



*THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.*

Again there is talk of bringing about co-operation between the Clearing-House banks in this city and the trust companies. And this time there appears to be greater probability of success, for the movement is apparently being conducted in a different way from heretofore. There is every reason in the world why these two classes of institutions should act in conjunction, not only at times of a crisis but in their everyday affairs. Both would gain from such arrangement, and both are losers every day from the fact that each body is pursuing its own way regardless of the other. In the matter alone of the exchange of checks much inconvenience and loss of time is occasioned from the circumstance that there is no common meeting ground, and it appears that present efforts are being directed mainly with the view to reaching an agreement on that point. The banks, in being obliged to send out runners and get checks on the trust companies cashed at the counters of the latter, are being called upon to bear the brunt of the burden growing out of the failure of the trust companies to avail of Clearing-House facilities.

William A. Nash, Chairman of the Clearing-House Committee, denied yesterday that a meeting of the Clearing-House Association was soon to be called to act on any proposition to admit the trust companies to membership. He stated, however, that it was true the Clearing-House Committee had started to confer with the trust companies on some plan "to better the present unsatisfactory method of clearing checks on them." There is to be an informal and tentative conference, he states, from which much good is expected. What, however, is particularly significant and also commendable is the further declaration that "no action will be taken without a full and preliminary understanding with the trust companies." That shows the proper spirit. The time has passed when the trust companies can be treated as inferiors. They have got too big and too powerful for that; they must be met on a common plane.

A wise plan will be to confer with the strongest and most conservatively managed of the trust companies (and there are very many of such in this city), discuss the subject with them, ascertain their views and learn upon what basis a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be reached. The weak or poorly managed concerns can be ignored. After the leading companies are in the fold, the others will be only too anxious to make themselves eligible by complying with the conditions laid down, because to remain outside will be to advertise the fact that they are not up to the standard.

In the newspapers the developments in connection with the failed Carnegie Trust Co. are being made the occasion for the suggestion of co-operation between the two classes of institutions. These developments are certainly unsavory. But it will be well to leave them altogether out of the discussion. It would be an affront to the intelligence of the community to imply that the trust companies as a whole must be judged by the methods uncovered in the Carnegie concern. Besides, the banks possess no monopoly of the virtues; nor are they exempt from ordinary, every-day rascality. There have been bank wrecks just as bad, just as reprehensible, as the collapse of the Carnegie—and some of them date back only about three years, to the

time of the last panic. The Thomases and Morse and Heinze found the banks a fertile prey. Let the banks and the trust companies both throw a veil over such performances. Sensible men know that they are sporadic, not symptomatic.

If the purpose is to bring the trust companies under the same Clearing-House roof with the banks, let those active in the movement devote themselves to that single end. The time is particularly opportune. Three of the largest banks in the city have just entered into a "community-of-interest" arrangement with a fourth large bank. If, now, the Clearing House and the trust companies should still continue at loggerheads, there would be reason to reproach the active spirits in both.

The estimate that a large number of citizens and over 400 millions of funds have been lost to this State by removal from it since enactment of the progressive inheritance tax of the last session, as made in Governor Dix's special message to the Legislature on Thursday, seems large, but is in accord with our own information. It is well enough to note, too, that such a consequence had been expected and is strictly according to human nature. That unwise law, enacted without due consideration and apparently expected to cover increased appropriations, attacked the small estates by removing nearly all the exemption which those under \$10,000 had enjoyed, and it attacked the large ones almost to the extreme of confiscation. Therefore Governor Dix now recommends that the law as it was be substantially restored; instead of increasing revenue, the new one has already shown that it will reduce revenue, he says.

The tendency in late years is all to increasing the powers of government, multiplying its activities and increasing its expenditures; the last is necessarily involved in the others, and, therefore, while economy is still praised in campaign platforms and is approved by everybody in the abstract, the constant study is to find new subjects of taxation and to squeeze more revenue out of them all. Government cannot become a beneficent father for everybody and construct universal prosperity and happiness, according to the present-day dream, without constantly increasing the activity and vigor of its clutch upon property. If we are to be increasingly blessed, we must be increasingly taxed.

Drastic income and inheritance taxation is only a logical following of the theory. It is assumed—and it has been publicly preached—that accumulation becomes dangerous and forfeits the right to security in proportion as it becomes large. Later legislation tends directly to attacking it, and the nearly confiscatory inheritance tax is natural and consistent. But, however undesirable the citizen who dodges may be called, he, too, is natural and consistent. No capital which is free to move can be made to submit to harshness; it will quietly escape instead. It is correct and necessary that men should pay an amount of tax in proportion to their property; but a progressive and cumulative rate is not based on any sound principle and suggests a punitive intent. No country will venture to declare possession of property a crime, and none can prosper which treats it as if it were such. This State has had its lesson read to it by one season's trial, and it should repeal its too drastic law.

When the Bank of England purchases new gold bars from South Africa in the open market on Mondays, the weekly statement showing the position of the Bank at the close of business on Wednesday does not always reflect the addition of the new metal. Having from time to time noted discrepancies between the amount secured at the weekly sale and the receipts of the institution as reported to us by cable from our special correspondent, we have made investigations as to the reason therefor.

It appears that if the consignment be not large it usually figures in the returns for the current week, but that if the shipment reach several million dollars it sometimes is not counted until the following week. The explanation given is that the bars are sent to the British Mint for refining, and that this process is not always finished by Wednesday afternoon.

On this side of the Atlantic we are accustomed to speak of the Bank of England's condition "on Thursday," as it is on that day the returns are published; in England the figures are referred to as reflecting the institution's status "on Wednesday." The truth is that, as we have already intimated, the weekly statement is compiled at the end of business on Wednesday and is submitted to the governing body on Thursday morning.

There are, therefore, only two clear days between the offering of the new gold in the open market and the making up of the Bank's accounts, so that it can be readily understood that the refining process might not be completed until later in the week. This explanation will serve to elucidate what might have seemed contradictory statements concerning the amount of the specie bought and the amount recorded as having actually gone into the Bank.

The project of the Bradford Dyers' Association, Ltd., which we commented upon three weeks ago, has reached another stage, a charter having been obtained under the laws of Rhode Island. The corporation is empowered to issue \$1,000,000 common stock to carry out its purposes. In addition to establishing a very elaborate dyeing plant along the Pawtucket River, the influential interests identified with the enterprise are reported to have in contemplation the acquisition of control of cotton mills in New England and in the South. Such an arrangement would insure business for the dyeing and bleaching works. A capital of \$1,000,000 does not suggest that very extensive plans are to be carried out at this time, for this sum would not go far in gaining a predominating interest in large textile manufacturing plants. However, it would no doubt be easy enough to obtain from the State permission to increase the capital, and there is nothing illogical in the statements made as to the company's program.

The existence of the huge dyeing establishment would be an incentive to enter the more ambitious field of cotton manufacturing, especially as those behind the scheme possess the necessary technical knowledge. The departure, if consummated, would go to strengthen the arguments frequently heard that there is no adequate reason why the United States should not occupy a larger place in the textile field. The difference between the wages paid operatives in England and in this country is a large item, yet there are such compensating advantages as cheaper raw

material, proximity to the cotton-growing territory, an abundance of low-priced fuel, excellent transportation facilities and the very latest of labor-saving machinery, this last being a consideration of moment. The experiment will be watched with keen interest, not merely by the textile world, but by all those who study international economic conditions.

The improved gold-mining results in the Transvaal noted in January, and which reflected the larger force and greater efficiency of labor employed, were also a feature in February. The yield for the month did not, of course, reach as heavy an aggregate as for January, owing to the lesser number of days covered, but, at 610,828 fine ounces, it compares with only 575,622 fine ounces in February 1910, or a gain of 35,206 fine ounces. The figures for February 1911, moreover, possess a significance that the bare aggregate of output does not disclose, and seem to hold out much encouragement for the future. We refer to the fact that the average daily yield of the mines was the heaviest on record, reaching 21,815 fine ounces, and exceeding that of January by 814 fine ounces. These results would appear to demonstrate conclusively that the limit of possibilities in gold production in the Transvaal is, as yet, far from being reached, further progress being dependent alone upon ability to secure steady accessions of labor.

Outside of the Transvaal developments of the month in gold mining in Africa were of little moment. From Rhodesia, West Africa, &c., the returns as far as received indicate a yield differing little if at all from February 1910. The Australasian yield, on the other hand, exhibits a falling off from the month a year ago, but the output of East Indian mines shows a small increase.

The New York Cotton Exchange is again giving attention to matters connected with the business methods of the organization that were the subject of criticism in the 1908 report of the Commission of Corporations, and which criticism has continued since. In fact, a considerable number of members of the Exchange are endeavoring to have the by-laws so amended as to meet the ideas of the Government in regard to the manner in which the business of the body should be conducted. To accomplish this a meeting of the members was held last Tuesday, and a resolution advising a careful consideration of Governmental criticism and the adopting of the suggested improvements was passed.

It was further resolved to request the Board of Managers of the Exchange to formulate and bring before the members in the usual manner, and at as early a date as possible, amendments to the by-laws that would effect (1) more frequent revisions of the differences between the various grades above and below middling; (2) prevent delivery of cotton on warehouse receipts unaccompanied by a certificate of grades except during the last few days of the month; (3) the adoption of the standard of grades as promulgated by the Government, and (4) forbid the classification or delivery on contracts of cotton of a staple length of less than 11-16 of an inch.

The foregoing is, of course, merely a brief synopsis of the suggested changes, the text of the proposed amendments being given in full in our cotton department. There is a growing conviction that something

should be done to allay criticism and avert the danger of anti-option legislation. These amendments, it is believed by many, will go far towards disarming, if not entirely removing, the antagonism that has for its object the New York Cotton Exchange.

The final cotton-ginning report of the U. S. Government for the season of 1910-11, although not needed to prove erroneous the low estimates of yield promulgated some months ago by manipulative interests, is nevertheless valuable as evidence to that effect. At the same time the result as made public was so closely in accordance with current general opinion that it was without definite influence in the world's cotton markets. This final report of the Census Bureau was issued on Monday last; the yield it foreshadows—11,941,563 running or standard bales, including linters, repacks, &c.—is considered to represent a minimum approximation of the year's outcome. With one notable exception (the season of 1904-05), the Bureau's totals have been below the aggregates of what is called the commercial crop; i. e., the amounts marketed between Sept. 1 and Aug. 31 of the respective seasons. It is true, of course, that in the last four completed seasons the shortage was not conspicuously large, ranging from 245,000 to 396,000 bales; but in 1905-06 it was no less than 594,000 bales. These comparisons, however, are only of interest as showing that the Bureau's investigations practically assure a crop of 12,000,000 bales—a considerably greater total than covered by estimates put forth early in the season.

As to the adequacy of this indicated supply to meet consumptive requirements without encroaching upon reserve stocks, there would seem to be no question. On the contrary, at the present high level of values, and consequent existing conditions in the manufacturing industry, some augmentation of the surplus as it stood on Aug. 31 last would appear to be probable at the close of the present season. Curtailment of production of goods, cutting down materially the consumption of the raw material, is now in progress here and abroad, and is appreciably extending. At the North, and particularly in New England, curtailment is becoming more pronounced. In the South, especially in the Carolinas, plans have been adopted for materially cutting down the volume of the output of the mills during the spring and summer months. This step is undertaken, as explained, to prevent accumulation of stock during this period of light demand for goods.

On the Continent of Europe, too, slackening of trade is resulting in less full working of spindles, the latest instance of this having been reported from Austria the current week, an agreement entered into by the spinners of that country to reduce production by 25% for nine months becoming effective April 1. Speaking relatively, cotton manufacturers in Great Britain have enjoyed a fuller trade of late months than elsewhere, although at restricted margins of profit; but recently a proposition was made that spinners of American cotton in Lancashire stop work on each Saturday for three months. The plan, however, will not be carried out, as, according to cable advices yesterday, only 80% of the members of the Manchester Cotton Masters' Association voted in favor of the proposition, whereas to carry it into effect 90% was required.

The wish to shorten the weekly running time is ascribed to the scarcity of orders consequent upon the

excessive price of the American staple. In India, also, a considerable measure of curtailment has been resorted to, and late reports denote that as a result thereof some 20,000 hands, or nearly one-tenth of the working force, have been thrown out of employment. Japanese mills, moreover, are stated to be working on a reduced time schedule.

These being the facts, there is reason to believe that Mr. Ellison's estimate of consumptive requirements for the season of 1910-11, made originally in October, and revised slightly in January, and calling for 11,500,000 bales of American cotton, may ultimately be proven to be rather full. Accepting, therefore, the Census Bureau figures of American yield as approximately correct, and adopting the most recent estimates of yield in India, Egypt, &c., the amplitude of the season's new supplies would appear to be beyond question, and especially upon current price bases. In fact, as stated above, a surplus is altogether probable.

European Cabinets have fallen with significant frequency during the last few years. The political unrest, the social turmoil, the economic changes make and unmake Ministers and Ministries in a day or a month or a year. This week two important European Premiers have resigned, though in one case a re-acceptance of the office was made within three days. On Monday Premier P. A. Stolypin, who had headed the Russian Government since July 1906, handed his resignation to Emperor Nicholas, who accepted it with the greatest reluctance, for during his tenure of office Stolypin had wrought wonders in improving economic and social conditions throughout the Empire. M. Kokovsoff, Minister of Finance, a loyal colleague of the Premier throughout the entire term of the Cabinet, was called upon to form a new Council of Ministers; but on Thursday the announcement was made that the Emperor had prevailed upon M. Stolypin to withdraw his resignation and resume office. The whole incident arose from the rejection by the Council of the Empire of the Zemstvo bill for self-government in the Western Provinces, though there had already been criticism of the Government's hostile attitude towards China. The advent of M. Kokovsoff as Premier did not alarm the Russian or the European Bourses, as he had proved to be a statesman of ability and moderation during his tenure of the financial portfolio.

The Italian Cabinet, headed by Luigi Luzzati, resigned on Sunday after a stormy debate over the proposed electoral reforms. The rupture caused keen disappointment just at this juncture, the inauguration of the exhibition in Rome having been scheduled for Monday next. The Premier, who came into power at the end of March last, was all along regarded as of lesser calibre than his predecessor, Signor Giolitti, and it was immediately concluded that the ex-Premier would return to office. On Wednesday King Victor Emmanuel sent for Deputy Bissolati, leader of the Socialist group in Parliament, and a bitter opponent of the existing order of things, and the two talked together for an hour, much to the surprise of the Italian people; for this was the first occasion on which a Socialist had ever been invited to the palace. It was understood that Bissolati urged the reappointment of Giolitti, and the indications are that this influential statesman will again take over the reins of Government.

No progress has been recorded in bringing about peace in Mexico. The insurgents continue their depredations in Chihuahua and are apparently winning over numerous sympathizers; the Federal forces have achieved no notable victories; negotiations for an agreement have been discussed, but not between the opposing factions; reforms are promised by the Diaz Administration, but nothing has yet been done; the possibility of intervention by the United States continues to excite attention, yet President Taft has taken no step in this direction. Finance Minister Limantour one day issued an amazingly frank statement concerning the spread of dissatisfaction against the present regime, but next day he denied part of the statement and modified the remainder. From this it will be gathered that the final outcome is as much in doubt as before. How long our Government will be content to stand aside and maintain an army on this side of the border is a point now being discussed. Among the multitude of reports from Mexico is one that President Taft has let the Mexican authorities know that if no settlement be in sight by May 1, he will interfere—an allegation that has drawn from a prominent insurrecto the reply that, if the United States dares to send troops into Mexican soil, the Diaz and Madero forces will immediately bury their differences and unite in the defence of their country.

President Taft has adhered to his somewhat inexplicable policy of silence regarding the real motive for so hurriedly marshaling troops near the Mexican boundary line. "Authoritative" dispatches emanate from Washington, but not one word direct from the President. The most important of these communications was published in the newspapers on Wednesday. It began: "The so-called Mexican situation cleared considerably here to-day. The attitude of the United States Government has been made plain, and there need no longer be any doubt, it was stated by Administration officials to-day, as to what policy the President has in view." But what followed was puzzling rather than illuminating. "Any rupture of these [friendly] relations must come as the result of some overt act on Mexican soil," the statement proceeds, but what act committed within the boundary of a friendly nation could justify intervention is not specified. The following additional statements have been made:

There will be no move towards the Mexican border unless outrages so flagrant as to call for the presence of a protecting force occur. Even in the event of such an outbreak, President Taft would not think of acting without the consent of Congress. The limitations upon the power of the President to commit an act that might be interpreted as an act of war are so well defined that Mr. Taft has been amused at many of the reports as to what he proposed to do with the army after it was mobilized. The President has regarded it as the height of absurdity for him to make an official announcement that he would not act without the consent of Congress. Nevertheless, he felt that it was his duty as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy to prepare for an emergency, so that if Congress should be called upon to act, its orders could be carried out with the greatest possible speed.

How long the troops will remain in Texas will depend entirely upon developments in Mexico. The United States Government has determined to give President Diaz every possible chance to restore order in his republic. President Taft has determined that this Government shall fulfill its international obligations in stopping the smuggling of arms and ammunition across the border when it is known that they are to be used for purposes of war. The enforcement of the neutrality laws called for the presence of many additional troops and was one of the causes of the recent army movements. Having carried out its obligations in this respect, the United States would feel free to act further if the necessity might arise.

There is every reason to believe to-night that the troops will remain in Texas for at least four months.

On Wednesday President Taft sent for Baron Uchida, the Japanese Ambassador, "to felicitate him upon the ratification of the new treaty between this country and Japan," but, the announcement naively adds: "He took advantage of the occasion to assure the Ambassador that never in the history of the two countries had the relations been so pleasant as they are to-day; never had talk of war been more absurd. President Taft expressed pleasure at the opportunity to set at rest for once and for all the stories which have been published from time to time during the past two weeks that back of the Administration's action in sending troops to the Mexican border was a motive of precaution against some expected treacherous act by Japan." Though the sensational talk of possible trouble with Japan over our military demonstration has not been taken seriously, it has tended to add to the uncomfortable feelings prevailing. Relief will everywhere be felt when the time arrives for recalling the troops now equipping themselves for service.

The quotations cabled over from foreign discount markets show clearly that money is expected to become distinctly cheaper as soon as the quarterly settlements are over. Both in London and Berlin there is a difference of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% between the charge for accepting bills this month and after the opening of April. Whether further reductions of Bank rates will have to be made remains to be seen. The easiness in London was more pronounced in the first half of the week than it has been since. At one time as low as 2% was named for bills to arrive, whereas the range at the close is 2-1-16@ $2\frac{1}{8}$ % for these bills and  $2\frac{1}{4}$ @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ % for spot bills running for either sixty or ninety days. The Berlin spot rate is  $3\frac{1}{2}$ %, while bills to arrive can be negotiated at  $3\frac{1}{4}$ %, in contrast with  $3\frac{3}{4}$ % a week ago. Paris remains at  $2\frac{3}{8}$ %, notwithstanding that the Bank of France on Thursday reported a gain in gold and silver of nearly \$2,500,000, and a reduction in note circulation of fully \$11,000,000, as well as an increase in deposits of almost \$15,000,000. Amsterdam continues to quote  $3\frac{1}{4}$ %, but Brussels has declined to  $2\frac{3}{4}$ %. All these quotations reflect comfortable conditions for the latter part of March.

The Bank of England was not obliged to pay more than the Mint price for the bulk of the new gold bars offered in the market on Monday, but, not unexpectedly, a demand for gold came from Berlin. New York bankers are informed that both Berlin and Paris are hopeful of receiving considerable shipments of the metal from London, where the amount of bullion carried by the Bank is, with one or two exceptions, the largest recorded at this season in recent years. The pronounced ease in discounts in London is a factor of importance in that regard. The weekly return, our special correspondent in London informs us, again contained notable changes in loans and deposits, changes which brought about a fall of almost 3% in the reserve despite a gain of bullion. This gain amounted to £169,240, but, as there was a large expansion in circulation, the total reserve decreased £89,048. Loans increased no less than £3,440,010, making a total increase during the last fortnight of well over seven millions pounds sterling. As in the previous week, deposits showed remarkable improvement; the Government's account disclosed a growth

of £2,404,070, while ordinary deposits rose £1,380,036. The total amount of bullion on hand is now £40,319,997, but the ratio of reserve to liabilities has fallen from 49.60% last week to 46.69% this week. The Bank has secured moderate amounts of gold in the open market since the statement was compiled, but withdrawals of the metal may again be witnessed next week. Our correspondent furnishes the following details of the gold movement in and out of the Bank for the week: Imports, £296,000 (of which £5,000 from France and £291,000 bought in the open market; exports, £130,000 (of which £80,000 to South America, £30,000 to Batavia and £20,000 to Malta), and receipts of £3,000 net from the interior of Great Britain.

Every day this week call money has ruled at an average of  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ , sixty-day loans have been made at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ , six months at 3 to  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ , and over-the-year at 4%, while discounts have shown an equal degree of stability. Such a market obviously calls for little comment. The lack of fluctuation in rates has been due to the intense dullness. Speculation on the Stock Exchange has again fallen to less than 200,000 shares on certain days, the output of new securities has not been heavy and mercantile borrowers are not offering unusual amounts of paper for discount. On the other hand, rates have not been unduly depressed because the principal lending institutions have adhered to their rule not to force funds upon the market below fixed minimum quotations and to insist upon a certain return on commercial bills. Last Saturday's Bank statement showed a small gain (\$1,331,500) in actual surplus reserve, and this week's movements do not foreshadow radical changes in the accounts to be issued to-day. Foreign exchange has also moved within a very narrow compass throughout the week. It will thus be seen that the banking situation has remained as stationary as could well be possible. Relatively speaking, firmness has been displayed during the second half of the week in the time money division, though call loans have shown no change whatever. The new week can scarcely fail to bring some activity, inasmuch as the extensive April settlements must be provided for before Saturday next. The indications are that only the mildest stiffening of rates will occur, as it is understood that influential banks and trust companies have large sums to lend on call a little above current quotations. What may happen in regard to time accommodation cannot be even guessed; bankers claim that money should command better rates, but as a decline is confidently reckoned upon a week hence at the principal foreign centres, facilities would doubtless be sought there should the terms here become at all onerous.

The unremunerative rates for collateral loans have served to divert money to mercantile paper, short-term notes and high-grade bonds. Though 4% is quoted as the minimum for prime bills, transactions have been put through this week at appreciable concessions. Some June paper has been negotiated at  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ —reports are current that in exceptional instances  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  was named. The range for choice four to six months' single-name bills and for sixty to ninety days' endorsed bills receivable may be given as  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  @ 4%, with  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  @  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  and upwards named for less attractive paper. The maximum quotation for call money was only  $2\frac{3}{8}\%$  on Monday, Wednesday and

Thursday, though a few loans were made on Tuesday at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ . The minimum on the first two days of the week was 2% and on the following two days  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ . Yesterday the range was 2% to  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ , the final loan being made at 2%. The average rate for renewals has been  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$ . The range for time money at the close is as follows:  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  for sixty days,  $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  for ninety days, 3% for four and five months, 3 @  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  for six months and 4 @  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  for over-the-year. Latterly some important lenders have asked slightly higher figures, without, however, any considerable measure of success.

Foreign exchange rates have been maintained above last week's minimum of 4 86 for demand, first by the requirements for the fortnightly Stock Exchange settlement in London and later by preparations for meeting the April 1 payments to European holders of our bonds and stocks. What will occur as soon as the latter have been completed is a point exciting keen discussion among exchange bankers. The majority look for a sharp fall in quotations. They are encouraged to take this view by the extremely low discount rates quoted for bills to arrive after April 1, by our very generous excess of merchandise exports over imports and by the unusually strong position of New York in the international money markets. A falling off in imports is looked for on account of the impending tariff revision and lower prices tend to maintain the volume of our exports of commodities. So often, however, have calculations as to the future movements of foreign exchange miscarried that operators hesitate to oversell the market. As a matter of fact, speculation of late has been at a minimum, and legitimate business has been equally quiet. More activity will be in order during the next fortnight. At the beginning of this week traders counted upon a continuance of the downward movement in London discounts, but just before the Bank of England statement was issued, the tone became firmer. Sterling ruled in the neighborhood of 4 86  $\frac{1}{4}$  for demand and 4 86  $\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers early in the week, but later weakened  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent per pound. This is far above the gold-import basis, and unless the international monetary condition changes materially, an inflow of the metal will not be brought about this season. Our bankers are still antagonistic to such a movement for the adequate reason that money is already redundant here. The present hope is that imports will be avoided until the autumn, by which time there will be extensive calls for funds from the agricultural districts and also, in all probability, from the mercantile community, as the Supreme Court decisions, which are now restricting commercial activity, should be out of the way before then. At all events, there is nothing now in sight to occasion the slightest uneasiness regarding our foreign exchange position.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday was firmer, with demand quoted at 4 8620 @ 4 8630, cable transfers at 4 8655 @ 4 8660 and sixty days at 4 84 @ 4 8410. On Monday trading was dull, though rates were quite firm, owing to higher discounts in London, and quotations closed at 4 8625 @ 4 8630 for demand and 4 8650 @ 4 8660 for cable transfers; sixty days rose to 4 8410 @ 4 8420. On Tuesday quotations advanced during the forenoon 5 to 10 points, although the close was at practically the

previous day's level, with demand at 4 8625@4 8635 and cable transfers at 4 8655@4 8660; sixty days declined to 4 8405@4 8415. Demand declined on Wednesday to 4 8610@4 8620 and cable transfers to 4 8645@4 8655; sixty days remained unchanged. On Thursday, after the settlement requirements had been met, cable transfers fell to 4 8640@4 8650, but demand was still quoted at 4 8610@4 8620; sixty days advanced to 4 8410@4 8420. On Friday, after quiet trading, the market closed at 4 8415@4 8425 for sixty days, 4,8610@4 8620 for demand and 4 8645@4 8655 for cables. Commercial on banks was quoted at 4 83¼@4 83¾ and documents for payment 4 83½@4 83¾. Cotton for payment ranged from 4 83¼@4 83½; grain for payment from 4 83½@4 83¾.

The following gives the week's movement of money to and from the interior by the New York banks.

Week ending March 24 1911.	Received by N. Y. Banks.	Shipped by N. Y. Banks.	Net Interior Movement.
Currency	\$6,802,000	\$3,522,000	Gain \$3,280,000
Gold	1,947,000	1,194,000	Gain 753,000
Total gold and legal tenders	\$8,749,000	\$4,716,000	Gain \$4,033,000

With the Sub-Treasury operations the result is as follows.

Week ending March 24 1911.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement, as above.	\$8,749,000	\$4,716,000	Gain \$4,033,000
Sub-Treasury operations	28,100,000	31,700,000	Loss 3,600,000
Total gold and legal tenders	\$36,849,000	\$36,416,000	Gain \$433,000

The following table indicates the amount of bullion in the principal European banks.

Banks of	March 23 1911.			March 24 1910.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 40,319,997	£	£ 40,319,997	£ 33,917,935	£	£ 33,917,935
France	130,025,880	23,579,000	163,604,880	138,523,480	34,912,760	173,436,240
Germany	42,907,700	15,732,950	58,640,650	42,185,950	14,495,900	56,681,850
Russia	146,045,000	7,121,000	153,166,000	142,896,000	7,924,000	150,820,000
Aust-Hung	55,318,000	12,575,000	68,189,000	56,483,000	13,411,000	69,874,000
Spain	16,486,000	30,988,000	47,474,000	16,181,000	30,376,000	47,157,000
Italy	39,703,000	3,575,000	43,278,000	38,970,000	4,031,000	43,001,000
Netherl'ds	10,857,000	2,383,400	13,240,400	9,183,000	3,003,400	12,186,400
Nat. Belg. d	6,252,000	3,126,000	9,378,000	4,324,000	2,162,000	6,486,000
Sweden	4,470,000	-----	4,470,000	4,466,000	-----	4,466,000
Switzerl'd	6,200,000	-----	6,200,000	5,278,000	-----	5,278,000
Norway	1,854,000	-----	1,854,000	1,620,000	-----	1,620,000
Total week	600,436,577	109,378,350	609,814,927	494,008,365	110,916,060	604,924,425
Prev. week	493,512,134	108,375,983	606,888,117	493,432,980	109,967,280	603,400,260

a The total of gold in the Bank of Russia includes the balance held abroad—that is, the amount held for Russian account in other Continental banks. The proportion so held and consequently duplicated in the above statement is about one-seventh of the total this year, against about one-sixth a year ago.

b The Austro-Hungarian Bank statement is now issued in Kronen and Heller instead of Gulden and Kreuzer. The reduction of the former currency to sterling Pounds was by considering the Gulden to have the value of 80 cents. As the Kronen has really no greater value than 20 cents, our cable correspondent in London. In order to reduce Kronen to Pounds, has altered the basis of conversion by dividing the amount of Kronen by 24 instead of 20.

c The division (between gold and silver) given in our table of coin and bullion in the Banks of Italy and Belgium is made from the best estimates we are able to obtain. It is not claimed to be accurate, as the banks make no distinction in their weekly returns, merely reporting the total gold and silver; but we believe the division we make is a close approximation.

A NEW POLITICAL NOSTRUM.

Discussion, on the basis of immediate and practical political considerations, of what has become known as the "recall," brings a new and strange series of problems into a field of American government in which the underlying principles had been regarded as long since settled permanently. In substance, the meaning of the "recall" is that voters of a given State or constituency may, by their joint initiative, annul any election previously held by them whenever the elected officer has proved, for any reason, unsatisfactory to his constituents. This is to be done through requiring, without the intervention of courts or legislature, a new election for the same office. A cardinal instance was the recent recall of the Mayor of Seattle, in which case the previous election was so decisively annulled that in February last a new candidate, put in

the field against him at the new election, was chosen by a plurality of 6,000 votes for the remainder of the Mayor's term—that result being brought about chiefly by the Socialist and women voters. The far more important application of the recall, however, is in the constitution adopted last month by the Territory of Arizona, in connection with its petition for admission as a State to the Union.

The recall is only one of several expedients, discussed from time to time, for securing peremptory and direct control of citizens over legislation. Most of such movements are based on a theory exactly opposite to that long recognized by the familiar doctrine of political philosophy, that elected legislators must be trusted to enact in their discretion proper laws, and that the fundamental responsibility for such proper legislation rests on the voters themselves, who are presumed to use their vote in electing competent legislators. For the recent intermittent revival of the various expedients of direct legislation there have been numerous causes—unexpected changes in public sentiment, apathy or unwillingness of legislators to act on pressing public questions, sometimes even popular suspicion of ulterior motives for the action or inaction of a body of legislators, or of any public officer.

But these experiments are not so new in political history as most people possibly imagine. Switzerland has for a very long time past been the chosen field for them—which is natural from the fact that the Swiss voting constituency is so small as almost to be capable of legislating on the lines of a New England town meeting. There is, for instance, the much more familiar expedient of the referendum, which, under certain prescribed conditions, requires that a given statute be submitted to popular vote, either before or after formal action by the Legislature. This device is as old in Swiss legislation as the Fourteenth Century; it was greatly extended and advanced at the time of the general political unrest of 1848. It was, in fact, rather widely adopted in our own younger Western States a decade or two ago, when a number of such States provided for submission of public measures to popular consideration on the petition of five per cent of the qualified electorate. Fortunately perhaps for the States in question, the constitutional provision excepted from scope of the referendum all laws deemed necessary for the public peace, health or safety, and those exceptions have very largely made of the referendum a dead letter. It remains, and indeed has always existed in this country, in the form of constitutional amendments submitted voluntarily to the people by the legislature, and it has had a very curious recrudescence in the recent propositions of British Unionists for a popular referendum on reform of the House of Lords or on the establishment of Home Rule in Ireland. Another of these expedients, the so-called initiative—also a Swiss institution—concerns itself with granting to voters, on the basis of petition by a designated number of citizens, the right to force consideration by the legislature of a given measure.

The recall is the newest and by far the most radical of all such political contrivances. It can hardly, indeed, be said that as an experiment it has yet been tried. In some Western States it has lately been incorporated in constitutional amendments, but the salient case is that of the following article in the proposed Arizona constitution:

Every public officer in the State of Arizona, holding an elective office, either by election or appointment, is subject to recall from such office by the qualified electors of the electoral district from which the candidates are elected to such office. Such electoral district may include the whole State. Such number of said electors as shall equal twenty-five per centum of the number of votes cast at the last preceding election for all the candidates for the office held by such officer may by petition, which shall be known as a Recall Petition, demand his recall.

Every Recall Petition must contain a general statement, in not more than two hundred words, of the grounds of such demand, and must be filed in the office in which petitions for nomination to the office held by the incumbent are required to be filed. The signatures to such Recall Petition need not all be on one sheet of paper, but each signer must add to his signature the date of his signing such petition, and his place of residence, giving his street and number, if any, should he reside in a town or city.

If said officer . . . shall not resign within five days after a Recall Petition is filed, a special election shall be ordered to be held, not less than twenty nor more than thirty days after such order, to determine whether such officer shall be recalled. On the ballots at said election shall be printed the reasons as set forth in the petition for demanding his recall, and, in not more than two hundred words, the officers' justification of his course in office.

Unless he otherwise request, in writing, his name shall be placed as a candidate on the official ballot without nomination. Other candidates for the office may be nominated to be voted for at said election. The candidate who shall receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the remainder of the term.

Under our laws the Arizona constitution, and the petition of Arizona to become a State, came before Congress in the recent session. They occasioned prolonged debate, and in the end failed of action by either House. As a rule, opinion seemed to be that, granting the general propriety of the Territory's request to be made a State, it ought to be left to judge of what it should have in its own State constitution; but that the above-quoted section, especially in its obvious application to the judiciary, is so dangerous a precedent and so questionable a step in representative government that approval of the petition of Arizona might properly be deferred. The new constitution has, therefore, not been accepted, and the provision in question rests as yet under the ban of the National Legislature. Necessarily, this has transferred the problem to the active forum of outside public discussion—by which, in the long run, the question will undoubtedly be settled.

So far as we have observed, conservative opinion throughout the United States is deeply and irrevocably hostile to a provision of the sort. In the first place, it may be remarked that State constitutions, following that of the National Government, provide with the utmost care for impeachment of public officers (including judges) in case of misconduct while in office. It is sometimes objected that the machinery of impeachment is too slow, and that the proof required is frequently too hard to get, for the proper working out of the remedy. But to this the answer is that the machinery of the "recall" is so rapid and so ill-guarded as not only to remove the question at issue from the sphere of calm deliberation, but to submit it to the hot and hysterical excitement of an hour. Furthermore, it will be observed, that whereas proof is undoubtedly often difficult in impeachment, the recall makes possible the same extreme disciplinary ends, not only without conclusive proof of the hostile allegations but in the face of convincing legal evidence against them. In one respect, indeed, the recall is vastly more dangerous in its scope of application even

than initiative or referendum in its extreme form; because, while the people at large are subject to inertia over law-making as a distinct proposition—as witness the votes on Constitutional Amendments and the signatures to woman suffrage petitions—the recall distinctly and inevitably invokes the whims and sudden prejudices of a fickle public.

These considerations apply to all of the numerous public officers subject to the recall. They show that the institution is obnoxious to the stability of government, because of its underlying theory that an electorate may alter its mind at will, and force a change of public policies without public debate and without fair test of existing policies or personalities. But how much more serious the recall becomes in the case of the judiciary must be manifest to every one. Mr. Roosevelt, who will certainly not be charged with leaning too strongly to the side of ultra-conservatism in his view of the judiciary, has said this week, in a speech to the Arizona citizens, that "it is to the interest of decent citizens not to adopt any measure which would make judges timid, which would make them fearful lest deciding rightly in some given case might arouse a storm of anger, temporary but fatal." That touches the heart of the matter. Considered in this aspect, there call amounts to nothing short of conferring on the people at large a veto upon judicial decisions—not because the removal of the judge on popular petition revokes his previous decisions, but because the system of terrorism thus established in the matter of one unpopular decision would almost inevitably stand as a barrier to proper consideration of a similar question in the longer sequel.

For ourselves, we do not believe that so wild an experiment can be seriously contemplated by any great body of American citizens. Propositions of the sort are adopted on the impulse of the moment, and discarded as a result of sober second thought. It is probably quite as well that Congress, by withholding its assent to this part of the Arizona constitution, should have placed the matter seriously before all the other States. Of the resultant discussion we are confident that the outcome will be salutary. Applied habitually and in its extreme form, the establishment of the recall would eventually mean that the ship of state was drifting without a compass, commanded by its crew instead of by its officers. It is our belief that, even if our experiment-loving people were here and there to try this rash adventure, their Anglo-Saxon instinct for conservatism in self-government would very soon convince them that they had had enough of the new contrivance.

#### MOVEMENT TOWARDS ARBITRATION.

Moderation is apt to be cast aside and exaggeration indulged in when discussing the vista opened up by the latest proposals for international peace. Those who have little faith in the efficacy of arbitration between the strongest Powers cannot resist the temptation to scoff at the efforts of those who, entertaining hopes of hastening the arrival of the millenium, would set up on this mundane sphere a universal Utopia, thereby leading to the disbanding of armies and navies. On the other hand, zealots are liable to seize upon the suggestion for a peace pact between the United States and Great Britain with uncontrolled enthusiasm, letting their imaginations run riot in picturing an early



dawn of world-wide amity and goodwill. For our own part we are hopeful that the invitation extended by President Taft to Great Britain, and so cordially taken up by Sir Edward Grey, will accomplish much good, even though legislative obstacles may possibly intervene to prevent the ratification of a formal treaty binding this country never to go to war even should our national honor be at stake. Were the whole matter in the hands of President Taft, the prospect of arriving at an understanding with the British Government would be much brighter than it is under the provision that all treaties must come before the Senate for endorsement. President Taft is temperamentally a man of peace; not the least of his services to his country have been rendered in winning the goodwill of other nations, particularly those republics to the South, who have not always regarded the United States with favor; his position as head of the leading Power in the New World renders him the logical leader of an international movement for the discouragement of war, and his record before entering the White House gives him a peculiar influence in dealing with European governments.

Substantial progress, according to trustworthy advices, has already been made in arriving at a tentative understanding between President Taft and the British Foreign Office. Indeed, it is expected that the negotiations now under way will shortly result in the presentation of the draft of a treaty for the consideration of the people of both countries. No question in modern times has evoked so much enthusiasm in Great Britain. "Peace Sunday" was celebrated there this week, while it is proposed to observe April 2 as "Arbitration Sunday" in the United States. Few words of dissent have been heard abroad, but here the practical difficulties in the way of having a treaty passed are dwelt upon. Moreover, a great many citizens desire opportunity to consider all that might be involved in yielding up freedom of action in determining questions relating to national interests or affecting the national honor. There is no compelling reason, as far as we can see, for rushing through so vitally important a matter. The subject should be considered in all its bearing and viewed from every standpoint. The treaty is not to be for a year or a decade, according to all accounts, but is to be permanent; a fact which not only justifies but demands the most careful and deliberate procedure on our part.

France has signified a desire to enter into negotiations similar to those which are in progress with Great Britain, and President Taft has this week had conferences with Ambassador Jusserand on the subject. Representatives of other nations are believed to have also sounded President Taft with a view to bringing about agreements along the lines suggested by the President in his speech last December at the banquet of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes. But the present intention is said to be to confine formal negotiations to Britain. If these can be carried to a successful culmination, then it would be comparatively easy to extend the agreement to France, Germany or other European governments. On the other hand, should the pourparlers with Great Britain fall through on account of objections by the Senate, or for other domestic reasons, it would be useless to attempt to secure sanction for a similar pact with any other Power.

#### FAR-REACHING CHARACTER OF COMMERCE COMMISSION'S RATE DECISIONS.

##### SECOND ARTICLE.

Granting to the Commission an intention to judge the higher rate proposition not on mere technical grounds, but from a much broader standpoint, it is matter for regret that it should evince such a strong bias against the roads and by that very fact demonstrate its unfitness for the delicate and complicated task assigned to it and which required judicial attributes of the highest class. It thus happens that a tribunal invested with autocratic powers, such as have rarely been conferred upon a similar body of men anywhere in the world's history, is really incapable of meting out the exact justice which is so imperatively demanded in a situation of this kind.

The Commission appears to be quite unconscious that it has such a bias, and a very strong one at that, else it would modify, or take pains to modify, the language used in its opinions betraying its presence in so many and such striking ways. In all its discussions and in all its adjudications the Commission invariably assumes the part of champion of the shippers and acts as if greed and avarice were incarnate in the carriers, making it the one duty of the members of the Board to check the assumed rapacity. The animus which actuates it, crops out in nearly every paragraph of the two opinions in these cases and is apparently so strongly rooted in the personnel of the Commission that no member of it finds it possible to conceal his attitude in that respect. Out of this arises a constant exaggeration of everything relating to the affairs of the railroads and the giving of wholly distorted views of their operations, their revenues, &c., &c. As one illustration, we may refer to page 320 of the opinion by Commissioner Lane in the case of the Western roads. After presenting figures intended to show a gain of \$109,000,000 in net revenue by the railroads during the latest fiscal year, the following comment is made: "A sum four times as great as the total paid by the United States for Alaska, the Louisiana Purchase and Florida combined was added to the net profits of our carriers in one year over and above the profits of the preceding year." We shall show further along in these discussions that no such sum was added to the *net profits*, since no allowance is made in the figures given for the increase in taxes which the carriers were obliged to pay and nothing in the way of return on the new capital put in the roads during the year.

But take the amount just as it stands, why should it be compared with certain striking events in the political history of the country, where the Government spent exceptional sums of money—why should an attempt be made to convey the impression that by the circumstance of a large increase in revenue the carriers must have profited unduly, and the suggestion conveyed that they levied an intolerable tribute upon the users of the roads? The increase in the revenue of the railroads of the United States in any period of active trade is large merely because the railroad system itself is large, comprising, roughly, 240,000 miles of road, and because the country is of vast extent and population uninterruptedly expanding. The sense of proportion should never be lost in considering figures of this kind. The \$109,000,000 increase in net revenue is, according to the Commission's own tabula-

tions, an addition of only about 13% on a total itself 6% below that reached *two years* before in 1907.

Other similar illustrations without number could be given where the attempt is made to distort the significance of results simply because they happen to be expressed in large figures. In one place the dividends paid by the Chicago Burlington & Quincy are aggregated for a period of fifty-six years. In another place, after indicating that six Western roads in nine years borrowed over \$450,000,000 (the figures embody errors and are an over-estimate) the following remark is injected. This is "more than the United States Government estimates will be necessary to build the Panama Canal. In ten years these roads have added to their funded debt over 60% of the amount they owed at the beginning of the decade." In its loose way the Commission says ten years, when the period covered is only nine years; but, passing that point, it should not escape notice that while 60% seems large, it yet means when distributed over nine years only about  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum.

On the page preceding (page 326) to that where the above quotation appears another occurs for which there is even less excuse. The statement is made that in ten years the railroads of the United States have floated mortgage bonds upon their property to the extent of upward of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  billion dollars. This statement is erroneous like so many others, as we shall show in due time; but Commissioner Lane holds up his hands in horror and delivers himself of the following utterances:

These figures are incomprehensible. Our railroads borrowed upon mortgage in one decade more than twice as much as the National debt at the close of the Civil War . . . Bismarck thought to utterly destroy France as a rival in European politics by exacting from that thrifty nation a tribute of less than one-fourth the amount which has been loaned to a comparatively limited group of American railroad financiers in the past ten years.

What value is to be attached to such senseless and meaningless talk? Moreover, in the endeavor to discredit the railroads, asseverations are made for which no evidence can be adduced and which rest entirely upon gossip or hearsay dealt out through the sensational press. Here is one unsupported characterization of this kind:

Whatever of doubt has arisen in the public mind respecting the value of our railroad securities has come, we are convinced, rather from the too reckless policy of stock manipulators parading under the title of financiers than from any course of Governmental policy on the part of the American people.

We will not discuss here the part played by Governmental policy in affecting the credit of the railroads and the value and stability of railroad property (though it is well enough to remember that it remains for the future to determine what is to be the precise effect of the radical changes in the law made in June last), but what evidence did the Commission have before it of stock manipulation or that these alleged stock manipulators were "parading under the title of financiers"? Are we not right in thinking that the presence of such utterances in an important controversy like this is evidence that the Commission holds prejudiced and distorted views?

Here is another extract going to show how prone the Commission is to drag in anything, whether relevant

or irrelevant, that can be used for the purpose of making a point against the railroads and those assumed to be directing their affairs: These remarks are found in the opinion of Commissioner Prouty (20 I. C. C. Rep., 281.)

It is well understood that in recent years the price of structural steel in larger sizes and of steel rails has been uniformly maintained. It is also well understood that the same men who are potential in the United States Steel Corporation and the American Locomotive Works are influential in directing the policy of our railroads. Now, if, to use the popular nomenclature, the Steel Trust is to determine the price which shall be paid for rails and for bridges, if the Locomotive Trust is to determine the price of engines; the Car Trust of cars and the Labor Trust of labor; and if the railways have only to meet the demands made by these combinations and charge over to the public by an increase of rates whatever is paid, a most unfortunate situation has developed.

As far as the "Labor Trust" is concerned, it is certainly true that numerous different organizations of railroad employees during 1910 made repeated demands for higher wages and it is no less true that the Commerce Commission was a party to getting these demands accepted by the railroads; for practically all the important wage advances of the year were finally settled through mediation or arbitration in which some member of the Commission appeared in the one capacity or the other, with the invariable result that the employees got a substantial part of the advance asked. In face of its part in the wage advances it has now been determined by the Commission that the carriers are not to be allowed to increase their transportation rates as part compensation for the great increase in expenses brought about through the higher wage schedules.

As far, however, as the Steel Trust, the Locomotive Trust and the Car Trust are concerned, Mr. Prouty is simply giving currency to the trashy stories to be found in the yellow journals, which have no regard for truth and, in fact, delight in falsifying it. All that Mr. Prouty offers in substantiation of the statement is that "the vice-president of a railroad company testified during the hearing that his company could buy locomotives of but two concerns; that on account of the freight rate, as a practical matter, it could buy Bessemer steel rails of only two companies; that structural iron of the larger sizes could only be procured from four or five companies; and that in the purchase of cars he was confined to seven or eight independent plants." To be sure Mr. Prouty finally winds up by saying: "There is nothing in all this which enables us to say that railways do pay extravagant prices, and if we are satisfied that present rates do not yield an adequate return, we should, notwithstanding these conditions of monopoly, unhesitatingly approve an advance." But how much more effective the reasoning of the Commission would be and how much greater the confidence of the railway and investment world in its freedom from bias, if the opinions were free from taunts and flings of that character, and if there were not this constant striving for effect.

Nor does the Commission always succeed in quoting with entire accuracy testimony coming from railroad sources. For instance, in stating the position of the carriers it has this to say, which while having a "smart" ring, certainly is not altogether just as a statement of fact:

While the justification given by no one is precisely that given by all others, the common ground for these common advances may be epitomized in the language of the leading witness for the carriers, "We need the money."

The reference here is to the testimony of President Ripley of the Atchison. Mr. Ripley certainly did not talk in any such flippant way as the quoted remark would appear to denote. Mr. Ripley was asked why the rates had been raised and he replied by saying that an *attempt* had been made to raise them for two reasons: one was that they were too low per se, judged from any reasonable standard; but perhaps the most potent reason was that "We needed the money." By "money" here was meant additional revenue and, as the subsequent testimony shows, Mr. Ripley was of the opinion that the company should have added revenue in order that it might be able to set aside a certain part of income for the making of improvements and betterments and to advance the condition and credit of the company.

With the Commission thus showing such a marked bias against the carriers, the value of its conclusions would in any event be seriously impaired. But in addition the statistics which it presents in assumed support of its conclusions are either themselves unreliable or they are presented in such a way that they encourage wholly erroneous inferences. Nor do the two Commissioners take pains to present the facts in proper juxtaposition. Thus in one place we find them dwelling upon the expansion in railroad earnings in recent years and citing the gains as evidence that the carriers have been favored beyond their deserts and are enjoying unwonted prosperity. In another place we find them adverting to the borrowings of the roads and to their obtaining large new supplies of capital, and treating this as evidence that the credit of the companies still remains good. But no attempt is made to bring the two together or to show that an increase in revenues from year to year was and is absolutely necessary so that the carriers may be able to earn a return on the *new* capital outlays they are obliged to make in order to keep up with the growth in traffic and maintain their character as going concerns. The increases are treated as if they were an absolute addition to the net profits without offsets or qualifying conditions of any kind. In many of the statements scattered through the report, no account is taken even of the taxes, though these, as everyone knows, are being added to in enormous amounts from year to year.

At the very outset of his argument Commissioner Lane makes the following declaration:

This statement that rates should be increased because the carriers need greater revenue than hitherto sounds ominous, coming as it did in a year of unexampled railroad earnings. For it is a fact demonstrable from the figures gathered by this Commission that at no time in the history of American railroads have they yielded such profits, or was their prospect more fair than in the fiscal year that closed June 30 1910.

The "sounds ominous" may be passed over as frothy declamation; the statement itself as to the profits and earnings of the carriers deserves careful examination. In a subsequent article we shall show that the statement is not founded on fact. Our purpose to-day has been merely to indicate that the Commission did not approach this great subject in the proper frame of mind.

#### THE NEW YORK CENTRAL REPORT.

The annual report of the New York Central Railroad, covering the calendar year 1910, reflects very clearly the unfavorable conditions which all the railroads of the country were called upon to endure during that period. In one respect, however, the report is better than expected. It appears from the income account that, contrary to general expectations, the 6% dividends paid on the company's shares were earned in full, with a moderate balance left over. To be sure, no such outcome would have been possible except for the large extra and special dividends received by the Central on its stock holdings in auxiliary and controlled roads. By reason of the company's large investments in these other properties, the income from that source is always an important item in the year's results, but in 1910 there was an addition of no less than \$3,458,418 in that way, because of the circumstance mentioned, the receipts from "dividends on stocks owned or controlled" having been for 1910 \$11,150,916, as against \$7,692,498 for 1909.

Still, even with the help of the large addition to the income from the shareholdings in other companies, the surplus remaining on the year's operations above the requirements for the Central's dividends was less than a million dollars—\$924,914—this comparing with a surplus above the dividend requirements on the results of the calendar year 1909 in amount of over 4¾ million dollars—\$4,763,820. And this indicates strikingly the difference between the two years in the final outcome. Of course the dividend requirement itself was larger, in part because 6% was paid in 1910 as against 5% in 1909 but mainly because the company had to pay dividends on \$222,729,300 of stock in 1910, while in 1909 the stock outstanding calling for dividends was no more than \$178,632,000. As dividends have now again been reduced to a 5% basis, the call on that account the present year, with the stock thus increased, will be reduced by \$2,227,293. In other words, in 1911 the Central's net income might fall off in that amount and yet the relation of dividends to income not be changed for the worse from what it was in 1910. The probabilities of the current year, however, are involved in an unusual amount of uncertainties. A great deal will depend upon the course of general trade, that is, upon whether the dulness and reaction in business are to continue or whether a change for the better is likely to come. On that point it would be hazardous to venture any prediction at this date. Much also will depend upon the extent to which economies in operation can be carried. Finally, there is the matter of income to be received from the Central's shareholdings in other properties. Of the late year's increase of \$3,458,418 in the income from that source, by far the larger amount came from the extra dividend of 6% paid by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern in March last year. This extra dividend has just been repeated, so the Central's 1911 income will not be diminished on that account.

The Lake Shore income account for 1910 shows a surplus of \$4,883,065 above the requirements for the 18% dividend (including the 6% extra) on Lake Shore stock. The Lake Shore's own income, however, from dividends on stocks owned or controlled was increased no less than \$3,204,808 over 1909, and it is open to question whether the Lake Shore can count

on a continuance of this increase during 1911. A portion of the extra amounts derived by the Lake Shore from its investments in 1910 has already been cut off in the dividend announcements made thus far in the present year. For example, the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, \$10,500,200 of whose stock the Lake Shore owns, will pay a dividend of only 25% the present March, against 40% last year, and this decrease of 15% in that dividend payment will mean a loss of income to the Lake Shore of \$1,575,030. There will also be a loss of \$432,950 by reason of the fact that the Mahoning Coal Railroad is not repeating the present year the extra payment of 50% made last year. Furthermore, the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis has passed the dividend on its common stock and the Lake Shore owns \$30,207,700 of this stock; in 1910 2% was received on this stock in March and 2% in September. It seems likely, though, that the losses in this way will not affect the Central until 1912 on its dividends from Lake Shore stock.

Coming now to a consideration of the Central's income from transportation operations, the 1910 result was distinctly unfavorable, but it was unfavorable only because of the great rise in operating cost. The volume of business increased considerably in both the passenger and the freight departments. Proof of this is found in the fact that gross earnings from rail operations record a gain of \$6,736,617, or over 7%. But expenses ran up in amount of \$9,485,260, or nearly 15%, and as a consequence net revenue from rail operations was reduced in amount of \$2,748,643. In the outside operations there was an increase of \$273,033 in gross revenues, attended by an augmentation of \$597,780 in expenses, causing a further loss in net of \$324,746. At the same time, taxes increased \$263,322, making a loss altogether in net earnings of \$3,336,711. If the company, therefore, had not had a gain in its income from investments, the reduction in the rate of dividends from 6% to 5% must have come some time ago.

The rise in operating cost was not due to any lack of efficiency in operations. Indeed, study of the statistics contained in the report makes it evident that efficiency was further increased during 1910. For example, the average train-load for 1910 (revenue and company freight combined) was 475 tons, whereas for 1909 it was only 462 tons. Furthermore, we find that the average mileage per engine for 1910 was 31,151 miles, against only 29,665 miles for 1909. The trouble was solely in the higher price which had to be paid for labor and to some extent also for supplies. The report tells us that the new schedules of wages arranged in the early part of 1910 were responsible for heavy increases in the cost of transportation. Enginemen received \$817,569 more and trainmen \$1,143,989 more than in the year 1909. Some part of these increases followed because of the larger volume of business, but the greater portion of them was due to the advances in wages. The total increase in the cost of transportation was \$4,629,212, or nearly 14%.

But there was also an augmentation of no less than \$561,888 in the general expenses, a class of expenditures which does not usually show any great amount of change from year to year. The increase here, it is pointed out, came principally in the items of pensions and general office clerks and expenses. The addition on account of pensions was \$97,519, and this shows

the growing consideration given to the interests and welfare of the employees. As to the reason for the very heavy increase in the item of general office salaries and expenses, the explanation furnished shows how Government interference and regulation adds to the burdens of the carriers in ways and in directions not generally thought of. The report says the increase in office salaries and expenses "was due to a great extent to the increasing exactions of the Federal and State commissions, affecting the executive and accounting departments, together with the unusual number of elaborate and exhaustive studies, reports and data prepared during the year."

President William C. Brown makes an explanation of the year's wage increases which deserves to be borne in mind because it serves to bring out the part played by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, or rather some of its members, acting as mediators or arbitrators, in bringing the wage increases about. Early in 1910 demands were made by employees in train, engine and yard service on the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. for an advance in pay. After prolonged negotiations, in order to avoid a strike, the question was, under the provision of the Erdman Act, referred to the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor. The result was a substantial increase in the wage scale of the employees involved. The outcome in this instance formed the basis for demands upon all other carriers in Eastern territory.

The Central employees in train and yard service immediately presented demands asking the adoption of the Baltimore & Ohio schedule of pay. The Central officials sought to avoid an increase, but the leaders of the labor organizations took a vote of the employees which resulted almost unanimously in favor of a strike. As a strike would have been disastrous, alike to the railroads, to the employees and the communities served, an offer was finally made to submit the matter to E. E. Clark, a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and formerly Grand Chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, and P. H. Morrissey, formerly President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The outcome of this arbitration was an increase of about \$3,600,000 per annum in the wages of Central employees, besides which the changed conditions of service, which were also included in the finding, will still further enlarge the increase. The B. & O. and the Central employees having thus gained their point, similar increases were demanded, and, *by similar arbitration*, enforced, on substantially all the lines between Chicago and the Atlantic Seaboard.

President Brown also points out—and the fact is one which it is important to bear in mind—that over the item of wages, representing from 63 to 65% of the total operating expenses, the railroads have been by statute deprived of very substantial control. He quotes the provisions of the Erdman Act of 1898 and shows that it provides that whenever a controversy concerning wages, hours of labor or conditions of employment shall arise between a carrier and its employees, threatening a strike, the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor shall, upon the request of either party to the controversy, put themselves in communication with the parties to such controversy and seek, by mediation and conciliation or by arbitration, to bring about an amicable settlement. Mr. Brown notes that arbitration almost in-

variably means compromise and the granting of a good part of the demands. He says that labor is so thoroughly organized that a strike on one system would very rapidly spread to all roads in common territory, and the effect of such a struggle would be so widespread and so disastrous that no railroad would, even with the most ample justification, undertake to incur it except as a last resort. He makes the pointed observation that, with the aid of public opinion, inspired by a statement from the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor that in their opinion a demand for an increase in wages was not justified, a railroad might enter upon a contest of this kind with hope of a favorable result; without this support, the struggle, he well says, would be well nigh hopeless.

He also makes the significant statement that the present level of wages is largely the result of successive mediations and arbitrations under the Erdman Act, and is higher than can, in the judgment of railroad managers of long experience, be continued by many of the roads upon the present basis of freight and passenger rates in the territory east of Chicago. Increased cost of living, the rising cost of commodities of almost all kinds, has been, he observes, a compelling argument in favor of advancing wages. He expresses a hope that the Commission, in recognizing these conditions as affecting the employee, will realize that the same conditions apply to the employer, and that increases to the former made effective by mediation or arbitration "involve some measure of responsibility for the effect of such increase upon the ability to pay of the latter."

Of course, President Brown goes into a discussion of the action of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in refusing permission to the roads to advance their rates. But as his remarks on that point correspond very closely with the statement given out by the company at the time the dividend was reduced, and were commented upon by us in our issue of March 11, it is not necessary to say anything more on that point now beyond noting his observation that the decision of the Commission has been accepted in good faith and every method of economy that can be enforced without resulting in deterioration of the property or impairment of the efficiency of the service is being adopted.

How important a right solution of the problem is to the Central will be evident to the candid observer from a mere superficial examination of the company's new capital expenditures as disclosed in the present report. During the year 1910 the Central sold to its shareholders \$44,097,300 of new stock at par, issued \$5,000,000 of new bonds and created \$6,509,466 additional equipment trust certificates, making a total of \$55,606,766 of new capital issued during the year. With the proceeds of these issues the company retired \$21,966,615 of the \$25,000,000 of 3-year gold notes which matured Feb. 1 1910 (the remainder having been otherwise provided for), and spent \$5,000,000 in acquiring the preferred stock of the Geneva Corning & Southern RR. All the rest of the money went into the property in one way or another, a large portion of it being used in the prosecution of the improvement work on the new station in this city. And notwithstanding the large amounts of new capital raised, the balance sheet shows only \$6,777,901 of cash on hand Dec. 31 1910, against \$11,662,-

681 on Dec. 31 1909. How can the Inter-State Commerce Commission or the general public expect the company to be able to procure the further large supplies of new capital needed for the same purposes if the property is not to be accorded fair treatment and allowed to earn a decent return on the capital invested in it?

#### HUGE EXTENT OF THE TELEPHONE BUSINESS.

Under the marvelous development which this country of ours, so favored by nature and by the energy of its population, is enjoying, we have become accustomed to big figures and big results—to have put before us records of unexampled growth and to get totals of huge magnitude indicative of the growth which is everywhere taking place. It may be doubted, however, whether in any branch of human activity there is anything that surpasses the expansion in the telephone industry or that yields aggregates of the same surprising extent.

The occasion for these remarks is the appearance the present week of the annual report of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Whether one be interested in that property as an investor or whether one has no concern in it except as a telephone subscriber, in either case one cannot fail to be impressed by the statistics displayed in the report. Certainly most of the figures are dazzling by reason of their vast size—so vast that it is difficult for the mind to grasp them.

President Theodore N. Vail as the head of the company, is one of the forceful figures in the industrial world. And for nothing is he distinguished more than for the effective way in which he is able to present striking arrays of figures. We learn from his report for the calendar year 1910 that at the end of that year the number of separate stations comprised in the Bell Telephone system in the United States was no less than 5,882,719. We learn, furthermore, that this is an increase of 740,027 over the year preceding. The length of wire in use for exchange and toll service on December 31 1910, it appears, was 11,642,212 miles. Here the addition for the twelve months is 1,162,186. It is not, however, until we get to the record of the volume of traffic done that we find totals perfectly overwhelming by reason of their size. It seems that the *daily* average of exchange connections (or "calls" in popular parlance) for 1910 was no less than 21,681,500 and the daily average of toll connections 602,539. This makes a total average *per day* of 22,284,000, or at the rate of 7,175,448,000 per year. In 15 years there has been an increase from a daily average of 2,402,543 in 1895 to 22,284,010 in 1910. Moreover, this does not include the long-distance messages over connecting lines.

The new capital required each year for the development of this telephone system is of such proportions that the only parallel to it is found in the case of our large railroad systems. During 1910 the amount spent upon new plant additions aggregated \$53,582,818. Of this only \$2,518,133 was paid for real estate, \$19,628,357 went for equipment, \$13,409,546 to pay for exchange lines, \$14,959,048 for toll lines and \$3,067,734 for construction work in process. The amount added in 1909 was \$28,700,100, in 1908 \$26,637,200, in 1907 \$52,921,400, in 1906 \$79,366,900, in 1905 \$50,780,900, in 1904 \$33,436,700, in 1903

\$35,368,700, in 1902 \$37,336,500, in 1901 \$31,005,400 and in 1900 \$31,619,100, making a total expenditure for additions to plant during the eleven years of \$460,755,700. Not only that, but during 1910 \$52,028,000 was applied out of revenue to maintenance and for reconstruction purposes. The total provision for maintenance and reconstruction charged against revenue for the last eight years, the report states, was over \$283,500,000. The report also tells us that it is estimated about \$60,000,000 of new capital will be required for current additions to plant in 1911.

The revenues are also of tremendous proportions. The gross revenue collected from the public in 1910 for telephone service, by the Bell System—not including the connected independent companies—was \$165,612,881, which was an increase of \$15,698,173 over 1909. Of this large income, \$54,235,449 was consumed by operation; \$25,763,082 went towards current maintenance, \$26,264,927 was charged for depreciation and \$8,355,015 was for taxes. This left available out of the year's income \$50,994,408, of which \$11,556,864 was paid in interest and \$25,160,786 in dividends. Even then there remained a surplus balance on the year's operations in amount of \$14,276,758. These dividends represent the dividend payments of the sub-companies, the most of which goes into the treasury of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., as the owner of the greater part of the shares of these subordinate companies. As against the gross earnings of \$165,612,881 for 1910, the revenues in 1905 were only \$97,500,100 and in 1900 no more than \$46,385,600. The net earnings in the ten years have risen from \$15,753,200 to \$50,994,408.

The capital stock, bonds and notes payable of the companies of the Bell System, outstanding in the hands of the public, at the close of the year, was, roughly, \$612,000,000. Adding to this the current accounts payable at \$21,721,125, the total obligations of every kind were \$633,725,194. The assets, on the other hand, were no less than \$753,323,720, leaving, therefore, a surplus of \$119,598,526. President Vail says there is a large additional surplus which is legitimate and proper, and which could properly be added to the book surplus, representing as it does the value of intangible property, such as franchises, contracts, patents, rights of way, both public and private, which are not carried at any valuation in the book accounts. Mr. Vail observes that in every case where the public authorities have appraised the plant of the companies the valuation has been far in excess of the book valuation. He thinks it conservative to assert that the obligations of all the companies outstanding in the hands of the public are represented by 150% of property at a fair replacement valuation of the plants and assets, not including public franchises. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. itself, as the holding company, has outstanding \$263,335,600 of stock and \$146,618,000 of indebtedness. The dividends paid are 8% per annum.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, BANKERS AND TRUST CO'S.

—The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 2,313 shares, of which 2,163 shares were sold at the Stock Exchange and 150 shares at auction. The unusually large total of transactions at the Stock Exchange was due, mainly, to dealings in National Bank of Commerce stock, which advanced from 208 on Saturday to 223 ex-dividend, on Thursday and closed on Friday at 220. The sales of the stock amounted to 1,954 shares and its activity was oc-

casioned by reports that the representatives of some important financial interests would enter the board of directors. Hanover National Bank stock sold at 650 as against 634 last week, and First National Bank stock at 898, as compared with 875 in January, when the last previous sale was made. Three shares of stock of the Nassau Bank, which has lately entered the National system, were sold at 305. The last previous public sale of the stock was made in November 1908 at 200 $\frac{1}{4}$ . No trust company stocks were sold.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
120	Chatham & Phenix Nat. Bk.	166	168	168	First sale
*119	City Bank, National	400	408	405	Mch. 1911—400
*1,954	Commerce, Nat. Bank of	208	223	220	Mch. 1911—208
*10	First National Bank	898	898	898	Jan. 1911—875
*70	Fourth National Bank	203	205	203	Mch. 1911—202
*10	Hanover National Bank	650	650	650	Mch. 1911—634
2	Merchants' Esch. Nat. Bk.	165 $\frac{1}{4}$	165 $\frac{1}{4}$	165 $\frac{1}{4}$	May 1910—163 $\frac{1}{4}$
3	Nassau Bank, Nat.	305	305	305	Nov. 1908—200 $\frac{1}{4}$
5	New York, N.B.A., Bank of	315	315	315	Jan. 1911—320

\* Sold at the Stock Exchange. x Ex-dividend.

—It is understood that Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank; F. L. Hine, President of the First National; and Albert H. Wiggin, President of the Chase National, will shortly be added to the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce. These interests, together with J. P. Morgan & Co., are reported to have arranged for the acquisition of a large block of the Bank of Commerce stock from the Equitable Life Assurance Society and the Mutual Life Insurance Co. No merger, it is stated, is contemplated. Of the \$25,000,000 capital of the Commerce, the Equitable holds \$5,023,100, the Mutual's holdings amounting to \$3,608,800; and about half the interests of these two companies, it is understood, are to be taken over at about \$200 per share. The charter of the Bank of Commerce contains some valuable special features.

—It was reported on Thursday that a meeting of the New York Clearing-House Association would be held next week for the purpose of devising some means for bringing the trust companies into the Association. When the matter was brought before William A. Nash, Chairman of the Clearing-House Committee, for confirmation, he gave out the following:

"The statements in the daily papers are erroneous in so far as they say that a meeting of the Clearing-House Association is to be soon called to act on any proposition to admit the trust companies to membership.

"It is true that the Clearing-House Committee has started to confer with the trust companies on some plan to better the present unsatisfactory method of clearing checks on them. This will be an informal and tentative conference from which much good is expected. Certainly no action will be taken without a full and preliminary understanding with the trust companies.

"Such a conference will necessarily take considerable time, and whatever plan may be suggested will develop as the consultations go on."

—The motion to quash the indictment found last August against certain cotton operators, following a Federal inquiry into an alleged cotton pool agreement, was denied on Thursday by Judge Noyes in the U. S. Circuit Court, who, however, sustained the demurrers to four of the eight counts in the indictment relating to corners. Judge Noyes holds that, while corners are illegal, they cannot be deemed a combination in restraint of competition; in his view the combination passed upon does not belong to "that class of combinations in which the members are engaged in inter-State commerce and enter into an agreement in restraint of competition." In his findings he said:

Corners are illegal. They are combinations contrary to public policy, and all contracts and undertakings in support thereof are void. . . . But while a corner is illegal because it is a combination which arbitrarily controls the prices of a commodity, it cannot, strictly speaking, be called a combination in restraint of competition. On the contrary, the bidding up of the prices incident to the creation of a corner necessarily increases competition. Activity in trade, temporarily at least, follows increased demand. Everything tends to stimulate competition, although abnormally and feverishly. A corner is altogether wrong, both from a legal and economical standpoint, but it would seem to be condemned by other principles of public policy than those particularly relating to combinations in restraint of competition.

It is clear upon the foregoing principles that the combination described in these counts is negatively illegal without any prohibitory statute, and would be positively unlawful in any State having a statute against corners. But upon equally well settled principles it is manifest that the combination is not in violation of the Federal anti-trust statute, unless it obstruct the current of inter-State commerce.

Obviously this combination does not belong to that class of combinations in which the members are engaged in inter-State commerce and enter into an agreement in restraint of competition. As just pointed out it is more than doubtful whether a combination to run a corner restrains competition at all. And if competition be affected, still none of these conspirators—so far as appears—does an inter-State business. It is therefore unnecessary to examine the many cases cited from the Supreme Court and other Federal tribunals when what may be termed voluntary restraints of trade have been created; i. e., where persons engaged in inter-State trade have entered into combinations affecting it. The combination in question, if it be a violation of the statute, is so because it is an involuntary restraint of trade; i. e., it is a conspiracy entered into by persons not engaged in inter-State commerce which has the effect of preventing other persons from freely engaging in it.

Those against whom the indictment rests are James A. Patten, Eugene G. Scales, William P. Brown, Robert M. Thompson and Frank B. Hayne.

—In an address at a meeting of the Finance Forum at the West Side Y. M. C. A., on Wednesday evening, John Harsen Rhoades, of the banking firm of Rhoades & Co., dwelt on the decline which has been witnessed during the past twenty years or more in the margin of safety between the assets and liabilities of the savings banks of the State. Mr. Rhoades's remarks were in line with his views, heretofore made familiar in these columns, that a reduction in the rate of interest on savings deposits is imperative for the establishment of a proper ratio of surplus to deposits. In his present discussion of the subject, under the heading "Our Savings Banks, Must We Pick and Choose Between Them?" Mr. Rhoades said in part:

Twenty-five years ago much of what I feel constrained to say, and which, until present policies are altered, or I am proven to be wrong, I must continue to say, could have been left unsaid. In the later 30's our New York State savings institutions constituted the flower of our banking system. They were at the zenith of their glory, and their stability was beyond dispute. A margin of safety between assets and liabilities was represented upon the average by a ratio of surplus to total deposits of over 17%—a few banks, indeed, held 25%. Dividend disbursements were in accord with existing conditions. The younger and necessarily weaker were progressively growing stronger and the older banks were impregnable beyond peradventure. It was then that we could say to a prospective depositor: "Place your money in any savings bank in the State, and you may rest assured that your funds are safe beyond question."

Humiliating as are the facts, affairs have sadly changed. Through undue competition for deposits, short-sighted ambition, both personal and corporate, and thoughtless disregard of the science of sound banking, our savings banks are not what they were. A margin of safety of over 17% has been reduced to a shade over 6%. On July 1 last—and the average condition on Jan. 1 1911 would indicate no improvement—of the 142 banks in the State, only 8 reported a surplus of over 10%; 75 held a surplus of less than 5%; 27 less than 2½%, and 11 less than 1%.

Conceding that the trustee savings bank in its beginning cannot possess any surplus, there being no paid-in capital to act as such, the savings bank which, at the end of ten years, has been unable to create under normal conditions a surplus or guaranty fund equivalent to 5% of total deposits, is, to say the least, guilty of injudicious management, and the savings bank of fifty years' life, with deposit liabilities amounting to \$50,000,000, and which, with a surplus of less than 10%, considers itself impregnable, is guilty of unwarranted conceit. Why, there are trust companies where investments are as gilt-edged as those of any savings bank in the State, and far more liquid, which avail themselves of a demand notice upon a portion of their deposits, and yet think it proper to maintain a margin of safety equivalent to 25% of deposits. The cases may not be strictly parallel, therefore we do not ask for 25%—in fact the law limits us to 15%—but it is these institutions, in fact and in deed, which grace the term impregnable. No one can deny that, however the trust company and the savings bank may differ, the savings bank should be the stronger of the two.

Say what we will, the sole and fundamental cause of the instability of our savings banks as a whole has been and is the prodigal dividend rate. Dividends which should have been lowered years ago, to meet increasing deposit liabilities and to offset declining bond markets, have been thoughtlessly maintained or increased, an instance of philanthropy's falling, mistaken generosity. When we remember that our savings depositories are benevolent institutions, theoretically divorced from any idea of commercialism—in effect, safe deposit companies, inviting the scant savings of the poor, founded for the purpose of encouraging thrift, let us trust that the time will return when we can again say: Place your money in any savings bank in the State of New York.

We have by law a maximum surplus—15% of deposits—above which dividends must be increased; but no minimum beneath which dividends must be curtailed. If there must be legislation, the latter is incomparably more important than the former. It is better to be just than generous. . . . The larger the dividend the more rapid will be the growth from within. In this connection it is well to note that a savings account left undisturbed and credited with 4% annual dividends will in eighteen years be doubled.

Mr. Rhoades contends that the law should make the creation of a fixed minimum surplus compulsory, this minimum to be computed as is now the maximum, upon par-and-market values, and dividends above 3% to be dependent upon the amount in excess of this minimum.

—The Franklin Trust Co. of Manhattan and Brooklyn boroughs has sent out notices to its depositors announcing the proposed discontinuance, on April 29, of its Manhattan office, at 140 Broadway. The business of this branch will be transferred to the main office, at 166 Montague Street, Brooklyn Borough. The company states that its Manhattan office was opened in 1904 as a convenience for its customers engaged in business in Manhattan. The reason for its discontinuance is the close affiliation which now exists between the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. and the Franklin, a majority of the stock of the latter having been acquired in 1909 by interests identified with the Farmers' Loan & Trust. This affiliation makes the continuance of the Franklin's Manhattan office unnecessary, as arrangements have been made with the Farmers' Loan & Trust, 16-22 William Street, whereby that company will receive deposits for the accounts of customers of the Franklin who may find it more convenient to make their deposits in Manhattan. The Franklin, which will as a consequence of this action be enabled to broaden its sphere in Brooklyn and on Long Island, has received permission from the Banking Department to establish a branch at 908 Broadway, corner Stockton Street, in the Williamsburgh Section of Brooklyn Borough. The offices were formerly occupied as a branch by the Williams-

burgh Trust Co., which is now in process of voluntary liquidation. On February 28 the Franklin Trust had deposits of \$13,279,832 and aggregate resources of \$15,820,530.

—Indictments on three charges of grand larceny were returned by the Grand Jury on Tuesday against William J. Cummins, formerly Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Carnegie Trust Co., of this city. The indictments involve a total of \$335,000, and, according to a statement made by District-Attorney Whitman, they are based on transactions with regard to the release by Mr. Cummins and his associates of certain loans which had been made by various banks on the security of stock of the Nineteenth Ward and Twelfth Ward banks; to raise the money needed to finance the transaction, notes, it is stated, were given to the Van Norden Trust Co. and the Nineteenth Ward Bank, aggregating \$335,000, an agreement, it is reported, being made that the Carnegie Trust should receive the amount advanced on the various notes, aggregating \$335,000, and hold it in trust to purchase the stock of the Nineteenth Ward and Twelfth Ward banks at a specified price, so far as should prove necessary, the balance, if any, to remain as a trust fund for the benefit of the institution from which the money was received. The money obtained on these notes, according to the District-Attorney's statement, was paid over in three separate payments—\$140,000, \$120,000 and \$75,000—and these amounts, it is alleged, were apparently used by Mr. Cummins for his own personal benefit. The statement further says that "none of these transactions appears ever to have been entered upon the books of the trust department of the Carnegie Trust Co., nor, so far as can be learned, was there ever held by the Carnegie Trust Co. in trust for the two institutions advancing the money any shares of the stock of the Nineteenth Ward Bank or Twelfth Ward Bank." Mr. Cummins's bail, fixed at \$50,000, was furnished by the Pacific Coast Surety Co. A meeting of the directors of the Carnegie Trust was called last Monday to consider negotiations for the purchase of its assets by the Assets Realization Co., but as it lacked a quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

—The Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia completed seventy-five years of its corporate existence on the 17th inst. The institution has established a record of having paid a dividend during every year covered by it, and it has distributed among its shareholders more than \$9,000,000. The chief executive of the company, Effingham B. Morris, is entering upon his twenty-fifth year as President, and the growth of the institution during the period he has presided over its affairs is noteworthy. When he assumed the headship, it had a capital of \$500,000, deposits of about \$1,000,000, trust funds of between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 and corporate trusts of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000; to-day its combined capital, surplus and profits exceed \$12,000,000, its deposits are in the neighborhood of \$34,000,000, the trust funds total over \$100,000,000 and the corporate trusts aggregate over 1,000 million dollars. The dividends have increased during the twenty-four years from 10% to 34%, while the value of the company's shares has advanced from \$300 to over \$900. The action of the company in charging off its books in 1908 the entire cost of its present building at Broad and Chestnut streets, representing about \$1,500,000, is one of the important and significant incidents in the institution's history.

—David H. Moffat, who earned distinction as a leader in the financial and railroad development of the West, died at the Hotel Belmont in this city on Saturday last. Although Mr. Moffat had suffered a slight attack of grippe, his death came unexpectedly and was attributed to heart disease. Like so many others who have rounded out notable careers of achievement, Mr. Moffat's rise was due to his own efforts, his start in business having been made as a messenger in the employ of the New York Exchange Bank. He entered the institution at the age of twelve (he was born at Washingtonville, N. Y., in 1839) and continued in its employ for four years, or until 1855, when he was induced by an older brother to move to Des Moines, Iowa. There he served as teller in the banking house of A. J. Stevens & Co. His qualifications as a banker at the early age of seventeen so impressed, it is stated, B. F. Allen, who was then perfecting the organization of a bank in Omaha that as a result the young man was prevailed upon to take the cashiership of the institution—the Bank of Nebraska at Omaha. In 1859 when Mr. Allen decided to retire from business because of failing health, the voluntary liquidation of the institution was suc-

cessfully conducted through Mr. Moffat. The following year, during the gold fever epidemic, Mr. Moffat, with C. C. Woolworth, a book and stationery merchant, embarked for Denver, making the journey through the medium of mules and wagons. They engaged in the book and stationery business in the little community of 2,000 which Denver then boasted, their venture expanding into a successful enterprise during the six years of the firm's operations. His connection with the First National Bank of Denver, with which Mr. Moffat's name has been inseparably linked practically throughout the entire forty-six years of its existence, dated from 1867, or two years after its organization. Mr. Moffat entered the bank as Cashier; in 1880 he was chosen to the presidency, and continued in that capacity until his death. During the period he served the bank, he not only lent his efforts towards its development, but likewise played an exceedingly important part in expanding the interests of Denver and the surrounding territory. He was identified with the principal railroad enterprises associated with Colorado; his railroad affiliations had their inception in 1869, when the late Gov. Evans of Colorado sought his co-operation in the building of the Denver-Pacific R.R., connecting the Union Pacific at Cheyenne with Denver. He was Treasurer of the Boulder Valley R.R. and personally built the extension from Boulder to the Marshall coal fields, in order to give Denver a fuel base. With Gov. Evans he aided in the construction of the Denver South Park & Pacific R.R., connecting Denver with Leadville, these two forces (Messrs. Evans and Moffat) also having brought about the construction of the Denver & New Orleans R.R. In February 1885, when the Denver & Rio Grande was discharged from receivership, Mr. Moffat was chosen to the presidency of that road. He continued at its head until 1891, the road under his guidance having been placed on a substantial basis. A Denver-Salt Lake route, to be known as the Denver Northwestern & Pacific R.R., but commonly termed the "Moffat Road," is another of Mr. Moffat's important ventures; about 215 miles of this road has thus far been completed. Other projects contributing to the development of Denver furthered by Mr. Moffat are the Denver Union Water Co. and the Denver Tramway Co. He was, too, interested in a number of important mining enterprises in the West. He was also a director of the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the Equitable Life Assurance Society. An almost complete cessation of business occurred in Denver during the afternoon of Thursday at the time of the funeral. The banks, business houses and railroad offices closed down, the Legislature adjourned, and the Denver Northwestern & Pacific stopped operations for a time.

Monetary & Commercial English News

English Financial Markets—Per Cable.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: London, Week ending March 24, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Lists various securities and their prices.

a Price per share, d & sterling.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:
CHARTERS ISSUED TO NATIONAL BANKS MARCH 9 TO MARCH 15, 1911
9,945—The First National Bank of Concord, Cal. Capital, \$25,000. F. W. Foskett, President. H. H. Riworthy, Vice-President. W. L. Brown, Cashier.
9,946—The State National Bank of Marlow, Okla. Capital, \$25,000. Joe Anderson, President. John T. Oulih and E. H. Dwyer, Vice-Presidents. O. R. McKinney, Cashier, and C. P. McKinney, Assistant Cashier. Conversion of The Marlow State Bank.
9,947—The Exchange National Bank of Okmulgee, Okla. Capital, \$50,000. J. A. Price, President. Alex. Preston, Vice-President, W. R. Alexander, Cashier. C. C. Almy, Assistant Cashier. Conversion of The Okmulgee State Bank.
9,948—The Producers' National Bank of Nowata, Okla. Capital, \$50,000. F. B. Reynolds, Cashier. Conversion of The Producers' State Bank of Nowata.
9,949—The Commercial National Bank of Nowata, Okla. Capital, \$50,000. W. A. Davis, President. R. S. Litchfield, Vice-President. Hugh Branson, Cashier. Hal Axley, Assistant Cashier.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending March 18 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week of 1910, show an increase in the aggregate of 12.3%.

Table: Clearings at— Week ending March 18. Columns: 1911, 1910, Inc. or Dec., 1909, 1908. Rows: Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, St. John, London, Calgary, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Brantford, Moose Jaw, Total Canada.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not regularly dealt in at the Board, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia:

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:
75 First Nat. Bank, Oneonta, N.Y. 75
3 Nassau Bank.....305
120 Chatham & Bank Nat. Bk. 106-168
8,000 Orphan Copper Co., \$5
each.....12 1/2% per share
22 Merchants' Exch. Nat. Bank 165 1/2
100 Madison Sq. Garden Co.....31
86 Wm. H. Richardson & Co.,
pref.....\$1 per share
19 Bklyn. Un. El. RR. Co., com. 71
5 Bank of N. Y., N. B. A.....315
647 Ducas Chemical Co. (trust
certs).....\$500 lot
50 Am. Sunatra Tobacco Co.,
pref., with bonus of 20
shares common.....\$75 per share

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:
2 State National Bank.....175 1/2
5 Merchants' Nat. Bank, Boston 274
2 Jackson Co., undeposited (par
\$1,000).....\$985
4 Wamsutter Mills, New Bedford 143
8 Boston Ground Rent Trust, 99 & Int.
120 Nat. Fire Ins. Co., Hart 445 ex-div,
120 Cent. Wharf & Wet Dock Corp 210
9 Essex Co., (par \$25).....19 3/4 198
4 Boston Co-operative Bldg. Co.
(\$25 each).....\$20
2 Draper Co., common.....205 ex-div.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:
1 Hamilton Mfg. Co. (par \$1,000) \$850
4 Cent. Vermont Ry. Co.....13 1/2-13 1/2
10 Edison Elec. Hl. Co., Brockton 200
10 Nat. Fire Ins. Co., Hartford 198
9 Essex Co., (par \$25).....19 3/4 198
4 Boston Co-operative Bldg. Co.
(\$25 each).....\$20
2 Draper Co., common.....205 ex-div.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:
46 Wm. Wharton Jr. & Co., Inc 108 1/2
614 Farmers' Nat. Bk. of Read'g 80
15,667 Cero Cobre Dev. Co (\$1
each).....\$25 lot
18,067 Priestas Commercial Co (\$1
each).....\$25 lot
15 Assets Realization Co., pref. 100
5 Rittenhouse Trust Co (\$50
each).....50
12 Phila. Bourse, com. (\$50
each).....4 1/2-4 1/2
8 Fire Assoc. of Philadel. (\$50
each).....345
2 Girard Trust Co. 246
2 Cam. & Burl. Co. RR. Co.
(\$25 each).....40 1/2
1 Mt. Holly L. & Medford
RR. Co. (par \$50).....57
2 Farmers' Nat. Bank of Mt.
Holly (\$50 each).....67
1 Mt. Holly, N. J., Nat. Bank
(par \$25).....60
1 Mt. Holly, N. J. Water Co 20 1/2
6 Penna. Co. for Ins., &c.....565-566
2 Nat. Bank of Germantown
(\$50 each).....150
20 Fourth St. National Bank.....300
50 Quaker City National Bank 120 1/2
40 Textile National Bank.....141
29 Merchants' Union Tr. Co.....125
12 Northern Trust Co.....339 1/2

By Messrs. Samuel F. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia:
10 Hamilton Trust Co (\$50 each).....60



DIVIDENDS.

The following shows all the dividends announced for the future by large or important corporations:

Dividends announced this week are printed in italics.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, and various utility and industrial companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Street and Electric Railways (Concl.), Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous companies.







New York Stock Exchange—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

OCCUPYING TWO PAGES

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies from Saturday, March 18, to Friday, March 24, 1911. Includes columns for date, price, and company name.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BROKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with their respective stock prices and broker quotations.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales were made on this day. † Sale at Stock Exchange or at auction this week. ‡ First installment paid. § Sold at private sale at this price. ¶ 2d paid. § 3d paid.

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday March 18 to Friday March 24), stock names, and price ranges. Includes sub-sections for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BANKERS' QUOTATIONS.' The table lists various stocks such as American Express, American Sugar Refining, and others, along with their highest and lowest sale prices for each day.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BANKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table listing banks and trust companies with columns for Bid and Ask prices. Includes entries for Broadway, Brooklyn, and various trust companies like NY Life & Tr, N Y Trust, and others.

\*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. †Less than 100 shares. ‡Ex-rights. § New stock. ¶ Ex-div. and rights. †† Now quoted dollars per share ‡‡ Sale at Stock Exchange or at auction this week. §§ Ex-stock dividend. ¶¶ Banks marked with a paragraph (P) are State banks.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1 1909, the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed, and prices are now all—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond records for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and various railroad and utility bonds. Columns include bond type, price, weekly range, and yearly range.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Table of miscellaneous bonds including Street Railway, various utility bonds, and other securities. Columns include bond type, price, weekly range, and yearly range.

\*No price Friday; latest this week. †Flat. ‡Due Jan & Due Apr § Due May ¶ Due June †† Due July ‡‡ Due Aug ††† Due Oct †††† Due Nov ††††† Option Sale

Main table of bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and Bonds.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Miscellaneous bond listings including Gas and Electric Light, and other specific bond titles with their respective prices and ranges.

\* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan b Due Feb c Due Apr d Due May e Due July f Due Aug g Due Dec s Option Sale



Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE WEEK ENDING MARCH 24'. It is divided into two columns of 'BONDS' with sub-headers for 'Price Friday March 24', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', and 'Range Since January'. The table lists various bonds such as 'Long Island (Con)', 'Manhattan Ry', and 'N. Y. Cent & H R'.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page

Table containing 'Miscellaneous Bonds' listings, including 'Buff & Susq Iron', 'Manufacturing & Industrial', and 'Allis-Chalmers'. It follows the same format as the main table with columns for bond names, prices, and ranges.

\*No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan b Due Feb c Due May d Due June e Due July f Due Aug g Due Oct h Due Nov i Due Dec / Flat





BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, organized by date (Saturday March 15 to Friday March 24) and stock type. Includes columns for share price, daily range, and range since January 1, 1910.

\* Bid and asked prices. † New stock. ‡ Asst. paid. § Ex-stock div. || A-Rights. ¶ Ex-div. and rights.

Main table with columns for BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, listing various stocks and bonds with their prices and ranges.

NOTE—Buyer pays accrued interest in addition to the purchase price for all Boston Bonds. \* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. % Flat price.

Philadelphia and Baltimore Stock Exchanges—Stock Record, Daily, Weekly, Yearly

Large table with multiple columns for Share Prices—Not For Centum Prices, Active Stocks, and various stock listings for Philadelphia and Baltimore.

\* Bid and asked; no sales on this day. % Ex-chg. # \$15 paid. † \$12 1/2 paid. ‡ \$13 1/2 paid. § \$35 paid. a Receipts. b \$25 paid. c \$30 paid. d \$42 1/2 paid.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Table showing weekly and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Stocks, Railroad, State Bonds, and U.S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for 1911, 1910, and from Jan. 1 to March 24, 1911.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston and Philadelphia exchanges, with columns for listed and unlisted shares and bond sales.

Outside Securities

All bond prices are now "and interest" except where marked "i."

Large table listing various securities including Street Railways, Gas Securities, and other companies, with columns for bid and ask prices.

Table listing Electric Companies such as Chicago Edison Co., Kings Co. E. L. & P. Co., etc.

Table listing Telegraph and Telephone companies like Amer. Tel. & Cable, Central & So. Amer., etc.

Table listing Ferry Companies including N. Y. & N. J. Ferry, N. Y. & E. R. Ferry, etc.

Table listing Short-Term Notes from various companies and municipalities.

Table listing Railroad securities including Chicago & N. W., N. Y. & N. J., etc.

Table listing Industrial and Miscellaneous securities including Adams Exp., Alliance Mining, American Book, etc.

Large table listing Industrial and Miscellaneous securities including Consol Rubber Tire, Deere & Co., American Steel, etc.

\* Per share. b Basis. s Sells on Stock Exchange, but not very active. / Flat price. n Nominal. s Sale price. / New stock. x Ex-div. y Ex-right

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

The following table shows the gross earnings of every STEAM railroad from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from July 1 to and including such latest week or month. We add a supplementary statement to show the fiscal year totals of those roads whose fiscal year does not begin with July, but covers some other period. The returns of the electric railways are brought together separately on a subsequent page.

Main table of Railroad Gross Earnings with columns for Road, Week of Month, Current Year, Previous Year, July 1 to Latest Date, Current Year, Previous Year. Includes sub-tables for Various Fiscal Years and Aggregates of Gross Earnings.

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table of Aggregates of Gross Earnings with columns for Weekly Summaries, Monthly Summaries, Cur't Year, Prev's Year, Inc. or Dec., %.

a Mexican currency. e Includes the New York & Ottawa, the St. Lawrence & Adirondack and the Ottawa & N. Y. Ry., the latter of which being a Canadian road, does not make returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. f Includes Evansville & Indiana R.R. g Includes the Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling Ry. in both years. h Includes the Northern Ohio R.R. i Includes earnings of Mason City & Ft. Dodge and Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. j Includes Louisville & Atlantic from July 1 1909 and the Frankfort & Cincinnati from Nov. 1 1909. k Includes the Mexican International from July 1910. l Includes the Texas Central in 1911.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of March. The table covers 41 roads and shows 0.77% increase in the aggregate over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Second week of March, 1911, 1910, Increase, Decrease. Lists 41 roads and their earnings for the second week of March 1911 and 1910, along with percentage changes.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings of STEAM railroads and industrial corporations reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists 20 railroads and their monthly earnings.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table with 5 columns: Companies, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists 20 industrial companies and their earnings.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c After allowing for miscellaneous receipts and net from coal and other departments, total net earnings for Jan. 1911 were \$218,141, against \$285,856 in 1910; and from July 1 to Jan. 31 were \$1,712,801 in 1911, against \$1,709,286 in 1910.

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Table with 5 columns: Roads, Int., Rentals, &c.—Current Year, Int., Rentals, &c.—Previous Year, Bal. of Net Earns.—Current Year, Bal. of Net Earns.—Previous Year. Lists 2 roads and their interest charges and surpluses.

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z After allowing for other income received. y After allowing for outside operations, hire of equipment and other income.

Electric Railway Net Earnings.—In the following we show both the gross and the net earnings to latest dates of all ELECTRIC railways from which we have been able to procure monthly returns. The returns of the different roads are published by us each week as soon as received, and once a month we bring together all the roads reporting, as is done to-day.

Table with 5 columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists 41 electric roads and their earnings.

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Table with columns: Roads, Int. Rentals, &c. Current Year, Previous Year, Bal. of Net Earnings Current Year, Previous Year. Lists various railroad companies and their financial data.

INCOME ACCOUNT. Table with columns: 1910, 1909, 1908. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Total net revenue, Taxes accrued, Operating income, Other income, Gross corporate income, Deductions, Total deductions, Surplus for the year.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31. (For details of 1910 balance sheet see a subsequent page.)

Table with columns: 1910, 1909, 1910, 1909. Rows include Assets (Road & equip't, Stock controlled, Stock prop., Fund. debt prop., Other invest's, Cash, Secur. in trans., Market secur., Loans & bills rec., Car mileage, net), Liabilities (Capital stock, Consolidated etfs., Funded debt, Equip. trusts., 3-yr. gold notes, Loans & bills pay., Net traffic, car mileage, Aud. vouchers & wages, Mat'd int., divs., and rents, Working adv'es due other cos., Miscellaneous income, Int., acc'r'd taxes accrued, Add'ns through income, Profit & loss).

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

On subsequent pages is published the report at length, also the comparative income account for two years, and the balance sheet, &c.

Below are given comparative statistics and income account for three years and balance sheets for two years:

OPERATING STATISTICS. Table with columns: 1910, 1909, 1908. Rows include Miles operated, Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, Working cars, Passengers carried, Passengers carried 1 mile, Rate per passenger per mile, Tons freight carried, Tons freight carried 1 mile (rev.), Rate per ton per mile, Freight rev. per train mile, Number of (rev.) tons per train mile, Operating revenues per mile.

\*See details of equipment leased and owned on a subsequent page.

INCOME ACCOUNT. Table with columns: 1910, 1909, 1908. Rows include Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, express and miscellaneous, Other than transportation), Total operating revenues, Expenses (Maintenance of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses), Total operating expenses, P. c. of expenses to revenues, Net rev. from rail operations, Outside operations—net deficit, Taxes accrued, Operating income, Other income, Gross corporate income.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Annual Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Jan. 28. The next will appear in that of April 1.

New York Central & Hudson River Railroad. (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

On subsequent pages there is published the report at length, and also the balance sheet. Below is given a three-year comparison of the traffic statistics, earnings, expenses, charges, operations, &c., and balance sheets for two years.

OPERATING STATISTICS. Table with columns: 1910, 1909, 1908. Rows include Miles operated, Equipment (Locomotives, Passenger cars, Freight cars, Working cars), Operations (Passengers carried, Passengers carried 1 mile, Revenue per passenger per mile, Passenger revenue per train mile, Tons carried, Tons carried 1 mile, Revenue per ton per mile, Freight revenue per train mile, Tons of revenue freight per train mile, Operating revenues per mile).

\* See details of equipment owned and leased on a subsequent page.

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, 1908 and rows for Deductions, Rentals of leased lines, Hire of equipment, etc.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(For further details of 1910 balance sheet see a subsequent page.)

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for Michigan Central RR for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

Michigan Central RR.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

On subsequent pages is published the report at length, also the balance sheet and various tables of interest.

Statistics.—Operations, earnings, charges, &c., and the comparative balance sheets were as follows:

OPERATING STATISTICS.

Table showing Miles operated, Locomotives, Freight equipment, Working equipment, and other operating statistics for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

\*For details of equipment owned and leased see a subsequent page.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table showing Operating Revenues, Expenses, Total operating revenues, Total expenses, and other income account details for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

Table showing Gross corporate income, Deductions, and other financial details for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(For further details of 1910 balance sheet see a subsequent page.)

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

On subsequent pages is published the report at length, and also the balance sheet.

Statistics.—Operations, earnings, charges, &c., and the comparative balance sheets were as follows:

OPERATING STATISTICS.

Table showing Miles operated, Tons of rev. freight carried, Tons carried one mile, and other operating statistics for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table showing Operating Revenues, Expenses, Total operating revenues, Total expenses, and other income account details for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

Table showing Gross corporate income, Deductions, Total operating revenues, Total expenses, and other financial details for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(For further details of 1910 balance sheet see a subsequent page.)

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for Chicago City Railway for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

Chicago City Railway.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Jan. 31 1911.)

President T. E. Mitten, Chicago, March 16 1911, wrote: General Results.—The completion of work required during the rehabilitation period (ended April 15 1910) has been accomplished.

The property has produced a net income of \$1,985,422, from which were paid dividends aggregating 10% upon the \$18,000,000 capital stock, leaving \$185,432 surplus earnings for the year.

Distribution of a Portion of Accumulated Surplus.—As adequate provision in the settlement ordinance, under which we are now operating, insures the establishment of reserves sufficient to maintain the physical excellence of the property, there remained, in the opinion of your directors, no reason for longer conserving the large treasury surplus, which as of Jan. 31 1910, exceeded the par value of the capital stock to the amount of \$1,310,892.

Distribution of a portion of this surplus has, therefore, been made during the year by the payment of extra dividends, aggregating 6%.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table showing Passenger receipts, Total receipts, Operating expenses, Net earnings, and other income account details for 1910, 1909, and 1908.

\* As to extra dividends in 1910, see below.

BALANCE SHEET JANUARY 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1911 and 1910. Total assets and liabilities are \$41,723,640.

After deducting extra dividends of 4% and 2% paid March and Dec. 1910, respectively, calling for \$1,080,000.—V. 92, p. 724.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co., Minneapolis-St. Paul, &c. (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

President C. G. Goodrich, Jan. 20 1911, wrote in substance:

General Results.—A comparison with the previous year shows an increase in gross earnings of \$561,873, or 8.06%; an increase in operating expenses of \$373,075, or 11.32%; and an increase in net earnings of \$188,797, or 5.13%.

The surplus for the year, after providing for the large operating and maintenance charges, depreciation, taxes and increased dividends, amounts to \$245,552, an increase of \$5,180, or 2.16% over last year.

Renewals, &c.—The actual charges for maintenance during the year have amounted to \$509,684, an increase of \$82,185 over the previous year. In addition there has been expended in renewals and charges against renewal funds \$483,826.

Maintenance and Renewals for Past Five Years, with their Percentage of Gross Earnings.

Table showing Maintenance and Renewals for 1906-1910. Total maintenance and renewals for 1910 is \$917,253.

New Construction.—The expenditures for new construction amounted to \$1,072,976, distributed as follows: new power, \$76,904; new shops and tools, \$72,711; Lake St. Station, \$138,555; car equipment, \$543,344; track and paving, \$236,815; real estate, &c., \$4,667.

As shown above, the expenditures for new construction amounted to \$1,072,976 and for renewals \$483,826, a total of \$1,556,803.

Bonds.—The \$40,000 of 7% St. M. bonds of Minneapolis St. Ry. Co. due Nov. 1 1910 have been retired and the \$242,000 of the general mortgage bonds of Minneapolis St. Ry. Co. and the St. Paul City Ry. Co. due Jan. 1 1911 have been exchanged for 5% consolidated bonds of the same companies due 1928, or have been paid in cash.

EARNINGS, EXPENSES, CHARGES, &C.

Comparison of separate items of earnings and operating expenses with the years 1908 and 1907 is impracticable, owing to adoption Jan. 1 1910 of new classification of accounts prescribed by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, 1908, and 1907. Rows include Passenger earnings, Other sources, Total receipts, Expenses, Net earnings, Interest and taxes, Dividends on pref. (7%), Dividends on com., Total, Balance, surplus, P. o. exp. & taxes to earn.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, 1908, and 1907. Rows include Resources (Roadway, securities, cash, materials, insurance, renewal funds) and Liabilities (Common stock, preferred stock, funded debt, unpaid vouchers, taxes, bills payable, dividend payable, renewal funds, miscellaneous, special reserve, income account-surplus).

V. 92, p. 324, 190.

American (Bell) Telephone & Telegraph Co.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

The report of the company, containing extended excerpts from the remarks of President Theodore N. Vail, and the income account and balance sheet, and many tables giving valuable information, will be found on subsequent pages of to-day's "Chronicle". Below are the comparative income accounts of the parent company for four years and comparative balance sheets.

INCOME ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, 1908, and 1907. Rows include Dividends, Int. and other revenue, Telephone traffic (net), Real estate, &c., Total, Expenses, Net earnings, Interest, Balance, Dividends, Surplus.

BALANCE SHEET OF AMERICAN TELEPH. & TELEG. CO., DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1910 and 1909. Rows include Assets (Stks. assoc., Bds. assoc., Advances to associated cos., Telephones, Real estate, Long distance teleph. plant, Cash & deposits, Temporary cash loans, Short-term notes, Accts. receivable, Special demand notes, Treasury bonds) and Liabilities (Capital stock, 4% coll. trust bonds, 4% conv. bonds, 4% Amer. Bond bonds, 5% coup. notes, 5% coup. notes, Oth. notes payable, Due W.U.T. Co., Divs. pay. Jan. 15, Int. & taxes accr. but not due, Accts. payable, Unearn'd rev. res., Deprec. reserve, Surplus).

\*Indebtedness to Western Union Telegraph Co. for New York Telephone Co. stock, payable 1912 to 1915.—V. 92, p. 528, 397.

Otis Elevator Company, New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

Pres. W. D. Baldwin, Mch. 8 1911, wrote in substance:

At organization and up to 1903 a large proportion of the business was in the manufacture and installation of hydraulic elevators, a number of parts for which were purchased by us from other manufacturers. Each year since that time has shown a larger percentage of sales of the electric type, all parts of which have been manufactured in our own shops. In addition, the closing up of the various subsidiaries owned by us, whose principal product had been the manufacture of a class of elevator work not previously undertaken by us, necessitated not only that this branch should be actively exploited by us, but that the manufacturing of the apparatus should be concentrated and improved.

The volume of business done for the year 1910 is somewhat in excess of 1909, and the profits are the largest in the history of the corporation. The outlook for business in 1911 is not in some respects as favorable as it was last year, although the contracts closed up to this time indicate that there will be a fair demand for our product.

During the last year special attention has been given to the further extension of our business in Europe and South America. About seven years ago we organized a Canadian Corporation, which acquired a large tract of land and erected shops in Hamilton, Ont.; the volume of its business has increased from year to year, and the results are most satisfactory.

The escalator, or travelling stairway, exclusively controlled by us, of which we have made several installations, seems to be the best known method of handling large numbers of people continuously, and promises to become an important adjunct of our business. Substantial orders have been placed with us in the last few months for escalators for Europe and this country.

As no large expenditures are anticipated during the year, in view of the earnings in 1910 and the provisions made for additional working capital from the \$3,500,000 5% convertible debentures issued last year (V. 90, p. 1175), the directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1% on the common stock, payable on April 15 1911, thus placing the common stock on a 4% annual basis, and have reserved from past earnings a fund sufficient to provide for subsequent quarterly dividends during the current year on that basis (V. 92, p. 666).

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, 1908, and 1907. Rows include Net earnings, repairs and renewals, Deduct, Pref. dividends (6%), Common dividends, Depreciation, Reserved for depreciation and contingencies, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus.

α After deducting adjustments aggregating \$27,510.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1910 and 1909. Rows include Assets (Plant account, Cash, Bills receivable, Accts. receivable, Inventories) and Liabilities (Capital (preferred), Capital (common), Mfg. 11th Av. prop., Debentures, Bills payable, Accts. payable, Pref. dividends, Com. dividends, Surplus).

V. 92, p. 666.

Union Typewriter Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, and 1908. Rows include Profits for the year, Divs. on 1st pref. stock (7%), Divs. on 2d pref. stock (8%), Contingent reserve, Balance, surplus.

After deducting interest charges, less interest received, \$132,174 and depreciation of plants, \$208,524. The dividend paid includes that on \$600,000 second preferred held in the treasury as an investment—see below.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31.

Table with 3 columns: 1910, 1909, 1908. Rows include Assets (Plants, stock, bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Stock, Common stock, etc.).

\* After deducting \$208,524 for depreciation.—V. 92, p. 730, 193.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

(Statement for Year ending Dec. 31 1910.)

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES, ALL COMPANIES.

Table with 3 columns: 1910, 1909. Rows include Gross revenue, Deduct rev. in suspense, Operating expenses, Total expenses, Net revenue, and Deductions.

Central Pacific Ry.—Guaranteed Bonds—Further Particulars.—Touching the 250,000,000 francs (\$50,000,000) 4% 35-year bonds...

The loan is repayable at par at any time at the option of the company and at the latest March 1 1946. Interest payable M. & S. in Paris at office of either of the institutions above named and in London, Belgium and Switzerland.

Central Pennsylvania Traction Co., Harrisburg, Pa.—Dividend Increased.—A semi-annual dividend of 3% has been declared on the \$2,100,000 stock...

In addition to the foregoing regular dividends the company in March 1909 and Feb. 1910 made declarations of 5¢ per share...

Chicago Indiana & Southern RR.—Report.—

Table with 7 columns: Calendar Year, Operating Revenues, Net (after Taxes, &c.) Income, Other Income, Interest & Rents, Balance, Surplus. Rows for 1910 and 1909.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Payment of Bonds.—The \$2,977,500 Madison Extension 1st M. 7% bonds maturing April 1 1911 will be paid when due upon presentation at the office of the Treasurer...

Cincinnati Northern RR.—Report.—For year end. Dec. 31:

Table with 8 columns: Calendar Year, Operating Revenues, Net (after Taxes, &c.) Income, Fixed Charges, Improvements, Div. Dts., Bal., Surp. Rows for 1910 and 1909.

Commonwealth Power, Railway & Light Co.—Earnings.

Table with 6 columns: Cal. Year, Gross Earnings, Expenses and Taxes, Net Earnings, Interest, Balance for Div. &c. Rows for 1910 and 1909.

Dividends at the rate of 6% on the \$6,000,000 preferred stock call for \$360,000 yearly.—V. 92, p. 260.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—New Directors.—See Missouri Pacific Ry. below.—V. 91, p. 523, 515.

Des Moines City (Ia.) Railway.—Sale of Stocks.—Members of the firm of N. W. Harris & Co. of Chicago who for many years have owned a bare majority of the stock of the Des Moines City Ry. Co. and a large interest in its ally, the Interurban Ry. have acquired practically all of the remaining stock...

Negotiations have recently been in progress looking to the purchase of the property of the Des Moines City Ry. Co. by the city. On March 4 1911 two experts were called in to pass upon the terms proposed. Both pronounced the price too high. This price was \$4,500,000, the sellers to add the municipality to acquire the property by loaning it the purchase price on such a basis that the interest on the purchase price would be \$211,180 per year.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—One Receiver Desired in Place of Three.—

Attorneys for the N. Y. Trust Co., as mortgage trustee and depositary, and the protective committee of the general lien bonds, of which Otto T. Bannard is Chairman and William R. Britton, 30 Broad St., N. Y., Secretary, informed Judge Swan of the U. S. Court in Detroit, Monday, that they were dissatisfied with the operation of the road by three receivers and desired that Receiver Thomas Rhodes should be made the sole receiver. They also stated that it was their purpose to ask that an entry of a decree of sale be made on April 10, and hearing was set for that date.—V. 92, p. 594, 260.

Easton (Pa.) Consolidated Electric Co.—Report.—

Table with 9 columns: Cal. Year, Gross Earn., Net Inc., E. Tr. Co. Ed. Ill. Co., Total B., Bond Int., Exp. & Taxes, Balance, Surplus. Rows for 1910 and 1909.

—V. 90, p. 697.

Fort Wayne & Northern Ind. Traction Co.—New Officers:

Hugh J. Pritchard and William A. Tucker of New York, representing the new financial interests which recently took over the property, have been elected directors. Randal Morgan and John J. Collier of Philadelphia, Hugh J. McGowan of Indianapolis, Henry C. Paul and James M. Barrett of Fort Wayne, have also been chosen directors, and Harry B. Vordermark, Arthur H. Mohr and Frederick H. Schmidt, of the temporary board, have been continued. J. Levering Jones of Philadelphia, President of the predecessor company, has also been made President and Henry Rainey, Secretary of the new company.—V. 92, p. 594, 394.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—New Notes Offered.—

Estabrook & Co., N. Y. and Boston, are offering privately at par and int. \$600,000 3-year 6% convertible notes.

Dated April 1 1911, due April 1 1914. Par \$1,000 e\*. Total auth. \$2,000,000, the remaining \$1,400,000 being reserved for future issue, with or without conversion privilege. The present \$600,000 notes are convertible into common stock until and including Jan. 1 1914 at par, and are subject to call as a whole on 60 days' notice at 101. No collateral. For the year 1910 the gross earnings were \$1,312,986; net, \$516,243; fixed interest, sinking fund and taxes, \$290,223; dividends, \$170,406; bal. fur. \$55,524.—V. 91, p. 1327.

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Augusta-Aiken Railway & Electric Corporation.—Extensions, &c.—The Augusta Ry. & Electric Co. and the Augusta-Aiken Ry. Co. of Augusta, Ga., have arranged with J. G. White & Co., engineers and contractors, N. Y. City, for improvements, etc., at an estimated cost of approximately \$500,000, including:

Power-house extension planned for two 2,500 k.w. steam turbines, one of which will be installed this year; a 7 1/2-mile transmission line from the power house in Augusta to the power house of the Augusta-Aiken Ry. Co. near Clearwater, S. C., wires in Augusta to be placed underground on three principal streets, calling for about 3 miles of conduits; ornamental poles on Broad St., Augusta, for trolley wires and clusters of tungsten lamps; about one mile of single-track extension, extensive reconstruction of present tracks, &c.—V. 91, p. 1384.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Decision.—The U. S. Supreme Court on March 21, in a suit against the B. & O. Southwestern, sustained the validity of the statute which prescribes penalties against railroads for keeping live animals in stock cars in inter-State shipments for more than 28 hours without unloading.

The opinion, by Justice Lamar, held that each separate loading constitutes a shipment within the meaning of the statute and the penalties apply to each lot thus loaded when carried beyond the 28-hour period, regardless of how many lots may be in the same train and also of the number of cars in the train, the number of consignors or the number of animals. The Act, it was stated, was not passed for the benefit of the shippers, but as a humane measure for the protection of the animals.—V. 92, p. 460.

Calumet & South Chicago Ry.—New Directors.—Thomas E. Mitten, President of the Chicago City Ry., F. D. Hoffman and J. L. Matson have been elected directors to succeed G. E. Plumb, F. G. Murray and S. R. Jenkins.

Thomas E. Mitten succeeds Ira M. Cobe as President. J. L. Matson becomes Vice-President in place of W. W. Crawford, and F. D. Hoffman succeeds F. G. Murray as Secretary and Treasurer. The position of Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, formerly held by S. R. Jenkins, has been abolished.—V. 91, p. 1719.

Canadian Northern Alberta Ry.—Offering of Debenture Stock.—See Canadian Northern Ry. below.

Canadian Northern Ry.—New Securities Offered.—In London or before March 17 Lazard Bros. & Co. received subscriptions at £94 10s. per £100 stock for (a) the final block, £358,888, of an issue limited to £1,622,586 of 3 1/2% guaranteed 1st M. debenture stock of the Canadian Northern Ry. Co., repayable July 20 1958; (b) the entire issue of £647,260 3 1/2% guaranteed 1st M. debenture stock of the Canadian Northern Alberta Ry. Co., repayable May 4 1960. Both stocks are unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Government of the Dominion of Canada by endorsement. An advertisement says:

The stocks are secured under separate trust deeds in favor of the British Empire Trust Co., Ltd., of London and the National Trust Co., Ltd., of Toronto, by first mortgages upon lines of railway now under construction, forming a part of the Canadian Northern system. The stocks will be registered in London and Toronto, and will be transferable in sums of £1 or multiples. They will be repayable at Canadian Bank of Commerce in London and Toronto and interest will be payable by warrant Jan. 20 and July 20, in London in sterling and in Toronto in dollars, at 54 3/8 2-3 to the e.

Completion to Pacific Ocean in 1914.—Canadian papers say:

Sir William MacKenzie, after consulting with the heads of the Canadian Northern in Winnipeg, announces that he has approved appropriations for extensions and improvements in Western Canada for the year to the extent of approximately \$12,000,000. More than 600 miles of new lines will be constructed during the present year in the three western provinces alone. D. B. Hanna, 3d Vice-Prest., was quoted on March 17 as saying that the company now looks for the opening of the railway from ocean to ocean during the fall of 1914; the 500 miles through the Ontario clay belt will probably be completed within 2 1/2 years.—V. 92, p. 321, 260.

Georgia RR. & Banking Co.—12% Dividend Rate.—A quarterly dividend of 3% has been declared on the \$4,200,000 stock, payable April 15 to holders of record April 2, comparing with 2 3/4% quarterly, the rate in effect from April 1888 to Jan. 1911 inclusive. This increases the annual dividends from 11 to 12%. Compare V. 90, p. 1362.

Grand Trunk Western Ry.—New Mortgage—Acquisition.—The Michigan State Railroad Commission on March 22 granted authority to make a new mortgage for \$30,000,000 to extend and improve the road, and provide for the purchase of the Pontiac Oxford & Northern RR., held for some time past in the interest of the Grand Trunk Ry.

Press dispatches state that \$7,000,000 of the bonds cannot be used without the consent of the Commission. Among the proposed expenditures mentioned in the detailed account is the installation of a block signal system at a cost of \$850,000.—V. 91, p. 1095.

Green Bay & Western RR.—Report.—

Table with columns: Cal. Gross Net (after Depreciation), Taxes, Dis. on Debts, Div. on Bal., Sur., Year, Earnings, Taxes, etc.

Holyoke & Westfield RR.—Sold.—The \$200,000 4 1/4% 1st M. gold bonds dated April 1 1911 and due April 1 1951, issued to retire bonds due April 1 1911, were awarded at 103.301 to N. W. Harris & Co. The bonds are now offered to the public by Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, N. W. Harris & Co. of Boston and Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at 105, yielding about 4%. There were 14 bids, ranging from 98.65 to 102.579.—V. 92, p. 725.

Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Co.—On 6% Basis.—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$800,000 common stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 27, thus increasing the annual rate to 6%, contrasting with 4% in 1908 to 1910, inclusive, 3% in 1907, 3 1/4% in 1906 and 4% in 1904 and 1905.—V. 90, p. 976.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$5,000,000 additional "refunding and improvement" mtge. 5% bonds due 1950 (recently offered—V. 92, p. 395, 461), making the total listed \$15,000,000.

Table: Purposes for which the \$5,000,000 Bonds Were Used. Columns include: Reduction of grades, Purchase of additional equipment, Laying heavier rail, ballasting, improvement of tracks and bridges, etc.

Earnings.—For calendar year 1910:

Table with columns: Year, Gross, Net, Taxes, Oth. Inc., Charges, Bal., Surp.

Lake Erie & Western RR.—Report.—

Table with columns: Cal. Operating, Net (after Taxes), Other Income, Interest, Addns & Betterments, Bal., surp.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—Bonds Called.—In our advertising columns will be found the numbers of five hundred (\$500,000) general mortgage bonds which have been drawn for redemption on June 1 at 110 and interest at the office of the company in N. Y. City.—V. 92, p. 322, 595.

Maryland Delaware & Virginia Ry.—Report.—

Table with columns: Calendar Year, Operating, Net (after Taxes), Other Income, Fixed Charges, Balance, Deficit.

Midland Valley RR.—Offering of Guaranteed Bonds.—See Wichita & Midland Valley RR. below and compare V. 92, p. 462, 322, 114.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co.—Series C Equipment Trusts—Further Data.—

The issue (dated March 1 1911) is for the principal sum of \$1,190,000 on an equipment investment of \$1,358,800. This obligation is evidenced by 4 1/2% gold notes of \$1,000 each, fifty of which mature on Sept. 1 1911 and thereafter 60 each first day of March and September in each year, commencing March 1 1912 and ending March 1 1921. Central Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. They were sold by Wm. A. Read & Co. of New York. The equipment covered consists of 15 consolidation freight locomotives, 16 passenger locomotives, 35 steel cars for passenger service, 35 cabooses and 2 steam wrecking cranes.—V. 92, p. 725, 650.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Offering of \$12,500,000 Two-Year 5% Secured Gold Notes Issued for Refunding. &c.—

\$16,000,000 Consols as Collateral.—The Kansas Railroad Commission has approved this proposed note issue, fully described last week (p. 725). The entire amount has been placed by Speyer & Co. here and in Europe (the applications aggregating over \$20,000,000), but the firm's advertisement is published for record on another page of to-day's "Chronicle". The notes are dated May 1 1911 and due May 1 1913 but redeemable, all or any part, at any time at par and int., on 30 days' previous notice. Total issue limited to \$16,000,000, to take up the \$10,000,000 5% notes due Aug. 1 1911 but called for payment May 1 1911, and for other corporate purposes. The issue price was 99%, deliverable May 1 1911, yielding 5 1/2% income on the investment. The \$16,000,000 consolidated mtge. bonds are to be secured in part by \$4,000,000 M. K. & T. Terminal Co. of St. Louis 1st M. 5% bonds; \$6,570,000 M. K. & T. Ry. Co. gen. mtge. 4 1/2% bonds; \$3,967,300 Texas Central Co. stock (\$1,305,000 pref. and \$2,662,300 common). See also V. 92, p. 725, 726.

Missouri Pacific Ry.—New Officers, &c.—All Interests in Accord.—At the meeting of directors held March 21 for organization purposes Geo. J. Gould was elected Chairman of the board, the Presidency being left vacant at his request

in the hope of filling it in the very near future. Fred. T. Gates, George J. Gould, E. D. Adams, E. T. Jeffery, Edwin Gould and Cornelius Vanderbilt were elected to the executive committee and the seventh place left vacant to be filled by the new President when he is elected to the board. A statement put out by Mr. Gould further said:

Mr. Gould invited Messrs. Marston, Warburg and Adams to serve as directors on the St. Louis Iron Mt. & Southern board, Messrs. Marston and Henry E. Cooper to serve on the Texas & Pacific board (Mr. Cooper succeeding Alvin W. Krech, who resigned—Ed.) and Messrs. Marston and Adams on the Denver & Rio Grande board, in order that the interests joining him in the Missouri Pacific should have close relations and be in continuous touch with all of the properties.

It is hoped by all the interests that the stories and reports of discord between Mr. Gould and those he has invited into the properties will now cease. They are without foundation in fact and can only serve to injure the credit of the properties which it is the united intention of all interested to uphold.

The board appointed a special committee, consisting of George J. Gould, Fred. T. Gates and E. D. Adams, to select, in their discretion, a President for the property, subject, of course, to the approval of the board.

The Iron Mountain directors appointed as Executive Committee Messrs. George J. Gould, Klugdon Gould, E. T. Jeffery, E. L. Marston, E. D. Adams, Paul Warburg and R. M. Gallaway.—V. 92, p. 726.

New Orleans Railway & Light Co.—Pref. Dividend on 5% Basis.—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the \$10,000,000 5% non-cumulative pref. stock, payable April 10 to holders of record March 31. The last distribution was 2 1/2% on Jan. 10 1911, the first payment since Oct. 1907, when 5/8% was paid.

Table: Dividend Record on Preferred Stock (Per Cent.). Columns: 1906, 1907, 1908 to 1910, 1911.

Col. Joseph H. DeGrange, Vice-Pres. and Secretary, says:

Since the January dividend was declared books have been thoroughly audited and the financial report placed in the possession of the President. The property is in good shape and fine condition. The results have been so satisfactory and the future prospects so bright the board thought it well that it should resume the quarterly dividends of \$1 25, restoring the preferred stock to the dividend basis of 5% annually.

Table: Earnings, &c., for Two Months ending Feb. 28. Columns: Two Months, Operating, Revenues, Income, Deductions, Surplus.

Norfolk (Va.) Terminal Ry.—Mortgage Authorized.—The stockholders on March 20 authorized the making of a mortgage for \$2,000,000. Compare V. 92, p. 660.

Pacific Light & Power Corporation.—New Bonds.—The shareholders will vote May 8 on increasing the bonded debt by \$35,000,000. Compare V. 91, p. 1769.

Peoria & Eastern Ry.—Report.—For year ending Dec. 31:

Table with columns: Cal. Operating Net (after Taxes), Other Fixed Improve-ments, Income, Charges, Bal., Surp.

Philadelphia Baltimore & Washington RR.—Maturing Bonds.—The principal of the \$3,000,000 Baltimore & Potomac 1st M. 6s maturing April 1 1911 will be paid on and after April 1 1911 at the office of Treasurer James F. Fahnestock, Broad St. Station, Philadelphia, or 85 Cedar St., N. Y., the April coupon at the National Mechanics' Bank, Baltimore.

Bonds Offered.—The Pennsylvania RR. Co. has sold to Speyer & Co. \$4,500,000 Phila. Balt. & Washington RR. 1st M. 4% gold bonds due 1943, issued to retire Baltimore & Potomac RR. 6% bonds, \$3,000,000 of which fall due April 1 and \$1,500,000 July 1 1911. These bonds are offered by advertisement on another page, at 102 and interest.

A large amount of the bonds having been sold, the remainder are offered by Speyer & Co. in N. Y., and simultaneously in Boston by Kidder, Peabody & Co., in Baltimore by Alexander Brown & Sons and in Philadelphia by Newburger, Henderson & Loeb.

The mortgage securing these bonds is a first and only lien on the double-track main line of the Pennsylvania RR. system from Philadelphia to Baltimore and Washington. The bonds are tax-exempt in Pennsylvania and are a legal investment for savings banks in New York State and Connecticut. Holders of the old 6% Baltimore & Potomac bonds are offered the privilege of exchange.

Condensed Extracts from Letter of 3d V.-P. H. Tatnall, Phila., Mch. 23 1911

The mortgage securing these 1st M. bonds is limited in amount to \$20,000,000, whereof \$15,070,000 will now be outstanding. Of the remainder of the authorized issue, \$3,930,000 are reserved to retire at or before maturity \$3,930,000 debentures of the Phila. Wilmington & Baltimore RR. Co. which are entitled to the security of this mortgage upon the property between Philadelphia and Baltimore, and \$1,000,000 can only be issued for proper corporate purposes.

The railroad forms the main line of the Pennsylvania RR. System between Philadelphia and Washington. It is a double-track road of high standard, with important terminals of its own in Baltimore, Philadelphia, on the Delaware River front of that city, and in Washington. With the Northern Central Ry. Co., the Phila. Balt. & Wash. RR. Co. owns the Union RR. of Baltimore, which furnishes its direct through passenger connection with that city, and has extensive terminals at Canton, on Baltimore harbor.

Auth. capital stock, \$25,350,450, of which \$25,138,975 is now outstanding. The Phila. Wilmington & Baltimore RR., one of the predecessor companies, for 40 years paid a minimum of 7% dividends on its outstanding capital stock, except in 1895, when it paid 6 1/4%, and 1890 and 1891, when it paid 6%. The present company has paid dividends since its formation in 1902 at the rate of 4% per annum.

Table: Results for Calendar Year 1910, Including All Lines Directly Operated. Columns: Gross revenue, Interest on funded debt, Gross (net) income, Other interest, rents, &c., Surplus after fixed charges.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—Report.—

Table with columns: Cal. Operating, Net (after Taxes, &c.), Other Income, Fixed Charges, Divid's, Balance, Surplus.

The balance as above in 1910, \$6,089,907, there was deducted \$1,231,270 for additions and betterments and \$3,632,821 for additional equipment, leaving a surplus for the year of \$1,225,816.—V. 92, p. 660, 596.

Pontiac Oxford & Northern RR.—Sale.—See Grand Trunk Western Ry. above.—V. 89, p. 1543.

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.—Bonds.—Regarding the company's general mortgage 5s, Comptroller P. S. Young writes March 20 1911:

There are now in the hands of the public \$16,140,000 bonds. The company owns \$13,860,000 of its bonds, of which \$5,000,000 are deposited as collateral to its \$4,000,000 of notes outstanding.

**Pueblo & Suburban Traction & Lighting Co.—Earnings.—**  
Cal. Years— Gross. Oper. Exp. Net. Interest. Bal., Sur.  
1910 -----\$665,695 \$345,499 \$320,196 \$152,498 \$167,998  
1909 ----- 627,174 349,007 287,167 156,012 131,155  
1908 ----- 608,642 324,699 283,943 160,862 123,081  
1907 ----- 601,795 330,606 271,189 159,253 111,936  
1906 ----- 553,606 304,374 249,232 155,113 94,119

**Rutland RR.—Report.—**For cal. years:  
Calendar Year— Operating Net after Other Fixed Improv'ts. Balance.  
Year— (Earnings, Taxes). Income. Charges. Add'ns. &c. Surplus.  
1910 ----- \$3,339,834 \$861,956 \$37,249 \$605,884 \$291,029 \$21,983  
1909 ----- 3,102,432 786,281 52,791 655,067 204,005 -----  
—V. 92, p. 528.

**South Buffalo (N. Y.) Ry.—Workmen's Compulsory Compensation Act Held Unconstitutional.—**The Court of Appeals at Albany on March 24, by a unanimous vote, in the suit brought by Earl Ives, a switchman, held unconstitutional Chapter 674 of the New York Laws of 1910, amending the labor law in relation to workmen's compensation for injuries in certain dangerous employments, including work on steam and electric roads.

Under the law it was only necessary to show that the injury arose through the necessary risk or danger of the employment, "without serious or willful misconduct" on the plaintiff's part, and not to establish that the defendant was at fault. Prior to the enactment of the law the employer could plead contributory negligence. The Court held that the law is invalid in that it takes property without due process of law and contravenes both the Federal and State constitutions. The Special Term upheld the validity of the Act and was sustained by the Appellate Division by a divided vote. Judge Werner wrote the opinion. Compare V. 91, p. 1027.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Reported Negotiations.—**The company, according to the San Francisco "Examiner," is negotiating with a syndicate of London and New York bankers for the sale of its controlling interest in the stock of the Associated Oil Co. Banking circles usually well informed, it is stated, express doubt as to the truth of the report.

The Southern Pacific Co. on June 30 1910 owned \$20,669,022 of the \$40,000,000 stock, \$750,000 of the \$2,316,000 first M. 5% bonds and all of the \$7,296,000 outstanding "first refunding" 5% bonds (V. 91, p. 1649).—V. 92, p. 597, 463.

**Southern Ry.—Listed.—**The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$1,500,000 additional first consolidated M. 5% bonds, due 1994; total listed to date \$59,143,000.

The additional bonds were issued to retire a like amount of old bonds, viz.: \$847,000 Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line lat 4 1/2% (extended to Jan. 1 1920), \$400,000 Richmond York River & Chesapeake 1st 5s, due Jan. 1 1910; \$223,000 Charlotte Columbia & Augusta 2d 7s, due Oct. 1 1910; \$25,000 Charlottesville & Rapidan 1st 6s, due July 1 1913, and \$500,000 Franklin & Pittsylvania 1st 6s, due July 1 1913.

**Bonds Offered.—**Potter, Choate & Prentice, White, Weld & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. are offering, by advertisement on another page, at the market price, yielding over 4 1/2%, the unsold portion of \$2,000,000 of the first consolidated mortgage 5% gold bonds, dated 1894 and due July 1 1994. Authorized issue, \$120,000,000; issued, \$61,500,800. No more of these bonds can be issued except to retire underlying securities. The bankers say:

The property covered by this mortgage includes the greater part of the main line and branches owned by the Southern Ry. Co. extending southward from Alexandria, Va., opposite Washington, D. C., to Brunswick, Ga., and Mobile, Ala., on the south, and westward to Greenville, Miss., reaching every point of importance south of Washington and east of the Mississippi. The issue is (1) a first lien either direct or through deposit of 1st M. bonds on 1,623 miles of road; (2) a lien on 2,481 miles subject to underlying liens at the rate of less than \$20,000 per mile for the retirement of which a sufficient amount of these bonds is reserved; (3) a first lien on securities of roads aggregating 839 miles; and (4) a first lien on leasehold interests and trackage rights on roads aggregating 421 miles; total mileage covered by the mortgage, 5,364 miles.

The issue is followed by \$61,333,000 "development and general mortgage" 4% bonds, \$10,000,000 5% notes, \$99,000,000 pref. stock and \$120,000,000 common stock. Market value of this equity, approximately \$139,000,000. The gross earnings for the fiscal year, 1910 increased \$5,160,401 over those of 1909. Earnings applicable to interest charges increased \$2,139,456, and after the payment of interest charges, &c., there remained a surplus of \$5,737,019, an increase of \$2,167,033 over the previous year. For the first seven months ended Jan. 31 1911, net earnings amounted to \$10,629,012, an increase of \$376,466 over those of the same period of 1910.—V. 92, p. 528, 463.

**Texas & Pacific Ry.—New Directors.—**See Missouri Pacific Ry. above.—V. 92, p. 727, 720.

**Trenton (N. J.) Street Ry.—No Seat, No Fare, Ordinance.—**The company was fined in the Central Police Court on March 4 on a complaint for violation of the "no seat, no fare" ordinance passed by the Common Council in April last.

An appeal is pending to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners to set aside the ordinance as unreasonable and therefore void. The ordinance provides that during certain hours in the day the company must furnish sufficient cars to accommodate all passengers with seats within a given time, under penalty of \$50 for each offence. It was contended that passengers preferring to stand in the aisles or on platform rather than to wait for a later car had a right to do so and that to prevent the collection of fares from them constituted the taking of property without due process of law, and was therefore a violation of the Constitution. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court.—V. 91, p. 1513.

**Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Ry.—Listed.—**The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$1,335,000 additional Central Trust Co. of New York and Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston certificates of deposit for 1st M. 4% 50-year bonds, due 1954, with authority to add \$5,265,000 additional certificates on notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding bonds, making total authorized to be listed \$30,236,000.

The \$6,600,000 additional bonds, certificates of deposit for which are permitted to be listed, are those formerly held by the Wabash RR. and deposited with the Industrial Trust Co. of Providence, R. I., as trustee, as collateral to secure an issue of 2-year 5% Wabash notes which matured May 10 1909. A part of the bonds, it is currently reported, has been sold by the Wabash and the certificates of deposit have been listed for the benefit of recent purchasers, or purchasers of additional bonds in the event of further sales by the Wabash. No confirmation of the sale can, however, be obtained.—V. 92, p. 727, 396.

**Washington Baltimore & Annapolis Electric Ry.—Sold.—**At the foreclosure sale at Annapolis Junction on March 20 the property was bid in by George A. Craig of Cleveland on behalf of the reorganization committee for \$2,501,000. More than 98% of the bonds issued under both mortgages foreclosed (1st M. and 2d M.) have been deposited with the reorganization committee.—V. 92, p. 464.

**Washington-Virginia (Electric) Ry.—Inter-State Commerce Commission Orders Reduction of Fare.—**The Inter-State Commerce Commission on March 17 handed down a decision on the complaint of one Beall against the Washington Alexandria & Mt. Vernon Ry., now consolidated with the company, reducing the price of single trips from Washington to certain points on the line between Washington and Alexandria from 15 cents to 10 cents.

The distance between Washington and Alexandria is 7.5 miles, the rate charged for the entire distance being 15 cents. The distance from Washington to the Four-Mile Run is 4.1 miles; from Washington to Del Ray, the furthest point involved in the complaint, 5.3 miles, and the average distance of all the points involved, 5 miles. The passenger fares were based upon a zone system, the rate increasing 5 cents with each zone. The Commission found that fares of other suburban lines entering Washington for similar or even greater distances are only 10 cents.—V. 92, p. 597.

**Wheeling (W. Va.) Traction Co.—New Stock.—**The company during February 1911, it is stated, increased its capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000.—V. 88, p. 1561.

**Wichita & Midland Valley RR.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—**T. R. Tunis, 205 Franklin Bank Building, Philadelphia, and Wurts, Dulles & Co., 125 South Fourth St., Phila., are offering at 90 and int., netting 5.87% income, with 15% bonus in 6% pref. stock, the present \$1,100,000 1st mtgo. 20-year 5% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1931. Interest A. & O., Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit & Insurance Co., trustee. Guaranteed as to principal and interest by Midland Valley RR. Co. (compare V. 92, p. 462, 114.) by endorsement on each bond. Secured by first mortgage on 55 miles of railroad in course of construction from Wichita, Kansas, to Arkansas City, Kansas, to connect with Midland Valley RR. A circular says in substance:

These bonds, dated Jan. 1 1911, are a 1st M. on 55 miles of railroad in course of construction from Arkansas City, population 9,000, to Wichita, population 61,000, being an extension of the Midland Valley RR., now operating 299 miles of railroad from Fort Smith, Ark., through Oklahoma to Arkansas City, Kan. A lease of the railroad has been made to the Midland Valley RR. Co. by the terms of which the new company is to receive as rental 25% of the gross earnings which shall accrue to the Midland Valley RR. Co. on all business transported over all or any part of the new line and in case the said rental be not sufficient to meet the interest on these bonds and the taxes on the property, the Midland Valley RR. Co. covenants to meet such deficiency. Construction is now well under way and unless unforeseen circumstances occur, the line will be in operation before Sept. 1 1911. Rails 75-lb. steel, 3,000 ties to the mile, well ballasted; siders over 8 miles. Engraved bonds will be ready for delivery Aug. 1 1911, upon making final payment.

The following securities will be outstanding upon the completion of the Wichita & Midland Valley RR. from Arkansas City to Wichita: \$1,100,000 1st M. 20-year 5% bonds, \$440,000 6% non-cum. pref. stock, \$460,000 common stock. In addition \$56,000 common and \$50,000 pref. stock will be listed in exchange, \$ for \$, for railroad bonds issued by the counties through which the new line runs. Of the \$440,000 pref. stock, \$165,000 is reserved for the bonus offered to purchasers of the bonds and \$275,000 has been sold at \$40 per share. Wichita has contributed \$30,000 of railroad bonds towards the construction of terminal facilities in the city, 50 acres for the terminal having been acquired by the railroad in the heart of Wichita.

It is estimated by the traffic offices of the Midland Valley RR. that the rental to the Wichita & Midland Valley RR. should amount to at least from \$75,000 to \$80,000 per annum, or considerably more than enough to pay the taxes and guaranteed interest on the bonds. The Philadelphia directors of the Midland Valley RR. are: Charles E. Ingersoll (Pres.), William F. Harity, John Story Jenks Jr. and Francis I. Gowen.

[Further bonds may be issued only for well-built extensions or branches, exclusive of sidings, at not exceeding \$30,000 a mile, when completed in sections of 1/2 miles. The entire issue of any part not less than \$100,000 (when drawn) may be called and paid at par and interest on any interest day after 90 days' notice.—Ed.]

**York (Pa.) Railways.—Collateral Notes.—**The shareholders on March 21 authorized an issue of \$700,000 of one-two-year 6% collateral trust gold notes, secured by a pledge of York Railways Co. 5% gold bonds (see V. 87, p. 40, and p. 124 of "El. Ry. Sec.")—V. 90, p. 160.

### INDUSTRIAL, GAS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

**American Felt Co.—Re-incorporated.—**This New Jersey corporation was on March 16 re-incorporated in Massachusetts with the same amount of authorized stock as heretofore, namely, \$2,500,000 common and \$2,500,000 6% cumulative pref., the latter redeemable at 105%. Compare V. 92, p. 658.

**American Light & Traction Co.—New Director.—**Gen. J. H. Wilson of Wilmington, Del., has been elected a director to succeed H. L. Doherty, who resigned.—V. 91, p. 591.

**American Oil Fields Co., Los Angeles.—New Bonds.—**The shareholders on or about March 10 received a circular offering them the right to subscribe within 60 days, at 80%, for \$1,000,000 new bonds, convertible for two years into capital stock of twice the par value.

Said to control directly and indirectly oil rights on 17,468 acres in Me Kittrick, Midway, Sunset and Lost Hills districts, practically undeveloped claims, with 16 wells at present producing about 6,500 gal. a day. The land holdings, it is said, have cost in cash \$339,695, in capital stock 153,750 shares and in bonds \$293,700, while development and betterments have aggregated \$893,149. E. L. Doheny is Pres.—V. 90, p. 1432; V. 91, p. 591, 718.

**American Sugar Co.—New Director.—**Samuel McRoberts, Vice-President of the National City Bank, has been elected a director and James H. Gannon Jr., for some time financial editor of the "New York Times," has been appointed Assistant Secretary.—V. 92, p. 657, 661.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co., New York.—Report.—**See "Annual Reports," also "Reports and Documents." Long Distance Service New York to Denver, 1,450 Miles.—By means of improvements made under the Pupin patents, the company has recently placed in operation a long-distance

line between New York and Denver, a distance of about 1,450 miles. It is hoped to have the line ready for use by the public not many weeks hence.—V. 92, p. 528, 397.

**American Woolen Co.—Reduction of Common Stock.**—It was announced on March 18 that the shareholders would meet April 28 to vote on confirming the action of the board in regard to reducing the common stock from \$30,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by canceling \$498,900 of stock never issued and also \$9,501,100 stock which has been bought in by the company. The block last named, it is rumored, was acquired in the interest of the company during an interval covering a good many months at prices supposed to average slightly over \$30 per share.

*Statement by President W. M. Wood.*

After nearly 12 years' waiting, it would seem that the time has come when some consideration is due the common shareholders. The directors have felt that they could not justifiably enter on a dividend-paying course on the common stock until they were confident of being able to continue that dividend with the same regularity that now attaches to the pref. shares. With the common capital represented by 300,000 shares, and assuming the dividend rate to be established at 4%, it would require for such a payment \$1,200,000 a year. But with the common capital reduced to 200,000 shares, a dividend at the same rate would require \$800,000—a saving of \$400,000 a year.—V. 92, p. 657.

**Associated Oil Co., California.—Report.**—See Southern Pacific Co. under "Railroads" above.

**New Mortgage.**—Vice-President and Gen. Mgr. W. S. Porter under date of Feb. 10 last wrote:

There remains outstanding \$2,384,000 of our first mtge. bonds. We have recently authorized a \$25,000,000 issue of first mtge. refunding bonds, out of which it is proposed to retire the old issue. These new bonds will be put out shortly unless the entire issue is sold in a block.—V. 92, p. 204.

**Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Listed.**—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$10,000,000 first M. 5% 30-year bonds due 1940. Common stock, \$9,200,000; pref. 6% cumulative, \$10,800,000.

*Report.*—For calendar year:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, and Description. Rows include Sales (\$29,037,999), Manufacturing profit (\$3,360,725), Standard Steel div. rec'd. (\$600,000), Other income (\$407,779), Gross profit (\$4,368,504), and Deduct (Bond int., 7 mos. \$281,173; Other charges \$75,757; Maint. and depreciation \$94,304).

"Other charges" as above include: "Other interest payments" \$410,697; portion of discount, sale of bonds, \$118,867; taxes, \$27,950; misc., \$18,264. The Standard Steel Works Co., whose \$3,000,000 stock is all owned, had sales amounting to \$5,241,846; manufacturing profit, \$1,526,629; charges, \$310,696; depreciation, \$226,532; dividends, \$800,000; sinking fund, \$200,000; balance, surplus, \$189,400. Bonds outstanding Dec. 31 1910, \$4,300,000 (V. 89, p. 1416).—V. 91, p. 40.

**Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Bonds Offered.**—The Royal Securities Corporation, Ltd., Montreal, &c., in Canada, and Lee, Higginson & Co., N. Y., Boston and Chicago, offered this week at 102 and int. \$1,250,000 5% bonds of 1907, due April 1 1925, par \$500 and \$1,000 e\*. Present authorized issue, \$7,500,000; outstanding (including bonds just offered), \$4,899,000. "Value of plant (not incl. real estate), \$17,445,959; 8% dividends continuously for 25 years." Compare V. 92, p. 598.

**Bell Telephone of Missouri.—Dividends Resumed.**—A dividend of 1% (supposed to be a quarterly distribution) has been declared, payable April 1.

Quarterly distributions of 2% each, or at the rate of 8% per annum, were made for some years up to Oct. last, but in Jan. 1911 no payment was made.—V. 91, p. 35.

**Bituminous Coal Companies.—Trade Situation.**—The "Engineering & Mining Journal", N. Y., March 18, said:

The situation in the bituminous coal-mining industry in undoubtedly bad. Mines of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Colorado are being operated at only about 60% of their capacity; those of the Southwest at about 60%; of Alabama, about 55%; of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois at only about 40%. This does not mean that consumption is bad. It means rather that the productive capacity has been greatly over-extended.—V. 91, p. 1449.

**Booth Fisheries Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.**—Jus. B. Colgate & Co., New York and Washington, D. C., are offering by advertisement on another page, at 98 1/2 and int., yielding 6.15%, the unsold portion of the present issue of \$4,000,000 sinking fund 6% debenture gold bonds, dated April 1 1911 and due April 1 1926, but redeemable or may be drawn for sinking fund at 101 and int. Interest payable A. & O. at Nat. City Bank, New York, and in Chicago at Central Trust Co. of Illinois (the trustee). Authorized issue, \$5,000,000; reserved for additions to 80% of actual cost, \$1,000,000; now issued \$4,000,000. Par \$1,000 (e\*).

There is outstanding \$2,000,000 of 6% non-cumulative preferred stock, selling about 80, and \$5,000,000 of common stock selling about 55. The management we believe to be able and aggressive. The control of the company by Chicago business men of high standing is provided for by a voting trusteeship continuing for 10 years, the trustees being Knowlton L. Ames, James A. Patten, Rufus C. Dawes, F. C. Letts and M. H. Whitney, all of Chicago. Application will be made to list these bonds in Chicago.

The bonds are offered simultaneously in Philadelphia by Robert Glendinning & Co. and in Chicago by S. B. Chapin & Co.

**Abstract of Statement by Vice-Pres. Knowlton L. Ames, Chicago, Mch. 22.** The sinking fund of \$150,000 per annum which the company obligates to maintain is cumulative as to interest on bonds in the sinking fund and. It is computed, will amortize all save \$509,000 of the bonds before the maturity of the issue. Bonds may be called and redeemed in whole or in any part, but not less than \$250,000 at any one time, at 101 and accrued int. on any interest date on 30 days' notice.

The proceeds of these bonds are to be applied (1) to the redemption and cancellation of \$1,425,000 of Booth Fisheries Co. 5% debenture bonds now outstanding; (2) to the purchase of entire capital stock and all assets of the Northwestern Fisheries Co., free from any debt, and (3) to provide \$500,000 additional working capital. Upon retirement of outstanding debentures, the Booth Fisheries Co. will have no debt outstanding except \$337,500 of mortgages on cold-storage plants in St. Paul and Detroit, which are now being paid under sinking fund provisions at \$37,500 per year; a \$15,000 mortgage on Cleveland property, this issue of debenture gold bonds and its bills and accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business.

[A Seattle paper states that the Northwestern Fisheries Co. produces about 25% of the entire output of salmon.—Ed.]

Table with 3 columns: Item, Amount, and Description. Rows include Total Net Profits of the Two Companies for the Calendar Year 1910 (\$996,138), Booth (\$559,482), Deduct Int.: Cold-storage bonds (\$17,448), Annual sinking fund requirement on new bond issue (\$150,000), and Leaving, on basis of new fixed charges (\$588,690).

The net earnings of the Booth Fisheries Co. for May 22 1909 to April 30 1910 (49 weeks) amounted to \$233,995, and from May 1 1910 to Dec. 31 1910 (eight months) the net earnings were \$413,772. The net earnings of the Northwestern Fisheries Co. for the year 1910 were \$436,656, in 1909 \$237,959, and in 1908 \$232,412, an average of over \$302,000 a year.

The Northwestern Fisheries Co. has 12 plants on the Alaskan Coast which it operates, also the necessary vessels and equipment therewith.

The Booth Fisheries Co. owns over 70 branches in large cities of the United States, producing stations on all the Great Lakes and on the Pacific Ocean, four large public cold-storage plants and cold-storage plants for the freezing and carrying of its own fish at nearly all of its branches. In many of the large cities it owns real estate and buildings upon which its branches and cold storage plants are located. The company operates passenger and freight boats on Lake Superior and Georgian Bay; it also has numerous fishing boats and tugs on all the Great Lakes and on the Pacific Ocean.

The value of the real estate and tangible assets, including net quick assets, of the Booth Fisheries Co. and the Northwestern Fisheries, are estimated at \$7,500,000, and could not be duplicated for a sum largely in excess of that amount. The arbitrary appraised valuation of these tangible assets, after deducting an excessive arbitrary depreciation charge to Dec. 31 1910, stands on the books at \$1,500,000. The Booth Fisheries Co., on consummation of the purchase of the Northwestern Fisheries Co., will have approximately \$2,250,000 of net current quick assets alone. The trade names, trade-marks and brands of both companies are well known throughout the United States and have, therefore, substantial value.

The indenture securing these bonds specifically provides that so long as any of the bonds remain unpaid, (1) neither corporation will pledge any of its assets, or directly or indirectly, make or negotiate any bonds, notes or other obligations or contracts, without expressly providing that all such bonds, notes, obligations and contracts, &c., shall be inferior to the rights of the holders of the bonds secured by this indenture. (2) That the company shall not declare or pay any dividends on its stock (except from accumulated net income, after the sinking fund requirement and interest on the bonds shall have been set apart or paid, (3) That the net quick assets (cash, good accounts, bills and notes receivable and merchandise figured at cost or at the market value if the market shall be below cost, less accrued liabilities), shall not fall below \$1,250,000. (4) Should the company dispose of any of its real estate or plants, the proceeds shall be reinvested in real estate or plant, or shall be used to retire bonds or to increase the net quick assets in excess of \$1,250,000. (5) The remaining \$1,000,000 of bonds shall be held by the trustee and be issued only for additional property hereafter acquired, or additions or improvements and betterments to an amount not exceeding 80% of the actual cost thereof.

**Directors, &c.**—On March 22 the shareholders authorized the new securities, &c., and four new directors were announced. The board now includes:

Pres. Frank C. Letts, A. E. Cleaves, A. I. Valentine, K. L. Ames, W. N. Akers, H. R. Warden, H. T. Holtz, C. H. Whitelaw and R. T. Carroll, the four last-named having succeeded Frank O. Wetmore, Ralph Van Vechten, Alexander Robertson and B. G. Sammons.

**Dividends Begun.**—The directors have declared an initial dividend of 3% on the pref. stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 30.—V. 92, p. 727, 661.

**Buffalo Gas Co.—Report.**—For calendar year:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Net Profit, Bond Int., Bal., Surp., Total Surp. Rows for 1910 and 1909.

**Bush Terminal Co.—Sale of Guaranteed Bonds.**—See Bush Terminal Buildings Co. below.—V. 90, p. 1771.

**Bush Terminal Buildings Co.—Guaranteed Bonds Sold.**—The Bush Terminal Co. has sold \$3,700,000 of the present issue of \$1,000,000 1st M. 50-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds to a syndicate headed by F. J. Lisman & Co. A public offering will probably be made within the next month.

The bonds constitute a first mortgage on nine city blocks in Brooklyn and four modern loft and factory buildings in that Borough, as well as on two additional, which will be ready for occupancy May 1 and two more construction of which was recently started. They are also a first mortgage on the office building at 100 Broad St., Manhattan, and several buildings at the rear, as well as being a first lien on the new 10-story loft structure which the company is building on East 20th St., Manhattan.

The bonds are guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the Bush Terminal Co. Total authorized issue, \$12,000,000, dated April 1 1910 and due April 1 1960. Int. A. & O., at office of Columbia Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. Par, \$1,000 e\*. The proceeds of the bonds now sold will be used for reimbursing the Bush Terminal Co. for advances made to its subsidiary, the Bush Terminal Buildings Co. The funds thus obtained will be used by the Bush Terminal Co. for new building operations. Compare V. 88, p. 163; V. 89, p. 348, 1485; V. 91, p. 1771.

**Canada Cement Co., Ltd., Montreal.—Debenture Stock for Retirement of Pref. Stock.**—Notice is given that application will be made at the present session of the Parliament of Canada for an Act to authorize the creation of debenture stock and the issuing of the same for the redemption of the issued and outstanding preferred shares.

*Report.*—For calendar year 1910:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Net profits (\$1,177,698), Deduct bond interest (\$300,000), and Balance sheet Dec. 31 1910.

**Canadian Steel Foundries, Ltd.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.**—Subscription books were opened at Parr's Bank, Ltd., London, March 11 to 13 for \$410,900 (\$2,000,000) 6% "1st M. and collateral trust bonds," which were offered at 102, with principal and interest unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.

Dated March 1 1911, due March 1 1935, but callable on certain conditions at 110. Authorized \$5,000,000; present issue, \$3,650,000, including \$750,000 reserved to retire like amount of Montreal Steel Works 50-year 6s (V. 91, p. 621). Present stock issue, pref., 7% cum., \$1,400,000; common \$3,000,000; par \$100. Compare V. 92, p. 464.

**Central Leather Co.—New Officer.**—P. A. Valentine has been elected chairman of the board of directors and Chairman of the executive committee.—V. 92, p. 661, 658.

**Chino Copper Co.—Listed.**—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has listed \$3,500,000 stock; par of shares \$5. No bonds. A Maine corporation which on Oct. 20 1909 succeeded to the property of the Santa Rita Mining Co., embracing patented mining claims, covering 1,877 acres, in Grant Co., N. M. Company has done no commercial mining.

**Cities Service Co.—Notes Convertible into Company's Pref. Stock.**—See Denver Gas & Electric Co. below.—V. 92, p. 728.

**Cleveland (O.) Electric Illuminating Co.—Bonds All Sold.**—Spencer Trask & Co. and Wurts, Dulles & Co. announce that all of the \$1,000,000 1st M. 5% bonds offered by them by advertisement in last week's "Chronicle" have been sold to investors. Compare V. 92, p. 728.

**Columbia Gas & Electric Co., Cincinnati.—\$1,330,863 for Redemption of Bonds.**—The Knickerbocker Trust Co., N. Y.,

the mtg. trustee, will receive tenders of 1st M. 5% bonds (auth. issue \$25,000,000; outstanding at last accounts \$15,-820,000) for redemption through the sinking fund, at not exceeding par and int., to the extent of \$1,330,863 38, at its office, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, on or before April 11 1911.

At the annual meeting held on Feb. 25 President A. S. White reported a reduction of \$1,000,000 in the company's indebtedness and stated that arrangements had been made to retire some 32,000,000 bonds. A recent appraisal made by New York experts, with a view to placing a large block of bonds in Europe, showed, he said, a total valuation of about \$33,000,000. Compare V. 90, p. 845; V. 86, p. 1346, 1532.

**New Directors.**—J. Walter Freiberg, N. S. Keith and John Omwake, of Cincinnati, were recently elected directors, to succeed H. A. Everett, of Cleveland, T. Clauss, of Cincinnati, and J. C. McDowell, of Pittsburgh.

**Status of East Ohio Gas Co.**—See that company in V. 92, p. 661, and compare V. 90, p. 845.—V. 91, p. 1097.

**Commonwealth-Edison Co., Chicago.**—**Dividend Rate Increased from 6% to 7%.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾%, payable May 1 to holders of record April 15. This increases the annual rate to 7%, contrasting with 6% since Nov. 1 1908 and 5% theretofore since the consolidation in 1907. Stock outstanding, \$32,875,000.—V. 91, p. 1444.

**Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.**—**Prior Lien Pref. Stock Called.**—The entire issue of \$700,000 prior lien pref. stock has been called for redemption on April 1 1911 at 105 and accrued dividend (3%) at the Continental Trust Co., Baltimore. The option of exchange (V. 92, p. 529) expired March 1.

**Option to Subscribe.**—Holders of stock, common or preferred (other than prior lien pref.), of record March 28 1911 will be permitted to subscribe at par (\$100 a share) on or before March 30 for \$800,000 new common stock, in the first instance for any amount thereof, but in case of an over-subscription to the extent of 6.32% of their holdings of either class, payable April 1 at the office, 100 West Lexington St., Baltimore.—V. 92, p. 728, 599, 529.

**Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd.**—**Report.**  

Calendar Year.	Net Profits.	Dividends (2%).	Balance.	Total Surplus.
1910	\$178,925	\$124,216	\$54,700	\$310,734
1909	145,029	145,029	155,025	155,025

The dividends included are two of 1% each, paid in August and November 1910. A third div. of 1% was paid Feb. 29 1911, calling for \$62,198.

**New Director.**—Dr. Howland of Toronto has been elected a director to succeed Mark H. Irish.—V. 91, p. 339.

**Davis-Daly Copper Co.**—**Notice.**—Notice is given: Unless the assessment of \$1 per share on the stock, which was to have been paid 50c. July 20 and 50c. Sept. 20 1910, pursuant to resolution of the board of June 13 1910, shall be paid on or before April 12, the Treasurer will sell at public auction at Exchange Saferooms, 14 and 16 Vesey St., N. Y. City, on April 12 1911, a sufficient number of such shares in default to pay the said assessment or call with the incidental charges, pursuant to law and to the by-laws of the company.—V. 91, p. 97.

**Denver Gas & Electric Co.**—**New 6% Notes for Refunding, &c.**—**Issue Convertible into Pref. Shares of Cities Service Co.**—Swartwout & Appenzeller, 44 Pine St., N. Y. City, are offering at 99¾ and int., for delivery on or about April 1, the unsold portion (less than one-third) of the new issue of \$2,500,000 of convertible 6% coupon gold notes of \$1,000 each, dated April 1 1911 and due April 1 1914, but callable on 60 days' notice at 101 and int. Interest A. & O. Notes endorsed: "Convertible at any time into Cities Service Co. 6% cumulative preferred at 95" (V. 91, p. 656; V. 92, p. 728). The Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., registrar. A circular says: Issued to retire a present outstanding 6% coupon note issue of \$1,000,000 maturing Sept. 6 1911 (V. 91, p. 714), and an outstanding balance of \$936,600 1st M. 6% bonds of the Denver Consolidated Gas Co. maturing Nov. 16 1911, and to provide for extensions and improvements. These \$2,500,000 notes increase the interest charges of the company by only \$33,804 per annum, and accordingly the present net earnings applicable to interest on this note issue are more than 5½ times the interest charges on the issue. Both gross and net earnings have increased regularly month by month over corresponding months of preceding year since 1902. Cities Service Co. has no bonded debt, and the present value of its endorsement is indicated by a market value of its outstanding preferred and common stock of more than \$9,000,000. [The Cities Service Co. owns practically all of the \$3,500,000 stock of the Denver Gas & Electric Co. and it has outstanding \$8,327,930 pref. and \$4,720,333 com. stock.—Ed.]

The retirement of the \$936,600 Denver Consol. Gas Co. bonds by the proceeds of this note issue releases to the treasury \$435,600 Denver Gas & Electric Co. gen. M. 5% bonds now in escrow for this retirement. The general mtg. issue then becomes a closed first mortgage issue, and these \$936,600 bonds will be held in trust solely for the retirement of this note issue. The company agrees further that during the life of these notes no new bond issue shall be placed upon the property unless provision be made that the proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be used to retire these notes or be put in trust for their maturity; or that of the new bonds, double the par value of this outstanding note issue shall be set aside as security for these notes, this security to be in addition to the \$936,600 gen. mtg. 5s referred to above. The company operates the only gas and electric distributing systems in Denver, Col. (population 213,341 in 1910— a 63% increase in 10 years) under a 20-year franchise granted in 1905.

**Growth of Company since 1903, as Shown by Earnings for Years Ended Jan. 31**  

1903	1905	1907	1909	1910	1911
Gross \$806,827	\$1,286,839	\$1,735,471	\$2,187,128	\$2,413,229	\$2,694,678
Net. \$298,939	\$321,438	\$386,060	\$534,874	\$1,037,613	\$1,162,422
Fixed chgs. (incl. int. on \$1,936,600 obligations now being retired)					442,532

Final net. ----- \$719,890  
 Compare V. 91, p. 654, 656, 719.

**Called Bonds.**—The company has called \$60,750 of its 5% general mortgage bonds for redemption at 103 and int. at the Trust Co. of America, New York, on or before May 1.—V. 91, p. 719, 656.

**International Nickel Co.**—**Dividend Increased.**—A dividend of 2½% has been declared on the \$11,542,662 common stock payable June 1 to holders of record May 12, comparing with 1% and 1½% extra paid quarterly from Dec. 1909 to March 1911 and 1% on Sept. 1909. An extra dividend of 25% was paid in July 1910.—V. 91, p. 1713.

**Jacksonville (Ill.) Water Works Co.**—**Suit.**—See Jacksonville in "State and City Dept."

**Lackawanna Steel Co.**—**Bonds Offered.**—Procter & Borden, N. Y. City, recently offered at the market price \$1,000,000 5% convertible gold debentures bonds, dated March 1 1910, Auth. and outstanding, \$10,000,000.—V. 92, p. 593, 599.

**Lake Superior Paper Co., Ltd.**—**Bonds Offered.**—Chaplin, Milne, Grenfeld & Co., Ltd., London, were authorized by the contractors for the issue to receive applications at £97% until March 17 for £719,000 1st M. 30-year gold 6s, due 1941, approximately equivalent at par of exchange to \$3,500,000; total auth., \$5,000,000.

On completion of the proposed paper mill, it is estimated that the property will be worth \$6,980,000 and that with an initial output of 54,000 tons of paper there will be net profits of \$618,840 to meet interest, sinking fund, &c. Compare V. 92, p. 600.

**Macon (Ga.) Gas Light & Water Co.**—**City Bonds Voted.**—See "Macon" in "State and City Dept."—V. 91, p. 1577.

**Midvale Steel Co., Phila.**—**Report.**—For years and Oct. 31:  

	1909-10	1908-09	1907-08	1906-07	1905-06
Net profits	\$1,311,181	\$355,347	\$306,272	\$414,929	\$962,167
Dividends	367,500	159,000	75,000	206,250	375,000

Balance, surplus \$943,681 \$405,347 \$331,272 \$708,679 \$587,167  
 A stock dividend of 1,200% was paid to stockholders of record Feb. 23 1910, increasing the amount to \$9,750,000.—V. 92, p. 466.

**National Biscuit Co.**—**New Director.**—J. W. Ogden has been elected a director to succeed B. F. Crawford, deceased.—V. 92, p. 656, 600.

**National Packing Co.**—**Decision.**—Judge Carpenter, in the U. S. District Court at Chicago, on March 22 handed down a decision denying the motion of the beef packers to quash the indictments against them charging a conspiracy in restraint of inter-State trade in violation of the Sherman law.

The main point decided is that the immunity granted by Judge Humphrey in 1906 related to present and not future crimes and does not prevent the use of evidence of acts committed before 1906 to prove the existence of an illegal combination subsequent thereto.

A conspiracy to accomplish an unlawful act is, it is stated, in its nature a continuing act, and continues until abandoned or its object is accomplished. So long as the parties contemplate further action to the attainment of their ultimate object, the agreement exists, and this further action may consist alone in accepting the benefits of the agreement. The continued operation of the unlawful combination, notwithstanding the former conviction, is in itself a new violation of law. Immunity does not mean license; if it did, to confess one's crime is to give perpetual permission to violate law. As a result of the decision it is expected that an early day will be set for the trial of the defendants on the merits.—V. 91, p. 1775.

**National Rice Milling Co., New Orleans.**—**Dividend.**—Under date of March 4 we learn that the only dividend paid on either stock since April 1909 was 4% on the preferred Jan. 6 1910.—V. 87, p. 1424.

**New York Dock Co.**—**Dividend Reduced.**—The company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 1¼% on the \$10,000,000 5% non-cumulative preferred stock, payable April 15 to holders of record April 1, comparing with 2% semi-annually from April 1907 to Oct. 1910 and with ½% extra in Oct. 1908. V. 91, p. 944.

**Preferred Stock Dividend Record Prior to 1911.**  
 DIVIDENDS.— 02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, 1910, 1911.  
 On Preferred ----- 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 4 4 4 4

President F. S. Landstreet is quoted as saying the reduction in the dividend was due to the large increase in the assessed valuation of the property (which was considerably larger than tax payments unless the company's suits contesting the valuation are successful) and to the fact that liberal expenditures are now being made for improvements and further expenditures are contemplated.—V. 91, p. 944.

**Ottawa (Ont.) Light, Heat & Power Co.**—**Dividend Increase.**—A quarterly dividend of 1¾% has been declared, payable April 1 to holders of record March 25, contrasting with 1½% quar. and 2% extra (in Dec.) in 1910.

**Report.**—For calendar years, controlled companies:

	Gross.	Net.	Int.	Dis.	Ret'ns.&c.	Balance.
Ottawa (1910)	5445,273	\$243,110	\$37,500	\$58,000	\$104,434	\$13,187
El. Co. (1909)	382,860	200,506	37,500	63,917	103,828	def 739
Ottawa (1910)	1,192,775	\$57,994	\$17,437	\$40,000		sur 467
Gas Co. (1910)	175,820	55,297	16,877	29,246	15,697	def. 6,524

The parent company owns \$1,000,300 of the \$1,100,000 stock of the Electric Co. and \$490,100 of the \$500,000 stock of the Gas Co., and received therefrom as dividends (6% per ann. and 2% bonus) in 1910 \$124,422, which was wholly distributed in quarterly dividends (Q-M. 31) on its own stock at rate of 6% per annum and an extra 2% Dec. 31 1910. The company on Feb. 1 1911 declared a stock bonus of 25%, payable Feb. 15 to shareholders of record on Feb. 9, presumably to offset in part the appreciation in value of the stocks owned, which theretofore had been carried in the balance sheet at par. This increases the outstanding stock from, say, \$1,580,400 to about \$1,975,500. The only bonds are \$750,000 5s of Ottawa El. Co. (5000,000 1st M. due Dec. 1 1920; \$250,000 ref. 1st M. of an auth. \$750,000 due 1933) and \$247,335 debenture 5s of Ottawa Gas Co. redeemable Jan. 1 1934. T. Ahearn is Pres. and D. R. Street Sec.-Treas.—V. 92, p. 326.

**Portland (Ore.) Gas & Coke Co.**—**Earnings.**—  

Year ending—	Gross.	Exp. & Taxes.	Net.	Bond Int.	Div. Sur.
Nov. 30 1910	\$901,267	\$501,340	\$399,927	\$161,200	\$238,727
July 31 1910	850,550	486,701	363,849	152,950	210,899
March 31 1910	794,343	478,182	321,161		

 \* Annual interest on bonds now outstanding.

Outstanding capitalization: Common stock, \$3,000,000; pref. stock, 7% cum. (total auth. \$1,500,000, \$1,100,000; first and refunding mtg. 5s, \$2,819,000; Portland Gas Co. 1st M. 5s, \$404,000.—V. 91, p. 1028.

**Ray Consolidated Copper Co.**—**Listed.**—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$11,991,750 stock, with authority to add \$8,250 stock as issued in exchange for outstanding Gila Copper Co. stock. There were recently offered and sold \$3,000,000 10-year 6% convertible bonds. Compare V. 91, p. 1634, 1388, 1264, 1250.

**Republic Iron & Steel Co.**—**New Officers.**—President T. W. Guthrie having tendered his resignation as President and director, effective April 15, Vice-Pres. Thomas J. Bray has been elected President; Sec.-Treas. Harry L. Rownd has been made Vice-Pres. and Treas., and Richard Jones Jr., General Attorney for the company, has been elected Sec.

Chairman John A. Topping states that Mr. Guthrie retires to engage in other business, to the regret of the executive committee.—V. 92, p. 184.

**Rochester (N. Y.) Telephone Co.**—**Offer by Bell Interests for Control.**—The security holders' committee, consisting of George R. Fuller, Edward W. Peck and Charles H. Poole,



announced by circular on March 17 that the Friendship Telephone Co., which is owned by the New York (Bell) Telephone Co., had offered to purchase the stocks and bonds of the following allied companies at the prices named below, provided the holders of all said securities to the minimum amounts indicated shall assent and deposit their holdings with the Fidelity Trust Co. of Rochester on or before April 15:

	Purchase Price.	Minimum Amount.	Total Outstanding.
Rochester Telephone Co stock	-----	\$318,200	\$483,400
do do 1st M. bonds	Par & int.	88,200	98,000
do do gen. M. bonds	80% flat	1,038,500	1,151,000
Roch. Syr. & Utica Tel. Co. stock	-----\$75 a share	9613,200	963,200
Utica Home Telephone Co stock	-----\$50 a share	9181,300	475,000
do do 1st M. bonds	85% flat	9309,200	466,100
Onondaga Ind. Telep. Co. stock	-----\$45 a share	94,426 shrs.	1,255,100

The coupons due April 1 to be detached and cashed as usual. In addition to the "minimum amount" of securities here shown, the purchaser, it is said, would acquire through the Rochester Telep. Co. \$288,000 stock in the Roch. Syr. & Utica Telep. Co., and through purchase of the control of the last-named company, some \$275,000 stock and \$121,000 bonds in the Utica Home Telep. Co., and all the remaining stock of the Onondaga Ind. Telep. Co. The transaction, it is stated, would involve about \$2,500,000, and affect some 30,000 subscribers' stations, doing away with possibly 10,000 duplicate telephones and greatly improving the character of the service.—V. 88, p. 1503.

**Sears-Roebuck Co.**—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized to be listed on April 1 the \$10,000,000 additional common stock to be paid on that day as a 33 1-3% stock dividend, raising the amount listed to \$40,000,000 (V. 92, p. 601; V. 91, p. 1388). The new stock will participate in the dividend to be paid May 15.—V. 92, p. 601, 391.

**Shawinigan Water & Power Co.**—On 5% Basis.—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the stock, comparing with 1% quarterly during the two previous years and increasing the annual rate from 4 to 5%.—V. 92, p. 326.

**Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.**—Denial.—The company has issued a denial of rumors that preparations have been made for a reorganization of the company in anticipation of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the pending Government suit.—V. 92, p. 122.

**Toronto Electric Light Co.**—Electors to Vote on Purchase.—See Toronto in "State and City" Dept.—V. 92, p. 730.

**Underwood Typewriter Co.**—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$5,000,000 7% cumulative preferred and \$8,500,000 common stock. No bonds issued.

Earnings.—For calendar year 1910:

Gross income	\$8,712,024	Special surplus capital	
Net profits after depreciation	1,007,824	reserve	\$142,403
Deduct—Prof. divs., 7%	263,300	Balance, surplus	602,518
			—V. 90, p. 1428.

**Union Sugar Co., San Francisco.**—New Stock.—The shareholders of this beet sugar company will vote May 10 on increasing its capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000; par of shares \$25. J. G. Whittington, Secretary. Compare "Pacific Group" in table under Am. Sugar Ref. Co. in V. 91, p. 1573.—V. 90, p. 981.

**United Dry Goods Companies.**—Purchase of Ehrich Bros. Stock.—The company has purchased the entire stock of general merchandise of Ehrich Bros., 6th Ave. between 22d and 23d Sts., this city, who have retired from business. Neither fixtures nor business are included.—V. 92, p. 392, 193.

**United Metals Selling Co.**—Offers for Minority Stock.—The Amalgamated Copper Co., having purchased a majority of the stock at \$246 a share, offers to purchase the remainder at the same price for cash any time from March 24 to June 1. Compare V. 92, p. 727, 60.

**United States Envelope Co.**—Dividend on Account of Accumulations.—The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% on the \$3,750,000 7% stock on account of accumulated dividends, payable May 10 to holders of record April 22, reducing the amount of overdue dividends to 8%. A payment of 1 3/4% on account of back dividends was made in May 1909, one of 2% in Nov. 1909 and one of 1% in Nov. 1910.

Regular Dividend (%) Paid on Preferred Stock.

1898	1899	1900	1901	1902-1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
2	7	7	5 1/4	5 yearly	5 1/4	6	6	6	6	7	Feb. 3 1/2	
—V. 92, p. 592, 457.												

**United States Realty & Improvement Co.**—Earnings.—For ten months ending Feb. 28:

1910-11	1909-10	1910-11	1909-10		
Gross profits	\$2,217,618	\$2,144,644	Int. on debts	\$500,000	\$546,967
Exp. & taxes	384,428	358,421	Divs. (9 mos.)	606,105	565,688
Net profits	\$1,833,190	\$1,786,223	Surplus	\$787,115	\$673,558
* 3 1/2%.					

Gross profits for Feb. 1911 were \$245,667; net profits, \$211,236, and surplus after interest on debentures, \$161,236.

**New Director.**—President C. W. Poillon of Mercantile Trust Co. has been elected a director to succeed Oakleigh Thorne, who resigned, and John F. Harris of Harris, Winthrop & Co., succeeds Mr. Thorne as a member of the executive committee.—V. 92, p. 468, 398.

**Universal Caster & Foundry Co.**—Called Bonds.—Nineteen mortgage 6% bonds secured by mortgage Dec. 14 1903, will be paid at par and interest at the Fidelity Trust Co., of Newark, trustee, on April 1.—V. 90, p. 788.

**Uswoco Mills, Lawrence, Mass.**—Dividends.—The first quarterly dividend on the pref. stock has been declared, payable April 15 on stock of record March 31, under lease described last week (p. 737).

The usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has also been declared on the pref. stock of the U. S. Worsted Co., payable on April 15. The Treasurer's office of both companies is at 100 Fifth Ave., N. Y. P. Robert G. Sjöström is Treasurer. See also V. 92, p. 737.

**Utica Gas & Electric Co.**—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$500,000 additional "refunding and extension" M. 5s due 1957; total listed \$2,500,000.

These additional bonds were offered by N. W. Harris & Co. in January last at 101 and int. The issue of bonds under the ref. and extension mtg. is limited to \$3,000,000; the \$2,500,000 uninsured are reserved either for retirement of certain underlying bonds or for not exceeding 75% of the cost of permanent extensions, additions, &c., provided the earnings are at least 9% (nearly twice fixed charges) on all bonds, including amount to be issued. The underlying (closed mortgage) bonds aggregate \$2,390,000, viz: \$1,000,000 Utica Electric Light & Power Co. 1st 5s, due Jan. 1 1950 (three); it is stated, will have been practically retired at maturity by the sinking fund; \$1,000,000 Equitable Gas & Electric Co. 1st 5s, due April 1 1942 and \$390,000 Herkimer County Lt. & Electric Co. 1st 5s, due July 1 1930. The company has four hydro-electric plants, with a total of 13,600 hydro-electric horse-power developed (Trenton Falls, West Canada Creek, 8,000 h.p.; Dolgeville, East Canada Creek, 3,400 h.p., and Little Falls, N. Y., on Mohawk River, "Mill Island," 1,800 h.p., completed early in 1911, and small plant, 400 h.p.); and two steam plants in Utica with a combined capacity of 8,000 h.p.

Earnings.—For calendar years 1910 and 1907:

Cal. Year.	Gas.	Electricity.	Total Sales.	Net Income.	Interest Charges.	Dividends Paid.	Surplus.
1910	\$368,606	\$591,582	\$960,192	\$436,435	\$226,436	\$140,000	\$110,999
1907	290,309	476,797	767,106	399,395	219,500	(7)	180,095

Capital stock, \$2,000,000. Compare V. 87, p. 541.—V. 91, p. 1715.

**Utica (N. Y.) Knitting Co.**—Prof. Stock Offered.—Spencer Trask & Co., New York, Albany, Boston and Chicago, are offering at par (\$100 a share) by advertisement on another page, \$500,000 7% cumulative pref. stock, total issue authorized and outstanding \$1,300,000. Dividends Q.-J. Principal and dividends protected by stringent provisions. An official statement reports:

The Co. is the largest manufacturer of knit underwear in the U. S. Output in 1910 over 10,000,000 garments. Operates 45,000 spindles day and night, producing yearly over 6,000,000 lbs. of cotton yarn, mostly used in its own business. Common stock outstanding, \$1,000,000; bonds only \$135,000.

Sales and Net Profits Available for Dividends.

Period Covered.	Total Income.	Net Earnings.	Interest Charges.	Dividends.	Balance, Surplus.	
1900	\$633,043	\$1,595,886	\$2,665,924	\$3,300,925	\$3,601,751	\$4,110,634
1901	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1902	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1903	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1904	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1905	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1906	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1907	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1908	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1909	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000
1910	500,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	2,400,000	2,800,000	3,200,000

Average net profits last 6 years, \$240,752. Pref. dividend charge is \$91,000. Further particulars another week.—V. 87, p. 1538.

**Werner Company (Publishers), Akron, Ohio.**—Receiver's Sale.—The property was sold at receiver's sale on March 15 for \$275,000 to E. C. Brooks, the only bidder, acting for President Paul. It is announced that as soon as the sale is confirmed, a new corporation will be formed under the name of the New Werner Co.—V. 92, p. 602.

**Western Electric Co., New York and Chicago.**—Report.

Period Covered.	Total Income.	Net Earnings.	Interest Charges.	Dividends.	Balance, Surplus.
13 mos. end. Dec. 31 1910	\$68,861,455	\$5,419,159	\$884,893	\$1,700,000	\$2,834,276
Year end. Nov. 30 1909	45,575,138	2,404,010	313,746	1,200,000	890,264
1910-1911	1,910	8%	1,910	8%	

From the surplus as above in 1910, \$2,834,276, there was transferred to reserves \$1,150,000, leaving \$1,684,276.—V. 91, p. 1435.

**Westinghouse Machine Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.**—Plan Operative.—The creditors' committee announced on March 21 that the extension plan had been declared operative and that a new \$10,000,000 "first and refunding" mtg. had been placed on the combined properties of the Westinghouse Machine Co. and the Westinghouse Foundry Co., the capital stock of the latter being owned by the Machine Company.

Bonds secured by this mortgage will be pledged (a) with the Colonial Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, to secure the \$6,000,000 outstanding note issues, which have been extended for a period of three years; (b) to secure other mtg. indebtedness, leaving over \$1,000,000 of bonds to be sold to provide working capital.

The directors are: President George Westinghouse, H. H. Westinghouse, H. M. Brackenridge, J. D. Callery, William H. Rea, John Forbes Wallace, Horace E. Smith, H. C. Buchanan and T. L. Brown. The finance committee includes H. M. Brackenridge as Chairman; William H. Rea and T. L. Brown. See plan, V. 91, p. 1518, 1635, 1779.

**Westmoreland Coal Co., Philadelphia.**—Dividend Reduced.—The directors on March 21 declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2%, payable April 1 to stockholders of record March 21, thus reducing the annual rate from 10% to 5%. The "Philadelphia News Bureau" of March 21 said:

The decrease in the dividend rate is directly attributable to the long strike in the Western coal fields and the failure of the State and county authorities to maintain order. The company has a capital of \$5,000,000 (in \$40 shares) and it has maintained a 10% dividend rate since 1904, and in some recent years an extra dividend of 2% has been made. In April 1904 a stock dividend of 25% was declared.

The company's output of coal in 1910 in the 19th bituminous district Penn. is reported to have been 1,473,898 tons. E.F.J. Compare V. 85, p. 1323.

—On April 3d F. J. Lisman & Co. will open a branch office in Chicago at 184 La Salle Street, in The Temple Building, under the management of Frederick Carles, who for the past two years has had charge of the Municipal Bond Department of the Farwell Trust Co., and for eleven years previously was associated with Vermilye & Co. and its succeeding firms, Mackay & Co., and Wm. A. Read & Co. in New York. In Chicago, as in New York, this well-known firm will deal especially in unlisted securities and railroad bonds of high grade.

—Edward L. Brewster, a well-known stockbroker of Chicago, died on the 21st inst. Mr. Brewster was born in Brockport, N. Y., in 1848, but had resided in Chicago since 1860. In 1872, with John H. Wrenn, he formed the banking firm of Wrenn & Brewster, later known as Edward L. Brewster & Co., and finally becoming Russell, Brewster & Co., of which his son Walter is a member, Edward L. Brewster having been a special partner.

—A joint offering of \$2,000,000 Southern Railway Co.'s first mortgage 5% bonds is advertised elsewhere in this issue by White, Weld & Co., Potter, Choate & Prentice and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., of this city. Investors can realize 4 5/8% income at the present market price of these bonds.

—Clark, Dodge & Co. and Strong, Sturgis & Co. are offering by advertisement on another page Tennessee Coal Iron & RR. General Mortgage five per cent gold bonds due 1951. See details in advertisement. The bonds are offered at a price to yield about 4.77%.

## Reports and Documents.

## THE NEW YORK CENTRAL &amp; HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1910

## To the Stockholders of the New York Central &amp; Hudson River Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31 1910, with statements showing the results for the year and the financial condition of the company.

The mileage embraced in the operation of the road is as follows:

	Miles.
Main line and branches owned.....	805.49
Proprietary lines.....	3.06
Lines leased*.....	2,621.11
Lines operated under contract.....	81.70
Trackage rights.....	273.67
Total road operated.....	3,785.03

The slight increase in road mileage operated is due to change of alignment and measurement at various points on the system and the extension of two branches of the Beech Creek Extension Railroad by 2.94 miles. A statement showing in detail miles of road and track operated will be found upon another page.

The capital stock authorized to December 31 1910 is.....\$250,000,000 00

There was issued and outstanding on December 31 1909.....\$178,632,000 00  
There was issued during the year 1910.....44,097,300 00

the amount outstanding on December 31 1910 being.....\$222,729,300 00  
leaving a balance authorized but not issued of.....27,270,700 00

The funded debt outstanding on December 31 1909 was \$240,914,845 00  
There has been issued and sold during the year a part of the issue of gold debentures of 1904 amounting to.....5,000,000 00

making the total bonded debt outstanding on Dec. 31 1910.....\$254,914,845 00

There has also been placed upon the general books of the company its pro rata liability in connection with the certificates issued under the trust agreements, as follows:

Equipment trust certificates of 1907.....\$10,317,581 54  
Less payment in the month of November.....793,660 12

Net amount outstanding Dec. 31 1910.....\$9,523,921 42  
Equipment trust certificates of 1910.....6,509,466 30

Mortgage on real estate in the city of New York.....150,000 00

bringing the total funded debt as shown on the balance sheet of December 31 1910 to.....\$271,098,232 72

\* The Dunkirk Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh Railroad, 90.51 miles. Is also leased by this company, but its mileage and operations are not included in this report. Separate accounts are kept and independent returns prepared in its behalf.

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

	1910. 3,785.03 miles operated.	1909. 3,781.83 miles operated.	Increase (+) or Dec. (-). +3.20 miles.
<b>Operating Income—</b>			
Rail operations—			
Revenues.....	\$99,908,478 17	\$93,171,860 69	+6,736,617 48
Expenses.....	74,079,086 58	64,593,826 35	+9,485,260 23
Net revenue from rail operations.....	25,829,391 59	28,578,034 34	-2,748,642 75
Percentage of Exp. to Revenues.....	(74.15%)	(69.33%)	+(4.82%)
<b>Outside operations—</b>			
Revenues.....	4,791,030 30	4,517,996 90	+273,033 40
Expenses.....	4,909,808 90	4,312,028 96	+597,779 94
Net revenue from outside operations.....		205,967 94	
Net loss on outside operations.....	118,778 60		-324,746 54
Net revenue from all operations.....	25,710,612 99	28,784,002 28	-3,073,389 29
Taxes accrued.....	4,697,826 30	4,434,504 32	+263,321 98
Operating Income.....	21,012,786 69	24,349,497 96	-3,336,711 27
<b>Other Income—</b>			
Joint facilities rents.....	1,451,212 04	1,274,627 35	+176,584 69
Miscellaneous rents.....	319,527 90	506,611 57	-187,083 67
Dividends on stocks owned or controlled.....	11,150,915 74	7,692,497 79	+3,458,417 95
Interest on funded debt owned.....	573,754 67	577,901 13	-4,146 46
Interest on other securities, loans and accounts.....	1,595,601 41	1,080,595 14	+515,006 27
Miscellaneous income.....	355,321 51	260,625 88	+94,695 63
Total other income.....	15,446,333 27	11,392,858 80	+4,053,474 41
Gross corporate income.....	36,459,119 96	35,742,356 82	+716,763 14

	1910. 3,785.03 miles operated.	1909. 3,781.83 miles operated.	Increase (+) or Dec. (-). \$
<b>Deductions from Gross Corporate Income—</b>			
Rentals of leased lines.....	10,058,290 85	9,943,576 81	+114,714 04
Hire of equipment.....	972,557 08	959,684 09	+12,872 99
Joint facilities rents.....	538,131 73	440,441 42	+88,690 31
Miscellaneous rents.....	504,305 88	83,037 29	+421,338 59
Interest on funded debt.....	9,162,019 59	8,913,651 53	+248,368 06
Interest on equipment trust certificates.....	630,097 20	548,948 26	+81,148 94
Other interest.....	80,848 89	940,070 39	-860,121 50
St. L. & A. Railway: Interest, rental, &c.....	74,000 00	74,000 00	
N. Y. & Ottawa Railway: Interest on bonds.....	58,240 00	58,240 00	
Other deductions.....	91,866 67	75,366 67	+16,500 00
Total deductions from gross corporate income.....	22,170,447 89	22,046,936 46	+123,511 43
Net corporate income.....	14,288,672 07	13,695,420 36	+593,251 71
Dividends, four each year*.....	13,363,758 00	8,031,600 00	+4,432,158 00
Surplus for the year.....	924,914 07	4,763,820 36	-3,838,906 29
Appropriations for additions and betterments.....	924,914 07		+924,914 07
Balance for year carried to profit and loss.....		4,763,820 36	-4,763,820 36
Balance to credit of profit and loss December 31 1909.....			\$15,409,187 67
Against this there has been charged:			
Discount or loss on sundry securities.....		335,352 33	
Uncollectible charges, sundry adjustments, &c. (net).....		323,033 96	
Commissions, discounts and expenses account Equipment Trust of 1910.....		141,376 76	
Abandoned property at various places.....		979,650 41	
Cash payments and 1910 installments on account New York Central Lines Equipment Trusts transferred to appropriated surplus.....		1,592,157 84	
			3,071,571 30
Balance December 31 1910.....			\$12,337,616 37

\* Dividend in 1910, 6% on 2,227,293 shares of stock; in 1909, 5% on 1,786,320 shares.

For the year covered by this report the revenue from transportation was \$98,685,744 75, an increase of \$6,447,221 47; revenue from operations other than transportation was \$1,222,733 42, an increase of \$289,396 01; revenue from outside operations (connected with, but in addition to transportation by rail) was \$4,791,030 30, an increase of \$273,033 40.

The total gross revenue from all operations was \$104,699,508 47, an increase of \$7,009,650 88.

All sources of revenue from transportation have shown an increase with the exception of the mail service.

Freight revenue was \$58,411,234 14, an increase of \$3,961,952 67. The revenue freight carried amounted to 47,066,839 tons, an increase of 2,894,885 tons over last year, nearly reaching the tonnage of 1907, which still represents the highest level. Substantial increases show in all commodities with few exceptions the largest increases occurring in coal and other minerals, metals and building material.

The revenue from passengers amounted to \$30,992,855 71, an increase of \$1,990,944 53. An increase in the number of local passengers carried of 1,317,999 and an increase of 967,489 in commutation passengers carried, with a slight increase in the average distance of travel and in the average receipts per mile, show that the passenger traffic over this company's lines continues in a satisfactory condition.

The revenue from express traffic was \$4,122,283 51, an increase of \$40,708 02, due to an enlarged volume of business.

The expenses of rail operations amounted to \$74,079,086 58, an increase of \$9,485,260 23.

The operating expenses, by groups, were:

Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$14,060,177 83
Maintenance of equipment.....	16,936,253 24
Traffic expenses.....	2,487,227 74
Transportation expenses.....	37,938,526 75
General expenses.....	2,658,901 02
Outside operations.....	4,909,808 90

In maintenance of way and structures the cost has increased largely in every item, due to a greater amount of work being necessary than in the previous year; 12,094 tons of new rails, most of them of the 80 lb. size, at an increased average cost, having been laid in excess of the total of the year 1909, and approximately 300,000 additional new ties placed; these two items accounting for \$578,072 29 of the increase. Signal and inter-locking plants called for an outlay of \$503,165 24 larger than in 1909, buildings, fixtures and grounds an additional \$346,531 12 and repairs of bridges, trestles and culverts added \$204,617 58 to the total increase.

In maintenance of equipment an increase of \$1,514,605 03 is shown, due mainly to a largely increased charge for repairs of steam locomotives and passenger cars.

Traffic expenses, being those charges incurred in soliciting and procuring traffic outside of its actual movement by rail, amounted to \$2,487,227 74, an increase of \$213,400 06, mainly due to larger payments for outside agencies and expenses of fast freight lines.

The cost of transportation shows large increases in nearly all of the accounts, the most noticeable being in fuel for locomotives, those engaged in yards being charged with \$176,481 65 more than in 1909, and those in general service on the road \$1,000,248 52, due to increased cost and to the greater amount of work performed, represented by an increase of 3,610,899 miles, each engine having averaged 1,486 more miles. The new rates of pay arranged in the early part of the year have been responsible for heavy increases in the cost of transportation. Engineers have received \$817,569 48 and trainmen \$1,143,989 46 more than in the year 1909. Some of these increases are due to larger operations, indicated by the greater mileage of locomotives, an increase of 2,531,528 miles traveled by trains and of 26,939,577 miles by cars; but the larger portion of them is caused by the increase in the rates of wages. The total increase in cost of transportation is \$4,629,211 93, nearly 14%.

General expenses show an increase of \$561,888 46, principally in the items of pensions and general office clerks and expenses. The increase in pensions is due to the development of the pension plan which was adopted on November 10 1909, by which, effective January 1 1910, employees who had reached seventy years of age, or were incapacitated for further work by reason of disabilities were, under certain restrictions, granted a life pension based on previous compensations and service, in lieu of the former rule of granting gratuities. The increase in the item of general office salaries and expenses was due to a great extent to the increasing exactions of the Federal and State commissions, affecting the executive and accounting departments, together with the unusual number of elaborate and exhaustive studies, reports and data prepared during the year.

In outside operations a loss of \$118,778 60 is shown. Deficits of \$287,756 66 in harbor terminal transfers, \$209,093 82 in the operation of dining and special cars, and \$90,157 81 in ferry lines have been more than the profits from other outside operations could offset, although electric-light and power plants, gas producing plants, grain elevators, stock yards, freight storage plants and the restaurant services have all produced fairly satisfactory profits.

Taxes have increased \$263,321 98, in which is included \$150,564 54 for the tax on the income of corporations levied by the Federal Government and paid by this company on behalf of itself and various leased lines.

In other income an increase of \$3,458,417 95 is shown in dividends on stocks owned or controlled, and an increase of \$515,006 27 in interest on other securities, loans and accounts. The increase in dividends is due principally to an extra dividend of six per cent declared and paid by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company in March.

In deductions from gross corporate income, rentals of leased lines increased \$114,714 04, due principally to the charge for interest on improvement bonds issued in 1910 by the Boston & Albany Railroad Company and a full year's interest on similar bonds issued in 1909.

Interest on bonds of this company shows an increase of \$248,368 06, due to the issue during 1910 of \$5,000,000 additional Gold debentures of 1904 and the payment of a full year's interest upon the Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroad mortgage bonds. Interest on equipment trust certificates increased \$81,148 94, due to the issue of certificates under the trust agreement of 1910. Other interest decreased \$860,121 50, due principally to the retirement of the three-year gold notes of 1907.

The surplus for the year, after paying a dividend of \$13,363,758 00, representing six per cent upon the capital stock, was \$924,914 07, which amount was appropriated for improvements made upon the property.

Extraordinary expenditures during the year were as follows:

For additions to property other than equipment .....	\$4,960,177 90
For equipment in excess of value of equipment retired .....	6,272,537 62
For construction work on leased lines and for Grand Central terminal improvement .....	\$10,492,007 60
Less amount refunded from proceeds of securities of lessor companies .....	2,000,000 00
	8,492,007 60
	\$19,724,723 12

In addition to the above there has been added to the property, under the head of trust equipment, \$16,873,001 65, to cover the value of the equipment delivered under the agreements of 1907 and 1910; the value of the remaining equipment, represented by outstanding certificates, is covered by a special deposit in the hands of the Guaranty Trust Company awaiting the delivery of the equipment, and appears in its proper place on the balance sheet.

Details of the above-mentioned expenditures are shown on subsequent pages.

The operation of trains by electricity has been extended to Hastings on the Hudson River Division for trains equipped with the multiple-unit system and the extension of electric operation on the Harlem Division from Wakefield to North White Plains has been accomplished.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the work on the new Grand Central Terminal and increased facilities for the operation of trains have been provided.

The new office building on Lexington Avenue was occupied by the executive, financial and accounting departments early in the year and other departments followed as space was provided. The old Grand Central Station building was abandoned and is now almost entirely demolished. Work upon the street viaducts has been vigorously carried forward and this portion of the improvement is expected to be completed by the end of the year 1912. The new main station building is far advanced and the engineers in charge of the project estimate that it will be ready for use by the middle of the year 1912. The Merchants' Loft Building, erected on a portion of the Terminal site as a joint investment of this company and the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, is nearing completion.

The company acquired in exchange for \$5,000,000 gold debentures of 1904 the entire issue of preferred stock of the Geneva Corning & Southern Railroad Company, amounting to \$5,000,000.

To obtain the locomotives and cars necessary for immediate requirements, the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, together with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, the Michigan Central Railroad Company, the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company and the Chicago Indiana & Southern Railway Company has become a party to an equipment trust agreement and lease dated January 1 1910, known as the "New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1910." This agreement provides for an issue of \$30,000,000 of equipment trust certificates, bearing interest at 4½% per annum, being 90% of the total cost of the equipment to be furnished under the terms of said agreement. These certificates are to be paid off in fifteen annual installments of \$2,000,000 each, the first installment being payable January 1 1911. The cost of the equipment to be leased under the terms of the agreement by this company will be \$7,232,740 33 and its pro rata liability for certificates representing 90% of the cost is \$6,509,466 30. Full particulars as to the character of the equipment acquired will be found upon another page.

The results of the operation of the property for the fiscal year have not been as favorable as, at the beginning of the year, it was expected they would be.

Early in the year demands were made by employees in train, engine and yard service on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for an increase in pay. After prolonged negotiations, in order to avoid a strike, the question was, under the provisions of the Erdman Act, referred to the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor. The result substantially increased the wage scale of the employees involved. Reference is here made to this decision because it formed a basis for demands upon all other carriers in Eastern territory.

Our employees in train and yard service immediately presented demands for the adoption of the Baltimore & Ohio schedule of pay. Conferences were held and every possible effort exerted to avoid making any increases. These conferences finally resulted in a deadlock, the organizations insisting on their full demands, which the management felt could not be conceded.

A vote of employees was taken, resulting almost unanimously in favor of a strike. A further conference was then had and arbitration under the Erdman Act suggested, which was declined by the employees. It was then suggested that the matter be left to the New York Public Service Commission and this suggestion was also declined.

Finally, in order to avoid a strike, which would have been disastrous to the railroads, the employees and the communities served by our lines, an offer was made to submit the matter to Mr. E. E. Clark, a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and formerly Grand Chief of the Order of Railway Conductors, and Mr. P. H. Morrissey, formerly President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. After twenty-four hours' deliberation the proposition was accepted.

By this arbitration an increase of about \$3,600,000 per annum in wages of employees was made and changed conditions of service included in the finding very materially increased this amount.

Similar increases were demanded and, by similar arbitration, enforced, on substantially all the lines between Chicago and the Atlantic seaboard.

After carefully measuring the effect of this increased cost of operation, it was felt that an increase in revenue must be provided, which could best be accomplished by an increase in class rates and certain commodity rates, on which little or no increase had been made in something like thirty years, during which time wages and the cost of materials used in railroad service had greatly increased. Tariffs were filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission on May 31 1910, which would, under existing law, have become effective thirty days thereafter. A bill had been introduced in Congress very largely increasing the authority of the Commission, including, among other things, the right to suspend the taking effect of any proposed increase in rates for a period not exceeding ten months, and it was feared that the filing of the tariffs might be construed as an effort to evade the provision of the proposed law. This company, therefore, in conjunction with other roads in interest, announced through the press, and subsequently advised the President of the United States and the Inter-State Commerce Commission, that the rates filed would be subject to the provisions of any amendment to the Inter-State Commerce Law

that might be passed and that the Commission could fix the date on which the increased rates should become effective.

Under this arrangement, successive suspensions of the proposed increases were made by the Commission, the last one on January 30 to March 15 1911.

On February 22, while this report was being compiled, the case was decided by the Commission, denying all increases asked for, requiring the withdrawal of the proposed tariffs on or before March 10 1911, and giving notice that if they were not so withdrawn, an order would be issued directing the maintenance of the present rates for a period of two years from that date.

The amendment to the Inter-State Commerce Act above referred to, which was introduced and became effective after the filing of the tariffs, contained a provision that:

"At any hearing involving a rate increased after January 1 1910, or of a rate sought to be increased after the passage of this Act, the burden of proof to show that the increased rate or proposed increased rate is just and reasonable shall be upon the common carrier."

The increased expenses became effective April 1; the public hearings on the applications for increased rates began during the summer and were concluded in November.

In deciding the case in the territory east of Chicago, the Commission said in part:

"Upon a view of the whole situation we hold that these defendants have not established such need for additional revenue as justified, at this time, an increase in these rates.

"It has been several times stated in the course of this discussion, and should be repeated here, that in view of the complex character of this problem, nothing but an actual test can satisfactorily determine the financial results from the operations of these several carriers. There is no evidence before us which establishes the necessity for higher rates. The probability is that increased rates will not be necessary in the future. In view of the liberal returns received by these defendants in the past ten years, they should be required to show, with reasonable certainty, the necessity before the increase is allowed."

The earnings of the fiscal year ended June 30 1910 were the largest in the history of the carriers in Official Classification Territory, reflecting the rebound from the depression of 1908-09, coupled with a full, normal crop of agricultural products; while the year previous, with which comparison was frequently made, showed the smallest gross earnings of any year in the five-year period, 1906 to 1910 inclusive. Furthermore, the fiscal year ended June 30 1910 included but three months of the augmented expense of operation caused by the increase in wages, and the carriers felt that it could not be regarded as a normal year, or be accepted as a safe basis for judging the probable results of future operations upon the higher basis of expenses.

In presenting the case to the Commission, the evidence adduced by the carriers, of necessity, consisted largely of expressions of opinion and estimates based upon the best judgment and experience of the witness. Under these circumstances, success was doubtful. Under the test exacted by the Commission that "nothing but an actual test can satisfactorily determine the financial results from the operation of these several carriers," it was impossible, because the time available between the filing of the proposed tariffs and the decision of the case did not admit of the application of that test.

To apply a rule of this character to every appeal for relief on the part of the carriers might involve great injustice and it should be stated that the language of the decision indicates that it applies only to this particular case.

The decision is qualified as follows:

"If actual results should determine that our forecast of the future is wrong, there might be grounds for asking a further consideration of the subject.

"But it should be further said that, before any general advance can be permitted, it must appear with reasonable certainty that carriers have exercised proper economy in the purchase of their supplies, in the payment of their wages and in the general conduct of their business."

This assurance of the Commission of its willingness to give further consideration to this subject, if results shall demonstrate that the forecast upon which the decision is based was mistaken, is eminently fair, and no exception can be taken to the conditions imposed that the carriers must show that proper economy in the payments of wages, purchase of supplies, etc., is exercised. In this connection, however, it is due the management that the shareholders be advised that over the one item of wages, representing from sixty-three to sixty-five per cent of the total operating expense, the railroads have been by statute deprived of very substantial control.

Under the Erdman Act passed by Congress in June 1898, it is provided among other things:

"That whenever a controversy concerning wages, hours of labor or conditions of employment shall arise between a carrier subject to this Act and the employees of such carrier, seriously interrupting or threatening to interrupt the business of said carrier, the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor shall, upon the request of either party to the controversy, with all practicable expedition, put themselves in communication with the parties to such controversy, and shall use their best efforts, by mediation and conciliation, to amicably settle the same; and if such efforts shall be unsuccessful, shall at once endeavor to

bring about an arbitration of such controversy in accordance with the provisions of this Act."

The Act provides that one arbitrator shall be named by the carrier or employer, another by the labor organization to which the employees directly interested belong; the two thus chosen to name the third, and in the event of a failure to so name a third arbitrator, then the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor shall make the selection. Arbitration almost invariably means compromise, and this is especially true where labor is involved on one hand and an employing corporation on the other.

Labor is so thoroughly organized that a strike on one system would very rapidly spread to all roads in common territory, and the effect of such a struggle would be so widespread and so disastrous that no railroad would, even with the most ample justification, undertake it except as a last resort. With the aid of public opinion, inspired by a statement from the Chairman of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Commissioner of Labor, that in their opinion a demand for an increase in wages was not justified, a railroad might enter upon a contest of this kind with hope for a favorable result; without this support, the struggle would be well nigh hopeless.

Without entering upon a discussion of the fairness of the general basis of wages paid employees of the carriers, it may be said that the present level is largely the result of successive mediations and arbitrations under the Erdman Act, and is higher than can, in the judgment of railroad managers of long experience, be continued by many of the roads upon the present basis of freight and passenger rates in the territory east of Chicago.

Increased cost of living, the rising cost of commodities of almost all kinds, has been a compelling argument in favor of advancing wages. In recognizing these conditions as affecting the employee, it is not unreasonable to hope the Commission will realize that the same conditions apply to the employer, and that increases to the former made effective by mediation or arbitration involve some measure of responsibility for the effect of such increase upon the ability to pay, of the latter.

In regard to the purchase of the millions of dollars worth of supplies and materials bought by the railroads annually, while absolute honesty and the highest commercial ability may not be found in every transaction, it is doubtful if, taken as a whole, any other business of like magnitude will show a cleaner record.

Fuel represents nearly one-third of the cost of all material used by the railroads, and investigation will show that the railroads buy coal at a substantially lower price than almost any other large consumer; as a rule at a price that leaves an exceedingly slender margin above cost.

Fuel, rail, ties, lumber, locomotives, cars and other large items in the list of material and supplies, are purchased very largely on contracts, which are open to the inspection of agents and inspectors of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, who have as full access to the books and records of the railroads as national bank examiners have to those of the national banks. In any investigation which the Commission may find necessary or desirable, the responsible officers of the railroad in any department may be required to submit, under oath, to the most rigid examination.

Under these circumstances, substantially exact knowledge is possible, and any doubt that may exist in the minds of the Commission may be confirmed or dissipated by such an investigation.

Pursuant to the suggestion of the Commission, the advanced tariffs have been withdrawn.

The decision has been accepted in good faith, and every method of economy that can be enforced without resulting in deterioration of the property or impairment of the efficiency of the service is being adopted.

In March 1910 it was the judgment of your Board of Directors that the financial results of the year ended December 31 1909, and the outlook for the ensuing year, justified increasing the rate of dividend on the capital stock of the company from five to six per cent per annum.

As a first measure of retrenchment, at a meeting of the Board held on March 8 1911, the dividend was reduced to a five per cent basis.

If the forecast of the Inter-State Commerce Commission that increased volume of business and such economies as can wisely be adopted will offset the large increase in cost of operation is realized, then the railroads will very gladly acknowledge that they were mistaken in their apprehensions.

On the other hand, if the results of operation, as they shall be developed month by month, demonstrate that those apprehensions were not entirely groundless, further appeal will, in due time, be made to the Commission, with full confidence that needed relief will be granted.

The management is under renewed obligation to the Public Service Commissions of the State of New York and to the Massachusetts Board of Railroad Commissioners for helpful co-operation in improving the service and in fostering cordial relations between the road and its patrons.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made of the faithful, efficient performance of duty by employees in every department of the service during the year.

WILLIAM C. BROWN,  
President.

NEW YORK CENTRAL & HUDSON RIVER RR.—CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1910.

ASSETS. Property owned as investment—Physical property owned: Road and equipment to June 30 1907: Road \$155,206,878 71 Equipment 59,106,588 77 \$214,313,267 48 Road and equipment since June 30 1907: Road \$14,998,476 12 Equipment 8,746,516 62 General expenditures 384,182 62 Trust equipment 16,673,001 65—41,002,177 01 \$255,315,444 49 Securities owned—Securities of controlled companies, pledged: stock \$109,920,970 00 Securities of proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies, unpledged: Stock \$11,805,413 21 Funded debt 9,771,327 69 31,636,740 90 Other permanent investments—Physical property \$2,885,584 78 Grand Central Terminal Improvement 19,439,969 05 New York & Harlem Railroad Company 18,717,308 54 Securities 8,631,680 68 49,674,553 05 Total property owned as investment \$436,547,708 44 Working Assets—Cash \$6,777,901 21 Securities issued or assumed, held in Treasury: Treasury stock 300 00 Marketable securities: Stock \$26,172,573 07 Funded debt 1,509,110 35—37,681,683 42 Loans and bills receivable: New York State Realty & Terminal Co \$19,645,000 00 Mohawk Valley Co 1,540,000 00 Terminal Ry. of Buffalo 665,000 00 Rutland RR. Co 323,000 00 New Jersey Shore Line RR. Co 453,000 00 N. Y. & Ottawa Ry. Co 288,880 00 Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation 397,000 00 Miscellaneous 1,402,591 58—24,724,471 58 Net traffic, car mileage and per diem balance 3,226,409 78 Net balance due from agents and conductors 3,439,085 49 Miscellaneous accounts receivable 8,171,738 05 Materials and supplies 9,144,817 29—83,166,406 82 Deferred Debit Items—Advances: Working funds \$247,392 34 Other advances: West Shore RR. Co \$9,504,885 92 Geneva Corning & Southern RR. Co 2,906,987 25 Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg RR. Co 1,950,666 57 Other companies 3,486,835 35—17,149,375 09 Insurance premiums paid in advance 3,228,666 60 Special deposits 2,000 00 Cash in redemption fund 2,000 00 Items in suspense 1,879,577 94 22,522,028 75 \$542,236,144 01

LIABILITIES. Stock—Capital stock, common \$222,724,400 00 Consolidation certificates 4,900 00 \$222,729,300 00 Mortgage, bonded and secured debt—Funded debt: Mortgage bonds: Gold mortgage bonds \$89,000 00 00 00 Collateral trust bonds: Lake Shore collateral \$90,578,400 00 Mich. Cent. collateral 19,336,445 00 109,914,845 00 Debentures: Debenture of 1900 \$5,500,000 00 Gold debentures of 1904 48,000,000 00 53,500,000 00 Equip. trust obligations: Equip. trust cts. 1907 \$9,523,921 42 Equip. trust cts. 1910 6,509,466 30 16,033,387 72 Miscellaneous: Spuyten Duyvil & Port Mor. RR. mtg. bonds \$2,500,000 00 Mortgage on real estate 150,000 00 2,650,000 00 271,098,232 72 Working liabilities—Loans and bills payable \$80,000 00 Net traffic, car mileage and per diem balance 5,381,212 19 Audited vouchers and wages unpaid 9,026,809 29 Matured dividends, interest and rents unpaid 3,883,889 77 Matured mortgage, bonded and secured debts unpaid 16,790 00 Working advances due to other companies: Boston & Albany RR. Co \$3,871,615 73 Home Watertown & Ogdensburg RR. Co 112,999 39 Geneva Corning & Southern RR. Co 544,533 75 West Shore RR. Co 91,159 89 Carthage & Adirondack Ry. Co 25,402 44 Walkill Valley RR. Co 59,549 37 4,705,060 57 Other working liabilities 4,835 60 23,098,687 42 Accrued liabilities not due—Dividends declared and interest and rents accrued, not due \$6,311,547 72 Taxes accrued 1,800,238 23 \$8,111,805 95 Deferred credit items—Operating reserves: Reserves for replacement of property 3,134 56 Appropriated surplus—Additions to property through income since June 30 1907 4,857,366 99 Free surplus 12,337,616 37 Profit and loss 12,337,616 37 \$542,236,144 01

[Comparative statistics of operations, revenue, charges, &c., will be found in the "Railroad Department" on page 791.]

THE LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1910.

To the Stockholders of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended Dec. 31 1910, with statements showing the results for the year and the financial condition of the company.

The mileage embraced in the operation of the road is as follows:

Miles. Main line and branches 871.03 Proprietary lines 280.32 Leased lines 414.73 Trackage rights 87.83 Total road operated 1,662.91

There was no change in capital stock during the year, the amount authorized and outstanding Dec. 31 1910 being \$50,000,000.

The funded debt outstanding on Dec. 31 1909 was \$150,400,000 00 It has been increased during the year by the issue and sale of 25-year 4% gold bonds of 1906, out of a remaining unissued balance of \$15,000,000 \$9,280,000 00

There has also been placed upon the general books of the company its pro rata liability in connection with the certificates issued under the New York Central Lines equipment trust agreements of 1907 and 1910 \$19,585,005 97 28,865,005 97 Total \$179,265,005 97

It has been decreased during the year by the retirement of 3-year 5% gold notes issued by the company Feb. 1 1907, aggregating \$15,000,000 00 Also by the payment on Nov. 1 of the company's pro rata of the third installment on the equipment trust certificates of 1907 \$447,226 18 15,447,226 18 Total funded debt Dec. 31 1910 \$163,817,779 79

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

1910. 1909. Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Miles operated \$1,662.91 \$1,662.79 +0.12 Operating Income—Rail Operations: Revenues 49,420,210 99 45,110,997 15 +4,309,213 84 Expenses 34,920,932 90 28,023,661 04 +6,897,271 86 Net Revenue from Rail Operations 14,499,278 09 17,087,336 11 -2,588,058 02

Percentage of Expenses to Revenues (70.66%) (62.12%) (8.54%) Outside Operations: Revenues 559,376 73 422,399 56 +136,977 17 Expenses 609,092 28 501,306 73 +107,785 55 Net Deficit from Outside Operations 49,715 55 78,907 17 -29,191 62 Net Revenue from all Operations 14,449,562 54 17,008,428 94 -2,558,866 40 Taxes Accrued 1,720,182 33 1,458,905 00 +261,277 33 Operating Income 12,729,380 21 15,549,523 94 -2,820,143 73 Other Income—Fire of equipment 383,818 19 \*272,621 06 +656,439 25 Joint facilities rents 350,446 54 381,596 15 -31,149 61 Miscellaneous rents 70,209 43 43,070 37 +27,139 06 Dividends on stocks owned or controlled 7,755,013 50 4,550,205 62 +3,204,807 88 Interest on funded debt owned 164,946 87 231,310 00 -66,363 13 Interest on other securities, loans and accounts 1,005,914 11 1,268,721 45 -262,807 34 Miscellaneous income 721,738 05 11,983 69 +709,754 36 Total Other Income 10,452,086 69 6,214,266 22 +4,237,820 47 Gross Corporate Income 23,181,466 90 21,763,790 16 +1,417,676 74 \* Debt. Deductions from Gross Corporate Income—Rentals of leased lines 2,268,573 56 1,858,691 23 +409,882 33 Joint facilities rents 336,967 81 277,237 45 +59,730 36 Miscellaneous rents 8,122 88 5,051 46 +3,071 42 Interest on bonded debt 5,454,783 05 5,920,000 00 -465,216 95 Interest on equipment trust certificates 542,595 54 309,331 44 +233,264 08 Other interest 410,222 83 75,181 93 +335,040 80 Dividend on guaranteed stock 96,030 00 64,020 00 +32,010 00 Other deductions 277,135 80 336,728 52 -59,592 72 Total Deductions from Gross Corporate Income 9,394,431 47 8,846,242 05 +548,189 42 Net Corporate Income 13,787,035 43 12,917,548 11 +869,487 32 Rate of dividends (18%) (12%) (+6%) Dividends (18% 1910, 12% 1909) 8,903,970 00 5,935,980 00 +2,967,990 00 Surplus for the Year 4,883,065 43 6,981,568 11 -2,098,502 68 Additional equipment 1,263,186 28 -1,263,186 28 1910 installments on 1907 and 1910 trust equipment 1,365,297 22 -1,365,297 22 Balance to credit of Profit and Loss 3,517,768 21 5,718,381 83 -2,200,613 62

Balance to credit of profit and loss for the year 1910.....	\$3,517,768 21	
Amount to credit of profit and loss Dec. 31 1909.....	27,166,038 10	
		\$30,683,806 31
<i>Add:</i>		
Profit from sale of Jamestown Franklin & Clearfield Railroad Company bonds.....	\$1,430,000 00	
Profit from sale of Hocking Valley Railway Company stock.....	177,300 00	
		1,607,300 00
		\$32,291,106 31
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Discount on \$9,280,000 gold bonds of 1906.....	\$741,321 25	
Discount, commission and expenses on account of New York Central Lines equipment trust certificates of 1910.....	299,565 71	
Commission and expenses on 1-year franc notes.....	11,920 40	
Initial payment of 10% on New York Central Lines equipment trust of 1910, credited to appropriated surplus.....	1,481,957 25	
Net loss in adjustment of sundry accounts.....	35,122 65	
		2,569,887 26
Balance to credit of profit and loss Dec. 31 1910.....	\$29,721,219 05	

The operating revenues for the year were \$49,420,210 99, an increase of \$4,309,213 84 as compared with the previous year.

Revenue derived from transportation of freight amounted to \$32,646,535 52, an increase of \$2,911,258 90, due to the greater tonnage handled, the principal increases being in bituminous coal, ores, other mineral and manufactured products.

Passenger revenue was \$11,130,124 78, an increase of \$975,904 61, due to a larger number of both interline and local passengers carried.

The revenue from transportation of mails was \$2,124,214 11, an increase of \$27 41.

Revenue from express traffic was \$1,649,342 83, an increase of \$147,320 75.

Other passenger train revenue, including excess baggage and milk, amounted to \$689,425 30, an increase of \$51,501 09.

Switching and other transportation revenue amounted to \$679,648 33, an increase of \$75,466 34, due principally to larger receipts from switching service.

Other than transportation revenues were \$500,920 12, an increase of \$147,734 74, due mainly to larger collections of car demurrage and additional revenue derived from the rental of buildings and other property.

Operating expenses for the year amounted to \$34,920,932 90, an increase of \$6,897,271 86.

Operating expenses and increases therein by groups were:

		<i>Increase.</i>
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$7,549,661 40	\$2,081,298 22
Maintenance of equipment.....	7,873,217 05	1,051,666 40
Traffic expenses.....	1,153,165 10	51,568 03
Transportation expenses.....	17,142,857 80	3,527,300 82
General expenses.....	902,031 54	174,337 79

In maintenance of way and structures there were included large expenditures for ballasting 315 miles of main line track with stone, changing traffic from left-hand to right-hand running and general repairs and renewals of bridge structures, buildings and fixtures. There was also a large increase in maintenance of roadway and track expenses due to additional main track built and resulting greater mileage of main tracks to maintain. Maintenance of way employees were granted an increase in wages in the early part of the year, which added \$297,761 to maintenance expenses.

Increases in maintenance of equipment expenses during the year were largely attributable to the following causes: Advances in rates of pay granted to shopmen, aggregating \$151,979 47; higher prices paid for materials purchased, representing an increased cost of \$203,700; heavy charges in repairs, due to equipping a large number of locomotives with improved devices, such as stokers, superheaters, &c. The remaining increases are principally due to additional mileage of equipment in service during the year.

Increased traffic expenses were principally due to large expense in printing tariffs.

Transportation expenses show an increase in all items affected by the movement of traffic, which is partially attributed to the substantial gain in freight and passenger business. Demands made upon the company by switchmen and trainmen for an increase in wages were submitted to arbitration and were followed by a general arbitration affecting the wages of practically all employees of the transportation department, resulting in increased wages to engineers, conductors and other trainmen, yardmen, station forces and telegraph operators, creating an additional charge to transportation expenses within the year, through said increased rates of pay, of \$644,467 27. The strike of bituminous coal miners in the Illinois fields during the greater part of the year forced the company to obtain fuel coal from other fields at a considerably advanced cost, which partially explains the large increase in the fuel for locomotives items.

In general expenses are included the payments made by the company during the year to aged and disabled employees, who have been retired under the pension plan effective Jan. 1 1910, and the payment of a large premium due to placing fire insurance on practically all of the company's buildings and passenger equipment, effective Jan. 1 1910, it having been the policy in prior years to insure only a very small portion of the company's property.

Outside operations show a decreased loss for the year of \$29,191 62, principally due to the company's commercial ice-supply plants having been operated at a gain through the reduced price at which ice was obtained.

Taxes accrued amounted to \$1,720,182 33, an increase of \$261,277 33. Of this amount, \$137,739 75 is due to the income tax of one per cent imposed by the Federal Government, the balance being distributed to all States in which the company operates.

Other income for the year was \$10,452,086 69, an increase of \$4,237,820 47 as compared with the previous year, due to additional amounts received by the company for use of its equipment on foreign lines, larger revenue received from dividends on stock owned and increase in miscellaneous income.

Deductions from gross corporate income were \$9,394,431 47, an increase of \$548,189 42 as compared with the previous year. This is attributable to the following causes:

Rental of Jamestown Franklin & Clearfield Railroad increased \$209,062 71, due to payment of interest for the full year on \$11,000,000 bonds issued by that company, as compared with a half-year's interest paid in 1909, and rental of the Mahoning Coal Railroad increased \$200,819 62, due to the larger volume of traffic handled over that road, a total increase of \$409,882 33 in rental of leased lines.

Joint facilities and miscellaneous rents increased \$62,801 78.

Interest on equipment trust certificates increased \$233,264 08, through the participation of the company in the trust certificates of 1910 issued during the year.

Other interest increased \$335,040 90, principally attributable to interest accrued on one-year franc notes issued by the company March 17 1910.

Interest on bonded debt decreased \$465,216 95, largely due to the retirement of three-year gold notes.

Other deductions decreased \$59,592 72, due to reduction of the company's proportion of deficit of Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company.

From the net corporate income of the company for the year, of \$13,787,035 43, three dividends, aggregating 18%, amounting to \$8,903,970, were paid, leaving a surplus for the year of \$4,883,065 43, from which there was deducted installments for the year 1910 on trust equipment certificates of 1907 and 1910 amounting to \$1,365,297 22. In 1909 the sum of \$1,263,185 28 was deducted from income for additional equipment.

The work of changing the main line between Buffalo and Chicago from left to right-hand running, which commenced in 1909, was completed on Dec. 27 1910, at a total expense to the company of approximately \$1,150,000.

The company issued as of March 17 1910 its notes, payable March 15 1911, to the extent of \$4,000,000 francs, equivalent to \$8,502,415 46.

To obtain locomotives and cars necessary for immediate requirements, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, together with the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, the Michigan Central Railroad Company, the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company and the Chicago Indiana & Southern Railroad Company, has become a party to an equipment trust agreement and lease dated Jan. 1 1910, known as "New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1910." This agreement provides for an issue of \$30,000,000 of equipment trust certificates, bearing interest at 4½% per annum, being 90% of the total cost of the equipment to be furnished under the terms of said agreement. These certificates are to be paid off in fifteen annual installments of \$2,000,000 each, the first installment being payable Jan. 1 1911. The cost of the equipment to be leased under the terms of the agreement by this company will be \$15,301,184, and its pro rata liability for certificates representing 90% of cost is \$13,771,065 60. Full particulars as to the character of the equipment acquired will be found upon another page.

During the year the company acquired by purchase 40,271 shares of stock of the Kanawha & Michigan Railway Company, 60,001 shares of stock of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Company, all of the outstanding capital stock of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company, being 37,014 shares of the preferred stock and 58,463 shares of common stock, and \$30,000 of Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company, St. Mary's Division, first preference income bonds.

The company sold during the year 11,540 shares of stock of the Hocking Valley Railway Company and \$11,000,000 of Jamestown Franklin & Clearfield Railroad Company first mortgage bonds.

Cost of road and equipment on Dec. 31 1909 was.....\$101,322,482 58

It has been increased during the year as follows:	
Expenditures for additions and betterments to the property as shown in detail elsewhere.....	\$6,371,015 98
To show upon the company's books the cost of the equipment acquired under the New York Central Lines' Equipment Trusts of 1907 and 1910, viz.:	
Equipment trust of 1907.....	5,739,402 87
Equipment trust of 1910.....	14,766,060 11
	20,505,463 98

Amount credited to equipment replacement fund.....\$1,373,738 59

To which fund there was charged the cost of additional equipment acquired, consisting of 2 locomotives, 2 steel buffet cars, 132 caboose cars, 3 snow plows, 1 wrecking crane, 2 steam shovels and other miscellaneous equipment.....	386,014 08	986,824 51
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Cost of road and equipment Dec. 31 1910.....\$127,312,136 83

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RY.—CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1910.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
<b>Property investment—</b>		<b>Stock:</b>	
<b>Road and equipment:</b>		Capital stock:	
Investment to June 30 1907:		Common.....	\$49,466,500 00
Road.....	\$66,960,000 00	Guaranteed.....	533,500 00
Equipment.....	24,800,000 00		\$50,000 000 00
	\$91,760,000 00	<b>Mortgage, bonded and secured debt:</b>	
Investment since June 30 1907:		Funded debt:	
Road.....	\$13,759,186 68	Mortgage bonds:	
Equipment.....	459,944 85	First gen. mtge. 3 1/2% bonds of 1897.....	
Trust equipment.....	22,219,829 81	Kalamazoo & White Pigeon first mtge. bonds.....	
	\$36,438,961 34	400,000 00	
Less equipment replacement fund.....	980,824 51	Plain bonds, debentures and notes:	
	\$35,452,136 83	Gold bonds of 1903 (4%).....	
Securities:		Gold bonds of 1905 (4%).....	
Securities of proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies—unpledged.....	\$6,976,221 87	\$50,000,000 00	
Other investments:		44,280,000 00	
Miscellaneous investments:		Equipment trust obligations:	
Physical property.....	192,488 50	Equipment trust certificates of 1907.....	
	\$134,380,847 20	Equipment trust certificates of 1910.....	
<b>Working assets:</b>		\$19,137,779 79	
Cash:		<b>163,817,779 79</b>	
Treasurer.....	\$2,853,026 15	<b>Working liabilities:</b>	
Local treasurer.....	734,919 64	Loans and bills payable.....	
Local treasurer's cash in transit.....	100,000 00	\$10,207,668 95	
Station agents' remittances in transit.....	536,335 78	Traffic and car service balances due to other companies.....	
Lincoln National Bank for payment of interest.....	66,057 50	5,173 16	
	\$4,290,339 07	Audited vouchers and wages unpaid:	
Securities issued or assumed—held in treasury:		Audited vouchers.....	
Lake Shore & Mich. Sou. Ry. Co. stock.....	6,741 50	Audited pay-rolls.....	
Marketable securities.....	97,632,374 05	\$4,419,571 17	
Loans and bills receivable:		2,027,304 69	
Lake Erie & Western Railroad Co.....	\$952,915 88	Miscellaneous accounts payable.....	
Jamestown Franklin & Clearfield RR. Co.....	1,143,000 00	\$191,021 18	
Michigan Central RR. Co.....	4,500,000 00	Matured interest, dividends and rents unpaid.....	
Sundry bills receivable.....	31,084 29	86,959 41	
	\$6,627,000 17	Matured mortgage, bonded and secured debt unpaid.....	
Traffic and car service balances due from other companies.....	2,663,283 04	7,000 00	
Net balance due from agents and conductors.....	971,022 23	Other working liabilities.....	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable.....	6,823,730 23	70,229 46	
Materials and supplies.....	4,250,202 82	<b>17,014,928 02</b>	
Other working assets.....	184,644 74	Accrued liabilities not due—	
	123,449,337 85	Unmatured interest, dividends and rents payable.....	
Accrued income not due:		4,171,607 49	
Unmatured interest, dividends and rents receivable.....	1,049,689 52	Defered credit items:	
Defered debit items:		Operating reserves.....	
Advances:		Other deferred credit items.....	
Temporary advances to proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies:		54,139 60	
Clev. Sh. Line Ry. Co.....	\$5,534,941 68	359,894 79	
Lake E. & P. Ry. Co.....	3,557,157 46	<b>364,134 39</b>	
L. E. All. & Wh. RR. Co.....	976,314 72	Appropriated surplus:	
Term. Ry. of Buffalo.....	665,000 00	Additions to property since June 30 1907, through income.....	
Ind. Harb. Belt RR. Co.....	1,118,846 61	8,845,323 05	
Ch. Ind. & Sou. RR. Co.....	930,000 00	Profit and loss:	
James. Fr. & Cl. RR. Co.....	621,752 10	Balance.....	
	\$13,404,012 57	29,721,219 05	
Working funds.....	194,935 48		
Other advances.....	184,256 51		
	\$13,783,204 56		
Cash and securities in sinking and redemption funds.....	5,000 00		
Other deferred debit items.....	1,266,912 66		
	15,055,117 22		
	\$273,934,991 79	\$273,934,991 79	

(Comparative statistics of operations, revenue, charges, &c., will be found in the "Railroad Department" on page 791.)

THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1910,

To the Stockholders of the Michigan Central Railroad Company:  
The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31 1910, with statements showing the results for the year and the financial condition of the company.

The report covers the operation of the following mileage:

Main line.....	270.07
Proprietary lines.....	345.05
Leased lines.....	1,091.66
Lines operated under trackage rights.....	92.01
Total road operated (as shown in detail on another page).....	1,803.29
The total road operated as shown in the report for 1909 was 1,746.46 miles. The increase of 56.83 miles shown for this year is accounted for as follows:	
Added:	
Detroit River Tunnel, opened during the year.....	2.42
Operated under trackage rights, not heretofore shown in table of tracks.....	78.01
	80.43
Deducted:	
Jackson Lansing & Saginaw Railway track (Saginaw Bay & Northwestern branch) taken up.....	23.60
Net Increase.....	56.83

There was no change in capital stock during the year, the amount authorized and outstanding being \$18,738,000 00. The funded debt outstanding December 31 1909 was \$42,159,000 00. It has been increased during the year ended December 31 1910 by the issue of this company's fifty-year four per cent bonds out of an authorized total of \$4,500,000 00 (secured by mortgage executed by this company and the Grand River Valley Railroad Company, dated September 1 1909), for the purpose of refunding a like amount of Michigan Central-Grand River Valley six per cent bonds, maturing Sept. 1 1909. \$1,500,000 00. There has also been placed upon the general books of the company its pro rata liability in connection with the certificates issued under the New York Central lines equipment trust agreements of 1907 and 1910. 8,472,004 13 9,972,004 13 \$52,131,004 13

It has been decreased during the year ended December 31 1910, as follows:

Michigan Central three-year five per cent gold notes, maturing February 1 1910, surrendered and paid.....	\$10,000,000 00
Installment on New York Central lines equipment trust certificates of 1907, paid November 1 1910.....	260,425 45 10,260,425 45
Total funded debt December 31 1910 (detail on another page).....	\$41,870,578 68

The total amount charged to road and equipment on December 31 1910 was \$64,807,028 32, as follows:

Amount charged against main line to December 31 1909.....	\$37,060,988 20
There was charged for additions and betterments in 1910, as shown in detail on another page:	
Against capital account:	
For road.....	\$489,688 42
For equipment.....	8,246,527 10
	\$8,736,215 52
Against income account:	
For equipment.....	1,487,299 26 10,223,514 78
Total main line.....	\$48,184,503 07
Amount charged account leased lines to December 31 1909.....	\$15,621,291 46
There was charged for additions and betterments in 1910 against capital account for road, as shown in detail elsewhere.....	
	1,001,233 79
Total leased lines.....	16,622,525 25
Total to December 31 1910.....	\$64,807,028 32

The construction of the double-tube tunnel under and across the Detroit River, begun in October 1906 by the Detroit River Tunnel Company, the entire capital stock of which is owned by this company, as referred to in a previous report, has been practically completed, and has proved an entire success. It was put into experimental use for through

freight traffic October 9 1910. The Chief Engineer of the Canadian Railway Commission inspected and approved the work and the Commission issued its order authorizing the use of the tunnel October 14 1910. Regular freight and passenger service was inaugurated October 16 1910. There still remains some work to be done, consisting principally of the interlocking system and additional equipment for the electrical sub-station, which it is estimated will cost \$200,533 00, making the total cost, including interest on the money advanced from time to time by the Michigan Central, \$8,922,165 00. The acquisition of terminal freight and passenger yards and station buildings by the Tunnel Company will require a considerable sum in addition to the amount above mentioned.

The important litigation pending for a number of years between this Company and the State of Michigan relative to this Company's claim against the State growing out of the repeal of its special charter, and the counter claim of the State against this Company for alleged non-payment of back taxes during the years 1855 to 1893, was adjusted in June 1910 by the payment to the State of \$125,000 00.

To obtain the locomotives and cars necessary for immediate requirements, the Michigan Central Railroad Company, together with the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company and the Chicago Indiana & Southern Railroad Company has become a party to an equipment trust agreement and lease dated January 1 1910, known as the "New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1910." This agreement provides for an issue of \$30,000,000 of equipment trust certificates, bearing interest at  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum, being 90% of the total cost of the equipment to be furnished under the terms of said agreement. These certificates are to be paid off in fifteen annual installments of \$2,000,000 00 each, the first installment being payable January 1, 1911. The cost of the equipment to be leased under the terms of the agreement by this company will be \$5,651,637 00 and its pro rata liability for certificates representing 90% of the cost is \$5,086,473 30. Full particulars as to the character of the equipment acquired will be found upon another page.

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

	1910.	1909.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
<i>Operating Income—</i>	<i>1,803.29 miles</i>	<i>1,746.46 miles</i>	<i></i>
Rail Operations—	<i>operated.</i>	<i>operated.</i>	<i>Dec. (-).</i>
Revenues	29,694,815 71	27,415,467 20	+2,279,348 51
Expenses	21,628,906 26	18,499,528 24	+3,129,378 02
Net Revenue from Rail Operations	8,065,909 45	8,915,938 96	-850,029 51
Percentage of Exp. to Revenue	(72.84%)	(67.48%)	+ (5.35%)
Outside Operations—			
Revenues	545,636 69	489,927 04	+55,709 65
Expenses	599,951 82	541,079 10	+58,872 72
Net Deficit from Outside Operations	56,315 13	51,152 06	+5,163 07
Net Revenue from all Operations	8,009,594 32	8,864,786 90	-855,192 58
Taxes Accrued	1,357,019 92	1,121,531 99	+235,487 93
Operating Income	6,652,574 40	7,743,254 91	-1,090,680 51
Other Income—			
Joint facilities rents	229,289 51	185,157 79	+44,131 72
Miscellaneous rents	2,676 02	3,011 10	-335 17
Dividends on stocks owned or controlled	287,241 50	248,153 85	+39,087 65
Interest on funded debt owned	46,880 00	33,760 00	+13,120 00
Interest on other securities, loans and accounts	440,969 02	471,597 82	-30,628 80
Miscellaneous income	86,023 87	---	+86,023 87
Total Other Income	1,093,679 92	941,480 65	+152,199 27
Gross Corporate Income	7,746,254 32	8,684,735 56	-938,481 24
Deductions from Gross Corporate Income—			
Rentals of leased lines	555,310 00	510,310 00	+45,000 00
Hire of equipment:			
Car mileage and per diem balances	1,073,983 18	714,640 99	+359,342 19
Interest on equipment trust certificates	261,523 99	180,127 61	+81,396 38
Joint facilities rents	620,568 83	516,400 76	+104,168 07
Miscellaneous rents	6,069 24	5,959 84	+109 40
Interest on funded debt	2,535,398 33	2,451,584 32	+83,814 01
Other interest	746,367 95	747,290 52	-922 57
Other deductions	189,701 96	137,000 00	+52,701 96
Total Deductions from Gross Corporate Income	6,028,923 48	5,263,314 04	+765,609 44
Net Corporate Income	1,717,330 84	3,421,421 52	-1,704,090 68
Dividends, 2, aggregating 6%	1,124,280 00	1,124,280 00	---
Surplus	593,050 84	2,297,141 52	-1,704,090 68
Additional equipment	---	548,924 72	-548,924 72
On account 1910 proportion of New York Central Lines, 1907 and 1910 equipment trusts	250,000 00	---	+250,000 00
Balance to Profit and Loss	343,050 84	1,748,216 80	-1,405,165 96
Balance to Profit and Loss for Year 1910	---	---	\$343,050 84
Amount to Credit of Profit and Loss December 31 1909	---	---	9,955,978 28
			\$10,309,029 12

Brought forward	.....	\$10,309,029 12
Deduct—		
Balance of 1910 proportion of New York Central Lines 1907 and 1910 equipment trust installments	.....	\$349,523 67
Ten per cent payments account of equipment trust of 1910	.....	481,807 00
Discount, commission and expenses in connection with New York Central Lines equipment trust certificates of 1910, Michigan Central-Grand River Valley Bonds and Michigan Central one-year franc notes	.....	240,356 38
Payment to State of Michigan in consideration of discontinuance of pending litigation	.....	125,000 00
Deficit from operation Detroit Terminal Railroad prior to 1910, property abandoned and sundry uncollectible accounts	.....	60,389 96
	.....	1,257,077 01
Balance to Credit of Profit and Loss December 31 1910	.....	\$9,051,952 11

The total operating revenues were \$29,694,815 71, an increase of \$2,279,348 51 as compared with the previous year.

The freight revenue was \$10,282,288 45, an increase of \$1,014,758 01. This was due to increased movement of coal, stone, forest products and miscellaneous commodities.

The passenger revenue was \$7,404,475 66, an increase of \$748,776 81, due to a large excursion travel and general improvement in both local and interline business.

The express revenue was \$1,519,949 67, an increase of \$275,204 53, due to an enlarged volume of business.

The revenue from the transportation of mails was \$431,625 32, an increase of \$22,413 09, due principally to additional compensation allowed by the United States Government, from July 1st 1910, for carrying through mails.

The operating revenue from all other sources increased \$218,196 07 over the previous year.

The total expenses of operation were \$21,628,906 26, an increase of \$3,129,378 02, due very largely to increased cost of labor, cost of fuel consumed and material used.

Maintenance of way and structures increased \$577,695 54, due to additional expenditures for repairs to roadway, track, bridges, buildings and separation of grades; increased expenditure for labor amounted to \$377,640 46, of which \$212,719 16 was due to increased rates of pay.

Maintenance of equipment increased \$367,783 79, account of extensive repairs to and renewals of locomotives and cars of all classes. The increase account of labor amounted to \$170,511 92, of which \$74,081 46 was due to increased rates of pay.

Traffic expenses increased \$104,482 86, due largely to tentative changes in tariffs.

Transportation expenses increased \$1,972,899 20, due to the heavy volume of traffic handled and the large increase in cost of labor and fuel. Increase account of labor amounted to \$1,347,207 73, of which \$458,816 94 was due to increased rates of pay. Increase account of fuel consumed amounted to \$407,605 05, of which \$99,719 13 was due to increase in price.

General expenses increased \$107,116 63, which includes an increase in pay-roll expenditures of \$23,498 53, of which \$5,995 00 was due to increased rates of pay.

There was an increase in the deficit from outside operations of \$5,163 07 over the previous year, due to additional expenditures in the operation of dining car service and grain elevators, offset by increased revenue from stock yards service and restaurant service.

The operating income was \$6,652,574 40, a decrease of \$1,090,680 53.

Other income was \$1,093,679 92, an increase of \$152,199 59, due to an additional amount received from rentals, also interest and dividends from securities.

Total deductions from income amounted to \$6,028,923 48, an increase of \$765,609 44, due to interest on gold debentures and equipment trust certificates, additional rental paid Canada Southern Railway Company in accordance with the terms of the lease; increased amounts paid for hire of equipment and rentals of joint facilities; and proportionate share of deficits from operation of Indiana Harbor Belt and Detroit Terminal Railroads.

The profit from operation for the year, after payment of 6% in dividends upon the capital stock, and proportion of 1907 and 1910 trust equipment installments chargeable to the current year, was \$343,050 84, which has been carried to the credit of profit and loss.

Appreciative acknowledgement is made of the faithful, efficient performance of duty by employees in every department of the service during the year.

WILLIAM C. BROWN,  
President.

## CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1910.

ASSETS.	
<i>Property Investment—Road and Equipment—</i>	
Investment to June 30 1907:	
Michigan Central Railroad	\$35,213,257 09
Leased and proprietary lines	14,216,143 27
	\$49,429,400 36
Investment since June 30 1907:	
Michigan Central RR.—road	\$1,180,114 01
Mich. Cent. RR.—equipment	2,480,216 53
Leased and proprietary lines—road	\$3,660,330 54
	2,406,381 98
Trust Equipment	6,066,712 53
	9,310,915 44
Total cost of road and equipment	\$64,807,028 32
<i>Securities—</i>	
Securities of proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies:	
Pledged, Canada Southern Railway Company—stock	\$5,444,000 00
Unpledged	1,595,191 50
	7,039,191 50



MICHIGAN CENTRAL RR.—CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1910.—Concluded.

ASSETS.—Concluded.		LIABILITIES.	
Brought Forward.....	\$71,846,219 82	Stock—	
Other Investments—		Capital stock—common.....	\$18,738,000 00
Advances to proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies for construction, equipment and betterments:		Mortgages, bonded and secured debt—	
Detroit Terminal Railroad Company.....	\$91,938 57	Funded Debt:	
Miscellaneous Investments:		Mortgage Bonds—	
Physical property.....	1,879,286 65	Michigan Central first mortgage.....	\$14,000,000 00
Securities—unpledged.....	1,599,330 00	Grand River Valley first mortgage.....	1,500,000 00
	3,570,755 22	Detroit & Bay City first mortgage.....	4,000,000 00
Total property owned as investment.....	\$75,416,975 04	Kalamazoo & South Haven first mortgage.....	700,000 00
Working Assets—		Michigan Air Line first mortgage.....	2,600,000 00
Cash.....	\$3,528,715 60	Jackson Lansing & Saginaw first mortgage.....	1,725,000 00
Marketable securities.....	17,272 59	Joliet & Northern Indiana first mortgage.....	1,500,000 00
Net traffic, car mileage and per diem balance.....	799,318 03	Plain bonds, debentures and notes—	
Net balance due from agents and conductors.....	1,546,953 86	Gold debentures.....	7,634,000 00
Miscellaneous accounts receivable.....	1,734,078 32	Equipment trust certificates, 1907.....	3,125,105 38
Materials and supplies.....	2,546,728 06	Equipment trust certificates, 1910.....	5,086,473 30
	10,173,066 46		41,870,578 68
Accrued income not due—		Total capitalization.....	\$60,608,578 68
Unmatured interest, dividends and rents receivable.....	1,024,493 81	Working Liabilities—	
Deferred Debt Items—		Loans and bills payable.....	\$18,115,384 61
Advances:		Audited vouchers and wages unpaid.....	4,459,501 16
Chicago Indiana & South. RR. \$270,000 00		Miscellaneous accounts payable.....	75,170 06
Detroit River Tunnel Co. 7,892,824 64		Matured dividends, interest and rents unpaid.....	60,391 00
Indiana Harbor Belt RR. 1,118,646 61		Matured mortgage, bonded and secured debt unpaid.....	12,000 00
Toledo Terminal RR. 59,400 00		Other working liabilities.....	679,559 74
Toronto Hamilton & Buff. Ry. 41,644 64	9,382,715 89	Accrued Liabilities not due—	
	76,655 83	Unmatured interest, dividends and rents payable.....	1,026,946 03
Working funds.....		Deferred Credit Items—	
Other deferred debt items:		Operating reserves:	
Trust equipment undelivered.....	\$597,789 00	Reserves for replacement of property.....	\$289,446 79
Interest paid in advance.....	380,608 97	Other deferred credit items.....	112,507 66
Detroit terminal station and yard.....	1,076,508 39		401,954 45
Miscellaneous.....	31,470 57	Appropriated Surplus—	
	2,086,376 93	Additions to property through income since June 30 1907.....	3,668,846 12
	11,545,748 65	Free Surplus—	
	\$98,160,283 96	Profit and Loss—Balance.....	9,051,952 11
			\$98,160,283 96

[Comparative statistics of operations, revenue, charges, &c., will be found in the "Railroad Department" on page 792.]

THE CLEVELAND CINCINNATI CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY COMPANY

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1910.

The mileage embraced in the operation of the road is as follows:

Main line.....	1,680.95
Branches.....	166.64
Trackage rights.....	134.62
Total length of road operated.....	1,982.21
Second track.....	378.10
Side tracks.....	1,074.94
Total mileage of track.....	3,435.25

The total mileage of track operated has been increased during the year as follows:

Second tracks: increased.....	39.47
Side tracks: decreased.....	9.33
Total additional tracks.....	30.14

The following is a statement of the capital stock authorized and outstanding on December 31 1910.

Preferred stock authorized.....	\$10,000,000 00
Common stock authorized.....	50,000,000 00
Total preferred and common stock authorized.....	\$60,000,000 00
Preferred stock issued and outstanding.....	\$10,000,000 00
Common stock issued and outstanding.....	47,056,300 00
	\$57,056,300 00

Balance common stock authorized but not issued December 31 1910.....

The funded debt outstanding December 31 1909 was.....

It has been increased during the year as follows:

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. general mortgage bonds: Issued for additions, improvements, double-tracking, equipment, etc.....	\$1,000,000 00
C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. 4% twenty-year debenture bonds, dated June 1 1910, maturing June 1 1930, issued for purpose of funding floating indebtedness and for construction and improvements to an aggregate amount of 50,000,000 francs, equivalent at date of issue to.....	9,650,180 94
C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. general mortgage bonds issued for retirement of prior lien bonds.....	78,000 00
There has also been placed upon the general books of the Company its pro rata liability in connection with the certificates issued under the New York Central Lines Equipment Trust Agreements of 1907 and 1910.....	6,201,354 84
	16,929,535 78
	\$87,116,690 78

Prior lien bonds and equipment trust certificates retired during the year:

Equipment trust certificates due Nov. 1 1910.....	\$246,689 81
C. I. St. L. & C. Ry. Co. first mortgage bonds.....	6,000 00
C. I. St. L. & C. Ry. Co. general first mortgage bonds.....	72,000 00
	324,689 81

Total funded debt outstanding December 31 1910.....

There was expended during the year for additions to the property, improvements, double tracking, equipment, etc., and charged to cost of road and equipment, the sum of \$9,217,391 17, as follows:

Cleveland Division.....	\$1,304,012 54
Cincinnati Division.....	879,560 25
St. Louis Division.....	318,673 28
Chicago Division.....	629,269 56
Calro Division.....	540,025 15
Michigan Division.....	27,617 56
Interest and commission.....	264,669 39
For new equipment.....	5,253,563 44
Total.....	\$9,217,391 17

During the year there was advanced for construction of the Evansville Mt. Carmel & Northern Railway, \$1,341,931 50. This company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana, and articles of association filed August 1 1906, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Evansville, Indiana, to the Illinois State Line, near Mt. Carmel. November 7 1906, articles of association were also filed in the State of Illinois for the incorporation of a railroad company named the Evansville Mt. Carmel & Northern Railway Company, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Mt. Carmel to the Indiana State Line, intersecting the railway of the Indiana company. On October 17 1910 the Company so incorporated in Indiana acquired, by purchase, the property rights and franchises of said Company of Illinois. On November 1 1910 the Indiana company entered into an agreement with the C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., under which the latter is to operate the line of the former. It is expected that the road will be opened for traffic on June 1 1911.

The Saline Valley Railway Company was organized under the laws of the State of Illinois April 6 1907, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois, to Marion, Williamson County, Illinois. There has been advanced on account of this property, during the year, \$20,068 95.

There has been advanced on account of the St. Louis Short Line Division for construction during the year, \$12,702 42.

This company's proportion of the deficit in operation of the Central Indiana Railway for the year 1910, amounting to \$62,465 00, has been charged off as a "Deduction from Income."

There have been purchased during the year by the Central Trust Company, Trustee for the sinking fund of the C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Company's St. Louis Division first collateral trust bonds, 24 bonds, par value \$24,000 00, making a total of 566 bonds, at par value of \$566,000 00, now held by the Trustee.

To obtain the locomotives and cars necessary for immediate requirements, The Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company, together with The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, The Michigan Central Railroad Company and The Chicago Indiana & Southern Railroad Company has become a party to an equipment trust agreement and lease dated January 1 1910, known as the "New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1910." This agreement provides for an issue of \$30,000,000 of equipment trust certificates, bearing interest at 4½% per annum, being 90% of the total cost of the equipment to be furnished under

the terms of said agreement. These certificates are to be paid off in fifteen annual installments of \$2,000,000 each, the first installment being payable January 1 1911. The cost of the equipment to be leased under the terms of the agreement by this company will be \$3,327,097 00, and its pro rata liability for certificates, representing 90% of the cost, is \$2,994,387 30. Full particulars as to the character of the equipment acquired will be found upon another page.

During the year there was expended and charged to capital account for new equipment \$5,253,563 44, including \$3,168,832 18 account of the New York Central Lines Trust of 1907 and \$2,589,139 00 account of Equipment Trust of 1910, less credit balance in equipment replacement fund at close of year, \$504,407 74. This credit balance represents original cost of various classes of equipment retired during the year, amounting to \$530,459 25 less \$26,051 51 charged to the fund on account of additions to equipment during the year.

The annual installments on Equipment Trust certificates and cash payments on Trust Equipment, amounting to \$705,229 53, have been charged to Profit and Loss and credited to Appropriated Surplus as additions to property through income.

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AFFECTING INCOME.

	1910. 1,982.21 miles operated.	1909. 1,982.21 miles operated.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
<b>Operating Income—</b>			
Rail Operations:			
Revenues	30,423,004 78	27,657,740 99	+2,765,263 79
Expenses	23,405,620 12	19,711,494 56	+3,784,125 56
Net Revenue from Rail Operations	6,927,384 66	7,946,246 43	-1,018,861 77
Percentage of Expenses to Revenue	(77.23%)	(71.27%)	(5.96%)
Outside Operations:			
Revenues	335,702 20	305,324 92	+30,377 28
Expenses	433,883 69	361,863 38	+72,020 31
Net Deficit from Outside Operations	98,181 49	56,538 46	+41,643 03
Net Revenue from all Operations	6,829,203 17	7,889,707 97	-1,060,504 80
Taxes accrued	949,548 00	876,328 26	+73,219 74
Operating Income	5,879,655 17	7,013,379 71	-1,133,724 54
<b>Other Income—</b>			
Joint facilities rents	329,149 90	309,155 40	+19,994 50
Miscellaneous rents	203,603 48	132,489 89	+71,113 59
Dividends on stocks owned or controlled	141,503 90	98,274 00	+43,229 90
Interest on funded debt owned	45,160 00	44,200 00	+960 00
Interest on other securities, loans and accounts	91,689 56	36,177 43	+55,512 13
Miscellaneous income	9,706 68	2,875 25	+6,831 43
Total other income	820,813 52	623,232 87	+197,580 65
Gross Corporate Income	6,700,468 69	7,634,612 58	-934,143 89
<b>Deductions from Gross Corporate Income—</b>			
Rentals of leased lines	120,000 00	120,000 00	-----
Hire of equipment, car mileage and per diem balances	680,209 94	482,156 54	+198,053 40
Interest on equipment trust certificates	215,931 58	170,627 10	+45,304 48
Joint facilities rents	533,661 18	499,006 81	+34,654 37
Miscellaneous rents	142,868 82	142,109 70	+759 12
Interest on funded debt	3,187,574 86	2,925,848 00	+261,726 86
Other interest	238,818 92	465,851 70	-227,032 78
Proportion loss operation Central Indiana Ry.	62,465 00	52,640 92	+9,824 08
Discount on debenture bonds	43,441 29	-----	+43,441 29
Total Deductions from Gross Corporate Income	5,224,971 49	4,858,240 77	+366,730 72
Net Corporate Income	1,475,497 20	2,776,371 81	-1,300,874 61
Dividends preferred, four, aggregating 5%	500,000 00	500,000 00	-----
Dividends common, one, 2%	941,126 00	941,126 00	-----
	1,441,126 00	1,441,126 00	-----
Surplus for the Year	34,371 20	1,335,245 81	-1,300,874 61
Amount to credit of profit and loss December 31 1909	-----	-----	\$3,021,953 22
Surplus for the year 1910	-----	-----	34,371 20
Add—			
Adjustment of sundry accounts	-----	-----	52,082 44
			\$3,108,408 86
<b>Deduct—</b>			
Cash payments 1910 trust equipment	-----	\$258,913 90	
1907 trust equipment installment	-----	246,689 81	
1910 trust equipment installment	-----	199,625 82	
Discount on C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. general mortgage bonds	-----	74,815 00	
Expenses C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. debenture bonds	-----	70,488 93	
Discount, commission and expenses N. Y. C. lines equipment trust 1910	-----	65,137 72	
			915,671 18
Balance December 31 1910	-----	-----	\$2,192,735 68

All the principal sources of revenue have shown increases.

The increase in freight revenue of \$1,947,547 94 (10.83%) is due to increased volume of business, as there was an increase of 2,266,303 tons carried (10.97%) over last year and an increase in revenue tons carried one mile of 344,760,832 (10.43%), while the average receipts per ton per mile and average haul of revenue freight showed only insignificant variations.

The increase in passenger revenue of \$642,342 06 (8.96%) is similarly due to increased business handled; \$381,179 97 of the increase being in interline business and \$261,162 09 in local business. There was an increase of 545,651 passengers carried (7.65%) and 33,758,388 passengers carried one mile (8.41%), with practically the same average receipts per passenger per mile as last year.

Express revenues showed an increase of \$127,480 74 (16.25%), reflecting increased volume of business handled for express company.

The decrease in revenue from operations other than transportation of \$27,688 57 is altogether attributable to change in distribution; the great majority of items appearing last year under "Rents of buildings and other property" being transferred this year to "Miscellaneous rents," under "Other income," the latter item this year showing an increase of \$71,113 59.

Revenue from car service (demurrage) shows an increase of \$37,125 47.

Details of operating expenses on another page show the various fluctuations in items of expenses. The increases and decreases by departments are as follows:

Maintenance of way and structures increased	\$774,671 47
Maintenance of equipment repairs increased	\$700,792 02
Maintenance of equipment renewals decreased	175,547 06
Traffic expenses increased	525,154 96
Transportation expenses increased	84,192 37
General expenses increased	2,289,830 87
	110,275 89

Of the increase in maintenance of way expenditures it will be noted that \$400,308 70 was in the three items of rails, ties and other track material on account of the increased expenditures necessary to keep the track up to the standard. There were 21,000 tons of new rail laid in 1910 as against less than 5,000 tons in 1909. The new standard of track material used is more expensive than old designs and a greater average of renewals was necessary on account of conditions existing at beginning of year.

The increase in ballast is due to extensive distribution of gravel necessary on Cleveland and Michigan Divisions.

Increases shown in grade crossings, signals and interlocking plants are of a general character due to necessary installation of crossing bells and crossing repairs and rebuilding and remodeling signals and interlocking plants on various divisions.

Of the increase shown for buildings, fixtures and grounds, amounting to \$122,828 14, important items were: \$65,400 00 for operating expense proportion of cost of new passenger station at Springfield, Ohio; \$10,000 00 for similar proportion of new freight house at Columbus, Ohio; with extensive repairs to roundhouses at Indianapolis and Cincinnati, freight houses at East St. Louis, Cincinnati and Indianapolis and to shop buildings at Brightwood, aggregating about \$25,000 00. A very important factor in this, as in other departments, was the increase necessary in all expenses of which labor was a component part; the increase in the maintenance of way department due to increased rate of wages paid employees amounting to \$156,399 65 for the year.

Increase in maintenance of equipment was principally in locomotives and freight cars and due to increased train, locomotive and car mileage made necessary by increased traffic, also to increased rate of wages paid employees of various classes which, in this department, amounted to \$169,131 86.

Increase in traffic expenses is explained by larger payments on account of expenses of fast freight lines and other agencies for soliciting and procuring traffic and the largely increased expenditures for tariffs, under present laws, reflected in the increase in stationery and printing expense of \$38,564 80.

A very important factor in the increase in transportation expenses, is, as in other departments, the increased rates of wages paid various classes of labor. The increased expense in the transportation department from this source amounted for the year to \$564,877 21. Fuel for locomotives increased \$645,255 19, of which approximately \$207,000 00 was due to increase in price of 11 cents per ton over 1909 and \$438,000 00 due to increased consumption and increased cost of handling coal stored to operate the road during coal miners' strike effective April 1. The increase shown in personal injuries, \$147,679 20, is due mainly to an unusual number of casualties in 1910. Except as above noted, the increased transportation expenses are due to increased business.

In general expenses the only item of increase calling for special mention is that of pensions, which shows an increase of \$27,282 65 under the new plan for pensioning employees, effective January 1st 1910.

Renewals of equipment decreased \$175,547 06, due principally to the fact that in 1910 only 8 locomotives were retired from service, while 30 were retired in 1909, and 3 passenger cars in 1910, against 8 in 1909. The number of freight cars retired in 1910 was 666 as compared with 544 in 1909.

The effect of the increased ratio of operating expenses to revenue (5.96%) is shown in the fact that with an increase in operating revenues of \$2,765,263 79, there is a decrease in net operating revenue of \$1,018,861 77.

The increase in net deficit from outside operations, amounting to \$41,643 03, is accounted for by the heavier loss from the operation of dining cars.

An important item in the increase in taxes, amount \$71,219 74, was the Federal Income Tax, \$31,613 12.

Other Income increased \$197,580 65, due to increase in rents, dividends, interest and miscellaneous minor items.

The increase in deductions from income of \$366,730 72 is principally due to increased interest on funded debt, account of issue of debenture bonds and general mortgage bonds and larger payments for hire of equipment, the result of per diem charges increased, from 25 cents to 30 cents per day for five months of the year and to 35 cents per day for seven months of the year.

Out of the net income for the year of \$1,475,497 20 there were paid dividends of 5% on the preferred stock and 2% on the common stock, leaving a surplus for the year of \$34,371 20.

Separate reports have been issued showing the financial condition and results from operation of the Peoria & Eastern Railway and the Cincinnati Northern Railroad for the year.

The operation of the Kankakee & Seneca Railroad (for which separate accounts are kept) shows earnings for the year \$85,723 60, operating expenses and taxes \$91,663 82, additions and betterments, \$3,273 05, deficit, \$9,213 27.

The Mt. Glead Short Line (for which separate accounts are kept) shows earnings for the year \$5,923 06, operating expenses and taxes \$7,649 70, deficit \$1,726 64.

Early in the year railroad companies generally were compelled to make heavy advances in the rates of wages of their employees. This increase amounted for your company to something in excess of twelve hundred thousand dollars per annum, and changed conditions of service included in the findings of the arbitrators very materially increased this amount.

The United States has the lowest freight rates of any country in the world, and it was thought that a moderate increase in those rates was justified in order to offset the larger labor cost and to make possible a reasonable return to shareholders. This Company, and many other lines East and West, filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, in May last, tariffs under which freight rates on certain classes and commodities were advanced and which would have increased its earnings in about the same amount as the increase in wages. The Inter-State Commerce Commission, of its own motion, instituted an investigation as to these proposed advances, and, after extended hearings, declined to allow them to go into effect.

Among other things, the Commission said that the new wage scale had not been in force long enough to show what the actual result of operating under it would prove to be.

So far as this Company is concerned, it can hardly be said that there was any necessity to wait for experience to show what effect these added burdens would have upon its net revenue. The Commission took as typical roads, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the New York Central (with the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central); and it was after analyzing their condition and necessities that it reached the conclusion that the proposed increase in freight rates was not justified. It is not to be expected that the power to regulate rates will be so exercised as to permanently prevent companies such as this, which serve large cities and a populous territory, from charging rates sufficiently high to insure a fair return on the money invested. Such a policy must, if continued, result in the gradual lowering of efficiency and character of service of the roads to which it is applied with some measure of injury to the communities they serve. It is unfortunate, therefore, that the Commission found no practical way to give relief to this and other Companies similarly affected, where the need of larger net revenues was so clearly shown.

The Company for the present must carry the additional load of these increased wages without any corresponding advance in freight rates.

The present high level of wages in railway service is the result of successive mediations and arbitrations under the Federal statute known as the Erdman Act; the practical effect of which has been to deprive the roads in very large measure of control over this most important item in cost of operation, representing as it does between sixty-three and sixty-five per cent of the total.

Without entering upon a discussion as to the fairness of the present wage basis, it may be stated that, in the opinion of railroad managers of long experience, it is higher than can be maintained by many of the roads on the present basis of passenger and freight rates in the territory between Chicago and St. Louis and the Atlantic Seaboard.

Appreciative acknowledgment is made of the faithful, efficient performance of duty by employees in every department of the service during the year.

WILLIAM C. BROWN,  
President.

CONDENSED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1910

ASSETS.		
<i>Property owned as investment—</i>		
<i>Physical property owned—</i>		
Road and equipment to June 30 1907	\$114,393,891 04	
Road and equipment since June 30 1907:		
Road	\$13,715,683 05	
Equipment	1,070,349 32	
Trust equipment 1907	4,106,174 20	
Trust equipment 1910	2,589,139 00	
General expenditures	523,953 85	
	\$22,005,299 42	
Equipment replacement fund—credit	504,407 74	
	\$21,500,891 68	\$135,894,782 72
<i>Securities owned—</i>		
<i>Securities of proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies—pledged:</i>		
Stocks	\$786,925 92	
Funded debt	894,000 00	
	\$1,680,925 92	
<i>Securities issued or assumed—pledged:</i>		
Stocks	\$18,400 00	
<i>Securities of proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies—unpledged:</i>		
Stocks	\$267,021 08	
Funded debt	12,230 00	
	\$279,251 08	
<i>Other investments—</i>		
<i>Miscellaneous investments:</i>		
Physical property	\$1,125,805 22	
Securities unpledged	750 00	
	1,126,555 22	\$138,999,914 84
<i>Working assets—</i>		
<i>Cash:</i>		
Treasurer	\$797,772 62	
Local treasurer	341,982 40	
Treasurer's contingent fund	300 00	
Cash in transit, local treasurer to Treasurer	280,000 00	
Cash in banks to pay coupons, dividends, &c.	675,585 29	
Cash in transit, station agents to local treasurer	770,404 97	
	\$2,866,045 28	
<i>Securities issued or assumed and held in treasury:</i>		
Stocks	\$8,555 00	
Funded debt	78,000 00	
	86,555 00	
<i>Marketable securities:</i>		
Stocks	110,001 00	
Loans and bills receivable	320,631 59	
Traffic and car service balances due from other companies	963,658 15	
Net balance due from agents and conductors	865,546 81	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	2,240,206 65	
Materials and supplies	1,593,432 22	
	9,046,106 70	
<i>Deferred debit items—</i>		
<i>Advances:</i>		
<i>Temporary advances to proprietary, affiliated and controlled companies:</i>		
Kankakee & Seneca RR. Co.	\$185,780 26	
Other items	1,675,028 93	
	\$1,860,809 19	
<i>Working funds, first freight lines</i>		
Other advances:		
C. I. & St. L. Short Line Ry. Co.	\$1,371,809 19	
Central Indiana Ry. Co.	153,756 70	
Car demurrage bureaus and traffic associations	4,639 02	
	1,530,204 91	
Taxes paid in advance	11,784 32	
Unexpired discount on securities	825,075 00	
Cash and securities in sinking and redemption funds	566,201 02	
Other deferred debit items	892,650 94	
	5,733,613 54	
	\$153,779,635 18	
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>		
<i>Stock—</i>		
<i>Capital stock:</i>		
Common stock	\$47,056,300 00	
Preferred stock	10,000,000 00	
C. S. & C. RR. preferred stock	428,997 45	
Stock liability for conversion of outstanding securities of constituent companies	10,791 01	
	\$57,496,088 46	
<i>Mortgage, bonded and secured debt—</i>		
<i>Funded debt:</i>		
Mortgage bonds	\$56,183,730 00	
Collateral trust bonds	10,000,000 00	
Plain bonds, debentures and notes	14,653,605 94	
Equipment trust certificates 1907	2,960,277 73	
Equipment trust certificates 1910	2,994,387 30	
	86,792,000 97	
<i>Working liabilities—</i>		
Audited vouchers and wages unpaid	\$4,947,652 72	
Miscellaneous accounts payable	10,909 80	
Matured dividends, interest and rents unpaid	678,905 22	
Working advances due to other companies	112,086 78	
Other working liabilities	6,561 78	
	5,756,126 30	
<i>Accrued liabilities not due—</i>		
Unearned interest, dividends and rents payable	823,472 30	
<i>Deferred Credit Items—</i>		
Other deferred credit items	13,981 94	
<i>Appropriated surplus—</i>		
Additions to property through income since June 30 1907	705,229 53	
<i>Profit and loss—</i>		
Balance	2,192,735 68	
	\$153,779,635 18	

[Comparative statistics of operations, revenue, charges, &c., will be found in the "Railroad Department" on page 792.]

—Spencer Trask & Co. of 43 Exchange Place, New York, Albany and Chicago, are publicly offering \$500,000 Utica Knitting Co. 7% cumulative preferred stock at a price to yield 7%. See to-day's advertisement in the "Chronicle" and our "General Investment News Department" item for details. Descriptive circular on application at any of the firm's offices.

—On Saturday, March 11, H. Nelson Walker, Cashier of Clark, Dodge & Co., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his connection with that firm. He was presented with a handsome silver service in commemoration of the event.

—Attention is called to the list of short-term investments advertised on another page by Plympton, Gardiner & Co. The securities are offered at prices to yield from 4.50 to 6.55%.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1910 (CONDENSED).

New York, March 13 1911.

To the Stockholders:

Herewith is respectfully submitted a general statement covering the business of the Bell system as a whole, followed by the report of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, for the year 1910.

BELL SYSTEM IN UNITED STATES.

SUBSCRIBER STATIONS.

At the end of the year the number of stations which constituted our system in the United States was 5,882,719, an increase of 740,027. 1,852,051 of these were operated by local, co-operative and rural independent companies or associations having sub-license or connection contracts, so-called connecting companies.

WIRE MILEAGE.

The total mileage of wire in use for exchange and toll service was 11,642,212 miles, of which 1,162,186 were added during the year. These figures do not include the mileage of wire operated by connecting companies.

TRAFFIC.

Including the traffic over the long-distance lines, but not including connecting companies, the daily average of toll connections was about 602,500, and of exchange connections about 21,681,500, as against corresponding figures in 1909 of 517,000 and 19,925,000; the total daily average for 1910 reaching 22,284,000, or at the rate of about 7,175,448,000 per year.

PLANT ADDITIONS.

The amount added to plant and real estate by all the companies, excluding connecting companies, constituting our system in the United States during the year 1910, was:

Real Estate	\$2,518,133
Equipment	19,628,357
Exchange Lines	13,409,546
Toll Lines	14,959,048
Construction Work in Process	3,087,734
	\$53,582,818

PLANT ADDITIONS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

The amount added in 1900 was \$31,619,100; in 1901, \$31,005,400; in 1902, \$37,336,500; in 1903, \$35,368,700; in 1904, \$33,436,700; in 1905, \$50,780,900; in 1906, \$79,366,900; in 1907, \$52,921,400; in 1908, \$26,637,200, and in 1909, \$28,700,100, making the total expenditure for additions to plant during the eleven years \$460,755,700.

MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION.

During the year \$52,028,000 was applied out of revenue to maintenance and reconstruction purposes.

The total provision for maintenance and reconstruction charged against revenue for the last eight years was over \$283,500,000.

CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Estimates of all the associated operating companies and of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company for all new construction requirements in 1911 have been prepared. It is estimated that about \$60,000,000 will be required for current additions to plant in 1911, of which amount some \$30,000,000 will be provided by the existing and current resources of the companies. All who are responsible for these expenditures are working in complete understanding of these estimates and the limits set on their expenditures.

DEPRECIATION.

The question of depreciation has been considered very critically and analytically during the past year, by commissions and other bodies, in connection with studies on the rate question. While a depreciation reserve was generally favored, there seemed to be a disposition to apply experience and theories, gleaned from other lines of business, to the telephone business.

The telephone business is unique in that it supplies its own terminals, which are vast in number, are temporary in character, and call for large investment, unique in that a very considerable part of its plant is of a rapidly deteriorating character. Underground conduits and cables and aerial cables are fast changing this, but in the outlying rural and semi-urban districts, and for long-distance lines, construction will always have to be overhead on poles. There is nothing analogous to it in industrial or public utility service except the telegraph.

The entire disregard or underestimating of depreciation and future replacement is the cause of nearly all the financial disasters that have occurred in the telephone business, and has been the common failing of newcomers in the telephone field from the beginning to the present time.

Current repairs on new plant, even of the old-time temporary character, were small; no surplus or reserve was provided; profits were apparently large, as were dividends. The inevitable was in some cases postponed by excessive charges to construction account, but came in time, as it is bound to come under such conditions. The apparent profits and dividends had been at the cost of the capital and, at the time of the greatest necessity, resources were at the lowest ebb.

An illustration may make the necessity of depreciation reserve even clearer. If a carter or local expressman or hackman owning his own carriages, horses or motor cars

should consider as profit all revenue over and above his current expenses and costs of current repairs, and should spend it, saving nothing with which to replace his plant when worn out or damaged beyond repair, he would be called thriftless and improvident. He had enjoyed his capital, and had nothing upon which to raise more.

The present policy of the Bell System is to provide against every probable contingency and to base the amount and extent of such provision on past experience—not on future expectations. It is conjectured that the future will show a decrease in the depreciation or reconstruction due to decay, wear and tear and obsolescence. Changes—improvements—are going on as rapidly as in the past, but the general character of plant and methods is assuming more permanency. The improvements are being evolved from, and are being grafted on to, the old system and methods. The disturbing and sometimes seemingly destructive conditions following the rapid development of high pressure power and transmission have been to a great measure overcome.

Under these conditions there is small probability that any such causes as those which forced the wholesale reconstruction or re-arrangement of plant in the past will again occur; it is, however, for the benefit of the public and of the corporation to have an ample reserve for any contingency which may happen.

To build for present requirements only, and enlarge as demand comes, is impossible in much of this work; and, where possible, impracticable from service standpoint or prohibitive from that of cost. Advance construction of this kind of the Bell Telephone System, including construction in process, December 31 1910, was estimated at \$180,000,000. Had no plant been built in advance of needs except that which was unavoidable, the expenditure would have been reduced by \$112,000,000; but the cost of the plant not built at first, if provided later and only as required, would have been \$250,000,000 instead of \$112,000,000. In other words, not to provide for advance construction doubles the cost of the plant.

The capital for this advance construction must be provided by and at the cost of the present, as was the advance construction of the past provided by and at the cost of the past. To the extent that advance construction reduces the cost of necessary plant and anticipates reconstruction and replacement, to that extent the capital charge to be borne by present and future is reduced and to that extent it immediately puts the depreciation reserve to its intended use. The criticism that any excess of reserve is at the cost of the present for the benefit of the future is true, but only to the extent that it may be found eventually to be in excess of actual requirements. In any case it would be no more than might rightly be considered an insurance against obsolescence which cannot be foreseen.

FIGURES FOR THE YEAR.

The following tables show the business for the year of the Bell Telephone System, including the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and its associated holding and operating companies in the United States, but not including connected independent or sub-licensee companies, nor the Western Electric Company and Western Union Telegraph Company except as investments in and dividends from those companies are included respectively in assets and revenue. All inter-company duplications are eliminated in making up these tables, so that the figures represent the business of the system as a whole in its relations to the public.

The gross revenue collected from the public in 1910 for telephone service by the Bell System—not including the connected independent companies—was \$165,600,000; an increase of nearly \$16,000,000 over last year. Of this, operation consumed \$54,000,000; taxes, \$8,000,000; current maintenance, \$25,700,000, and provision for depreciation, \$26,200,000.

The surplus available for charges, etc., was \$51,000,000, of which \$11,550,000 was paid in interest and \$25,000,000 was paid in dividends to the public.

The total capitalization, including inter-company items and duplications, of the companies of the Bell System is \$1,114,310,979. Of this, \$502,306,910 is owned and in the treasury of the companies of the Bell System. The capital stock, bonds and notes payable outstanding in the hands of the public at the close of the year were \$612,000,000. If to this be added the current accounts payable, \$21,700,000, the total obligations of every kind were \$633,700,000, as against which there were liquid assets, cash and current accounts receivable, of \$53,600,000, leaving \$580,100,000 as the net permanent capital obligations of the whole system outstanding in the hands of the public.

Against these obligations the companies had property \$606,700,000—an excess of \$116,600,000, or 20 per cent.

There is a large additional surplus, which is legitimate and proper and which could be properly added to the book Surplus, representing as it does the value of intangible property, such as franchises, contracts, patents, rights of way, both public and private, which are not carried at any valuation in the book accounts.

In every case where the public authorities have appraised the plant of the companies, the valuation has been far in excess of the book valuation. It is within the bounds of conservatism to say that the obligations of all the companies outstanding in the hands of the public are represented by 150 per cent of property at a fair replacement valuation of the plants and assets, not including public franchises.

Particular attention is invited to the tables following, and also to the one showing averages of operating units of associated companies.

**BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN UNITED STATES—COMPARISON OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES, 1909 AND 1910.**

(All duplications, including interest, dividends and other payments to American Telephone & Telegraph Company by Associated Holding and Operating companies, excluded.)

	1909.	1910.	Increase.
Gross Earnings	\$149,914,708	\$165,612,881	\$15,698,173
Expenses—Operation	\$49,731,941	\$54,235,449	\$4,503,508
Current Maintenance	23,723,681	25,763,982	2,039,401
Depreciation	21,115,272	26,264,927	5,149,655
Taxes	6,976,306	8,355,015	1,378,709
Total expenses	\$101,547,200	\$114,618,473	\$13,071,273
Net Earnings	\$48,367,508	\$50,994,408	\$2,626,900
Deduct Interest	10,221,383	11,556,864	1,335,481
Balance Net Profits	\$38,146,125	\$39,437,544	\$1,291,419
Deduct Dividends Paid	23,910,603	25,160,786	1,250,183
Surplus Earnings	\$14,235,522	\$14,276,758	\$41,236

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET, 1909 AND 1910.**

(Duplications Excluded.)

Assets—	Dec. 31 1909.	Dec. 31 1910.	Increase.
Contracts and Licenses	\$7,213,781	\$2,943,381	*\$4,269,400
Telephone Plant	557,417,146	610,999,964	53,582,818
Supplies, Tools, &c	17,048,196	20,987,551	3,939,355
Receivables	49,744,919	26,077,802	*23,667,117
Cash	32,055,866	27,548,933	*4,506,933
Stocks and Bonds	38,186,384	64,766,089	26,579,705
Total	\$701,645,192	\$753,323,720	\$51,678,528
Liabilities—			
Capital Stock	\$352,904,063	\$344,645,450	*\$8,258,613
Funded Debts	187,585,339	224,791,696	\$37,106,357
Bills Payable	40,721,625	42,566,943	1,845,318
Accounts Payable	24,633,780	21,721,125	*2,912,655
Total Outstanding Obligations	\$605,844,807	\$633,725,194	\$27,880,387
Surplus and Reserves	95,799,385	119,598,526	23,809,141
Total	\$701,645,192	\$753,323,720	\$51,678,528

**AVERAGE OPERATING UNITS OF ASSOCIATED OPERATING COMPANIES.**

The next table following shows average operating revenue and expenses per station, operating ratios, unit plant costs, &c., of the associated operating companies (not including the American Telephone & Telegraph Company's long-distance lines), for the years 1895, 1900, 1905 and 1910.

It will be noted that there has been a steady decrease both in expenses and revenue per subscriber's station, so that now the average subscriber pays for a higher grade, more comprehensive service, less than half what he paid fifteen years ago for the much less useful service that was then possible.

This reduction in cost of service has made it possible for every one who needs a telephone to have one and to get the great advantage of being within reach of everybody by telephone.

The greatly decreased plant investment per station, to which attention was called in the previous annual report, has been still further reduced during the year to \$142, notwithstanding the extensive additions to toll lines.

There is a steady increase in the proportion of wires underground, which indicates a greater permanence of plant and decreases the maintenance costs. This low cost of plant and this decreasing maintenance cost are only made possible by the central supervision of engineering and manufacturing of the Bell System, and the advance construction referred to at length under the head of Depreciation.

The percentage of net profits to capital stock, although not so good as in the earlier years of the business, shows for 1910 an improvement over recent years.

Average Operating Units of Associated Operating Companies, 1895 to 1910. (This table covers the companies owning all the exchanges and toll lines of the Bell Telephone System except the long-distance lines of American Telephone & Telegraph Co.)

Average per Exchange Station.	1895.	1900.	1905.	1910.
Earnings—				
Exchange Service	\$69 75	\$44 68	\$33 31	\$31 28
Toll Service	11 35	12 60	9 95	9 47
Total	\$81 10	\$57 28	\$43 26	\$40 75
Expenses—				
Operation	\$29 15	\$21 63	\$16 96	\$15 14
Taxes	2 23	2 37	1 49	2 00
Total	\$31 38	\$24 00	\$18 45	\$17 14
Balance	\$49 72	\$33 28	\$24 81	\$23 61
Maintenance and Depreciation	26 20	17 68	13 91	13 46
Net Earnings	\$23 52	\$15 60	\$10 90	10 15
Per Cent Oper. Expense to Tel. Earnings	35.0	37.8	39.2	37.2
Per Cent Tel. Expense to Tel. Earnings	71.0	72.8	74.8	75.1
Per Cent Maintenance and Depreciation to Average Plant, Supplies, &c	9.1	8.4	8.9	9.5
Per Cent Increase Exchange Stations*	15.7	26.5	24.5	11.8
Per Cent Increase Miles Exchange Wire*	15.9	33.2	27.2	12.0
Per Cent Increase Miles Toll Wire*	21.3	25.2	12.4	11.5
Average Plant Cost per Exchange Station (Including Exchange and Toll Constr'n)	\$260 00	\$199 00	\$145 00	\$142 00
Average Cost per Mile of Pole Line (Toll) (Including Wire)	\$219 00	\$348 00	\$438 00	\$688 00
Average Cost per Mile of Wire (Toll) (Including Poles)	\$81 00	\$71 00	\$62 00	\$66 00
Per Cent Gross Telephone Earnings to Average Plant	33.4	31.7	31.7	29.3
Per Cent Net Profits to Average Capital Stock	10.11	9.44	8.34	8.48
Per Cent Dividends to Average Capital Stock	5.07	6.19	5.75	6.31

\* Increase during year shown over previous year.

**WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY.**

The Western Electric Company occupies a unique position in the manufacturing business. It is, in fact, the manufacturing department of the Bell System.

To develop efficiency in service, it was necessary to control the evolution of apparatus as well as of methods of operation. To control the quality and style of apparatus, to control the improvements which suggested themselves in the course of, and were the outcome of, the experimental work and the development and improvement studies and experiments, it was necessary for the Bell System to control the manufacture of equipment and apparatus.

The present Western Electric Company was the outgrowth of this necessity.

This relation created the business of the Western Electric Company.

This relation of the Western Electric Company with the Bell System not only eliminated the expense which such companies must incur in the establishment of their business, but also largely reduced the operating of continuing expenses. Its business was either for the Bell Companies, or came to it because of its relation to the Bell Companies. Its manufactured products were made upon advance orders or to fill regular and definite continuing demands. A relatively small merchandise stock had to be carried.

There was no selling expense, which, in the ordinary manufacturing business, absorbs such a large percentage of the manufacturing profits. There were no bad debts. The capital of the company was small and the floating debt large—at times much larger than the capital.

The growth had been so rapid that there had been no time to adjust the business to the changing conditions. It became apparent that some of these conditions must be changed for the permanent good of the company.

Before instituting any changes, an offer was made to the outside shareholders of the Western Electric Company for an exchange or sale of their stock to the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. The offer was considered a liberal one and was accepted by a very large majority of the smaller holders and by a majority of the total shareholdings not held by the American Company.

A definite program of readjustment to new conditions was adopted and has been steadily pushed forward.

Outside lines of manufacture which were not only unprofitable but were absorbing a very large proportion of the capital of the company have been abandoned and the company's energy and efforts concentrated on the manufacture and sale of telephonic apparatus and auxiliary supplies.

The Hawthorne works have been enlarged and the Chicago City Clinton Street and Polk Street properties have been sold at a slight advance over their book values. The company's debt has been funded and it has ample working capital.

The prices charged to the Bell System are lower than the prices charged to other telephone customers. In the year 1910 the rate of gross profit on sales to the Bell System was 7.5% less than on sales to such other customers. This difference was offset by the lower expense in selling to the Bell Companies.

The relation between the Bell System and the Western Electric Company has the advantage of a ready-made business, with none of the ordinary drawbacks and expenses and risks that other manufacturing companies have. Because of that relation, however, all investigations made as to the cost and expenses of the telephone business by public bodies include an investigation to ascertain whether or not the Bell System is getting, indirectly, abnormal profits through its manufacturing department by making excessive charges for apparatus and supplies. While all such investigations have, so far, ended satisfactorily, they bring into the discussion the profits of the company, its relations to public utilities, its profits and the proportion of these profits which should be divided among the shareholders.

Everything indicates that the company can make satisfactory prices to the telephone companies for its products and maintain a 10% dividend. This rate has been started, and it is not believed that existing conditions or a conservative policy would justify more.

**REPORT OF THE AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

The improvement which has marked previous years still continues. The net revenue for the year was \$31,933,214 49, out of which were paid interest, \$5,077,321 33, and dividends, \$20,776,822 12. The balance, \$6,079,071 04, shows an increase, notwithstanding the large increase in dividends due to the exchange of convertible bonds for shares.

**CONVERTIBLE BONDS.**

At the close of business Dec. 31 1910, \$111,059,000 of the \$150,000,000 convertible bonds sold had been handed in for conversion, leaving outstanding at that date \$38,941,000.

**SHARE CAPITAL.**

Due to the conversion of the bonds, there has been an increase of \$6,860,300 in the outstanding share capital. This increase has been well distributed. The number of shareholders, 40,381 on Dec. 31 1910, shows an increase of 4,558 during the year. The distribution is general, there being 40,087 shareholders who hold less than 1,000 shares each, 266 who hold from 1,000 to 5,000 shares each and 28 who each hold 5,000 shares or more. The total holdings in blocks of 5,000 or more are less than 10% of the stock outstanding.

A majority of the company's stockholders are women. Less than 8% of the stock was at Dec. 31 in the names of brokers.

#### ISSUES OF CAPITAL STOCK AND BONDS.

There has been no issue of share capital during the year except in exchange for convertible bonds. The amount of these bonds still outstanding at the time of this report is about \$30,000,000.

Some of the collateral fours have been issued in the course of the year in connection with the program for re-arranging the territory, referred to last year, and other similar purposes.

It will be necessary, towards the close of the year, to do some financing, and should conditions remain much as they now are, this will probably be done by an issue of share capital to the stockholders. The time and amount of the issue will be determined later in order that any change in conditions may be taken advantage of.

Last year we stated that the premiums received over the par value of capital issues were over \$14,000,000. The conversion of bonds into stock during the year has increased this premium account to nearly \$17,000,000.

#### GENERAL.

The business of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company is largely, but by no means entirely, that of a holding company. It is an operating company in that it exercises centralized administrative functions over the associated companies and owns and directly operates the long-distance lines, binding this company into one system.

It is a developing and manufacturing company by reason of its control over the manufacturing of the Western Electric Company through the Experimental and Engineering departments, and its contract relations with and stock ownership in that company.

To get a proper comprehension of the business of the company as a whole, the combined balance sheet and earnings statement on another page must be considered, rather than the balance sheet and earnings statement of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company alone.

The interest of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company in its associated operating companies is over 80%, in addition to which it has its own earnings. The American Telephone & Telegraph Company's share of the surplus earnings of the Bell System is approximately 90%, so that the showing of real interest to the security holders of American Telephone & Telegraph Company lies in the figures of the Bell System as a whole.

The combined statements of the Bell System show that during the year the property of the whole system increased \$84,000,000. This includes plant, real estate, supplies, tools, stocks and bonds.

The cash and other liquid assets were reduced by \$28,000,000. The intangible assets, such as contracts, patents, franchises, &c., were reduced by \$4,270,000, leaving less than \$3,000,000 on the books of all the companies against these items.

The net increase in assets, about \$52,000,000, was provided by an increase in outstanding obligations of less than \$28,000,000.

#### LEGAL.

The Legal Department reports that throughout the country the relations of this company and its associated companies with the Public Service Commissions of the several States have, on the whole, been of a very satisfactory character. The Commissions have recognized the fundamental correctness of our methods of operating, the soundness of our principles of accounting and the fairness of our dealings with the public. There has, consequently, been but little difficulty in working harmoniously with these Commissions in solving the problems which, in a growing business, constantly demand attention.

In Oklahoma, where our associated company felt compelled to disagree with the State Commission, the Supreme Court of the State, in the so-called Enid case, has fully sustained our claims. That Court, in its opinion, has made a very valuable contribution to the law, recognizing, as it does, that in the telephone business large expenditures must be made in the establishment and development of an efficient telephone service which do not appear in the plant, but which contribute to the value of the business when established. This "going value" must always be added to the value of the physical plant in determining the investment upon which the telephone company is entitled to an income. The Court also recognized the necessity in the telephone business of making a liberal provision for depreciation, not only to provide for the decay and destruction of plant, but also to make the changes required to meet rapidly-growing demands and to furnish the public with the improved facilities which the great development of the art has made necessary.

Our associated companies have been quick to respond to the public needs with these improved facilities, and advanced methods of operating. In consequence, they have had very little litigation with their subscribers and have been uniformly successful in such as has arisen.

In the Western Union case, the United States Circuit Court has affirmed the report of the Master and the case will be appealed. Nothing has developed in this case which changes our view that the earlier decisions in this case were correct and that we have fully accounted for all that was due the plaintiffs under the contract of Nov. 10 1879.

#### PENSIONS AND SAVINGS.

During the year a great deal of attention has been given to some scheme for Pensions and Savings which would be of the greatest possible benefit and assistance to the employees and if possible a substantial improvement on any scheme now in force.

The problem is an intricate and complicated one and the solution not easy.

At a conference of all the associated companies it was agreed that any plan adopted by the American Telephone & Telegraph Company would also be adopted by them, making it comprehensive and covering the Bell System as a whole, so that all changes of employees between companies would not affect their Pensions or Savings benefits.

In the meantime all cases which would come under Pensions or Savings plans will be acted upon individually by the company, so that in effect, so far as the employees are concerned, the delay does not postpone any benefit to them.

#### INDEPENDENT AND OPPOSITION COMPANIES.

Our policy in respect to the opposition and independent telephone systems has been consistently followed through the year. Wherever it could be legally done, and done with the acquiescence of the public, opposition companies have been acquired and merged into the Bell System.

Independent companies have been added to the System through sub-license or connecting contracts.

There is no question but that the public are tired of dual telephone exchange systems, and that so fast as confidence in protection against the real or imaginary evils of monopoly increases opposition against mergers will decrease.

This condition can only be brought about by putting before the public the fullest and most detailed information as to the company, its policy and purposes.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS.

It is believed that the telephone system should be universal, interdependent and intercommunicating, affording opportunity for any subscriber of any exchange to communicate with any other subscriber of any other exchange within the limits of speaking distance, giving to every subscriber every possible additional facility for *annihilating time or distance by use of electrical transmission of intelligence or personal communication*. It is believed that some sort of a connection with the telephone system should be within reach of all. It is believed, further, that this idea of universality can be broadened and applied to a *universal wire system for the electrical transmission of intelligence (written or personal communication)* from every one in every place to every one in every other place, a system as universal and as extensive as the highway system of the country which extends from every man's door to every other man's door.

It is not believed that this can be accomplished by separately controlled or distinct systems, nor that there can be competition in the accepted sense of competition.

It is believed that all this can be accomplished to the reasonable satisfaction of the public with its acquiescence, under such control and regulation as will afford the public much better service at less cost than any competition or government-owned monopoly could permanently afford and at the same time be self-sustaining.

The Bell System as at present constituted was evolved first through the local exchange. The capital to develop New York was estimated at less than \$100,000; yet it was a long time before even that could be raised. Even if it had been possible to raise capital to exploit the whole country through one company, it would have been impossible to use it properly. Later development of the toll line, of lines connecting exchanges and of long-distance service made the deficiencies of the service glaring and the necessity of improvement imperative.

With the extension of the speaking limits of the telephone over connecting lines came also the necessity for the extension of the territorial limits of the exchange systems, the necessity of standardization, uniformity of apparatus and operating methods, and an effective common control over all. The necessity for system was the beginning of the Bell System. The combination of the separate exchanges and lines into larger aggregations or organizations followed. It was necessary to have more effective organization with more effective administration and management, and with resources sufficient to make the changes which experiment and experience had found necessary.

This process of combination will continue until all telephone exchanges and lines will be merged either into one company owning and operating the whole system, or until a number of companies with territories determined by political, business or geographical conditions, each performing all functions pertaining to local management and operation, will be closely associated under the control of one central organization exercising all the functions of centralized general administration. But whatever may be the form of the operating organization, there is bound to be for legal purposes and the holding of franchises some sort of subordinate State organization which will bring the business and property in each locality under the jurisdiction of the State in which it is situated and operated.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company, which is the owner of all or part of each company forming the Bell System, is not simply a holding company. It is not a combination that has eliminated competition between the com-

panies controlled by it. There can be no rivalry or competition between local exchanges in adjacent territory. Those desiring the service of exchanges in adjacent territory in addition to their own can get it much better and cheaper through their local exchange. To give direct individual wires from one exchange territory into another would be impractical from the multiplication of lines and prohibitive on account of cost. The American Telephone & Telegraph Company is a centralized general administration for all the companies. It does the financing for the extension of the business. It furnishes the engineering, operating and other experts. It maintains a productive and protective organization, so far as patents are concerned. It defends all the companies against all infringements. It undertakes to bring about improvements by working out the ideas and suggestions of others, both in and out of the business. Its agents keep each company fully informed of all that is going on in the field. It avoids all duplication of efforts, of experiments, of trial of new methods, apparatus, etc. It looks after the public relations of the companies. In other words, it performs all that service which is common to all, leaving to the local companies the local management. The organization is not unlike that of the United States, each local company occupying its own territory and performing all local functions, the American Telephone & Telegraph Company binding them all together with its long-distance lines and looking after all the relations between the local companies and between local companies and other companies. To have developed the telephone industry to its present state of efficiency would have been beyond the ability of any one of the local companies.

All independent systems which have been started have more or less followed the same lines, but within restricted areas, whether built by one company or interest, or by several. First, the local exchange, then the toll line to outlying points, and then the long-distance line connecting with other independent exchanges, tying them together to form a system affording facilities for communication between the subscribers of one exchange and the subscribers of the other, but limited in scope, and without the community of interest necessary to a common system.

In other words, we have the Bell System on the one side, developed on the lines of a universal, intercommunicating and interdependent service. We have the opposition on the other side, segregated exchanges or limited systems without universality, incomplete and inefficient, neither interdependent nor intercommunicating, except to a limited extent.

#### CORPORATE ORGANIZATION AND COMBINATION.

Corporate organization and combination are the necessary and logical solution of the problem of caring for the wonderful development which has been going on all over the world, and particularly in this country, in the recent past.

That there has been in large measure reason or cause for the existing unfavorable public opinion as to corporations, trusts and combinations is beyond question, but it does not follow that there is reason or cause for the wholesale denunciation and condemnation of all corporations, trusts and combinations.

Public utility corporations and other combinations have too frequently assumed that new laws and regulations were disastrous and ruinous without first giving them a fair trial, and legislators too often have displayed an ignorance or disregard of existing laws, spreading the idea that new legislation was a cure-all for any undesirable condition, while it was often only a political play, and the enforcement of the existing laws was utterly neglected. The results have been bad. While business will adjust itself to any condition if given time and opportunity, sudden change of conditions will result in disaster to some interest, but not as a rule to those at which the change was aimed.

There is too little consideration given to the fact, based on all experience, that no one interest can permanently prosper unless all other interests are in a prosperous condition, and to the fact that any sudden change in existing conditions will always be taken advantage of by some one interest to the detriment of other interests in general.

The proper use of corporate organization or combination under proper regulation or control cannot be objected to. What is and should be condemned, prevented and punished is the abuse made of corporate machinery to the detriment of public welfare and such abuse as has been and is being practiced so extensively for purely speculative and oftentimes swindling enterprises.

#### PUBLIC CONTROL.

Public control or regulation of Public Service Corporations by permanent commissions has come and come to stay. Control or regulation exercised through such a body has many advantages over that exercised through regular legislative bodies or committees. The permanent commission will be a quasi-judicial body. It should be made up of members whose duty it will be, and who will have the desire, the time and the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the questions coming before them. It should act only after thorough investigation and be governed by the equities of each case. It would in time establish a course of practice and precedent for the guidance of all concerned.

Experience also has demonstrated that this "supervision" should stop at "control" and "regulation" and not "manage," "operate" nor dictate what the management or operation

should be beyond the requirements of the greatest efficiency and economy.

Management or operation requires intimate knowledge and experience which can only be gained by continuous, active and practical participation in actual working, while control or regulation can be intelligently exercised, after judicial hearing, by those who have not the knowledge or experience to operate.

State control or regulation should be of such a character as to encourage the highest possible standard in plant, the utmost extension of facilities, the highest efficiency in service, rigid economy in operation, and to that end should allow rates that would warrant the highest wages for the best service, some reward for high efficiency in administration, and such certainty of return on investment as will induce investors not only to retain their securities, but to supply at all times all the capital needed to meet the demands of the public.

Such "control" and "regulation" can and should stop all abuses of capitalization, of extortion or of overcharges, of unreasonable division of profits.

If there is to be State control and regulation, there should also be State protection—protection to a corporation striving to serve the whole community (some part of whose service must necessarily be unprofitable) from aggressive competition which covers only that part which is profitable.

Governmental control should protect the investor as well as the public. It should ensure to the public good service and fair rates. It should also ensure fair returns to the investor.

A public utility giving good service at fair rates should not be subject to competition at unfair rates.

It is not that all competition should be suppressed, but that all competition should be regulated and controlled. That competition should be suppressed which arises out of the promotion of unnecessary duplication, which gives no additional facilities or service, which is in no sense either extension or improvement, which, without initiative or enterprise, tries to take advantage of the initiative and enterprise of others by sharing the profitable without assuming any of the burden of the unprofitable parts or which has only the selfishly speculative object of forcing a consolidation or purchase.

State control and regulation, to be effective at all, should be of such a character that the results from the operation of any one enterprise would not warrant the expenditure or investment necessary for mere duplication and straight competition. In other words, the profits should not be so large as to warrant duplication of capitalization in the competition for the same business.

When thoroughly understood it will be found that "control" will give more of the benefits and public advantages which are expected to be obtained by State ownership than could be obtained through such ownership, and will obtain them without the public burden of either the public officeholder or public debt or operating deficit. It is conceded that as a rule private management is better, more economical and more efficient than public management, and much more advanced and enterprising. The economical margin between public and private management has been shown by experience to be more than sufficient to secure the best private administration.

If any company gives good service, meets all the reasonable demands of the public, does not earn more than sufficient to provide for the maintenance of its plant up to the latest standard and for reconstruction of plant when worn out or obsolete, pays only fair dividends to its shareholders—if a company is only doing this, its rates and charges to the public cannot be unreasonable.

#### COMPETING EXCHANGES.

Two local telephone exchanges in the same community are regarded as competing exchanges, and the public tolerates this dual service only in the fast disappearing idea that through competition in the telephone service some benefit may be obtained both as to rate and efficiency. Competition means that the same thing, or a satisfactory substitute, is offered. In this sense there can be no competing exchanges unless each exchange has substantially the same list of subscribers, which is in itself inconceivable.

The fundamental idea of the Bell System is that the telephone service should be universal, intercommunicating and interdependent; that there are *certain people* with whom one *communicates frequently and regularly*; there are a *certain few* with whom one *communicates occasionally*, while there are *times* when it is *most necessary* to get communication with *some other one*, who, until the *particular necessity* arose, *might have been unknown and unthought of*. It is this necessity, impossible to predetermine, which makes the universal service the only perfect service.

Two exchange systems in the same place offering identically the same list of subscribers, if such a thing can be imagined, are as useless as a duplicate system of highways or streets in a village, not connecting with each other, but each reaching all the residents.

#### PHYSICAL CONNECTIONS.

Physical connection. What is meant by it? And what object is it intended to accomplish?

Where there are two or more so-called competing local telephone exchanges in the same territory, each offers a par-

ticular service; each offers a connection with its particular list of subscribers.

Physical connection would connect these separate exchanges by trunk lines the same as exchanges belonging to one system are connected.

This in itself would be an easy matter in many cases, and would allow the subscriber to one local exchange speaking connection with the subscribers to the other local exchanges. A fairly satisfactory service could be given if all of the exchanges had the same general style of equipment, uniform operating methods, and if harmony and concert of action between the operators of entirely independent and rival exchanges could be assured.

But what has been accomplished? You have enabled any subscriber to any exchange to communicate with any subscriber to any other exchange. You have not avoided the objectionable duplication. You have not given service to all the exchanges for one subscription. This can only be done through merger or combination, not by physical connection. Physical connection implies separate and independent entities. For the privilege of this physical connection with the other exchanges the subscriber to any one of the exchanges must pay. This payment or toll must be more or less the equivalent of what the regular subscribers pay, otherwise there would be discrimination.

If the equipment and the operating methods of the opposition or independent exchanges physically connected are different, the service is bound to be unsatisfactory. No one of the exchanges can have any control over the operators of the other exchanges. There is bound to be strife and contention between the operators, resulting in delays and poor service. Each exchange must necessarily give preference and attention to its own service.

From the standpoint of local telephone exchange service, therefore, there can be nothing to gain from physical connection, either in economy or quality of service.

Most of the opposition exchanges have been built up in a selected territory with capital obtained by the promise of, or in anticipation of, large profits; as a rule capitalized far in excess of the plant value or construction cost. Subscribers have been obtained by promises of improved service at low rates. Many of such exchanges owe what success they have, where there is any success, to personal local influence or interest. Many, if not all, have been a disappointment. The day of local telephone exchanges or limited telephone systems has gone. This is recognized and fully appreciated by those who have exploited or are operating them.

The idea of physical connection is born of a desire to get for these local and isolated competing or opposition exchanges, or these comparatively limited exchange systems, the advantage of the more extensive, comprehensive Bell System. To get for the subscribers of these so-called competing, opposition exchanges the connections which their own systems do not give them, to get for their subscribers all the advantages enjoyed by subscribers of the Bell exchanges by giving them the use of a part of the Bell System.

Physical connection would force the comprehensive Bell System, which has been built up with foresight and enterprise and is being maintained in its completeness at the cost of maintaining unremunerative exchanges and unremunerative lines, to turn over to, and put under control of, any opposition system for its use and benefit, for the time being, a physical part of the property of the Bell System and at the same time deprive the subscribers to the Bell System of the use of such property. Physical connection would oblige any system to construct and maintain surplus facilities and employ a surplus staff of operators for the benefit of any so-called competing or opposition—but less enterprising—company.

No possible compensation would be adequate for such service or such deprivation.

One of the arguments for physical connection is that it will stop duplication. How? All agreements as to territory, rates or character of opposition; all arrangements which would come under the head of combination or pooling; all understandings or anything that would be equivalent to consolidation or combination, must be eliminated; this is not what is meant by and is not a part of, physical connection. Leaving all understandings out of consideration, what effect would physical connection have on the local opposition exchanges? Neither exchange could stop competing for subscribers. The exchange that did would soon dwindle to a point of absolute undesirability.

It is claimed that physical connection would bring about one system, where any one telephone subscriber could obtain connection with any other telephone subscriber within the limits of possible communication. With physical connection that would be the case, after a fashion; but what kind of a system would it be? It would be imperfect in that it would still be a dual system, with dual charges, made up of heterogeneous units of exchanges and lines, operated under independent managements with different operating methods and interests, with no common control over operators, without which service cannot be satisfactory; in fact, with all those imperfections that it has taken the Bell interests years to correct—imperfections which can be removed only by combination, agreement, understanding, which would be in effect consolidation.

Such demand as there may be for physical connection from opposition exchanges is a recognition of superior facili-

ties and comes from a desire to get the benefits of those superior facilities.

So far as it comes from the public it is an expression of weariness with dual service or so-called competition.

Is there anything in practice, law or precedent that can compel one system, built upon a comprehensive basis and trying to meet all the requirements of the public, to turn over its physical property for the use of so-called competitors—opposition exchanges built in selected territory with selfish views or motives? Is there anything to compel one to share the prosperity of a business created by enterprise and advanced policy with those who wish to appropriate the benefits of such work? Can any public utility company be compelled to divest itself of the operating control of its own property which was created for and may be needed at any time in the conduct of its own business? This is not the kind of interchange of business contemplated by the rules governing common carriers. It is not co-operation. It is pure and simple confiscation.

#### TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH.

The relations between the telephone system and the telegraph system are complementary. Telegraph service annihilates time in that it instantaneously transmits written messages between different points. The telephone provides something to be used by the public themselves. The telegraph performs a distinct service for the public.

A telephone "circuit" consists of two copper wires of superior construction, arranged in a particular relation to each other, forming a metallic circuit equipped with auxiliary apparatus, loading coils, etc., connected with a switchboard—all very complicated and elaborate.

A telegraph "circuit" consists of one wire at most—a grounded circuit. This wire can be divided into several distinct "circuits."

A telephone "circuit" cannot be used for telephone purposes by any but the two parties in communication during the time of such communication, but the same telephone "circuit" can, at the same time it is being used for telephone service, be divided into two, four or even eight telegraph "circuits," each of which can be used for the transmission of telegraph messages.

While the existing telephone toll and long-distance lines can be used for telegraph purposes, the existing telegraph lines cannot be used for telephone toll and long-distance purposes until reconstructed and arranged as described above.

There are two factors which determine the cost of both services—Plant Cost and Operating Cost. The total of these costs must be distributed over the actual service performed, and the cost of each item of service, whether telephonic communication or telegraph message, varies directly with the total amount of that service. The more the capacity of the plant in service is utilized, the less the cost of each particular item of service.

The plant cost is the fixed charge on capital invested in plant, the cost of its maintenance and the depreciation reserve.

The operating cost is more or less a constant initial charge on each item of service, i. e., telephone connection or telegraph message. In the telephone service it is the cost of the time of the operators in putting up the circuit or connection for the use of the parties and getting them into communication with each other. It is relatively small in that one set of operators can care for a number of circuits. In the telegraph service there is a large constant initial cost for each message, made up of the cost of the skilled and expert operators on each circuit, offices with clerical and messenger staff for the collection and delivery, receiving, recording and preparing messages for transmission, insurance against mistakes in transmission or delay in delivery, etc.\*

The possible use—the number of hours during which a telephone circuit can be used as well as the number of items of service, i. e., communications or connections, which can be given within those hours—is limited by the necessity of the *personal presence* on the circuit of the parties communicating; by the time necessary to get both parties on the circuit; by the time taken by the communication, and by the intervals lost while waiting for parties.

This limited capacity, together with the costly character of the telephone circuit, makes the plant cost of each connection or communication very large. The operating cost is relatively very small in that one set of operators can take care of the connections of a number of circuits.

The relatively small operating cost and large plant cost make *distance* the important controlling element in the cost of telephone toll line or long-distance service.

In the telegraph service the messages are transmitted by the operating staff, one after another, with the speed of writing. There are no lost intervals during the busy hours. The plant cost of each item of service, i. e., the telegraph message, is relatively very small, while the operating cost, for reasons given above, is relatively very large for each message.

The relatively large operating cost and small plant cost per telegraph message make *distance* a subordinate factor in the cost of telegraph service.

\* *Note.*—It seems unreasonable that a telegraph company should have a possible liability of many thousands of dollars for a single message at ordinary rates. There is no other business where there is not some additional charge for insurance beyond a minimum.



The ratio of the possible number of telegraph messages over the same wires compared to the possible number of telephone communications is very large.

It is possible to "telephone" messages, but while the operating cost would be somewhat larger than in the case of "telegraphing," the plant cost would make telephoning messages prohibitive over long distance under ordinary conditions. The use of the telephone for that purpose is therefore limited economically to short distances, or some situation where the plant cost would be almost or entirely negligible.

The small operating but very large plant cost of the telephone communication and the large operating but relatively small plant cost of the telegraph message limit the possibility of either being used indiscriminately or interchangeably to very short distances, or to other particular situations.

In a large way the complementary character exists in the joint occupancy and joint use for both purposes of the trunk line plant of both companies. For the general service of each the operating staffs of the telephone and of the telegraph are in every respect distinct and different, and not in the slightest degree interchangeable. Each function requires an independent operating organization, made up largely of experts in each particular business, complete in every respect. Any attempt on the part of a telephone company to do a regular "telegraph business" would necessitate a "telegraph" operating organization in addition to its "telephone" operating organization.

Before a telegraph company could do a "telephone business" it would be necessary to reconstruct and re-arrange its entire wire plant; to construct and equip central offices, distributing subways and lines, subscribers' connections and stations, at a cost of several times its existing telegraph wire plant, and also to create a distinct "telephone" operating organization.

While the large economies are in the joint occupancy and the joint use of the trunk "wire plant," there are great advantages and large economies in the utilization for both purposes of other plant and operating facilities which must be maintained for a single purpose in any case, and which could bear the additional burden of the service of the other without an additional cost. There are in the distributing and branch lines of both services large plant and operating facilities which are only being utilized to a small part of their capacities; where the business of either company is not sufficient to maintain either office or operating staff; where to maintain any office there must be utilized the office and employees of some business which has first claim on the service and attention of such employees. Under these conditions satisfactory service is impossible and to a great degree affects the reputation of the whole service, particularly that of the telegraph. This large economic waste incident to separate service could be almost entirely eliminated by joint use or occupancy, and by bringing the business entirely under one common control or influence, the efficiency and the reputation of the service could be greatly improved.

The utilization of plant and operating staff not fully employed makes it possible to collect and deliver messages by telephone and to connect exchanges and subscribers' stations by telephone toll lines with the night telegraph offices at other points.

To the extent that these waste facilities are utilized for public benefit and private profits, just to that extent regular standard service could be cheapened or new service and additional facilities given to the public.

The idea of universality has been referred to in connection with the telephone system. This idea can be broadened and applied to a wire system. We believe that the future development of the wire system in the United States will afford facilities for the annihilation of both time and distance by the general use of electrical transmission for written or personal communication, and will afford electrical communication of every kind of intelligence from every one at every place to every one at every other place. It will be comprehensive, universal.

To do this efficiently and economically means the combination of every kind of electrical transmission of intelligence into one system in order that new and additional uses may be developed and that the wire plant and other facilities may be utilized to their fullest extent.

Cheap service comes from full loads. In the wire service this can only be had by employing the plant to its full capacity all the time. The charts on pages 56 and 57 [pamphlet] will show to what a limited extent this is now being done.

In some lines of business, like the transportation of passengers, where the unit of service is the car mile, and the overload capacity of the car is large, the average load can be greatly increased by making use of the "overload" during the few hours of maximum business. In no other way could the prevailing cheap fares be afforded for such long hauls.

In the electrical transmission of intelligence each item of service, the "message" or "telephonic connection" occupies the wires and the time to the exclusion of all else, and the law of increasing returns therefore works within the narrow limits of the capacity of the line. There can be no overload. Cheaper service can only be given by the development of new or additional uses which can be distributed over the time now unused. In the telephone business what can be done in this direction is restricted by the necessity of the personal presence of the parties using the telephone, which limits the

use of circuits for telephone purposes to certain hours of the day. In the telegraph and cable business, under present conditions, it is different. There is a large capacity unused waiting to be utilized.

Under a universal wire system operated on the lines and in the manner indicated above, the additional services will be given to the public at rates commensurate with the value of such services, and in the great possibilities of electrical transmission of intelligence some uses will be found or developed to absorb and utilize this enormous waste, and also relieve any congestion now suffered by the more important business, by furnishing a service which would be satisfactory to such of the existing business as has heretofore had no alternative, but would prefer the new service.

The Night Letter—the first attempt—met with popular reception and is filling a definite place in the business and social world. The Day Letter, so recently introduced that its possibilities cannot yet be determined, will doubtless find its place. Depending upon the reception of these, other services will be introduced.

It is also intended to extend some of these new classes of service to the trans-Atlantic cables as soon as it is made possible by the completion of negotiations and arrangements now pending.

Until the economies which may result from the joint occupancy or joint use and the consequent utilization of these now unutilized facilities, are determined, there will be no changes made in the present conduct of expedited or regular service. Whether all or only part of the economic waste will be absorbed in the other classes of service is a question yet to be answered; until answered, anything that might result adversely, either to the quality of the service, the extension and introduction of new service or to the reasonable profits to which the companies are entitled, would be foolish and uncalled for.

#### RESUME AND CONCLUSION.

The following condensed summary of some of the principal things shown in this and previous reports is made with the purpose of taking away any excuse for further repetition or publication of those misstatements, distorted facts and erroneous conclusions which, for various reasons, are circulated from time to time.

It is shown that the total outstanding obligations of the Bell System in the United States, not including the manufacturing company, amount to \$580,000,000. All the capital of the various companies composing the System not included in this consists of inter-company items and duplications.

It is shown that the book value of the property representing these outstanding obligations is \$696,700,000, \$116,000,000 in excess of the outstanding obligations. It is shown that in all cases of official appraisal, the actual value of this plant has been found to be above the book value.

It is shown that there is no water in the capital of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company; that each \$100 of outstanding obligations is represented by more than \$100 cash paid into the treasury; that the excess of cash paid into the treasury over the outstanding obligations at the close of the year amounted to nearly \$17,000,000.

It is shown that the construction costs of the Bell System are small. The cost per exchange station is but \$117 12. The cost per exchange station, including the extensive system of toll lines, is but \$142 13. This valuation includes the first-class exchanges and exchange construction. All or substantially all of the cheaper class of construction, the rural co-operative and association lines, is embraced in the sub-licensee or connected companies, constructed on the basis of giving a low-cost local service.

It is shown that the cost of construction per exchange station has steadily decreased from \$199 in 1900 to \$142 in 1910, notwithstanding the great increase in the investment in real estate, underground construction, toll-line construction and copper wire.

It is shown that instead of increasing and oppressive rates, there has been a continual decrease of the average annual charge for exchange service from an average of \$44 68 in 1900 to \$31 28 in 1910.

It is shown that the taxes paid in the year 1910 by the Bell System amount to over 5% of its gross earnings, 16.4% of its net earnings and 1.4% of the value of its telephone plant.

It is shown that the control of the company is not vested in any one interest, nor has it been used for the benefit of any individual or group of individuals; that the shareholders, recognizing an uninterrupted administration of their affairs in their interest, have continued the Directorate on the same lines or the lines of natural succession from the beginning.

It is shown that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company is not in the accepted sense a trust, nor has it been built up by absorbing competing companies or in restraint of business. That while the Bell System is made up of separate corporations, these corporations are not, never have been and never could be in competition, and also that under any system of organization or under one ownership separate companies are necessary for purposes of State jurisdiction.

That a universal and comprehensive telephone system cannot have any operating limits, but must give unbroken, continuous, connecting circuits under one control, from every subscriber's station in every direction to the limits of telephone speaking possibility.

It is shown that bona fide competition between local exchanges cannot exist, owing to the peculiarities of the service rendered by these exchanges.

It is shown that physical connection does not and cannot bring about any economical or beneficial result, and increases instead of decreases the evil of dual construction and subscription.

That physical connection would give to subscribers of an opposition exchange the service and use of property provided for the use of others, and for which others pay.

We are charged with maintaining a large experimental and patent organization largely for the purpose of suppressing new inventions and improved methods. The Bell System does maintain a large experimental and engineering department, but for the purpose of developing the value and efficiency of anything that is new; what it really does is demonstrated by the fact that the construction, equipment and operating methods of the Bell System are the standard the world over.

We are charged with making abnormal profits on the equipment, supplies, &c., furnished the operating companies by the Western Electric Company, and in this way increasing the cost of service to the public. It is shown that the profits on Western Electric sales to the operating companies of the Bell System are less than on sales to the independent companies, to the extent at least of the saving in the cost of selling to the operating companies.

It is also shown that the telephone service and the telegraph service are complementary, not competitive; that each has its own proper place; that joint use of and joint occupancy of wires will reduce operating cost, maintenance charges and

construction investment. That utilizing the unutilized facilities of both will make possible large economies and improvement in the wire service, as well as new, additional and useful services of both telephone and telegraph, for the benefit of both the corporations and the public.

For the Directors.

THEODORE N. VAIL, President.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Bell Telephone System statistics from Dec 31 1895 to Dec 31 1910. Columns include Miles of Exchange Pole Lines, Miles of Toll Pole Lines, Total Miles of Pole Lines, Miles of Underground Wire, Miles of Submarine Wire, Miles of Aerial Wire, Total Miles of Wire, Comprising Toll Wire, Total, Total Exchange Circuits, No. of Central Offices, No. of Bell Stations, No. of Bell Connected Stations, Total Stations, Number of Employees, Number of Connecting Companies, Exchange Connections, Daily, Toll Connections Daily.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

(All Duplications between Companies Excluded.)

COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS, 1885-1910.

Table showing Combined Balance Sheets at five-year intervals from 1885 to 1910. Columns represent years: Dec. 31 1885, Dec. 31 1890, Dec. 31 1895, Dec. 31 1900, Dec. 31 1905, Dec. 31 1910. Rows include ASSETS (Contracts and Licenses, Telephone Plant, Supplies, Tools, etc., Receivables, Cash, Stocks and Bonds) and LIABILITIES (Capital Stock, Funded Debts, Bills Payable, Accounts Payable, Total Outstanding Obligations, Surplus and Reserves).

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES.

(All Duplications between Companies Excluded.)

COMPARATIVE EARNINGS AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS, 1885-1910.

Table showing Comparative Earnings at five-year intervals from 1885 to 1910. Columns represent years: Year 1885, Year 1890, Year 1895, Year 1900, Year 1905, Year 1910. Rows include Gross Earnings, Expenses, Net Earnings, Interest, Balance, Dividends, Surplus Earnings.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1910.

Table showing American Telephone & Telegraph Company Balance Sheet for Dec 31 1910. Rows include Assets (Stocks of Associated Companies, Bonds of Associated Companies, Capital Advances to Associated Companies, Telephones, Real Estate, Long Distance Telephone Plant, Cash and Deposits, Short-Term Notes, Special Demand Notes, Current Accounts Receivable, Treasury Bonds) and Liabilities (Capital Stock, Four Per Cent Collateral Trust Bonds, Four Per Cent Convertible Bonds, Five Per Cent Coupon Notes, Other Notes Payable, Indebtedness to Western Union Telegraph Co., Dividend payable January 15, Interest and Taxes Accrued, Current Accounts Payable, Reserve for Unearned Revenue, Depreciation Reserve, Surplus).

CHARLES G. DUBOIS, Comptroller.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS 1909 AND 1910.

Table showing Comparative Statement of Earnings and Expenses for 1909 and 1910. Rows include Earnings (Dividends, Interest and other revenue from Associated Companies, Telephone Traffic, Real Estate, Other Sources), Expenses, Net Earnings, Deduct Interest, Balance, Dividends Paid, Carried to Reserves, Carried to Surplus.

CHARLES G. DUBOIS, Comptroller.

ANNUAL EARNINGS AND DIVIDENDS.

Table showing Annual Earnings and Dividends from 1900 to 1910. Columns include Year, Net Revenue, Dividends Paid, Added to Reserves, Added to Surplus.

CHARLES G. DUBOIS, Comptroller.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, March 24 1911.

There is no real change in the general business situation. Conservatism is everywhere evident, though the tone of the iron and steel trade apart from its relations to the great railroads of the country is perhaps somewhat more encouraging.

LARD on the spot has declined, owing to liberal receipts of live hogs at easier prices, a decline in the market for futures and sluggishness of trade. Prime Western 9.10c., Middle Western 8.95c. and City steam 8 5/8 @ 8 3/4 c. Refined lard has also weakened, with trade quiet. Refined Continent 9.45c., South America 10.25c. and Brazil in kegs 11.25c. The market here for lard futures has been dull and easy. At the West the speculation has been active. Leading packers have sold heavily on the liberal live-hog movement. There has been free liquidation, while the buying has been largely to cover shorts. The total packing of hogs at the West during the week amounted to 595,000, against 435,000 in the previous week and 335,000 in the same week last year; since March 1, 1,555,000, against 1,070,000 same time last year.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN NEW YORK. Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. May delivery 9.05 8.95 9.05 8.95 8.95 8.75 July delivery 9.05 8.90 8.90 8.90 8.85 8.60

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. May delivery 8.90 8.72 8.72 8.85 8.85 8.62 1/2 July delivery 8.82 1/2 8.72 1/2 8.82 1/2 8.77 1/2 8.75 8.60

PORK on the spot has been quiet and easier. Mess \$21 75 @ \$22, clear \$18 @ \$19 and family \$21 50 @ \$22. Cut meats have been in moderate demand. Pickled hams, regular, 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4 c.; pickled bellies, clear, 12 @ 14c.; pickled ribs 11 1/2 @ 13c. Beef has been dull and steady. Mess \$14 @ \$14 50, packet \$15 @ \$15 50, family \$15 50 @ \$16 and extra India mess \$24 50 @ \$25. Tallow has been quiet and steady; City 6 1/4 @ 6 5/8 c. Stearines have been quiet; oleo 7 1/2 @ 8c. and lard 10c. Butter has been quiet and easier; creamery extras 24c. Cheese has been quiet and steady; State, full cream, colored, Sept., fancy, 14c. Eggs have been in moderate demand and steady; Western firsts 17 @ 17 1/2 c.

OIL.—Linedseed has been unchanged, with the undertone easy, however, and it is reported that some sales have latterly been made at prices lower than the published quotations. City, raw, American seed, 95 @ 96c.; boiled 96 @ 97c., Calcutta, raw, \$1. Cottonseed has been weaker; winter 6.40 @ 7.15c., summer white 6.40 @ 7c., crude 5.33 @ 5.40c. Coconut has been quiet and steady; Cochin 8 1/4 @ 8 1/2 c. and Ceylon 8 @ 8 1/4 c. Corn has been in moderate demand and steady at 6.50 @ 6.55c. Olive has been quiet and steady at 90 @ 95c. Lard quiet and steady; prime 95c. @ \$1, No. 1 extra 65 @ 70c. Cod has been in moderate demand and steady; domestic 53 @ 55c., Newfoundland 57 @ 58c.

COFFEE on the spot has been steady with a small jobbing trade. Rio No. 7, 12 3/4 @ 12 1/2 c.; Santos No. 4, 12 1/4 @ 12 3/8 c. West India growths have been quiet and steady; fair to good Cuetua 13 1/4 @ 13 5/8 c. The speculation in future contracts has been on a small scale, many in the trade still being disposed to await the outcome of the valorization sale on April 1 before operating freely. Prices have moved within moderate limits with a downward trend at times on the dulness of the spot trade, depression in the European markets and local liquidation.

Closing prices were as follows: March 10.51c, June 10.48c, Septemb'r 10.23c, December 9.90c, April 10.51c, July 10.43c, October 10.03c, January 9.90c, May 10.51c, August 10.37c, November 9.99c, February 9.90c.

SUGAR.—Raw has been in moderate demand and firmer. Centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 3.92c.; muscovado, 89-degrees test, 3.42c., and molasses, 89-degrees test, 3.17c. Refined has been in fair demand and firm. Granulated 4.80c. Teas firm with a good distributing trade. Spices quiet and steady.

PETROLEUM has been steady, with a moderate domestic and foreign trade. Refined, barrels, 7.40c., bulk 3.90c. and cases 8.90c. Gasoline has been in good demand and steady; 86-degrees, in 100-gallon drums, 18 3/4 c.; drums \$8 50 extra. Naphtha has been steady, with trade moderately active; 73 @ 76-degrees, in 100-gallon drums, 16 3/4 c.; drums \$8 50 extra. Spirits of turpentine dull at an advance to \$1 08 @ \$1 10. Rosin quiet and firmer at \$8 15 @ \$8 25.

TOBACCO.—Although manufacturers are admittedly busy, the fact remains that their purchases continue to be of very small volume. Business, in other words, is on a restricted scale. Yet prices are steady. The sales of Ohio are still noticeably small. It would surprise nobody if the supply of good binders should dwindle to very small proportions in the next six or seven months. Of fillers, however, there is an ample supply. The available stock of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin 1910 leaf is about exhausted. In the neighborhood of 7c. about 10,000 cases of Gebhardt and 15,000 Zimmer Spanish have been sold. The quotations for this tobacco are regarded as rather high, though the quality is undoubtedly good.

COPPER has been quiet and easy in tone, though without material change in prices. Lake 12.30 @ 12 3/8 c.; electrolytic 12 1/4 @ 12.30c.; casting 12 @ 12.15c. Tin has been firmer and more active; spot 40.10c. Lead has been more active at 4.45 @ 4.50c. Spelter firm at 5.55 @ 5.65c., with larger sales. Iron has been steady; No. 1 Northern \$15 75 @ \$16; No. 2 Southern \$15 25 @ \$15 75.

COTTON.

Friday Night, March 24 1911.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night is given below. For the week ending this evening, the total receipts have reached 48,770 bales, against 58,244 bales last week and 72,352 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Sept. 1 1910 7,793,370 bales, against 6,303,339 bales for the same period of 1909-10, showing an increase since Sept. 1 1910 of 1,485,031 bales.

Table showing Cotton Receipts at various ports from Sat. to Fri. Total receipts for the week: 48,770.

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Sept. 1 1910 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table comparing Cotton Receipts to March 24, 1910-11, 1909-10, and Stock for 1911 and 1910.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table showing Cotton Receipts at various ports for years 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, and 1906.

Since Sept. 1, 7,793,370 6,308,339 8,506,683 7,229,845 8,811,473 6,645,744

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 71,954 bales, of which 25,854 were to Great Britain, 6,130 to France and 39,970 to the rest of the Continent. Below are the exports for the week and since Sept. 1 1910.

Week ending March 24 1911. From Sept. 1 1910 to March 24 1911. Exported to—

Table showing Cotton Exports from various ports to Great Britain, France, and Total.

Total 25,854 6,130 39,970 71,954 3,031,936 853,979 2,680,448 6,566,363

Total 1909-10. 78,909 575 66,917 146,401 1,851,899 814,969 2,224,844 4,891,712

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Mch. 24 at—	On Shipboard, Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain	France	Germany.	Other Foreign	Const-wise.	
New Orleans	15,840	2,617	6,436	12,166		81,807
Galveston	8,267	7,324	9,557	14,351	609	50,907
Savannah	—	—	963	—	400	60,546
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	31,326
Mobile	6,000	17	2,779	—	437	9,233
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	8,000	8,000
New York	2,500	300	1,000	2,200	—	207,178
Other ports	500	—	600	—	—	22,615
<b>Total 1911</b>	<b>33,107</b>	<b>10,258</b>	<b>21,335</b>	<b>28,717</b>	<b>9,446</b>	<b>102,863</b>
<b>Total 1910</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>15,694</b>	<b>15,426</b>	<b>15,355</b>	<b>78,799</b>
<b>Total 1909</b>	<b>47,026</b>	<b>29,537</b>	<b>38,176</b>	<b>25,652</b>	<b>17,454</b>	<b>157,845</b>

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a moderate scale at some decline in prices. Beneficial rains have fallen in Texas, cotton goods have been dull and depressed, spot markets have been quiet, and the Census report of last Monday, March 20, stating the quantity ginned up to Feb. 28 in 500-lb. bales at 11,969,757 bales, against 10,315,382 for the same time last year, encouraged those who believe that the crop is at least 12,250,000 bales, and perhaps more. A number of Fall River mills have reduced their dividends. In at least one case the dividend has been passed. More drastic curtailment is believed to be probable both in New England and at the South unless trade greatly improves. In Austria cotton spinners will adopt a curtailment schedule of 25%, beginning on April 1 and lasting the rest of the year. In France the weaving business is poor and there is an accumulation of cloths. In Canada trade is reported very quiet, with a general expectation of lower prices. In China the plague and famine still have a detrimental effect on the cotton-goods business. As far as this country is concerned, it is argued that despite two short crops falling together and a large curtailment in the output by the mills, the unsold stocks held by the mills now are larger than they were two years ago, when cotton was some 4 cents cheaper and the average price of dry goods about 15% higher. There has been considerable liquidation for local and Southern account here. Bull manipulation has been necessary to prevent prices declining more than they have. With trade and speculation both dull, and the outlook favorable for a large acreage, and, other things being equal, a large crop, very many experienced people in the cotton trade look for a gradual sagging of prices. Yet there is no aggressive selling for short account, owing to the fact that receipts are light, that the stock at New York is rapidly disappearing, and that the visible supply in the world at large is decreasing much faster than it was a year ago. Moreover, some increase in trade is reported at Manchester, the spot sales at Liverpool are noticeably larger than they were a short time ago, the Bombay receipts continue light and finally there is a fear of aggressive manipulation by bull operators. It is well known that large Texas interests, and also people identified with the metal trade, have for some time past been acting on the bull side of the market. As they are financially powerful and are supposed to be interested particularly in the May option, of which, according to the general understanding, they are rather heavily "long," the rank and file of traders have been wary in their operations for a decline, and even larger people in the trade have been averse to an open contest. Notwithstanding, too, the copious rains which have fallen in various parts of Texas, it is insisted in some quarters that that State needs further rains. There are also some complaints of dry weather in Central Georgia. Some reports, too, are to the effect that conditions in China are not so serious as they were recently. Some of the Moscow, Russia, mills are said to be sold well ahead. The strength of the spot markets in this country is another factor which believers in better prices cite as unfavorable to the bear side. The upshot is that some of the most experienced people in the trade are merely awaiting developments on the principle "when in doubt do nothing." To-day prices were firmer, on the Census report showing stocks in this country on Feb. 28 of 4,024,927 bales, against 4,436,249 last year, and supplies held by manufacturers of 1,524,000 bales, against 1,693,000 last year, bullish weekly statistics and better Liverpool advices than had been expected. Spot cotton here quiet. Middling closed at 14.60c., showing a decline for week of 5 points.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Mch. 18 to Mch. 24— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.  
Middling upland 14.55 14.50 14.50 14.50 14.55 14.60

**NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.**

1911 c.	1.60	1903 c.	10.15	1895 c.	6.31	1887 c.	10.25
1910	75.15	1902	8.88	1894	7.58	1886	9.19
1909	9.70	1901	8.38	1893	8.94	1885	11.31
1908	10.40	1900	9.88	1892	6.75	1884	11.19
1907	11.00	1899	6.31	1891	9.00	1883	10.12
1906	11.75	1898	6.06	1890	11.44	1882	12.19
1905	8.15	1897	7.31	1889	10.12	1881	10.73
1904	14.50	1896	7.88	1888	9.94	1880	13.12

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Saturday...	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Cont'l.	Total.
Monday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Very steady	—	—	—
Tuesday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	600	700	1,300
Wednesday	Quiet	Barely steady	997	—	997
Thursday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Barely steady	—	—	—
Friday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	194	700	894
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,791</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>3,891</b>

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York the past week have been as follows:

Week.	Friday, March 24.	Thursday, March 23.	Wednesday, March 22.	Tuesday, March 21.	Monday, March 20.	Saturday, March 18.
March	14.35 @ 14.44	14.36 @ 14.45	14.36 @ 14.45	14.36 @ 14.45	14.36 @ 14.45	14.36 @ 14.45
Range	14.30-14.40	14.30-14.40	14.30-14.40	14.30-14.40	14.30-14.40	14.30-14.40
Closing	14.42	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.43
April	14.43 @ 14.45	14.43 @ 14.45	14.43 @ 14.45	14.43 @ 14.45	14.43 @ 14.45	14.43 @ 14.45
Range	14.37-14.47	14.37-14.47	14.37-14.47	14.37-14.47	14.37-14.47	14.37-14.47
Closing	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.43	14.43
May	14.45 @ 14.47	14.45 @ 14.47	14.45 @ 14.47	14.45 @ 14.47	14.45 @ 14.47	14.45 @ 14.47
Range	14.39-14.49	14.39-14.49	14.39-14.49	14.39-14.49	14.39-14.49	14.39-14.49
Closing	14.45	14.45	14.45	14.45	14.45	14.45
June	14.46 @ 14.48	14.46 @ 14.48	14.46 @ 14.48	14.46 @ 14.48	14.46 @ 14.48	14.46 @ 14.48
Range	14.40-14.50	14.40-14.50	14.40-14.50	14.40-14.50	14.40-14.50	14.40-14.50
Closing	14.46	14.46	14.46	14.46	14.46	14.46
July	14.47 @ 14.49	14.47 @ 14.49	14.47 @ 14.49	14.47 @ 14.49	14.47 @ 14.49	14.47 @ 14.49
Range	14.41-14.51	14.41-14.51	14.41-14.51	14.41-14.51	14.41-14.51	14.41-14.51
Closing	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47	14.47
August	14.48 @ 14.50	14.48 @ 14.50	14.48 @ 14.50	14.48 @ 14.50	14.48 @ 14.50	14.48 @ 14.50
Range	14.42-14.52	14.42-14.52	14.42-14.52	14.42-14.52	14.42-14.52	14.42-14.52
Closing	14.48	14.48	14.48	14.48	14.48	14.48
Sept.	14.49 @ 14.51	14.49 @ 14.51	14.49 @ 14.51	14.49 @ 14.51	14.49 @ 14.51	14.49 @ 14.51
Range	14.43-14.53	14.43-14.53	14.43-14.53	14.43-14.53	14.43-14.53	14.43-14.53
Closing	14.49	14.49	14.49	14.49	14.49	14.49
Oct.	14.50 @ 14.52	14.50 @ 14.52	14.50 @ 14.52	14.50 @ 14.52	14.50 @ 14.52	14.50 @ 14.52
Range	14.44-14.54	14.44-14.54	14.44-14.54	14.44-14.54	14.44-14.54	14.44-14.54
Closing	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
Nov.	14.51 @ 14.53	14.51 @ 14.53	14.51 @ 14.53	14.51 @ 14.53	14.51 @ 14.53	14.51 @ 14.53
Range	14.45-14.55	14.45-14.55	14.45-14.55	14.45-14.55	14.45-14.55	14.45-14.55
Closing	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51	14.51
Dec.	14.52 @ 14.54	14.52 @ 14.54	14.52 @ 14.54	14.52 @ 14.54	14.52 @ 14.54	14.52 @ 14.54
Range	14.46-14.56	14.46-14.56	14.46-14.56	14.46-14.56	14.46-14.56	14.46-14.56
Closing	14.52	14.52	14.52	14.52	14.52	14.52
Jan.	14.53 @ 14.55	14.53 @ 14.55	14.53 @ 14.55	14.53 @ 14.55	14.53 @ 14.55	14.53 @ 14.55
Range	14.47-14.57	14.47-14.57	14.47-14.57	14.47-14.57	14.47-14.57	14.47-14.57
Closing	14.53	14.53	14.53	14.53	14.53	14.53
Feb.	14.54 @ 14.56	14.54 @ 14.56	14.54 @ 14.56	14.54 @ 14.56	14.54 @ 14.56	14.54 @ 14.56
Range	14.48-14.58	14.48-14.58	14.48-14.58	14.48-14.58	14.48-14.58	14.48-14.58
Closing	14.54	14.54	14.54	14.54	14.54	14.54

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

March 24—	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.
Stock at Liverpool	1,222,000	851,000	1,411,000	1,076,000
Stock at London	7,000	4,000	8,000	10,000
Stock at Manchester	111,000	56,000	92,000	80,000
<b>Total Great Britain stock</b>	<b>1,340,000</b>	<b>911,000</b>	<b>1,511,000</b>	<b>1,166,000</b>
Stock at Hamburg	4,000	6,000	14,000	13,000
Stock at Bremen	295,000	285,000	450,000	441,000
Stock at Havre	325,000	376,000	363,000	246,000
Stock at Marseilles	2,000	3,000	4,000	4,000
Stock at Barcelona	25,000	8,000	43,000	46,000
Stock at Genoa	48,000	53,000	38,000	35,000
Stock at Trieste	4,000	4,000	2,000	18,000
<b>Total Continental stocks</b>	<b>701,000</b>	<b>733,000</b>	<b>914,000</b>	<b>803,000</b>
<b>Total European stocks</b>	<b>2,041,000</b>	<b>1,644,000</b>	<b>2,425,000</b>	<b>1,969,000</b>
India cotton afloat for Europe	140,000	238,000	152,000	138,000
Amer. cotton afloat for Europe	307,773	323,125	343,011	297,846
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe	41,000	19,000	15,000	45,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	225,000	152,000	293,000	236,000
Stock in Bombay, India	545,000	781,000	495,000	641,000
Stock in U. S. ports	560,204	524,787	676,270	604,223
Stock in U. S. interior towns	505,536	531,121	679,522	498,947
U. S. exports to-day	1,693	9,787	268	38,481
<b>Total visible supply</b>	<b>4,367,216</b>	<b>4,224,890</b>	<b>5,106,071</b>	<b>3,466,497</b>

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American				
Liverpool stock	bales	1,104,000	784,000	1,259,000
Manchester stock		87,000	40,000	76,000
Continental stock		660,000	679,000	876,000
American afloat for Europe		3,777,3	325,195	343,011
U. S. port stocks		560,204	524,787	676,270
U. S. interior stocks		505,536	531,121	679,522
U. S. exports to-day		1,693	9,787	268
<b>Total American</b>		<b>3,226,216</b>	<b>2,899,890</b>	<b>3,940,071</b>
<b>East Indian, Brazil, &amp;c.—</b>				
Egypt stock		118,000	67,000	123,000
London stock		7,000	4,000	10,000
Manchester stock		111,000	56,000	92,000
Continental stock		41,000	54,000	38,000
India afloat for Europe		140,000	238,000	152,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat		41,000	19,000	42,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt		225,000	152,000	293,000
Stock in Bombay, India		545,000	781,000	495,000
<b>Total East India, &amp;c.</b>		<b>1,141,000</b>	<b>1,325,000</b>	<b>1,166,000</b>
<b>Total American</b>		<b>3,226,216</b>	<b>2,899,890</b>	<b>3,940,071</b>

Total visible supply				
Middling Upland, Liverpool		4,367,216	4,224,890	5,106,071
Middling Upland, New York		7,754	8,154	9,447
Middling Upland, New York		14,600	15,150	10,400
Egypt, Good Brown, Liverpool		10 1/2d.	10 1/2d.	8 1/2d.
Peruvian, Rough Good, Liverpool		11 23/4d.	11,000d.	7,150d.
Braoch, Fine, Liverpool		7 7/8d.	7 1/4d.	4 15/16d.
Tinnevely, Good, Liverpool		7 5/8d.	7 1/8d.	4 3/4d.

Continental imports for the past week have been 185,000 bales.

The above figures for 1911 show a decrease from last week of 168,221 bales, a gain of 142,326 bales over 1910, a decrease of 738,855 bales from 1909, and a loss of 99,281 bales from 1908.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Sept. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period for the previous year—is set out in detail below.

Towns.	Receipts. Week. Season.	Shipments. Week. Season.	Stocks Mch. 24.		Receipts. Week. Season.		Shipments. Week. Season.	Stocks Mch. 25.	
			1910-11	1909-10	1910-11	1909-10		1910-11	1909-10
Alabama	29	17,431	137	2,434	11	16,938	871	3,293	
Arkansas	172	120,178	374	1,577	660	112,904	825	19,277	
Georgia	453	27,478	521	2,125	521	97,533	346	2,637	
Kentucky	332	87,939	1,178	8,331	687	53,335	1,608	14,655	
Louisiana	1,742	138,981	2,147	26,513	1,631	180,555	3,713	44,079	
Mississippi	511	21,654	483	8,807	5	23,598	95	3,325	
North Carolina	311	101,889	2,045	7,660	183	89,273	1,900	19,124	
South Carolina	775	177,891	1,136	10,634	705	118,850	1,786	49,262	
Texas	1,748	317,193	1,012	30,400	2,306	341,431	1,850	43,333	
Virginia	107	61,725	500	10,109	152	24,023	750	12,263	
Alabama	19	44,439	102	1,769	146	47,221	321	8,182	
Arkansas	137	101,273	250	4,670	148	77,479	65	1,100	
Georgia	332	87,939	672	14,209	1,001	88,254	1,000	14,339	
Kentucky	109	29,178	62	1,201	101	83,254	114	434,561	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	878	31,082	1,633	321,895	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	
Alabama	48	48,684	410	11,765	91	3,960	154,803	8,527,909	
Arkansas	81	48,684	1,228	24,121	148	47,221	2,022	452,940	
Georgia	48	48,684	1,107	4,474	936	16,183	154,803	8,527,909	
Kentucky	109	29,178	207	1,228	207	64,174	1,196	144,197	
Louisiana	20,915	150,312	784	11,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
Mississippi	218	60,015	74	1,754	504	62,915	1,196	144,197	
North Carolina	1,882	81,716	24,177	1,754	330	79,150	2,250	19,729	
South Carolina	813	83,979	16,882	1,007	850	13,000	596	36,943	
Texas	19	48,684	88	1,228	207	64,174	638	43,514	

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 19,035 bales and are to-night 30,467 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 1,109 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE SEPT. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Sept. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Sept. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

March 24— Shipped—	1910-11		1909-10	
	Week.	Since Sept. 1.	Week.	Since Sept. 1.
Via St. Louis				

Montgomery, Alabama.—Rain has fallen on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching seventy-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 37 to 79, averaging 62.

Selma, Alabama.—It has rained on three days during the week, the rainfall reaching sixty-three hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 59, highest 80 and lowest 35.

Madison, Florida.—We have had rain on one day of the past week, the rainfall reaching eighty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 65.

Savannah, Georgia.—We have had rain on two days of the week, the rainfall having reached nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 62.

Charlotte, North Carolina.—There has been rain during the week, the rainfall being sixty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 32 to 71, averaging 52.

New Orleans, Louisiana.—There has been rain on four days the past week, the rainfall reaching four inches and forty-one hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 66.

Memphis, Tennessee.—Fine farming weather. Preparations for planting are making rapid progress. There has been rain on two days the past week, the rainfall reaching thirty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 59, ranging from 40 to 77.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with 5 columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season; 1910-11; 1909-10. Rows include Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, etc.

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table with 5 columns: March 23; Receipts at; 1910-11; 1909-10; 1908-09. Rows for Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, All others.

Table with 8 columns: Exports from; For the Week; Since September 1. Rows for Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, All others.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table with 4 columns: Alexandria, Egypt, March 22; 1910-11; 1909-10; 1908-09. Rows for Receipts (cantars).

Table with 6 columns: Exports (bales); This Week; Since Sept. 1. Rows for To Liverpool, To Manchester, To Continent, To America, Total exports.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet for yarns and steady for shirtings. Manufacturers are generally well under contract. We give the prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table with 10 columns: 1911; 1910; 32s Cop Twist; 8 1/4 lbs. Shirtings. Rows for Feb, March.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 71,954 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Shipping destination; Total bales. Rows for NEW YORK, GALVESTON, MOBILE, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, TACOMA.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table with 5 columns: Sales of the week; Of which speculators took; Of which exporters took; Sales, American; Actual export. Rows for Mch. 3, 10, 17, 24.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Spot; Saturday; Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday; Friday. Rows for Market, Mid. Up'ds, Sales, Spec.&exp., Futures, Market (opened), Market (P. M.).

The prices for futures at Liverpool for each day are given below. Prices are on the basis of upland, good ordinary clause, unless otherwise stated.

Table with 7 columns: Mch. 18 to Mch. 24; Sat; Mon; Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri. Rows for March, Mch-Apr, Apr-May, May-June, June-July, July-Aug, Aug-Sep, Sep-Oct, Oct-Nov, Nov-Dec, Dec-Jan, Jan-Feb.

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday, March 24 1911.

Prices for wheat flour in the local market have been stationary during the week, with business on a small or moderate scale. At times shipping directions have been received in larger volume, but any improvement in this respect has been of short duration.

Wheat has been irregular and the net changes in prices for the week are not marked. The May option has declined a fraction. Later months have advanced, owing to some rather unfavorable crop reports, which, though it is too early to form any definite opinion as to the outcome of the next harvest, have had more or less effect. Rain is said to be needed at the Northwest. The condition of the soil in the spring-wheat belt is declared to be too dry, and the weather has been cold in that section. From Western Kansas, too, some of the reports have been unfavorable; the plant, from lack of moisture, has not germinated, it is said, as well as it should. It is even asserted that in Kansas some 2,000,000 acres have not sprouted. Some South Dakota reports assert that the soil in that State is in the driest condition known for many years. The visible supply in this country decreased last week 1,660,000 bushels, against an increase during the same time last year of 379,000 bushels. The receipts at primary markets of the West have been light. European markets at times have shown not a little strength. Cash prices at Minneapolis and Winnipeg have frequently been so firm as to attract attention. There has been a fair demand from millers at Minneapolis for hard wheat, and, according to some reports from Winnipeg that market has been close to a working export basis. Yet the May option has, as already intimated, declined. Throughout the greater part of the West the cash markets have been dull. The flour trade has been quiet and spring-wheat brands at the West have declined in price. The world's shipments of wheat last week were 12,288,000 bushels, or 3,000,000 bushels larger than in the same week last year. The visible supply in the United States is nearly 10,000,000 bushels larger than it was a year ago. The world's visible stock approximates 180,000,000 bushels, or more than 30,000,000 bushels larger than at this time last year. Reports from some parts of the Northwest are also favorable as regards the condition of the soil. Ninety per cent of the farmers in Southeastern South Dakota are at work in the fields. One report of the outlook in Kansas is that the indications point to a yield of 18 bushels per acre. Cincinnati, Ohio, reports on the general crop outlook are in the main favorable. In the Southwest the prospects are reported to be in reality good, whatever may be said to the contrary. Yet there is a fear of sudden crop scares fomented by big speculative interests and of sudden forays at the expense of the shorts. This keeps the market in a more or less sensitive and nervous condition. The ultimate drift of prices, it is believed, will be downward after the outlook for the crop becomes more definitely known and the rumor committee is relegated to the background. To-day prices declined on weak cables, large shipments to Europe from Argentina, India and Australia, rumors of rains at the Northwest, favorable crop news from the Southwest and general selling.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red winter	95 3/4	96	95 3/4	96	96	94 3/4
May delivery in elevator	97 3/4	97 3/4	96 3/4	97 3/4	96 3/4	95 3/4
July delivery in elevator	95 3/4	96 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	91 3/4	91	90	90 3/4	89 1/4	88 3/4
July delivery in elevator	89 3/4	90 3/4	89	89 3/4	88 3/4	88 1/4
September delivery in elevator	89 3/4	89 3/4	88 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4	88 3/4

Indian corn futures have been quiet, with narrow variations in prices. At Chicago the trading has been more active, but the tendency of prices at times has been downward. The consumption continues on a liberal scale, but the country has sold more freely, the cash demand has diminished, receipts have been larger, the stock at Chicago is increasing and there has been free selling at times by elevator interests. On declines, however, commission houses have purchased. To-day prices declined on weakness in wheat, selling by elevator concerns and long liquidation.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cash corn	52 3/4	53	52 3/4	51 3/4	51 1/2	51
May delivery in elevator	57	57 3/4	56	56 3/4	56 1/4	54 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	49 3/4	49	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	47 3/4
July delivery in elevator	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
September delivery in elevator	51 3/4	51 3/4	51 3/4	51 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4

Oats for future delivery in the Western market have been dull and prices have sagged. Elevator interests have sold to some extent and there has been some selling by the country. New crop prospects are described as very favorable and supplies of old crop in the interior are liberal, while the stock of contract grade at Chicago continues heavy. The cash trade has been sluggish. To-day prices were easier with wheat and corn. Cash interests sold and there was scattered liquidation.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Standards	36 3/4	37	37	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4
No. 2 white	37	37 1/2	37 1/2	37	36 3/4	36 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator	31 3/4	31 3/4	30 3/4	31	30 3/4	30 3/4
July delivery in elevator	31 3/4	31 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4
September delivery in elevator	31 3/4	31 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4

The following are closing quotations:

**FLOUR.**

Winter low grades	\$2 75@	\$3 25
Winter patents	4 70@	4 85
Winter straights	3 90@	4 10
Winter clears	3 50@	3 75
Spring patents	4 90@	5 25
Spring straights	4 50@	4 80
Spring clears	3 90@	4 25

Kansas straights, sack \$4 35@ \$4 50  
 Kansas clears, sacks 3 60@ 4 00  
 City patents 5 90@ 6 30  
 Rye flour 4 00@ 4 75  
 Graham flour 3 90@ 4 00  
 Corn meal, kiln dried 2 65

GRAIN				
Wheat, per bushel—		Corn, per bushel—		Cents.
N. Spring, No. 1	\$1 07 3/4	No. 2 new	f.o.b.	51
N. Spring, No. 2	1 05 3/4	No. 2 mixed	f.o.b.	Nominal
Red winter, No. 2	84 3/4	No. 2 white	f.o.b.	Nominal
Hard winter, No. 2	90 3/4	Rye, per bushel—		Nominal
Oats, per bushel, new—		No. 2 Western		Nominal
Standards	35 1/4	State and Pennsylvania		Nominal
No. 2 white	35 1/4	Barley—Malting		1 08@1 12
No. 3 white	35 1/4			

The statements of the movements of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since August 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Barley	Rye
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	55,663	133,800	1,444,050	1,074,000	403,500	26,000
Milwaukee	63,800	61,020	185,320	277,100	218,400	42,540
Duluth	11,455	80,257	30,321	285	43,354	8,400
Minneapolis		1,681,470	208,920	250,050	234,840	32,000
Toledo		56,000	156,600	30,000		
Detroit	5,210	26,966	31,200	67,999		
Cleveland	150	12,010	116,256	61,041	264	
St. Louis	43,760	320,311	367,610	314,500	42,000	1,100
Peoria	35,000	6,366	254,297	78,400	31,200	4,400
Kansas City		201,610	136,800	103,700		
Total wk. '11	245,038	2,588,810	2,931,074	2,257,075	1,033,558	107,189
Same wk. '10	573,827	4,174,483	3,608,603	3,985,423	2,103,104	124,787
Same wk. '09	413,984	2,866,894	3,132,370	2,772,749	1,633,033	121,862

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Mch. 18 1911 following:

Receipts at—	Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Barley	Rye
	bbls.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	166,080	319,200	397,125	305,000	130,775	—
Boston	39,216	91,286	163,115	78,010	—	2,190
Portland, Me.	17,000	229,000	150,000	—	—	29,000
Philadelphia	45,034	168,591	259,404	103,332	1,000	2,400
Baltimore	50,351	48,759	509,917	36,601	—	13,910
Newport News	28,347	1,200	194,000	60,000	—	—
Galveston	2,607	—	87,000	—	—	—
Mobile	3,101	7,000	6,000	3,000	—	—
Montreal	8,907	74,944	13,821	46,708	15,595	1,000
St. John	21,000	457,000	240,000	28,200	—	—
Total week 1911	381,632	1,396,980	2,029,982	660,651	176,370	19,500
Since Jan. 1 1911	3,932,476	10,325,164	31,380,933	9,693,863	1,264,906	160,873
Week 1910	406,303	1,257,306	1,625,249	951,578	74,770	17,788
Since Jan. 1 1910	3,862,353	13,227,391	12,926,501	8,932,291	818,069	238,138

\*Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Mch. 18 1911 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat	Corn	Flour	Oats	Rye	Barley	Poss.
	bush.	bush.	bbls.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	367,226	391,876	103,599	23,259	—	—	5,359
Portland, Me.	229,000	150,000	17,000	—	—	29,000	—
Boston	178,784	171,880	15,076	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	302,000	268,000	11,500	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	66,857	438,842	9,816	180	—	—	—
New Orleans	—	285,000	11,001	1,000	—	—	26
Newport News	—	87,000	2,607	—	—	—	—
Galveston	93,000	—	23,770	—	—	—	—
Mobile	—	9,600	3,101	3,000	—	—	—
Montreal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. John, N. B.	457,000	240,000	21,000	28,000	—	—	—
Total week	1,693,867	2,042,193	219,070	55,439	—	29,000	5,385
Week 1910	1,046,070	887,628	198,750	29,924	—	32,000	246

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1910 is as below:

Flour		Wheat		Corn		
	Since		Since		Since	
	Week		Week		Week	
	Mch. 18.		Mch. 18.		Mch. 18.	
	July 1.		July 1.		July 1.	
	1910.		1910.		1910.	
Exports for week and Mch. 18.	bbls.	bbls.	bush.	bush.	bush.	
Since July 1 to—	bbls.	bbls.	bush.	bush.	bush.	
United Kingdom	89,446	3,120,710	1,064,673	25,789,895	812,880	15,972,781
Continent	44,710	1,384,576	624,194	14,228,906	1,101,878	17,285,014
Son. & Cent. Amer.	45,161	761,636	5,000	231,002	90,310	2,124,189
West. Indies	37,033	932,912	—	7,549	35,548	1,085,604
Brit. Nor. Am. Colon.	1,000	69,097	—	—	—	14,354
Other countries	1,720	164,170	—	15,000	1,582	26,763
Total	219,070	5,433,101	1,693,867	40,272,443	2,042,198	36,508,765
Total 1909-10	198,750	7,348,194	1,046,070	67,248,340	887,628	21,888,751

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Mch. 18 1911 and since July 1 1910 and 1909 are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat			Corn		
	1910-11.		1909-10.	1910-11.		1909-10.
	Week	Since	Since	Week	Since	Since
	Mch. 18.	July 1.	July 1.	Mch. 18.	July 1.	July 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.	3,208,000	92,547,000	110,519,000	1,625,000	33,519,000	21,637,000
Russia	3,432,000	162,120,900	158,744,000	1,071,000	13,101,000	13,081,000
Danube	784,000	73,968,000	15,534,000	884,000	57,083,000	16,978,000
Argentina	2,536,000	50,578,000	36,742,000	—	—	—
Australia	1,752,000	37,112,000	37,292,000	—	55,177,000	59,974,000
India	644,000	34,630,000	—	—	—	—
Oth. count's	32,000	6,344,000	34,480,000	—	—	—
Total	12,288,000	457,299,000	383,331,000	3,580,000	158,880,000	111,670,000

The quantity of wheat and corn afloat for Europe on dates mentioned was as follows:

Exports.	Wheat			Corn		
	United Kingdom.		Total.	United Kingdom.		Total.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Mch. 18 1911	24,088,000	30,312,000	54,400,000	4,182,000	5,669,000	9,851,000
Mch. 11 1911	22,648,000	28,676,000	51,224,000	4,454,000	5,568,000	10,022,000
Mch. 19 1910	31,780,000	15,440,000	47,220,000	2,720,000	2,975,000	5,695,000
Feb. 20 1909	34,960,000	32,520,000	67,480,000	2,295,000	2,465,000	4,760,000
Mch. 21 1908	35,920,000	22,040,000	57,960,000	1,400,000	2,880,000	24,280,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, Jan. 21 1911, was as follows:

Table with columns for American Grain Stocks (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) and Canadian Grain Stocks (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley). Includes sub-sections for 'AMERICAN GRAIN STOCKS', 'CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS', and 'SUMMARY'.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, March 24 1911.

This week agents' prices for a number of leading lines of cotton goods have been reduced, being the first open reductions made of any extent for a considerable time past. It was stated in this column last week that the absence of changes in open quotations was not a true indication of the condition of things in the cotton goods market.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending March 18 were 10,626 packages, valued at \$675,134, their destination being to the points specified in the tables below:

Table showing domestic cotton goods exports from New York to March 18, 1911, categorized by destination (Great Britain, Other Europe, China, India, Arabia, Africa, West Indies, Mexico, Central America, South America, Other countries).

The value of these New York exports since Jan. 1 has been \$4,793,723 in 1911, against \$2,568,091 in 1910.

The decline in the price of bleached cottons, for which buyers have been looking for some time past, was started at the beginning of the week by a reduction in the price of Fruit-of-the-Loom to 8 1/2%, this being followed by the naming of lower prices on a number of other lines of ticketed bleached goods.

WOOLEN GOODS.—A revival of buying in light-weight woollens and worsteds for men's wear after last week's lull is noted, fair orders for this late stage of the season coming forward, particularly for serges and other staple lines.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—There is no change of moment in woolen and worsteds either for men's wear or dress goods. Silks are quiet under reductions in the price of domestic silks.

Imports and Warehouse Withdrawals of Dry Goods

The importations and warehouse withdrawals of dry goods at this port for the week ending Mch. 18 1911 and since Jan. 1 1911 and for the corresponding periods of last year:

Large table with multiple columns showing imports and warehouse withdrawals for the week ending March 18 1911, since Jan. 1 1911, and since Jan. 1 1910. Includes sub-sections for 'IMPORTS ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE JAN. 1 1911 AND 1910' and 'WAREHOUSE WITHDRAWALS THROWN UPON THE MARKET'.



## STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

## News Items.

**California.**—*Legislature Approves Constitutional Amendment Relating to the Recall of Public Officials.*—The California Legislature has passed a resolution providing for the submission to the voters of a proposed amendment to the constitution providing for the recall of any elective public officer of that State. Amendments offered by members opposed to the recall of the judiciary were defeated.

*Bill Passed Providing for Initiative, Referendum and Recall of Municipal Officers.*—A bill providing for the initiative, referendum and recall for all municipalities was signed by the Governor on March 14. The bill will become a law, it is stated, in sixty days.

The bill is said to provide for recall elections for elective municipal officers, after they have held office four months or more, on the petition of 25 per cent of the voters of any town. The officer against whom the recall is directed is made a candidate for re-election.

Municipal legislation may be initiated on the petition of 25 per cent of the voters. Unless the City Council pass the proposed legislation, it shall be submitted at a special election within thirty days. If the petition carries the signatures of only 10 per cent of the voters, the proposed law shall be submitted at the next regular election, unless passed by the Council in the meantime.

**Chanute, Neosho County, Kan.**—*State Auditor Declines to Register Water Bonds.*—Acting upon an opinion from Attorney General John S. Dawson, State Auditor W. E. Davis on March 16 refused to register bonds issued by the city of Chanute for water-works. The Attorney-General's opinion is said to have been based on the fact that while the law requires that notices be published for twenty-one consecutive days before the issuance of bonds, the notices were published for but twelve consecutive days on these bonds.

**Colorado.**—*Legislature Ratifies Income Tax Amendment.*—Dispatches from Denver dated March 23 state that both Houses of the Legislature have ratified the Federal Income-Tax Amendment, and the resolution has been approved by the Governor. It is said that this action was taken some time ago but was only recently made public.

**Colorado Irrigation Districts.**—*French Interests to Complete Work of Denver Reservoir Irrigation Co.*—See item under Denver Reservoir Irrigation Co. among our "Investment News" on a preceding page; also item headed "Colorado Irrigation Districts" on page 476 of the "Chronicle" of Feb. 18.

**Dallas County (P. O. Dallas), Tex.**—*County Authorized to Issue Bridge Bonds without Vote of People.*—The Dallas "News" of March 19 states that a bill was passed by the thirty-second Legislature (which adjourned March 11) giving the Commissioners' Court authority to issue bonds for the repair of bridges without submitting the matter to the taxpayers. Some weeks ago, as stated in V. 92, p. 747, the Attorney-General declined to approve a bond issue for this purpose on the ground that the proposition should have been passed upon by the voters. It is expected that the Commissioners' Court will now pass an order authorizing the issuance of \$5,000 bridge-repair bonds.

**Indiana.**—*Legislature Adjourns.*—The Indiana Legislature of 1911 adjourned March 6.

**Iowa.**—*Senate Rejects Equal Suffrage Amendment.*—It is reported that the Senate by a vote of 27 to 21, on March 21, rejected a joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment giving to women the right of suffrage. As already reported the resolution was defeated by the House on Feb. 23. V. 92, p. 405.

**Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill.**—*Suit to Enjoin Erection of Municipal Water Plant.*—Suit has been started in the United States Circuit Court by the Jacksonville Water-Works Co. to enjoin the erection by the city of a municipal water plant. Press despatches state that the bill filed by John A. Reeve of Worthington & Reeve recites that in 1904 the petitioner constructed a water-works plant in Jacksonville at a cost of \$450,000 under a contract that it should furnish water to all consumers in Jacksonville for a period of thirty years, and that the city by proceedings to put in a city plant will be violating the terms of that contract.

**La Grange Graded Common School District, Ky.**—*Bonds Declared Valid.*—A dispatch from Frankfort, dated March 14, to the Louisville "Herald" states that in the case of R. H. Snyder, &c., against the Board of Trustees of La Grange Graded Common School District, the judgment of the Oldham Circuit Court was affirmed by the Court of Appeals, the whole Court sitting, and the bond issue of \$13,500 voted August 5 1907, was declared legal.

**Maine.**—*Legislative Committee Reports Against Federal Income Tax.*—Reports from Augusta state that the Committee on Taxation voted on March 20 to return the resolves favoring the approval by the Maine Legislature of the Amendment to the United States Constitution permitting a Federal income tax, with the recommendation that if any income tax be approved by the Legislature, it be one providing for the assessment of a tax by and for the State only.

**Missouri.**—*Legislature Adjourns.*—The 1911 regular session of the Missouri Legislature came to an end March 20.

**New Hampshire.**—*Legislature Again Takes Action on Income Tax Amendment.*—For a second time the House has adopted and the Senate rejected the resolution favoring the proposed income-tax amendment to the Federal Constitution. The measure was adopted in the House on Jan. 25

and on March 22, the first time by a viva voce vote and the second time by a vote of 249 to 6. The Senate defeated the resolution on March 2 and again on March 23, the vote on both occasions being 14 to 9.

**New Jersey.**—*Senate Rejects Income Tax Amendment.*—Senator Nichols's bill to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress the right to impose an income tax was defeated in the Senate March 20 by a vote of 8 to 12. A joint resolution approving the Income Tax was introduced in the Assembly on March 22.

**New York State.**—*Governor Urges Repeal of Amended Inheritance Tax Law.*—In a special message submitted to the Legislature on March 23 Governor Dix urges the repeal of the amended Inheritance Tax Law passed last year for the purpose of increasing the State's revenue from that source. It is doubtful, the Governor states, whether the operation of the new law will result in any material ultimate gain in revenue, while it is known beyond a doubt that it has caused the removal of capital from the State in an alarming amount. The message says in part:

At the extraordinary session of 1910 the Legislature passed a financial measure apparently intended to relieve the impending shortage resulting from extravagant appropriations. It amended the law in relation to taxable transfers, usually known as the inheritance tax, by an almost total destruction of the exemption which had, till then, shielded all estates under \$10,000 from this tax, and it adopted a progressive tax wholly new in the financial policy of this State and confiscatory in some of its phases.

The taxable transfer law had been in operation in this State since 1885, and the construction of nearly all of its provisions and amendments had been settled by the courts. The operation of the law has produced a revenue, steadily increasing with the wealth of our people, and amounting to \$8,577,338 50 in the year 1910, thus yielding about one-fifth of the total revenue of the State. Its rates of one per cent for direct heirs and near relatives and five per cent for all others compared favorably with the corresponding rates of other States, and it did not drive citizens from the State nor directly affect corporations organized under the laws of this State, and, by exempting estates under \$10,000, it relieved the larger number of estates from this form of taxation. It was, however, subject to the criticism of double taxation, in that it taxed the shares of New York corporations held by non-residents while the same shares were taxed elsewhere, and it was defective in other minor respects.

Without previous public discussion, and with little debate in the Legislature, this law was amended by applying the tax to estates amounting to less than \$10,000 passing to lineal and near relatives, and by adoption of a "progressive" system with rates which, in some cases, take one-fourth of the value of the transfer.

It is hard to say which of these changes was most unwise. The policy of exempting small estates is intended to relieve individuals from a tax burden to which they are unequal and to relieve the State of collection expenses disproportionate to the revenue return. It is unjust that a widow or orphan receiving a few hundred dollars by inheritance should be subjected to the cost and trouble of a tax appraisal, and it is undesirable for the State to maintain an army of officials to look after an infinite number of small estates. In this case two principal canons of taxation, namely, equitable adjustment of the burden and avoidance of undue expense of collection, are both violated.

Adequate consideration of the proposition of a progressive tax would have shown that the one enacted was arbitrary in the rates fixed, was unfair to capital needed for the proper management of our industries, and that it invited extensive evasions of the law. It may have been expected that the State's revenues would be increased, and it was perhaps intended partly to re-distribute private wealth. It cannot be known at this time that the operation of the law will result in any material ultimate gain in revenue, but it is known beyond a doubt that the change has caused removal of capital from the State in an alarming extent.

At a recent conference of financial officers in New York City especially familiar with the situation, it was stated that to the knowledge of those present the funds thus removed already exceeded \$400,000,000, and that the number of citizens which the State has already lost in consequence was very large. Every person acquainted with the subject matter has knowledge of instances of similar movements.

This not only reduces the number of estates which would be liable in the future to a transfer tax, but it impairs the general levy for local purposes and it discourages the formation of corporations under the laws of this State, from which source a considerable share of our State income has been derived. Moreover, by the driving out of the larger properties, it increases the burden to be borne by the lesser estates, which cannot well escape. The continued operation of this law would, within a relatively short time, undoubtedly reduce the volume of revenue which may be had from taxation of inheritances. The present Comptroller and his predecessor unite in condemning the new Act as a fiscal measure. For these reasons I recommend the substantial restoration of the inheritance tax law which was in force at the time of this change.

The message was referred to the Finance Committee of the Senate.

**Oklahoma.**—*State Capital Controversy to be Argued April 3 Before United States Supreme Court.*—The case involving the location of the State Capital has been assigned for argument April 3 in the United States Supreme Court. As stated in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 11, page 406, the Oklahoma Supreme Court on Feb. 9 declared Oklahoma City to be the permanent capital.

**Parkersburg, Wood County, W. Va.**—*Commission Form of Government Adopted.*—Local papers state that a new city charter embodying the commission form of government was adopted on March 21 by a majority of 209 votes out of 3,453 votes cast.

**Platte County, Wyo.**—*Election on Formation of County.*—Cheyenne papers state that the provisional Board of Commissioners of the proposed County of Platte, now the northwestern part of Laramie County, have issued a call for a special election to be held in the newly created county April 25 for the purpose of finally deciding the matter of county division and selecting the county seat town.

**Pontiac, Oakland County, Mich.**—*Vote on Commission Form of Government.*—We are advised that the vote cast on the new charter providing for the commission form of government adopted on Jan. 30, as previously stated, was 824 "for" to 494 "against."

**Raleigh, No. Caro.**—*Commission Plan of Government Defeated.*—The election held March 20 (V. 92, p. 747) resulted in the defeat of the commission plan of government. The vote is reported as 437 "for" to 886 "against."

**Saratoga Springs, N. Y.**—*Election on Commission Form of Government.*—On March 28 a vote will be taken on a new city charter providing for the commission form of government, with the recall, initiative and referendum. The necessary legislation has been introduced in the Senate.

**Seattle, Wash.—Bonds Declared Invalid.**—The State Supreme Court in a decision handed down March 15 declared invalid the \$421,000 general municipal bonds sold in January. These bonds together with four other issues aggregating \$1,546,000, were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lee, Higginson & Co. and Parkinson & Burr of Boston and the Continental and Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. See V. 92, p. 485. It was stipulated at the time of sale, according to local papers, that all the issues were to be included in the sale or that none would be taken. All of the issues have now been declined and steps will be taken immediately, it is said, to re-offer the issues which have not been declared illegal.

**Temple, Texas.—Election on Commission Form of Government.**—According to Houston papers, the City Council has called an election for April 10 to vote on the new charter enacted by the Legislature providing for the commission form of government.

**Toronto, Ont.—City Council Votes to Purchase Light Co. Stock.**—The City Council on March 20 approved the first six clauses of the Board of Control's report for the purchase, subject to the approval of the property owners, of the plant of the Toronto Electric Light Co. at \$125 for each \$100 of the company's stock. Another clause of the report adopted by Council appoints a commission to govern the plant, one member to be appointed by the Provincial Government through the Hydro-Electric Commission, one by the City Council and the other to be the Mayor, ex-officio.

**Wilmington, No. Caro.—Vote on Commission Form of Government.**—As stated last week, an election held March 15 resulted in favor of the commission plan of government. Local papers report the vote as 1,152 to 22.

**Wisconsin.—Tilford Inheritance Tax Case Settled.**—The suit started to enforce the payment of an inheritance tax on \$1,440,000 worth of Milwaukee & St. Paul stock owned by the late W. H. Tilford of New York will not be continued, the parties interested having compromised at a conference held March 20 upon the payment of a tax of \$39,971.31.

### Bond Proposals and Negotiations this week have been as follows:

**Adams County (P. O. West Union), Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 3 by C. S. Daulton, County Auditor, for \$20,000 4% coupon court-house-building bonds.

Authority, Section 2434, General Code, and Vol. 101, Ohio Laws, pages 135 and 136, enacted by the General Assembly April 26 1910. Denomination \$500. Date March 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the County Treasurer's office. Maturity \$5,000 on Sept. 1 in each of the years 1921, 1931, 1941 and 1951.

**Alexander Independent School District (P. O. Alexander) Texas.—Bonds Registered and Sold.**—An issue of \$8,000 5% 20-40-year (optional) bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on March 10 1911 and purchased on the same day by the State School Fund at par and interest.

**Alturas School District, Modoc County, Cal.—Bond Sale.**—On March 4 the \$20,000 high-school-building bonds mentioned in V. 91, p. 350, were sold to B. F. Lynip.

**Anna, Union County, Ill.—Bonds Voted.**—A proposition to issue \$6,500 5% 10-year water-tank and tower-construction bonds carried by a vote of 390 to 148 at an election held March 17. We are advised that these bonds will not be offered for sale before 60 days.

**Ashland, Jackson County, Ore.—Bonds Voted.**—The issuance of \$12,000 septic-tank-construction bonds was authorized, according to reports, at an election held March 4.

**Baltimore, Md.—Sale of Sewer Stock to Sinking Fund.**—On March 20 the Commissioners of Finance authorized City Register Thomas to take for the benefit of the sinking funds \$1,000,000 worth of the \$10,000,000 3½% sewerage loan at par on April 1. This leaves a balance of \$1,000,000, which will be taken by the sinking fund next year.

**Bayliss School District (P. O. Willows), Cal.—Bond Election.**—On March 29 an election will be held to vote on a proposition to issue \$5,000 5% school bonds. Denomination \$1,000. Maturity \$1,000 yearly from 6 to 10 years inclusive.

**Beaumont Navigation District (P. O. Beaumont), Jefferson County, Tex.—Bond Sale.**—Reports state that on March 13 the \$493,000 5% coupon navigation bonds described in V. 92, p. 273, were sold to a Gainesville bank for Eastern parties. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1909 and mature in 40 years, but are subject to call after 10 years.

**Bedford, Lawrence County, Ind.—Description of Bonds.**—The \$40,000 school bonds awarded on March 14 to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago at 101.8375 (V. 92, p. 748) bear interest at 4½% and are in the denomination of \$1,000 each. Interest Jan. and July. Maturity from 1915 to 1921.

**Bernards Township School District (P. O. Bernardsville), Somerset County, N. J.—Bonds Voted.**—Papers state that this district on March 21 authorized the issuance of \$35,000 school bonds by a vote of 242 to 194.

**Bessemer, Jefferson County, Ala.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 4 by J. B. Houston, City Clerk, for \$75,000 5% gold coupon funding bonds.

Denomination \$500. Date April 1 1911. Maturity 20 years. Bonds are exempt from taxation. Certified check for \$1,000 is required.

**Bottineau County (P. O. Bottineau), No. Dak.—Bonds Withdrawn from Market.**—The County Commissioners have rescinded their action of Feb. 24 ordering the offering on March 14 of an issue of \$10,000 7% grain-seed bonds.

**Boulder County (P. O. Boulder), Colo.—Bond Sale.**—This county about Feb. 25 sold \$25,000 5% bonds to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Denver at 101.90.

Denomination \$1,000. Date March 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity March 1 1941, subject to call after March 1 1921.

**Brenham, Washington County, Tex.—Bond Sale.**—An issue of \$57,000 5% levee-construction bonds was disposed of on March 1 to Robert Leonard at par.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1911. Maturity part yearly from three to forty years inclusive.

**Bristol County, Mass.—Note Sale.**—The \$30,000 4% 3-5-year (serial) building notes described in V. 92, p. 748, were purchased on March 24 by the Machinists' National Bank of Taunton, according to reports, at 101.17—a basis of about 3.684%.

**Brookville, Jefferson County, Pa.—Bond Sale.**—On March 1 the \$10,500 4% 2-10-year (optional) coupon funding bonds described in V. 92, p. 542, were awarded to local investors at par.

**Browngold School District, Kern County, Cal.—Bond Sale.**—On March 10 \$5,000 6% 10-year bonds were awarded to G. G. Blymyer & Co. of Los Angeles at 103.10. Other bids received were as follows:

Wm. R. Staats Co., Pasadena, \$5,054; J. H. Adams & Co., Los Ang., \$5,020. Denomination \$1,000. Date Feb. 10 1911. Interest annual.

**Brunswick, Frederick County, Md.—Bond Sale.**—On March 15 the \$5,000 5% 10-25-year (optional) coupon street-improvement bonds described in V. 92, p. 674, were awarded to the People's National Bank in Brunswick at par and accrued interest. There were no other bidders.

**Burke County (P. O. Bowbells), No. Dak.—Bond Sale.**—The \$25,000 7% 2-year registered grain-seed bonds described in V. 92, p. 674, were sold on March 15 to the Union Investment Co. of Minneapolis at 101.80.

**Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho.—Bonds Offered by Bankers.**—Chas. S. Kidder & Co. of Chicago are offering to investors \$10,000 6% 10-20-year (optional) funding bonds.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 2 1911. Interest semi-annually at the Chase National Bank in New York City.

**Champaign School District No. 55 (P. O. Sadorus), Champaign County, Ill.—Bond Sale.**—We are advised that \$1,200 5% building bonds offered on Sept. 3 1910 have been awarded to B. C. Hall.

**Chino, San Bernardino County, Cal.—Bond Election Proposed.**—Reports state that an election will be held in the near future to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 water-system and fire-hydrant bonds.

**Cleveland, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 24 by H. B. Wright, City Auditor, for the following coupon bonds:

\$441,000 5% street-improvement bonds. Maturity \$49,000 on Nov. 1 1911 and \$98,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1912 to 1915, inclusive.

175,000 5% street-improvement bonds, mentioned in V. 92, p. 543. Maturity \$25,000 on Nov. 1 1911 and \$50,000 yearly on Nov. 1 from 1912 to 1914, inclusive.

60,000 4% elevated-roadway bonds. Maturity May 1 1924.

Denomination \$1,000. Interest from May 1 1911 semi-annually at the American Exchange National Bank in New York. Bids to be made on blank forms furnished by the City Auditor. Certified check on a national bank for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

**Coeyman, Albany County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.**—This town on Feb. 1 awarded \$4,000 5% State-road bonds to The First National Bank in Ravenna and John Beck Jr. at par.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1911. Interest annual. Maturity on Feb. 1 in 1912 and 1913.

**Coleman, Coleman County, Tex.—Bond Sale.**—The \$20,000 5% 5-40-year (optional) electric-light-plant improvement bonds dated July 1 1910 and mentioned in V. 92, p. 205, have, according to reports, been sold.

**Connecticut.—Bond Offering.**—Attention is called to the official advertisement elsewhere in this Department of the offering on March 28 of the \$2,000,000 3½% coupon or registered general bonds. For details of bonds and terms of offering, see V. 92, p. 612.

**Crescent City School District, Del Norte County, Cal.—Bond Sale.**—Barroll & Co. of Los Angeles have been awarded at par and accrued interest, it is stated, the \$30,000 5% high-school-construction and furnishing bonds offered on March 11 (V. 92, p. 479). Maturity 1930.

**Crooksville School District (P. O. Crooksville), Perry County, Ohio.—Bond Sale.**—The \$10,000 5% coupon school-building bonds described in V. 92, p. 749, were sold on March 18 to Otis & Hough of Cleveland at 104.75 and interest—a basis of about 4.064%. The following bids were received:

Otis & Hough, Cleveland, \$10,475 00  
New First Nat. Bk., Col., \$10,412 00  
Breed & Harrison, Cin., 10,469 00  
B. Keybolte Co., Inc., Cin., 10,375 00  
First Nat. Bank, Cleve., 10,439 75  
Seasonood & Mayer, Cin., 10,366 00  
Davies-Bertram Co., Cin., 10,437 00  
S. A. Kean & Co., Ohio, 10,301 00  
Security Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Tol., 10,422 50

Maturity \$500 each six month from March 18 1912 to Sept. 18 1921 inclusive.

**Custer County (P. O. Challis), Idaho.—Bond Sale.**—On Feb. 28 the \$15,000 coupon bridge-building bonds described in V. 92, p. 543, were awarded to John Nuvcen & Co. of Chicago at 101.10 for 6s.

Maturity \$1,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1921 to 1930, inclusive, all bonds being subject to call after 10 years.

**Dayton, Ohio.—Bond Sale.**—The following bonds were purchased by the Sinking Fund Trustees at par on March 2:

\$25,000 4½% refunding bonds, dated April 1 1911.  
 2,200 5% Sixth St. paving bonds, dated April 1 1911.  
 1,800 5% Logan St. paving bonds, dated April 1 1911.  
 11,000 5% Monument Ave. paving bonds, dated April 1 1911.  
 15,000 5% Sewer District No. 10 bonds, dated April 1 1911.  
 250 6% Kummer St. Improvement bonds, dated March 1 1911.  
 225 6% Glendale Ave. Improvement bonds, dated March 1 1911.  
 900 6% Reaser Ave. Improvement bonds, dated March 1 1911.  
 275 6% Bickham St. Improvement bonds, dated March 1 1911.

On March 8 \$16,000 4½% Wolf Creek Bridge bonds, dated April 1 1911, were awarded to the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City School District.

**Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio.—Bonds Proposed.**—According to reports the issuance of approximately \$58,000 improvement bonds is being discussed.

**Delaware County (P. O. Delaware), Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—The Board of County Commissioners will offer for sale at 1 p. m. April 1 \$17,460 4½% ditch-construction-assessment bonds.

Authority, Sections 6490, 6492 and 6493 of General Code. Denominations 30 bonds of \$500 each and 10 bonds of \$246 each. Date March 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the County Treasurer's office. Maturity \$1,746 each six months from Sept. 1 1911 to March 1 1916 inclusive. Cash deposit of \$500 or certified check for that sum on a bank in Delaware County, payable to W. H. Bodurtha, County Auditor, is required. Official advertisement states that the principal and interest on previous issues have been paid promptly at maturity. Bonds to be delivered within five days from date of sale.

**Desloge School District (P. O. Desloge), St. Francis County, Mo.—Bonds Offered by Bankers.**—An issue of \$35,000 5% 10-19-year (serial) bonds is being offered to investors by Ulen & Co. of Chicago.

Denomination \$500. Date Feb. 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the Merchants-Laclede National Bank in St. Louis. Total debt, this issue. Assessed valuation, \$790,963. Real value (estimated), \$2,250,000.

**Detroit, Mich.—Bonds to be Offered over the Counter.**—We are advised that the \$300,000 public-school and the \$130,000 sewer 3½% 30-year coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, offered without success on Jan. 31 (V. 92, p. 335), have been purchased by the city with surplus funds. Our informant further states that they will be offered to investors over the counter.

**East Aurora, Erie County, N. Y.—Bonds Voted.**—An election, it is stated, held March 21 resulted in a majority of 159 votes in favor of the question of issuing \$112,000 sewer bonds.

**East Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—Bond Offerings.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 28 by Kline F. Leet, City Clerk, No. 1413 Williamson Building, Cleveland, for the following 5% coupon street-improvement assessment bonds:

\$40,000 Hayden Ave. paving bonds. Maturity \$6,000 on Nov. 1 1912, \$6,500 May 1 1913, \$5,500 on Nov. 1 1913, \$6,000 each six months from May 1 1914 to Nov. 1 1915 inclusive and \$7,000 on May 1 1916.  
 32,500 Superior St. paving bonds. Maturity \$4,000 on Nov. 1 1912, \$4,000 on May 1 1913, \$3,500 on Nov. 1 1913, \$4,000 each six months from May 1 1914 to Nov. 1 1915 inclusive and \$5,000 on May 1 1916.  
 16,500 Hayden Ave. storm-water-sewer bonds. Maturity \$2,000 each six months from Nov. 1 1912 to Nov. 1 1915 inclusive and \$2,500 on May 1 1916.

Authority Section 3914 of General Code. Denomination \$500. Date Nov. 1 1910. Interest semi-annually at the Superior Savings & Trust Co. in Cleveland. Certified check on a bank in Cuyahoga County for 10% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Elizabeth, Union County, N. J.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 30 by John S. Sauer, City Comptroller, for the following 4% bonds:

\$25,000 intercepting-sewer bonds, dated Jan. 1 1911 and due Jan. 1 1961.  
 11,000 dock bonds, dated July 1 1908 and due July 1 1948.  
 The bonds may be registered as to principal and interest. Denomination \$1,000. Interest semi-annually at the National State Bank in Elizabeth. Bid must be made on a form furnished by the city and be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, made payable to the City Comptroller. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The bonds will be delivered about April 5 1911.

**Ellisville, Jones County, Miss.—Bond Sale.**—The \$10,000 6% 5-20-year (optional) coupon county-high-school bonds described in V. 92, p. 613, have been purchased by the Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Laurel at par.

**Erie, Erie County, Pa.—Bonds Authorized.**—The Select Council has passed an ordinance providing for the issuing of \$38,000 garbage-collection and disposal-plant bonds.

**Falconer, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.**—On March 13 the \$60,000 5-29-year (serial) coupon (with privilege of registration) street-paving bonds described in V. 92, p. 613, were sold to Farson, Son & Co. of New York City at par for 4½%. Interest semi-annually at the First National Bank in Falconer.

**Findlay School District (P. O. Findlay), Hancock County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 28 by John E. Fridy, Clerk Board of Commissioners of Sinking Fund, for \$10,000 4½% refunding bonds.

Authority Section 7616 of General Code. Denomination \$1,000. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity \$1,000 April 1 1923, \$2,000 on April 1 in 1923 and 1924 and \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1929 inclusive. Bonds will be delivered March 29.

**Fitchburg, Worcester County, Mass.—Temporary Loan.**—A loan of \$125,000, due Oct. 5 1911, was negotiated on March 24, it is stated, with Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 3.07% discount and a premium of 50 cents.

**Fort Smith, Ark.—Bond Sale.**—On March 15 the \$550,000 5% coupon water-works bonds described in V. 92, p. 675, were awarded to the Mercantile Trust Co. and W. R. Compton Co. of St. Louis at par and accrued interest less \$7,245 for expenses in furnishing bonds, getting legal approval, etc. This makes a net price of 98.682—a basis of about 5.14%. Other bids received were as follows:

Speer & Daw, Ft. Smith and [98.681] A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago. 98.646  
 C. H. Speer & Sons Co., Chic. [Thos. J. Bolger Co., Chicago. 98.063  
 Maturity \$160,000 in 1923, \$170,000 in 1924, \$180,000 in 1925 and \$40,000 in 1926.

**Frederic, Polk County, Wis.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held April 4 to vote on the question of issuing \$2,000 6% 1-4-year (serial) water-works bonds. These bonds were offered without success on Dec. 5 1910. V. 92, p. 275.

**Freeport, Nassau County, N. Y.—Loans Voted.**—Propositions providing for the following loans were favorably voted upon March 21:

\$6,000 for fire apparatus. Vote 324 to 129. Maturity \$500 yearly on July 1 from 1916 to 1927 inclusive.  
 10,000 to extend and remodel the electric-light plant. Vote 322 to 118. Maturity \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1916 to 1925 inclusive.  
 10,000 to extend the water system. Vote 328 to 108. Maturity \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1916 to 1925 inclusive.  
 30,000 to build permanent roads. Vote 272 to 172. Maturity \$2,000 yearly on July 1 from 1915 to 1930 inclusive.  
 Interest (rate not to exceed 5%) payable semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1.

**Gagetown, Tuscola County, Mich.—Bonds Voted.**—A proposition to issue \$2,900 5% water-system bonds carried by a vote of 66 to 29 at an election held March 13. Maturity one-third in 3 years and like portions in 4 years and in 5 years. We are advised that these bonds will be offered for sale about April 30.

**Gardner, Worcester County, Mass.—Note Sale.**—On March 23 the \$90,000 temporary-loan notes described in V. 92, p. 750, were awarded to Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston at 3.05% discount, according to dispatches.

**Geneva, Ontario County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.**—On March 21 W. C. Langley & Co., of New York City, purchased \$50,000 4½% coupon water-works improvement bonds at 103.38 and interest—a basis of about 4.161%.

Denomination \$1,000. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Maturity \$21,000 on April 1 1923, \$22,000 on April 1 1924 and \$1,000 yearly on April 1 from 1925 to 1931, inclusive.

**Glen Cove, Nassau County, N. Y.—Loan Election.**—The electors of this place on April 4 will vote, it is stated, upon propositions asking the town authorities for appropriations of \$10,000 for Garvey's Point highway and \$10,000 for Prospect Avenue improvements.

**Gloucester, Essex County, Mass.—Temporary Loan.**—A loan of \$75,000 has been negotiated, it is stated, with the Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester at 3.55% discount and a premium of \$2. The loan is dated March 24 1911 and matures March 1 1912.

**Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colo.—Bond Election.**—In reply to our request for details of the sewer bonds to be voted upon March 28, the Commissioner of Finance and Supplies advises us that "the bonds have already been contracted for."

**Grand Junction School District No. 1 (P. O. Grand Junction), Mesa County, Colo.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. March 27 by Thomas E. Hudson, District Secretary, for the following 5% bonds voted at an election held March 6 1911:

\$24,500 20-30-year school-building bonds. Date May 1 1911.  
 31,500 10-20-year refunding bonds. Date June 1 1911.  
 Certified check for \$300, payable to M. O. Delaplain, Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Grand Rapids, Mich.—Bond Election.**—A vote will be taken on April 3 on a proposition to issue \$125,000 20-year bridge-construction bonds at not exceeding 4½% interest.

**Grant County (P. O. Marion), Ind.—Bond Sale.**—Breed & Harrison of Cincinnati are reported as having purchased \$28,000 West Ninth Street improvement bonds of Franklin Township.

**Hackensack School District (P. O. Hackensack), Bergen County, N. J.—Bonds Authorized.**—It is stated that the Board of Education has authorized the issuance of \$150,000 bonds in the denomination of \$1,000 each.

**Hagerstown, Washington County, Md.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held on March 27 to vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 4% public-park bonds. Denominations \$5,000. Maturity \$5,000 yearly after 10 years.

**Hamburg Union Free School District No. 8 (P. O. Bladell), Erie County, N. Y.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. March 29 by Forest F. Glezen, District Clerk, for \$30,000 registered school-building bonds, at not exceeding 5% interest.

Denomination \$1,500. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the District Treasurer's office. Maturity \$1,500 yearly on April 1 from 1912 to 1931 inclusive. Certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, is required. No debt at present. Assessed valuation \$829,351.

**Hempstead, Nassau County, N. Y.—Loans Voted.**—The tax-payers of this place voted on March 22 in favor of the following proposed appropriations: \$8,000 to purchase land for a park, \$22,000 for a new village building and \$250,000 for a new sewerage system.

**Holgate, Henry County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 27 by R. S. Mann, Village Clerk, for the following 4½% paving bonds:

\$10,000 Railway Ave. bonds. Denomination \$1,000.  
 6,500 Wilhelm and Kaufman Sts. bonds. Denomination \$650.  
 1,500 Wilhelm St. bonds. Denomination \$150.  
 Authority Section 3914 of General Code. Date April 1 1911. Interest annual. Maturity one bond of each issue yearly. Certified check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from the time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Homer Township School District (P. O. Homerville), Medina County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be re-

ceived until 12 m. April 3 by L. H. Billman, Clerk Board of Education, for \$8,000 4% school-building bonds.

Authority, Sections 7625, 7626, 7627 and 7628 of General Code. Denomination \$500. Date "day of sale." Interest semi-annually after March 1 at Exchange National Bank in Lond. Maturity 3500 each six months from March 1 1912 to Sept. 1 1919 inclusive. Certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required.

**Hornell, Steuben County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.**—On March 20 the \$36,000 4½% coupon central fire-station bonds described in V. 92, p. 416, were awarded to James R. Magoffin of New York at 103.21, according to reports. Maturity \$9,000 every five years from April 1 1912.

**Houston, Harris County, Tex.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 10 for the \$500,000 4½% coupon Main Street bridge and viaduct bonds voted on Jan. 10. See V. 92, p. 207.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 30 1911. Interest semi-annually at the Union Trust Co. in New York City. Maturity thirty years, subject to call after twenty years. Certified check on a Houston bank for 1% of the issue, made payable to H. B. Rice, Mayor, is required.

**Houston County (P. O. Crockett), Tex.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held to-day (March 25), to vote on a proposition to issue \$150,000 5% 40-year Road District No. 3 improvement bonds.

**Hudson County (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. April 6 by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Walter O'Mara, Clerk, for the following 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds: \$50,000 Newark Plank Road Improvement bonds. Authority Chapter 38, Laws of 1906. Maturity 50 years.

210,000 Boulevard repair bonds. Authority Chapter 59, Laws of 1908. Maturity 30 years.

15,000 Newark Plank Road bridge bonds. Authority Chapter 163, Laws of 1878. Maturity 20 years.

All of the above bonds to be issued under the further authority of Chapter 19, Laws of 1908. Date May 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Certified check (or cash) on a national bank or trust company for 1% of bid, payable to Stephen M. Egan, County Collector, is required.

**Huron County (P. O. Bad Axe), Mich.—Loan Election.**—Reports state that the people will be asked to authorize a court-house loan to the amount of \$100,000 at the April election.

**Hyde County (P. O. Highmore), So. Dak.—Bonds Offered.** by Bankers.—The Thos. J. Bolger Co. of Chicago is offering to investors \$70,000 5% 5-20-year (optional) court-house bonds.

Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Date March 13 1911. Interest semi-annually in Chicago. Total debt, \$77,500. Assessed valuation 1910 \$3,343,474. Total value (estimated), \$15,000,000.

**Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio.—Bond Sale.**—We are advised that on March 21 the \$18,000 4% 20-year coupon refunding water-works bonds described in V. 92, p. 750, were awarded to the First National Bank of Ironton at 100.306 and accrued interest.

Other bids received were as follows:  
Seasongood & Mayer, Cin., \$18,051  
Western German Bank, Cin., \$18,040  
Webb, Roth & Co., Cincinnati 18,047  
R. Kleybolte Co., Inc., Cin., 18,005  
Davies-Bertram Co., Cin., 18,046  
Breed & Harrison, Cin., 17,825

**Kansas City, Kan.—Bonds Offered by Bankers.**—An issue of \$90,000 4½% 20-year refunding bonds is being offered to investors by the Thos. J. Bolger Co. of Chicago.

Denomination \$1,000. Date May 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the State Treasurer's office.

**Lackawanna County (P. O. Scranton), Pa.—Bond Offering.**—Papers state that proposals will be received until 2:30 p. m. March 30 by the County Commissioners for \$250,000 4% road bonds dated April 1 1911 and due \$100,000 in 10 years and \$150,000 in 20 years.

**Le Mars, Plymouth County, Iowa.—Bond Election.**—On March 27 an election will be held to vote on a proposition to issue \$75,000 water bonds.

**Lexington, Fayette County, Ky.—Bond Sale.**—On March 2 an issue of \$2,117 02 6% street-improvement bonds was awarded to C. C. Miller & Co. at par. Maturity one-tenth annually.

**Liberty Township School District (P. O. Girard), Trumbull County, Ohio.—Bonds Defeated.**—A proposition to issue school bonds was defeated at an election held March 14. The vote was 94 "for" to 118 "against."

**Lincoln County (P. O. Merrill), Wis.—Bond Sale.**—This county on March 16 sold the \$40,000 4½% (not 4% as at first reported) jail-construction bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 336, to the H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago at 100.75 and interest—a basis of about 4.345%. A bid of 100.55 and interest was also received from E. H. Rollins & Sons of Chicago. Seven offers in all were received.

Denomination \$500. Date Aug. 1 1910. Interest semi-annual. Maturity 10 years, subject to call at any interest-paying period after one year.

**Logan School District (P. O. Logan), Cache County, Utah.—Bonds Voted.**—The proposition to issue the \$35,000 10-20-year (optional) school-building bonds carried by a vote of 265 to 108 at the election held March 7 (V. 92, p. 614). We are advised that the bonds will be offered for sale in the near future.

**Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas.—Bond Sale.**—On March 15 the \$25,000 water and \$55,000 sewer 5% 15-40-year (optional) coupon bonds described in V. 92, p. 615, were awarded to Hoehler & Cummings of Toledo at par. Other bids were received from John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, James N. Wright & Co. of Denver, F. L. Fuller & Co. of Cleveland, J. T. Sluder of San Antonio and E. B. Blanter of Gainesville.

**Lusk, Converse County, Wyo.—Bonds Voted.**—An election held Feb. 23 resulted in favor of the question of issuing

\$14,000 6% 10-20-year (optional) sewer bonds. The vote was 84 to 20. We are advised that these bonds will be offered for sale in the near future. A deposit of \$500 is required.

**Lyndonville, Orleans County, N. Y.—Bonds Defeated.**—This village is reported as having voted down \$25,000 water-works bonds at an election held March 21.

**Macon, Ga.—Bond Election.**—Reports state that an election will be held May 10 to vote on the question of issuing bonds for the following purposes: \$75,000 to improve the court house, \$100,000 to improve and build roads and \$200,000 for bridges.

**Bonds Voted.**—The \$900,000 4½% gold coupon bonds to purchase the plant of the Macon Gas Light & Water Co. were authorized on March 18 by a vote of 1521 to 18. See V. 92, p. 615.

Denomination \$1,000. Date July 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the City Treasurer's office. Maturity on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000 yearly from 1916 to 1920 inclusive, \$30,000 yearly from 1921 to 1925 inclusive, \$40,000 yearly from 1926 to 1935 inclusive and \$50,000 yearly from 1936 to 1940 inclusive.

**Madison County (P. O. Wampsville), N. Y.—Loan Election.**—A vote will be taken at the coming village election, it is stated, on the question of appropriating \$24,000 to improve Peterboro Street.

**Madisonville School District (P. O. Madisonville), Madison County, Tex.—Bonds Voted.**—According to reports, a proposition to issue bonds to build an \$18,000 school carried by a vote of 125 to 4 at an election held March 14.

**Malone School District (P. O. Malone), Franklin County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.**—On March 20 the \$55,500 4½% coupon (with privilege of registration) school-building and improvement bonds described in V. 92, p. 676, were awarded to N. W. Halsey & Co. of New York at 102.273—a basis of about 4.277%. Other bids were received from R. M. Grant & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., O'Conner & Kahler, W. N. Coler & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Farson, Son & Co., of New York; Adams & Co. of Boston, and S. A. Kean & Co. of Chicago.

Maturity \$2,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1912 to 1938 inclusive and \$1,500 on Jan. 1 1939.

**Manchester, Meriwether County, Ga.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until March 28 by James S. Peters, City Clerk and Treasurer, for \$10,000 5% gold coupon school-building bonds.

Bonds were voted Nov. 22 1910 and have been validated by the Superior Court of Meriwether County. Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1911. Interest semi-annually in New York. Maturity \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1922 to 1931 inclusive. Bonds are exempt from city taxes. No deposit required. No debt at present. Assessed valuation in 1910, \$384,000.

**Mansfield School District (P. O. Mansfield), Richland County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 21 by John H. Bristol, Clerk Board of Education, for the \$100,000 4% improvement bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 751.

Authority, election held Nov. 8 1910. Denomination \$500. Interest semi-annually in March and September. Maturity part each six months from March 10 1913 to Sept. 10 1923 inclusive. Bid must be unconditional and be accompanied by a certified check on some bank in Mansfield for 10% of bonds bid for.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**Marquette, Mich.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held April 4, it is stated, to vote on a proposition to issue \$50,000 bridge-construction bonds.

**Marysville, Union County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 31 by W. F. Brodriek Secretary of Sinking Fund Trustees, for the following 4½% bonds:

\$2,800 sidewalk assessment bonds. Denomination \$200. Maturity \$200 each six months from March 1 1912 to Sept. 1 1918 inclusive.  
1,300 bridge-construction and public-building-repair bonds. Denomination \$200, except one bond for \$100. Maturity \$100 on March 1 1912 and \$200 each six months from Sept. 1 1912 to March 1 1915 inclusive.

200 property bond. Denomination \$200. Maturity March 1 1912. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 10% of bonds bid for, payable to the Secretary of Sinking Fund Trustees, is required. Bidders must satisfy themselves as to legality of bonds before bidding. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days of time of award.

**Middlesex County (P. O. Lowell), Mass.—Loan Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. March 28, it is stated, for a temporary loan of \$100,000, due Nov. 7 1911.

**Milwaukee, Wis.—Bond Sale.**—The following bids were received on March 20 for the five issues of 4½% (not 5%, as at first reported) coupon 1-20-year (serial) bonds, aggregating \$430,000, described in V. 92, p. 751:

	\$120,000 Bridge bonds.	\$150,000 Hst. bonds.	\$10,000 Bath bonds.	\$50,000 So. Sew. bonds.	\$100,000 W. Sew. bonds.
John E. DeWolf, Milwauk.	103.345				103.345
First Sav. & Tr. Co., Milw.		103.33	103.33		
Curtis, May & Co., Chic.			102.417	102.39	

The following bids were for "all or none" of the bonds:

A. B. Leach & Co., Chicago	103.15	Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chic.	102.58
Wis. Tr. Co., Milwaukee	103.921	Marshall Biscy Bk., Milw.	
Wm. A. Read & Co., Chic.		Webb, Roth & Co., Cin.	102.35
Estabrook & Co., Chicago	102.819	Blake Bros. & Co., Boston	102.27
R. L. Day & Co., Chicago		Curtis & Sanger, Boston	102.14
Blodgett & Co., Boston	102.687	Watson & Pressprich, N. Y.	102.033
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chic.	102.65	N. W. Halsey & Co., Chic.	101.165
W. R. Compton Co., Chic.	102.63		
W. N. Coler & Co., N. Y.			

a Successful bids.

**Morning Sun School District (P. O. Morning Sun), Preble County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. April 8 for \$7,000 4½% school-building bonds.

Authority vote of 93 to 21 at an election held March 7. Maturity 1921.

**Montpelier, Williams County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Further details are at hand relative to the offering of the \$22,000 4½% coupon street-improvement bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 483. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 12 m. to-day (March 25) by Ed. Summers, Village Clerk.

Authority, vote of 446 to 165 at election held Jan. 31. Denomination \$1,000. Date March 23 1911. Interest April 1 and Oct. 1 at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Maturity \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1921 to 1931 inclusive. Certified check for 2% of bid, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required.

**Muskogee, Muskogee County, Okla.—Bond Sale.**—The following 5% 25-year bonds aggregating \$650,000, voted on Feb. 16 and offered on March 6 (V. 92, p. 615) were sold on March 13 to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo at par and accrued interest: \$390,000 to improve the water plant, \$225,000 for sewerage and \$35,000 for a garbage-disposal plant. The bonds will be delivered as the money is needed. Denomination \$1,000. Date March 1 1911.

**Nashville, Tenn.—Bond Sale.**—A syndicate composed of A. B. Leach & Co., the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, N. W. Halsey & Co. and the Wm. R. Compton Co., all of Chicago, was awarded the \$500,000 4½% trunk-sewer bonds offered on Mch. 22 and described in V. 92, p. 615, at 101.565. Maturity Jan. 1 1940.

The other bidders were:

Breed & Harrison and the Provident Sav. Bank & Trust Co., Chi.—101.07. Estabrook & Co., Chicago—101.03. E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago, and Hodder & Co., Boston—100.68 and blank bonds.

On March 15 of last year \$250,000 of the above issue had been bought by the Chicago house of Wm. A. Read & Co. See V. 91, p. 106. The bonds were later refused by Read & Co., as there was a doubt as to whether it was necessary that they should have received a majority of all the votes cast at the election or merely a majority of the votes cast on the bond proposition alone. The State Supreme Court has since decided that under the City Charter of Nashville a majority of the votes cast upon the proposition and not a majority of the votes cast for the highest office is the rule whereby the validity of bond elections, or elections held under the franchise and bond clause of the city charter, are to be determined. In making this ruling the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Court of Civil Appeals, which reversed the decree of the Chancellor. See V. 91, p. 1525.

**New Rochelle, Westchester County, N. Y.—Bond Offerings.**—Proposals will be received until 8:15 p. m. March 28 by Edward Stetson Griffing, City Comptroller, for the following registered bonds:

\$21,000 4¼% fire-department (series of 1911) bonds. Denomination \$1,000. Date April 1 1911. Maturity \$3,000 yearly on May 1 from 1914 to 1920 inclusive.

14,500 5% North Ave.-widening (series of 1911) bonds. Denomination \$1,000, except one bond for \$1,500. Date March 15 1911. Maturity \$5,000 yearly on May 1 in each of the years 1913 and 1914 and \$4,500 on May 1 1915.

Interest on May 1 and Nov. 1 at the City Treasurer's office and will, at the request of the registered holder, be remitted by mail in New York exchange. Deposit of cash or certified check on a banking corporation in New York State or upon any national bank for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the "City of New Rochelle", is required. Proposals must be made on printed form furnished by the City Comptroller. Bonds to be delivered April 1 1911. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The bonds will be certified as to their genuineness by the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. and the legality of the bonds is being examined by Caldwell, Massich & Reed of New York City, whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser.

**Newton Township (P. O. Pleasant Hill), Miami County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 27 by S. C. Morton, Township Clerk, for \$3,000 4½% coupon public-hall and office-building bonds.

Authority Section 3295 of General Code and Sections 2835, 2835b, 2836 and 2837 of Revised Statutes. Denomination \$500. Date March 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the Pleasant Hill Banking Co. in Pleasant Hill. Maturity \$500 yearly on March 1 from 1926 to 1931 inclusive. The bonds are tax-exempt. Certified check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the Township Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from date of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. No transcript of the proceedings will be furnished. Bonded debt at present, \$26,000. No floating debt. Assessed valuation for 1910, \$1,821,53.

**New York State.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. April 14 by William Sohmer, State Comptroller, at Albany, for \$10,000,000 4% gold coupon or registered Erie, Oswego and Champlain canals-improvement bonds.

Date Jan. 1 1911. Maturity Jan. 1 1961. Bonds are exempt from taxes. Bids must be accompanied by a deposit of money, certified check or bank draft on a bank or trust company in New York City or in Albany for 2% of the bonds bid for, made payable to the State Comptroller. Bids to include accrued interest.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**Norfolk, Va.—Bond Sale.**—The three issues of 4½% 30-year coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds, aggregating \$690,000, described in V. 92, p. 546, were purchased on March 23 by Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York City at 98.03—a basis of about 4.622%.

**Oakfield, Genesee County, N. Y.—Bonds Defeated.**—At an election held March 21 a proposition to issue \$25,000 water-works bonds was defeated by a vote of 61 "for" to 34 "against."

**Odell, Livingston County, Ill.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. March 27 by Theo. Trecker, Village Clerk, for \$7,000 6% coupon deep-well-construction bonds.

Authority vote of 132 to 65 at election held March 4. Denomination \$1,000. Date July 1 1911. Interest annually at the Village Treasurer's office. Maturity \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1916 to 1922 inclusive. Certified check for 5% of bid is required. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$12,000. Assessed valuation for 1910 \$322,602.

**Oklahoma City, Okla.—Warrant Sale.**—Local papers state that this city has recently disposed of \$25,000 8% sewer warrants. Interest semi-annual.

**Olyphant, Lackawanna County, Pa.—Bond Sale.**—On March 6 \$47,000 4½% 20½-year (average) building bonds were awarded to C. E. Denison & Co. of Cleveland for \$47,710 (101.512)—a basis of about 4.388%.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1911. Interest semi-annual.

**Oriskany Falls, Oneida County, N. Y.—Bond Sale.**—On Jan. 17 the \$30,000 water-works-system bonds voted on Sept. 6 1910 (V. 91, p. 745) were awarded to the First National Bank in Oriskany Falls at 102.875 for 4½%—a basis of about 4.281%.

Denomination \$1,200. Date Jan. 2 1911. Interest annual. Maturity \$1,200 yearly from 1916 to 1940 inclusive.

**Parsons School District No. 33 (P. O. Parsons), Labette County, Kan.—Bond Election.**—On March 27 an election will be held to vote on a proposition to issue \$60,000 school bonds at not exceeding 5% interest.

Interest Jan. 1 and July 1. Maturity on Jan. 1, \$5,000 in 1916, \$8,000 in 1917, \$9,000 in 1919 and \$10,000 in 1920, 1921 and 1922.

**Philadelphia, Pa.—Price Paid for Bonds.**—We are advised that the price paid for the \$1,400,000 4% registered city bonds (the remainder of the \$11,200,000 serial loan of June 17 1898) sold on March 9 to the Sinking Fund (V. 92, p. 752) was 103 and interest from Jan. 1 1911. Interest is payable in January and July. Maturity on Dec. 31 from 1925 to 1927 inclusive.

**Portland, Me.—Correction.**—In reporting last week the sale of the \$1,000,000 4% city-hall bonds, we stated that the purchasers were Bond & Goodwin of Boston, who paid 101.76. We also stated that a syndicate composed of Maynard S. Bird & Co., Chas. H. Gilman and the Maine Savings Bank, all of Portland, offered to purchase the issue on a 3.74% basis. This was incorrect. A syndicate composed of Bond & Goodwin, Chas. H. Gilman and Maynard S. Bird & Co. purchased the bonds at 101.76, the Maine Savings Bank bidding on their own account for \$100,000 on a 3.74% basis.

**Portland, Ore.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received, it is stated, until 2 p. m. April 11 by A. L. Barbur, City Auditor, for \$500,000 4% water bonds, due in 25 years. Certified check for 5% is required.

**Posey County (P. O. Mt. Vernon), Ind.—Bond Sale.**—Campbell & Co. of Indianapolis have been awarded at 102, it is stated, \$7,800 Robb Township gravel-road-construction bonds.

**Putnam County (P. O. Crookeville), Tenn.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until April 8 for the \$100,000 4½% good-road bonds voted at the election held Feb. 25.

Maturity 30 years. Certified check for \$1,000 is required. Jas. N. Cox is Secretary of the Good Roads Commission.

**Quincy, Norfolk County, Mass.—Bond Sale.**—On March 22 the \$51,000 4% 1-17-year (serial) coupon public-water-supply bonds described in V. 92, p. 753, were awarded to Curtis & Sanger of Boston at 102.061—a basis of about 3.722%.

**Rappahannock County (P. O. Washington), Va.—Bond Sale.**—D. M. Kipps and I. H. Troup of Front Royal were awarded at par \$10,000 5% 10-34-year (optional) Wakefield Magisterial District No. 1 road bonds.

Denomination \$1,000. Date March 1 1911. Interest annual. A similar issue of bonds was offered on Nov. 1 1910. See V. 91, p. 900.

**Raton Improvement District No. 1, Colfax County, N. Mex.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. March 28 by the Board of Improvement for \$56,000 improvement bonds.

Authority, Section 15 Chapter 31, Laws of 1909. Denomination \$400. Interest (rate to be named in bid) Jan. 1 and July 1. Maturity one-eighth each six months on Jan. 1 and July 1. Certified check for 5% of bid, payable to the Improvement Board, is required.

**Rayne, Acadia Parish, La.—Bond Sale.**—It is stated that an issue of \$25,000 high-school-construction bonds has been disposed of.

**Rhineland, Oneida County, Wis.—Bond Sale.**—On March 4 the \$55,000 5% coupon funding water bonds described in V. 92, p. 484, were awarded to S. A. Kean & Co. of Chicago at 103.20 and interest—a basis of about 4.219%. Twelve bids were received in all. Maturity part yearly from 1912 to 1919 inclusive.

**Rochester, N. Y.—Note Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. March 27 by Chas. F. Pond, City Comptroller, for \$549,000 water-works improvement notes.

Denomination of notes and rate of interest desired to be designated by the successful bidder. Notes will be payable eight months from April 1 1911 at the Union Trust Co. in New York City.

**Note Sale.**—On March 22 the \$200,000 water-works-improvement notes, due Nov. 25 1911 and mentioned in V. 92, p. 753, were awarded to Goldman, Sachs & Co. of New York at 3.75% interest and \$21 50 premium. Other bids received were as follows:

Union Trust Co., New York, 3.74% Bonbright & Hibbard, Roch. 63.85%  
Bank for Savings, New York, 3.75% Sutro Bros. & Co., New York 65%  
Bond & Goodwin, N. Y. 4%

a And \$75 premium. b And \$26 premium.

**Rock Hill, York County, So. Car.—Bond Sale.**—On March 20 the \$150,000 water, \$100,000 sewer and \$35,000 light 5% coupon bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 617, were awarded to the Security Trust Co. in Spartanburg.

**Saginaw, Mich.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held April 3 to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 police-station-construction bonds.

**Salisbury, Rowan County, No. Caro.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 10 by A. L. Smoot, Mayor, for \$50,000 5% coupon funding and refunding bonds.

Authority, Chapter 618, Private Laws of 1911. Denomination \$1,000. Date May 1 1911. Interest June 1 and Dec. 1 at the National Park Bank in New York. Maturity May 1 1951. Bonds are exempt from city taxes. Certified check for \$1,000, payable to R. W. Price, City Treasurer, is required.

**Santa Monica School District, Los Angeles County, Cal.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. April 17 by the Board of County Supervisors, H. J. Lelande, ex-officio Clerk, for the following 5% gold bonds voted on Jan. 24 (V. 92, p. 485):

\$200,000 polytechnic-high-school bonds, due on April 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1917, \$3,000 yearly from 1918 to 1928 inclusive, \$4,000 in 1929, \$5,000 in each of the years 1930, 1931 and 1932, \$7,000 yearly from 1933 to 1941 inclusive and \$8,000 yearly from 1942 to 1951 inclusive.

25,000 school-ground-enlargement bonds due \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1917 to 1928 inclusive and \$1,000 in 1929. Denomination \$1,000. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the County Treasury. Certified or cashier's check for 3% of bonds, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, N. Y.—Bond Offering.**—At 12 m. March 31 the Board of Trustees will offer at public auction \$100,000 registered municipal bonds at not exceeding 4½% interest.

Denomination \$1,000. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the First National Bank of Saratoga Springs in New York exchange. Maturity \$4,000 yearly on April 1 from 1918 to 1940 inclusive. Deposit in cash or certified check on a national bank or trust company for 2% of bonds bid for must be made with the Receiver of Taxes, James N. Heaslip is Village Clerk.

**Sentinel, Washita County, Okla.—Bonds Voted.**—An election held Feb. 24 resulted in favor of the question of issuing the \$3,000 water-works-extension and \$12,000 electric-light 6% bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 486. Maturity March 1 1936.

**Shakopee, Scott County, Minn.—Bond Election.**—A vote will be taken on April 4 on the question of issuing \$10,000 water-main-extension bonds at not exceeding 5% interest.

**Sharkey County (P. O. Rolling Fork), Miss.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 1 by the Board of Supervisors or County Treasurer for \$50,000 6% road bonds.

Authority Chapter 150, Acts of 1910. Denominations \$500 to \$1,000. Maturity 40 years.

**Shelbyville, Shelby County, Ky.—Bond Election.**—The City Clerk advises us that the election to vote on the proposition to issue the \$50,000 improvement bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 754, will be held in November.

**Sherman Township (P. O. Monroeville), Huron County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 20 by Jos. J. Ehminger, Township Clerk, for \$5,000 5% highway-improvement bonds.

Authority Section 3295 of General Code. Denomination \$250. Date May 1 1911. Interest on Jan. 1 and July 1. Maturity \$250 each six months from July 1 1912 to Jan. 1 1921 inclusive. Certified check on some bank, other than the one making the bid, for 3% of bonds bid for is required.

**Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, Cal.—No Action Yet Taken.**—The City Clerk advises us under date of March 8 that no action has yet been taken towards the issuance of the \$40,000 water bonds voted on Dec. 13 1910 (V. 92, p. 211). The bonds are for the purpose of condemning water rights owned by the E. J. Baldwin Estate.

**Shiner, Lavaca County, Tex.—Bonds Registered.**—On Feb. 28 the State Comptroller registered the \$8,000 5% 5-20-year (optional) water-works bonds mentioned in V. 91, p. 900.

**Sisseton, Roberts County, So. Dak.—Bonds Offered by Bankers.**—Ulen & Co. of Chicago are offering to investors \$40,000 5% coupon refunding bonds.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Feb. 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the Standard Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Maturity on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1916, \$10,000 in each of the years 1921 and 1926 and \$15,000 in 1931. These bonds were offered (V. 91, p. 900) but not sold on Oct. 15 1910.

**Somerville, Middlesex County, Mass.—Temporary Loan.**—Dispatches state that on March 24 \$250,000 was borrowed from Bond & Goodwin, of Boston, at 3.56% discount and \$1 premium.

**South Bend School City (P. O. South Bend), Saint Joseph County, Ind.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. April 15 by the Board of Trustees, C. Wiedler, President, and J. N. Thumm, Secretary, for \$200,000 4% coupon school-improvement bonds.

Denomination \$1,000. Date April 15 1911. Interest on Jan. 1 and July 1. Maturity 1-10 yearly on April 15 from 1922 to 1931 inclusive.

**South Orange Township (P. O. South Orange), Essex County, N. J.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held March 28 (not March 23, as at first reported) to vote on the question of issuing the \$13,000 5% 2-14-year (serial) improvement bonds, in denominations of \$1,000 each. The bonds will be issued for the following purposes: \$4,500 to improve a park and certain property and \$8,500 for the fire department.

**Spokane County School District No. 81, Wash.—Bond Offering.**—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on April 10 (date changed from April 3) for the \$500,000 school-building bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 677. Proposals for these bonds will be received until 11 a. m. on that day by Z. Stewart, County Treasurer (P. O. Spokane).

Denomination \$1,000. Date May 1 1911. Interest (rate not to exceed 4½%) semi-annually at the fiscal agency of the State of Washington in the city and State of New York. Maturity 20 years. A deposit in cash or satisfactory certified check for 1% of bid is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest, if any, at time of delivery of bonds.

**Spring Lake (P. O. Spring Lake Beach), Monmouth County, N. J.—Bond Sale.**—On March 15 \$70,000 5% 30-year gold coupon water-plant bonds were awarded to N. W. Halsey & Co. of Philadelphia at 104.434—a basis of about 4.72%.

Denomination \$1,000. Date March 1 1911. Interest semi-annually in Spring Lake. Bonds are tax-exempt.

**Steubenville School District (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—Bond Election.**—On April 22 an election will be held to vote on a proposition to issue \$80,000 school-building bonds.

**Sylvania, Screven County, Ga.—Bond Sale.**—On March 10 \$40,000 5% water-works, sewer and electric-light bonds were awarded to J. H. Hillsman & Co. of Atlanta at par and legal expenses and cost of engraving.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1910. Interest Jan. and July. Maturity in 1920, 1930 and 1940.

**Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Okla.—Bond Election.**—An election will be held April 4 to vote on a proposition to issue \$6,000 city-hall and jail bonds, according to reports.

**Tarrytown, Westchester County, N. Y.—Loans Voted.**—An election held March 21 resulted in favor of loans of \$70,000 to improve the water system and lay new mains for fire protection, and \$5,500 to purchase an automobile fire engine.

**Thayer, Neosho County, Kans.—Bonds Voted.**—The election held recently, it is stated, resulted in favor of the proposition to issue the \$5,000 city-hall-construction and site-purchase bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 211. The vote was 111 "for" to 13 "against."

**Thief River Falls School District (P. O. Thief River Falls), Red Lake County, Minn.—Bonds Voted.**—A proposition to issue \$12,000 4% building bonds was favorably voted upon at an election held March 4. The vote was 40 to 0. We are advised that the bonds are to be sold to State of Minnesota.

**Thomasville, Davidson County, No. Car.—Bids Rejected.**—The bids received on March 15 for the \$75,000 5% 30-year coupon water-works and sewerage bonds described in V. 92, p. 618, were rejected. The highest bid received was one of \$75,480. Interest payable at the Town Treasurer's office. Bonded debt \$10,000. Assessed valuation \$852,000. The bonds will be re-offered in the near future, we are advised.

**Titusville School District (P. O. Titusville), Crawford County, Pa.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. (to-day) March 25 by George B. Moody, Secretary Board of School Controllers, for the \$100,000 4½% high-school-building bonds.

Authority, election held Sept. 6 1910. Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity \$3,500 yearly on April 1 from 1912 to 1939 inclusive and \$2,000 April 1 1940. State tax on bonds to be paid by district. Bids to be made on blanks furnished by district. These bonds were offered without success as 4s on March 11.

**Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.—Bond Sale.**—We are advised that the \$110,000 4% coupon market-house-construction bonds described in V. 92, p. 486, were sold on March 15 to Hayden, Miller & Co. of Cleveland at 100.633 and accrued interest. Maturity Dec. 1 1927.

The bids received were as follows:

Hayden, Miller & Co., Clev.	\$110,697 00	C. E. Denton & Co., Clev.	\$110,361 00
Stacy & Braun, Toledo.	110,586 75	Provident Savings Bank	
Breed & Harrison, Cin.	110,572 00	& Trust Co., Cincin.	110,297 00
Otis & Hough, Cleveland	110,555 50	First Nat. Bank, Clev.	110,135 50

**Toronto, Woodson County, Kans.—Bond Election.**—The question of issuing bonds will be voted upon March 30.

**Troy Township Special School District (P. O. Nova), Miami County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 8 by C. M. Heath, Clerk Board of Education, for \$10,000 5% school-building-construction bonds.

Authority, Sections 7625 and 7626 of General Code; also election held March 9. Denomination \$500. Date April 8 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity \$500 each six months from April 8 1912 to Oct. 8 1921 inclusive. Certified check for 3% of bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, is required.

**Union Township (P. O. Rutherford), Union County, N. J.—Bond Sale.**—On March 20 the \$25,000 4½% 30-year coupon or registered water-plant-extension bonds described in V. 92, p. 755, were awarded to Kean, Taylor & Co. of New York at 100.85 and accrued interest—a basis of about 4.449%. The following bids were received:

Kean, Taylor & Co., N. Y.	100.85	R. M. Grant & Co., N. Y.	100.56
Rutherford Nat. Bk., Rutherford	100.70	W. N. Coler & Co., N. Y.	100.34

**Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 3 by Horace M. Crowley, City Auditor, for \$100,000 4½% bonds for the purchase of the plant of the Urbana Water-Works, now operated by R. W. Kirby, receiver.

Authority Sections 3939 to 3954 inclusive of General Code. Denomination \$500. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity \$10,000 on April 1 1916 and \$15,000 yearly on April 1 from 1917 to 1922 inclusive. Certified check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for by April 10 1911. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio.—Bond Sale.**—An issue of \$120,000 4.15% coupon refunding water-works bonds has been disposed of to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati in exchange for the old bonds.

Denomination \$500. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the City Treasurer's office. Maturity \$5,000 yearly on April 1 from 1916 to 1939 inclusive. The bonds are tax-exempt.

**Washington County (P. O. Greenville), Miss.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 3 by W. W. Miller, Clerk Board of Supervisors, for \$100,000 refunding bonds at not exceeding 5% interest.

Maturity 30 years. Certified check for \$5,000, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Accrued interest to be paid by purchaser.

**Waterbury, New Haven County, Conn.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 17 by William H. Sandland, City Clerk, for the following 4¼% coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds:

- \$600,000 water bonds, 9th Series. Maturity \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1912 to 1971 inclusive.
- 100,000 High-school-construction bonds, 2nd Series. Maturity \$10,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1912 to 1921 inclusive
- 100,000 street-improvement bonds. Maturity \$5,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1912 to 1931 inclusive.
- 25,000 city-hall-improvement bonds. Maturity \$10,000 on Jan. 1 in 1912 and in 1913 and \$500 on Jan. 1 1914.

Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at the Columbia Trust Co. in New York City. Certified check for 1% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Columbia Trust Co. and their legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. Bids must be made on blank forms furnished by city. Delivery April 24 unless a subsequent date be mutually agreed upon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Watertown, Middlesex County, Mass.—Temporary Loan.**—On March 20 the following loans were negotiated with Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 3.14% discount and \$1 premium: \$100,000 due Sept. 22 1911 and \$50,000 due Oct. 10 1911. See V. 92, p. 755.

**Waverly, Pike County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 31 by E. P. P. Smith, Village Clerk, for the following 5% water-works-extension bonds, aggregating \$2,000:

- No. 1, dated March 15 1911. Maturity 8 years from date.
  - No. 2, dated March 15 1911. Maturity 10 years after date.
  - No. 3, dated April 20 1911. Maturity 12 years after date.
  - No. 4, dated April 20 1911. Maturity 14 years after date.
- Interest semi-annual. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Waxahachie, Ellis County, Tex.—Bonds Voted.**—A proposition to issue 5% 30-year school-ward bonds carried by a vote of 185 to 27 at an election held March 11.

**Wellington, Lorain County, Ohio.—Bonds Voted.**—A proposition to issue \$20,000 street-improvement bonds carried by a vote of 403 to 43 at an election held March 11.

**Weymouth, Norfolk County, Mass.—Temporary Loan.**—We learn that a loan of \$90,000, due Oct. 13 1911, was negotiated on March 20 with Parkinson & Burr of Boston at 3% discount less \$25 premium.

**Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Tex.—Purchasers of Bonds.**—The purchasers of the \$17,500 street-improvement

and the \$25,000 paving 5% 10-40-year (optional) bonds, the sales of which have already been reported in the "Chronicle," were Sutherland & Co. of Kansas City, Mo. See V. 92, p. 678 and V. 91, p. 1665. The price paid was par and interest. The \$17,500 bonds are dated April 10 1910 and the \$25,000 bonds Jan. 10 1911. Denominations \$500 and \$1,000.

**Bonds Registered.**—The State Comptroller on March 14 registered the \$25,000 5% 20-40-year (optional) street-improvement bonds mentioned above.

**Willamina, Yamhill County, Ore.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until April 10 for \$15,000 6% bonds. Date March 1 1910. Interest semi-annual. Maturity 20 years, subject to call after 10 years. F. E. Sherwin is City Recorder.

**Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 21 by Frank Babb, Village Clerk, for the \$20,000 4½% coupon street-improvement bonds mentioned in V. 92, p. 619.

Authority, Section 3939, General Code, Denomination \$500. Date March 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity \$500 on March 1 and Sept. 1 in 1923, \$2,000 each six months from March 1 1924 to March 1 1928 inclusive and \$1,000 on Sept. 1 1928. Certified check for 10% of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**Wilmington School District (P. O. Wilmington), New Castle County, Del.—Bonds Authorized.**—A resolution has been presented by a member of the Board of Education providing for the issuance of \$20,000 school-building Series E bonds due in 1922.

**Wilson Creek, Grant County, Wash.—Bonds Authorized.**—An ordinance has been passed, it is stated, providing for the issuance of \$9,000 20-year warrant-funding bonds. Interest payable semi-annually.

**Winkler County (P. O. Kermit), Texas.—Bonds Registered.**—An issue of \$6,000 5% 10-40-year (optional) court-house bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on March 1.

**Wisthoff School District, Dewitt County, Texas.—Bond Election Proposed.**—It is stated that the County Judge has been petitioned to call an election to vote on the question of issuing \$5,000 school-building bonds.

**Winston (P. O. Winston-Salem), No. Caro.—Bond Offering.**—Proposals will be received by Wm. D. Jackson, Secretary

NEW LOANS.

\$100,000

City of East Orange, N. J.,

Series "W"

SCHOOL BONDS

\$100,000

City of East Orange, N. J.,

Series No. 5

WATER BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of The City of East Orange, N. J., at a meeting to be held in the City Hall, Monday, March 27th, 1911, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purchase of all or any part of the following bonds:

(1) \$100,000 Coupon School Bonds (with privilege of registration) of The City of East Orange, Series "W"; to be dated April 1, 1911, and to mature April 1, 1951; with interest at 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

(2) \$100,000 Coupon Water Bonds (with privilege of registration) of The City of East Orange, Series No. 5; to be dated April 1, 1911, and to mature April 1, 1941; with interest at 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

Both series of bonds to be issued in the denomination of \$1,000 each. Both principal and interest payable in lawful money at the office of the City Treasurer of The City of East Orange. The bonds are secured by a Sinking Fund.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Mayor and City Council of The City of East Orange; must be delivered to the City Council at eight o'clock P. M. on the above-mentioned date and must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Collector of Taxes of The City of East Orange for 2 per cent of the face value of the bonds for which bid is made. No bid for less than par will be considered. Amount of bids must be stated in both words and figures. The purchaser must pay accrued interest.

The bonds will be certified as to legality by Caldwell and Reed of New York City, whose opinion as to legality or duplicate thereof will be delivered to the purchaser.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. For further information apply to

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All proposals, together with the security deposits, must be sealed and endorsed "Loan for Canal Improvement," and enclosed in a sealed envelope directed to the "Comptroller of the State of New York, Albany."

All bids will include accrued interest.

The Comptroller reserves the right to reject any or all bids which are not in his opinion advantageous to the interests of the State.

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Authority vote of 327 to 4 at election held March 14 and Chapter 72, Private Laws 1908, City Charter. Denomination \$1,000. Date May 1 1911. Interest semi-annually at place designated by purchaser. Maturity May 1 1941. Bonds are exempt from city taxes.

Woodburn, Marion County, Ore.—Bond Sale.—On Feb. 7 an issue of 6% paving bonds was disposed of to the Warren Construction Co. of Portland at par and interest.

Denominations 343 to 3500. Interest June 1 and Dec. 1. Maturity 1920, subject to call at any interest-paying date after one year.

Bond Offering.—This city is advertising for sale \$4,087 07 bonds.

Woodland School District, Yolo County, Cal.—Bond Election.—An election will be held on April 10, according to reports, to vote on a proposition to issue \$60,000 high-school bonds.

Worcester, Worcester County, Mass.—Temporary Loan.—A loan of \$100,000, due Oct. 17 1911, has been negotiated, according to reports, with Livingston Davis at 2.91% discount and \$1 25 premium.

Yonkers, Westchester County, N. Y.—Bond Offering.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. March 28 by Joseph Miller, City Comptroller, for \$50,000 4 1/2% registered water refunding bonds.

Denomination \$2,000. Date April 1 1911. Interest semi-annually in New York exchange. Maturity \$2,000 yearly on April 1 from 1912 to 1936 inclusive. Certified check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, is required. Bonds to be ready for delivery on April 1 1911. Accrued interest, if any, to be paid by purchaser. The opinion of Hawkins, Delaheld & Longfellow of New York City, certifying to the validity of the above issue, will be furnished to the purchaser.

Yorkville, Oneida County, N. Y.—Bonds Voted.—According to reports an election held March 21 resulted in favor of a proposition to issue \$12,500 street-improvement bonds at not exceeding 5% interest.

Denomination \$500. Date April 15 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity \$500 yearly on April 15 from 1913 to 1937 inclusive.

Youngstown, Ohio.—Bond Offering.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. April 10 1911 by Wm. I. Davies, City Auditor, for the following 5% street-improvement bonds: \$24,500 street-improvement (city's portion) bonds due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 in each of the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 and \$4,500 on Oct. 1 1916.

8,565 Phelps Street sewer bonds due \$1,713 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1912 to 1916 inclusive.

15,345 Logan Ave. sewer bonds due \$3,062 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1912 to 1916 inclusive.

2,045 sidewalk bonds due \$409 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1912 to 1916 inclusive.

10,595 McKinnin Street paving bonds due \$2,119 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1912 to 1916 inclusive.

Dated April 17 1911. Interest semi-annually at the City Treasurer's office. Each block of bonds must be bid on separately. Certified check on a national bank for 2% of amount of each block bid on, payable to the City Auditor, is required. Purchaser must be prepared to take the bonds not later than April 17 1911, the money to be delivered at one or the city banks or the City Treasurer's office. The city is now prepared to issue registered bonds in exchange for coupon bonds.

Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities.

Berlin, Ont.—Debentures Authorized.—A by-law has been passed, it is stated, providing for the issuance of \$110,000 10-year debentures to cover the cost of local improvements for 1910.

Brant Township (P. O. Elmwood), Ont.—Debenture Sale.—The \$2,000 5% 15-year coupon school-building debentures offered on March 8 (V. 92, p. 488) were purchased by Jno. Clancy Sr. of Cargill at 102. Interest payable annually at the Bank of Commerce in Walkerton.

Burnaby, B. C.—Debenture Election.—Papers state that an election will be held shortly to vote on by-laws providing for the issuance of \$500,000 4 1/2% 40-year road debentures. It is further stated that a loan of \$300,000 for water-works is also being contemplated.

Hamiota, Man.—Bond Sale.—Alloway & Champion of Winnipeg have been awarded the \$5,000 4% telephone debentures offered on Feb. 23 and described in V. 92, p. 282. Maturity 20-years from Jan. 1 1911.

Ituna, Sask.—Debenture Sale.—Reports state that an issue of \$3,000 6% 15-year debentures has been purchased by Nay & James of Regina.

Kingston, Ont.—Debenture Election.—Reports state that on April 4 the ratepayers will vote on a by-law providing for a loan of \$30,000 to purchase the Cataragui Bridge and construct a span in the center.

Debentures Voted.—The election held March 21 is said to have resulted in favor of the proposition to issue the \$40,000 school debentures mentioned in V. 92, p. 678.

NEW LOANS.

\$14,000

Village of White Plains, N. Y., CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS BONDS.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Village of White Plains on the third day of April, 1911, at the Corporation Rooms, Grand Street, in said village, at eight o'clock p. m., for the following bonds:

Fourteen (14) \$1,000 Current Indebtedness Bonds to bear date April 1st, 1911, and to become payable April 1st, 1916. Interest at four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of April and October.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check upon a State or National Bank or Trust Company for five per cent of such proposal. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Dated at White Plains, N. Y., March 13th, 1911.

By order of the Board of Trustees. JOHN J. BROWN, President. EARL P. HITE, Clerk.

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Village of White Plains, N. Y., FIRE DEPARTMENT BONDS.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Village of White Plains on the third day of April, 1911, at the Corporation Rooms, Grand Street, in said village, at eight o'clock p. m., for the following bonds:

Eight (8) \$1,000 Fire Department Bonds to bear date April 1st, 1911, and to become payable April 1st, 1931.

Also one (1) fifteen hundred dollar Fire Department Bond to bear date April 1st, 1911, and to become payable April 1st, 1931, at not less than their par value, to the person or persons who will take them at the lowest rate of interest, such rate of interest not to exceed five per centum per annum.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check upon a State or National Bank or Trust Company for five per cent of the par value of the bonds for which the proposal is submitted. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Dated at White Plains, N. Y., March 13th, 1911.

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Village of White Plains, N. Y., WATER BONDS.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Village of White Plains on the third day of April, 1911, at the Corporation Rooms, Grand Street, in said village, at eight o'clock p. m., for the following bonds:

Ten (10) \$1,000 Water Bonds to bear date April 1st, 1911, and to become payable April 1st, 1931. Interest at four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of April and October.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check upon a State or National Bank or Trust Company for five per cent of such proposal. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Dated at White Plains, N. Y., March 13th, 1911.

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\$169,000 MOBILE COUNTY, ALA.

5% REFUNDING BONDS.

The Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners of Mobile County respectfully calls for bids for \$169,000 Refunding Bonds, issued to retire a like amount of bonds maturing June 1st, 1911. These bonds will bear Five (5%) Per Cent Interest and run for twenty (20) years, straight. Bids will be opened at Noon of MONDAY, APRIL 17TH, 1911. For particulars address the undersigned.

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Lachute, Argenteuil County, Que.—Debt offering.—Proposals will be received until April 3 by James W. Raitt, Secretary-Treasurer, for \$60,000 5% debentures. Maturity 40 years.

Lethbridge, Alberta.—Loan Election.—By-laws providing for loans of \$100,000 for buildings and improvements on the Agricultural Society grounds and \$58,600 for improvements to Henderson Park will shortly be voted upon, according to reports.

Mammoth School District No. 1379, Alberta.—Debt offering.—Nay & James of Regina have purchased \$3,100 6% 10-year debentures, according to reports.

North Toronto, Ont.—Debt offering.—This place on March 18 voted to issue, it is stated, \$265,500 sewerage-system debentures.

Penticton, B. C.—Debt offering.—On Feb. 13 the following 5% debentures were awarded to J. G. Mackintosh & Co. of Winnipeg:

\$20,000 street-improvement debentures at 98.10 and accrued interest. Date Jan. 4 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity 30 years. 2,500 fire-protection debentures at 95.20 and accrued interest. Date Jan. 1 1911. Interest semi-annual. Maturity 10 years. Bids were also received from Aemilius Jarvis & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co., of Toronto; J. J. Banfield and H. J. Fisher.

Prince Rupert, Sask.—Correction.—We reported last week that this city was offering for sale \$283,700 debentures. In a preceding item we also stated that a like amount of securities was being offered by Prince Albert, Sask. The duplication was due to the fact that one of the advertisements was erroneously headed Prince Rupert, Sask. The latter city is not in the market with debentures.

Rapid City, Man.—Debt offering.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering of the \$1,600 5½% park-purchasing debentures mentioned in V. 92, p. 489. Proposals will be received until April 10 by C. Gordon Murray, Secretary-Treasurer.

Authority, vote of 32 to 14 at an election held Feb. 6. Debentures are payable in fifteen annual instalments of principal and interest, the first debenture being payable Jan. 1 1912.

Redcliff School District No. 2283 (P. O. Redcliff), Alberta.—Debt offering.—This district has sold \$15,000 5% 20-year debentures, it is stated, to Nay & James of Regina.

Rural Municipality of Grant, No. 372, Sask.—Debt offering.—Proposals will be received up to and including March 31 by E. Harding, Secretary-Treasurer (P. O. Vonda), for \$12,000 5½% local-improvement debentures. Interest annual. Maturity part yearly for 20 years.

St. John, B. C.—Debt offering.—On March 18 the \$250,000 4% debentures described in V. 92, p. 549, were awarded to Aemilius Jarvis & Co. of Toronto at 98.04. Other bids received were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Price. Includes Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dom. Securities Co., Ltd., Brent, Noxon & Co., Atlantic Bond Co., W. A. MacKenzie & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., A. Douglas Gurd, J. M. Robinson & Son, H. O'Hara & Co., Ontario Secur. Co., Ltd.

St. Lambert, Quebec.—Debt offering.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 15 for \$225,000 4½% sinking fund debentures. Maturity 40 years. J. R. Beatty is Secretary-Treasurer.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Loan Election Proposed.—According to reports, a by-law will be submitted to the rate-payers in the near future, providing for a loan of \$61,000 to cover over expenditure in the city's debenture account.

South Vancouver, B. C.—Loan Election.—We see it stated that an election will be held shortly to vote on the following by-laws: \$300,000 for water-works, \$50,000 for sidewalks, \$260,000 for schools and \$1,000,000 for roads.

Vancouver, B. C.—Debt offering.—This city has sold \$2,800,000 4% various-improvement sinking fund debentures to Aemilius Jarvis & Co. of Toronto and Brown, Shipley & Co. of London, Eng., at their joint bid of par. A public offering of these debentures will be made in London, Eng.

Welland, Ont.—Debt offering.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 1 by J. H. Bugar, Town Treasurer, for the following 4½% debentures: \$13,000 issued under by-law No. 381 and \$33,000 under by-law No. 387. Date Oct. 1 1910. Interest semi-annual. Maturity 30 years.

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City School District, Mansfield, Ohio

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Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, until 12 o'clock noon, APRIL 21, 1911, for the purchase of bonds of said school district in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); these being improvement bonds authorized by vote of the people and bearing 4% interest per annum, payable semi-annually, March and September. They are in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) each and payable semi-annually from March 10, 1913, to September 10, 1923.

No bid will be considered for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery of the bonds. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check on a Mansfield, Ohio, bank for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for. No conditional bids will be considered. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Address all communications to JOHN H. BRISTOR, Clerk, Mansfield, O., Board of Education.

NEW LOANS.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

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Treasury Department, Hartford, March 20, 1911.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Treasurer at the Treasury Department, in the Capital at Hartford, until 12 M., March 25, 1911, for the purchase of the whole or any part of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of State Bonds.

Date of Bonds is April 1 1909. Maturity of Bonds April 1 1934, with an option by the Treasurer after April 1 1924.

Interest semi-annual, April and October 1st. Bonds authorized by an Act approved April 14 1909.

Bonds—Coupon or registered and are interchangeable at option of owner. All proposals for these bonds must be accompanied by a certified check to the order of the Treasurer of Connecticut for two per centum of the par value of the bonds bid for. Full payment must be made by certified checks on April 1 before 12 m.

Certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned. The bonds are ready for delivery when the award is made, or temporary receipts will be given, and the bonds will be exchanged for such receipts within two months.

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