

Liberty's Outlook

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Cracks Grow In US And World Economies! Gold And Silver Prices Rise!

“... the global financial outlook is clouded by increased emerging market vulnerabilities, legacy issues from the crisis in advanced economies, and concerns about weak market liquidity.”

—From the October 2015 issue of the International Monetary Fund's Financial Stability Report, page xiii

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/gfsr/2015/02/pdf/text.pdf>

The October 2, 2015 Non-Farm Payrolls report from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that the Labor Force Participation Rate fell to 62.4% in September, the lowest level since October 1977. Further, 102.525 million people in the labor force were classified as either “Not in labor force” or “Unemployed,” the record highest ever number of people in the labor force without jobs.

<http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS11300000>

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.a.htm>

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%

2015 Year To Date Results

Through October 6, 2015

Precious Metals

Silver	+1.5%
Gold	-3.9%
Palladium	-13.1%
Platinum	-21.6%

Numismatics

US MS-65 Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921	+14.8%
US MS-63 \$20 St Gaudens	+4.6%
US MS-63 \$20 Liberty	-3.5%

US Dollar vs Foreign Currencies

Brazil Real	+44.9%
Malaysia Ringgit	+23.0%
New Zealand Dollar	+19.1%
South Africa Rand	+16.9%
Australia Dollar	+14.0%
Indonesia Rupiah	+13.9%
Mexico Peso	+13.0%
Chile Peso	+12.2%
Canada Dollar	+12.2%
Thailand Baht	+10.2%
Peru New Sol	+8.0%
Euro	+7.3%
Singapore Dollar	+7.1%
South Korea Won	+6.2%
Philippines Peso	+3.7%
India Rupee	+3.3%

Taiwan Dollar	+3.0%
China Yuan	+2.5%
Great Britain Pound	+2.3%
Japan Yen	+0.4%
Hong Kong Dollar	-0.1%
Switzerland Franc	-2.8%
U.S. Dollar Index	95.40 +5.9%

US And World Stock Market Indices

Tokyo Nikkei 225	+4.2%
Frankfurt Xetra DAX	+1.0%
NASDAQ	+0.3%
London FT 100	-3.7%
S&P 500	-3.8%
Australia S&P/ASX 200	-4.5%
Sao Paulo Bovespa	-4.5%
Shanghai Composite	-5.6%
Dow Jones World (ex-US)	-5.7%
DJIA	-5.8%
Russell 2000	-5.9%

10 Year US Treasury Note interest rate
2.033% -6.44%

Intrinsic Metal Value Of U.S. Coins

Lincoln cent, 1959-1982	1.55¢
Lincoln cent, 1982-date	0.43¢
Jefferson nickel, non-silver	3.18¢
Roosevelt dime, 1965-date	1.44¢
Washington quarter, 1965-date	3.60¢
Kennedy half dollar, 1971-date	7.21¢

From five weeks ago, the spot price of gold has increased \$10.25 (0.9%) and silver rose \$1.47 (10.1%).

During this time, the US government, its primary trading partners, and allies, were unable to once again push the spot price of gold below \$1,100 at US market closes. During July and August, the COMEX gold spot price closed below that level on fourteen days.

Further, they were unable to push down the closing silver price lower than \$14.35. This wasn't near the \$14.04 COMEX close on August 26.

So, now what?

As you can see by the two tidbits in the left column, at least some of the financial reports now coming out are no longer pretending that the US economy is recovering. Instead, more reports are coming out revealing how poorly things are going in this country and around the world.

The International Monetary Fund report is written in such a way as to downplay any negative statements as much as possible, and try to skew the commentary to be as positive as could be justified. For their

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latest Financial Stability Report to include the text I quote, things have to be much worse than they are letting on.

This would be like engineers stating that a hydroelectric dam is holding its reservoir right up until the moment that the dam is breached and it is too late to evacuate or take other precautions.

If you translate this IMF report into plain English, the organization is really ordering the Federal Reserve to not raise the federal funds interest rate anytime soon. Should the Fed do so anyhow, the IMF fears that this will trigger massive loan defaults in nations with emerging economies. This problem would then trigger significant losses for the world's largest banks, for which the IMF states that there really isn't sufficient liquidity to avoid a collapse.

(By the way, I posted information on this report on the Liberty Coin Service Facebook page on September 30. Most of the rest of the media didn't cover this story until today. Check for updates between newsletters by liking us at <https://www.facebook.com/LibertyCoinService>.)

The information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is not from the Commissioner's statement last Friday. Instead, these two pieces of information are buried among the 200 pages of data that accompanies these monthly Non-Farm Payrolls Reports. In the past year, the general media has started to pay attention to the falling Labor Force Participation Rates. The rest of the media still doesn't do its job well enough to add together the number of people that the BLS counts in the labor force but are classified either as unemployed or not in the labor force at all. Only the first number is used in calculating the fictitious unemployment rate, which does get prominent media attention when the monthly reports are released.

As bad as these two matters might be, there are two even more important developments that are not getting as much media attention as they deserve.

The Russian Crisis

Within the past few weeks two crises, one political and one financial have emerged to gain significant media coverage. In almost all of the news stories, though, the reporters are missing the full implications that either of these crises could explode into world-shaking catastrophes.

Monday last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin addressed the United Nations. In his speech, he laid the blame for the Syrian civil war, overall

Middle East instability, and Europe's Syrian refugee problems on Western powers, especially the United States government.

At one point, Putin ominously stated, "We know everything."

Almost immediately, the Russian government moved military equipment and aircraft into Syria to support that nation's president. As you probably remember, US President Obama has stated several times that Syrian President Assad needed to be removed from office.

With the support of China, Iran, and even the Iraqi government, the Russian military quickly struck against ISIS, the largest faction seeking to overrun all of Syria. In just days, the Russian efforts significantly hurt ISIS to a greater extent than the US government had achieved in more than a year.

Effectively, the US military is being kicked out of Syria. With the backing of China, Russia is exposing the failure of American policy in the Middle East.

Although many people realize it, not many have focused on the fact that ISIS was originally funded by the US government as part of its failed program to remove Assad from office.

Is Putin waiting to launch a "Truth" bomb by prominently reminding the people of the world that ISIS would probably not even exist today but for the financial and military support it received from the US government?

When Putin asserted that he knows everything does that mean that he has proof of other US government dirty doings that he is preparing to expose?

Will Putin and the Russian military continue to do as they wish, pushing further into the Middle East, with no pushback from President Obama? Or is Obama willing to risk World War 3?

US Secretary of State John Kerry is slated to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee soon. He is supposed to discuss President Obama's Middle East policies, though there may not be any such plans. What will he say?

Should the US government suffer a major political debacle in Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East, that would have major implications for the use of the US dollar in international commerce.

Years ago, the US dollar was used for payment in more than 90% of the world's transactions. Today is only used for about 60% of these payments.

At the moment, the majority of reserves held by central banks around the globe is held in US dollars or US Treasury debt.

If the US government is more or less brushed aside in Syria, that will accelerate the decline in the use of the US dollar in international commerce and central bank reserves. That would free up potentially trillions of US dollars outside of the US that now effectively serve as an interest-free loan to the US government.

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.

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.

Over time, much of these dollars and Treasury debt in foreign hands (which may total as much as \$12 trillion) will eventually be repatriated to the US government to take payment in goods, services, and ownership of US companies and assets. This long term repatriation will certainly speed up if the US government is pushed aside by the Russian and Chinese alliance. The US dollar would then fall in value much more quickly than it has.

The Glencore Crisis

Glencore PLC is an Anglo-Swiss company that evolved out of Marc Rich & Co. in 1993 in a management buyout. Marc Rich personally was caught trading with Iran during the 1980-1 hostage crisis. President Bill Clinton pardoned Marc Rich for tax evasion as one of the final acts of his presidency.

Glencore is now one of the world's largest commodity trading companies. It is the world's second largest copper refiner, the top producer of zinc outside of China, and one of the largest suppliers of nickel. Glencore is also a major producer of lead, cobalt, and aluminum. It is one of the world's largest traders of commodities such as wheat and oil.

Since Glencore shares began trading publicly in May 2011 through Monday last week, the total return to shareholders has been an 87% loss. From the beginning of 2015 through nine days ago, the company's shares were the worst performer in the London FTSE 100 stock index, down 77%.

The nature of Glencore's operations is that outsiders cannot really determine how the company makes money or if it is even operating profitably.

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Over the past several years, Glencore has borrowed massive amounts of funds at very low interest rates to fund long-term commodity transactions to take advantage of formerly higher prices.

Glencore owed debts of almost \$30 billion at mid-year. At the same time, it was a party to \$9.8 billion in derivatives contracts.

As many commodity prices, especially oil, have fallen over the past year, the value of the company's inventory has also declined.

The largest risk if the company becomes insolvent is that liabilities might be triggered on derivatives contracts. Most companies that trade derivatives have their exposure theoretically covered by owning derivatives contracts on the opposite side of other contracts. Should any party to derivatives contracts be unable to meet a sudden liability, the crisis could bring down many large banks and brokerage firms around the world like a series of dominos.

The derivatives exposure of Glencore, if the company becomes insolvent, could amount to hundreds of billions and perhaps trillions of dollars of losses worldwide.

Since the Glencore crisis became public in the past few weeks, the company has presold \$1 billion of future commodity production, driving down the price of zinc in the process. It has closed two copper mines in Africa to reduce global supplies, hopefully sparking a price rise in that metal.

Still, Glencore debt has been trading in the past week at 70-80% of face value. One analyst forecast a 50% probability that the company will fail within the next five years.

The company claims that its debt structure largely avoids any covenants that could magnify any losses that might occur. Further, the company claims that much debt is locked in to as far out as 2017 before the banks could call in the loans.

The problem is that outside parties don't have access to the information needed to reassure them that Glencore is financially stable.

With the moves the company has made over the past nine days, the share prices have almost doubled. Still, at today's close, the stock price is still down about 60% from where it was in mid-April.

Should Glencore collapse, there is a high risk that it would also bring down

a number of the largest banks in the US, Europe, and Japan. It would take years, if not decades, for all the lawsuits to settle who gets what and at which prices. Some commodities could drop sharply in price if warehouse inventories flood the market. Other commodities could soar in price if existing contracts for future deliveries cannot be fulfilled.

There is plenty of media coverage about Glencore because this is a crisis going on right now. However, there is little discussion of how bad things could get if the company does not survive.

The truth is that a collapse of Glencore would hit world financial markets even more than the failure of Lehman Brothers in 2008!

For instance, people who have accounts, even retirement accounts, at institutions that have large positions in derivatives, have a risk of those assets being seized under the authority of the Dodd-Frank Act to help cover any losses on those derivatives. In the US, banks such as JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, and Citigroup are especially at risk if Glencore fails.

This is definitely a crisis that will impact your wallet or pocketbook in the coming months, one way or another.

Where Are We Now?

Unfortunately, there are many companies around the world in just as precarious financial straits as Glencore. While few would have the size of impact of Glencore, one such collapse could certainly start a chain of failures.

The underlying problem is the world has too much debt. It will never be possible to pay it off unless currency values collapse. But, currency collapses could bring economies to a standstill.

Is there a risk of a major financial crisis soon. The probability is not zero.

A friend of a friend had a conversation earlier this year with some high-ranking military officials. He passed along to my friend who then shared with me what he was told when he asked them what would happen in a widespread currency collapse in the US.

The important part of the answer is that 25-50 million people would die within 90 days. They would die from civil unrest, starvation, running out of medications, and so forth.

So, part of the preparation to survive should such a catastrophe come to pass is to make sure that you have some physical gold and silver (especially silver because of its greater divisibility) to use for spending. You also should have a minimum of three months food per person (I would personally double that), stock up on medications, store potable water, acquire water filters, and arrange the means to

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.

protect yourself from the climate if the utilities fail.

Especially important is building closer relationships with your neighbors for mutual protection and support.

Swiss Competition Commission Investigating Precious Metals Price Fixing

Nine days ago, the Swiss Competition Commission announced that it had opened an investigation against two Swiss banks, UBS and Julius Baer, and five foreign financial institutions—Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Barclays, Morgan Stanley, and Mitsui—as to whether they “possibly colluded illegal competition defying deals” in the trading of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

This adds to existing investigations in Germany and by the US Justice Department into possible manipulation of precious metals markets. While the US government has been easy on Wall Street companies, generally extracting fines without putting criminals in prison, the Swiss investigation is likely to be more rigorous.

India Importing More Gold Than So-Called “Experts” Realize

Many so-call precious metals “experts” are claiming that gold imports into India thus far in 2015 are below 2014 levels. They support such statements by tracking only official imports of London Bullion Market Association-

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quality bars.

However, there has been a significant increase in dore (pronounced "DOOR-ray") bars shipped into India this year.

When the mines perform a quick on-site rough refinement of gold from newly mined ore, they create dore bars that are typically 80-85% pure gold. This makes them more efficient to ship than sending the entire ore to a refiner.

There appears to be two reasons for this surge in India dore imports in 2015. First, import duties on dore bars are lower than on the LBMA-quality bars. Second, there may be difficulties getting enough supply of LBMA-quality bars into India to meet demand, so dore bars are helping to cover the supply shortfall.

At least one researcher has devoted a significant effort to tracking these dore imports. He notes that the quantities are quite large this year. When this gold supply is added to the LBMA-bar imports, the total thus far in 2015 exceeds 2014 gold import levels.

So, anyone who claims to know how much gold is being imported into India, but does not include the supply of dore bars, does not know what they are talking about.

Silver and Silver Coins

Silver closed on the COMEX today at \$16.08, up a whopping \$1.47 (10.1%) over the past month. This is the highest settlement since June 22. This week, the price of silver has topped its 50-day, 100-day, and 200-day moving averages.

Everyone wants to know if the price of silver is ready to shoot upward. The answer is—I don't know.

The reason why it could soar is there are definite supply shortages in physical markets and possibly even in the paper contract markets. With low prices, exploration for and development of new mines has been largely curtailed. That means that supplies could be even tighter in the future.

There are multiple reasons why it may not catch fire. First, the investor sentiment toward precious metals is about as negative as it has been for decades. Second, there are numerous occasions when it appeared that the silver price was ready to soar, but it did not do so. Third, there has been constant price suppression over the past four years at key times that appear to be the work of the US government.

If you want to put your mind at ease, I consider anywhere near today's price levels will prove to be a great buying opportunity

The Month

Gold Range	51.50	4.5%
Net Change	+10.25	
Silver Range	1.73	11.8%
Net Change	+1.47	
Gold/Silver Ratio	71.5	
Net change	-6.4	
Platinum Range	108.00	10.7%
Net Change	-62.00	

Platinum/Gold Ratio 0.82

Date	Gold	Silver	Platinum
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Sep 01	1,138.75	14.61	1,008.00
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Sep 02	1,132.50	14.66	1,013.00
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Sep 03	1,123.75	14.70	1,010.00
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Sep 04	1,120.50	14.54	992.00
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Sep 07	closed		
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Sep 08	1,120.50	14.75	1,003.00
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Sep 09	1,102.25	14.56	981.00
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Sep 10	1,109.50	14.63	981.00
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Sep 11	1,103.50	14.50	965.00
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Sep 14	1,108.00	14.35	955.00
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Sep 15	1,105.00	14.40	961.00
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Sep 16	1,120.50	14.93	972.00
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Sep 17	1,117.25	14.97	968.00
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Sep 18	1,138.00	15.15	984.00
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Sep 21	1,133.50	15.21	970.00
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Sep 22	1,125.00	14.75	937.00
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Sep 23	1,131.50	14.78	932.00
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Sep 24	1,153.75	15.12	955.00
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Sep 25	1,146.00	15.11	951.00
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Sep 28	1,132.00	14.53	922.00
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Sep 29	1,127.00	14.56	917.00
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Sep 30	1,115.50	14.51	907.00
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Oct 01	1,114.25	14.50	905.00
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Oct 02	1,138.50	15.26	910.00
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Oct 05	1,138.00	15.70	912.00
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Oct 06	1,146.75	15.97	934.00
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Oct 07	1,149.00	16.08	946.00
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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.

in years to come. So, don't try to time the market. It is more important that you acquire physical silver for your own protection than worry about buying it at the market bottom (especially if we are already past the low point).

Demand for physical silver has been so strong that deliveries have been stretching out further into the future. In mid- to late September, we were quoting at least three months delivery on **1 Ounce Silver Ingots and Rounds** (10.8%). We also had stopped

accepting orders for several coin issues.

The high premiums and long deliveries have finally discouraged would-be buyers. We are now quoting eight weeks or less delivery on 1 Ounce Silver Ingots and Rounds. By the time you read this issue, it is likely that several premiums will be lower than they are today and delivery times will be even shorter.

We have been fortunate to acquire a sizeable group of **Mixed Date Canada Mint State-60+ Pre-1967 Silver Dollars** that are available for immediate delivery. Not only that, but their cost per ounce of silver content is lower than you would pay for circulated **US 90% Silver Coins**, **US Silver Eagle Dollars** (34.1%), and **Canada Silver Maple Leafs**. See our enclosed flyer for details.

Gold And Gold Coins

Gold traded in a fairly tight range over the past five weeks, ending today at \$1,149.00. That is up a modest \$10.25 (0.9%).

This lack of movement, however, does not mean that the market has been quiet. By September 25, the registered gold inventories in COMEX bonded warehouses was so low that it only covered one ounce of every 233 ounces of open COMEX contracts.

On the same day, the London gold market was in backwardation, where the spot month prices are higher than future months, going out to three months. Both of these developments signal tight gold supplies.

Over the past month, premiums have increased slightly on the lower premium issues such as **Austria 100 Coronas** (2.5%), **Mexico 50 Pesos** (2.5%), and **US American Arts Medallions** (2.8%). Other premiums have mostly held steady and supplies are generally available immediately or with only short delivery delays.

After a significant run up in prices of **Pre-1934 US Gold Coins** last month, several prices declined, despite the slight increase in the spot price. At the huge Long Beach Expo three weeks ago, LCS Chief Numismatist Allan Beegle was able to scoop up some great deals on **Better-Date US Gold Coins**. In our store, we helped a dealer friend by purchasing a group of **Choice Mint State-63 \$5.00 Indians** that are still available near their lowest price over the past quarter century. Allan was also in the right place at the right time to purchase some **China 1995 Small Date 1/20 Oz Gold Pandas certified Near Perfect Mint State-69**. See our enclosures for details.

Liberty Coin Service Computer Quotes 2PM EDT 10.7.15

Spot Prices

Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	1,210.75	1210.75	5.2%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	625.00	1250.00	8.6%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	319.75	1279.00	11.1%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	132.70	1327.00	15.3%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	1,210.75	1210.75	5.2%
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	1,209.75	1209.75	5.1%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,156.50	1179.86	2.5%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	1,201.75	1201.75	4.4%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	1,199.25	1199.25	4.2%
*China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	1,230.50	1230.50	6.9%
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	1,422.50	1179.81	2.5%
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	1,199.25	1199.25	4.2%
*U.S. Medallion	10	1.0000	1,183.25	1183.25	2.8%
*50 Gram Combibar	10	1.6077	2,035.50	1266.09	10.0%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	1,186.75	1186.75	3.1%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	143.20	1293.59	12.4%
*Austria 4 Ducat	10	0.4428	583.50	1317.75	14.5%
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	294.00	1248.94	8.5%
*British Sovereign, BU	10	0.2354	312.00	1325.40	15.2%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	235.50	1261.38	9.6%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	239.00	1280.13	11.2%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	1,380.00	1426.36	23.9%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	1,400.00	1447.03	25.7%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	1,350.00	1395.35	21.2%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	670.00	1384.87	20.3%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	370.00	1529.56	32.9%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	Not available in large quantity		
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	5,050.00	17.12	6.1%
*U.S. Circulated Dollars	1,000	760	23,000.00	30.26	87.6%
*U.S. Silver Eagle-2015	1,000	1,000	21,630.00	21.63	34.1%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	Not available		
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	100	1,758.00	17.58	9.0%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	10	178.30	17.83	10.5%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1	17.88	17.88	10.8%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	1,021.00	1021.00	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	753.00	753.00	6.7%

Gold: \$1,151.00
Silver: \$16.13
Platinum: \$956.00
Palladium: \$706.00

Notes from Liberty

By Allan Beegle
 LCS Chief Numismatist

Sales in September remained strong, but couldn't match the level of August. The delays in delivering bullion-priced silver products grew even longer for most of September. Premiums also continued to rise. However, fabricators have started to slowly catch up to demand over the past two weeks. Now that the spot price is at a fifteen-week high, we might see some premium levels start to come down.

Last month's offering of the Better-Date Peace Dollars and just about everything listed in this column sold well. However, as happens once in a while, our offer of the one-year Italian 1911 50 Lire Gold Commemorative flopped, selling just a few.

Three weeks ago I flew to California to attend the huge Long Beach Expo. Despite the limited inventory I took, sales were strong. I also picked up some great bargains for our customers.

Between purchases at the Chicago ANA in August, Long Beach last month, and what we bought in our store recently, we have an enticing variety of treasures for you this month.

We were able to acquire the largest group of **Canada Mint State-60+ Pre-1967 Silver Dollars** in well over a year. While they last, we can offer them for immediate delivery at a premium above silver value that is lower than what you would pay for circulated US 90% Silver Coins, US Silver Eagle Dollars, and Canada Silver Maple Leafs!

Over the past two months at the shows and in our store, we also acquired some small groups of **Selected Better-Date**

LCS Postage Charges	
Value of Contents	Postage Charge
Under \$50	\$4
\$50-249	\$8
\$250-499	\$15
\$500-999	\$22
\$1,000-4,999	\$30
\$5,000 and higher	None

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U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU	\$9,860
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$710
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$935
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$640

Gold:	\$1,151.00
Silver:	\$16.13
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Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	1,470	1,515	1,980
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	1,540	1,795	3,405
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	1,045	1,500	3,010
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	635	830	2,950
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	4,100	6,085	14,730
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	3,710	4,670	10,355
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	7,750	10,605	24,635
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	65	82	178
U.S. Peace Dollar	51	63	122

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And Better Type US Gold Coins. For at least two of the issues, these are the most pieces we have handled in our 44 years in business!

From Long Beach, I also picked up a handful of **China 1995 Small Date 1/20th Oz Gold Pandas.** These Near Perfect Mint State-69 coins are the most affordable 1995 Gold Pandas.

Finally, LCS General Manager Tom Coulson acquired a modest quantity of **Australia 2012 1 Oz Silver Koalas.** Each is certified as Perfect Mint State-70 by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation.

This month, I fully expect most or all of these will sell out, and sell quickly. Please call soon to ensure your best selection of these coins.

You can reach me or another one of our traders by calling the **Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375.**

We have seen a number of great items pass through our inventory over the past month. Here are some special coins that I set aside to offer to you, our valued customers:

Choice Mint State-63+ San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge 1936-S Commemorative Half Dollars: To celebrate the opening of this bridge that connected the cities of San Francisco and Oakland, California, the San Francisco Mint struck a Commemorative Silver Half Dollar.

Total mintage is 71,424.

The obverse depicts a California grizzly bear. The reverse shows the bridge with two ships ready to sail below it.

At the Long Beach show, I picked up seven uncertified lightly toned pieces from a California dealer friend. He told me they were purchased from a long-time collection that was owned by a collector who lived near the bridge. When I brought them back to Michigan, it was the first time in 79 years that these coins traveled outside of California.

To be conservative, we grade these coins as Choice Mint State-63 or Better. If you have ever traversed this bridge, you deserve to treat yourself to one of these specimens, especially at our money-saving price of just \$149.

Superb Gem Mint State-67 1943-PDS Steel Cent Set: As many of you know, the US Mint helped save copper for use in munitions and weaponry during World War 2 by striking the cents in 1943 out of zinc-coated steel. Not that long ago, we offered a set of the three coins, one each from the Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco Mints, certified in Superb Gem Mint State-67 condition. We could have sold a half dozen sets at the time.

We again have a lovely MS-67 set, with each coin certified by PCGS. Sets of this grade have sold for as much as \$500 recently, but you can own this one for \$395.

Historic El Cazador Shipwreck Silver Pieces Of Eight:

Sometimes a single event changes the course of history.

In the late 1700s, the Spanish colonial government in New Orleans fell into dire financial problems. To restore stability, the Spanish brigantine of war *El Cazador* set sail in the winter of 1784 from Vera Cruz, Mexico with a cargo of 400,000 Silver 8 Reales (the famous "Pieces of Eight") and a similar quantity of smaller denomination silver coins.

The ship never reached New Orleans. It settled at the bottom of the sea, undisturbed for more than two centuries. The wreck site was accidentally discovered by a fishing vessel on August 2, 1993.

The loss of this ship further strained Spain's finances. It directly led to sale of the lands of Louisiana to France's Napoleon Bonaparte in 1800.

Three years later, in 1803, in need of funds to pay for his European military campaigns, Napoleon sold Louisiana to the United States government, instantly doubling the size of the young nation.

Each of these coins has been encapsulated by NGC to certify that they are genuine coins recovered from the *El Cazador* shipwreck. They show evidence of the salt water corrosion, but almost all of the letters and designs are still readable.

Every time we get one or more specimens of these historic coins, they sell out instantly. We only have eight pieces this time. Your cost is just \$99 apiece.

Attractive PCGS-Certified Mint State-62 Early Morgan Dollars:

To help a dealer friend, we purchased several dozen beautiful PCGS-certified Mint State-62 Pre-1921 Morgan Silver Dollars. Most are dated in the 1880s. To the extent possible, we will provide a mixture of dates.

While they last, we offer them at a price lower than we can find them for sale elsewhere. Just \$49.95 per coin. Or buy a 20-coin lot for \$995. At these prices, we would not be surprised if other dealers snapped them up.

It is not too early to think about these as possible treasured holiday gift ideas. They may never again be this reasonably priced.

Selected Better-Date Or Better-Type US Gold!

by Patrick A. Heller, LCS Communications Officer

For several years now, it has been almost impossible to find any sizeable groups of Better-Date US Gold Coins, much less find them at money-saving prices. Unlike some of our national competitors, however, we are able to offer bargains even if we can uncover only a handful of desirable specimens.

The Good And Not So Good News! LCS Chief Numismatist Allan Beegle and I attended the huge American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money near Chicago in August. Allan then "walked the floor" at the large Long Beach Exposition in California three weeks ago. Finding bargains in Better-Date US Gold Coins was a top priority for us.

We completely struck out at finding any single group of these desirable coins. However, it turned out that we each had picked up smaller quantities of some desirable rarities.

That is the good news. **Here's the not so good news.** After adding a few pieces we already had in inventory and the recent purchase in our store of the Choice Mint State-63 \$5.00 Indians, there are only 40 coins among six different issues available!

Each coin in this offering has been independently certified by either the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) or Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) as well as passing our fussy standards.

As there are so few coins in stock, there is no order blank. Please call to confirm availability and lock in your purchase.

Review the listed coins, then **call our Trading Desk today, toll-free, at 800-527-2375.** For fastest shipment, you can use your Visa, Mastercard, or Discover charge cards to have your purchase shipped to the credit card billing address.

As with all of our numismatic items, your satisfaction is guaranteed. You have 14 days upon your re-

ceipt to return these coins for a full, prompt, no-questions refund.

1914 \$2.50 Indian, Mint State-61, NGC—\$625 (7 coins available). At first, you might not appreciate the rarity of this date. In MS-61 and higher grades it is nearly four times as rare as the 1925-D issue certified MS-61 or nicer by PCGS and NGC.

The reason that difference is so small is that collectors have a stronger incentive to submit Better-Date gold coins to the grading services compared to the common-date pieces.

This seven piece group may be the largest "hoard" of this date in Mint State quality that we have ever handled in our 44 years in business. *Coin Values* catalogs this rarity at \$650 in MS-60 grade and a lofty \$2,250 in MS-62 condition. When you look at our price, you won't be able to resist owning one.

1881 \$5.00 Liberty, Choice Mint State-63, PCGS/NGC—\$650 (4 coins available). This date is the highest mintage of all \$5.00 Liberties, with 5,708,802 pieces struck. However, because they were struck 134 years ago, a proportionately higher percentage of them were put into circulation than happened in later decades. PCGS and NGC combined have certified



6,292 MS-63+ coins, compared to 10,455 of the 1900 date. *Coin Values* for the MS-63 1881 date is 25% higher than for the 1900 date in the same quality, but you can purchase them from us for just an extra \$15 per coin!

Of course, owning any lower priced \$5.00 Liberty at today's level is irresistible. In June 1989, when

the gold spot price was \$365, common-date Choice MS-63 \$5.00 Liberties were selling for \$3,550 apiece!

1891 \$5.00 Liberty, Mint State-61, NGC—\$675 (1 coin available), and Mint State-62, NGC—\$795 (3 coins available).

These are the scarcest coins in this offering. Mintage is a modest 61,360. Over 29 years, PCGS and NGC together have certified just 138 MS-61 specimens, only 153 in MS-62 grade, and just 96 coins in higher grades. They are more than 62 times rarer than the 1900 \$5.00 Liberty in MS-61 and higher grades and more than 80 times scarcer in grades MS-62 and higher. We could not find any specimens of this date in either grade appearing in a major auction since the summer of 2014.

I wish we could find more of these coins, but we are fortunate if we can find one or two pieces per year at attractive prices. *Coin Values* is \$600 in Mint State-60 and \$900 in Mint State-62.

1909-D \$5.00 Indians, Choice Mint State-63, PCGS/NGC—\$1,075 (10 coins available). Six months ago, we were able to offer a quantity of these coins at just under a thousand dollars each. As we noted at the time, the \$5.00 Indian is the scarcest of the \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$20.00 Liberties and Indian in MS-63 quality—by far!

Demand has been solid ever since. The attraction is easy to understand. These coins would have cost you \$6,500 each in mid-1989. As recently as April 2007 they were still selling for \$3,200 apiece! Now they are selling at a fraction of these levels.

We have these coins because a Michigan dealer friend just sold them to us. He had purchased them for their outstanding value but, unfortunately, had to pay some unexpected out-of-pocket medical expenses.

Every specimen is solid for quality. Even though they are priced slightly higher than in April, they are still bargains that won't last long. Choice Mint State-



63 specimens catalog in *Coin Values* for \$1,500.

1883 \$10.00 Liberty, Mint State-61, NGC—\$915 (1 coin available), and Mint State-62, NGC—\$975 (2 coins available).

The 1883 \$10.00 Liberty has a moderate mintage of 208,700 coins. This issue began a nine year run (through 1891) when the Philadelphia Mint struck fewer than 260,000 coins every year.

The date is the second scarcest of the coins on this list, at more than 17 and 28 times rarer than the 1901-S \$10.00 Liberty in MS-61 and MS-62 grades, respectively. We could not find specimens

of this date in either grade appearing in major auctions this year!

We could not find other examples on the market priced at or below the values in *Coin Values*. Still, for all this rarity, you can purchase the MS-61 coin for just \$50 more than the 1901-S in the same grade and only \$95 extra for the coins in MS-62 quality.



1908 With Motto \$10.00 Indian, Mint State-61, NGC—\$875 (9 coins available), and Mint State-62, NGC—\$1,025 (3 coins available).

As with the 1914 \$2.50 Indian in this offering, none of us can remember having this many specimens of the 1908 With Motto \$10.00 in Mint State condition in our inventory. The mintage is only 341,370, which is dwarfed by 4,463,000 coins struck in 1932. In addition, in MS-61 and MS-62 condition, these coins are more than 15 and 19 times scarcer than the 1932 date.



After Allan found a group of these coins in a dealer's inventory, we both scoured the ANA floor for more pieces. We came up with only one more coin. When we say these dates are not common, we mean it.

Lists for \$1,100 and \$1,350 in *Coin Values* for MS-60 and MS-62 quality, respectively.



China 1995 Small Date 1/20 Oz Gold Pandas At A Special Price!

At the huge Long Beach Expo in California in mid-September, a long-time West Coast dealer friend called me over to his table.

He is an active trader in modern Chinese coinage such as the Pandas, but he normally retails pieces one at a time to customers. By a stroke of good luck, he had acquired a modest quantity of the rarer 1995 China Small Date 1/20 Oz Gold Pandas all certified as Near Perfect Mint State-69 quality by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC). He had more pieces more than he needed for his own purposes, and was willing to sell the excess inventory an attractive price. From our numerous past dealings, he knew the LCS might handle the modest group he had available.

The coins looked beautiful and his price was close to wholesale bid levels. I reached for my checkbook.

Only 97,190 of the 1/20 Oz Gold Pandas were struck in 1995, all featuring the Small Date. That is a moderately low mintage for the denomination. What makes this coin even more attractive is that the four larger denominations this year have much smaller mintages. As a result, the 1/20 Oz Gold Panda is the only 1995 Gold Panda available—if and when you can find them—for less than \$900!

In doing market research, we found a handful of uncertified coins that could be acquired for under \$300 apiece. Almost no dealer has specimens Near Perfect MS-69 by either NGC or the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS). Of those the lowest price a competitor was charging was \$359.99.

While the handful of pieces in our inventory last, you can pick them up for the LCS money-saving price of just \$319 each! Limit three coins per customer.

Call our Trading Desk Today! Reach us toll-free at 800-527-2375 to confirm your order. You may use your Visa, Mastercard, and Discover charge cards for orders shipped to the card's billing address. As with all of our numismatic offers, your satisfaction is guaranteed. You have 14 days upon your receipt to return these coins for a full, immediate refund.

—Allan Beegle, LCS Chief Numismatist

Australia 2012 1 Ounce Silver Koalas in Perfect Mint State-70 Condition!

At The LCS Money -Saving Price!

In 1990, Australia's Perth Mint began striking the 1 Ounce Silver Kookaburra series. This program was quite popular, selling out the authorized mintage almost every year.

Thinking like entrepreneurs, officials at the Perth Mint added a second series of 1 Ounce silver coins in 2007, with native Koalas featured on the designs.

While this series has also been popular, mintages tend to be lower than for the Kookaburras each year.

For instance, in 2012 the Perth Mint sold out its limit of 500,000 1 Oz Silver Kookaburras, but only 388,046 of the same-sized Koalas. As a result, many Koalas have acquired a collector premium.

From an East Coast dealer for whom we help liquidate excess inventory, we just picked up a small group of NGC-certified Perfect Mint State-70 2012-dated 1 Oz Australia Silver Koalas. Even more desirable, each coin is noted on the holder as being one of the first 7,500 coins struck that year. In general, collectors desire early strike coins as the dies impart the sharpest details to the coins' surfaces.

The one-year Koala reverse design in 2012 features an adult bear sleeping on a branch. As is the coinage practice among nations in the British Commonwealth, the coin's obverse features British Queen Elizabeth II, who recently became the longest-serving monarch in more than a thousand years of that nation's history!

You can find uncertified specimens in original packaging selling for around \$35. PCGS or NGC-certified Perfect Mint State-70 coins (including those that are not early strikes) are consistently selling at around \$55 in on-line auctions.

Save money today! Purchase our beautiful specimens for just \$49 each!

Our supply is limited to what we acquired from our dealer friend, so we must limit orders to three coins. No exceptions! **To confirm your order, Call our Trading Desk at 800-527-2375.**

As we guarantee with all of our numismatic offers, you must be satisfied with your purchase. You have 14 days upon your receipt to return any of these coins for a full refund.

—Tom Coulson, LCS General Manager



Mint State Canada Pre-1967 Silver Dollars

Collector Coins At A Bullion-Related Price!

Available For Immediate Delivery!

Doing favors for other dealers sometimes gets you a favor in return.

The Opportune Purchase! With rising silver prices over the past several years, dealers have been aggressively chasing the lower-priced silver coins. Whenever they appear, they are almost instantly snapped up by the first buyer to whom they are offered. Rather than pay top dollar to get them, at LCS we have been patient, waiting for opportunities to acquire these coins at the bid side of the wholesale market. **Good news:** A dealer friend for whom we have done favors called us a couple of weeks ago to return a favor. He offered us a large group of mixed-date Mint State-60+ Pre-1967 Canada Silver Dollars at the same price that wholesalers would pay him.

Here's why we love these large coins:

Lower Mintages! From 1935 through 1966, the Royal Canadian Mint struck fewer than 40 million silver dollars. Many entered circulation. Large quantities were melted in the silver price spike in 1979-1980.

In comparison, since 1986, the US Mint has struck over 440 million of the higher-priced Silver Eagle Dollars. Virtually all of them survive, still in top quality.

A Scandalous Design! When Canadian Silver Dollars were introduced in 1935, the design created a scandal. The reverse features a European fur trader and an Indian paddling a canoe. A package in the canoe displays the initials "H.B." signifying the Hudson Bay Company. The Hudson Bay Company sponsored early exploration and commerce in North America. It is still in business today. Some objected to this free advertising for a private company! The Royal Canadian Mint refused to alter the design, making this popular collector coin even more desirable to numismatists.

A Government Blunder! In years past, even the common Canada Silver Dollars traded at a significant collector premium to its silver content. But, when the Canadian government imposed a nationwide Goods & Services Tax (GST) in 1991, it did not exempt coins as has been done by other countries with similar taxes. This tax crippled numismatic demand in Canada. Premiums dropped, eventually to bullion-related levels.

For years, collectors hoped that the Canadian government would exempt coins from the GST, but it has never occurred. Today, the more common dates of Canada Silver Dollars trade largely on the basis of silver value.

Each of these coins was struck in an alloy that had an 80% silver content. The gross weight of each Pre-1967

Canada Silver Dollar is 0.75 ounce, so each coin contains 0.60 troy ounce of pure silver.

The Money-Saving Bullion Price!

As a result of our opportune purchase, you can acquire these Mint State-60+ Pre-1967 Canada Silver Dollars at a bullion price! As long as you purchase a minimum of 10 coins (which contain six ounces of silver content), **pay just \$11.95 per coin.**

At this price, your cost per ounce of silver content is less than you would pay to purchase comparable quantities of US Silver Eagle Dollars, Canada Silver Maple Leafs, or even circulated US 90% Silver Coins!

This money-saving price is also less than charged by a major national competitor for mixed batches of circulated and Mint State Pre-1967 Canada Silver Dollars, yet these coins are all of the higher quality!

Warning! To give everyone an opportunity, we must limit orders to 200 coins. Although we have the largest stock of these coins since the spring of 2014, another quick sellout is likely.

Act Today! Call us toll-free at 800-527-2375. You may use your Visa, Mastercard, and Discover charge cards for purchases shipped to the card's billing address.

Allan Beegle, LCS Chief Numismatist



Yes! Please send me the mixed-date Mint State-60+ Canada Pre-1967 Silver Dollars that I have indicated below. I understand that all are backed by LCS's exclusive guarantees and that I may return them for any reason within 14 days of receipt for a full refund. Minimum order 10 coins. Limit 200 coins per customer.

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