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In 1900 he was made Assistant Chief Engineer and since 1903 he has been Chief Engineer of the Company.

Aside from his personal engineering activities, he acts in an advisory capacity to the whole engineering interests of the company. He is Chairman of the company's committee which passes upon new inventions and appliances. He is the author of many technical papers presented before engineering societies, some of which are regarded as classics. A paper on the Induction Motor published 18 years ago, is used in many schools and permission has recently been given for including it in the text-books of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

His inventions and writings have made him well known among electrical engineers in Europe, as well as in America.

Mr. Lamme has been an acknowledged leader during the past twenty-five years in the engineering work of the Westinghouse Company, and many advances in the general use of electricity are due to his ingenuity and ability and discriminating judgment in directing and passing upon the engineering work of others.

In 1915 Mr. Lamme was, upon nomination by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, to membership on the Naval Consulting Board, and his services as a member of the Board during the war have been of great value to the country.

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