

Liberty's Outlook

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Are You Prepared For A Possible Bank Holiday?

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a series of Statements in June that will require state and local governments, government school districts, and other government agencies to change their financial reports. (Go to <http://www.gasb.org/jsp/GASB/Page/GASBSection-Page&cid=1176160042391#gasbs77> for details.)

GASB Statements 73 through 76 cover accounting requirements for employee pensions and post-employment benefit plans other than pensions (primarily health care). The effective dates where compliance is required are for the fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 (# 73 and #76), after June 15, 2016 (#74), or after June 15, 2017 (#75).

When governments are forced to disclose the extent of their unfunded liabilities, most of them will likely be insolvent.

In the city of Lansing, Michigan, for instance, unfunded liabilities were \$600 million two years ago, almost \$650 million in mid-2014, and are probably more than \$700 million now. This breaks down to more than \$23,000 for each family of four residing in the city.

This change in accounting requirements will more closely align the reporting of the financial condition of

2015 Year To Date Results

Through October 26, 2015

Precious Metals

Silver	+1.1%
Gold	-2.2%
Palladium	-16.0%
Platinum	-16.3%

Numismatics

US MS-65 Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921	+12.9%
US MS-63 \$20 St Gaudens	-2.1
US MS-63 \$20 Liberty	-8.5%

US Dollar vs Foreign Currencies

Brazil Real	+47.0%
Malaysia Ringgit	+21.4%
South Africa Rand	+18.0%
New Zealand Dollar	+14.8%
Chile Peso	+13.3%
Canada Dollar	+13.2%
Australia Dollar	+12.7%
Mexico Peso	+12.1%
Peru New Sol	+9.6%
Indonesia Rupiah	+9.5%
Euro	+9.4%
Thailand Baht	+7.8%
Singapore Dollar	+5.0%
Philippines Peso	+4.2%
South Korea Won	+3.3%
India Rupee	+3.0%

Taiwan Dollar	+2.3%
China Yuan	+2.4%
Great Britain Pound	+1.5%
Japan Yen	+1.2%
Hong Kong Dollar	-0.1%
Switzerland Franc	-1.1%
U.S. Dollar Index	96.88 +7.5%

US And World Stock Market Indices

Frankfurt Xetra DAX	+10.2%
Tokyo Nikkei 225	+8.6%
NASDAQ	+6.3%
Shanghai Composite	+6.0%
S&P 500	+0.6%
DJIA	-1.1%
Australia S&P/ASX 200	-1.2%
London FT 100	-2.3%
Dow Jones World (ex-US)	-2.4%
Russell 2000	-3.8%
Sao Paulo Bovespa	-5.6%

10 Year US Treasury Note interest rate	2.058%	-5.29%
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Intrinsic Metal Value Of U.S. Coins

Lincoln cent, 1959-1982	1.57¢
Lincoln cent, 1982-date	0.45¢
Jefferson nickel, non-silver	3.27¢
Roosevelt dime, 1965-date	1.48¢
Washington quarter, 1965-date	3.71¢
Kennedy half dollar, 1971-date	7.42¢

governments to what private entities are already required to do.

The impact of just these changes in governmental financial reporting could spark public fears that America's financial system is at risk of collapse. As we have seen multiple times in American history, when people are afraid of the viability of banks, they pull their balances out of those institutions.

As the Great Depression deepened in the early 1930s, banks experienced a surge of customers withdrawing their balances and closing accounts. Since the Federal Reserve had established fractional banking, a

process where banks could loan many times the actual reserves held by the bank, decreases in cash in customer bank accounts forced banks to trim their lending activities.

On February 14, 1933 Michigan's governor declared an eight day bank holiday, closing all banks in the state. Within weeks, a total of 36 states declared their own bank holidays.

On March 5, 1933, the day after he was sworn into office, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared a "bank holiday." For four days, all banks in the nation were closed and did not conduct any

Value Of US Dollar As Measured Against Gold

Value of \$1.00 at creation of Federal Reserve in 1913	0.0484 tr oz
Value of \$1.00 today	0.0009 tr oz
Change in value of US dollar against gold since 1913	-98.1%

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financial transactions.

This bank holiday allowed Roosevelt to exert pressure on Congress, which passed the Emergency Banking Act on March 9. Effectively, this legislation granted extraordinary liquidity to the banking system. Just over one thousand banks reopened on March 13 (out of more than 40,000 banks nationwide), with long lines of customers waiting to redeposit funds they had recently removed from the banks.

On March 15, the first trading day after Roosevelt declared the bank holiday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose more than 15%, still the all-time record for a one-day percentage gain. By the end of March, more than half of the funds taken from banks had been returned to customer accounts.

Many banks closed for the federal bank holiday never re-opened for business. Throughout the Great Depression, about 9,000 banks failed. Thousands more merged with other banks to avoid bankruptcy. Just in 1933, depositors lost more than \$100 million of bank deposits as a result of failures.

In early 1985, the public finally realized that a large Cincinnati savings and loan, Home State Savings Bank, was about to collapse. As customers formed long lines at branches to withdraw their account balances, the Ohio governor declared a bank holiday for the savings and loan banks. The governor later ordered the closure of all Ohio savings and loan banks.

Nationwide, the contagion of runs on banks where customer accounts were insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) threatened to spread. From 1986 to 1989, 1,043 out of 3,234 of these institutions failed. The US government established the Resolution Trust Corporation that closed or otherwise resolved issues with another 747 of these banks. In addition, another 1,600 banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) failed from 1986 to 1996.

During that financial crisis, a complete bank holiday was averted. However, the US government's willingness to take funds from taxpayers to bail out customers of these failed banks probably encouraged many surviving banks to make higher risk loans and mortgages that led to the 2007 subprime mortgage crisis.

Despite significant structural changes in the US financial system, there is a risk of another major crisis that could

trigger a new bank holiday across the nation. The fallout from the disclosure of trillions of dollars of unfunded governmental liabilities is just one possible spark that could bring on a financial catastrophe in this country.

Were another bank holiday to occur, bank customers would not be able to withdraw cash, write checks, use credit and debit cards. As we saw in 1933, at best this condition lasted for just over a week. But many banks could be closed for months or may never re-open—as happened in Cyprus in 2013.

In such a crisis, only those who are prepared will be able to continue with minimal interruption to their lives.

Many individuals, and now one publicly traded US company, have made preparations to manage should another US bank holiday occur. On October 18, Overstock.com chairman Jonathon Johnson surprised many people in a speech to the United Precious Metals Association when he said:

"We are not big fans of Wall Street and we don't trust them. We foresaw the financial crisis, we fought against the financial crisis that happened in 2008; we don't trust the banks still and we foresee that with QE3, and QE4 and QEn that at some point there is going to be another significant financial crisis."

"So what do we do as a business so that we would be prepared when that happens? One thing that we do that is fairly unique: we have about \$10 million in gold, mostly small button-sized coins, that we keep outside of the banking system. We expect that when there is a financial crisis there will be a banking holiday. I don't know if it will be 2 days, 2 weeks, or 2 months. We have \$10 million in gold and silver in denominations small enough that we can use for payroll. We want to be able to keep our employees paid, safe and our site up and running during a financial crisis."

"We also happen to have three months of food supply for every employee that we can live on."

Many Americans concerned about a possible bank holiday are purchasing physical gold and silver in highly divisible units for possible use as spending money as part of their preparations. I also know of some people acquiring other currencies such as the Chinese yuan for this purpose.

If you want to gain a bit more insight about the business approach of Overstock.com and their positive outlook on gold, you can go to my July audio interview with company founder and CEO Dr. Patrick Byrne, posted at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdohFt-6G40>.

I have long advocated the ownership of physical gold and silver as a long-term form of insurance against the risk of losses in paper assets such as stocks, bonds, and currencies. To-

Patrick A. Heller's Upcoming Speeches and Appearances

November 11, Lansing, Michigan, "The Rise And Fall Of Rome's Money—And What It Means For America Today," a repeat presentation to the world history classes at Lansing Catholic High School. Closed to the public.

Later in November (date to be determined), Glen Arbor, Michigan, "The Rise And Fall Of Rome's Money—And What It Means For America Today," a repeat presentation to the world history class at Leelanau School. Closed to the public.

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day, a near-term bank holiday is more than a zero probability. It is prudent to take action today rather than wait until it is too late, where angry people will be asking "Why didn't somebody warn us?"

The FOMC Again Leaves Interest Rate Alone, Adds A New Wrinkle

For more than a year now, Federal Reserve officials and many so-called "economic experts" have been proclaiming that the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) would raise the federal funds interest rate multiple times in 2015 and subsequent years.

No increases have happened thus far this year, including the FOMC meeting that finished this afternoon. Now there is only one FOMC meeting left for 2015, where the FOMC wants people to be afraid that they really might raise this benchmark interest rate.

The FOMC added language to today's announcement to imply that there is a significant prospect of raising the interest rate at the December meeting. It said, "In determining whether it will be appropriate to raise the target rate at its next meeting, the Committee will assess progress—both realized and expected—toward its objectives of maximum employment and 2 percent inflation."

In other words, even if the existing economic data do not support raising interest rates, the FOMC can claim that they "expect" future data will support such a move.

Stated even more plainly, the FOMC announced today that regardless of the state of the US economy, they will just

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do whatever they choose in December.

As you might expect, the prospect of higher interest rates coming soon immediately clobbered US stock markets. Further, as is the consistent pattern, when stock markets are reeling, the US government, its primary trading partners, and allies made sure that precious metals prices also tanked.

The US government cannot afford to have people fleeing paper assets for the safety of gold and silver. So, when stocks drop, the feds need to make sure that precious metals are equally unattractive and weak as well.

What Will Happen In December?

I have repeatedly explained that the largest beneficiary of low interest rates is the world's largest debtor—the US government. A mere 1% increase in the interest rate paid by the federal government on just its \$19 trillion in debt more would increase the budget deficit by more than \$500 million per day!

The politicians in Washington are not even talking about reducing or paying off the federal debt. Instead, they argue about how fast it will rise. This reality just about guarantees that the Fed will never raise interest rates.

Unfortunately, what benefits the government has the exact opposite effect on American citizens. Economic growth and prosperity depend on savings and investments.

With interest rates so low over the last seven years, there has been no incentive for people to save. Businesses can undertake riskier projects because they are cushioned by the lower borrowing costs. Neither of these lead to long term prosperity and growth.

If you look at the nature of debt in America today, there are several scary developments.

- College student loans now exceed credit card debt—with much higher default rates.
- The percentage of auto and truck loans going to sub-prime borrowers is growing, which will inevitably lead to higher default rates.
- New regulations that took effect within the past year discourage banks from holding municipal bonds. With state and local governments, government school districts, and other agencies soon being forced by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board to publicly report the trillions of dol-

lars in unfunded liabilities, the higher risk of default on these debts will make them less attractive to other investors.

- Several banks, especially large ones, are able to record as assets at 100% of face value loans made that trade at significant discounts on the secondary market. For example, US banks hold part of the \$57 billion of privately-held Greek government debt, valued on the financial statements at full face value rather than the current market discounted rate.

In addition, the International Monetary Fund recently issued a report that if the FOMC raises the interest rate, that could trigger a worldwide financial crisis.

For all of these reasons, the FOMC absolutely will not go against the wishes of the US government by raising interest rates.

But—

The FOMC also has a reason to make people think that it might actually back up its talk with action. Therefore, there is the slightest prospect that there could be one small interest rate increase at some point to prove it. Overall, the impact will make little difference in the long term. It also will not matter if it happens in December 2015, in 2016, or later.

The Federal Reserve is trapped. Maintaining zero interest rates discourages economic growth, but the US government cannot afford to pay greater interest costs.

The US Dollar Did Not Collapse In October, But . . .

As I explained almost three months ago, the fear-mongers were wrong. The US dollar did not collapse when the US government somehow was going to abolish the use of cash transactions when the new credit card processing technology became effective on October first.

The US dollar also did not collapse on October 22 when the International Monetary Fund would supposedly meet to displace the US dollar component of the Special Drawing Rights formula with the Chinese yuan. In fact, the IMF meeting was actually held October 9-11. Further, it was announced ahead of time that there would be no changes to the Special Drawing Rights until at least September 2016.

So, does this mean that the US dollar is now safe?

Not at all.

The China Construction Bank joins the Bank of China on October 30 as companies involved in setting the twice-daily London gold fixes. The Chinese government owns a majority of both of these banks. It is possible that someday enough Chinese banks and firms may be

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>
	10-20%	20-25%	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.

involved with the London gold and silver fixes that they could pressure the other members into pricing the metals in Chinese yuan rather than US dollars.

Over time, more international bonds are being issued in Chinese yuan instead of US dollars. So far, the shift is minor. But it is growing.

The Chinese, Russian, and other governments are well on their way to developing a competitor to the US-dominated SWIFT international payment system.

China and India are working to negotiate an increasing amount of contracts to purchase Middle East oil, which would no longer be priced in US dollars.

There are many other examples, but I think you get the idea. Americans need to understand that the US dollar will become less important in international commerce. As that occurs, there will be less need for foreign investors and central banks to hold dollars. These excess dollars will be repatriated to the US Treasury to be paid off in goods, services, and ownership of US companies and real estate. This process will continuously put downward pressure on the value of the US dollar. Even if no sudden crisis clobbers the US dollar, I consider it a prudent step to reduce the exposure of your net worth or investment portfolio to the currency. Exchanging some of it for physical bullion-priced gold or silver makes a lot of sense to me.

Besides, you never know when the next bank holiday might occur.

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An Interesting Speculation

As the Chinese government is acquiring gold in the London and Zurich markets, it is having the 100- and 400-ounce bars melted down to be refined from the minimum 99.5% European standard purity to the greater 99.99% purity and made into kilogram-size (32.15 troy ounce) bars.

At first, I didn't think much of it, guessing that kilo bars were the standard traded in the Far East. But, a friend of mine yesterday gave me a speculation that there could be other reasons for this transition. First, by refining bars, any counterfeits would be uncovered. Second, by melting the old bars, those serial numbers would cease to exist. If a depository were to deliver to the Chinese government bars that were subject to multiple ownership claims (and this issue comes up), the other parties would likely lose any legal recourse once the bars are melted and refabricated.

Think about it. A brilliant idea?

Silver and Silver Coins

Silver officially settled today on the COMEX at \$16.28, up a solid 28 cents (1.7%) from three weeks ago. This is the highest settlement since June 3.

However, the COMEX markets closed before this afternoon's announcement by the FOMC. After the declines in US stock markets following the FOMC release, the price of silver was pounded all the way down to \$15.78. By 5:00 PM Eastern it had recovered to about 16.00, still higher than the previous day's COMEX close.

As I stated in the last issue, the premiums for bullion-priced silver coins and ingots continue to decline. A greater variety of products are now available for immediate or short-term delivery

For the first time in several months, the US Mint last week did not sell out of its full weekly allocation of **US Silver Eagle Dollars** (19.0%). Availability is now live or at most ten days out.

Even the **1 Ounce Silver Ingots and Rounds** (10.1%), which just last month were looking at deliveries as long as three months, are not only available live or within two weeks, their premiums above silver value have declined.

Even the **Canada Silver Maple Leaf** (16.8%) is available for immediate or short-term delivery. We were unable to even accept orders for a couple months during the summer buying surge.

Three months ago, the premium for \$1,000 bags of **US 90% Silver Coins**

The Month

Gold Range	43.25	3.8%
Net Change	+28.00	
Silver Range	0.52	3.2%
Net Change	+0.20	
Gold/Silver Ratio	72.3	
Net change	+0.8	
Platinum Range	77.00	8.1%
Net Change	+66.00	
Platinum/Gold Ratio	0.86	

Date	Gold	Silver	Platinum
Oct 07	1,149.00	16.08	946.00
Oct 08	1,144.75	15.76	955.00
Oct 09	1,156.25	15.81	981.00
Oct 12	1,165.00	15.85	995.00
Oct 13	1,165.75	15.89	992.00
Oct 14	1,180.00	16.10	995.00
Oct 15	1,188.00	16.15	1,007.00
Oct 16	1,183.50	16.10	1,023.00
Oct 19	1,173.25	15.83	1,014.00
Oct 20	1,178.00	15.90	1,020.00
Oct 21	1,167.50	15.69	1,007.00
Oct 22	1,166.50	15.82	1,013.00
Oct 23	1,163.25	15.82	1,002.00
Oct 26	1,167.00	15.90	997.00
Oct 27	1,166.75	15.85	989.00
Oct 28	1,177.00	16.28	1,012.00

London Silver Market Premium To
New York Silver Market = 2¢

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

(21.4%) exceeded 40%, where many dealers were not even able to accept orders for the product. The coins are again readily available at premiums that have come down. Still, they cost more than the Silver Ingots and even US Silver Eagles and Canada Silver Maple Leafs. As much as I love these coins for their divisibility (one silver dime contains about 1/14 of an ounce of silver) and strong liquidity, they normally sell far closer to silver value they do today. For the time being, I would not recommend purchasing this form of physical silver.

The market for **Mint State Common-Date Morgan Silver Dollar Rolls** is getting more stratified. Right now, the rolls from the New Orleans Mint from 1883, 1884, and 1885 and Philadelphia issues from 1886, 1887, and 1889 are trading at the lowest levels. All rolls from the San Francisco Mint trade at higher prices as do New Orleans issues from 1898 to 1902 and 1904. In years past, it was possible to acquire at least a dozen

different Morgan Dollar rolls at the base price.

Australia, China, and some other nations have started issuing their 2016-dated coins. Of those out, supplies are readily available and premiums are near normal. This month, we can offer the **Australia 1 Oz Silver Kangaroo** at a lower premium than we were charging for the 1 Oz Silver Ingots just a couple of months ago. See our enclosure for details.

Gold And Gold Coins

Gold closed on the COMEX today at \$1,177.00, higher by \$28.00 (2.4%) from three weeks ago.

Gold's price was later clobbered, similar to silver, after the FOMC pronouncement. It fell to a low of \$1,153.75 before recovering to \$1,157.25 at 5:00 PM Eastern.

In contrast to silver products, there were few changes in bullion-priced coins and bars premium levels or availability. Other than **US American Arts Medallions** (2.8%), which is currently in tight supply, pretty much all other gold products are available for immediate or short term delivery.

My low premium favorites continue to be the **Austria 100 Coronas** (2.5%), **Mexico 50 Pesos** (2.5%), and the **American Arts Medallions**.

In the last issue, I noted that the premiums for several **Pre-1934 US Gold Coins** had declined, even as the spot prices increased. This pattern has since continued. To give you an example, on September 1 with the ask gold spot price at \$1,140.75, **US \$10.00 Liberties** in Extremely Fine condition were selling in 10-piece lots for \$690 per coin. On October 7 with the ask spot price up to \$1,151.00, the price had fallen to \$670. At today's COMEX close of \$1,179.00, the price had fallen further, down to \$645. That's right. While the spot price rose 3.3%, the price of the coins fell 6.5%.

Many Common-Date US Gold Coins are now selling near their lowest premiums to gold value in well over a decade. Without considering other factors, that makes them attractive. Having said that, though, these price declines also have helped bring down prices of higher grade coins and the **Better-Date US Gold Coins**. As an example, I would much prefer purchasing a Very Choice Mint State-64 \$20.00 Saint Gaudens at today's price of \$1,445 than \$1,330 for an uncertified Mint State-60+ specimen. Even better, I would prefer an MS-64 Saint that was more than 50 times rarer than the 1924 date but could be picked up for around \$1,600 now.

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Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	1,240.25	1240.25	5.2%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	640.25	1280.50	8.6%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	327.50	1310.00	11.1%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	136.00	1360.00	15.4%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	1,240.25	1240.25	5.2%
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	1,239.25	1239.25	5.1%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,184.50	1208.43	2.5%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	1,231.00	1231.00	4.4%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	1,228.50	1228.50	4.2%
*China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	1,260.25	1260.25	6.9%
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	1,457.00	1208.43	2.5%
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	1,228.50	1228.50	4.2%
*U.S. Medallion	10	1.0000	1,212.00	1212.00	2.8%
*50 Gram Combibar	10	1.6077	2,085.00	1296.88	10.0%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	1,215.50	1215.50	3.1%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	145.30	1312.56	11.3%
*Austria 4 Ducat	10	0.4428	595.25	1344.29	14.0%
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	301.25	1279.74	8.5%
*British Sovereign, BU	10	0.2354	319.25	1356.20	15.0%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	239.00	1280.13	8.6%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	241.75	1294.86	9.8%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	1,305.00	1348.84	14.4%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	1,330.00	1374.68	16.6%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	1,280.00	1323.00	12.2%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	645.00	1333.20	13.1%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	360.00	1488.22	26.2%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	14,175.00	19.83	21.4%
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	5,100.00	17.29	5.9%
*U.S. Circulated Dollars	1,000	760	23,000.00	30.26	85.3%
*U.S. Silver Eagle-2015	1,000	1,000	19,430.00	19.43	19.0%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	19,080.00	19.08	16.8%
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	1,000	17,580.00	17.58	7.7%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	1,000	18,030.00	18.03	10.4%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1,000	18,080.00	18.08	10.7%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	10,910.00	1091.00	6.8%
*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	7,390.00	739.00	6.6%

Gold:	\$1,179.00
Silver:	\$16.33
Platinum:	\$1,022.00
Palladium:	\$693.00

Notes from Liberty

By Allan Beegle
LCS Chief Numismatist

Although October is not yet finished, it will likely be our lowest sales volume for any month thus far in 2015. While our rare coin sales continued strong, the amount of bullion sales fell significantly.

There are probably multiple factors contributing to the slow down in retail bullion sales. First, sales volume had been extra strong for several months, meaning the many people had already jumped at the low price opportunity. Second, the continuing high premium and long delivery times definitely discouraged some would-be purchasers. Finally, suddenly higher spot prices may also have turned off some buyers.

Last issue's offerings had mixed results. The Mint State Canada Pre-1967 Silver Dollars and the Australia Silver Koalas sold out quickly. Neither of the two gold offerings sold out. This result tends to indicate a continuing strong interest in numismatic silver coins greater than for the gold.

Since the last *Liberty's Outlook*, Australia's Perth Mint has released many 2016-dated bullion issues. This Mint is one of a few that tend to issue the newest issues in the few months before the year actually begins. If you want to surprise someone with a "coin from the future," here is your opportunity. See our flyer for the **2016 Australia 1 Oz Silver Kangaroo**.

As we do every year at this time, our children helped us select **Unique Treasures Of Enduring Value**. We enjoy hearing stories from customers who still cherish the precious gifts they gave or received years or even decades ago.

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\$50-249	\$8
\$250-499	\$15
\$500-999	\$22
\$1,000-4,999	\$30
\$5,000 and higher	None

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Coins, Rolls and Sets

U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU	\$10,105
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$695
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$895
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$595

Gold:	\$1,179.00
Silver:	\$16.33
Platinum:	\$1,022.00
Palladium:	\$693.00

Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	1,390	1,445	1,895
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	1,360	1,735	3,330
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	995	1,410	3,000
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	570	790	2,950
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	3,850	5,935	14,430
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	3,515	4,455	10,270
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	7,305	10,240	24,250
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	64	80	175
U.S. Peace Dollar	50	62	122

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.

This year there are several different items within our gift list. How about the uncommon **Ancient Roman Silver Denarius depicting Women**, a selection of **A. Michelsen Gold-Plated Sterling Silver Annual Christmas Spoons and Forks from years gone by**, two different **High Grade Historic Swedish One-Year Silver Commemoratives**, and a variety of **Well-Matched Round Brilliant Cut 14 Karat White Gold Diamond Earrings!**

Some of the items are one-of-a-kind. I anticipate that there will be many items offered that sell out this time.

To check that we still have items of interest to you and confirm their purchase, please call our **Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375**. We also welcome your calls to pick our brains on great gift ideas for the discriminating collector.

Beyond the items featured in our offerings, here are some other recent acquisitions to pique your interest:

Choice About Uncirculated-55 1843-O Small Date Gold Quarter Eagle:

To compete with private sector coin issuers, the US Mint established branch mints in 1838 in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dahlonega, Georgia, and New Orleans, Louisiana. The first two struck only gold coins, all in small quantities, and shut down at the beginning of the Civil War. All of their

coins are prized rarities. The New Orleans Mint struck silver and gold coins. Gold mintages were often higher than the other two Southern mints, but it also produced some great rarities. This mint also closed at the start of the Civil War. After the War, it did not resume striking coins until 1879. Its last year of operation was 1909.

The New Orleans Mint struck 288,002 pieces of the \$2.50 Gold Quarter Eagles in 1843, the highest mintage of this denomination struck at this mint. Virtually all entered circulation. There are relatively few nice surviving specimens.

In the past 29 years together, PCGS and NGC have certified just 149 AU-55 specimens, another 126 in AU-58 grades, and a meager 129 in all Mint State Grades combined!

This lovely NGC-certified AU-55 specimen is sure to please the fussiest collector. *Coin Values* catalogs coins in AU-50 grade at \$475 and for \$1,000 in AU-58 quality. Three specimens of equal quality have appeared in major auctions over the past six months, selling for as much as \$676. Your cost on this one-of-a-kind beauty is \$550.

Napoleon Rides Again: When French Emperor Napoleon conquered a wide swath of Europe, he established the Latin Monetary Union. Under this regime, the 20 Francs, 20 Lire, and other currencies had a 20

-unit gold coin all with a common gold content of 0.1867 Ounce. Smithsonian researcher Richard Doty considered the Latin Monetary Union to be one of the four most important coin issues in the history of money!

Because of his historic importance, Napoleon I Gold 20 Francs used to sell for significant premiums above the later French 20 Francs gold coins. Not any more. While our modest supply lasts, you can acquire a Very Fine specimen for just \$267, only about 10% higher than you would pay for the later common 20 Francs!

Pounds And Pounds Of Foreign

Coins: Dozens of people every week in our store spend time looking through our stock box of inexpensive coins. They seek the special coins that fit their interest or collections.

We pick up far more of these coins than we can sell one-, two-, or a few-at-a-time. If you are interested in acquiring random mixed lots of foreign coins, we will make you a deal.

Purchase 1 pound or up to 9 pounds at a price of \$8.00 per pound. If purchasing 10 to 24 pounds, pay just \$7.50 per pound. For a 25 pound lot, pay \$175.

There will be coins struck in a variety of metals, including possibly copper, brass, bronze, zinc, copper-nickel, and nickel.

Some of the coins will have scalloped edges, have holes in the center, or be struck of two different metals.

There will be coins from a number of different countries and continents, mostly dated in the 1900s. We will make sure that there are even at least two coins from the 1800s in each pound.

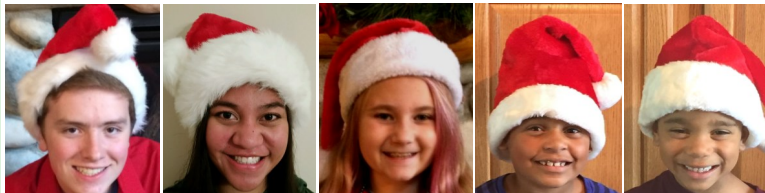
There will inevitably be duplicates, but you will also find lots of coins featuring a variety of languages and alphabets—some familiar and some not. Imagine yourself visiting the countries where you could have (and perhaps still could) spend these emblems of foreign cultures.

These are perfect gifts to spark the inner child in each of us, no matter our chronological age.

Please Note: Liberty Coin Service will be **closed** Thursday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Unique Treasures Of Enduring Value!

Stephen Beegle, Amy Heller, Alison Beegle, Abigail Coulson, and Nicholas Coulson



At this time every year, it seems like our dads get really busy serving customers. To help them out, we have become Santa's elves so that they will have more time to be with us over the holidays. We each visited the store several times, pulling out really neat stuff to show our dads.

Coins and paper money can be perfect gifts, so it was hard to choose some that were extra special. Money has often been called the footprints of history. Years from now, these long-lasting treasures will still remind your recipients of your thoughtfulness and love. We hope you like our ideas.

Many items come in a box or package ready for wrapping. However, for your convenience, any item can be gift wrapped for a \$5 fee and mailed directly to your recipient for a postage charge of \$27 per address. For a postage charge per address, see the box on our Computer Quotes page.

If your payment is received by December 10, our dads guarantee delivery before Christmas. To ensure your 100% satisfaction, you have until January 11, 2016 to return any items listed here for a full refund.

Orders over \$10 payment by Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit cards will get you fastest shipment.

We hope you have as much fun looking through this list as we did preparing it. Pick your favorites. Then call our dads at **800-527-2375** to confirm your order. Thank you very much. Blessings to you all!

Our Heritage Of Liberty!

Sterling Silver and 14 Karat Gold Bezels to show off your treasures. We have in stock a variety of deluxe Screw-Top Bezels to hang your favorite silver and gold coins from a chain around your neck.



You can surround a Statehood or America the Beautiful Quarter from your state in a beautiful rope-style bezel, especially the proof issues made of 90% Silver. Or show off a Silver Dollar or a Gold Coin from a year of particular meaning to you



or the recipient.

We can mount a coin that you supply or install one that you purchase from us. We don't have bezels for every possible coin, so please call to check availability.

Size Plain Style Diamond-Faceted Rope Style
Sterling Silver

US Statehood or America the Beautiful Quarters \$59
Morgan, Peace, or Silver Eagle Dollars \$29

14 Karat Gold

1/25-1/20 Oz	\$69	\$79	\$139
1/10-1/8 Oz	\$89	\$99	\$149
1/6-1/4 Oz	\$99	\$109	\$175
Around 1/2 Oz	\$119	\$139	\$219
Around 1 Oz	\$149	\$169	\$249

P.S. We can also mount a Silver Dollar in a Sterling Silver Money Clip—call for details.

2015 1 Oz Round Silver Christmas Ornaments—Spot price of silver plus \$6.00. We have several designs of round 2015-dated 1 Oz Silver Christmas commemoratives surrounded by a red velvet ring and encapsulated in plastic for hanging as an ornament.



Multiple orders will receive a variety, or you can pick your own themes (while they last). Actual size of the round silver ingots is 1-5/8".

All reverses have space in the center for engraving. The reverses other than the Garfield issues read around the inside of the rim "Best Wishes For

Peace And Joy This Holiday Season 2015."

Themes include Baby's First Christmas 2015 Teddy Bear and Toys, Christmas Wishes 2015 Cherub Angel, Christmas Dreamin' 2015 Rowboat On Shore Filled with Gifts and a Christmas Tree, Santa Head 2015, Seasons Greeting 2015 Farm Scene, Holiday Cheer Snowman, Christmas Buddies Reindeer and Santa, Oh Christmas Tree, Christmas Wishes 2015 Gingerbread House, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays 2015 Christmas Tree and Fireplace, For Santa Milk and Cookies, and Season's Greeting 2015 Cardinals, Branches, and Ornament Bulbs.

We also have an undated Happy Hanukkah style.

US 1916-dated Silver Mercury Dimes and Walking Liberty Half Dollars—\$4.95 and \$49 and up.

Next year is the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of production of the Winged Liberty ("Mercury") Dime, the Standing Liberty Quarter, and the Walking Liberty



Half Dollar. The obverse of the Walking Liberty Half Dollar was so popular that it was adapted in 1986 for the design US



Silver Eagle Dollars.

To commemorate the Centennial next year, the US Mint will strike gold versions of these coins. Few of the Standing Liberty Quarters were struck in 1916, with the result that almost all specimens trade for thousands of dollars. However, the Mercury Dime and the Walking Liberty Half Dollar, both designed by renowned artist Adolph A. Weinman, were struck in sufficient quantities to be affordable today.

Pick up one or more of these 99-year old coins that actually circulated long ago. In Good condition, you can purchase the 1916-dated Mercury Dime for \$4.95 and the 1916-dated Walking Liberty Half Dollar for \$49. We also have a handful of coins in higher grades at competitive prices. Call for details.

Unique Gifts From Around The World!

1921 and 1932 Sweden One-Year Silver 2 Kronor Commemoratives, Choice Mint State-63+—\$24.95 each (17 pieces of the 1921 and 13 coins of the 1932 available). Danish kings ruled the Kalmar Union over



Norway and Sweden from 1397 to 1523. Though each nation was independent, their domestic and foreign policies were directed by a common Danish monarch

to present stronger opposition to the German Hanseatic League.

After Christian II became king of Denmark in 1513, he sought to reinforce his supporters in Sweden. The Swedish anti-unionists twice repelled Danish invaders before being defeated by King Christian's mercenaries in 1520.

In negotiating the treaty for the submission of Sweden to Denmark, King Christian swore that all past acts against him would be forgotten.

At the conclusion of a three-day celebration of the treaty, King Christian's supporter, Swedish Archbishop Trolle, ordered the arrest of many anti-unionist leaders. On November 9-10, 1520, between 25 to over 100 of



them were killed, an event known since as the Stockholm Bloodbath. Instead of a Swedish capitulation to Denmark,

the Bloodbath led to civil war.

Gustav Vasa (whose father was one of those executed) rallied people from the north to kick out the Danish forces from substantially all of Sweden in 1521. Stockholm fell and the treaty of Swedish political liberation was signed in 1523.

The 1921 one-year commemorative honors the 400th Anniversary of Sweden's Political Freedom.

The 1932 commemorative honors the 300th Anniversary of the death of Swedish King Gustav II Adolph. He became king in 1611, and was one of the greatest military commanders in history. During his reign, Sweden became the third largest nation in Europe, after Russia and Spain. Only his death in battle in 1632 blunted his growing influence in European politics and religious disputes.

LCS recently acquired modest groups of these two large half dollar-sized coins. There fresh original surfaces are exemplified by most pieces having picked up significant toning over the decades.

Gifts From The Past!



Biblical Widow's Mites—\$36.95. Advertised elsewhere for \$59, \$69 and even higher prices! These popular 2,000 year old copper coins are mentioned in the Gospels according to Mark and Luke. They actually circulated in the Holy Land during the time of Christ. We have identified each piece by the issuing Hebrew king or Roman procurator (governor), then packaged them in an attractive stand-up display containing historical background about Biblical coinage.

These coins are perennial favorites of LCS customers, with several repeat customers. Some have placed an annual order for many years.

Ancient Roman Silver Denarius Depicting Women, Fine, NGC—\$99. While more than 99% of the ancient Roman Silver Denarius feature male rulers, a handful depicted females—usually relatives of the issuing Emperor. We have a small group of the Silver Denarius issued for either Faustina Senior 138-140/1 or for Faustina Junior 147-175/6. Faustina Senior was the wife of Antoninus Pius when he became Emperor in 138. She died barely two years later, whereupon the Emperor ordered these coins to be issued to



honor her. Faustina Junior was the child of Antoninus Pius and Faustina Senior. She married Marcus Aurelius, who became a limited co-ruler with his father-in-law upon marriage and later succeeded him as Emperor in 161. Marcus Aurelius was the nephew of Faustina Senior who was adopted by Antoninus Pius.

Depending on how you define relationships, Faustina Junior either married her first cousin or her "brother." She was honored on coinage for the last 30 years of her life and also posthumously.

We have a small group of these coins, all certified in Fine condition by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC). Don't pay up to \$125 that other dealers are charging. Save at LCS's lower price.

Even More Treasures!

A. Michelsen Gold-Plated Sterling Silver Christmas Spoons and Forks—\$45.00 each. In 1910, Anton



Michelsen of Denmark began issuing annual Christmas Spoons and matching Forks designed by various well-known artists. In 2003, the Georg Jensen company took over the name and the program, discontinuing the forks in 2006. The year is noted on the back of each piece.

We purchased an interesting estate collection with pieces from 1920s to 1971. The pieces have minor marks from being displayed over the decades. In searching the internet, we see other sellers offering these same pieces from 1951 to 1971 for prices up to \$149 each. There is only one of each spoon or fork, shown chronologically from left to right in the photograph. You can also call to ask about earlier issues at higher prices. Pick your favorites and place your order quickly.

1951 Colorful Christmas Spoon, designer Eigil Jensen

1958 Wise Men From The East Spoon, designer

Karl Gustav Hansen

1959 The Lucia Bride Fork, designer Henry Thelander

1960 The Winter Solstice Fork, designer Rolf Midelboe

1961 Organ Pipes Fork, designer Arne L. Hansen

1964 Orion Spoon, designer Inger Hanmann

1967 Splendor Of Yule, designer Paul Rene Gauguin

1971 Golden Universe, designer Else Alfelt

Well-Matched 14 Karat White Gold Round Diamond Earrings—individually priced. Now that LCS staff expert David Hartung has been certified as a Graduate in Diamonds by the Gemological Institute of America, we have carefully selected pairs of round brilliant cut diamonds that are conservatively-graded and well matched for size, shape, eye-appeal, and overall quality.



We then hired a well-known, experienced Michigan jewelry manufacturer to set them in brand new 4-prong 14 Karat White Gold post earrings. On average, the quality of the diamonds we put into these earrings is higher than you will find in typical jewelry stores. If you have been shopping, you know that white gold earrings are difficult to find.

Our selection is constantly changing, so call to check on our current inventory. Here are some examples of what we have in stock right now:

0.49 carat total weight (TW), SI2 clarity, I color—\$349.95

0.49 carat TW, SI1 or better clarity, I color—\$449.95

0.51 carat TW, SI2 clarity, I color—\$349.95

0.94 carat TW, I1 or better clarity, I color—\$999.95

And Much More!

Give yourself a treat by visiting the Liberty Coin Service store in the Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing, Michigan (and now also our online store at www.LibertyCoinService.com).

At Liberty Coins you feel as if you are in a time capsule. You can view a wide selection of both new and interesting, historical products, including fossils that go back more than 400 million years. We have historic documents, including some signed by early US presidents. There is a selection of autographs, antique toys, coins going back 2,600 years, collector lighters, gasoline station maps, and memorabilia from airlines, automobile manufacturers, banks, colleges, and railroads.

In other words, you owe it to yourself to check out our store if you can. Or give us a call.

2016 Australia \$1.00 1 Ounce Silver Kangaroos!

At The Same Or Lower Cost Than US Silver Eagle Dollars!

The Perth Mint in Australia has a history of releasing the new year's coinage late the year before. It recently released several of its 2016-dated issues. While supplies last, you can purchase for immediate delivery the Mint State 2016-dated Australia \$1.00 1 Ounce .9999 fine Silver Kangaroo. Best of all, you can acquire them at prices that are the same or lower than what you would pay for the US Silver Eagle Dollars!



New Product Enhancements And Anti-Counterfeiting Features!

To take advantage of greater production precision, these coins are struck in .9999 pure silver, unlike the .999 purity of the Silver Eagles and many early Australian silver coin issues.

The 2016 Australia Silver Kangaroo has also been redesigned to take advantage of new anti-counterfeiting technology. Within the first "A" in the word "Australian" at the top of the reverse is a micro-lasered letter "A", only visible under magnification.

Higher Quality Coins!

Some of the primary distributors are sending a major portion of their inventory of Australian Kangaroos direct to the grading services, then offering as uncertified specimens just the coins that did not meet the Near Perfect Mint State-69 or higher grade.

At LCS, we offer only coins taken direct from boxes sealed at the Perth Mint. Therefore, the specimens we provide our customers will average higher quality than pieces offered by some other national marketers.

The Money-Saving Prices!

We checked our competitors to

make sure that we offer these coins at competitive prices.

While our supplies last, you can pick up one or more of these coins at the following money-saving prices:

Quantity	Price formula per coin
1-24	Ask Spot + \$3.75
25-99	Ask Spot + \$3.20
100-200	Ask Spot + \$2.90

Act Today!

With the recent difficulties in being able to acquire any bullion-priced silver coins or bars at reasonable premiums for immediate delivery, we expect a stronger than normal demand for these coins.

This special offering is limited to

our stock on hand. When these coins are sold, we don't know if additional coins will still be available from the Perth Mint.

To ensure that our supply is available for more customers, we must limit orders to eight 25-coin tubes (200 coins). No exceptions!

To reserve your purchase, call us toll-free at **800-527-2375**. Or use the order form below. As the prices of these coins are related to their silver value, we cannot accept credit card payments for them. You must send us a check for payment.

—Allan Beegle
LCS Chief Numismatist

Yes! Please send me the Mint State 2016 Australia \$1.00 1 Ounce Silver Kangaroos that I have selected below. I understand that, since these coins are priced in relation to bullion, once confirmed the orders cannot be cancelled. Limit 8 25-coin rolls (200 coins) per order.

_____ 2016 Australia 1 Oz Silver Kangaroo, Mint State @ \$ _____ = _____
Postage (see box on Computer Quotes page) _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Name _____

Address _____

C/S/Z _____

Phone _____ Confirmation # _____

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