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US And World Economies Continue To Sink! Gold And Silver Jump!

The best way to begin this issue is to share with you three headlines in the local *Lansing State Journal* today.

This newspaper has one section provided by *USA Today*. On page 5 of that section is the "Money" coverage. The three headlines on that page read:

- "Europe's banks on road to collapse"
- "15 Big companies face a dismal year"
- "More drivers tardy on auto loan payments"

Even a few months ago, this paper tended to parrot the US government line that the economy was "recovering." Now it is getting difficult to find much of any positive news.

(An aside here: In the past few months, I have discussed all three of these subjects in my writings and radio commentaries. I don't understand why today they should be considered "breaking news.")

Since the beginning of this year, world paper assets have been taking a beating. Even the US dollar index, up strong in 2015, is down 2.62% thus far in 2016 through yesterday.

In contrast, the prices of gold and silver have outperformed the major US and world major stock indices by at least 18% already this year!

These developments are even more significant because the US presidential election is being held later this year. The last thing that incumbent politicians want to have happen is for the economy to tank close to election day.

What Is Going On?

After a multi-year run where the prices of precious metals mostly declined while the stock markets gained, it is fair to ask why markets are different thus far in 2016.

I have several thoughts from what is

2016 Year To Date Results

Through February 9, 2016

Precious Metals

Gold	+13.1%
Silver	+12.1%
Platinum	+5.2%
Palladium	-8.2%

Numismatics

US MS-63 \$20 St Gaudens	+12.0%
US MS-63 \$20 Liberty	+8.6%
US MS-65 Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921	+0.0%

US Dollar vs Foreign Currencies

Argentina Peso	+11.1%
Russia Ruble	+10.1%
Mexico Peso	+9.2%
Colombia Peso	+6.9%
South Africa Rand	+3.9%
Australia Dollar	+3.1%
New Zealand Dollar	+3.0%
Peru New Sol	+2.6%
India Rupee	+2.5%
South Korea Won	+1.9%
Great Britain Pound	+1.8%
Philippines Peso	+1.4%
China Yuan	+1.3%
Taiwan Dollar	+0.9%
Chile Peso	+0.7%
Hong Kong Dollar	+0.6%
Canada Dollar	+0.2%
Sweden Krona	-0.3%
Israel Shekel	-0.6%

Indonesia Rupiah	-1.5%
Singapore Dollar	-1.5%
Thailand Baht	-1.8%
Brazil Real	-1.9%
Switzerland Franc	-2.9%
Malaysia Ringgit	-3.1%
Denmark Krone	-3.8%
Euro	-3.8%
Japan Yen	-4.3%

U.S. Dollar Index	96.06	-2.62%
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US And World Stock Market Indices

Sao Paulo Bovespa	-6.4%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-8.1%
S&P 500	-9.4%
Australia S&P/ASX 200	-9.6%
London FT 100	-9.8%
Dow Jones World (excluding US)	-10.6%
NASDAQ	-14.8%
Russell 2000	-15.1%
Nikkei 225	-15.5%
Frankfurt DAX	-17.4%
Shanghai Composite	-21.9%

10 Year US Treasury Note interest rate	1.728%	-23.98%
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Metal Content Value Of U.S. Coins

Lincoln cent, 1959-1982	1.37¢
Lincoln cent, 1982-date	0.46¢
Jefferson nickel, non-silver	2.71¢
Roosevelt dime, 1965-date	1.23¢
Washington quarter, 1965-date	3.07¢
Kennedy half dollar, 1971-date	6.15¢

happening in the financial markets thus far this year.

Since their peaks in 2011, the price of gold sank about 45% and silver more than 70% to their lowest levels toward the end of last year. The trading patterns circumstantially indicate that prices were artificially suppressed rather than the declines being a result of free market trading. With supplies dropping and demand rising, low gold and silver price levels just are not sustainable in the long term.

As prices were pushed below free market levels, changes in supply and demand invariably created growing pressure for a

major reversal. No one could say for sure when the turnaround would occur, but it was almost inevitable that it would eventually happen.

With several rounds of quantitative easing (increasing the money supply) in the US and other nations, precious metals prices "should have" been rising before now. The gold and silver price suppression kept investors from detecting just how poorly the world economies were doing.

The truth is that the US and world economies have been weaker over the past few years than the public was being led to believe. So, it is not that the financial news

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now is suddenly getting worse. Instead, all of the previously unreported bad news is now coming out in a short time frame along with the current data.

Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest bank, is a primary trading partner of the US government. Its "assets" include \$75 trillion of derivatives contracts. As such, it is one of the more important Wall Street insiders. Over the past few weeks, the bank has been complaining that the governmental policies of quantitative easing and zero interest rates to support the financial markets are actually having the opposite impact. For a Wall Street insider to publicly make such statements is a sign that the actual financial and economic news is much worse than we have already heard thus far this year.

For these and other reasons, I expect that the divergence in the precious metals and paper financial asset markets to grow even wider over the next few months.

Put bluntly, I anticipate that paper assets will continue to do even more poorly in the next few months than they have already suffered in the first few weeks of this year. As a result, look for gold and silver to rise significantly by comparison.

If you were waiting for "the right time" to acquire some physical gold and silver, you may not want to wait any longer.

In What Universe Is Fed Chair Yellen Living?

If you want to better understand just how jumbled up financial markets are right now, here is a perfect example.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen made her periodic appearance before the House Financial Services Committee today. In her remarks, she hedged her comments to avoid

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admitting how bad the economic news really was. But she did maintain that it was the job of the Federal Reserve to prevent the US economy from "overheating."

What?

There are a record number of more than 100 million Americans of working age who do not have a job today. Only a small fraction of them are officially considered to be "unemployed." A far larger number of former job-seekers are not considered unemployed because they have given up searching for work. Then there are the people of working age not looking for a job such as stay-at-home parents and students.

In total, there are millions more Americans who don't have but want jobs than the grand total of all those alleged to have gotten jobs since January 2009. Yellen's claim that the US economy is at risk of overheating is an outright deception. It would be extremely funny if the subject were not so serious.

Unfortunately, most of the media reports Yellen's statements as the truth, without fact-checking even her most outrageous claims such as she made today.

When people are constantly bombarded with such falsehoods, it is no wonder that they don't understand what is really happening in the world.

Let's take another extreme example. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), chaired for over a year by Yellen, constantly claims that US consumer prices are rising less than 2% per year.

Oh, really?

The FOMC can only make such statements because it relies on the "seasonally adjusted" fiction put out by the Department of Commerce Bureau of Labor Statistics as to changes in consumer prices.

For more accurate real world data, go to <http://www.chapwoodindex.com/>. This is an index of the changes in prices of the 500 items most commonly purchased by consumers in the nation's 50 most populous cities. This index is derived from actual selling prices, with no fudging from a "seasonal adjustment."

The information is updated every six months. The current report shows consumer price changes for the 12 months ended June 30, 2015. Among all 50 cities, the lowest increase in consumer prices was from Tucson, Arizona—up 5.7%! The highest consumer price increase was reported from Long Beach, California, up a sizeable 13.2% from a year earlier.

If just these two examples of how the public is being misled about the true state of the US and global economy and the

Patrick A. Heller's Upcoming Speeches and Appearances

March 4, Dallas, Texas, American Numismatic Association National Money Show Money Talks, "The Rise And Fall Of Rome's Money, And What It Means For America Today", 10:00 AM at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Room 302. No admission charge for the program but non-ANA members must pay a \$6 fee if they want to enter the separate convention floor.

May 11, Highland, Michigan, Huron Valley Numismatic Society meeting, "Collecting Coins For Fun And Profit, 7:00 PM at the Highland Adult Activities Center, 209 N. John Street. For more information, go to www.hvns.org.

For more information on any event or to arrange for a presentation by Patrick A. Heller, call 800-933-4720 or email path@libertycoinservice.com.

world's financial markets aren't enough to convince you, there are sadly too many other points I could cite.

Suffice it to say that in just about every kind of government statistic, what is reported in the headlines is often either contradicted in the underlying details, altered by changing the methodology of reporting the data, derived from statistically invalid data, or simply made up (and I am not joking about this last assertion).

Now, if all this deception were occurring innocently at random, you would expect that about half the time the error would be in one direction and the rest of the time in the other direction. But that is not what is happening.

Invariably, virtually all the deceptions have the end result of painting a rosier picture than what the real data would reveal. Presenting false positive news helps get incumbent politicians re-elected, so they won't complain. The same goes for the number-crunching bureaucrats who don't get negative feedback when they report results that make the politicians look good.

Ultimately, what are the politicians hiding from the people who make life decisions assuming that the financial reports are accurate?

Massive Debt Problems

Several months ago, I was asked in a live radio interview what was the real problem with the US and global econo-

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mies. I quickly answered, “Debt.”

Debt levels around the world, in my judgment, are unsustainable. There aren’t enough assets worldwide to pay off all of what is owed. Let me just give you a few examples to prove this point.

The politicians are making a big deal talking about how the US government has incurred close to \$19 trillion in debt. As bad as that news is, especially since the number only grows and never once in decades has decreased, the US government is much deeper in the hole for all the unfunded liabilities that it has never included in any financial reports.

Among the major unfunded liabilities of the federal government are the present value of future payments owed for Social Security, federal disability, Medicare, and Medicaid. These are not debts to be incurred in the future, they are owed for events that have occurred in the past!

Depending on the assumptions made about interest rates and life expectancies, total unfunded liabilities of the federal government have been calculated anywhere from \$50 trillion to over \$200 trillion! With the current reported annual Gross Domestic Product (which is a statistically overstated figure itself) of less than \$20 trillion, there is no way that the US government will ever be able to pay off all the debt and unfunded liabilities unless it sharply inflates the value of the US dollar to be almost worthless.

Don’t expect politicians and bureaucrats to tell you this truth.

This same massive problem of unfunded liabilities affects virtually every city, county, public school district, and state government across the country.

When you look at all that governments owe, they are collectively bankrupt.

Now look at the banking industry. There are more fudged numbers than I have room to explain. Here are just a few examples:

- US banks have been allowed to record at 100% of face value all assets for which there are no actively traded markets, even for assets where it is known that they are worth nowhere close to

face value.

- A lot of the Greek bailouts have the purpose of allowing European and US banks to keep recording their loans to the Greek government at full face value, even though they will never be fully repaid.
- Several banks in the Dallas Federal Reserve District report being “talked to” by Fed officials there to continue to record their energy industry loans at full face value even though the Treasury Department’s Office of Financial Research reported to Congress in January that “credit risk”, especially from the energy industries, is one of the top three financial stability dangers facing the US economy in 2016.
- Together, banks have hundreds of trillions of dollars of derivatives contracts. They are safe only so long as no counterparty ever defaults on any of these contracts when called upon to make good. It would not take much for a single failure to snowball into a series of collapsing dominoes.

Next, consider all the national governments and businesses around the world that borrowed US dollars. As the US dollar rose in value against almost all currencies last year, defaults started to occur. More will follow.

The foregoing just brush the surface of the magnitude of the debt problem. However, I think you get the idea that the problem will never be resolved by full repayment by currencies at today’s exchange rates. There will be massive inflation of currencies and widespread defaults at some point. The bad financial reports coming out thus far in 2016 are just teasers in the developing deluge.

Physical Gold And Silver—Your Wealth Insurance

There is no simple solution to prepare for all the financial calamities that are coming. Pretty much everyone will suffer—and suffer a lot. But there are steps you can take that will help lessen the pain, as demonstrated in the 1997 Far East Asian Currency Crisis.

Back then, Indonesia’s currency was virtually wiped out. Citizens of that nation whose wealth was tied up in the national currency were mostly bankrupted. On the other side, those who owned some physical gold and silver were able to ride out the storm with comparatively minor losses.

Even though I am fearful of what the near future may hold for paper assets such as

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.

stocks, bonds, and currencies, there is always the prospect that I could be wrong. Therefore, it is best to diversify your assets.

I consider it highly important that everyone put at least 10% of either their net worth or their investment portfolio into bullion-priced physical gold and silver under their direct control.

When MF Global Holdings failed in 2011, too many people who thought they owned gold or silver because it was in a storage vault (yes, even “allocated” storage) or in the form of a certificate, exchange traded funds, mining company shares, and the like took huge losses. If you have physical precious metals under your direct control, you can rest a whole lot easier.

At LCS, we have helped tens of thousands of customers, large and modest, acquire their physical gold and silver to serve as wealth insurance. We can help you.

There is much more that can be done beyond acquiring physical gold and silver. I am not an expert on several steps. I found the online article at [http://themoimportantnews.com/archives/70-tips-that-will-help-you-survive-what-is-going-to-happen-to-america?](http://themoimportantnews.com/archives/70-tips-that-will-help-you-survive-what-is-going-to-happen-to-america?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=socialnetwork)

[utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=socialnetwork](http://themoimportantnews.com/archives/70-tips-that-will-help-you-survive-what-is-going-to-happen-to-america?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=socialnetwork) to be mostly down to earth

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and full of useful suggestions. I hope it is helpful to you.

Pre-1934 US Gold Coin Prices Finally Rising

For the past several years, prices of the Classic Pre-1934 US Gold Coins have mostly headed south, in conjunction with falling spot prices. However, they suffered price weakness for another reason.

Even though the price of gold fell as measured in US dollars, it actually rose in several other currencies. That sometimes meant that the prices of US Pre-1934 Gold Coins, as measured in other currencies, were also relatively strong.

When American ownership of gold was outlawed in 1933, there were substantial quantities of US Gold Coins that remained in bank vault across Europe and South America. Over time, these coins have trickled back to the US.

This trickle has been more of a steady stream over the past few years when foreign banks were able to sell these coins at what were strong prices in their local currencies. The supplies coming to the US accelerated price declines beyond just the fall in the spot price.

That supply stream of US Pre-1934 Gold Coins coming back to America is likely to slow down. Since the beginning of 2016, the US Dollar Index is down, making further liquidation of these coins by foreign owners less attractive.

After the US dollar index peaked just over 20 years ago, the prices of many Classic US Gold Coins outperformed the rise in the gold spot. We could be looking at the same opportunity today.

Among the top performers two decades ago were Mint State \$10.00 Indians. At last week's Long Beach Coin Expo in California, I made a bargain purchase of **Choice Mint State-63 \$10.00 Indians**. I would not be surprised if, in 2016, such coins again outperformed the gold spot price. See our enclosure.

Silver and Silver Coins

Silver closed on the COMEX today at \$15.27, a strong increase of \$1.13 (8.0%) from last month.

Demand continued to be strong in January and early this month. The US Mint is far ahead of last year's record pace in selling US Silver Eagle Dollars. Gold Ea-

The Month

Gold Range	124.00	11.4%
Net Change	+107.25	
Silver Range	1.71	12.1%
Net Change	+1.13	
Gold/Silver Ratio	78.2	
Net change	+1.3	
Platinum Range	120.00	14.1%
Net Change	+83.00	
Platinum/Gold Ratio	0.78	

Date	Gold	Silver	Platinum
Jan 13	1,087.50	14.14	851.00
Jan 14	1,074.00	13.73	834.00
Jan 15	1,091.50	13.88	828.00
Jan 18	1,091.50	13.88	827.00
Jan 19	1,090.00	14.11	830.00
Jan 20	1,107.00	14.14	819.00
Jan 21	1,099.00	14.08	819.00
Jan 22	1,097.25	14.04	831.00
Jan 25	1,106.25	14.24	861.00
Jan 26	1,121.75	14.54	876.00
Jan 27	1,116.00	14.44	882.00
Jan 28	1,115.50	14.22	868.00
Jan 29	1,116.50	14.23	874.00
Feb 01	1,128.00	14.33	870.00
Feb 02	1,127.25	14.27	855.00
Feb 03	1,141.25	14.72	880.00
Feb 04	1,157.50	14.83	906.00
Feb 05	1,157.75	14.76	903.00
Feb 08	1,198.00	15.41	928.00
Feb 09	1,198.75	15.44	939.00
Feb 10	1,194.75	15.27	934.00

London Silver Market Premium To New York Silver Market = 0¢

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

gle sales are also up strong from year-ago levels.

Over the past several years, when the president or Federal Reserve Chair gave a major speech or addressed Congress, gold and silver prices "suddenly" get clobbered, sometimes as much as 5%. I looked for that to happen again today.

There were several trades in European and US markets that had all the indications of price suppression tactics. They worked, but only slightly and only for a short time. By the COMEX close, gold and silver prices had recovered most of the lost ground. As I type this late in the evening, the gold spot price in Asian markets has topped \$1,200 for the first time since last summer while the silver price is

threatening to surpass yesterday's multi-month high COMEX close.

Even though prices are not as low as they were a month ago, we still look to be in the early stages of a major boom market. This rise will be supported by all the financial calamities with paper assets, which will make it ever more difficult for the US government, its primary trading partners, and allies to prevent.

The good news is that pretty much all products are available for live or short term delivery at premiums at or close to their lowest levels of the past several months.

I continue to recommend acquiring the **100, 10, and 1 Ounce Ingots** (6.9-8.2%) to get more silver at a lower premium than most other forms. Be sure to pick up at least some quantity of the smaller pieces for potential "spending money" purposes as the 100 Ounce ingots are not divisible.

The premiums of **US Silver Eagle Dollars** (20.6%) or **Canada Silver Maple Leafs** (16.3%) are high enough that I do not recommend them as a way to purchase bulk quantities of physical silver.

Even with a significant rise in the silver spot price, the prices of **Mint State Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars** are largely unchanged in the last month. I would not be surprised for this anomaly to end and for prices increase. This month, we can offer modest quantities of some **Morgan And Peace Dollar Deals**. See our flyer.

Gold And Gold Coins

Gold ended in US markets today at \$1,194.75, up a huge \$107.25 (9.9%) over the last four weeks. If this price increase had occurred for any stock, you can be sure that it would make headlines in the financial news.

But, like silver, current strong demand has not hurt availability of products or pushed up premiums. So, today you will pay more than you would last month, but not any extra because of tight supplies.

I continue to recommend as my low premium favorites the **US American Arts Medallions** (2.8%), the **Austria 100 Corona** (2.5%), and the **Mexico 50 Pesos** (2.5%). I look for these issues to somewhat outperform other alternatives such as **US American Eagles** (5.0%), **Canada Gold Maple Leafs** (4.1%), and **South Africa Krugerrands** (4.2%) over time.

Liberty Coin Service Computer Quotes 2PM EST 2.10.16

Spot Prices

Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	1,256.50	1256.50	5.0%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	651.75	1303.50	8.9%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	334.50	1338.00	11.8%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	137.50	1375.00	14.9%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	1,256.50	1256.50	5.0%
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	1,254.25	1254.25	4.8%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,202.50	1226.79	2.5%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	1,249.50	1249.50	4.4%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	1,245.75	1245.75	4.1%
*China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	1,279.25	1279.25	6.9%
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	1,479.00	1226.67	2.5%
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	1,247.00	1247.00	4.2%
*U.S. Medallion	10	1.0000	1,230.25	1230.25	2.8%
*50 Gram Combibar	10	1.6077	2,116.50	1316.48	10.0%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	1,233.75	1233.75	3.1%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	147.20	1329.72	11.1%
*Austria 4 Ducat	10	0.4428	604.00	1364.05	14.0%
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	305.75	1298.85	8.5%
*British Sovereign, BU	10	0.2354	323.75	1375.32	14.9%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	242.75	1300.21	8.6%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	245.25	1313.60	9.8%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	1,340.00	1385.01	15.7%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	1,355.00	1400.52	17.0%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	1,320.00	1364.34	14.0%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	665.00	1374.53	14.9%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	375.00	1550.23	29.5%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	13,205.00	18.47	20.6%
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	4,815.00	16.32	6.5%
*U.S. Circulated Dollars	1,000	760	20,500.00	26.97	76.1%
*U.S. Silver Eagle-2016	1,000	1,000	18,420.00	18.42	20.2%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	17,820.00	17.82	16.3%
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	100	1,637.00	16.37	6.9%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	10	165.20	16.52	7.8%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1	16.57	16.57	8.2%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	1,006.00	1006.00	7.0%
*U.S. 1 Oz Platinum Eagle	10	1.0000	Not available		
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.5000	Not available		
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.2500	Not available		
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.1000	Not available		
*Other 1 Oz Plat Coins	10	1.0000	Not available		
*Canada Palladium ML	10	1.0000	565.00	565.00	7.0%

Gold:	\$1,196.75
Silver:	\$15.32
Platinum:	\$940.00
Palladium:	\$528.00

Notes from Liberty

By Allan Beegle
LCS Chief Numismatist

Like December, January sales volume topped year earlier results by more than 50%! When you consider that current prices are much lower than they were a year ago, that indicates that we may have moved out double the ounces of gold and silver! Higher gold and silver prices have even sparked renewed demand for Pre-1934 US Gold Coins.

As expected, last month's offer of the **Mint State 2016 China 30 Gram Silver Pandas** sold out quickly. We did manage to come up with another case of coins to fill continuing orders, but have less than 100 pieces still in stock. No new supplies have come to the US from the China Mint, and there are no promises that any more will ever be imported.

Last week, LCS Communications Officer Pat Heller "walked the floor" at the huge Long Beach Coin Expo in California. He was especially looking to find coins for customer want lists and any fresh deals that could be found.

He had more luck than typical! From a West Coast wholesaler, he was able to acquire a moderate lot of **Choice Mint State-63 \$10.00 Indians** at a great price. Now that the US dollar has possibly peaked against other world currencies, these coins may repeat past history of outside price gains.

Pat also brought back an historic group of **Poland Sigismund III Silver 3 Polker**. These coins were issued almost 400 years ago during the peak of Polish political power. Yet, because the king held the throne for many decades, enough coins were issued to make them easily affordable today.

LCS Postage Charges	
Value of Contents	Postage Charge
Under \$50	\$5
\$50-249	\$10
\$250-499	\$18
\$500-999	\$25
\$1,000-4,999	\$30
\$5,000 and higher	None

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 Trading Desk Hours (Eastern): Mon-Fri 9:30AM-6PM, Sat 10AM-2PM

Coins, Rolls and Sets

U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU	\$10,260
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$640
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$885
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$585

Gold:	\$1,196.75
Silver:	\$15.32
Platinum:	\$940.00
Palladium:	\$528.00

Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	1,450	1,515	1,810
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	1,515	1,680	3,050
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	865	1,150	2,835
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	570	700	2,890
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	3,685	5,780	13,760
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	3,420	4,025	9,625
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	7,045	9,655	22,935
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	63	80	160
U.S. Peace Dollar	44	57	118

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 15 day return period. Orders for bullion-priced items (marked with *) are not returnable and, after confirmation, cannot be cancelled.

It has been years since we were offered a large group of any one date of desirable Morgan or Peace Silver Dollars. Still, you can check our offer of **Morgan and Peace Dollar Deals** to take advantage of attractive coins at money-saving prices available in limited quantities.

Once again, it is entirely possible that we may sell out all of these offerings. To improve your chance of picking up the coins you want, please call our **Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375** to check on availability and confirm your purchase.

As usual, we also picked up some other one-, two-, or few-of-kind treasures to tempt you:

Affordable MS-64 1954-S Washington-Carver Commemorative Half Dollars:

The final series of Classic Commemorative Coins issued by the US Mint honored educator Booker T. Washington and scientist George Washington Carver. They were struck at all three mints from 1951 through 1954!

Because of racial prejudice in parts of the country, this coin that featured two prominent African-Americans was not that popular at the time. When the Mint was unable to sell all they struck, some were melted down. Consequently, these coins are more affordable for their rarity than other US coins.

The design is rather basic. Profiles of both

men appear on the front. The reverse features a map of the 48 states over which "U.S.A." is superimposed. Around the periphery is "Americanism" and "Freedom and Opportunity For All."

We have six attractive NGC-certified Very Choice Mint State-64 examples of the 1954-S issue, from the final year of US classic commemorative coin issues. Net mintage of 42,024 is dwarfed by the 4,993,400 of the Franklin Half Dollars struck in San Francisco that year.

Yet, while collectors might pay \$50-65 for an MS-64 1954-S Franklin, you can own the MS-64 1954-S Washington-Carver for just \$35. *Coin Values* is \$40.

Attractive Type 1 Buffalo Nickels:

The original design for the Indian Head, popularly called Buffalo, Nickel shows an American bison standing on a raised mound on the reverse. On the mound appears "Five Cents."

Unfortunately, when this new design debuted in 1913, people quickly learned that the denomination quickly wore off in circulation. So, part way through 1913, the Mint engravers redesigned the coin to recess the mound, thereby protecting the denomination from wearing off.

We now have three PCGS and NGC certified Very Choice Mint State-64 1913 Type 1 Buffalo Nickels, struck for a short time be-

fore the design was changed. In *Coin Values* this coin catalogs for \$50 in MS-63 condition and \$150 in MS-65 quality. At \$72, you can acquire one or more of these attractive examples of Old West artwork.

Byzantine Emperor Anastasius I

Copper Follis: Anastasius I was the first significant Byzantine Emperor. He reigned from 491-518 AD. He is most known for putting the finances of the Empire into order. His changes to the monetary system effectively became the start of Byzantine coinage.

By the time of his death, the Byzantine treasury had accumulated almost 5 million ounces of gold reserves! Today, that would still rank as the 24th largest gold reserves of any nation! There are some who would say that America today needs a president with the financial acumen of an Anastasius!

This treasure was largely dissipated by Byzantine Emperor Justinian I (The Great), who ruled from 527-565, in his military campaigns that extended the size of the Byzantine Empire to its greatest extent.

We are privileged to handle an Anastasius I coin maybe every five years. This large Copper Follis is about the size of a US half dollar. It features a bust of the emperor on the obverse. The reverse features a large letter M between two stars. The "M" designates the coin's denomination as a follis (equal to 40 nummi). The CON at the bottom indicates the coin was struck in Constantinople.

This an eye-appealing About Very Fine specimen with nice patina. \$125.

Perfect Mint State-70 US 2008 1/2 Oz Gold Buffalo:

After introducing the One Ounce Gold Buffalo in 2006, the US mint introduced fractional-sized issues in 2008. The attempt flopped. No more fractional Buffaloes have been issued since then.

The fractional Buffaloes were struck in both Proof and in a Burnished Mint State quality.

The Burnished 1/2 Oz Buffalo is a one-year type with a modest mintage of 16,908. We have an NGC-certified Perfect Mint State-70 specimen also designated as "Early Releases." We doubt that you could find another PCGS or NGC-certified Perfect Mint State-70 Early Release specimen available at our price of just \$1,299.

Memo

Choice Mint State-63 \$10.00 Indians



To: All Clients

From: Patrick A. Heller, LCS Communications Officer

Date: February 8, 2016

I love U.S. \$10 Indian Gold Eagles! Here are some of my reasons:

- **Designed in secret:** These large coins were designed at a secret hideaway in France by the famous sculptor Augustus Saint Gaudens as a personal favor to his friend President Theodore Roosevelt.
- **Breathtaking beauty:** For the coin, St Gaudens adapted Ms. Liberty from the figure of Nike, the Greek goddess of Victory, as it appears on the St Gaudens-designed General William T. Sherman Monument in New York City's Central Park. In a bold break from earlier Eagle designs, St Gaudens used artistic license to give Ms. Liberty an American character by adding a feathered warbonnet, something that neither Liberty nor any Native American Indian woman would ever have worn. On the reverse is a defiant eagle, a strong assertion of America's emergence as a world power!
- **Bargain price:** They are also exceptional bargains today, with Choice Mint State-63 specimens selling near their lowest prices in several years! I remember selling common Mint State-60 pieces for over \$1,500 back in the mid-1980s. These even higher grade Choice Mint State-63 specimens are priced much lower today!
- **Appreciation potential:** To add to their attraction is their potential for fast appreciation. For instance, on February 25, 1985, the price of gold reached a six-year low at almost the same time that the value of the U.S. dollar hit its peak. In the following nine months, the dollar started to slide while the price of gold rose 15%. In this same period, the price of common-date Mint State-60, -61, and -62 \$10 Indians soared 103%, more than any other U.S. Gold Coin type! Fast forward to today. The price of gold recently touched a six year low while the U.S. dollar US dollar index hit its highest level since mid-2009. While the history of rapid price appreciation may not repeat to the same degree, I find the current low price of Choice Mint State-63 \$10 Indians to be almost irresistible.

A Fresh Purchase!

Along with falling gold prices, the prices of Pre-1934 US Gold Coins has also generally fallen for the past three years—as measured in US dollars! However, the price of gold has fared better in terms of other currencies such as the euro. Consequently, European banks have been aggressively selling Pre-1934 US Gold Coins for the past year or so as part of their efforts to shore up their financial stability. As measured in the euro, the market prices of these coins have generally been stronger than the sometimes unmarketable paper loans they have made.

That situation is changing. The strong US dollar has hurt exports and the American economy. The politicians and bureaucrats seem to now understand that the value of the US dollar needs to go down relative to other paper currencies. Now the US dollar is down almost 4% versus the euro thus far in 2016. As this happens, the value of Pre-1934 US Gold Coins held by European banks, as measured in the euro, will decline. This could lead to supply shortages of these coins at the same time that overall demand to purchase physical gold coins and bars in the US is taking off!

Last week, I attended the huge Long Beach Coin Expo in California. The **good news** is that I was able to hand-select a nice mini-hoard of Choice Mint State-63 \$10 Indians from the inventory of a West Coast wholesaler friend. Every

coin has been independently graded by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC). Because of our past dealings, I was able to snap them up at an nice money-saving price.

This comparison shows why I love Choice Mint State-63 \$10 Indians:

<i>MS-63 Coins</i>	<i>Mintage</i>	<i>PCGS/NGC MS-63+ Population</i>	<i>6/89 Price</i>	<i>Coin Values</i>	<i>Current Price</i>
1932 \$10 Indian	4,463,000	71,728	\$3,025	\$1,200	\$ 869
1904 \$20 Liberty	6,256,797	214,335	\$1,800	\$1,750	\$1,515
1924 \$20 St Gaudens	4,323,500	473,856	\$ 970	\$1,650	\$1,450

Because of this opportune purchase, we cut our price. While supplies last you can own the Choice Mint State-63 \$10 Indian at a much larger discount to the catalog value listed in *Coin Values* than either of the common-date Double Eagles. At the major market peak in June 1989, Choice Mint State-63 \$10 Indians sold for more than three and one-half times the current price!

As you can also see, the 1932 \$10 Indian is much less common than either of the most common \$20 Liberties or \$20 Saint Gaudens of the same grade.

Bonus discount: Save \$4 per coin if you purchase five specimens! Save \$10 per coin if you purchase ten pieces!

They Won't Last Long!

After I acquired this group, I was not able to find more at the same money-saving prices. As a complete sellout is likely, we must limit orders to ten coins.

Act Today: Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. I urge you to telephone today to ensure availability and to confirm your purchase! To reserve your purchase, call us Toll-Free at **800-527-2375**. Or return the coupon below. Remember, you can use your Visa, Mastercard, and Discover charge cards to purchase these coins. For our mutual protection, all mail-order purchases paid by credit cards will be shipped only to the credit card billing address.

Sincerely,



Patrick A. Heller
LCS Communications Officer

Yes! Please ship me the Choice Mint State-63 \$10 Indians that I have indicated below. I understand that every coin has been independently certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as well as being backed by LCS's exclusive guarantees. I may return them for a full refund for any reason within 14 days of my receipt. Limit 10 coins per order. Note: There is no postage charge for total combined purchases of \$5,000 or more.

_____ U. S. \$10.00 Indian, Choice Mint State-63, NGC (1-4 coins)	@ \$ 869 each =	_____
_____ U. S. \$10.00 Indian, Choice Mint State-63, NGC (5-9 coins)	@ \$ 865 each =	_____
_____ U. S. \$10.00 Indian, Choice Mint State-63, NGC (10 coins)	@ \$ 859 each =	_____
	Postage (see Computer Quotes Page)	_____
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Silver Coins Issued By Poland's Most Powerful King!

Sigismund III Silver 3 Polkers from the early 1600s!

Sigismund III Vasa was the son of Swedish King John III and Catherine Jagiellon, daughter of Polish King Sigismund I. He was living in Sweden when he was elected to the throne of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in 1587. Thereafter, he sought to create an even larger empire by forming a union with Sweden. At the time, Sweden included Norway, Finland, and parts of the Baltic nations.

His effort succeeded when he became the King of Sweden upon the death of his father in 1592. The lands governed by a Polish monarch reached their greatest extent ever.

Sigismund's uncle, Duke Charles sought to become the Swedish king. He pointed out that Sigismund was not fit to serve because he was absent from the realm. In the ensuing civil war, Sigismund's forces were defeated and he officially gave up the Swedish throne to his uncle in 1599. For the rest of his life, Sigismund dissipated Poland's treasury in his quest to regain the Swedish throne.

Sigismund also led to a resurgence of the Roman Catholic faith in Poland, considering the nation as a bulwark against the Russian Orthodox and the Ottoman Turks!

Poland under Sigismund was often at war. His forces occupied Moscow from 1610-1612. They fought the Ottoman Turks from 1617-1621. Swedish King Gustavus II Adolphus, son of Charles, invaded the Baltic regions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in 1617, eventually wresting those lands from Sigismund. By the time Sigismund III died in 1632, Poland's territory and international prestige had permanently declined.



Silver Coins Of Sigismund III!

Because of his long reign as king of Poland, coinage of Sigismund III was widely struck, making coins such as these 3 Polker silver pieces affordable on any budget.

These coins were struck from 1614-1628. The obverse has the Polish coat of arms. The reverse has a circle in which "24" appears. Above that is the 2-digit date, so that, for instance, 23 indicates the coin was struck in 1623.

While he was attending the Long Beach Coin Expo in California last week, LCS Communications Officer Pat Heller acquired a moderate group of these nicer than average coins from a West Coast dealer. We grade these coins as Very Fine, though that may be conservative for some of them.

We offered a small group of these coins several years ago. They sold out quickly. This time around, we have a larger quantity to improve the prospects that a wider number of customers can own at least one of these nearly 400-year old mementos from Poland's peak of

political clout.

One-Time Money-Saving Prices!

You can own a silver coin from this historic era. While our supplies last, you can pick up one or more coins at just \$19.95 each!

Act Today!

This special offering is limited to our stock on hand. When these coins are sold, we don't know we might have more of this quality.

To ensure that our supply is available for more customers, we must limit orders to 10 coins. No exceptions!

As with all of our numismatic offerings, you must be satisfied. You have 14 days upon your receipt to return them for a full refund.

To reserve your purchase, call us toll-free at **800-527-2375**. Or use the order form below. You can use your Visa, Mastercard, and Discover charge cards for payment on orders shipped to the billing address of the card.

—Tom Coulson
LCS General Manager

Yes! Please send me the Poland Sigismund III Silver 3 Polkers that I have selected below. I understand that all of these coins are backed by LCS's exclusive guarantees. I may return them for a full, no-questions refund within 14 days of my receipt. Limit 10 coins per order.

_____ Poland Sigismund III Silver 3 Polker, Very Fine @ \$19.95 = _____
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Morgan And Peace Dollar Deals!

Allan Beegle, LCS Chief Numismatist

Finding sizeable solid-date deals of desirable Morgan or Peace Silver Dollars is virtually an impossible challenge anymore.

However, when we come across smaller lots, we go after them as well. Our hope is that we can locate enough bargain-priced specimens before prices run up to make a special offering to our customers.

Although we still don't have any large quantities of any single date, it turns out that we have three different issues where we have more than ten examples of each, two of which are fresh deals. Both of the Morgan Dollars here have earned our Highest Appreciation Potential among that series. The 1924 Peace Dollar is a pleasing common-date, even though it is definitely much less common than other dates in the series! These coins are hard enough to find that LCS's Pat Heller did not bring any more home with him from last week's Long Beach Coin Expo in California!

Each coin offered here has been independently certified by either the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) or Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as well as meeting our own strict standards.

To ensure your 100% satisfaction, you have 14 days upon receipt of your numismatic purchase to return them for a full, prompt, no-questions refund.

To figure postage, please refer to the chart on the Computer Quotes page.

You can use your Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit cards to get you fastest shipment (if your order is shipped to the credit card's billing address).

Enjoy reviewing these beautiful treasures. Pick your favorites. Then come to our store or call our Trading Desk direct at **800-527-2375** to confirm your purchase.

1888 Morgan Dollar, Gem Mint State-65, NGC—\$195 (11 coins available).

Compared to the common 1881-S Morgan Dollar, the 1888, has a lot going for it. PCGS and NGC combined have certified just 11,677 specimens in Gem MS-65 or higher grades over the past three decades! That makes the high grade 1888 coins more than a dozen times rarer.

We have had a few modest groups of these over the years, which always sell out quickly. This group of nice white coins came from



a Southeast wholesaler less than a week ago. Current *Coin Values* is \$200. They have sold in recent auctions for as much as \$228.

1902-O Morgan Dollar, Gem Mint State-65, PCGS/NGC—\$179 (13 coins available).

These coins have been accumulated one-, two-, or a few-at-a-time over the past six months. PCGS and NGC have certified a modest 13,189 MS-65 and nicer examples. That means that these are more than 11 times scarcer in top quality than the 1881-S date. Yet the price is little more than for the common-date issue.

Like the 1888, this coin lists in *Coin Values* for \$200. In the most recent auctions, this issue has sold for as much as \$275.



1924 Peace Dollar, Choice Mint State-63, PCGS—\$44 (14 coins available).

If you ever wanted to own a single example of an attractive Peace Silver Dollar at an affordable price, here is your chance. The 1924 Peace Dollar is considered a common date. It's mintage of 11,811,000 is the 6th highest of the series (1922 is the highest at 51,737,000 pieces struck, and the 1923 next highest with a mintage of 30,800,000).

The coin is not at all scarce. Over the past 30 years, PCGS and NGC together have certified 74,707 specimens in Choice Mint State-63 or higher grades. Still, the two services have certified 468,609 of the 1923 Peace Dollar in the same high grades!

When we see Mint State rolls of Peace Dollars, they are regularly dated either 1922, 1923, or 1925. The number of Mint State rolls dated 1924 that we have handled in the past quarter century is minuscule in comparison! The same goes for higher grade certified specimens.

This group of 14 coins may be the largest quantity of MS-63 specimens of this date we have had in stock at one time over the past 25 years! We were fortunate to be offered them as a group that we purchased from a fussy collector. Each coin mostly exhibits original white to light golden toning.

All four of these common Peace Dollar dates catalog in *Coin Values* for the same \$42 per coin. If we had our choice of dates, we would always go for the 1924 issue.

