STAGNANT

BROKERS ARE HOPEFUL.

Optimistic Financiers Said to Be Picking Up Cheap Stocks.

COPPER SALES ARE HIGHER.

Friday Evening, Aug. 10.

It would be difficult to conceive a more stagnant market than prevailed today. Each evening as the gong strikes the brokers endeavor to console themselves that the morrow cannot be worse, but when business opens on the following day

the same lethargy prevalls.

It is curious to note how little either good or adverse news affects prices. The large shipments of gold and the probability of still more to go do not even cause a ripple, while the announcement of

cause a ripple, while the announcement of big prospective railroad earnings falls equally flat. For the moment speculation is dead and now the question arises, when is it to come to life?

With a plethora of gold in the Treasury and a fair outlook for abundant harvest; with an increasing export trade and an average amount of business activity, it would seem that conditions were ripe for an upward market. But the calamity shouters are in evidence with the Chian upward market. But the calamity shouters are in evidence with the Chinese and Philippine wars; the possible and to many probable change in administration next spring, combined with an apparently growing tendency of the people to deviate, through imperialism, from the paths in which so long they have prosperously walked; all these factors tend to make capital hesitate about taking any decided steps.

decided steps.

I am told, however, that very quietly cheap stocks, cheap in being below their intrinsic value, are being picked up by optimistic financiers who anticipate a marked change for the better.

The slow absorption from the bear to the bull side has been observed in many quarters, although it is well-nigh impossible to indicate any one stock or line of securities being picked out. The slight movement in Missouri Pacific is a straw ring the direction of the gentle breeze and it is taken fairly well below 50. A flurry in Sugar is also predicted, but stock is scarcely a criterion on which to base any judgment of the situation. Ru-mors of a bull pool in Tennessee Coal &

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over the \$46,195,668 reported for the month of July, 1899. Forty-nine roads show increases and sixteen show decreases.

The total amount of gold to go out

Saturday is approximated at \$2,530,000. Money is plenty and consequently easy, but the demand is very light. Some bankers look for a stiffening of rates as soon as the local demand incident to the au-

copper market shows some mod-business around 161-2c., but the sales do not reach any large proportions; and, while there are numerous inquiries, but few sales result.

In short, the situation may be summed

BOSTON STOCK SALES.

BOSTON, Aug. 10.-Following are the high-, lowest and closing sales, and the closing bid and asked prices today:

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Total sales—Listed bonds, \$52,000; unlisted onds, \$2000; listed stocks, 3828 shares; un-

MISCELLANEOUS STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Sales Reported by WILSON W. FAY & CO., No. 7 State Street.)

CURB STOCK SALES.

(Reported by NORMAN CAMERON & CO., 27 State Street.)

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

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asked his opinion on the outlook of the Democratic party in the coming national campaign. He said in part:

"A campaign that shall far eclipse that of 1896 is well under way.

"Note the three steps so far taken: First, the tumultuous enthusiasm and the exalted fervor of the convention at Kansas City.

"Second, the platform enunciating the principles of righteousness and justice in the dealings with nations framed in the most beautiful language and the loftiest phraseology ever presented in American politics.

"Third, the speech of Mr. Bryan accepting his nomination, so calm, so moderate, so clear and logical; so filled with faith in American institutions, so vibrant with heroes and apostles.

"The issue has been announced and explained.

"The Republicans will be overwhelmingly defeated, and from this day signs will begin to be apparent to every observer that this is destined to come to pass. The Republican party, which began its career in the defence of liberty, has been prostituted to the service of money as against the rights of men. The handwriting on the wall is ominous with the warning that it has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

"New England will not be silent in this campaign. Vermont is to be aroused with the clash of the hostile camps. Massachusetts must at once buckle on its armor, and every Democrat not only cut down the Republican majority, but shake the old Bay State from Berkshire to the Cape." UNITED STATES STEEL CO. The whole or part of 150 shares for sale. RANSOM BRIDGE & CO., 53 State st., I Love You," "Always," etc. See him at Postoz. of Pines tomorrow. He will please

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Total sales, 109,900 shares

Actor Slapped Understudy's Face

on Stage at Narragansett Pier.

A young man named Armstrong was secured, who could neither act nor wrestle. He simply spread out his hand and felt of Orlando's (Barrymore's) face.

HOAR SCORES BRYAN.

His Party Is But a Mask.

Spain is exceedingly weak and lame. It will not bear examination for a moment.

Mr. Bryan put forth all his power to secure the ratification of the treaty. Not content with writing letters, he came to,

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY SURE.

Robert Treat Paine Points to "Hand-

writing on the Wall."

Robert Treat Paine, Jr., the Democratic turned to Boston from his summer house in West Manchester. Mr. Paine was

sked his opinion on the outlook of the

FRED BOWERS

Democratic party in the coming national

YOU LIKE IT."

WOOL RATHER FIRMER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow

Progress has been made toward a more stable position of business, with a few more heavy contracts to hold the ground

soon be further reduced, probably for three weeks, by the closing down of cot-ton mills in New England, which has been delayed longer than expected; but our strength is evidenced to the world by the over-subscription here of the new

Cotton fell so sharply that some recovery occurred in an unsold speculative market, and spot sold at 10 cents when the official report appeared, notwithstanding many indications of further reduction in consumption. Wheat advanced about cent, helped by poor foreign crop re-

The domestic outlook is fairly cheerful, and farmers have marketed freely, receipts at interior cities aggregating 6,287,581 bushels, against 3,918,-216 last year, and 2,446,417 in 1898. Exports from Atlantic ports were only 1,720,-963 bushels wheat, flour included, against 2,503,344 last year, although purchases on foreign account were large and promise an increased movement hereafter. Corn gained nearly 2 cents with the aid of dry weather reports, and is 8 cents above the price at this time last year.

Improvement is slow in boots and shoes, with only a small percentage of Eastern

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 10.—Maurice Barrymore never played such a funny scene as the wrestling match proved this afternoon in the lawn production of "As You Like It" at Narragansett Pier. "Kid" McCoy was billed to play "Charles the Wrestler," but at a late hour determined to go into pugilistic training, so it was necessary to put a dummy into the part.

A young man named Armstrong was shops at work. Stocks decrease slowly and new contracts are few. A small increase over last week in shipments from Boston was unimportant compared with the decrease of 38,000 cases from last

The textile markets have been free from such features as marked recent revisions of prices, but business is of fair volume. Loss of the Chinese market has put coarse brown cotton in a bad position, other grades being less seriously affected. The recent reduction in price of wide woollen goods reorders are not up to ex-pectations, and some serges sell lower. Manufacturers show more interest in the wool market, taking fair quantities and seeking fewer concessions. The tone is firmer, though prices are unchanged.

The Output of Iron. Although the conference at Chicago re-cently failed to agree to reduce the outout of pig iron, individuals have acted in-dependently, and on Aug. 1 only 240 furnaces were in blast, with a weekly capacity of 244,426 tons, according to the Iron Age.

the management might have got some-one who could wrestle in McCoy's place, and that he was disgusted. It took half an hour to pacify him, although it was almost 5 o'clock and only This compares with a production of 283,-413 July 1, by 284 furnaces, and 267,672 a year ago by 187 plants. Present figures are the lowest since March, 1899, when the capacity was 228,195 tons. Furnace stocks are 504,341 tons, against 421,038 July 1. Reduction of capacity is larger in proone act had been played. Meantime the orchestra tried to keep 1200 society people quiet. Finally Barrymore cooled off and the performance proceeded. portion than the recent accumulation of

A smaller output of pig, with steadily increasing exports and moderate activity in structural and finished material, proming to Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the control of the contro Says Anti-Imperialism of the Man and Senator Hoar has reviewed William Jennings Bryan's speech, made at the Indianapolis notification meeting, and has made public the result of his analysis. He pays tribute to the power and dexterity of Mr. Bryan's presentation of his party's case, but says, among other things:
"His defence of his course in procuring the ratification of the treaty by which the Philippine Islands were acquired from the Philippine Islands were acquired from the procure of the procure of

Exchanges at the chief cities outside New York have been for the week only 2 per cent smaller than last year, and 25 per cent larger than in 1898. New York's returns are 22.7 per cent below 1899, and 8.1 per cent below 1898.

Doubtless much of the decrease is due

to exceptional activity a year ago in new industrial organization. Railroad earnings are large. Companies reporting gained 5.3 per cent for the first week of July, and 8.1 per cent for the last week. washington in person to overcome the reluctance of his followers.

"I did myself, in my humble way, everything in my power to prevent the treaty. I do not understand that any opponent of imperialism charges me with failing to do my full duty as a Senator, both by vote and speech. I did it at the cost of what was as dear to me as my life—the approval and sympathy of Idle cars are going into active service.
Failures for the week were 177 in the
United States, against 136 last year, and
23 in Canada, against 29 last year.

Bradstreet's Review.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Bradstreet's tomic row will say: Trade conditions still exhibit many of the irregularities incident to the transition period between midsummer and early fall trade.

The hot wave has easily held the centre of the stage this week, because of its effect on the growing distributive demand, and also because of the reports of damage to the corn crop which it has incited. Despite this fact, however, a more cheerful feeling is perceptible in general trade, and the booking of fall orders for dry goods, clothing and hardware at leading Western centres, and heavy engagements in iron and steel products, though at low prices, are of encouraging proportions. Bank clearings of phenomenally dull speculation affecting comparisons with recent weeks and years, and on the other hand, railway earnings, though showing smaller proporticrate gains than of late, are encouraging, because making good gains over exceptionally favorably July returns a year ago.

Prices are not showing the precipitate

FRENCH STRIKE SETTLED,

HAVRE, Aug. 10.—A settlement of the strike of maritime stokers, which had assumed large proportions and threatened to involve not only the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique but also other shipping companies, was effected today.

MR. CONNELL CORRECTS.

To the Editor of the Post:
Sir—My attention has been called to an article in the Sunday Post of Aug. 5 about spotters in the fire department in which my name appears. It stated that it was discharged, and intimated that it was discharged, and intimated that it was discharged. I resigned, and there was no woman spotter. This is erroneous and I wish to correct it. I was discharged. I resigned, and there was no woman spotter concerned in the matter.

I trust you will give this matter as much publicity as the former article. Years respectfully.

Ex-member of Ladder Company 5.

Ex-member of Ladder Company 5. my life—the approval and sympathy of men who had been my friends and political companions for more than 30 years. Everything I tried to do was brought to naught by the action taken by Mr. Bryan, an action taken property and the sympathy are setting taken property to the sympathy and the sympathy taken project the sympathy and the sympathy taken project the sympathy taken project the sympathy and the sympathy and the sympathy the sympathy and th naught by the action taken by Mr. Bryan, an action taken against the remonstrance of the wisest leaders in his own party. "He is not to get the reward of this conduct if I can help it. I do not give him my confidence in this matter. "No—the anti-imperialism of Mr. Bryan and that of his party is but a mask—it is a mask to cover the things they have had most at heart from the beginning—it is a mask to cover their purpose to it is a mask to cover their purpose to establish the free coinage of silver, a mask to cover their purpose to bring in free trade, a mask to cover their purpose to overthrow the banking system, a mask to overthrow the banking system, a mask to cover an attack on the Supreme Court, and a purpose to reorganize it if they can get the opportunity.

declines noted some time ago, and among the really encouraging features are the advance in wheat, mainly based on improved export inquiry.

Wool and Coal.

Wool tis rather firmer than of late, because of the better inquiry, though it must be admitted this steadiness is somewhat at the expense of new business. Cottom goods partake of the strength of the raw material, due to talk of a possible bullish crop report, and where weakness is still perceptible, as in brown cottons, print cloths and wide sheetings, the natural corrective of reduced products is reported booked at Pittsburg and Chicago, and steel bars are really firmer, with an advance of 44 per ton announced by Western manufacturers, who have sold their output up to the close of the year. Pig Iron is still rather neglected, but inquiry for this material is really better at the South.

A significant feature of the trade is the strength of structural material. The other metals are dull and tin is weak. There is a larger fall trade distribution at Chicago and wheat receipts are still in advance of all records. Improvement in all lines is noted at Duluth.

Coplous rains have helped Minnesota lumber interests, and the fall trade outlook at Minneapolis is promising, although flour is dull. Crop improvement is reported from Atlanta and Memphis, but rains in Texas have checked fall orders. Large sales but small profits in steel products are reported from Pittsburg.

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Fall trade in dry goods is active and lumber is firmer. There is more inquiry for wool at Philadelphia and Boston, but the firmness of the latter market limits transactions. Bituminous coal is active at tidewater, while anthracite grades are in exceptionally good shape for this time of year.

Printed goods are in better call from jobbers at New York and Boston, but the fall trade in shoes at the latter market is below the normal. There is more doing in leather at New York. Raw sugar is lower for the week, while refined is unchanged. Coffee is also slightly lower.

Bank clearings at 84 cities for the week ending with and including Aug. 9 aggregate \$1,271,452,876, the smallest weekly total reported since November, 1898, 4 per cent smallef than last week, 16 per cent less than in this week a year ago, but 4 per cent larger than in 1898.

Outside New York clearings are 1 per cent less than last week and 6 per cent less than last week and 6 per cent less than last week, against 170 last week, 156 in this week a year ago, 157 in 1898.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 2,890,754 bushels last week, 3,616,154 bushels in the corresponding week of 1899. Corn exports for the week aggregate 2,890,754 bushels, against 3,890,006 bushels last week, 5,350,361 bushels in this week a year ago.

July a year ago showed the heaviest increase in gross rallway earnings of any month of 1899, 17.3 per cent, and net earnings of 90 roads within July note a further gain of 5.9 per cent over this good showing.

Canadian business failures number 20, against 29 last week, 27 in this week last year and 33 in 1898.

Roberts Is Dying.

ALSO REPORT BATTLE.

PRETORIA, Aug. 10.—It is said that Lord Methuen has arrested General De

All the Boers in the field rumor circulated by their leaders that Lord Roberts is dying. Roberts, how-ever, is now in excellent health, is dis-playing wonderful energy and rides daily

Some Boer Bulletins.

"Examples, and stern examples," says the Daily Mail, "are necessary. Although we may not agree with Sheridan's fierce maxim, 'Nothing should be left of an enemy but eyes to weep with,'

yet this was the conclusion of a not in-human officer who thoroughly under-

FRENCH STRIKE SETTLED,

They Will Visit Philadelphia as Well as Washington.

CITY TO ENTERTAIN THEM.

Trip From New York to Quaker City to Be Made in Transports,

THEN SAIL FOR CUBA.

Good news came to the Cubans from Philadelphia yesterday. The Queker City has arranged to spend between \$5000 and \$10,000 for the entertainment of the teachers.

Mr. Mann, who left Cambridge Tuesday

Mr. Mann, who left Cambridge Tuesday for Washington, Philadelphia and New York to arrange for the special excursion being planned for the teachers, wired from Philadelphia late yesterday afternoon to his secretary, Mr. G. M. Blakney. The message contained the following information:

"First, the trip to Philadelphia is a certainty. The city has appropriated a large sum for the entertainment of the teachers and they will be the city's guests while

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"Second, the trip to Philadelphia will not be made by rail, as was intended, but the teachers will return directly from Washington to New York and there take the transports to Philadelphia.

"Third, the teachers will sail from Philadelphia direct for Cuba."

These arrangements are decidedly different from what had at first been intended.

They are, however, final and the teachers are assured that there will be no more changes.

Mr. Mann, before leaving, Washington

Mr. Mann, before leaving Washington, wrote a letter to Mr. Blakney, and this was also received yesterday. In it Mr.
Mann gives the programme of the stay in
Washington and the itinerary for the remainder of the trip.

Washington Programme.

A committee of seven of the most promchosen to arrange for the entertainment of the teachers, headed by Commissioner Macrarland of the board of district com-missioners, and Mr. John Jay Edson, president of the Washington Board of

The trains will arrive in three sections Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock, 6:55 and 7:05. The teachers will be conducted about the city in parties of 50 each. A visit of the entire city will be made on Saturday. In the morning the Capitol building and the Congressional Library, Beers Circulate Reports That and a photograph of the teachers will be taken on the Capitol steps.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the reception to President McKinley will take place. In the evening a reception will be given in Corcoran Gallery of Art, where the teachers will be addressed by Commissioner MacFarland. The Marine Band will furnish music. The teachers will leave for New York the same evening.
Two days will be spent in Philadelphia
instead of one as had been intended.

Complete Itinerary. The complete itinerary of the excursion after the teachers leave Boston will now

be as follows: Leave Boston on the morning of the 16th, arrive in New York Friday the 17th, arrive in Washington the same evening, leave Washington Saturday evening, arrive in New York Sunday morning, the 19th, leave New York 21st, arrive in Philadelphia Wednesday, the 22d, leave Philadelphia for Cuba Thursday, the 23d. Mr. Mann does not yet know what will be the programme in New York and Philadelphia, but he will inform Super-intendent Frye at Cambridge as soon as is thought that the teachers will sleep

at the bottom they will buy in the aggregate for the ensuing year fully as much as they took in the last twelve months. A serious feature is the wage controversy, which extends over a wide territory. Production of coke decreases in proportion to the smaller output of the decreases in the transports while in Philadelphia, but the city may have already arranged for their stopping at the hotels. This was not definitely known in Cambridge was not definitely known in Cambridge was not definitely known in Cambridge in the transports while in Philadelphia, but the city may have already arranged for their stopping at the hotels. This wounded.

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Boer reports by way of Lorenzo Marques lately have proved worthy of little credence.

The Pretoria plot is the theme of many editorials this morning. All the papers decry the idea of treating the Boers too leniently.

"Heraparisms and Delication of the taking care of the baggage of the teachers have been under way now for three days, and a large number of guides will be kept busy attending to this one thing from now until the teachers sail. The men's baggage will be loaded on the transports Tuesday, and the Women's on Wednesday.

Washington and Delication.

WILL VISIT PHILADELPHIA.

Cubans Will Start for Their Homes From New York After Washington Trip.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Mr. C. C. Mann of Harvard College, who has charge of the arrangements connected with the visit of the Cuban teachers to this country, had a conference here to-

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day with Edward F. Naulty, chairman of a committee of Philadelphia citizens, in regard to entertaining the teachers in that city.

It was arranged that after their visit to Washington the latter part of next week the teachers should be taken to New York and then sail on transports for Philadelphia, spending Aug. 22 and 23 there as the guests of the city.

BRYAN CLUB MEETS.

Delegates Selected to Attend Convention of Democratic Olubs at Indianapolis.

Washington and Philadelphia is the one topic of conversation. The teachers say that they are sorry to leave and yet they are happy that their summer's work is near an end. The classes in kindergarten will be called for the last time today and the other classes will all be discontinued on Tuesday.

Affairs were quiet in Cambridge last night. Save for the ball given by the summer school there was nothing going on, and as this was given by the American students, things as far as the Cubans were concerned might be said to have been at a standstill. There were a few Cuban men at the ball, but there were no Cuban women.

Yesterday was visitors' day at the summer school of physical training in the Hemenway Gymnasium. There was a very large attendance, and much interest in the work was shown.

President Eliot has returned from his summer home in Maine, where he has been spending several weeks with his family, and he will remain until the departure of the teachers.

Of Democratic Clubs at Indianapolis.

A largely attended meeting of the Bryan Club of Ward 6 was held last evening at their rooms 170 Hanover street. Congressman Fitzgerald impressed upon the members the necessity of closely scanning the voting lists, with a view to registering all voters in the ward. It was voted to send delegates to the convention of Democratic clubs, to he held at Indianapolis. As the club is entitled to send six delegates, the following were chosen: Senator J. B. Mahoney, Representatives Borofsky and Donovan, Councilmen Bradley, Badaracco and Grady.

MRS. J. A. CORAM DEAD.

I.OWELLI, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Cora E. Coram, wife of Joseph A. Coram, president of several mining companies, and prominent in State street circles in Boston, died this morning at the family residence on Marlboro street.

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LOWBLI, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Cora E. Coram, wife of Joseph A. Coram, president of several mining companies, and prominent in State street circles in Boston, died this morning at the family residence on Marlboro street.

Mrs. Coram had been in declining health for several months. She was 43 years old, and was born in Bangor, Me. She leaves three sons and a daughter.

Conductor Ryan, cuts and bruises; Robert V. Barker of St. John, leg broken; Mrs. Isaac Van B. Hetherington of Cody's and her infant, bruised; James McBriarty, section hand, multiple injuries; — Bernard, badly shaken up.

The trestle is a wooden affair 400 feet long, about 100 feet high, built in a curve. This morning the weight of the

Bridge on a New Brunswick

Railroad Collapsed.

HURLED TO ROCKS BELOW.

ST. JOHN. N. B., Aug. 10.-A mixed train on the Central railroad today went through Sargeson's bridge, ten miles from Norton, and was dashed to a great John Duncan, the engineer, was killed,

and William Morrison, the fireman, will die as a result of his injuries. The others injured are as follows: Probably fatally hurt, Frank Campbell,

brakeman. More or less seriously hurt, Conductor Ryan, cuts and bruises; Robert

PALESTRO TOTAL WRECK.

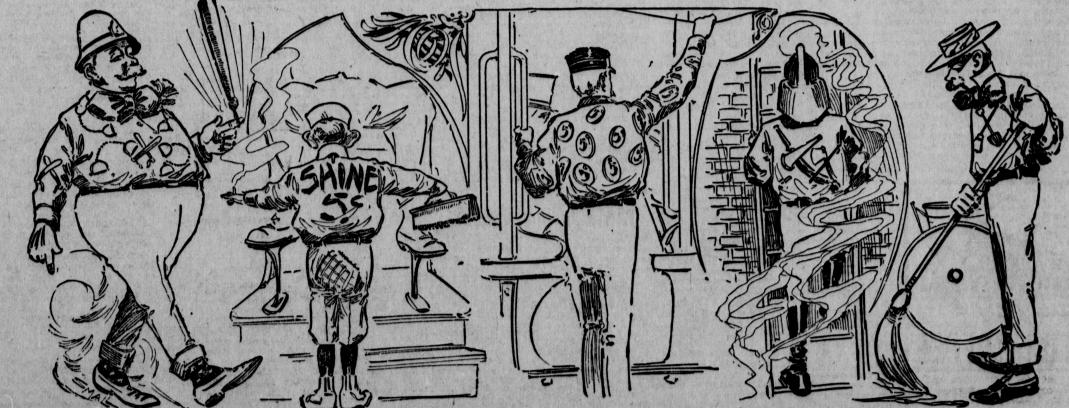
NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 10.—The British steamer Palestro, which went on the systemator and shoals off Cape Hatteras yesterday morning, lies today a hopeless wreck with her decks under water and the vessel about to break in two.

To trusted; James McBriarty, and, badly shaken up.

The trestle is a wooden effair 400 feet long, about 100 feet high, built in a curve. This morning the weight of the engine apparently tilted it over by lateral pressure on the curve, and a big section of the trestle went down, carrying the train with it. The number of passengers was fortunately small. Not one escaped serious injury.

The wounded are better this city.

SHIRT WAISTS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS.



SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW PUBLIC EMPLOYEES MIGHT FIND THE SHIRT WAIST USEFUL AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL