past 34 years, PCGS and NGC together have certified 309 pieces in Proof-63 and all higher grades, but only 60 of these with Cameo or Deep Cameo contrast between the fields and devices. *PCGS Retail* is \$675, while *Coin Values* catalogs a non-cameo specimen at \$575.

**1854-O Arrows Seated Liberty Half Dollar, Choice Mint State-63, NGC—\$1,295.** In 1853, the US Mint reduced the silver content in Half Dollars by about 6.9%. To draw attention to the change, that year arrows were placed on both sides of the date on the obverse and rays surrounded the eagle on the reverse. In 1854 and 1855 the rays were eliminated but the arrows remained.

In the coinage-starved Southern states, almost all New Orleans Mint coins were put into circulation. So, despite an impressive mintage of 5,240,000, PCGS and NGC have together certified a paltry 272 coins in Choice MS-63 and all higher grades.

This coin has a mostly golden-brown toning across the center of the obverse and all of the reverse. It gradually changes to brown toning at the top and bottom of the front, attesting to its original surfaces. At a quick glance, the coin appears to be of higher grade.

*PCGS Retail* catalog is \$1,450 while *Coin Values* is at \$1,400. Only 1 coin of this grade has appeared in major auctions in the past 30 months, for which the new owner paid \$1,560.

**1891 With Motto Seated Liberty Half Dollar, Very Choice Proof-64, PCGS—\$1,395.** The final year of the Seated Liberty coinage saw the second lowest mintage of Half Dollar Proofs—just 600 pieces. This coin has original moderately heavy toning, with a mixture of red/gold/brown in the center of both sides that merges to midnight blue around the periphery. Together, PCGS and NGC have certified only 266 examples in Proof-64 and all higher grades.

*PCGS Retail* is at \$1,650. *Coin Values* only catalogs this coin as high as Proof-63 condition, which lists at \$1,150.

**1861 \$5.00 Liberty, Very Choice About Uncirculated-58, NGC—\$1,095.** We have had two other specimens of this Civil War-dated coin in the past couple of years, and always had multiple potential buyers. With gold prices somewhat higher now than when we offered the last piece, it costs a little more. Still this is a solid-quality attractive coin sure to please the fussiest collector. Combined, PCGS and NGC have certified just 905 of this date in this grade and only another 592 in all higher grades—demonstrating that the mintage of 688,084 almost all went into circulation.

*PCGS Retail* is \$1,100 while *Coin Values* is \$1,500. This one is bound to sell quickly.

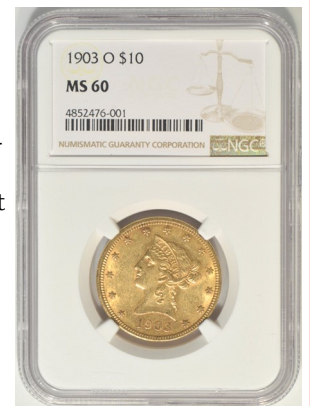
**1893 \$5.00 Liberty, Choice Mint State-63, NGC—\$565.** This date has a high mintage of more than 1-1/2 million. PCGS and NGC have certified 4,973 specimens MS-63+. That does not make it a rare date, but it is more difficult to find in top quality than the 11,371 MS-63 1900 coins graded MS-63 or nicer by the two services. Best of all, you can acquire this coin, with a desirable 19th Century date, for the very same price as the common-date coin.

*PCGS Retail* and *Coin Values* are both struggling to catch up to rising gold prices and higher demand. They catalog this coin at \$560 and \$550, respectively.

**1903-O \$10.00 Liberty, Mint State-60, NGC—\$1,075.** We had a few nice specimens not long ago that sold quickly. Imagine our delight when a long time collector recently brought this solid-quality specimen into our showroom. Yet, including this lovely coin, we have still handled fewer than ten 1903-O \$10.00 Liberties in all grades over the past quarter century.

Mintage is 112,771. PCGS and NGC combined have certified 2,174 Mint State examples. It is more than 18 times rarer than the 1901-S \$10.00 Liberty in all Mint States grades, yet your cost is within \$100 of what you would pay for the 1901-S in the same condition.

*PCGS Retail* catalogs this coin at \$1,035 while *Coin Values* is at \$1,000.



The Only “Common-Date” Morgan Or Peace Silver Dollar To Earn Liberty’s “High Recommendation” For Appreciation Potential!

# Superb Gem Mint State-66 1923 Peace Silver Dollars!

By Allan Beegle, LCS Chief Numismatist

In early March, a Midwest dealer friend stopped by our store to visit. While he was here, he mentioned that he had recently acquired an original 1,000-coin bag of US 1923 Peace Silver Dollars. From the way they had been stored, my friend saw that the coins were obviously put aside untouched decades ago. Seeing the superior condition of the coins, he made a strong offer and purchased the entire group.

He then sorted the nicest specimens to submit to the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC). A larger than typical quantity came back graded Superb Gem Mint State-66.

Unlike too many Peace Dollars that exhibit unattractive milk spots (caused by improper preparation of the planchets at the Mint), he told me these coins were lustrous and eye appealing.

That had my attention. When we check through dealer inventories, often only 5-10% of Higher grade Mint State Peace Dollars have nice luster, do not have distracting milk spots, and are beautiful. When we asked if he could offer the group at a discounted price to take all the MS-66 coins that met our strict standard, he agreed to ship them from home.

When the coins arrived, they proved to be an exceptional lot. Still, because of our fussy quality requirements, almost 1/3 were returned as not being up to our standards.

The quantity we kept represents the largest group of Superb Gem Mint State-66 Peace Dollars we have ever had in inventory.

**Even More Good News!** When LCS Communications Officer Patrick A. Heller learned of this group of fresh high quality Peace Dollars, he decided to update his Undervaluation Index™ analysis of the best values of the Peace Dollar series in grades Choice Mint State-63 through Superb Gem Mint State-66.

The results surprised him. In prior analyses of Morgan and Peace Dollars, and several series of US Gold coins, almost all of the common-date issues of each series would come out as Not Recommended for appreciation potential. Occasionally a common-date issue would merit our Recommended status, which is only one step up from Not Recommended. He had not before found that the Common-Date issues of any series in any grade having the High Recommendation or Highest Recommendation Undervaluation Index™.

**Until this time...the 1923 Peace Dollar, that has the highest Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) and**

**NGC populations among Peace Dollars, merited a High Recommendation for appreciation potential in Superb Gem Mint State-66 quality!**

The 1881-S Morgan Silver Dollar, the Common-Date of that series has more than six times as many specimens certified by PCGS and NGC in MS-66 or higher grades. It only merits an Undervaluation Index™ of 6, barely meriting a Recommended status. The 1923 Peace Dollar, in contrast, has an Undervaluation Index™ of 11, earning our High Recommendation for appreciation potential.

Even more intriguing is what has happened to the prices of the 1881-S Morgan Dollar and 1923 Peace Dollar in MS-66 condition since the last major market peak in mid-1989. Both now sell for a huge discount from their former peak prices. However, the 1923 Peace Dollar sells at a much greater discount to its peak price than the 1881-S Morgan.

It can be difficult analyzing auction records for Peace Dollars, because so many coins sold have unattractive milk spots or subdued luster. Still, this is a common enough coin that a number of pieces have sold in major auctions over the past month. Many if not most sold for at least \$300 up to as high as \$380. Even the ugliest examples still sold for at least \$230. **For lustrous eye-appealing quality of these coins, our price of \$295 each is almost certainly a bargain.**

Even though this is the largest group of MS-66 Peace Dollars we have ever had, supplies are still limited. Before acquiring this group, we have been seeking beautiful specimens of MS-66 Peace Dollars for at least a decade—maybe finding only five coins per year of the right quality and at a money-saving price. When this group has sold, we don’t know how soon we may find other equally beautiful examples. Consequently, we must limit orders to five (5) coins per customer.

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## Comparison Of Common-Date Super Gem Mint State-66 Morgan And Peace Silver Dollars

| Silver Dollar | Mintage    | PGCS/NGC MS-66+ Population | Undervaluation Index™* | June 1989 Price | PCGS Retail | Coin Values | LCS Price |
|---------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1881-S Morgan | 12,760,000 | 43,076                     | 6                      | \$1,700         | \$225       | \$225       | \$199     |
| 1923 Peace    | 30,800,000 | 6,378                      | 11                     | \$4,200         | \$400       | \$375       | \$295     |

\* Undervaluation Index™ for 1881-S Morgan as of April 2018; for 1923 Peace as of April 2020

# More Quality US Small Size Star Note Rarities!

If you check the list, PMG has certified just 57 specimens or fewer in all grades of the Federal Reserve Star Notes in this offer, with several having total PMG populations of less than 20. If these were US coins, their prices would be in the thousands or tens of thousands of dollars!

Many notes offered here are the finest we have ever had in inventory. For many of the Federal Reserve Notes, it is the only specimen we have handled!

To view full-color photos of every note listed here, go to [www.libertycoinservice.com](http://www.libertycoinservice.com) and click on "Current Issue" under the "Newsletter" headline at the right side of the home page.

By the way, the proportion of surviving star notes is greatest for the

lowest denominations—the \$1.00 and \$2.00. When the public sees the Star in the serial number, it is not unusual for them to set it aside as a novelty. However, higher denomination notes, with greater purchasing power, were rarely saved by the public. As a consequence, \$50.00 and \$100.00 Star Notes are especially scarce and highly prized by collectors.

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Note: For Federal Reserve Bank Notes and Federal Reserve Notes, the first letter (A through L) after the Friedberg number identifies the Federal Reserve District; other letters identify varieties: dgs-dark green seal, lgs-light green seal, m-mule, nb-new back, W-wide star.



by Patrick A. Heller, LCS Communications Officer, and Matt Foltz, LCS Numismatist, eBay Sales, Currency Specialist

Our offerings of US Star Notes have been extremely popular over the past two years, with many complete sellouts.

Once the Bureau of Engraving and Printing affixes serial numbers to the notes part way through the printing process, it keeps the counts intact. If any notes are later found to be defective, they are replaced with notes bearing a star (to keep the serial number of these substitute notes distinct from regular notes). The earlier Star Notes have the star (★ or ☆ and often noted in text with \*) at the end of the serial number, while later Star Note serial numbers begin with the star.

Star Notes normally make up only 1% or less of an issue of US currency released into circulation.

Each note offered here has been certified by the Paper Money Guaranty (PMG), an affiliate of the coin certification service Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC), or by PCGS Currency (PCGS) as well as meeting our own strict quality standards. As you can see in the list below, there are many US

Small Size Federal Reserve Notes from the 1928 and 1934 Series where the number of surviving specimens is far lower than most collectors realize. We are fortunate to be able to offer this many specimens because they were acquired recently from a savvy long-time collector. Without this opportunity, it would have taken us years to locate this many rarities.



## Quality US Small Size Star Note Rarities

| Denomination/Series                  | Fr#        | Grade    | Service | PMG Population* for Lower Grades/Grade/Higher Grades | Printage            | LCS Price |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|--|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>US Legal Tender Notes</b>         |            |          |         |  |                     |           |
| \$2.00 Series of 1953-C              | 1512*      | CU-64    | PCGS    | 270/45/512=827 total                                 | 360,000             | \$69      |
| \$5.00 Series of 1953                | 1532*      | CU-65EPQ | PMG     | 88/12/13 =113 total                                  | 5,760,000           | \$350     |
| <b>US Silver Certificates</b>        |            |          |         |  |                     |           |
| \$1.00 Series of 1935-E              | 1614*      | CU-66PPQ | PCGS    | 659/105/23=787 total                                 | approx. 225,000,000 | \$89      |
| \$10.00 Series of 1934-A             | 1702*      | VF-35    | PMG     | 39/8/33=80 total                                     | 576,000             | \$275     |
| <b>US Federal Reserve Bank Notes</b> |            |          |         |  |                     |           |
| \$20.00 Series of 1929               | 1870-J*    | VF-30    | PCGS    | 7/2/4=13 total                                       | 24,000              | \$750     |
| <b>US Federal Reserve Notes</b>      |            |          |         |  |                     |           |
| \$10.00 Series of 1934-B             | 2007-C*    | VF-25    | PMG     | 0/1/16=17 total                                      | *                   | \$125     |
| \$10.00 Series of 1934-C             | 2008-CW*   | CU-63EPQ | PMG     | 7/3/28=38 total                                      | *                   | \$235     |
| \$10.00 Series of 1934-C             | 2008-HW*   | VF-25    | PMG     | 0/1/13=14 total                                      | *                   | \$79      |
| \$20.00 Series of 1934               | 2054-Ilgs* | EF-40    | PMG     | 10/2/5=17 total                                      | *                   | \$695     |
| \$20.00 Series of 1934               | 2054-Idgs* | VF-25    | PMG     | 3/6/15=24 total                                      | *                   | \$175     |
| \$20.00 Series of 1934-A             | 2055-Lm*   | VF-20    | PMG     | 1/1/2=4 total  | *                   | \$395     |
| \$20.00 Series of 1934-B             | 2056-J*    | VF-35    | PMG     | 2/1/2=5 total  | *                   | \$425     |
| \$20.00 Series of 1934-C             | 2057-Bnb*  | AU-55EPQ | PMG     | 0/2/2=4 total  | *                   | \$350     |
| \$20.00 Series of 1934-D             | 2058-GW*   | VF-20    | PMG     | 0/1/4=5 total  | *                   | \$105     |
| \$50.00 Series of 1934               | 2012-Bdgs* | AU-58    | PMG     | 10/2/3=15 total                                      | *                   | \$1,200   |
| \$50.00 Series of 1934-C             | 2015-C*    | VF-35    | PMG     | 3/1/4=8 total  | *                   | \$495     |
| \$100.00 Series of 1928              | 2150-G*    | VF-30    | PMG     | 20/9/28=57 total                                     | *                   | \$495     |
| \$100.00 Series of 1934-A            | 2153-Bm*   | VF-25    | PMG     | 1/4/30=34 total                                      | *                   | \$350     |

\* PMG population data as of April 6, 2020, Printage information not available