

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

There is a danger that the extraordinary character of the political drama now staged in Albany before the world may confuse and miss the most serious and lasting lessons which ought to be learned from it, whatever may be its formal result. Mr. Sulzer still seems unable to realize, or determined not to accept the fact, that *he* is on trial, and not another person who has power and notoriety without any office. It may be that, as Governor, Mr. Sulzer had nothing against Tammany except that he was unable to accomplish his avowed intention of becoming the party leader in the State, or that Tammany would have been quite satisfied with him if he had not declared independence of it. It may be that the whole inquiry into his record was merely retaliation, taken up on secret orders, and that the motive behind the impeachment is partisan, and of the lowest possible quality even as such. This may be quite true, but it is no longer a question of comparative blackness between pot and kettle; and in maintaining a stubborn silence, except to denounce Tammany, and in trying to divert attention from himself by starting a counter-investigation of public departments for which it is responsible, Gov. Sulzer has shown himself purblind to all beyond the personal side of the struggle.

But this purblindness may affect the people, too. The low morality in which the proceeding started; the belief that it is a Tammany cause; the resistance foolishly begun against surrendering executive functions pending disability; the voluntary entrance of a woman into the case; the flying rumors since, such as that Mr. Sulzer tried to coax or browbeat several Assemblymen just before the vote was taken on impeaching, and that one earnest partisan says a State-wide movement to prevent the trial will be made, in order to save the accused from going before a biased court—all these form such an intensely dramatic situation (probably without a parallel in the political history of this country, at least) that we are liable to become absorbed in the spectacular side and miss the fact that we ourselves are most deeply concerned.

This is a question, not of individuals so much as of the responsibility of public servants and the quality of government. When we view it as a grip of wrestlers and wonder which will prove the stronger, we make the same error that besets our election campaigns. In those, we are interested in the very personal question of which set of men will secure the offices; we discuss that vigorously, and we slide over the real question of this or that public policy and the vital issue of what shall be the quality of public administration. The dominance of one or another party and the success of one or another set of candidates are a minor matter, since party ought to be regarded as only a means to an end; but in watching the struggle for place we forget that the place and the consequences are ours.

This is not a profound saying; it is as elementary as that twice two are four; yet it is overlooked in our political conduct. This contest in Albany is not one of gladiators, offered for our entertainment without admission price; the stake is really heavy, for we are in the arena ourselves without realizing

it. Instead of merely thrilling us, the struggle now begun in the chief State ought to jar our indifference. We should note that other incidents, such as the recent disturbances in Sing Sing prison, the disaster in a clothingshop in Binghamton, and now the easy walk-out of a notorious ward of the State from his place of detention, show cumulatively how far demoralization has possessed the State's departments.

We can draw another lesson—that of the saving value of stability and sober thought as embodied in written constitutions—if we imagine that instead of a solemn determination of the Sulzer case we had it referred to any such frenzied partisan impulse as a popular vote on a recall. Further, the drama gets another striking touch by the fact that a special session, called by Governor Sulzer in his flattering conceit that he could coerce the Legislature to enact a particular measure exactly as he demanded and had been refused, not only repeated the refusal to obey him, but turned upon him with an impeachment. He went counter to the constitution in magnifying mere disobedience to his orders into an "emergency" requiring a special session, and this is none the less true because others have done the same before him, in this and in other States, and the public have become wonted and indifferent to it. This is a perversion of government into a struggle for personal ambition, and it must come to a halt. The present situation sounds a clear call for us to revise our views and cease our drifting. This impeachment trial will serve at least one lasting good if it checks Executive aggressions and begins the re-establishing of representative government upon the original basis of clear division into three fundamental departments, independent though co-ordinate.

The new section that was added in committee to the Banking and Currency Bill, granting to national banks authority to organize savings departments, is of questionable expediency. Of course, it is intended as an extra inducement for drawing banks into the national system or keeping them in. Careful provision is made for the separation of the savings department from the general business of the banks, and restrictions are also imposed upon the investments of the savings funds, so as to protect and safeguard the little hoards of the depositors. All this, however, is not sufficient to reconcile one to the idea. It is true, of course, that in the remoter parts of the country many national banks are already receiving savings deposits, notwithstanding the absence of authority for so doing; and as to such deposits there are no restrictions whatever upon the investments and no provision for the segregation of such deposits from the ordinary deposits. In that sense the new proposal is a distinct improvement over the existing condition.

It nevertheless remains true, however, that the functions of savings banks and of mercantile banks are separate and distinct and the two should not be combined. The savings institution moreover is so distinctly local in character that it should be left to the States to make provision for its establishment, each State regulating investments according to the special circumstances that may exist in that respect and which cannot be covered in any general Federal law. In other words, the Federal Government

should not arrogate to itself functions of this kind since it is illy adapted for exercising them. The proposal is also a violation of the principle of home rule.

The most vicious feature of the Banking and Currency Bill, however, is that it proceeds on the theory that bankers cannot or must not be trusted to conduct their own business—that banking is a dangerous power which the Government itself must take over or regulate and dominate through Government functionaries. We can imagine the bankers quite prepared to resign the banking business to the care of the Government, but, naturally, they will not want the experiment tried with their capital. They feel that if experiments are to be undertaken in the so-called interests of the people, they should be made with the people's money and not with private capital. That is the real danger in the existing situation, namely that the national banks, menaced on every side, will withdraw from the Federal system. Such an inclination would be easy to carry out, since Congress has no power to compel the banks to remain in the system. Things have not yet, however, reached such an extreme pass. The fact that the measure has already been altered for the better in some essential respects suggests that the sponsors of the bill will not be deaf to the pleadings of reason and common sense, but will continue the work of re-constituting the measure until it fully meets requirements and is shorn of its objectionable features. In other words, there is every reason to think that the suggestions for amending the bill which the bankers now assembled in Chicago will make will receive most careful consideration if they are not actually adopted in their entirety.

The expansion in our export trade as compared with the previous year, noted in all but two months of the last fiscal year (ended with June 30 1913), continued in July, the value of the shipments of commodities for that period having appreciably exceeded the total reached a year ago. A new record for July has consequently been established. Merchandise imports for the month, on the other hand, fell somewhat below the full aggregate of 1912, and it follows, therefore, that a very satisfactory net balance in our favor is recorded this year, whereas a year ago the balance was merely nominal. The gain in exports this year is due in considerable measure to increased shipments of breadstuffs (of wheat in particular), of which the total outflow was very much greater than in 1912 ($14\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars against 4 millions) and the heaviest for July since 1901. Provisions, also, went out more freely than a year ago, the increase in hog products being quite noticeable; the value of the cotton exported was greater by $1\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars than last year and mineral oils showed a fair increase. Combining the values of the above-named articles, and including cattle and hogs and cotton-seed, which were less freely shipped this year, a gain of about $14\frac{3}{4}$ million dollars over 1912 is seen.

The aggregate merchandise shipments in July 1913, at \$160,515,941, compare with \$148,885,355 in 1912, or an augmentation of $11\frac{3}{4}$ millions. A gain of $14\frac{3}{4}$ millions, as already stated, was contributed by the commodities for which advance

figures are issued; there was, therefore, a decline of 3 million dollars in the outflow of other articles, of which manufactures form the greater part and upon which principal reliance is now laid to steadily extend our trade abroad. This falling off, however, is inconsequential after recent phenomenal growth. For the seven months of the calendar year 1913 the total value of the merchandise exports was \$1,326,798,300, which, it is hardly necessary to state, is a record for the period, the increase over the previous high-water mark of last year being 78 millions.

Imports of merchandise for the month showed a decline of about $9\frac{1}{2}$ millions from last year, the respective totals having been \$139,281,227 and \$148,666,738. For the elapsed portion of the calendar year (seven months), the aggregate falls a little behind last year, but exceeds 1911 or any earlier year, the comparison being between \$1,018,868,132 and \$1,033,318,464 last year and \$881,800,156 in 1911. The net result of our foreign trade in July is a balance of exports of \$21,234,714, against only \$218,617 in 1912; for the seven months the favorable balance in 1913 reaches \$307,930,168, a figure second only to that of 1909, and contrasting with 215 millions a year ago.

The building construction returns for July 1913 from leading cities in the United States are, on the whole, in line with recent preceding months in showing a lessening of activity in operations as compared with the corresponding time a year ago. In some sections of the country, of course, the permits issued during the month indicate a continuation of conspicuous activity, but at a majority of the municipalities from which we have returns (86 out of 144) an easing up of operations is apparent, with comparatively little doing in some localities. Various causes have been given for the falling-off this year. Among these, tight money has been most often mentioned, but it is evident in many cases that it has not been so much the scarcity of funds as lack of confidence in the operations for which the funds were desired. Doubtless, building construction has been overdone in the recent past in many parts of the country, and with that the fact the present slump is not surprising, especially with tariff and other general legislation acting as a decidedly disturbing factor in affairs.

In Greater New York the estimated cost of construction of the buildings for which permits were issued during July is \$15,052,383, against \$16,518,819 in 1912, an increase in Manhattan Borough of near 2 millions being too small to offset the losses in other divisions of the city. Outside of Greater New York the month's contracts cover a proposed outlay of \$67,064,246, which shows a decrease of $8\frac{1}{2}$ millions from 1912, and only a nominal gain over 1911. Conspicuous gains are exhibited at a few of the larger cities, but the declines are notably large at such representative points as Baltimore, Buffalo, Washington, Rochester, Newark, Pittsburgh, Boston, Bridgeport, Worcester and Springfield in the East; Atlanta, Richmond and Memphis at the South; and Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Louisville, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis and Duluth in the West. Including New York, the aggregate for the 144 cities is \$82,116,629, as compared with \$92,146,301 for July

1912 and \$83,923,374 in 1911. Contrasted with 1910, there is a gain of 10 million dollars.

For the seven months of 1913 the intended expenditure reported at the 144 cities, as we compile the figures, is \$558,594,590, against \$595,848,860 in the period of 1912 and 538 millions in 1911. Greater New York's operations at 102 millions compare with 143 millions and 123 millions, respectively, in the two preceding years, while outside of this city the total at 456 million dollars establishes a new high record, exceeding 1912 by 4 million dollars and 1911 by 42 millions.

In the Dominion of Canada the situation in July was much the same as in June, operations in the aggregate showing a considerable drop from a year ago, due, however, to inactivity in the West. Twenty-six cities in the Eastern Provinces furnish a total of contemplated outlay this year of \$8,257,592, against \$6,806,039 a year ago, but for 22 Western municipalities the comparison is between only \$6,223,306 and \$14,347,929, the totals of all (48 cities) being \$14,480,898 and \$21,153,968. For the seven months of 1913 the projected expenditure in the East at \$52,135,142 is a new high record, contrasting with \$43,850,281 in 1912. On the other hand, there is a marked decline West, the comparison being between \$47,895,196 and \$68,864,965. For the whole 48 Canadian cities we get a total of \$100,030,338 for the seven months this year, against \$112,715,246 last year and \$80,558,598 in 1911.

The Fall River cotton mills dividend declarations for the third quarter of 1913, while in the aggregate a little better than for the corresponding period of a year ago cannot in any real sense be considered as satisfactory to stockholders in general or as representing a fair return on the capital invested. Nor does the exhibit for the nine months make a showing indicative of such a state of prosperity in the cotton-manufacturing industry as would warrant the drastic reductions in duties made in the pending tariff bill.

Altogether five corporations at Fall River omitted dividends for the third quarter of 1913 and in fact have made no returns to shareholders since 1911. Furthermore the actual amount to be paid out during the period by the thirty-seven establishments included in our compilation, while moderately greater than in 1912, is below the average of earlier years. It reaches \$352,675, or an average of 121%, on the aggregate capital invested in the thirty-seven mills, as against \$308,116, or 1.11%, a year ago. In 1910, however, the average was 1.64% in 1909 was 1.61% and in 1908 was 1.50%. For the nine months of the current year the total distribution of \$1,046,775 and the average of 3.57% is also better than 1912, which, by the way was considered a quite poor year, but compares with \$1,094,492 and 3.94% in 1911, and rates of 5.23%, 5.85% and 5.42%, respectively, in the three preceding years. The greatest nine-month rate in our record is that of 1907 (7.27%) and the smallest the 1.33% of 1898.

The week has been one of uncertainty and no little nervousness in the Mexican situation. An Associated Press dispatch, dated Mexico City on Monday, declared that Provisional President Huerta had re-

plied to the note presented by President Wilson's special envoy, Mr. Lind, and had given the United States Government until midnight on that day to recognize the Huerta Government. The Mexican Government, the dispatch in question stated, was not specific in the public announcement as to what course then would be pursued, but it was understood that it meant the "severing of all relations between the two countries." The reply refused to accept mediation in the Mexican situation or any similar suggestion made by a foreign government, and President Huerta told the United States that he would tolerate no interference, even though that interference might be characterized as friendly mediation. Later dispatches, however, indicated that either the original announcement had been inaccurate or that the Huerta Government had suddenly modified its attitude. Late on Monday night Mr. Lind, in Mexico City, denied that the Mexican note to the American Government involved any demand for American recognition, and Senor Urrutia, the Mexican Minister of the Interior, repudiated an earlier statement attributed to him. No official announcement has been made at Washington regarding the contents or text of the Mexican note, but it is intimated that the sensational announcement of the ultimatum was merely a canard for Mexican home consumption. No doubt is felt in Government circles in Washington, according to a usually well-informed correspondent at the National Capital, that the announcement was put out with a deliberate object, and that the newspaper correspondents to whom it was communicated accepted it as authoritative. The Huerta Administration is insistent that it should receive formal recognition by the United States as a condition precedent to further consideration of our Government's desire to serve in a mediatory capacity; but there has not been a definite refusal, as was reported in some circles, to continue diplomatic exchanges unless recognition is accorded.

The Mexican Government's note was dated Aug. 16. It is said to be a document of seven thousand words, and, generally speaking, to contain a rejection of all the suggestions made by the United States. A telegraphic summary sent to the Department by Mr. Lind gave the impression that the American proposals had been rejected finally and flatly. But when the text of the note began coming to the State Department, there obviously was ground for encouragement in its general tone and in the impression its language created, for the view that the negotiations had not been terminated. Mr. Lind preceded the text of the Mexican response with a brief statement that, by invitation, he had spent two hours in conference with President Huerta on Monday evening. Mr. Lind, it is understood, did not telegraph the details in regard to his conversation with President Huerta; but the fact that the conference was at the latter's invitation, and that Huerta was "very cordial," was regarded as highly satisfactory in Washington's official circles. An explanation that seems quite reasonable is that Huerta actually did send an ultimatum to Mr. Lind, but that the latter, after receiving it, called upon Huerta and persuaded him to eliminate the objectionable feature. It is reported that in his reply

Huerta takes the ground that the Democratic Party in the United States is in power temporarily, and argues that recognition of his Government is a partisan question in the United States. He intimates that he has reached this conclusion on private advices from Washington.

In the Senate on Thursday Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania introduced a resolution requesting President Wilson to "take such steps as are necessary to place a sufficient number of troops as a constabulary in the Republic of Mexico" to protect American citizens and American property. The resolution was the basis of a heated debate lasting for more than an hour, in which Republicans and Democrats alike pleaded with Penrose and Senator Fall of New Mexico, who supported him, not to precipitate the crisis by "needless discussion" of the Mexican question. Senator Penrose also offered an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill seeking to appropriate \$25,000,000 for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of Americans in Mexico. No action has yet been taken on the resolution, which specifically declared that "it is not the policy of the Government of the United States to recognize or assist any faction or factions in the Republic of Mexico." President Wilson will, it is understood, send to Congress in the course of the next few days a special message on the Mexican situation in which he will explain the exact conditions.

The question whether Turkey is to be allowed to retain Adrianople has yet to be solved. The Porte clearly has no intention of surrendering Adrianople and it is reported that Turkey, swayed by the Young Turks and the army, threatens to base a new war against Bulgaria upon the alleged Bulgarian cruelties in Thrace.

Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, is reported from London to have organized an international commission to inquire into the allegations of atrocities committed during the Balkan War. The commission, it is said, will probably be constituted as follows:

Prof. John D. Prince, of Columbia University, representing the United States; Francis W. Hirst, editor of the London "Economist," Great Britain; Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, Senator and President of the French Parliamentary Group favoring international arbitration, France; Prof. Philipp Zorn, of the Bonn University, Germany; Prof. Paul Milukoff, editor and leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the Russian Duma, Russia, and Prof. Heinrich Lammasch, of the University of Vienna, well known as a jurist, Austria-Hungary.

Professor Butler is reported to have acted upon the initiative of the Division of Intercourse and Education of the Carnegie Endowment Fund for International Peace and has appointed the above committee, representing the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany and Austria, to make an impartial inquiry into the alleged massacres in the Balkans during the recent war and the economic consequences arising from the war. At a meeting held in Paris on Tuesday of the Carnegie Bureau, the following persons were delegated to proceed on Wednesday to the various Balkan States to prosecute the inquiry:

Dr. H. N. Brailsford, who has written extensive reviews on Balkan and Macedonian questions, representing Great Britain.

Prof. Samuel Train Dutton, of Columbia University, representing the United States.

Justin Godart, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, representing France.

Prof. Paul Milukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the Russian Duma, representing Russia.

Prof. Pazskowski, of Berlin University, representing Germany.

Prof. Redlich, a Member of Parliament, representing Austria.

Mr. Carnegie declares that there is no truth in the report that the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is to have anything to do with the recent trouble in the Balkans. Mr. Carnegie's statement implies that he has not been informed of the steps the delegates of the Endowment Fund are taking.

Last week's announcement of the collapse of the Castro revolution in Venezuela has received additional confirmation this week. On Thursday the Venezuela Government officially announced a complete defeat and the capture at Coro of the Castro invading force, including Castro's brother-in-law, Gen. Simon Bello, his nephews, Vincente Parra Castro and Julio Velasquez Castro; also Juan Liendo, Castro's most trusted intimate. It appears that the Government had the Coro situation in hand at the beginning, but had been delaying the final step of capture with the hope of capturing Castro himself, whose present whereabouts is unknown. Castro counted upon public support, which has utterly failed him everywhere, and there is reason to believe that his ignominious defeat ends his career as a menace to the Venezuelan peace.

The British Parliament was officially prorogued on Friday of last week, until Nov. 3, when the actual date for its re-assembling will be announced. This probably will be in February, although it may assemble in January. The King's speech, which was read in the House of Lords, was colorless, the only item of interest to the United States being a paragraph which expressed the hope that the recent loan of £3,000,000 to the Government of the Sudan, which is guaranteed by the British Government, would result in increased sources of supply for the British cotton industry.

It is announced from Tokyo that the United States Government has intimated its readiness to favor in principle the payment of an indemnity to Japanese subjects who have been affected by the California alien land ownership legislation, and has also recognized the right of Japan to adopt a measure similar to the California bill. It is intimated in Japanese official circles that it is unlikely that the Mikado's Government will adopt either idea. The latest position of Japan appears to be that what it desires is permanently friendly relations with the United States. Therefore, a fundamental solution of the difficulty is sought. If the United States has no solution to offer, it is stated, Japan will probably allow the matter to remain as a grievance. While the Administration at Washington consistently adheres to its refusal to make any public statement concerning the negotiations between Japan and the United States, it is intimated that in its efforts to deal fairly with the Japanese Government the State Department

has indicated a purpose to facilitate any judicial proceedings that may be brought to test the legislation.

The foreign markets for securities have ruled irregular and rather nervous, although fluctuations have been narrow with the tone inclined to easiness. The political situation in Southeastern Europe seems to have improved and a more confident feeling prevails that some method will be found of compromising the strain created by Turkey's insistence upon holding Adrianople. Latest advices suggest that Turkey will give up all other demands if permitted to retain the fortress and that Russia and Austria are the only European Powers who are still insisting upon evacuation. The favorable Bank of England return was a stimulating influence on the London Stock Exchange toward the close of the week. It showed the reserve to be the highest reported for August since 1896. At that time the Bank rate was 2%, and should the political differences in Europe show signs of fairly permanent settlement; cable advices from London suggest that the Governors of the Bank will reduce the minimum discount rate. Gold is still reaching London from South America, but is in demand for France and especially for Germany. The Argentine is endeavoring to check gold exports by furnishing only French and German coin against notes. This is a feature that is operating in favor of the Continent, especially of Germany. Berlin is again looking forward to the end of September for the usual quarterly strain and is drawing gold to strengthen its banking situation. The Bank of France is also drawing gold and is, according to advices from Paris, having its accumulation of bar gold coined into French money. This will remain in the Bank's reserves, but the conversion of the metal into coin necessarily greatly circumscribes the use of the gold for international purposes and restricts it to the French markets. The French mint, it is said, has been coining gold bars for two years at the rate of about 500,000,000 francs a year, and it is calculated that the entire bank reserve will be coined before the end of the year 1915.

There has been renewed discouragement by bankers in London of new flotations. The only important offering at the British centre was a loan of £2,500,000 for the city of Buenos Ayres through Baring Brothers. The proceeds are to be used for building big thoroughfares in that city, and the loan is already selling at a fractional premium. The labor situation in the Rand gold fields is still the source of some nervousness. Money in London closed at $2\frac{1}{2}@2\frac{3}{4}\%$, which is identical with the figures of a week ago. Balkan securities on the London Stock Exchange have ruled firm, Bulgarian 6s closing at $100\frac{3}{4}$, comparing with $99\frac{1}{2}$ a week ago, while Greek Monopoly 4s reacted to 56 at the close after having advanced one point to 57, and Servian Unified 4s closed at $80\frac{1}{2}$, comparing with $79\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Turkish 4s remain at 86, Russian 4s are $\frac{1}{4}$ lower at 90 and German Imperial 3s are 1 lower at $73\frac{1}{2}$. British Consols closed at $73\frac{7}{8}$ against 73 13-16 last week.

On the Paris Bourse Russian industrials have been depressed by the Russian strike movement, but slight disposition toward activity has been shown at the French Center. Cable advices state that the shortage

of gold in Germany is approaching a crisis. The Government is endeavoring to increase its gold reserve, the Imperial and Prussian administrations, notably those of the Post Office Department, having been "invited" to retain all the gold they receive and pay out only paper money.

Official bank rates in Europe have not been changed, though, as we have already intimated, there is a disposition in London to expect an early reduction by the Bank of England which when it does occur is not unlikely to be promptly followed by the Bank of France. In Lombard Street sixty day bankers' acceptances closed at $3\frac{5}{8}\%$ (against $3\frac{5}{8}@3\frac{3}{4}$ a week ago) and long bills closed at 3 15-16% (against 3 3-16%). The private bank rate in Paris remains at $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ and in Berlin it continues at 5%. Money in Berlin is $4@4\frac{3}{4}\%$ (against $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ last week). In Vienna the closing rate is 5 11-16% (unchanged), in Brussels it remains at 4 7-16% and in Amsterdam commercial bills are still quoted at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, while no disposition to purchase finance bills is shown and quotations for the latter are entirely nominal. Official rates at the leading foreign centres are London $4\frac{1}{2}\%$; Paris 4%; Berlin 6%; Vienna 6%; Brussels 5%, and Amsterdam 5%.

The Bank of England's statement was an unusually strong one. Its reserve increased £1,459,000 and now stands at £31,403,000, which is the highest point reported for August since the year 1896. One year ago the total was £30,108,153 and in 1911 £29,503,397. The gold coin and bullion holdings increased £1,228,112, making the total stock £42,297,811. This, likewise, has not been reached for the corresponding week since 1896 when £47,474,951 was recorded. One year ago the Bank's gold holdings were £40,912,288 and in 1911 £40,933,462. The proportion of the reserve to liabilities stands at 58.62%, against 58.07% last week and 49.86 a year ago. Note circulation for the week decreased £231,000, public deposits increased £1,001,000, ordinary deposits increased £1,004,000 and loans increased £573,000. The loan item is now more than £7,000,000 below that of a year ago, standing at £27,813,000 and comparing with £35,103,208 in 1912 and £25,223,051 in 1911. Of the £800,000 South African gold available in the London open market on Monday, £600,000 was obtained by the Bank of England, the remainder being secured for India. Our special correspondent furnishes the following details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week: Imports, £542,000 (of which £100,000 from Uruguay, £50,000 from Argentina, £90,000 from Brazil and £302,000 bought in the open market); exports, £100,000 (wholly to Turkey), and receipts of £786,000 net from the interior of Great Britain.

The Bank of France in its statement on Thursday registered an increase of 20,143,000 francs in gold and of 1,338,000 francs in silver. On the other hand, the note circulation was reduced 39,475,000 francs, discounts were 5,650,000 francs lower and the Bank's advances were reduced 5,025,000 francs. An increase of 38,750,000 francs was shown in general deposits and of 17,375,000 francs by Treasury depos-

its. The Bank now holds 3,420,917,000 francs in gold, which compares with 3,301,450,000 francs one year ago and 3,183,175,000 francs in 1911. Silver on hand aggregates 627,968,000 francs, comparing with 791,000,000 francs in 1912 and 845,600,000 francs in 1911. Circulation outstanding is still well ahead of earlier years, being 5,420,844,000 francs and comparing with 5,036,248,255 francs one year ago and 4,962,989,875 francs in 1911. Discounts are also excessive, registering a total of 1,425,443,000 francs, against 1,042,856,505 francs in 1912 and 983,175,179 francs in 1911.

The German Imperial Bank in its statement issued Monday reported a loss of 4,348,000 marks for the week in gold but an increase of 28,722,000 marks in cash, including gold. Note circulation showed a contraction of 65,246,000 marks, loans increased 8,184,000 marks and discounts decreased 23,478,000 marks. There was an increase of 5,865,000 marks in Treasury bills. The total cash holdings of the Bank, including gold, are 1,460,267,000 marks, according to the current statement, which compares with 1,289,300,000 marks in 1912 and 1,202,248,000 marks in 1911. Combining loans and discounts, we have an aggregate of 984,234,000 marks. The total a year ago was 1,071,300,000 marks and in 1911 944,120,000 marks. The outstanding note circulation aggregates 1,810,789,000 marks, which compares with 1,627,520,000 marks in 1912 and 1,537,560,000 marks in 1911.

The local money market has ruled steady but quiet. A large international banking house has been offering funds quite freely at 5% for December 30 maturity. Another feature of the week was the sale of \$1,000,000 paper of a large Western distributing house at 5¼%, maturing in December. There is evident in other directions quite a disposition to loan up to December, which reflects a belief that the money situation for the remainder of the year is considered to have been fully protected by the proposed deposits of Government funds in the banks of the agricultural sections. The Treasury Department on Thursday made its first definite announcement regarding the centres at which deposits will be first made. Baltimore is to receive between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000, and Richmond, Atlanta and Memphis each \$750,000. These totals are tentative and will, it is understood, be increased or reduced as time progresses in accordance with the requirements of the various districts served by these cities. The regular accumulations for the September dividend and interest disbursements will be necessary next week, as will also the preparations for the subscriptions to the certificates of interest in the Union Pacific's holdings of Southern Pacific stock. Therefore, the expectation in banking circles is that there will be a fair degree of firmness shown by the immediate market, but, as we have already noted, the outlook for the remainder of the year, as viewed in banking circles, does not suggest any approach towards stringency. There have been no important demands by large corporations for capital this week. The collective statement of all New York national banks in response to the call of the Comptroller for their report of condition as of Aug. 9 has been com-

pared by the New York Clearing House. It shows an increase in loans and discounts on the date named of \$54,814,500, comparing with the statement of June 4, but a decrease of \$6,518,300 comparing with Sept. 4 in 1912. An increase in the security holdings of the banks of \$4,012,800 is shown from the June statement and of \$67,500 from September last year. Individual deposits have decreased meanwhile \$67,383,800 and \$128,032,700 during the two periods, respectively, and the specie holdings have increased \$13,926,300 and \$19,689,300, while legal tenders have been reduced \$6,136,700 and \$5,662,800. Saturday's statement of the New York Clearing House indicated a reduction of \$3,281,000 in deposits in the banks and trust companies included in that institution. The loans increased for the week \$401,000 and the cash reserve decreased \$1,628,000. The latter item was counteracted by a curtailment of \$642,550 in the reserve requirement as a result of the decrease in deposits, so that the cash surplus above requirements was reduced only \$985,450, making the total surplus above requirements \$24,698,200, which compares with \$20,552,000 a year ago.

Call money has ruled almost stationary this week, 2¼% being the highest and ruling figure on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Monday 2% was the lowest, on Tuesday 1¾% was the minimum and on Wednesday 2% was the lowest figure. Thursday's range was 2@2½% with 2¼% still the ruling figure, and on Friday 2@2¼% was the range with 2¼% again continuing the renewal basis. Time money closed at 3¾% for sixty days (against 3¾@4% a week ago); 4½% for ninety days (against 4½@4¾%), 4¾% for four months (against 5@5¼%), 5½@5¾% for five months (against 5¾@6%), and 5½@5¾% for six months (against 5¾%). Commercial paper closed at 5¾@6% for sixty and ninety-day endorsed bills receivable and for four to six months' single names of choice character. Others were quoted at 6¼@6¾%. Some choice three and four months' notes were sold during the week at 5¼@5½%.

In sterling exchange the movement has been exceedingly light this week, it being what may be termed between seasons so far as produce bills are concerned. Cotton bills should now become in freer supply and exports of Canadian grain will soon provide a good supply of grain bills in addition to those created by exports from our own country. Exchange against Canadian wheat is usually sold in New York. The exceptionally strong position of the Bank of England and the Bank of France suggests easier money in the near future in those centres. This would naturally bring down further the private discount and would act as a check upon the demand for exchange from this centre. Importations of merchandise are still being handicapped by the delay in the final passage of the tariff bill, but exports are continuing on an unexampled scale, the total for July, for instance, being, as stated above, the largest for the month in question ever recorded. With unprecedented exports and some restriction in imports, the natural trend of the exchanges should be in favor of this country. Obviously, easier money prospects abroad and a good demand for funds at home pre-

sent an inducement for sterling rates to decline to the gold-import point. Some indication of this situation is contained in the announcement of the importation by Messrs. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. of \$500,000 in gold, which is coming on the steamer Byron, due here from the Argentine next week. It is understood that additional importations from the same source will be announced in the near future. It will be recalled that New York has lost quite a considerable amount of gold to South America within the last year on European account at times when the foreign exchange did not, on the surface at least, justify exportation of the precious metal. It seems natural, therefore, when the foreign demand has culminated and a reverse movement set in that we should receive back the metal in the same channels through which it departed.

The Continental exchanges continue to rule against London. The London check rate in Paris closed at 25.24 $\frac{3}{4}$ francs, which was a reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ centimes for the week, while in Berlin the demand London rate closed at 20.44 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks—a loss of $\frac{1}{2}$ pfennig for the week. Berlin exchange on Paris, as reported by cable last evening, closed at 123.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ francs, which is an advance of 5 centimes for the week.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday was firmer for demand and sixty days, which advanced to 4 8645@4 8655 and 4 83@4 8310, respectively; cable transfers, however, remained unchanged at 4 8680@4 8690. On Monday trading was dull and lifeless at slightly lower quotations; the final range was 4 8640@4 8650 for demand, 4 8675@4 8685 for cable transfers and 4 8295@4 8305 for sixty days. Sterling ruled firmer on Tuesday, chiefly on unfavorable Mexican developments and European selling of stocks in this market; before the close there was an easier tendency, with the range as follows: demand 4 8645@4 8655, cable transfers 4 8680@4 8685 and sixty days 4 8305@4 8315. On Wednesday the market was very quiet, though a shade firmer in tone; sixty days advanced to 4 8310@4 8325 and cable transfers to 4 8680@4 8690, while demand remained unchanged at 4 8645@4 8655. Business in sterling exchange continued extremely light on Thursday, at practically unchanged levels; cable transfers were again quoted at 4 8680@4 8690 and sixty days at 4 8310@4 8325, although demand declined 5 points to 4 8640@4 8650. On Friday the market ruled weaker on the lowering of English discounts. Closing quotations were 4 83@4 8315 for sixty days, 4 8635@4 8650 for demand bills and 4 8670@4 8685 for cable transfers. Commercial on banks closed at 4 81@4 82 $\frac{3}{4}$; documents for payment finished at 4 82 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4 83 $\frac{1}{4}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4 85 $\frac{1}{4}$. Cotton for payment closed at 4 82 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4 82 $\frac{1}{2}$; grain for payment 4 83@4 83 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The New York Clearing-House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$7,013,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Aug. 22. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$14,197,000, while the shipments have reached \$7,184,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury operations, which occasioned a loss of \$5,100,000, the combined result of the flow of money into and out of the New York

banks for the week appears to have been a gain of \$1,913,000, as follows:

Week ending August 22.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' Interior Movement.....	\$14,197,000	\$7,184,000	Gain \$7,013,000
Sub-Treasury Operations.....	22,300,000	27,400,000	Loss 5,100,000
Total.....	\$36,497,000	\$34,584,000	Gain \$1,913,000

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

Banks of	August 21 1913.			August 22 1912.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	£ 42,297,811	£	£ 42,297,811	£ 40,912,288	£	£ 40,912,288
France..	136,837,120	25,118,840	161,955,960	132,057,560	31,639,840	163,697,400
Germany..	56,847,000	14,400,000	71,047,000	47,459,150	17,006,050	64,465,200
Russia..	161,807,000	7,720,000	169,527,000	155,175,000	3,150,000	158,325,000
Aus.-Hun..	50,606,000	10,693,000	61,299,000	51,683,000	11,940,000	63,623,000
Spain....	18,480,000	29,746,000	48,226,000	17,079,000	30,037,000	47,116,000
Italy....	46,034,000	3,300,000	49,334,000	42,385,000	3,850,000	46,035,000
Netherl'ds	12,275,000	691,500	12,966,500	11,975,000	909,100	12,884,100
Nat. Belg..	8,076,667	4,038,333	12,115,000	7,215,333	3,607,667	10,823,000
Sweden..	5,701,000	-----	5,701,000	5,374,000	-----	5,374,000
Switzerl'd	8,027,000	-----	8,027,000	6,979,000	-----	6,979,000
Norway..	2,512,000	-----	2,512,000	2,253,000	-----	2,253,000
Tot. week	549,300,598	95,707,673	645,008,271	520,547,331	106,939,657	627,486,988
Prev. week	547,278,832	95,784,887	643,063,719	517,367,122	106,965,490	624,332,612

AN INQUIRY INTO THE "SECOND BALKAN WAR."

An exceedingly interesting, and possibly very important, innovation in the matter of international controversy has come to public attention this week, through the appointment of an international committee, made up of delegates of high character, to inquire into the facts regarding the second Balkan war. The work of this committee will be done under the auspices of the Carnegie Fund for the Promotion of International Peace. Its members, as announced in some of the dispatches of this week, are Dr. H. Brailsford, representing Great Britain—a well-known writer on Balkan affairs; Professor Samuel Train Dutton of Columbia University, representing the United States; Justin Godart, member of the French Chamber of Deputies, representing France; Professor Paul Milukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the Russian Duma, representing Russia; Professor Pazskowski of Berlin University, representing Germany, and Professor Redlich of the Reichsrath, representing Austria.

President Butler of Columbia, who has been associated with the movement to select this committee, describes its field of inquiry as covering three questions—first, the reasons for the outbreak of the second Balkan war; second, the truth or falsity of outrages reported as having been committed during that war by the combatants, especially the mutilation of captives, outrages on women and destruction of private property; third, the question of economic waste involved. It has been generally understood that Bulgaria itself asked for such an investigation, basing its request on the explicit charges, made during the recent fighting of the Allies and endorsed by the King of Greece himself, as to barbarous outrages committed by the retreating Bulgarians. It is to be observed that the Bulgarians made the same accusation against the Greeks and Servians, and that even the Turks, on re-occupying Adrianople, gave out an official statement regarding the barbarities of the Bulgarians at the time the Bulgarian army captured and held the city.

Which of these accusations was true—whether any of them were true, or whether all of them were true—is something on which the outside world has even yet been unable to make up its mind. This being so, the committee which has entered the field might unquestionably serve a useful purpose. It

could do so, first, because its membership, although international in character, is personally disinterested and non-political. But beyond this lies a larger consideration. Modern warfare has tended more and more of recent years toward the exclusion of the war correspondent from the front, if not from the entire area of an army's active field of operations.

This has gone on—beginning strikingly in the Manchurian War—until in the recent campaign of the Allies against Turkey, the exclusion of correspondents became virtually complete. The information obtained by the outside world regarding that conflict was for long stretches of time based wholly on the official announcements of the belligerent governments, who naturally had their own purposes to serve in the statements which they published. Not only were these accounts conflicting, according to their source, but great battles, actually described in detail in the dispatches, turned out never to have been fought at all.

This may have been unavoidable, under the new machinery of warfare; but it must be obvious how the new order of things may have affected, and may hereafter affect, the conduct of a war. People have hardly begun to realize the extent to which, by drawing this veil of secrecy over a whole campaign, violation of the rules of civilized nations might easily be encouraged. They could, in fact, under certain circumstances, not be discovered at all except by some subsequent investigation, such as that which is now proposed. From the Crimean War down to the present time, the influence on the general conduct of armies in the field of the war correspondent and of the publicity created by his dispatches has been of the greatest importance. The question, therefore, has been really urgent, If we are now to lose this safeguard, what is to replace it?

The general facts regarding the outbreak of the second Balkan War will be no less interesting a field of inquiry. That war is now definitely over. The terms of the peace of Bucharest, as arranged on Aug. 6, re-partitioned the Macedonian territory, with recognition of Bulgaria's crushing defeat by its own recent allies. Under this treaty Serbia gets considerable new territory in Macedonia, naturally at the expense of Bulgaria. Serbia also strengthens its hold on the Aegean sea-coast, but, on the other hand, has to concede some territory to Montenegro for its help in the second war. Greece largely extends its frontier, getting one populous city in addition to Salonica. Bulgaria, in addition to what it gives up to Serbia from its recent conquests, has been forced to surrender a slice of its northeastern frontier territory to Roumania, whose army intervened in the last stages of the second Balkan struggle.

The question of the Aegean Islands remains in abeyance, subject to the order of the Powers, and there remains for further settlement the problem of Turkey and Adrianople. At the moment when the Bulgarian army had been effectively routed by its former allies, the Turkish troops re-occupied that city. This was in contravention of the Treaty of London, and the neutral Powers subsequently sent to the Ottoman Government identical notes demanding "most categorically" that the Turkish army be withdrawn to the line subscribed in the Treaty of London, which did not recognize Turkey's right to Adrianople. Turkey has since refused obedience, which may or may not create an awkward situation.

The mystery of this second Balkan war, in which the victorious Balkan Allies turned savagely upon one another, and which has cost the States involved, according to the London "Economist's" estimate, \$85,000,000 in addition to the \$260,000,000 which the war with Turkey cost, has by no means yet been wholly solved. It seems clear that the Bulgarians provoked the contest, though whether this was done because of the belief that they would themselves be attacked if they did not move first, cannot positively be declared. At all events, around the close of June the Bulgarian troops attacked some detachments of the Servian army located near them. On July 6 Serbia declared war on Bulgaria, whom the Servian King's proclamation accused of having broken the treaty of alliance "for the purpose of wresting from Serbia the old Servian territories which the Servians liberated in the recent war."

On July 7 Bulgaria crossed Serbia's frontier at four separate points. Whatever the reason, the Bulgarian plan of campaign miscarried altogether. There have been subsequent reports of divided councils, and there have been other plausible reports that the efficiency of the Bulgarian armies was greatly impaired by sickness. In the battle with the Servians on July 8 the losses of both parties were estimated at 50,000. At the same time, the Greeks advanced on the Bulgarians from Salonica, and the violence of the fighting in that direction was shown by a description sent to London by an eye-witness, that "wagon-loads of wounded Greeks blocked the stations; ruined villages and smoking townships dotted the country-side; discarded impedimenta littered the roads, while at Sarigol the fields were encumbered and the air was tainted by the as yet unburied Bulgarian corpses."

The London "Times", commenting on the fighting of that week, remarked that "if the Allies hated the Turks they seemed to hate each other more. They plunged with ardor into the onslaught on Turkey, but since they have quarreled among themselves they have fought one another like wildcats." The end of this whole miserable episode was the retreat of the beaten Bulgarians to Sofia; declaration of war on Bulgaria by Roumania, on the ground that the war already in progress had been begun "by a series of sudden attacks on the part of the Bulgarians against the Servian troops, without any observance by the Bulgarians of even the elementary rules of preliminary notification"; and, finally, the occupation of Bulgaria by the Roumanians, and at length the terms of peace.

The report of a competent, unprejudiced international committee on all the aspects of this extraordinary episode should be of the deepest interest. What the committee cannot do is to cast its eye over the probable longer results of this second chapter on the Balkan campaigns. It is difficult and discouraging to attempt to make prediction as to these larger considerations. The one bright spot has been the harmony preserved by the great neutral Powers under the severest test. The harmony of these Powers, Mr. Asquith declared at Birmingham last month, "I honestly believe was never less in jeopardy than it is to-day." The mere fact that in exerting pressure on the fighting Balkan Allies, Russia and Austria laid aside their mutual grievances and applied united pressure shows what the tendency is among the neutral States.

But the Balkan problem itself remains, and will unfortunately remain for a great many years to come. The present complete financial, physical and economic exhaustion of the various belligerents undoubtedly insures their peacefulness for some time to come. The proposal, now much discussed at London and Paris, for conditioning further loans to the Balkan States on their restriction of military expenditure during the next ten years, and on their submission of their disputes to outside arbitration, is entirely in point, though it is probable that circumstances would have compelled what creditors wish formally to enforce. At all events, years will be required to repair the devastation of this sanguinary contest.

Even then, the mutual attitude of these new Balkan Powers will be watched and guarded by their powerful neighbors. But it must be confessed that the savage and bloodthirsty sequel to a war, ostensibly taken because of the generous wish to help the Christian population of Macedonia, has been profoundly discouraging as a side-light on the character of the States involved. What the mutual relations of these States will hereafter be must, unfortunately, be judged to a large extent by the manner in which they flew at each other's throats as soon as Turkey had been beaten. All this has happened in two short months after Lieutenant Wagner, the historian of Bulgarian's campaign, had predicted in his published work upon the subject that "the great advantages the Balkan States have so far derived from their alliance will be a conclusive argument for the continuance of such united action. And thus the Balkan War, which has had so many disagreeable consequences for Europe, will at least bring after it that lasting peace in the Balkan peninsula that has so long been the aim of European policy."

WHO OWNS THE BANKS?

A subscriber in St. Louis writes to suggest that, in view of the clamor concerning an alleged Money Trust and the suspicion that the banks are controlled by it, an inquiry as to who owns the banks is in point. As an aid to such inquiry he incloses a page of a daily paper in St. Louis giving an alphabetical list of names and amounts of holding of the stockholders in the National Bank of Commerce in that city. That bank had at the time about 64 millions of deposits, a surplus and undivided profits account of nearly $8\frac{1}{2}$ millions, and a capital of ten millions, in 100,000 shares of the usual \$100 par. Looking over this list, we find that the three largest holdings were 8,720 shares by a trust company, 3,660 shares by an insurance company and 3,354 shares by an individual, these three holdings being scarcely $15\frac{3}{4}\%$ of the whole. The entire number of holders exceeded 1,900, with an average holding of about 52 shares. Nine held a thousand or more; 25 held 500 or more; 733 held not over ten shares each; 452 held not over five each; 196 held not over two, and 84 held only a single share.

There is certainly no strong suggestion of centralized control in this, and the nine holders of a thousand or more shares each had, combined, scarcely $22\frac{3}{4}\%$ of the stock. This is only one bank out of thousands, but it is as reasonable to take it as a fair average type as to assume it exceptional in one or the other direction. Figures of the distribution of shares in national banks have been fur-

nished, before now, in official reports, and of railway shares in the official statements of a number of important roads. It is needless to look them up and collate them, for they all concur in showing a widely-scattered distribution of shares, and the tendency of recent years has been towards cutting the ownership still finer. It is safe to make the unqualified statement that the people own the railroads and the banks and all other financial institutions. While all these are managed by a few, as must inevitably be true of all human affairs, the managing few are agents of the owning many.

Of course it must be expected that for many generations yet there will be a multitude of empty-handed and rattle-headed persons, such as have been material for the demagogue since man came into a social state. To point these persons to others who are better off than they and excite their angry envy by suggesting that the idle rich have robbed the working poor is his ancient device and has not lost its power. This means peace and prosperity for him, and he is shrewd in duping those whom he flatters by calling them "the people." The notion that a bank is a concentration of a few capitalists for popular oppression makes such a plausible appeal that it is a tool to his hand. The notion that a bank can do just what it pleases is another convenient delusion which he either disseminates or utilizes. There is nothing of the sort possible. As soon as banking becomes loose in methods, it heads on the straight road to ruin. A bank must be strict and straight, because its strength is solely in being such. It exacts security, because otherwise it would itself become insecure. It requires its debtors to come straight to the mark on repayment, because it comes there, and must come there, itself. There is a hazy notion abroad that a bank could be generous in treatment if it only had generosity of disposition, and even the President of the United States has publicly used language which implied (or could easily be read to imply) that men have a natural right to credit, one with his fellow.

If this nonsense could be got out of the heads of the many who do little or no thinking for themselves, we should soon be rid of wild propositions about currency based on the crops, and fury directed to "Wall Street" as the chief place of business sinning, and of the destructive notion that Government can and should take banking control out of the hands of bankers, and most of the sectional jealousies that still menace the country.

REPORTS OF CURRENT INCOME BY INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

Some correspondence has recently passed with officials of the New York Stock Exchange which brings up directly the question whether industrial corporations should be required to make periodic returns of earnings the same as the railroads. Under date of June 18 a letter was addressed to the Governors of the Exchange by a certain concern (we withhold its name) suggesting the adoption by the Exchange of such methods as will lead to the publication of monthly and quarterly statements of earnings by the industrial corporations whose securities are listed on the Exchange. The letter contained a forcible and effective argument in support of the wisdom and propriety of such a step. Reference was made to the many millions of capital represented by

the industrial corporations, the vast body of owners interested in these properties, and the fact that large numbers of these owners hold relatively small amounts of such securities and have no way of keeping informed as to the course of the business of the industrial concerns except from the reports furnished by the companies themselves.

It was pointed out that industrial corporations as a rule do not make reports of their earnings oftener than once a year and that as a consequence owners of their securities must wait "usually in perplexity and often with apprehension until the end of each fiscal year for a statement of the profits of the corporations in which they have invested or desire to invest their savings." It was also urged that the subject possesses more than usual importance at this time, owing to the change in economic policy which is about to be made through the Tariff Bill now receiving consideration by Congress. Under this change in tariff duties, manufacturing and mining will be carried on after the enactment of the new law under totally different conditions from those which have heretofore prevailed. Accordingly the fullest and earliest information on the subject of current income becomes increasingly important. Reference was made likewise to the recommendation of the Hughes Investigating Commission, of which Horace White was Chairman, to the following effect: "In our judgment the Exchange should, however, adopt methods to compel the filing of frequent statements as to financial condition of the companies whose securities are listed, including balance sheets, income and expense accounts, &c."

The Exchange has instituted many reforms within recent periods and the writer of the letters thinks it "could properly take one more step in the direction of commending itself to the good opinion of investors throughout the United States, to wit, to take such action as would influence industrial corporations whose securities are bought and sold at the Exchange hereafter to make monthly and quarterly reports of earnings as a permanent policy." It will be seen the request was made in a very courteous manner and was backed up by strong arguments. The Stock Exchange authorities, however, cannot see their way clear to complying with the request, as is evident from the following:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

New York, June 30 1913.

Dear Sir: Your letter of June 18 1913, in the matter of reports of current earnings of industrial corporations, has been received and referred to the Committee on Stock List for reply. The Committee appreciates your courteous suggestion that you know "that the New York Stock Exchange has always favored the utmost publicity as to earnings and has encouraged it in many ways."

The Committee on Stock List in its requirements has continually urged upon all corporations making application to list securities the necessity of making frequent reports to shareholders, but the conditions surrounding large business interests are so varied that some corporations cannot make accurate reports more frequently than once a year. Such corporations having vast interests distributed over the world are unable to make returns except upon definite inventories taken annually. The Committee feels that estimated returns would be much more undesirable for shareholders than awaiting the actual figures for longer periods.

We enclose you copy of Requirements for Listing and have only to say that the Committee is using every effort to force more frequent statements of income accounts and balance sheets to shareholders.

Yours truly,
GEORGE W. ELY,
Secretary.

The Stock Exchange here enumerates what are usually considered the main objections to the rendering of periodic returns of income by industrial corporations. It may be admitted that it is by no means as easy for an industrial concern to make monthly or quarterly returns of earnings as it is for a railroad corporation. Yet it is quite possible to exaggerate the drawbacks in the way of frequent returns and a little reflection will show that the arguments against making such returns, as summed up in the above letter, though possessing a certain degree of validity, are by no means conclusive. It is undoubtedly true that many of these industrial corporations have "vast interests distributed over the world." No one, however, is urging elaborate reports with many details, but merely a general outline of the gross and net income, so as to acquaint the shareholders with the course of current income, and the cable is easily available for sending the few figures needed for the purpose where business is "distributed over the world." But even if the cable be not availed of, fast steamship lines exist for transmitting information of this kind with great promptitude. Possible delay is not in any event the point at issue. The complaint is that no reports at all save the annual one are attempted.

The objection on the score of the inventories, we may suppose, is in some instances a real one. It is impracticable to have new inventories taken monthly or quarterly and doubtless even semi-annually. An inventory once a year, embracing a re-valuation of goods and assets, is all that can reasonably be asked. But that does not militate against rendering returns of current income without any attempt at new inventories or a re-valuation of unsold stocks and goods. If important changes have occurred in these items, the effect of which is to impair in a measure the value of the current returns of income, that fact could be stated in a footnote, putting the shareholder and the public on their guard against drawing misleading inferences and deductions. The letter above quoted tells us that the Stock Exchange "feels that estimated returns would be much more undesirable for shareholders than awaiting the actual figures for longer periods." But on the basis suggested, estimates would be eliminated and even if the character of the returns were broadened so as to make some estimating unavoidable, there is no reason why such estimates should be far astray if an honest desire exist to arrive at the truth.

Where the management of a corporation is committed to a policy of secrecy, it is natural to want to exaggerate the obstacles in the way of reliable periodic returns; but there is no reason why undue weight should be attached to the arguments from such a source. Even where no desire exists to practice concealment or to profit thereby, there is inevitable reluctance to make any change where it has not been the policy to give out periodic returns. A company which has never made any but annual reports can see no good reason why the old practice of leaving the security-holder in ignorance concerning the course of current business should be altered in any particular. And the unwillingness to change makes the obstacles in the way of so doing seem prodigious. Railroad managers were once in the same frame of mind. Thirty years ago the railroads quite generally withheld information regarding current income even as many industrial corporations to-day are loath to make the facts public.

We well remember the objections that were then seriously urged against railroads giving out monthly reports, and the attempts made, with evident genuineness and sincerity, to decry the value of such reports. We were told that the figures of gross earnings could have little value in any event, since the revenues fluctuated so widely from month to month. And many were the arguments to show that the publication of monthly figures would really be a serious menace to the investor, since they would be sure to mislead. If the investor took the results for a very diminutive business month, his conclusions would be pessimistic, it was argued, and if he took the results for a month of exceptionally large business, his conclusions would be unduly optimistic, leading him to pay extravagant prices for railroad securities. Returns of net earnings, we were then asked to believe, were utterly valueless, since repair and renewal work could not be carried on with any degree of regularity, making the results useless even for comparison, inasmuch as the outlays for that purpose in one year might be heavy and in the same month of another year very light.

It seems almost incredible, but when the Legislature of the State of New York undertook to make it obligatory for New York railroads to file quarterly returns of earnings, a delegation of railroad men actually went to Albany to oppose the idea. To-day, under Federal authority, every steam railroad in the land, except the very minor lines, are required to render monthly returns of gross and net earnings, and the railroad manager who should be foolish enough to advocate the abandonment of that regulation would find that he had a difficult case to meet at the bar of public opinion. Only good has resulted from the publication of the monthly statements.

Similarly the industrial companies have now assumed a degree of importance where periodic statements of current business are an absolute requirement in the interest alike of fair play and good morals. Possibly it is too much to expect monthly returns as yet, but quarterly reports should be insisted on, and it would be well if the New York Stock Exchange, with its commanding position and its potency and influence, could be induced to lead the way. Publicity, full publicity, is the solvent of many ills, and numerous reprehensible practices that are now a discredit to the Exchange would disappear if it were no longer possible for designing persons to trade upon the ignorance of the outside world.

The harm that is often done through lack of knowledge on the part of the public is well illustrated by last year's fluctuations in the common stock of the American Beet Sugar Co. The Beet Sugar Co., whose fiscal year ends Mar. 31, in 1911-12 had an excellent twelve-month period of business, and in Nov. 1911 began the payment of quarterly dividends of $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ on the common shares—that is, these shares were then put on a basis of 5% per annum. The report for 1911-12 showed that, after allowing for 6% dividends on the preferred shares, calling for \$300,000, and 5% dividends on the common shares, calling for \$750,000, a surplus remained for the year of no less than \$518,601. In the two years preceding no dividend on the common shares was paid but according to the annual reports, the full 5% could, have been paid in both with a substantial

surplus left over in each. On the strength of the reports for these three years the price of the stock was sharply advanced after the beginning of dividend payments in Nov. 1911. In Sept. 1911 the stock sold at $45\frac{1}{2}$. In Sept. 1912 it touched 77. In Dec. 1912, after the November Presidential election, there came a tremendous slump and the price got down to $46\frac{1}{2}$, while in Mar. 1913, after the company had in January suspended dividend payments on the common shares, the stock sold as low as 25, and everybody then supposed the collapse was due to the election of a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress with the prospective removal of the duty on sugar. Not until the appearance of the annual report of the company in May 1913 was the true cause of the great shrinkage in value disclosed. It then appeared that, while the company had actually produced more sugar than in the previous year, namely 1,659,143 tons against 1,562,949 tons, it had been able to sell only 1,270,125 bags against 1,623,724 bags and hence was carrying 523,283 bags unsold against 134,265 bags at the close of the previous year. Moreover, as there had been an over-production of sugar throughout the world, it had been able to realize an average of only \$4.28 per bag against \$4.79 in 1911-12. The result was that its receipts from operations for 1912-13 were only \$6,490,775 against \$8,932,943 the previous year and \$8,344,793 in the year preceding. The suspension of dividends was seen to have been an outgrowth of the contraction in revenues and not a precautionary move in fortification against a possible removal of the sugar duty. The annual report contained as a further depressing announcement the following statement: "On Jan. 1 1912, by reason of the rapid sale of sugar at comparatively high prices, the company had no outstanding bills payable. With exactly the reverse conditions this year the company's outstanding bills payable on Jan. 1 1913 were \$2,435,000."

Is it right or proper that such a complete transformation in the condition of an important property should be allowed to occur in the space of twelve months and security-holders and the public be kept in complete ignorance thereof in the meantime? The decline we have seen in receipts from the previous year was over 25% , and yet no stockholder had official knowledge of what was going on until the appearance of the annual report. Can those responsible for the conduct of an institution where the securities of such a corporation are publicly dealt in afford to tolerate the continuance of conditions that permit such disastrous losses to those purchasing the shares without an endeavor to correct the evil? Obviously, the purchasers would never have paid the high prices reached on the bulge at a time when revenues were already on the decline if they had been informed through current returns of income of what was going on. Perhaps we have cited an extreme case, but are we not right in contending that he who buys at a public Stock Exchange is just as much entitled to knowledge of the condition of the thing he is contracting to acquire as the buyer of grain, or of produce, or of cotton, is entitled to know of the grade and quality of any of these articles? Obviously, to arrive at the condition and value of a share of stock is a much more complex process than determining the grade or quality of an article of produce, and our point is simply that a buyer in each case is entitled to a full knowledge of all the facts.

In security purchases an important part of these facts is the course of current revenue, of which the purchaser is kept in blind ignorance when periodic returns of revenue are withheld.

It is too late in the day to urge that the thing cannot be done. The answer is that it is being done. Not a few companies have already voluntarily adopted the practice of making quarterly returns, while others are rapidly falling in line without compulsion. The General Chemical Co. has recently announced that its stockholders are hereafter to have quarterly reports. The Vulcan Detinning Co. took a vote of its shareholders to determine whether there should be quarterly or semi-annual statements; 15,831 shares voted in favor of quarterly reports as against 2,504 shares for semi-annual statements, showing how pronounced is the desire on the part of shareholders for the most frequent kind of returns. The United States Steel Corporation, the world's largest industrial corporation, has long been making quarterly reports. The Lackawanna Steel Co. and the American Steel Foundries have also been doing so. Among other industrial corporations that have taken the same step are the American Hide & Leather Co., the Central Leather, the duPont de Nemours Powder Co., the Pittsburgh Coal Co., the Pittsburgh Oil & Gas Co., the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co., the Manufacturers' Light & Heat Co. of Pittsburgh, the Niagara Falls Power Co., the Ontario Power Co., the Laclede Gas Co., and numerous copper companies (like the Chino Copper Co., the Nevada Consolidated Copper, the Ray Consolidated Copper, the Utah Copper Co.), not to speak of such companies as the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., the Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Mexican Telegraph Co., which last are not, strictly speaking, industrial companies in the commonly accepted sense of the word. There are other industrial companies which furnish semi-annual but not quarterly returns. Among these are the Republic Iron & Steel Co., the Associated Merchants Co., H. B. Claflin Co. and the United Dry Goods Co.

There are industrial companies that make even monthly statements. In this class we may name the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., the Massachusetts Gas Cos., Kresge & Co., Phelps, Dodge & Co., Sears, Roebuck & Co. and the F. W. Woolworth Co. The difficulty of preparing inventories does not seem to disturb the management of any of these. If we should undertake to name the electric-light and power companies that make it a practice to furnish monthly statements we should have to add about three dozen more to the list. We are not arguing that it should be made obligatory as yet upon all industrial companies to furnish monthly returns. Quarterly reports, however, ought to be insisted on. If there are difficulties in the way, the Stock Exchange should address itself to the task of removing them. We can conceive of cases where the returns might have to be incomplete in some particulars. The Stock Exchange should communicate with the different managements and ascertain what in every instance is the most complete quarterly return that can be compiled, and then insist upon its being regularly furnished. Nothing else the Exchange could do would tend so much to raise it in public estimation. The time has passed for making excuses of for accepting them.

BUFFALO ROCHESTER & PITTSBURGH RAILWAY'S PROGRESS.

The Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh is one of the smaller roads that have an interesting record of growth and development. It is a large carrier of bituminous coal from the mines in Western Pennsylvania to Buffalo and Lake Ontario and its continued success is the more noteworthy because it is obliged to move traffic at exceedingly low rates. In the late year it realized an average of only 4.61 mills per ton per mile on its entire freight traffic, this comparing with 4.80 mills per ton mile in 1912, 4.87 mills in 1911 and 4.81 mills in 1910. Thus, even during the last two years there has been an important further decline in rates, and if we go back to 1904, we find the road was then receiving an average of 5.41 mills per ton mile.

But the company has succeeded, nevertheless, in greatly expanding its gross revenues and also in adding to net revenues, notwithstanding the rise in operating costs. How this was accomplished is made apparent when the traffic and tonnage statistics are studied. In order to compensate for the diminution in rate, the volume of traffic has been enormously increased—not only the coal traffic but all other classes of traffic—and in order to offset the rise in expenses, standards of efficiency have been advanced and operating development carried to a new high plane. In both respects the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh has accomplished results that rank on a par with what has been done by the larger and more prominent railroad systems of the country.

It may be a surprise to hear that this little road moved over two billion tons of freight one mile in the late year. In exact figures the freight movement one mile was 2,040,358,520; this compares with only 1,572,897,173 ton miles in 1909-10. In other words, in three years there has been an addition to traffic movement of nearly one-third, with practically no change in the length of road operated.

As a measure of what has been accomplished in an operating way, we may take the train-load for illustration. This for the late year was brought up to the high figure of 710 tons. In 1912 the average lading of the trains was only 647 tons, in 1911 635 tons and in 1904 no more than 439 tons.

Gross revenues from rail operations in the last three years have increased from \$8,936,117 to \$10,947,246. The net earnings from the rail operations in the same three years have risen only from \$3,032,212 to \$3,281,355, but it is easy to see what would have happened if operating efficiency had not been further promoted in such a pronounced manner. As compared with the year immediately preceding, gross earnings in 1913 increased \$1,404,878, but net earnings increased only \$203,215, owing to an augmentation of \$1,201,663 in expenses. The report explains the augmentation as due not alone to the larger volume of traffic moved, but to "the advances made in wages of employees, the higher cost of materials, and, in addition to the ordinary maintenance charges, by expenditures for the improvement of track and rolling stock required by higher standards of efficiency"—all of which goes to show how many are the drawbacks and obstacles that railroad managers have to overcome in order to maintain a basis of net income sufficient for current needs.

The Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh for a short time limited the dividend return on its common shares

to 4%, but is now back to a 6% basis. It derives a large revenue from hiring out its equipment, the effect of which has been to bring up "other income" to \$1,018,718, against but \$552,380 three years ago. Altogether, the income account for the late year shows a surplus of \$686,701 after the payment of 6% on all classes of stock and after appropriations of \$448,796 for new equipment and for retirement of equipment bonds.

CALLING A HALT.

Editor "The Financial Chronicle":

Sir.—The New York "Sun" on June 3 published a special cable from London on international finance. The depression in Canadian Pacific stock and the stringency at Berlin were attributed to the same cause—a universal shortage of investment capital. This was followed by a carefully written news article in which a list of underwritings was given showing how large percentages of first-class issues had been left unsold in the hands of their promoters.

In the recent monthly reviews of municipal issues the "Financial and Commercial Chronicle" has given accounts of offerings by States, counties and cities in this country that have been only partially successful, or have been entirely withdrawn on account of the absence of bids. These have been shown to be of large amounts from municipalities, amply solvent, in high credit, and include States such as Louisiana and Tennessee.

As is well known, municipal and State bonds are the highest standard of security known in our land. Approved for savings banks, sinking funds and estates, where absolute safety is placed above income return. Hence, it is plain that it is not the fear of loss of principal that has retarded investment.

Our growing municipalities have been accustomed to borrow for legitimate expenditures, for public improvements, and especially for schools, without thought of check, and it comes with a decided shock when the information is given that these cannot be provided on account of the state of the investment market. Every one knows that as these improvements are postponed, the needs will grow and much greater sums will have to be provided in the future.

This has caused a puzzled state of mind with many people. Municipal authorities realize that to offer higher or unusual interest for new obligations will result in the scaling down of the market value of the old ones, and in many cases the municipality is forbidden to sell below par or at a higher rate of interest than 4 or 4½%. So the loans are deferred and the improvements, however pressing, left in abeyance.

The financial journals have explained, in dry terms, the causes of the exhaustion of liquid capital. But the tightening of loans and the widespread effects on governmental bond issues have caused a misapprehension that has resulted in some quarters in seeking a remedy that will be worse than the disease.

A confusion of thought as to the identity of *capital* and *currency*, or "money," has made itself evident in some high places, and pressure is being brought to bear under that influence.

Credit has been so "cheap," as the phrase goes, is so readily extended in favorable times by an optimistic people, and wealth and its attendant comforts have increased so rapidly that anything like a withdrawal of credit or curtailing of comfort seems a direct wrong to the persons involved. That capital must be *created* by effort, and that it cannot be evolved from space by a magician's wand, is a piece of plain common sense that will apparently have to be newly learned by many in their generation.

As an instance, one cites a large dealer in agricultural motors, a labor-saving device, relieving the farmer from much hard work at a small outlay. The sale of the machines was enormous, and the profits to the makers on a corresponding scale. But the company was found to be largely in debt for raw material and supplies, and, on an accounting being had, it was found that the farmers had been induced to buy by an offer to take serial notes for the purchase money. Of course, as the notes come due, this untimely "stringency" interferes with payments and trouble ensues. If the buyer had been compelled to pay with wealth actually produced from the land by previous toil, the sales and paper profits would not have been so large.

A commission of educators and others, of the highest type of our citizens, has been traversing Europe, under the auspices of this Government, to investigate methods of agricultural banking, co-operative loan associations, and the like. Mr. Yoakum had told our farmers that they were carrying a yearly burden amounting to billions in unnecessary interest charges, which could be greatly reduced under proper methods of Governmental relief.

Little has been heard of the commission, or its plans of adopting Old-World methods to a newly settled country, but, judging from some of the correspondence that has been published, the fundamental reason for the success of the plans in vogue abroad is that the farmer works hard and intensively; and that, as a rule, all the family works in the fields, including the wife. Those familiar with the slovenly practice that goes by the name of farming in this easy-going land, and with the attitude of the average farmers' family to the source of their support, will be amused when an application of Continental methods is proposed for our adoption. Mr. Dooley pictured the confusion of Mr. Roosevelt's commission for the uplift of farm life on finding the farmer's wife leaving the victrola to answer the telephone. That a farmer can borrow money on his farm without giving a mortgage, or on his crops while holding them for a rise, has an attractive sound, and when the banks decline the loans, owing to financial stringency, why should not the Government step in and print and distribute what is needed, namely "money"?

That a great deal of what has been produced by labor and effort of late years has been for pleasure or show, and has not added to real "wealth," is evident to any one who will stop to think. The enormous increase in the output of liquor and tobacco, as shown by internal revenue statistics, is one phase, which is followed by sales of automobiles and the vast sums spent for amusements, enriching owners of kinematograph halls, or patents, but not becoming in any form new capital.

That vastly expensive amusement known as war, while it has furnished employment for "Krupps" and the powder makers, has destroyed great amounts of real capital, demoralized whole nationalities, and left a void in the world's total of resources that will have to be made up, in the old, painstaking way, at a great cost of time and effort. Ruskin's scathing words come to mind about musket and powder-making contributing to national "illth" instead of wealth.

Again and again we must be taught, and the lesson only learned in pain of bitter experience that we can not get something for nothing—that we can not eat our cake and have it too.

If we have to slow up, spend less on "good roads," and, perhaps, for schools and playgrounds for awhile, it may induce some searchings of heart that will have results in character, and so be profitable; and though it for the present seem grievous, it may yield "the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby."

Respectfully,

August 13, 1913.

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RECENT MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATION RELATING TO MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

An address on the subject of this article was delivered by Charles F. Gettemy, Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics, at the annual convention of the National Association of Comptrollers and Accounting Officers, held in Chattanooga, Tenn., on June 6. In speaking of the evils of municipal borrowing which have hitherto prevailed in Massachusetts, and explaining the provisions of the new law of the Commonwealth just enacted, Mr. Gettemy said in part:

When the recommendations of the special committee appointed by the last Legislature came to be actually acted upon by the Legislature this year, they were supported by facts and conditions disclosed by three investigations of the Bureau of Statistics and by the unanimous findings of two successive legislative committees. I doubt, therefore, whether any State can show an instance of legislation more thoroughly pre-digested, if I may use the term, than that which, without a dissenting voice in either branch of the Legislature, has just been placed upon the statute books of Massachusetts for the purpose of restricting and regulating the incurrence of municipal indebtedness in accordance with sound financial principles.

Without enumerating the thirty-two different, specific recommendations made by the committee, it will be sufficient to say that in their more important aspects they seek to strike at four fundamental evils of municipal borrowing which have hitherto prevailed in Massachusetts and with which I imagine the municipalities of most States of the country are more or less similarly afflicted. The particular practices referred to are: (1) The incurrence of funded or fixed debt for current expenses; (2) temporary borrowings in anticipation of tax collections to a practically unlimited amount; (3) the diversion of the principal of trust funds to current expenses or other

purposes not contemplated by the donor, with a resulting perpetual obligation being, in effect, established; and (4) the inefficient, neglectful and costly management of sinking funds.

I will undertake to point out as briefly as possible the provisions of the new legislation which must inevitably check and, in most cases, cannot but prevent a recurrence of these evils.

1. *Borrowing for Current Expenses.* No one, so far as I am aware, has ever been able to define satisfactorily the term "current expenses" so that it will have the same meaning under all conditions and in all localities. Therefore, a mere prohibition in a statute against borrowing for this purpose would be futile. It is true, on the other hand, that no body of lawmakers in their right senses would deliberately authorize the incurrence of a funded or fixed debt for such a purpose. In Massachusetts, hitherto, advantage has been taken of a rather loose phrasing of the law, which, after specifying certain legitimate purposes for incurring funded debt, provided that debt incurred for any other purpose shall be limited to a period of ten years—the plain inference being that it was quite permissible to borrow money for any purpose whatever so long as the loan is limited to 10 years—whether it be for the support of the poor, the payment of insurance premiums, the compilation of a local history, or the purchase of a town horse—for all of which laudable objects of public expenditure our investigations showed Massachusetts municipalities had incurred fixed debt.

But the existing law, containing as it did this defect, which threw wide open the door for great abuse, nevertheless had within it the suggestion of the remedy. It specified, as I have said, certain purposes for which municipal debt might be incurred and fixed the periods for which the loan in each case might run. In view, therefore, of the impracticability of devising a working definition of the term "current expenses" for prohibitory purposes in a general Act, it was decided simply to extend the list of authorized purposes and period for which debt might be properly incurred, so as to include all that it might be considered safe to incorporate in a general statute, and then to prohibit unconditionally borrowing for any purpose or for a longer period of time than as thus authorized.

2. *Unrestricted Borrowings in Anticipation of Tax Collections.* Under the old law, cities and towns, by majority vote, might incur debt for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year and expressly made payable therefrom by such vote, and it was stipulated that such loans should be payable within one year after the date of their incurrence. No limitation was, in specific terms, set by the statute upon the amount that might thus be borrowed, but obviously it could never have been intended to permit loans in anticipation of tax collections to be made in an amount greater than the source from which the revenue to meet the same was to be derived.

But in certain cases it was found that loans had been made which actually exceeded in amount the taxes against which they were issued, necessitating in many cases recourse to renewals or refunding whereby the date of actual cancellation was extended beyond the year, regardless of the clear intent of the law. On the other hand, while the law authorized these temporary loans to be incurred only in anticipation of taxes and required payment to be made therefrom, the word "taxes" was sometimes given a very elastic interpretation, and payment was made from any available revenues; e. g., liquor license fees. The remedy provided by the new legislation has been to recognize this latter practice as legitimate and to authorize henceforth loans in anticipation not merely of taxes in the narrow sense of the assessors' levy, but of revenue, payment to be made therefrom, but the amount of such loans is to be limited to the amount of the tax levy of the preceding financial year.

3. *The Disersion of Trust Funds.* Since the agitation begun by the first preliminary investigation of this subject by the Bureau of Statistics, two years ago, 29 municipalities have been induced to petition the Legislature for the necessary authority, by special Act, to restore the principal of trust funds borrowed or used, or to take up outstanding demand notes, and \$1,088,273 71 of such liabilities which were being treated as perpetual have in this manner been refunded and definite provision made for paying off the debt serially. Cities and towns having such liabilities still outstanding are now, however, to be required to raise in the tax levy of 1914 the amount necessary to restore the funds, or if to do this would impose too great a burden, they may borrow for the purpose for a period not to exceed fifteen years. By the same Act all outstanding demand notes, for whatever purpose issued, are to be taken up and similarly paid, and the issue of notes of this character hereafter is prohibited.

4. *The Inefficient Management of Sinking Funds.* It was once said that the way to resume specie payments was to resume; and the way to stop the abuses of the sinking fund method of paying municipal debt caused by ignorance and inefficiency and to remedy its wastes is to stop the further establishment of such funds. This is the very simple and effective remedy which has now been applied in Massachusetts. The Commonwealth itself set the example a few years ago, and since then all State bonds have been issued and made payable by the serial method; several of our cities and towns (including Boston) did likewise, and the process is now to be hastened by the prohibition of any further creation of sinking funds and the requirement that all debt shall be issued in accordance with the serial plan. The serial payment provision of the law requires municipalities to provide for payment of all except temporary loans "by such annual payments as will extinguish the same at maturity, but so that the first of said annual payments on account of any loan shall be made not later than one year after the date of the bonds or notes issued therefor, and so that the amount of such annual payments in any year on account of such debts, so far as issued, shall not be less than the amount of principal payable in any subsequent year, and such annual amount, together with the interest on all debts, shall, without further vote, be assessed until such debt is extinguished."

Referring to the facility with which municipalities, limited as to the aggregate amount of debt which might be incurred under the general law, were able to obtain from the Legislature special Acts relieving them from this restriction and authorizing them "to borrow outside the debt limit," Mr. Gettemy said:

Heretofore the Legislature has generally had before it only the ex parte testimony of interested local officials, whose statistics and statements in support of their supposed necessities it has been nobody's particular business to examine critically, and which in the absence of reliable, exact information, could not readily be refuted. But while nothing can prevent cities and towns from continuing to petition the Legislature for similar exemptions from the provisions of the new law, the duty has now been imposed upon the director of the Bureau of Statistics to examine all such measures which may hereafter be presented and to transmit to the legislative committee having the matter in charge information as to the financial condition of the petitioning municipality.

The Act of the Legislature carrying out the reforms discussed above is known as Chapter 719 of the Acts of 1913, and

was approved May 28 1913. As a matter of record, we print the same in full herewith:

[Chap. 719.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The provisions of this Act shall not, except as is hereinafter specified, apply to the city of Boston, but said city shall remain subject to the provisions of all general and special laws applicable to it.

Section 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: "revenue" means receipts from taxes and income from all other sources; "majority vote" and "two-thirds vote," as applied to towns, mean the vote of a majority or two-thirds of the voters present and voting at a town meeting duly called, and, as applied to cities, mean the vote taken by yeas and nays of a majority or of two-thirds, as the case may require, of all the members of each branch of the city government, where there are two branches, or of all the members, where there is a single branch of city government, or of a majority or two-thirds of the commissioners, where the city government consists of a commission, and in every case subject to the approval of the mayor, where such approval is required by the charter of the city.

Section 3. Cities and towns, and fire, water and watch districts, so-called, may, by a majority vote, incur debt for temporary loans in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year in which the debt is incurred and expressly made payable therefrom by such vote, and may issue a note or notes therefor to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy of the preceding financial year, together with the bank, corporation and street railway tax received during the preceding financial year, exclusive of special or additional assessments or revenue from any other source except payments made by the Commonwealth in lieu of taxes on account of property taken for institutions or for metropolitan district purposes. Such notes shall be payable, and shall be paid, not later than one year from the date thereof, and shall not be renewed or paid by the issue of new notes, except as is provided in section nine.

Section 4. Cities and towns may, by a majority vote, incur debt for temporary loans for the payment of any land damages or any proportion of the general expenses of altering a grade crossing which they are required primarily to pay under the provisions of law, or any proportion of the expense of constructing a highway in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, such reimbursement first to have been agreed upon by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and may issue a note or notes therefor and for a period not exceeding one year from the date thereof; and when any money so paid is repaid to the municipality, it shall be applied to the discharge of the loan. Notes issued under the provisions of this section shall not be renewed or paid by the issue of new notes, except as is provided in section nine.

Section 5. Cities and towns may incur debt, within the limit of indebtedness prescribed in this Act, for the following purposes, and payable within the periods hereinafter specified:

- (1) For the construction of sewers for sanitary and surface drainage purposes and for sewage disposal, 30 years.
- (2) For acquiring land for public parks under the provisions of Chapter 28 of the Revised Laws and amendments thereof, 30 years.
- (3) For acquiring land for, and the construction of, schoolhouses or buildings to be used for any municipal or departmental purpose, including the cost of original equipment and furnishing, 20 years.
- (4) For the construction of additions to schoolhouses or buildings to be used for any municipal purpose, including the cost of original equipment and furnishings, where such additions increase the floor space of said buildings to which additions are made, 20 years.
- (5) For the construction of bridges of stone or concrete, or of iron super structure, 20 years.
- (6) For the original construction of streets or highways or the extension or widening of streets or highways, including land damages and the cost of pavement and sidewalks laid at the time of said construction, 10 years.
- (7) For the construction of stone, block, brick or other permanent pavement of similar lasting character, 10 years.
- (8) For macadam pavement under specifications approved by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, 5 years.
- (9) For the construction of walls or dikes for the protection of highways or property, 10 years.
- (10) For the purchase of land for cemetery purposes, 10 years.
- (11) For such part of the cost of additional departmental equipment as is in excess of 25 cents per \$1,000 of the preceding year's valuation, 5 years.
- (12) For the construction of sidewalks of brick, stone, concrete or other material of similar lasting character, 5 years.
- (13) For connecting dwellings or other buildings with public sewers, when a portion of the cost is to be assessed on the abutting property owners, 5 years.
- (14) For the abatement of nuisances in order to conserve the public health, 5 years.
- (15) For extreme emergency appropriations involving the health or safety of the people or their property, 5 years.

Debts may be authorized under the provisions of this section only by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting, or of two-thirds of all the members of a city council or other governing body, taken by yeas and nays, and subject to the approval of the mayor, if such approval is required by the charter of the city.

Section 6. Cities and towns may incur debt, outside the limit of indebtedness prescribed in this Act, for the following purposes and payable within the periods hereinafter specified:

- (1) For temporary loans under the provisions of Sections 3, 4 or 9, one year.
- (2) For establishing or purchasing a system for supplying the inhabitants of a city or town with water, or for the purchase of land for the protection of a water system, or for acquiring water rights, 30 years.
- (3) For the extension of water mains and for water departmental equipment, 5 years.
- (4) For establishing, purchasing, extending or enlarging a gas or electric lighting plant within the limits of a city or town, 20 years; but the indebtedness so incurred shall be limited to an amount not exceeding in a town 5% and in a city 2½% of the last preceding assessed valuation of such town or city.
- (5) For acquiring land for the purposes of a public playground, as specified in Section 19 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Laws and amendments thereof, 30 years; but the indebtedness so incurred shall be limited to an amount not exceeding ½ of 1% of the last preceding assessed valuation of the city or town.

Debts for all of the purposes mentioned in this section shall be payable within the periods above specified from the date of the first issue of bonds or notes on account thereof, and may be incurred in accordance with the provisions of existing law, except in so far as the same are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act. All other debts hereafter incurred by a city or town shall be reckoned in determining its limit of indebtedness, and debts authorized under the provisions of this section, except for temporary loans, may be incurred only by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting, or of two-thirds of all the members of a city council or other governing body, taken by yeas and nays, and subject to the approval of the mayor, if such approval is required by the charter of the city.

Section 7. Cities and towns shall not incur debt for any purpose or for any period of time other than as specified in this Act or in Chapter 634 of the Acts of 1913, and the proceeds of any sale of bonds or notes, except premiums, shall be used only for the purposes specified in the authorization of the loan; provided, however, that transfers of unexpended amounts may be made to other accounts to be used for similar purposes.

Section 8. A city or town which has authorized a debt to be incurred within the limitations as to amount and time of payment prescribed by this Act may issue bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness therefor, properly denominated on the face thereof, signed by its treasurer, and, if issued by a city, countersigned by its mayor, unless its charter otherwise provides, or if issued by a town, countersigned by a majority of its selectmen, and by any other officers, boards or commissioners of a city or town whose counter-signatures may be required by law, at such rate of interest as may be deemed proper, and such city or town may, except as provided in Section 9, sell such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness at not less than par, at public or private sale, or may use the same in payment of such debts; provided, however, that if the amount of the annual payment and the period of the loan are not specified by the vote authorizing the debt to be incurred, the officers authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor may issue the same subject to the provisions and limitations of this Act. The auditor or similar officer in cities, and the town accountant in towns having such an officer, and the treasurer in all other towns shall, not later than May first of each year, notify the board of assessors in writing of the amount of debt falling due during the current financial year, the sinking fund requirements, if any, and what provision has been made for meeting such requirements; and

the board shall make such provision for meeting said debt and sinking fund requirements in the tax levy of that year as in its judgment may be necessary.

Section 9. If a city or town votes to issue bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of law, the officers authorized to issue the same may, in the name of such city or town, make a temporary loan for a period of not more than one year in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness and may issue notes therefor; but the time within which such securities shall become due and payable shall not be extended by reason of the making of such temporary loan beyond the time fixed in the vote authorizing the issue of such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness; and notes issued under the provisions of this section and of Sections 3 and 4 of this Act for a shorter period than one year may be refunded by the issue of other notes maturing within the required period.

Section 10. Notes issued under the provisions of Sections 3, 4 and 9 of this Act may be sold at such discount as the treasurer or other officer authorized to sell the same may, with the approval of the officer or officers whose counter-signature is required on said notes, deem proper; the discount to be treated as interest paid in advance.

Section 11. A city which, at a meeting of its voters held for that purpose, has accepted, by a vote of two-thirds of the legal voters present and voting thereon, any Act to supply the city with water, may, by a ye and nay vote of two-thirds of all the members of each branch of the city council or other governing body, with the approval of the mayor when the city of the city requires such approval, incur debt and issue bonds or notes for the purposes and to the extent authorized by such Act, in the manner provided in, and subject to the provisions of, Section 14 of this Act.

Section 12. Except as otherwise authorized by Section 6 of this Act or by Chapter 634 of the Acts of the year 1913, a city shall not authorize indebtedness to an amount exceeding 2½%, and a town shall not authorize indebtedness to an amount exceeding 3%, on the average of the assessors' valuations of the taxable property for the three preceding calendar years, the valuations being first reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed thereon previous to the last day of December of the preceding calendar year.

Section 13. No further sinking funds for the payment of debt shall be established by any city or town, but cities and towns shall contribute to every sinking fund established prior to the passage of this Act until such sinking fund, with its accumulations, shall be sufficient to extinguish at maturity the debt for which it was established, and all provisions of law relating to the manner of establishing, administering and investing sinking funds which may be in force at the time of the passage of this Act shall remain in force with respect to all sinking funds established prior thereto.

Section 14. Cities and towns shall not issue any notes payable on demand, and they shall provide for the payment of all debts, except those incurred under the provisions of Sections 3, 4 and 9, by such annual payments as will extinguish the same at maturity, and so that the first of such annual payments on account of any loan shall be made not later than one year after the date of the bonds or notes issued therefor, and so that the amount of such annual payments in any year on account of such debts, so far as issued, shall be not less than the amount of principal payable in any subsequent year, and such annual amount, together with the interest on all debts, shall, without further vote, be assessed until the debt is extinguished.

Section 15. Cities and towns may pay or provide for the payment of any debt, whether incurred before or after the passage of this Act, at an earlier period than is required by the provisions of this Act, and shall not refund any debt except as provided in Section 9 of this Act; and cities and towns may, for the purpose of reducing the whole debt for the redemption of which sinking funds have been established prior to the passage of this Act, or of reducing the amount to be raised by taxation for such funds, add to any such sinking fund the excess of any appropriation over the amount required for the purpose thereof, or add to such funds any sums derived from taxation or from other sources not required by law to be expended otherwise.

Section 16. No department of any city or town shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in cities of two-thirds of the members of the city council, and in a commission form of government by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the commission, and in a town by a vote of two-thirds of the selectmen.

Section 17. Trust funds, including cemetery perpetual care funds, unless it is otherwise provided or directed by the donor thereof, shall hereafter be deposited in savings banks or invested by cities and towns in securities which are legal investments for savings banks.

Section 18. Section 53 of Part I of Chapter 490 of the Acts of 1909, as amended by Chapter 521 of the Acts of 1910, is hereby further amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 53. The taxes assessed in the city of Boston on property, exclusive of the State tax and other amounts assessed upon the city by the commonwealth, the county tax and sums required by law to be raised on account of the city debt, shall not in any year exceed \$10.55 on every \$1,000 of the average of the assessors' valuation of the taxable property therein for the preceding three years, such valuation being first reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed thereon previous to Dec. 31 in the year preceding said assessment. Any order or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than is herein limited shall be void.

Section 19. Within 90 days after the passage of this Act the city council or other governing body of every city, except Boston, shall give a public hearing in regard to establishing a tax limit for that city. The time and place of holding such hearing shall be duly advertised, and, after the hearing, any city, except Boston, may provide by ordinance that the taxes assessed on property therein, exclusive of the State tax and other amounts assessed upon the city by the Commonwealth, the county tax and sums required by law to be raised on account of the city debt, shall not in any year succeeding the adoption of such ordinance exceed an amount specified in the ordinance on every \$1,000 of the average of the assessors' valuation of the taxable property therein for the preceding three years, such valuation being first reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed thereon previous to the 31st day of December in the year preceding said assessment; and the tax limit so established by ordinance shall have the force of law until it is annulled or modified by the action of the City Council or other governing body of the city. After such ordinance has been established it shall not be annulled or modified within one year thereafter, and then only after a public hearing, duly advertised, and by a two-thirds vote of the city council or other governing body of the city.

Section 20. Within 60 days after the annual organization of the city government, the mayor of every city, except Boston and those cities having the commission form of government, so-called, shall submit to the city council the annual budget of the current expenses of the city, and the mayor may submit thereafter supplementary budgets until such time as the tax rate for the year shall be fixed. The budget shall consist of an itemized and detailed statement of the money required, and the city council shall make such appropriations in detail, clearly specifying the amount to be expended for each particular purpose. The city council may reduce or reject any item, but, without the approval of the mayor, shall not increase any item in nor the total of a budget, nor add any item thereto. It shall be the duty of the city officials, when so requested by the mayor, to submit to him forthwith in such detail as he may require estimates for the next fiscal year of the expenditures of their departments or offices under their charge, which estimate shall be transmitted to the city council. In case of the failure of the mayor to transmit in writing to the city council a recommendation for an appropriation of money for any purpose deemed by the council to be necessary, and after having been so requested by vote of the city council, said council, after the expiration of seven days after such vote, upon its own initiative, may make an appropriation for such purpose by a vote of at least two-thirds of its members, and shall in all cases make such appropriations in detail, clearly specifying the amount to be expended for each particular purpose; and in cities having the commission form of government, so-called, each commissioner or director shall, within 30 days after the annual organization of the city government, submit to the commissioner or director of finance estimates in such detail as he may require of the amounts deemed necessary for the current expenses for their respective departments; and the commissioner or director of finance shall within 30 days thereafter submit to the city council a budget consisting of an itemized and detailed statement of the money required, and may submit thereafter supplemental budgets until such time as the tax rate for the year shall be fixed, and the budget or budgets shall be passed by a majority vote of the city council. In case of the failure of the finance commissioner or director to transmit in writing to the city council a recommendation for an appropriation of money for any purpose deemed by the council to be necessary, and after having been requested by vote of the city council, said council, after the expiration of seven days after such vote, upon its own

initiative, may make an appropriation for such purpose by a vote of at least two-thirds of all its members, and shall in all cases make such appropriations in detail, clearly specifying the amount to be expended for each particular purpose. In the period after the expiration of any fiscal year and before the regular appropriations have been made by the city council, liabilities may be incurred and expenditures made payable out of the regular appropriations to an amount not exceeding in any month sums spent for similar purposes during any one month of the preceding year, or may expend in any one month for any officer or board created by law an amount not exceeding one-twelfth of the estimated cost for that year, but all interest and debt falling due in said period shall be paid.

Section 21. The Supreme Judicial Court or the Superior Court, by mandamus or other appropriate remedy at law or in equity, upon the suit or petition of the Attorney-General or of the mayor, or of one or more taxable inhabitants of a city or town or district authorized by law to incur debt, or of any creditor to whom a city or town or district authorized by law to incur debt is indebted to an amount not less than \$1,000, may compel such city or town or district, and its assessors, collectors, treasurer, commissioners of sinking funds and other proper officers, to conform to the provisions of this Act.

Section 22. All Acts and parts of Acts and all provisions of any city charter inconsistent herewith, except such as relate to sinking funds established prior to the passage of this Act, are hereby repealed, and all ordinances of any city and all by-laws of any town inconsistent herewith are hereby annulled; but neither this section nor any other part of this Act shall be construed as affecting the validity of any debt incurred by virtue of authority granted therefor prior to the passage of this Act, or as affecting the right of any city, town or district to incur, renew, fund or refund any debt in accordance with the provisions of any special Act passed prior to the passage of this Act; nor shall the restrictions of this Act exempt a city, town or district authorized to incur debt from its liability to pay debts contracted for purposes for which it may lawfully expend money; nor shall anything in this Act be construed as prohibiting any city, town or district authorized to incur debt from placing additional restrictions upon the manner of incurring debt, not inconsistent with this Act.

Section 23. The provisions of this Act, so far as they are the same as those of existing statutes, shall be construed as continuations thereof and not as new enactments, and a reference in a statute which has not been repealed to provisions of law which are revised and re-enacted herein shall be construed as applying to such provisions as so incorporated in this Act. The provisions of this Act shall not affect any act done, liability incurred, or any right accrued and established, or any suit or prosecution, civil or criminal, pending or to be instituted, to enforce any right or penalty or to punish any offence under the authority of existing laws; but the proceedings in such cases shall conform to the provisions of this Act.

Section 24. Sections 13, 14 and 19 of this Act shall take effect upon its passage, and cities and towns incurring debts in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Laws and Acts in amendment thereof, prior to Jan. 1 1914, shall make provision for the payment thereof in the manner provided for by Section 14 of this Act; and the remainder of this Act shall take effect on Jan. 1 1914.

Approved May 28 1913.

Chapter 634 of the Laws of 1913, referred to in the above Act, and which provides for the payment of outstanding demand notes and the restoration of trust funds by cities and towns, reads as follows:

[Chap. 634.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DEMAND NOTES AND THE RESTORATION OF TRUST FUNDS BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. During the year 1914 every city or town which has at the time when this Act takes effect outstanding notes payable on demand, or which has expended for the general expenses of the city or town trust funds which have not been restored, shall provide for the payment of such notes and for the restoration of such trust funds in the tax levy for the year 1914, where such provision is reasonably practicable; but where it would be unreasonably burdensome for the city or town to provide in the tax levy of the year 1914 for the payment of its outstanding demand notes and for the restoration of any trust funds heretofore expended for general expenses, such city or town may provide for such payment and restoration as authorized by Section 2 of this Act.

Section 2. For the purpose of paying any notes of a city or town payable on demand and outstanding when this Act takes effect, and also for the purpose of restoring any trust funds which were received by a city or town and subsequently expended by it for the general expenses of the city or town and not thereafter restored, any such city or town is hereby authorized to borrow outside the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for such city or town a sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the amount required for paying such demand notes and for the restoring of such trust funds, and to issue notes or bonds therefor payable at periods not exceeding fifteen years from their respective dates of issue. Such notes or bonds when issued by a city shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the mayor, and when issued by a town shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the selectmen or a majority of them; and shall bear interest, and shall be sold or disposed of in such manner and on such terms as the treasurer and mayor of the city or the treasurer and the selectmen of the town may determine, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Section 3. Cities and towns, at the time of issuing such notes or bonds, shall provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in the preceding section, and in such manner that the first of such annual payments shall be made not later than one year after the date of the bonds or notes issued therefor, and that the amount of such annual payments in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year; and such annual amount, together with the interest payable in that year, shall, without further vote, be assessed annually thereafter until the whole debt is extinguished.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect on Jan. 1 1914.

Approved May 8 1913.

BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 143 shares, of which 133 shares were sold at the Stock Exchange and 10 shares at auction. No trust company stock was sold.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
*53	Commerce, Nat. Bank of	175	175	175	July 1913— 175
*80	Corn Exchange Bank	303	305	305	Aug. 1913— 305
10	Garfield National Bank	230	230	230	June 1912— 275

*Sold at the Stock Exchange.

A transfer of a New York Stock Exchange membership was reported this week, the consideration being stated as \$46,000. This is an advance of \$5,000 over the last previous sale.

The members of the New York Stock Exchange will enjoy a triple holiday over Labor Day, Sept. 1, the Board of Governors having voted on Thursday to close the Exchange on next Saturday, Aug. 30. Similar action has also been taken by the Cotton and Coffee exchanges, and by the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston stock exchanges.

The conference which opened in Chicago yesterday at the instance of the American Bankers' Association for the consideration of the pending currency bill was the paramount feature of the week in financial affairs. The meeting will extend over to-day (Saturday). The New York bankers in attendance included Col. Farnsworth, Secretary of the Association, A. Barton Hepburn, Chairman of the Currency Commission of the American Bankers' Association and Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank; William Woodward, President of the Hanover National Bank, who represents the New York Clearing-House Association, and who takes the place of Francis L. Hine, who was originally named but was unable to attend, and Joseph T. Talbert, Vice-President of the National City Bank. In addition to the members of the Currency Commission of the American Bankers' Association, the invitation to join in the conference was extended to the representatives of the 47 State bankers' associations and the 191 clearing-house associations of the country. Briefly citing the object of the conference, Secretary Farnsworth was quoted as having stated on the 21st inst. that:

It is not the idea of this conference to criticize the Administration or its work, but to assist in the preparing of good currency legislation. There are four fundamental features of the bill to which the bankers of the country are almost unanimously opposed. These features are the Government-control provision, the reserve feature, the portion referring to note issues by the Government, and the stipulation for the refunding of the 2% bonds. The ideas of the Association bankers on these scores are already known, and it is probable that their action will take the form of resolutions protesting and suggesting amendments. I believe it safe to say that the delegates will be found to be in favor of objecting to these features. They represent not only the national banks, but the State banks, savings banks and trust companies.

For the purpose of considering all resolutions offered during the conference, a committee of twelve was ordered to be formed yesterday. This committee consists of four members of the various State organizations, four members of the Currency Commission and four members of the clearing-house associations represented. Prior to the opening of the conference George M. Reynolds, President of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago, conferred with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in New York this week, and as a result of this interview he stated yesterday that he was more hopeful than ever before "of a satisfactory compromise" on the currency bill. Mr. Reynolds added:

Mr. McAdoo and I went over most of the points at issue between the bankers and the framers of the bill. I found him willing and anxious to hear all arguments against the bill and appreciative of their force. All that is needed is patience, and we will reach a satisfactory solution.

The conference yesterday was opened by Mr. Hepburn, who in his address said:

The proposed banking and currency law contains many commendable provisions, and recognizes valuable principles. It creates a central bank, it establishes branch banking, it recognizes bank assets in the form of commercial paper as the normal and proper basis for bank currency; it provides for keeping the current funds of the United States in current use, instead of locking the surplus up in the sub-treasuries whenever the income from taxation exceeds Government expenditures. At the present moment we have an illustration, since the Secretary of the Treasury is now putting back into the channels of trade money which the excess of taxation over expenditures has withdrawn from business—an attempt to restore a normal condition and to offset the stringency created by such tax absorption. The Secretary, too, acting strictly within the law, recognizes bank assets as the proper security for Government deposits. Those of us who have long contended for a central bank and the other principles above mentioned may rejoice that this measure, approved by the Administration, recognizes the truth of these principles and believes in the necessity of their embodiment into law.

While there is reason to rejoice that the force of sound principles has been recognized, we must regret that the measure only partly embodies these principles. While a central authority is created, with more power than we would have expected the Government to give to a central bank, the measure stops short of providing for full benefits by creating twelve regional banks. It is true that these twelve banks are centralized by being placed under the control and management of a Federal Reserve Board of seven members; but the consolidation of reserves, which should be the true aim in creating a central bank, is inadequately accomplished by the creation of these twelve separate institutions. * * *

The measure recognizes and adopts the principles of a central bank. Indeed, if it works out as the sponsors of the law hope, it will make all incorporated banks, together, joint owners of a central, dominating power. Why should not the principle, once recognized, be correctly applied? Why should not the law create one central bank, which should have branches wherever there is commercial need for them? Such a plan would be simpler, less cumbersome, and more certain in operation, and far more efficient. There would then be no need to give the Federal Reserve Board authority to direct one section of the country to loan money to another, for the central authority would then control all the deposits and all the loans and they would make loans to those sections of the country where most needed. There would then be no need to authorize the apportionment of United States Treasury deposits to different sections of the country. Those deposits would then be in one central bank, and would flow naturally to that section of the country that needed them.

As matters stand to-day, whenever stringency in the money market exists, our twenty-five thousand banks begin competing with each other to strengthen their cash reserves. In doing so, they intensify the stringency and aggravate the trouble. The disposition of bank managers to strengthen their individual institution is natural and inevitable. In viewing the proposed legislation, one of the most natural questions, then, is whether the establishment of these regional reserve banks will remedy or aggravate that condition: Will there not naturally and inevitably be competition between the regional reserve banks, competition between the twelve sections of the country, and may we not, in the end, have com-

petition for cash holdings between individual banks added to the competition of section against section, reserve bank against reserve bank? The framers of the measure evidently recognize that danger, and seek to palliate it by giving to the Federal Reserve Board the authority to force one reserve bank to loan to another. Under the conditions that would exist, would not the exercise of that authority fail to accomplish the just distribution of funds? Is there not strong probability that in exercising that authority factors would be created that would endanger the smooth working and permanence of the whole plan?

With a single central reserve bank with branches, reserve money of all the banks deposited with that central institution would count in the aggregate, no matter with which bank it was deposited, or through which branch it was loaned. With such a single central bank, the controlling board might place its reserves in the section of the country where most needed. This shifting of funds would be accomplished without ostentation and without notoriety, whereas, if a Federal board should require, as it might do, under this proposed law, one Federal reserve bank to loan money to another Federal reserve bank, that could not be done without attracting attention to the borrowing locality in a way that would operate to the prejudice of that locality. On the other hand, how simply, easily and naturally this apportionment of funds would be made to fit the requirements of different localities through the operation of one central bank with branches.

The undoubted effect of the bill, as to reserves, will be the reverse of that which would result from the establishment of a single central reserve bank. Certain percentages of the reserves are required under the bill to be deposited in twelve regional reserve banks; they will thereby be demobilized, decentralized; withdrawn from the natural commercial centres and scattered throughout the country in violation of the principles established by experience and by sound reason. The reserve money of the country should, if it is to be effective as a reserve, be concentrated, that it may be used in any part of the country where the need is greatest, in order to protect and promote the interests of the country, as a whole. One bank with branches would afford the best instrumentality for accomplishing this result.

Under the present practice, that portion of the reserves of country banks deposited with their reserve agents not only serves the reserve requirement, but furnishes balances which satisfy the exchange demands of the depositing bank's customers, and also establishes a borrowing credit for the depositing bank. The necessity of providing for this exchange demand and borrowing power will remain under the new system, but will have to be supplied with other funds than those constituting the reserves. Borrowing for general commercial purposes must still be carried on and borrowing credit maintained with correspondent banks. It will thus be seen that the requirement of the new measure that certain amounts must be kept with the new regional reserve banks, purely as reserves, will curtail the loaning power of the subscribing banks.

The question as to the attitude of Senator Owen, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, toward the Administration currency bill has received more attention this week than the bill itself. The proposed measure has continued to be the subject of consideration by the Democratic caucus of the House of Representatives, which completed general debate on the bill on Wednesday afternoon, when the pending amendments were taken up for discussion. Chairman Owen's position with regard to the bill was brought into question on Tuesday, following a meeting of the Democratic members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. According to the reports in the daily press the next day, Senator Owen at this conference allowed the impression to gain ground that he was opposed to several of the main features of the bill. These reports evoked keen interest, since Senator Owen was credited, at the time the provisions of the bill were made known, with having assisted in its preparation. Incidentally, the question as to the authorship of the bill was brought up in the House Democratic caucus on Monday, when Representative Callaway is asserted to have declared that he hoped there was "some way to bring pressure to bear to make the Chairman of the Currency Committee, or members who know, tell who it was that originally drew this bill." Disposing of the rumors which were brought into circulation that John V. Farwell of Chicago and Francis Lynde Stetson of New York had drafted the bill, Representative Glass during the caucus debate on Monday said:

I never heard of Mr. Stetson until this minute. I do not even know his business, nor do I know where he lives. Mr. Farwell had nothing to do with the preparation of the measure. It is the work of President Wilson, Secretary McAdoo and myself, working in conjunction with experts retained by the Banking and Currency Committee.

In so far as the reports are concerned regarding the dissatisfaction of Senator Owen anent the bill, the particular features which the newspapers claimed him as viewing unfavorably were the regional reserve plan and the proposal to require all national banks to enter the new Federal system. Following the publication of these reports and a conference held by Senator Owen on Wednesday with President Wilson, statements appeared on Thursday to the effect that the Senator expected to support the Administration bill, but that he held himself free to recommend such changes as he considered advisable. Later on that day, Chairman Owen found it necessary to issue the following announcement definitely indicating his position relative to the bill:

The inference of the press that I was opposed to the bill, which was prepared by the Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House and myself, and simultaneously introduced by us in both Houses, has no justification. I am strongly in favor of the bill, have vigorously

defended it in arguments appearing in three Senate documents and on the floor of the Senate, and hope to see it passed promptly. I expect to do my utmost to pass it.

It would be stupid to say that it would be impossible to improve it in any particular, but the long debate in the House by very able men shows how difficult it has been to make or even suggest very important improvements in it.

The bill mobilizes and provides elastic currency under Government control and releases hundreds of millions now hoarded as legal reserve or held as current Treasury funds.

It will greatly help to give stability to our national industry and finances and to inaugurate a new era of prosperity.

The Senate conference on Tuesday is said to have indicated a leaning on the part of some of the members of the Committee toward the enactment of a bill similar to that of Senator Luke Lea, extending the Aldrich-Vreeland Emergency Currency Act, amplified so as to place a form of special currency within the reach of all national banks. Chairman Owen is reported to have expressed opposition to this proposal, insisting that it would commit the Democratic Party to the Aldrich-Vreeland plan, and would be politically objectionable; also because it contemplated the issuance of notes by the banks—a form of currency which he strongly opposes. Senator Owen is reported to have introduced a bill for the retirement of paper currency and the substitution of Treasury notes, his plan contemplating also the retirement of silver certificates. According to the "Journal of Commerce," the bill "would result in the banks getting par for their large 2% bond holdings. In other words, it would enable them to convert their bonds immediately into fluid resource at dollar for dollar, or, what is the same thing, would enable them to surrender their bonds and get rid of the liability for their bank notes at par." On Wednesday, at the second meeting of the Democratic members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, a formal argument against the regional reserve system was read by Senator Shafroth of Colorado. In its account of this, the "New York Times" contains the following:

The author of the argument is George H. Shibley, a local economist and director of the American Bureau of Political Research. Mr. Shibley is a close friend of Senator Owen, and if, in the end, Mr. Owen should abandon the regional reserve idea, it is thought he might supplant it by Mr. Shibley's suggestion, set forth in the prepared memorial, that the elastic currency on security, such as is provided in the Owen-Glass bill, should be issued directly by the Treasury. The Government control of the simplified system, according to this idea, would arise from the Government fixing the re-discount rate and its limitation of the amount of the issue. Many other suggestions were made. Mr. Shafroth proposed that all outstanding paper money, except silver certificates, might be withdrawn and replaced by Treasury notes with a 50% gold reserve. But Mr. Shafroth had no plan ready whereby the gold reserve could be collected. His exception in favor of silver certificates was regarded as a survival of the "Colorado idea."

Senator Reed of Missouri also suggested a plan for the issuance of Treasury notes direct to the banks, but, according to the "Times," neither Senators Shafroth nor Reed could solve the question as to where a gold reserve for that issue could be produced.

During the caucus proceedings of the Democrats of the House on the 19th, Representative Eagle, one of the "insurgents," introduced his currency bill as a substitute for the Administration bill. Representative Eagle's measure provides for the issuance of \$500,000,000 of United States notes to be deposited with national banking associations under certain stipulations. Representative Henry, another of the "radicals," on the 20th inst., introduced his amendment to specifically authorize the federal reserve banks to re-discount notes or bills secured by warehouse receipts or liens on agricultural products. Statements for and against the bill were issued on the 17th by Representative Henry and Champ Clark, Speaker of the House. In his utterances against the bill, Representative Henry said:

Naturally we are making slow progress on the currency bill. The Baltimore platform declared against the Aldrich bill—an asset currency measure. On Friday Mr. Underwood freely admitted that this bill undeniably provides for asset currency. Practically every Democratic Representative now freely admits that Underwood correctly interprets it.

And most assuredly, such being the case, the Democratic Representatives are hesitant about embracing it as now written. The voters recently repudiated the Aldrich asset currency bill, and have not yet passed upon this one. They have not reversed the commands of the Baltimore platform and instructed the Representatives to fasten this huge asset system upon the country, and that, too, with an utter disregard for the rights of the farmers and wage earners in every State in this Union.

In 1908 the Democrats in the Senate and House, upon the passage of the Aldrich-Vreeland bill, voted against it because it carried a plan for asset currency. Many of us are now insisting that if this country must go permanently to the doctrine of asset currency, it should be fair to the farmer and allow him to have money based upon his assets, upon the same terms through which it is accorded to the banker and commercialist.

The farmer and wage earners should not be overlooked and will not be if they will wake up and demand their rights. The farmers' rights should be protected in such plain and unequivocal language in this bill that he who runs may read and a wayfaring man, though a fool, may not err therein.

The time for the farmer and wage earner to get beneficial monetary legislation is concurrently with the pressure and passage of such laws at the instance of the banker and commercialist.

Speaker Clark gainsays the following in behalf of the bill:

Among the multitudinous promises made in the Baltimore platform was the promise of currency reform. That was next in importance to the promise of tariff revision downward.

There is only one safe and honest rule of political conduct, and that is, after winning a victory at the polls, to redeem every promise authoritatively made in order to achieve the victory. In that way, and in that way only, can a political party hope to retain power. In that way, and in that way only, can a political party deserve to retain power.

The first great promise—to revise the tariff downward—is now practically an accomplished fact.

The redemption of the second great promise—the giving to the country of a better currency system—is just beginning; that is to say, the currency bill has not yet been presented to the House. Having passed the first stage—that is, action by the Democratic membership of the House Committee on Banking and Currency—whatever differences which exist among Democrats are being thrashed out in the caucus, the proper place to thrash them out. After caucus action, we will, as we have done on important questions for three years, present a solid front and send the bill to the Senate early in September.

Abundant opportunity for debate and amendment will be offered. Nobody has any disposition to railroad it through either the Senate or the House.

Originally, Democrats were divided in opposition as to whether the currency question should be disposed of at this session or should be postponed till the regular session; but President Wilson, in the exercise of his Constitutional function, delivered his currency message, urging action, since which event the public expects currency legislation at this session, and business men of all sorts and sizes, miners, merchants, manufacturers and bankers, desire that a bill shall be passed, thereby ending the uncertainty of the situation.

A person does not have to rate the Glass-Owen bill as perfect to believe that it is a great improvement on the present patchwork system.

What will be counted as among the good features of the bill by such great constituencies as I represent is the fact that it makes provision in the savings department for loans on improved farming lands, a brand-new thing for national banks; another is the fact that it will tend to keep the people's money in the places where it is owned and not concentrate so much of it in one place; still another feature which rural folks will endorse is that it prohibits the loaning of the bank deposits for purposes of speculation in stocks and bonds; but the best feature of it is the Governmental control of the national banking system.

It is objected that it confers too much power on the Federal Reserve Board, but power must be lodged somewhere, in somebody, and it is better to lodge it in a Government board than in private hands.

A President's fame will depend largely upon the justice, wisdom and patriotism with which the Federal Reserve Board uses its great powers and discharges its important duties. Consequently, as any President desires the good of the people and the whole people, and is jealous of his own fame, he will appoint only men of ability, character and patriotism on the Federal Reserve Board, and then keep close watch on them, to the end that all the people may be treated impartially and that our prosperity may increase.

It is a thing incredible that any President will ever be so base or regard his own name so lightly as to abuse the stupendous trust commended to his keeping by the Glass-Owen currency bill.

The opinion of a committee of Group V of the Ohio Bankers' Association on the pending banking and currency bill is concisely submitted in a pamphlet report issued under date of the 1st inst. The committee, named at a meeting of the group held at Columbus on July 23, consisted of John G. Deshler, member of the executive committee of the Hayden-Clinton National Bank of Columbus; L. F. Kiese-wetter, Vice-President and Cashier of the Ohio National Bank of Columbus, and W. W. Gard, Cashier of the Park National Bank of Newark, Ohio. In presenting its views, the committee states that:

While we believe there is need of currency legislation soon, and while we recognize that an earnest effort is being made by our Representatives in Congress assembled to meet such a need, we urge them to obtain the views of practical bankers on the subject to the fullest extent possible, inasmuch as such legislation not alone affects the banks themselves, but every individual, firm or corporation in the business community. We recognize that a beginning must be made somewhere, but we believe that the present bill is not satisfactory in many respects. We look upon it more as a beginning, a foundation upon which to build, something to be changed from time to time as our experience and the conditions in this country may warrant. We therefore do not believe that too radical a departure should be made from existing conditions for fear that the adjustment on the part of banks and business generally could not be made as rapidly as provided in the bill without working great damage to our whole commercial structure.

While the committee indicates both the features which it favors and those which meet with its opposition, its views are so briefly set out as to come within an eight-page compass. The committee expresses itself as strongly opposed to the creation of a Federal Reserve Board consisting entirely of Presidential appointees, and is as strongly opposed to a Federal Reserve Board to be composed entirely of bankers. It believes that the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Comptroller of the Currency should be members of the board, but that all the other members should be selected, not by any one holding any political office, but in some equitable manner so as to represent the varied business and labor interests of the country. The committee is also opposed to the issuing of emergency notes as a Government function instead of by the banks and to the requirement that one Federal reserve bank shall re-discount paper of any other such bank; in expressing its opposition to still another provision, that of including for re-discount purposes notes or bills secured by the issues of any State, county or municipality, the committee says:

We are trying to get away from a bond-secured currency. Our present national bank notes are secured by United States Government bonds, which

have a ready market, and which we all consider absolutely safe. If we include the bonds of all the municipalities in this country, a tremendous amount of issues not easily salable would be pledged, our monetary system would be weakened and become much more rigid than it is now. It would decidedly lead to an inflation in a class of issues many of which are at the present time unsalable even to bond dealers.

While in general the Administration currency bill was endorsed by the Washington Bankers' Association at its annual convention in Bellingham on the 7th, 8th and 9th, the bankers, according to the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" voiced their disapproval of the following features of the bill: providing for the political control of the financial system of this country; requiring country banks to carry full 15% reserve with the regional reserve banks or in lawful money in their own vaults; the payment of 2% interest on all Government funds deposited in regional banks and also the refusal to pay any interest on funds deposited by banks. In their resolutions the bankers say "we oppose emphatically taking control from the stockholders and placing it in the hands of politicians." The recommendations of the Monetary Commission of the American Bankers' Association were endorsed, and Congress was urged to amend the currency bill so as to provide arrangements for the payment of interest on bank deposits similar to those proposed with regard to Government deposits. Resolutions disapproving the creation of National and State bank sections by the American Bankers' Association were also adopted at the meeting, while the proposed one cent postage rate for letters is favored. W. H. Martin, Vice-President of the Pioneer National Bank of Ritzville has been elected President of the Association. P. C. Kauffman, a director of the Fidelity Trust Company of Tacoma, has been re-elected Secretary of the Association.

The arrangements under which Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will distribute the \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 Government deposits intended to facilitate the movement and marketing of the crops were announced in a lengthy circular issued by the Treasury Department on the 18th inst. The Government's purpose to distribute the additional funds was made known on July 31, and referred to in this department on Aug. 2. The details as made public this week state in part:

Deposits will be made only in national banks located in such of the principal cities of the several States as the Secretary may designate. Such banks must have an outstanding circulation at the time of deposit equal to at least 40% of the amount authorized by law.

It is understood that such deposits are made to prevent or mitigate the financial tension so common at this period of the year, incident to the movement of crops, and that the funds received by the banks will be used in good faith for this purpose and not for speculative or other transactions. It is not intended that such funds shall be utilized by the depositaries selected to discharge their obligations to other banks, such as re-discounts or bills payable, but in order that the legitimate purpose of the deposit may be accomplished, the banks receiving same will be expected to extend the banks in smaller towns such accommodations as may be consistent with sound and conservative principles of banking, and that in all cases the rate of interest charged such banks will be moderate and reasonable.

In other words, since it is impracticable under existing conditions for the Government to extend these deposits to the various smaller towns and cities, the depositories selected are expected to act as mediums of distribution in furnishing funds to the localities in need of them for the purpose stated, of transporting and marketing the crops.

As security for such deposits, the banks receiving an allotment must deposit with the Treasurer of the United States bonds of the United States Government, of any issue, equal in amount to at least 10% of the amount of deposit. The remaining 90% may be secured:

(1) By high-class State, municipal or other bonds which have been approved by the Secretary, and which, when so approved, will be accepted as security at 75% of their market value.

(2) By prime commercial or business paper approved by the Secretary and which, when so approved, will be accepted at 65% of its face value. All such paper must bear the endorsement of the bank offering it.

The term commercial paper is here used in its general, not technical, sense, and may consist of first-class business paper executed by individuals, firms or corporations of good standing and responsibility for legitimate business purposes and not for speculative transactions. It should preferably bear the names of not less than two persons, firms or corporations in addition to the endorsement of banks submitting it, though the Secretary may accept single-name paper endorsed by the bank if the standing of the maker is regarded as sufficient.

No commercial or business paper will be approved by the Secretary until it has been unanimously approved and recommended by a committee appointed for that purpose, to consist of six members, five of whom shall be selected by and be members of the clearing-house association of the city in which the bank applying for the deposit is located, the sixth to be designated by the Secretary. In those cities where there is a Sub-Treasury of the United States, the Assistant Treasurer shall be ex-officio a member in addition to the other six members. This committee shall for convenience be referred to as the securities committee.

The circular also states that "the deposit of funds will in all cases, except where in the judgment of the Secretary, special conditions justify a variation of this rule, be made in two installments of 50% each of the amount allotted. In the Southern States it is proposed to make a deposit of 50% of the allotment in August and 50% in September." The interest to be paid on the funds is to be 2%, as also all expenses, according to the following paragraph taken from the circular:

The depository bank will be required to pay 2% interest on the average balance maintained during the period of the deposit, and must in addition pay such expenses as are incident to such deposit. That is to say all expressage or transportation charges, premium on custodian's bond, telegraph and telephone tolls and any other expenses growing out of or incident to such deposit.

The first distribution of the crop funds was made on Thursday in reserve cities in the Southern States, among which were Baltimore, Richmond, Atlanta and Memphis. The latter three each received \$750,000. Baltimore, it is stated, will receive between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

The free-sugar provisions of the tariff bill were adopted without change by the Senate on the 19th inst., all amendments to the schedules affecting duties having been voted down. A proposal of Senator Bristow to abolish immediately the Dutch standard color test for sugar was adopted, however. Under this amendment the Dutch standard will be abolished as soon as the tariff bill becomes a law, instead of next March, as provided before the adoption of the amendment. With all but Senators Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana supporting the bill, the Democrats defeated the Bristow amendment for a compromise duty on sugar, the Norris amendment against free sugar and the Gallinger amendment against free maple-sugar. Senator Bristow's amendment would have established a gradual reduction in duty from the present tariff of \$1 90 per 100 pounds until in six years the tariff would have been \$1 27 1/2. Under the Cuban treaty this would have established a 97-cent tariff on Cuban sugar, which constitutes the bulk of the imports into the United States. A hard fight was made for the Bristow amendment, but when finally forced to a vote it was defeated, 39 to 34. It is stated that but for the absence of Senators Works, Sterling and Lippitt, Republicans; and Senator Poindexter, Progressive, the vote probably would have been 39 to 38. A motion of Senator Gallinger to strike out the provision to make maple-sugar and glucose free of duty in 1916 was lost by a vote of 37 to 35. Senator Norris's motion to strike out the provision putting all cane and raw sugar on the free list on May 1 1916 was rejected by a viva voce vote. It is reported that this proposal will come up again when the bill advances to second reading in the Senate. Besides the sugar schedule, the silk schedule was disposed of this week, and the greater part of the cotton schedule was approved. The flax schedule was likewise almost completed. The duty of one-tenth of 1% on bananas fixed by the Senate Finance Committee was approved by the Senate on the 16th inst. by a vote of 31 to 28, Senators Ransdell and Thornton voting with the Republicans against the tax.

Several important steps for bringing about closer relations between nations in commercial questions are embodied in the report which has been submitted by Secretary of State Bryan to Congress on the Conference at The Hague in 1912 on International Bills of Exchange. The report is signed by the American Minister at The Hague, the Hon. Lloyd Bryce, the Secretary of Legation, James G. Bailey, and the American technical delegate, Charles A. Conant of New York.

The Conference adopted a uniform law on bills of exchange and promissory notes, which was approved by the leading Continental Powers and many of those of Latin America. The protocol was not signed by the British and American delegates, because there were certain differences between Anglo-American and Continental law which it was found impossible to reconcile. It is stated in the report that it does not follow, from the refusal of the British and American delegates to sign the protocol, that they were opposed to its adoption by the signatory States or that they were indifferent to the effects of the proposed uniform law upon the banking and commercial operations of their respective countries. It is declared that the mere adoption of uniform rules for bills of exchange in Continental Europe, Latin America and elsewhere will contribute greatly to the simplicity and certainty of banking and commercial operations, and that many of the provisions of the uniform law make long strides toward that policy of liberality and flexibility which distinguishes the Anglo-American laws on bills of exchange from those of certain other countries. A set of resolutions was adopted also looking towards a uniform international law on checks, but these were not put into final form and will be considered at a future conference, which will probably be held next year.

One of the most striking acts of the Conference was the adoption of a resolution requesting the governments of the States represented "to examine the question whether it may be possible to establish a general court for the uniform

law in the matter of bills of exchange." This resolution was adopted without dissenting votes, except that the delegates of the United States and several other countries declared that, while they were in sympathy with its object, it did not fall within the scope of their instructions. It was admitted in the debate on this resolution that an international court to enforce uniformity and avoid conflicts in regard to bills of exchange and other commercial matters could be established only after long deliberation, but the case of other international bodies for similar purposes was cited in the debates and a strong hope expressed that the end might ultimately be attained.

A jury in the United States District Court at San Francisco found Maury I. Diggs guilty on the 20th inst. of violating the Mann White-Slave Act of California. It was the receipt of orders from Attorney-General McReynolds to postpone the trial of Diggs and Drew Caminetti, who was accused of the same offense, which brought about the resignation in June of John L. McNab, United States District Attorney at San Francisco, as reported in these columns June 28. The Diggs trial opened on August 5 and reached the jury on the 20th. There were six counts in the indictment and the jury found a verdict of guilty on the first four. Sentence will be pronounced on Sept. 2. The Caminetti trial has been set for Aug. 26. Following the resignation of District Attorney McNab, Clayton Herrington, Special Agent of the Department of Justice at San Francisco, was dismissed from the Federal service on July 1. Mr. Herrington had been suspended June 25 without pay by the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice after he had sent a telegram to President Wilson appealing for the removal of Attorney-General McReynolds because of the circumstances connected with the resignation of Mr. McNab. Benjamin L. McKinley, who on June 26 had been delegated as Acting United States District Attorney at San Francisco pending the appointment of Mr. McNab's successor, resigned on July 2. Another resignation—that of Thomas E. Hayden of San Francisco, who had been appointed by Attorney-General McReynolds as associate counsel for the Government in the Diggs-Caminetti trials, occurred on July 22. No successor to Mr. Hayden was appointed, the case being prosecuted by Messrs. Sullivan and Roche, the Government's principal counsel. A resolution, introduced by Representative Kahn in the House of Representatives following the resignation of Mr. McNab, calling upon the Attorney-General for certain documents in the case, was ordered to lie on the table on the 1st inst.

A telegram petitioning the Government for increased compensation for the handling of the mails by the railroads was sent to Postmaster General Burluson by the officials of seventeen Western roads on the 16th inst. The additional remuneration is asked for because of the extraordinary demands which the roads are required to meet by reason of the establishment and recent extension of the parcel post service. The telegram was sent as the result of investigations conducted by a committee appointed by the railroads and bore the signatures of officials of the following roads; the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe; Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain; Chicago Burlington & Quincy; Missouri Kansas & Texas; Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul; St. Louis & Southwestern; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific; Union Pacific; Wabash; Illinois Central; Chicago & North Western; Chicago Great Western; St. Louis & San Francisco; Denver & Rio Grande; Texas & Pacific; Chicago & Eastern Illinois, and Chicago & Alton. The petition reads as follows:

The undersigned are prompted respectfully to ask you to consider whether the United States Government is really dealing fairly with the railroads of the country as to the matter of pay in connection with the introduction and extension of parcel post service.

The testimony of the Post Office Department before the Senate Committee July 25 showed that the first three months' business of the Department, after the installation of the parcel post, had a gross increase in postal revenue of 14.54%, of which at least 9.16% was attributed to the new parcel post business.

On the basis of this statement, the Government must have collected not less than \$11,266,800 in revenue from the parcel post for the first six months' beginning Jan. 1. As this was before any arrangement had been made to reimburse the railroads for taking care of this new feature of the postal service, not one dollar of this big return was paid to any of them for transporting the entire business referred to.

To remunerate the transportation companies for the additional parcel post business transported, Congress provided, beginning July 1, a 5% gross increase in their mail pay, based upon rates, zones and weight-limit in the original Act, although the additional business transported amounted to at least 9.16%, according to the testimony of the Post Office Department, or nearly double that provided in the allowance. The extension of the parcel post to be inaugurated Aug. 15, when the weight limit is to be raised from 11 to 20 pounds, and mileage increased, is certain to result in a vast enlargement of business.

The Government will collect postage on this business, but no provision has yet been made to pay the railroads for transporting it. Not only will they receive no compensation for this increased business, but they will suffer the actual loss of earnings previously derived from the same traffic when carried as express and freight.

No code of business requires service without pay, and it is especially unreasonable for the United States Government to require the railroads or any other interest to serve it without remuneration.

Congress is in session and can immediately remedy this question in accordance with suggestions made by the Committee on Railway Pay in letter to you July 30, which we endorse and urge upon your consideration.

With regard to the differences respecting mail pay between the Post Office Department and the Toledo St. Louis & Western R. R., it was announced by Postmaster-General Burluson on the 21st inst. that as a result of a conference between Second Assistant Postmaster-General Stuart and President Ross of the railroad, it was expected that there would be no further trouble between the two disputants over the compensation. As indicated in our issue of Aug. 9, the road had given notice that it would on October 1st discontinue mail carrying, as an unprofitable service. It is reported to have been agreed at the recent conference that the Department should undertake to readjust the rates of compensation for parcel post matter as soon as possible.

The Senate confirmed on July 28 the nomination of Charles S. Hamlin of Massachusetts as Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Treasury, succeeding James Freeman Curtis, who retired on Aug. 1. Mr. Hamlin served as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury during the second term of Grover Cleveland.

Charles F. Marvin was nominated on July 29 as successor to Willis L. Moore as Chief of the Weather Bureau. Prof. Moore was dismissed from office by President Wilson on April 16. Prof. Marvin has been Chief of the instruments division of the Weather Bureau for more than twenty years.

Royal Meeker of New Jersey was nominated by President Wilson on the 22d ult. to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, succeeding Charles P. Neill, who resigned in May to enter the service of the American Smelting & Refining Co. Mr. Meeker is Professor of Political Economy in Princeton University.

Secretary of State Bryan denied on the 18th inst. that he intended to abandon his lecture tours, as has currently been reported. Mr. Bryan says:

There has not been the slightest change in my plans and I have no thought of abandoning lecturing. I expect to lecture just as I said I would and for the reasons that I gave. I take it for granted that I will have a chance to take a vacation, just as other officials have, and during my vacation I expect to lecture as my needs may require.

The only reason why my lecture dates have been canceled during the last three weeks is because I have felt that I should remain here, owing to the work that the Department has at hand. But these conditions will not continue always. When the time comes for me to take my vacation I shall utilize so much of it as I may find necessary for lecturing.

In an earlier statement, given out by him on the 16th inst., Mr. Bryan entered into an explanation as to the necessity for his supplementing his official income through the medium of lectures, his remarks on this point being as follows:

When I announced that it was necessary to supplement my official income and that I would turn to the lecture platform as the most natural, as well as an entirely legitimate, means of earning what additional income I needed, the question was at once asked: "Why is Mr. Bryan unable to live upon a salary of \$12,000 a year?"

It ought to have occurred to any one who was tempted to ask the question that the question is not whether a Cabinet officer could live on \$12,000 a year if he had nothing to consider except the expenses attendant upon living in Washington, but whether he could add the expense of official life to his other expenses and meet them all out of his salary.

Every man who has reached a position where he is likely to be appointed to a high office has assumed obligations which cannot be suspended when he enters office. My obligations to church, charity, education and for my insurance cannot be discontinued. They amount to more than \$6,800 a year, and these, though the largest, but by no means all, will absorb more than half the salary which I receive.

I have planned to forego for the next four years any additions to my accumulations, and I don't regard it as a sacrifice to do so.

I so much appreciate the opportunity that the President has given me to join him in the service that he is rendering to the country that I would gladly hold the position which I now occupy, even if to do so it were necessary to use a part of the money laid aside as a protection against old age.

It is announced that plans have been perfected for the compilation of the report of the Federal Commission on Agricultural Co-operative Finance and Agricultural Co-operative Associations, following the completion of its labors abroad. The organization has established headquarters in Washington with the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce; the American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation, which has co-operated with the Federal Commission in its investigation into European methods, has also established itself in Washington, and will compile a report on the subject to be submitted to the governors of thirty-six States

and the premiers of four Canadian provinces which were represented by delegates on the American Commission. The members of the American Commission recently returned from a three months trip abroad, having arrived home from Europe on July 26. In their quest for information on rural credit systems, they visited Italy, Hungary, Austria, France, Germany, England, Ireland and Wales. Sub-committees also toured Russia, Denmark, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Egypt, Spain and Scotland. A complete report is to be made to Congress by the Commission before the end of the year. Since the Commission's return, a statement has been issued by its Director General, Dr. C. J. Owen, to the State governors' and farmers' organizations, in which he says:

The Commission is deeply impressed with the vital importance of a thoroughly organized and united rural population. In this respect the countries of Europe offer a lesson which may not long be disregarded in America without serious consequences. The agricultural interests of most of the European countries visited by the Commission are organized along one or more of the following lines: Credit, production, distribution and social organization for the betterment of country life.

It is the opinion of many of the leaders of this movement in Europe that the question of rural credit ought not to be divorced from co-operation for business purposes and the general organization of community life in rural districts. In some countries visited, agriculture and country life interests generally are thoroughly organized and co-ordinated. The studies of the Commission emphasize the necessity of defining the functions, on the one hand, of the Government, and on the other of voluntary organizations, in promoting the development of country life. In some of these countries great emphasis is placed upon the value of voluntary associations and such State aid as involves governmental control over the activities of rural organizations is deprecated as tending to stifle the initiative of the people.

Rural conditions, environment and temperament in Europe differ widely in the various countries and also differ from rural conditions, environment and temperament in America, as conditions differ in our several States and provinces; therefore it may be necessary in some cases to modify these European systems if they are to be adapted to meet the needs of American farmers. At the same time, co-operative effort among the farmers of America might well be more generally employed and the facts gathered should be of great value in developing methods suited to the needs of the farmers in the several sections, States and provinces.

To this end, the American Commission, with a membership in thirty-six States and in four provinces of Canada, has affected an organization, with headquarters in Washington, and invites the aid and co-operation of farmers and all agricultural organizations and persons concerned in promoting a more prosperous and contented rural life as the enduring basis of our material, social and civil welfare. The Commission has selected two committees which will devote their entire time to drafting the final report regarding the investigation.

The general plans for the business program of the annual convention in October of the American Bankers' Association are outlined as follows in the August "Journal" of the Association:

Monday, Oct. 6, a. m.—Committee meetings. Executive council 2 p. m. All at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, which is headquarters.

Tuesday, Oct. 7.—At the Copley-Plaza, a. m. and p. m., sessions Trust Company, Savings Bank, Clearing-House and State Secretaries' Sections.

Wednesday, Oct. 8.—Sessions of the Association at Symphony Hall, 9:30 o'clock a. m. Addresses of welcome, President's address, and Response to addresses of welcome. Annual reports of the officers of the Association, and an address. Two o'clock p. m.: Address, Report of the Currency Commission and Report of the Committee on Constitutional Revision.

Thursday, Oct. 9.—Convention called to order 9:30 o'clock a. m. Symposium of the Association's Committee on Agricultural and Financial Development and Education, presided over by Joseph Chapman, Chairman of the Committee. Addresses by James J. Hill, President Vincent of the University of Minnesota, and others. Debates and questions, and action on report.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock: Addresses, reports of committees, new business and unfinished business, resolutions, report of the Committee on Nominations, installation of officers.

It is pointed out that there are to be no entertainment features during the business sessions except for the ladies; entertainment has been arranged for every evening during the week and the entire day of Friday, Oct. 10.

The resumption of business in Missouri by the foreign insurance companies which ceased writing business in the State on April 30 was witnessed last week as the result of the adjustment of the differences between representatives of the companies and the State made at a conference in Jefferson City on the 7th inst. Under the agreement entered into between State Attorney-General John T. Barker and the attorneys for the companies, the former has consented to dismiss the suits instituted by him in April against the companies on condition that 75% of them resume business. The Attorney-General has also submitted a written opinion to the effect that Section 10313a of the Orr Law, enacted at the 1913 session of the Legislature, and which precipitated the insurance war, is unconstitutional, since the enacting clause fails to refer to the section in question. He also holds to the belief that the use of the same rate book and the writing of insurance at the same rate by two or more companies is not of itself a violation of the law, such violation only resulting where the companies conspire together to charge the same rate. He furthermore makes known his intention to direct a dismissal of any proceedings brought contrary to this opin-

ion by prosecuting attorneys in the State. Governor Major also plans the appointment of a commission which will be called upon to study the insurance laws of Missouri and other States and submit recommendations for constructive insurance legislation for enactment at the 1915 session of the Legislature. The settlement of the controversy was announced in a letter addressed to the insurance companies concerned by the attorneys representing them in the dispute. This letter, bearing date Aug. 7, and signed by F. N. Judson, F. W. Lehmann, Thomas Bates and Seymour Edgerton, is as follows:

Dear Sirs.—We take pleasure in advising you that, as a result of extended negotiation, a settlement of these cases has been arranged with the State of Missouri under which, in our judgment, the companies may safely resume the business of fire insurance in that State.

The reason for discontinuance of business in Missouri was the enactment of Section 10313A of the Anti-Trust Law, providing that the use of the same rate by two or more companies should be deemed prima facie evidence of a violation of the law. The authorities of the State, while heretofore insisting that this law was not a substantial addition to the prior existing statutes of Missouri, had not heretofore taken any authoritative action in reference to the subject. This condition has been changed by the Attorney-General giving a written official opinion holding that the prima facie evidence section of the Anti-Trust Law is illegal and void. This opinion being rendered by the chief law officer of the State of Missouri, in the absence of judicial determination to the contrary, represents the law of the State, and, in the opinion of your counsel, the conclusion that the statute is void may safely be acted upon.

In addition to the foregoing, the Attorney-General has also entered into stipulations for the dismissal of all pending suits, which stipulations are sufficient to enable your counsel to secure not only the dismissal of the pending suits against the companies resuming business in Missouri, but on condition that 75% of the companies resume business in Missouri the suits can be dismissed as to all of them.

In our judgment, the conditions in Missouri have, in the above and other respects, materially changed so as to make that State a safe one in which to operate; this view has had consideration from a large number of officials and managers of insurance companies, both in New York and Chicago, and we are able to advise you of their concurrence in this view of the subject.

It is expected that resumption of business by such companies as desire to do so will take place on or about Aug. 12 1913. For the purpose of effecting the dismissal of such, we request that as soon as you shall have notified your agents to resume writing insurance in the State of Missouri, you shall forward to us at once a written statement on the form herein inclosed, expressing the fact that you have resumed business.

If it is your determination not to resume fire insurance business in the State of Missouri, please advise us at once of that fact.

The Attorney-General's opinion respecting the constitutionality of the disputed legislation is conveyed in the following:

Mr. David Rumsey, New York:

Dear Sir.—Replying to your request for an opinion as to the right of your company to do business under the present laws: Prior to 1911 the insurance companies were under the provisions of the Anti-Trust Laws in Missouri. At that session of the Legislature a law was passed which did not in any sense repeal the Anti-Trust Laws, but simply compelled insurance companies to file a schedule of rates with the Insurance Commissioner and then gave him the right to direct that they be raised or lowered. This law was never enforced, and in 1913 the Legislature passed what was known as the "Orr" Law, which repealed the Act of 1911 and reinstated the Anti-Trust Laws and enacted a new section, known as Section 10313A, which section makes it prima facie evidence of a conspiracy for any insurance company to use the same insurance rate, rate book, paper or card.

This last section, 10313A, while it makes it prima facie evidence of a conspiracy to use the same rate book or the same rate, is simply declaratory of the Anti-Trust Laws and of the common law, and does not add anything to or take anything from the Anti-Trust Laws, and is of no benefit to the State, because prima facie evidence is simply evidence on first appearance and is not sufficient to warrant the bringing of a suit, and no conviction could be had upon such evidence alone.

The title of this Act did not in any way refer to the Section 10313A, and there was no suggestion in the title that this last section was added, and, as the Supreme Court of Missouri has repeatedly held that the title of an Act serves as a "sign board," I am of the opinion that this section, 10313A, is invalid, because the Legislature failed to mention in it the title, and it is my opinion that this section cannot be used by the State, even if desired, and it is not my intention to use the same while I am Attorney-General.

While this section, 10313A, makes it prima facie evidence of a conspiracy for companies to use the same rate book or write insurance at the same rate throughout the State, it is my opinion that insurance companies may write insurance on property at the same rate and may use the same rate book in the absence of an agreement among themselves so to do, and may maintain actuarial bureaus in this State.

It is my opinion that the mere fact that insurance companies in this State use the same rate book or write insurance at the same rate is not of itself a violation of the law, but before these companies are guilty of a violation of the law it must appear that they have entered into an agreement or conspiracy with each other to charge the same rate; but the only way insurance companies can violate this law is to conspire together with each other to charge the same rate, and in the absence of such a conspiracy or agreement with each other, they do not violate the law by writing insurance at the same rate.

This has been my position since this law was enacted, and if any prosecuting attorney throughout the State brings a suit against the insurance companies contrary to this opinion, I will direct a dismissal of such suit, as I have the authority to do under the laws of this State.

Any insurance company desiring to can safely transact business in Missouri to-day in the same manner as they transacted it for many years prior to 1911, and in the same way as they transact business in States having anti-trust laws similar to Missouri.

As I have repeatedly said, any company desiring to return to Missouri and continue writing fire insurance in good faith may do so with perfect safety, and I will dismiss any suit against them, and no other prosecutions will be brought for past offenses.

Trusting that your inquiry has been fully answered, I beg to remain, very truly yours,

(Signed) JOHN T. BARKER,
Attorney-General.

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The suits against the companies cannot formally be dismissed before the opening of the fall term of the Supreme Court on Oct. 14.

Justice Leon Sanders of the Second District Municipal Court has resigned from the bench, his resignation taking effect Sept. 1, to become Second Vice-President of the Public Bank of this city.

A second dividend was paid on the 11th inst. to the creditors of the Carnegie Safe Deposit Co. of this city. The dividend amounts to 7.34%, and, with the previous payment of 42.66% in June 1912, the total distribution thus far aggregates 50%. The institution was closed in September 1911. Its vaults were acquired early in 1912 through a syndicate on behalf of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co.

Checks representing a dividend of 5% were mailed on the 11th inst. to the depositors of the failed Lafayette Trust Co. of Brooklyn Borough. This makes an aggregate of 55% paid to the depositors since the institution suspended, the previous payments being 10% on May 1 1909, 20% on Oct. 1 1909, 10% on May 11 1910 and 10% in July 1911.

The total deficiency in the Roseville Trust Co. of Newark, which closed its doors on the 14th inst., following the disappearance of its Secretary and Treasurer, Raymond E. Smith, is placed at \$358,000 by L. R. Vredenburg, Special Deputy Commissioner of the State Banking and Insurance Department. Mr. Vredenburg's statement regarding the condition of the institution was issued on the 20th inst., and is as follows:

"Counting the assets of the institution found in the company's files at book value, the capital, surplus and profits of about \$189,000 are wiped out, and in addition a loss to depositors of about \$169,000 is indicated. The total deficiency, therefore, appears to be \$358,000.

"In that estimate no deduction has been made from the face value of the notes for losses thereon in collection. In addition to the assets found in the files of the institution, a large volume of notes, mostly past due, were found in Mr. Smith's desk, and a hasty estimate indicates a value therein of about \$25,000. If those notes belong to the trust company, whatever can be realized therefrom would reduce the said \$169,000 prima facie loss to depositors.

"In other words, if those notes found in Mr. Smith's desk can be held as assets of the company, and about \$25,000 can be realized therefrom, the loss to depositors as it at present appears would be about \$144,000.

"No attempt has yet been made to ascertain the responsibility of those persons whose names are on those notes or the value of the collateral held against some notes, but inquiry into these matters will be the next step in the undertaking. Whatever may be recovered from the surety on the Treasurer's bond of \$20,000 is not included in the foregoing estimate of loss, as the surety company has not yet admitted its liability."

The missing Treasurer has not as yet been located. The reports in the Newark paper that William P. Odell, President of the institution, was Treasurer of the H. B. Claffin Co., is now corrected, Mr. Odell's position with the latter being announced in the latest reports as senior clerk. Mr. Vredenburg, of the State Banking Department, is quoted as stating that the stock of the trust company is non-assessable, the shortage, therefore, falling upon the depositors. President Odell and other officials and directors are seeking to raise a fund of at least \$200,000 on behalf of the depositors. Three of the directors, it is understood, have already consented to supply \$70,000, Mr. Odell contributing \$25,000, Vice-President William Fairlee \$20,000 and Edward Dunn, a director, \$25,000.

Charles Van Mater has been elected President of the Atlantic Highlands National Bank of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., succeeding the late Jacob T. Stout. Mr. Van Mater advances from the cashiership, in which capacity he had served since 1892, when he withdrew from the staff of the First National Bank of Freehold to enter the management of the Atlantic Highlands institution. As Cashier of the latter Mr. Van Mater is succeeded by Henry C. Van Note, who has been in the employ of the bank since 1891; prior to the present promotion, Mr. Van Note had been Assistant Cashier. John J. Leonard continues as Vice-President.

An increase in the capital of the Hartford Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., rendered necessary by the growing requirements of its business, is about to be made. The company—the oldest and one of the strongest in Connecticut—at present has a capital of \$300,000; under the recommendation of the trustees, voted at a meeting on the 15th inst., it is proposed to issue \$200,000 of new stock, thus bringing the capital up to \$500,000. The stockholders have been asked to meet on Sept. 16 to ratify the plans. The new stock will be offered to stockholders of record Sept. 6 in proportion to their then holdings. Subscriptions must be made by Sept. 25 and are to be payable in full on or before Oct. 2.

The stock is in shares of \$100; recent sales are reported at \$500 a share. The company has for some time been paying regular dividends of 12% and 4% extra. In its latest statement—Aug. 9—the institution showed undivided profits (less current expenses and taxes paid) of \$543,603; general deposits of \$3,528,858, and total assets of \$4,394,258. Ralph W. Cutler, as President, has guided the affairs of the company for twenty-six years. He is aided by Chas. M. Joslyn, Vice-President; Frank C. Sumner, Treasurer; Henry H. Pease, Secretary; Charles C. Russ, Trust Officer, and Herbert S. Howard, Safe Deposit Officer.

The Providence Banking Co. of Providence, R. I., has removed to new offices in the Turks Head Building, where it occupies the main portion of the second floor. The institution announces that in its new quarters will be found the prominent financial papers, a telephone for customers' use, rooms for consultation and a statistical department second to none.

W. Freeland Kendrick was elected First Vice-President of the People's Trust Co. of Philadelphia at a meeting of the directors on the 6th inst.

Over seven thousand shares of stock of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh have figured in the auction sales of Adrian H. Muller & Co. of New York in the past three weeks. The bank has a capital of \$1,200,000 in \$50 shares. The auction sales of its stock have been as follows: July 30, 2,152 shares @ \$62 per share; Aug. 6, 1,210 shares @ \$50 per share, and Aug. 20, 3,980 shares @ \$70 per share. The sale at auction of 114 shares of the bank's stock in Pittsburgh at \$65 a share is also announced this week.

Edmund V. Cumming, of the Baltimore banking house of Edmund V. Cumming & Co., died suddenly on the 11th inst. Mr. Cumming, who was forty-five years of age, succeeded to the head of the firm with the death of his father, the late William A. Cumming.

A number of new plans aimed to benefit its employees have recently been inaugurated by the Guardian Savings & Trust Co. of Cleveland. The several means whereby the institution seeks to provide for the welfare of its employees include the adoption of a pension system, the issuance of a \$1,000 life insurance policy for each person in its employ and the offer to them of the company's stock at less than the market price. Under the pension plan a fund is established which may provide, in addition, cash to be distributed as a bonus to the employees every five years. Members of the staff, from the President to the office-boy, are included in the provisions. The pension plan enables an employee to retire at sixty years of age, and thereafter to receive, for a period of years, one-half his former pay, the pension, however, not to exceed \$2,000 a year. The pension plan is optional with the present employees; each member joining it is to contribute 3% of his monthly salary (salaries up to \$4,000 a year included), while the bank will contribute a sum equal to at least the 3%. The bank contributes a certain fixed percentage of its net earnings, and all money that this fixed percentage of net earnings provides in excess of the employees' 3% payments will be kept in a separate fund, to be distributed in cash to the employees at regular intervals, probably every five years.

The life insurance is distinct from the pension plan; the bank has taken out over 111 policies, covering every employee; the \$1,000 insurance in each case is payable at the death of an employee to the beneficiary named by him. The bank pays the premium on the insurance policies, and there is no contribution whatever therefor by the employees themselves. At the time action was taken last June to increase the capital of the Guardian from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, \$750,000 of the new stock was offered to the shareholders at \$200 per share and the other \$250,000 was reserved for future disposal, at the discretion of the directors. It is now announced that a part of this \$250,000 issue will go to the employees at a price not named, but which will be considerably less than the market price.

Horatio Ford has resigned as Secretary of the Garfield Savings Bank Co. of Cleveland to enter the real estate business with his father.

The process of winding up the affairs of the West Side Dime Savings Bank of Columbus, Ohio, was begun on the 14th inst., following the decision of State Banking Superin-

tendent Lattaner to dissolve the institution. It is stated that an examination of the bank showed an impairment of \$19,000 in its \$25,000 capital, a decline in its deposits from a maximum of \$300,000 to \$130,000; the cost of operation is also said to have exceeded the earnings by \$2,000. The "Ohio State Journal" reports that in order to fully protect and insure the depositors against loss, Superintendent Lattaner has arranged with a number of the larger banks of the city to guarantee full payment of every claim. This arrangement was consented to by the banks when it was shown that the West Side Dime Savings Bank would ultimately be obliged to close, and that the usual liquidation proceedings would entail not only considerable expense but the tying-up of the depositors' funds for a long period. The closing of the institution is the culmination of a series of adverse circumstances which had their beginning in December 1911 with the suspension of the Union National Bank, as a result of which a run on the West Side Dime Savings Bank occurred. It is reported that there is due the bank from the Union National \$8,700. Later L. J. Murphy, Assistant Cashier of the Dime, was arrested and convicted of embezzling \$10,500 of its funds, and in October 1912 the difficulties of the bank led to the suicide of President William Little. The bank is said to have since suffered losses through the floods of last spring. The liquidation of the institution will be conducted through the State Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Edward S. Munford has been named to succeed R. W. Goodhart as receiver of the Union National Bank of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Goodhart has resigned as receiver of the institution because of his appointment as national bank examiner for Baltimore and Washington. The bank suspended in December 1911.

It is announced that William R. Craven, who was slated for the presidency of the proposed United National Bank of Cincinnati, has decided, upon reconsideration, to withdraw his acceptance of the offer and to remain as Secretary of the Dayton Savings & Trust Co. of Dayton, O. The plans for the development of the organization of the bank are held in abeyance, the Cincinnati "Enquirer" reports, pending the outcome of the action with regard to currency legislation, and the settlement of other disturbing conditions. The proposed bank was referred to in these columns on May 24.

The Capital State Bank of Indianapolis, incorporated with a capital of \$200,000, began business on the 15th ult. William F. Churchman, who was formerly associated with the Capital National Bank, is at the head of the new organization. The other officials of the Capital State Bank are: John W. McGinity and H. M. Evans, Vice-Presidents, and Emmet M. Smith, Cashier.

The Lake View Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago plans to raise its capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000. A meeting of the stockholders will be held on Sept. 2 to authorize the new issue, which will be offered pro rata at par to the present shareholders. It is stated that Joseph J. Budlong is slated to succeed Charles Johnson as President of the institution, Mr. Johnson having tendered his resignation, to take effect not later than Oct. 1. Otto J. Gondolf, it is understood, will also retire as Secretary.

The Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago has a new officer in C. H. Fox, who has been made an additional Assistant Secretary.

The stockholders of the Chicago National Bank of Chicago, which suspended in Dec. 1905, and of which the late John R. Walsh had been President, decided on the 12th inst. to place the bank in liquidation. Its charter had been kept alive since the institution closed its doors.

The expansion of the Detroit Savings Bank of Detroit, Mich., is contemplated through pending plans whereby both the capital and surplus will be increased from \$400,000 to \$750,000 each. The proposition is to be put before the stockholders for action on Oct. 2, when they will also decide upon the particulars incidental to the issuance of the additional stock. The Detroit "Free Press" announces that, under the plan favored by the directors, \$300,000 of the new issue will be offered pro rata to the present shareholders at \$150 per \$100 share, while the other \$50,000 will be lodged with the trustees to be sold to outsiders at not less than \$225. It is also stated that:

The recommendations provide that no fractional shares of the new stock shall be issued and, to facilitate the working out of this plan, it is advised that 24 shares of new stock be reserved to piece out the fractional shares, which otherwise would go to stockholders. It is proposed also that not more than 47 shares of the new stock shall be sold to directors of the bank, so that each director shall own at least 50 shares of the bank's stock. The 71 shares for which disposal is thus specified are to be sold at not less than \$225 a share.

Through the proposed sale of the \$300,000 stock, which will yield \$450,000, according to the above plan, \$300,000 would go toward the capital, making it \$700,000, and the \$150,000 premium would raise the surplus to \$550,000; of the \$112,500 realized through the sale of the \$50,000 stock at \$225, \$50,000 would bring the capital up to \$750,000, while the amount available for the surplus would make the latter approximately \$612,500. In order to enlarge the surplus to the desired figure of \$750,000, the directors recommend that there be transferred to it whatever may be necessary from undivided profits, which on Aug. 9 amounted to \$465,145.

The organization of the bank deposit insurance company, projected by the members of the Wisconsin Bankers' Association, has been perfected. As was indicated in these columns on June 28, a committee of five was named at the late annual convention of the Association to carry the plans for the development of the company to completion. The articles of incorporation were filed early in July, the company being formed under the name of the Bank Deposit, Limited, Mutual Insurance Co. It has no capital stock. The officers are: E. A. Dow, of Plymouth, President; Earle Pease, Grand Rapids, Vice-President, and George D. Bartlett, Milwaukee, Secretary and Treasurer. The headquarters of the company will be at Madison. The organization is designed to insure deposits on which not more than 3% interest is paid; any bank in the State, whether it is a member of the State Bankers' Association or not, may join the company. The liability of the members is limited to the annual premium, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of deposits a year.

C. A. Robinson has become Cashier of the Idaho Trust & Savings Bank, Ltd., of Boise City, succeeding George W. Green. It is stated that, while Mr. Green retires from the cashiership, he still continues to be affiliated with the institution.

Colonel E. S. Ready, receiver of the Bank of Helena, Ark., has filed with Circuit Clerk A. G. Burke of that city a statement of the condition of the bank's affairs at the time of its suspension on April 25 last. The report shows that the institution, which was capitalized at \$250,000, had total resources in the nominal amount of \$2,099,674 and total liabilities (not including capital stock) of \$1,558,328, leaving a nominal surplus of assets over liabilities of \$541,346. The bank was closed, as we stated in our issue of May 3, because of its inability to realize immediately on large outstanding loans.

John A. Thatcher, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Pueblo and the Pueblo Savings & Trust Co., died at his home in Pueblo, Colo., on the 14th inst. Mr. Thatcher, who was in his seventy-seventh year, had been in ill-health since his return in June from a trip through Idaho, Nevada and California. He was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Pueblo, of which he had been a resident for fifty-one years. He was a stockholder in the First National Bank of Denver, the International Trust Co. of that city and various other Denver corporations.

The Tradesmen's State Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla. (capital \$50,000), has acquired the business of the Oklahoma State Bank (capital \$35,000), and has merged it with its own. The enlarged Tradesmen's State Bank has moved to the quarters which had been occupied by the absorbed institution. It is announced that while George W. Piersol and J. E. Piersol, retiring President and Vice-President of the Oklahoma State Bank, will devote most of their time to their bond and loan business, they will be closely associated with the continuing bank. The officers of the Tradesmen's State Bank are: Frank J. Wikoff, President; A. W. Anderson, and J. C. McClelland, Vice-Presidents, and Charles M. Bosworth, Cashier. The last-named was Cashier of the Oklahoma State Bank.

A charter for the Central States Trust Co. of St. Louis was issued on the 14th inst. It is stated that of the \$200,000 capital which the company is to have, \$100,000 has been subscribed and \$50,000 has been paid in. It is reported that the following are to be the officers of the institution:

Ashley Cabell, President; G. F. Moore, Vice-President, and F. E. Bryan, Secretary and Treasurer.

"What Every Investor Should Know" is the title of a book written by Walker M. Van Riper of the American Trust Co. of St. Louis. The work purports to be an inquiry into the economic and political tendencies of the times and their effect on investment securities. That certain changes in political and economic conditions are taking place is, the "Foreword" points out, apparent to even the most casual observer; that certain of these tendencies will affect, in a permanent way, the value and security of certain types of investments is something, it is added, which requires no more than a simple survey of the facts to establish. The four main tendencies of the times which bear directly upon the fundamental security of the different classes of investments are discussed—governmental regulation, Socialism, the single tax and the tendency of cities to increase at a faster rate than the population as a whole, the writer finally leading to what appears to be the objective purpose of the book, i. e., to impress upon the reader the fact that "the class of investments which seems least likely to be affected adversely by any of the modern tendencies is real estate mortgages." The book has particular reference to the mortgage bonds of the Title Guaranty Trust Co. of St. Louis, which are secured by the deposit of first mortgages on improved city real estate with the American Trust Co. of St. Louis as trustee. It is argued that "of all the bases for investment the land alone can be relied upon to stand the shock of changing conditions, and to increase constantly and certainly in value." In suggesting these mortgage bonds as an ideal investment, the writer closes with the remark that—

At a period when most other forms of investment are being affected adversely by such well-founded and far-reaching economic tendencies as government regulation, socialistic legislation and the single tax, here is one which not only is not affected by any of these, but is actually strengthened by another tendency equally strong—that of increasing real estate values due to the rapid growth of city population.

The consolidation of the Southern National Bank with the Murchison National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., went into effect on the 12th inst., in accordance with plans approved by the directors on Aug. 6, and since ratified. The Murchison National, it is stated, expects soon to increase its capital, now standing at \$825,000, to at least \$1,000,000. The Southern National had a capital of \$200,000. The merger adds about \$835,000 to the deposits of the Murchison, which before the consolidation were in the neighborhood of \$3,635,000. It is understood that Charles N. Evans, President of the Southern National, retires, to devote all his time to the presidency of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co. of Wilmington. H. C. McQueen is President of the Murchison National.

J. W. Griffin, former President of the defunct Athens Trust & Banking Co. of Athens, Ga., was found guilty of wrecking the bank on the 3d ult., and on the 5th was sentenced by Judge Brand to six and a half years' imprisonment. Robert H. McCrary, the former Cashier, pleaded guilty on June 27 to implication in the wrecking of the bank and received a three-year term in prison. With the expectation that they would merely be fined, both men pleaded guilty in December 1912 to charges of violating the State banking laws; as, however, they were sentenced to five years' imprisonment, they had the plea withdrawn. The institution closed its doors in January 1912.

The Trinity Valley Trust Co. of Dallas, Tex. has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$500,000. The officers are J. T. Young, President; M. J. Burton, Secretary; John D. Owens, Treasurer, and V. G. Young Assistant Treasurer.

F. H. Nichols, Cashier of the California Savings Bank of Los Angeles since it started in 1904 has been made a Vice-President of the institution. A. L. Crandall, heretofore Assistant Cashier, succeeds to the cashiership, and B. P. Pentecost becomes an Assistant Cashier.

H. N. Morris, who recently resigned as a national bank examiner for the San Francisco district, has become a Vice-President of the Central National Bank of Oakland.

The depositors of the defunct Kern Valley Bank of Bakersfield, Cal., have received a second dividend amounting to 10%, it is stated. The first dividend was a distribution of 40%, and was paid in March 1912. The bank closed its doors in May 1911.

The First Trust Co. of Portland, Ore., closed its doors on the 10th ult. with a view to its voluntary liquidation. It is stated in the San Francisco "Chronicle" that—

The action of the concern followed the refusal by the Corporation Commissioner to issue a permit under the new law regulating trust companies to do business. The law requires that trust companies must have a capital of \$100,000 to do business in Oregon. The report of the company showed that, while it had been originally formed with an authorized capital of \$500,000, it had reduced this to \$20,000 some time ago, and on this showing was unable to secure a State permit. When informed of conditions, the company reported to the Corporation Commission that it would dissolve.

The Washington Exchange Bank of Vancouver, Wash., has taken over the Vancouver Trust & Savings Bank. Both institutions had a capital of \$50,000 each. The continuing institution—the Washington Exchange—will carry on the business in the quarters of the Vancouver Trust on Main Street, between Fifth and Sixth, and will retain its original capital. Lloyd DuBois, President of the Washington Exchange, will continue as the head of the bank; W. P. Crawford is Vice-President and Milton H. Evans is Cashier. E. F. Bouton, President of the absorbed bank, will retire.

The directors of the Union Bank of Canada (head office Quebec) have elected William Price as Honorary Vice-President, to succeed the late Hon. John Sharples, and have chosen George H. Thomson as Vice-President to replace Mr. Price. Both Messrs. Price and Thomson have long been identified with the institution. Resolutions expressing the sense of their loss in the death of Mr. Sharples were adopted by the directors. John Galt is President of the bank and G. H. Balfour is General Manager.

DEBT STATEMENT OF JULY 31 1913.

The following statements of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States are made up from official figures issued July 31 1913. For statement of June 30 1913, see issue of July 26 1913, page 246; that of July 31 1912, see issue of Aug. 24 1912, page 459.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT JULY 31 1913.

Title of Loan—	Interest Payable.	Amount Issued.	Registered.	Amount Outstanding.	Total.
2s, Consols of 1930.....Q.-J.	646,250,150	642,650,850	3,599,300	646,250,150	
3s, Loan of 1908-18.....Q.-F.	198,792,660	45,293,020	18,652,440	63,945,460	
4s, Loan of 1925.....Q.-F.	162,315,400	100,884,600	17,605,300	118,489,900	
2s, Pan. Canal Loan 1906.....Q.-F.	54,631,980	54,609,080	22,900	54,631,980	
2s, Pan. Canal Loan 1908.....Q.-F.	30,000,000	29,675,420	324,580	30,000,000	
3s, Pan. Canal Loan 1911.....Q.-S.	50,000,000	39,272,300	10,727,700	50,000,000	
2½s, Post. Sav. bds. '11-13.....J.-J.	2,389,120	1,995,660	393,460	2,389,120	
2½s, Post. Sav. bds. 1913.....J.-J.	1,116,880	962,920	153,960	1,116,880	

Aggregate int.-bearing debt.....1,145,496,190 915,343,850 51,479,640 966,823,490

DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.

	June 30.	July 31.
Funded loan of 1891, continued at 2%, called May 18 1900, interest ceased Aug. 18 1900.....	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00
Funded loan of 1891, matured Sept. 2 1918.....	23,650 00	23,650 00
Loan of 1904, matured Feb. 2 1904.....	13,250 00	13,250 00
Funded loan of 1907, matured July 2 1907.....	700,400 00	695,550 00
Refunding certificates, matured July 1 1907.....	13,570 00	13,530 00
Old debt matured at various dates prior to Jan. 1 1861 and other items of debt matured at various dates subsequent to Jan. 1 1861.....	903,680 26	903,680 26

Aggregate debt on which interest has ceased since maturity.....\$1,659,550 26 \$1,654,660 26

DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.

	June 30.	July 31.
United States notes.....	\$346,681,016 00	\$346,681,016 00
Old demand notes.....	53,152 50	53,152 50
National bank notes, redemption fund.....	22,092,806 00	20,790,733 50
Fractional currency, less \$8,375,934 estimated as lost or destroyed.....	6,854,609 90	6,854,154 90

Aggregate debt bearing no interest.....\$376,681,584 40 \$374,379,056 90

RECAPITULATION.

	July 31 1913.	June 30 1913.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Interest-bearing debt.....	\$966,823,490 00	\$965,706,610 00	+\$1,116,880 00
Debt interest ceased.....	1,654,660 26	1,659,550 26	-4,890 00
Debt bearing no interest.....	374,379,056 90	375,681,584 40	-1,302,527 50
Total gross debt.....	\$1,342,857,207 16	\$1,343,047,744 66	-\$190,537 50
Cash balance in Treasury *.....	\$303,054,352 98	\$314,489,641 47	-\$11,435,288 51
Total net debt.....	\$1,039,802,854 20	\$1,028,558,103 19	+\$11,244,751 01

* Includes \$150,000,000 reserve fund.
 a Under the new form of statement adopted by the U. S. Treasury on July 1, the item "National bank notes redemption fund" is not only included in the "Debt bearing no interest," but appears as a current liability in the Treasury statement of "Cash assets and liabilities." In arriving at the total net debt, therefore, and to avoid duplication, the amount is eliminated as a current liability, increasing to that extent the cash balance in the Treasury.

The foregoing figures show a gross debt on July 31 of \$1,342,857,207 16 and a net debt (gross debt less net cash in the Treasury) of \$1,039,802,854 20.

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation, based on official Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of May, June, July and Aug. 1913:

Holdings in Sub-Treasuries—	May 1 1913.	June 1 1913.	July 1 1913.	Aug. 1 1913.
Net gold coin and bullion.....	\$265,188,309	\$253,778,073	\$251,278,513	\$266,417,431
Net silver coin and bullion.....	26,152,514	28,144,677	25,406,960	25,022,760
Net United States Treasury notes.....	13,766	9,639	3,219	4,361
Net legal-tender notes.....	8,456,369	7,845,947	8,757,310	8,057,253
Net national bank notes.....	38,495,987	40,620,480	42,895,985	48,402,190
Net fractional silver.....	21,624,333	21,179,158	20,765,511	20,174,519
Minor coin, &c.....	1,782,812	2,034,462	2,068,946	2,887,420
Total cash in Sub-Treasuries.....	359,714,090	353,612,436	351,176,444	370,965,934
Less gold reserve fund.....	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000
Cash balance in Sub-Treasuries.....	\$209,714,090	\$203,612,436	\$201,176,444	\$220,965,934

Table showing Treasury Cash and Demand Liabilities for July 31, 1913, compared with July 31, 1912. Includes sub-treasuries, national banks, and various certificates.

TREASURY CASH AND DEMAND LIABILITIES.—The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood July 31 are set out in the following:

Table of Assets and Liabilities for Treasury Cash and Demand Liabilities. Assets include gold, silver, and various notes. Liabilities include certificates, warrants, and other obligations.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Table of Government Receipts and Disbursements for July 1913 and July 1912. Receipts include customs, internal revenue, and miscellaneous. Disbursements include pay warrants, executive office, and various departments.

FOREIGN TRADE OF NEW YORK—MONTHLY STATEMENT.—In addition to the other tables given in this department, made up from weekly returns, we give the following figures for the full months, also issued by our New York Custom House.

Table of Foreign Trade of New York showing monthly imports and exports of merchandise and gold/silver for 1913 and 1912.

Imports and exports of gold and silver for the seven months:

Table of Gold and Silver Movement at New York for 1913 and 1912, showing monthly imports and exports.

Monetary and 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 of London financial market quotations for various securities, including government bonds, preferred stocks, and common stocks.

a Price per share. b £ sterling. c Ex-dividend. d Quotations here given are flat prices.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury, we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for the month of July (the first month of the fiscal year) in 1913 and 1912.

Table of Government Revenue and Expenditures for July 1913 and July 1912, categorized by month and type of revenue/expenditure.

Aug. 31 1912. 727,317,530 22,595,751 723,905,556 22,595,751 740,501,307

The following shows the amount of each class of bonds held against national bank circulation and to secure public moneys in national bank depositories on July 31.

Table with columns: Bonds on Deposit July 31 1913, U. S. Bonds Held July 31 to Secure (Bank Circulation, Public Deposits in Banks, Total Held), and various bond types like 2% U. S. Panama of 1936, etc.

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal-tender deposits July 1 and August 1, and their increase or decrease during the month of July.

Table showing National Bank Notes—Total Afloat, Amount afloat July 1, Net amount issued during July, Amount of bank notes afloat Aug. 1 1913, Legal-Tender Notes, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes July 1 1913, Net amount of bank notes retired during July, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Aug. 1 1913.

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. Lists various companies like Alabama Great Southern, Atch. Topeka & Santa Fe, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies under 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)' like duPont Internat. Powder, Eastern Steel, etc.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less income tax. c Correction. d Rate of 7% per annum for 5 months ending June 30 1913. e Payable in scrip. On account of accumulated dividends.

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

Table listing auction sales by Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York; Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston; Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston; Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia; and Messrs. Samuel T. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia.

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.

August 6.

10.431—The Farmers' National Bank of Tishomingo, Okla. Capital, \$30,000. B. R. Brundage, Pres.; R. T. Looney, Cashier. (Conversion of The American State Bank of Tishomingo.)

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

394—The First National Bank of Westport, Conn., July 31 1913. Liquidating committee: Daniel B. Bradley, William H. Saxton and H. M. Salmon, Westport, Conn.

4.243—The Maryville National Bank, Maryville, Mo., Aug. 1 1913. Succeeded by the Farmers' Trust Co. of Maryville, Mo. Liquidating agent, George R. Ellison, Maryville, Mo.

760—The First National Bank of Lexington, Ky., Aug. 5 1913. Consolidated with The Lexington City National Bank No. 906, the title of which is to be changed to "The First & City National Bank of Lexington." Liquidating agent: J. W. Porter, Lexington, Ky.

9.584—The First National Bank of Capital Hill, Okla., July 22 1913. Liquidating agent: P. P. Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

CHANGE OF CORPORATE TITLE.

906—The Lexington City National Bank, Lexington, Ky., to "The First and City National Bank of Lexington."

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Aug. 16 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week of 1912, show a decrease in the aggregate of 9.4%.

Table showing Canadian Bank Clearings for the week ending August 16. Columns include City, 1913, 1912, Inc. or Dec., 1911, and 1910. Rows list various Canadian cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.

Statement of New York City Clearing-House Banks and Trust Companies.—The detailed statement below shows the condition of the New York City Clearing-House members for the week ending Aug. 16. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the totals, actual figures at the end of the week are also given.

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 85, p. 836, in the case of the banks, and V. 92, p. 1607, in the case of the trust companies.

DETAILED RETURNS OF BANKS.

We omit two ciphers (00) in all cases.

Detailed Returns of Banks table. Columns: Banks (00s omitted), Capital, Surplus, Loans (Average), Specie (Average), Legals (Average), Net Deposits (Average), Reserve (%). Rows list various banks like New York, Manhattan Co, Merchants, etc.

Circulation.—On the basis of averages, circulation of national banks in the Clearing House amounted to \$46,071,000, and, according to actual figures, was \$46,083,000.

DETAILED RETURNS OF TRUST COMPANIES.

Detailed Returns of Trust Companies table. Columns: Trust Cos. (00s omitted), Surplus, Loans (Average), Specie (Average), Legals (Average), On Dep. with C.H. Banks, Net Deposits (Average), Reserve (%). Rows list trust companies like Brooklyn, Bankers, U.S.Mtg.& Tr., etc.

The capital of the trust companies is as follows: Brooklyn, \$1,500,000; Bankers, \$1,000,000; United States Mortgage & Trust, \$2,000,000; Astor, \$1,250,000; Title Guarantied & Trust, \$5,000,000; Guaranty, \$10,000,000; Fidelity, \$1,000,000; Lawyers' Title Insurance & Trust, \$4,000,000; Columbia-Knickkerbocker, \$2,000,000; People's, \$1,000,000; New York, \$3,000,000; Franklin, \$1,000,000; Lincoln, \$1,000,000; Metropolitan, \$2,000,000; Broadway, \$1,500,000; total, \$46,250,000.

SUMMARY COVERING BOTH BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Summary Covering Both Banks and Trust Companies table. Columns: Week ending August 16, Capital, Surplus, Loans, Specie, Legal Tenders, On Dep. with C.H. Banks, Net Deposits. Rows include Averages, Banks, Trust cos., Total Actual, and Total.

The State Banking Department also furnishes weekly returns of the State banks and trust companies under its charge. These returns cover all the institutions of this class in the whole State, but the figures are compiled so as to distinguish between the results for New York City (Greater New York) and those for the rest of the State, as per the following:

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 86, p. 316.

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

State Banks and Trust Companies table. Columns: Week ended August 16, State Banks (Greater N. Y.), Trust Cos. (Greater N. Y.), State Banks (outside Greater N. Y.), Trust Cos. (outside Greater N. Y.). Rows include Capital as of June 4, Surplus as of June 4, Loans and investments, etc.

+ Increase over last week. — Decrease from last week.

Notes.—"Surplus" includes all undivided profits. "Reserve on deposits" include both trust companies and State banks, not only cash items but amounts due from reserve agents. Trust companies in New York State are required by law to keep a reserve proportionate to their deposits; the ratio varying according to location as shown below. The percentage of reserve required is computed on the aggregate of deposits exclusive of moneys held in trust and not payable within thirty days, and also exclusive of time deposits not payable within thirty days, represented by certificates, and also exclusive of deposits secured by bonds or obligations of the State or City of New York, and exclusive of an amount equal to the market value (not exceeding par) of bonds or obligations of the State or City of New York owned by the bank or held in trust for it by any public department. The State banks are likewise required to keep a reserve varying according to location, the reserve being computed on the whole amount of deposits exclusive of time deposits not payable within thirty days, represented by certificates (according to the amendment of 1910), and exclusive of deposits secured (according to amendment of 1911) by bonds or obligations of the City or State of New York, and exclusive of an amount equal to the market value (not exceeding par) of bonds or obligations of the State or City of New York owned by the company or held in trust for it by any public department.

Table showing Reserve Required for Trust Companies and State Banks. Columns: Reserve Required, Total Cash, State Reserve, Total Cash. Rows list locations like Manhattan Borough, Brooklyn Borough, etc.

The Banking Department also undertakes to present separate figures indicating the totals for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York not in the Clearing-House. These figures are shown in the table below, as are also the results (both actual and average) for the Clearing-

House banks and trust companies. In addition, we have combined each corresponding item in the two statements, thus affording an aggregate for the whole of the banks and trust companies in the Greater New York.

NEW YORK CITY BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with 5 columns: Week ended August 16, Clear-House Members Actual Figures, Clear-House Members Average, State Banks and Trust Cos. Not in C-H. Aver., Total of all Banks & Trust Cos. Average. Rows include Capital as of June 4, Surplus as of June 4, Loans and investments, Deposits, Specie, Legal-tenders, Banks: cash in vault, Trust cos.: cash in vault, Aggr. money holdings, Money on deposit with other banks & trust cos., Total reserve, Surplus CASH reserve, % of cash reserves of trust cos., Cash in vault, Cash on dep. with bks., Total.

+ Increase over last week. - Decrease from last week.

a These are the deposits after eliminating the item "Due from reserve depositories and other banks and trust companies in New York City"; with this item included, deposits amounted to \$615,811,600, an increase of \$161,200 from last week. In the case of the Clearing-House members, the deposits are "legal net deposits" both for the average and the actual figures. b Includes bank notes.

The averages of the New York City Clearing-House banks and trust companies, combined with those for the State banks and trust companies in Greater New York outside of the Clearing House, compare as follows for a series of weeks past:

COMBINED RESULTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Deposits, Specie, Legals, Total Money Holdings, Entire Res. on Deposit. Rows show weekly data from June 14 to August 16.

Reports of Clearing Non-Member Banks.—The following is the statement of condition of the clearing non-member banks for the week ending August 16, based on average daily results:

We omit two ciphers (00) in all these figures.

Table with 7 columns: Banks, Capital, Surplus, Loans, Disc'ts and Investments, Specie, Legal Tender and Bank Notes, On Deposit with C-H. Banks, Net Deposits. Rows list various banks like New York City, Manhattan and Bronx, Washington Heights, etc., and include Totals for August 16, 9, and 2.

Boston and Philadelphia Banks.—Below is a summary of the weekly totals of the Clearing-House banks of Boston and Philadelphia:

We omit two ciphers (00) in all these figures.

Table with 8 columns: Banks, Capital and Surplus, Loans, Specie, Legals, Deposits, Circulation, Clearings. Rows show weekly data for Boston and Philadelphia banks from June 28 to August 16.

a Includes Government deposits and the item "due to other banks." At Boston Government deposits amounted to \$1,555,000 on August 16, against \$1,563,000 on August 9.

* "Deposits" now include the item of "Exchanges for Clearing House," which were reported on August 16 as \$12,123,000.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the imports at New York for the week ending Aug. 16; also totals since the beginning of the first week in January:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK.

Table with 5 columns: For Week, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Dry goods, General merchandise, Total, and Dry goods, General merchandise for 33 weeks.

The following is a statement of the exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New York to foreign ports for the week ending Aug. 16 and from Jan. 1 to date:

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Table with 5 columns: For the week, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows show weekly export data for 33 weeks.

The following table shows the exports and imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ending Aug. 16 and since Jan. 1 1913 and for the corresponding periods in 1912 and 1911:

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

Table with 4 columns: Gold, Silver, Exports (Week, Since Jan. 1), Imports (Week, Since Jan. 1). Rows show data for Great Britain, France, Germany, West Indies, Mexico, South America, and All other countries for 1913, 1912, and 1911.

Of the above imports for the week in 1913, \$51,085 were American gold coin and \$... American silver coin.

Banking and Financial.

115 Issues of Listed Stocks

The issues are classified by us as follows: Investment, Semi-Investment, Speculative. Investors interested in stocks can obtain a copy of this circular free of charge by sending for Circular 614, "Railroad and Industrial Stocks."

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Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Aug. 22 1913.

The Money and Financial Situation.—The security markets showed a buoyant tendency on Monday in spite of enormous losses caused by drought in the Southwest. It was then hoped that affairs in Mexico would perhaps soon reach a favorable solution and money market conditions as reported at the close last week were decidedly reassuring. Moreover the Government report given out on Monday showed that exports of agricultural products for July have rarely been exceeded in that month and not equaled since 1901.

But Tuesday morning's news from Mexico, which had caused a sharp decline, especially for Americans, on the London Stock Exchange before the opening here, resulted in a reduced volume of business during the remainder of the week and a steady falling off in prices. The latter movement has not, however, assumed more than meagre proportions. At the moment there seems not much hope that the Mexican problem will be speedily solved and in view of the wide-spread and disastrous effect of the drought there appears little, aside from money market conditions and the rather hopeful outlook for general merchandising, to encourage aggressive operations at the Stock Exchange or in financial circles generally.

As to the money market conditions referred to, the Bank of England reports a gain of \$6,000,000 in gold, making its present holdings the largest at this season since the year of plethora—1896. The Bank of France gained \$4,000,000 the past week and the surplus reserve of the New York Clearing House banks is considerably larger than the average at this season.

The beneficial effect of these conditions can hardly be over-estimated. If credits here were widely extended and bank reserves on both sides of the Atlantic (for in any broad financial outlook they must now be regarded as a unit) were low, future business prospects would be far less favorable than they now are. Shipments of gold now being made from South America, chiefly from Argentina, to this port and Europe are attracting attention because unusual.

The open market rate for call loans at the Stock Exchange during the week on stock and bond collaterals has ranged from 2@2 1/4%. Friday's rates on call were 2@2 1/4%. Commercial paper on Friday quoted 5 1/4@6% to 60 to 90 day endorsements and prime 4 to 6 months' single names and 6 1/2@6 3/4% for good single names.

The Bank of England weekly statement on Thursday showed an increase in bullion of £1,228,112 and the percentage of reserve to liabilities was 58.62, against 58.07 last week. The rate of discount remains unchanged at 4 1/2%, as fixed April 17. The Bank of France shows an increase of 20,143,000 francs gold and 1,338,000 francs silver.

NEW YORK CLEARING-HOUSE BANKS. (Not Including Trust Companies.)

Table with columns for 1913, 1912, and 1911, showing averages for week ending Aug. 16, 17, and 19. Rows include Capital, Surplus, Loans and discounts, Circulation, Net deposits, Specte, Legal-tenders, Reserve held, and Surplus reserve.

Note.—The Clearing House now issues a statement weekly, showing the actual condition of the banks on Saturday morning, as well as the above averages. The figures, together with the returns of the separate banks and trust companies, also the summary issued by the State Banking Department giving the condition of State banks and trust companies not reporting to the Clearing House, appear on the second page preceding.

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange ruled irregular during the earlier part of the week but weakened towards the close. This was not the result of active offerings so much as the exceedingly backward demand.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 83@4 8315 for sixty days, 4 8635@4 8650 for checks and 4 8670@4 8685 for cables. Commercial on banks 4 81@4 82 1/4 and documents for payment 4 82 1/2@4 83 1/4. Cotton for payment 4 82 1/4@4 82 1/2 and grain for payment 4 83@4 83 1/4.

The posted rates for sterling, as quoted by a representative house, were not changed during the week from 4 83 1/2 for sixty days and 4 87 for sight. To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 21 1/2 less 3-32@5 21 1/2 for long and 5 18 1/4 less 1-16@5 18 1/4 less 1-32 for short.

Germany bankers' marks were 94 5-16@94 7-16 for long and 95 1/4@95 3-16 less 1-32 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40 1-16 less 1-32@40 1-16 plus 1-32 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 25f. 24 1/2c.; week's range, 25f. 25 1/2c. high and 25f. 24 1/2c. low.

Exchange at Berlin on London, 20m. 44 1/2pf.; week's range, 20m. 20.46 1/4 pf. high and 20m. 44 1/2pf. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling—Sixty Days. Checks. Cables. High for the week... 4 8325 4 8655 4 8690 Low for the week... 4 8295 4 8635 4 8670

Paris Bankers' Francs— High for the week... 5 21 1/2 5 18 1/4 5 18 1/4 less 1-32 Low for the week... 5 21 1/2 less 1-16 5 18 1/4 less 1-16 5 18 1/4 less 3-32

Germany Bankers' Marks— High for the week... 94 7-16 95 3-16 less 1-32 95 1/4 Low for the week... 94 5-16 95 1/4 less 1-32 95 3-16

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders— High for the week... 39 3/4 plus 1-16 40 1-16 plus 1-32 40 1/4 Low for the week... 39 3/4 40 1-16 less 1-32 40 1/4 less 1-32

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, 10c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. St. Louis, par. bid and 5c. premium asked. San Francisco, 40c. per \$1,000 premium. St. Paul, 10c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, 46 1/2c. premium. Minneapolis, 10c. per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board this week are limited to \$12,000 N. Y. 4s, 1958, at 97 3/4.

The transactions in railroad and industrial bonds at the Exchange have averaged considerably below \$1,000,000 par value per day—indeed, on no day aggregating that amount—and are, therefore, the smallest in recent years. The market has, however, been relatively steady. Of a list of 20 active issues 8 are fractionally lower, 9 are correspondingly higher and 3 unchanged. In such a market, which has been unusually void of special feature, further comment seems unnecessary.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board include \$10,000 4s, coup., at 110 1/2; \$15,000 Panama 3s, coup., at 100, and \$1,000 3s, coup., at 102. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for yearly range see third page following.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—Owing to conditions mentioned above, the stock market has been dull and irregular. Operations have been restricted and the absence of buyers, added to other influences, has resulted in a general sagging off in prices.

Some of the granger shares have been weak on the damage suffered by drought and other stocks were sympathetically affected. Southern Pacific, both the old and new "when issued," declined on the prospect of liquidation. On the other hand the coal carriers have advanced and Chesapeake & Ohio is 3 points higher than last week, showing that a reduction of its dividend rate from 5 to 4 per cent had been over-discounted.

Of the industrial list Texas Co. is conspicuous for an advance of 4 1/2 which makes it 16 points higher than on the 1st of the month.

General Electric is 3 points higher than at the close last week, California Petroleum 2 1/2, and Westinghouse 2 1/4.

For daily volume of business see page 509. The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week ending August 22, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include American Express, Can Pac subs, Chicago & Alton, Colorado & Southern, Crex Carpet, Mackay Companies, Nor Ohio Trac & Light, Quicksilver Mining, United Dry Goods, Virginia Iron, Coal & C., Vulcan Detinning, Wells, Fargo & Co.

Outside Market.—Active trading in some of the industrial issues, more particularly the Tobacco group, where sharp advances were recorded, served to relieve the monotony of an otherwise dull week in "curb" securities. United Cigar Stores com. was run up from 88 1/2 to 93 1/4, after which, on heavy dealings, it reacted to 92. The close to-day was at 92 1/2. Tobacco Products made a gain of 2 1/2 points to 91 and then moved down again to 89 1/2. Business in British-American Tobacco during the week was only moderate; the price first advancing from 22 1/2 to 22 3/4 and then dropping to 22 3/8, but to-day dealings were very heavy, with a jump to 23, the close being at 22 1/8. Consolidated Rubber Tire com. sold up from 22 3/4 to 27 1/2 and the pref. up from 83 to 85. Standard Oil of N. J. improved 3 points to 378, fell to 372 and moved upward again, resting finally at 374 1/2, ex-dividend. A sale of Willys-Overland com. was recorded at 63. In bonds trading was practically in the New Haven deb. 6s "w. i." between 106 7/8 and 107 1/4 most of the week until the closing days, when there was a drop to 106. The "rights" weakened from 2 3/8 to 1 15-16. Bklyn. Rap. Tran. 5% notes moved up from 95 1/4 to 96. Mining stocks held fairly well on small transactions. Braden Copper eased off from 6 7/8 to 6 5/8 and recovered to 6 3/4. British Columbia Copper declined from 2 5/8 to 2 1/4. Greene Cananea, old stock, was off from 7 to 6 3/4. The new stock recorded transactions at 32 3/4. Mason Valley sold up from 6 5/8 to 6 1/4 and down to 6 1/4. Goldfield Consolidated eased off from 1 5/8 to 1 9-16 and recovered to 1 11-16.

Outside quotations will be found on page 509.

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

OCCUPYING TWO PAGES

For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see preceding page

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, organized by date (Saturday Aug. 18 to Friday August 22) and categorized by 'STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES' and 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Includes columns for bid/ask prices and range since Jan. 1.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BROKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table listing bank and trust company quotations, including names like New York Bank, American Exchange, and various trust companies, with columns for bid and ask prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-rights. ‡ Less than 100 shares. § State banks. ¶ Ex-div. & rights. Ⓛ New stock. Ⓜ Ex 2 1/2% accum. div. Ⓝ Sale at Stock Exchange or at auction this week. Ⓞ First installment paid. Ⓟ Sold at private sale at this price. Ⓠ Ex-div. Ⓡ Full paid.

For record of sales during the week of stocks usually inactive, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES (Saturday Aug. 16 to Friday Aug. 22), Sales of the Week Shares, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, Range Since Jan. 1, Range for Pre-vious Year 1912. Lists various stocks like Industrial & Misc (Con), American Steel Found, etc.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BANKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table listing banks and trust companies with columns: Bank/Trust Co., Bid, Ask, and other financial details. Includes entries like Coney Island, First, Flatbush, etc.

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

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

Jan. 1 1900 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, Railroad, Chesapeake & Ohio, and various other bond categories. Columns include bond description, price, and weekly/annual ranges.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Table of miscellaneous bonds including Street Railway, Interboro Rap Tr, Manhattan Ry, Metropolitan Street Ry, and other local transit and utility bonds.

* No price Friday; latest this week. † Due April. ‡ Due May. § Due June. ¶ Due July. & Due Aug. * Due Oct. † Due Nov. ‡ Due Dec. § Option sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BONDSS Week Ending August 22. Table with columns for Bond Description, Date, Price (Bid, Ask), Week's Range (Low, High), Bonds Sold, and Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE BONDSS Week Ending August 22. Table with columns for Bond Description, Date, Price (Bid, Ask), Week's Range (Low, High), Bonds Sold, and Range since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS-Continued on Next Page.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS table (left half), including Street Railway bonds like New Or Ry & Lt gen 4 3/8 1935 and United Rys Lnv 1st lien col trust 5s Pitts issue.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS table (right half), including Street Railway bonds like United Rys St L 1st g 4s 1934 and Gas and Electric Light bonds like Atlanta G L Co. 1st g 5s 1947.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due April. d Due July. e Due Aug. f Due Oct. g Option sale.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Bonds, Interest Period, Price (Friday August 22), Week's Range of Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond titles.

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MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Concluded.

Table with columns: Bond Title, Price, Date, and Range. Includes entries like 'Buff & Susq Iron & F 5s', 'Adams Ex coll tr g 4s', etc.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. e Due May. f Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. j Due Oct. k Due Nov. l Due Dec. m Option sale.

Table with columns: STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES (Saturday August 18 to Friday August 22), Sales of the Week, Stocks Chicago Stock Exchange (Railroads, Miscellaneous), Range for Year 1913 (Lowest, Highest), Range for Previous Year (1912) (Lowest, Highest). Includes various stock entries like Chicago Elv Ry, American Radiator, etc.

Chicago Banks and Trust Companies

Table listing Chicago Banks and Trust Companies with columns: NAME, Capital Stock, Surp. & Profits, Dividend Record (In 1911, In 1912, Per cent, Last Paid, % Bid, Ask). Includes American State, Calumet National, Capital State, etc.

Table with columns: NAME, Capital Stock, Surp. & Profits, Dividend Record (In 1911, In 1912, Per cent, Last Paid, % Bid, Ask). Includes Southwest Tr & S, Standard Tr & S, Stockmen's Tr & S, etc.

Chicago Bond Record

Table listing Chicago Bonds with columns: NAME, Interest, Price Friday Aug 22, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bids Sold, Range for Year 1913. Includes Am Tel & Tel, Armour & Co, Auto Elec, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales were made on this day. † June 4 (close of business) for national banks and June 5 (opening of business) for State institutions. ‡ No price Friday; latest price this week. § Sept. 1 1911. ¶ Dividends not published; stock all acquired by the Continental & Commercial National Bank. & Sales Dec. 31. * Due June. c Due Feb. d Due Jan. 1. e Extra dividend. h Ex-rights. i Capital to be increased to \$1,000,000; v. 97, p. 155. j Aug. 11 1913. k Sales Dec. 31 beginning April 18. l June 27 1913. m Dividends are paid Q-J, with extra payments Q-F, v. Aug. 9 1913. n Capital increased to \$300,000, v. 96, p. 1404, 1135. o Dec. 31 1912. p April 30 1913. q Est. 24% accumulated div.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

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

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

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGES.

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

Inactive and Unlisted Securities

All bond prices are now "and interest" except where marked "f"

Large table listing inactive and unlisted securities, categorized by Street Railways, Electric Gas & Power Cos, and other utilities, with columns for Bid, Ask, and price.

Large table listing various stocks and bonds, including Telegraph and Telephone, Short Term Notes, and Industrials, with columns for Bid, Ask, and price.

* Per share. a And accrued dividend. b Basis. c Listed on Stock Exchange but usually inactive. f Flat price. n Nominal. s Sale price. u New stock. z Ex-subsidaries. Ex-div. y Ex-rights. z Includes all new stock dividends and subscriptions. a Listed on Stock Exchange but infrequently dealt in; record of sales; if any, will be found on a preceding page. b Ex-300% stock dividend.

Table with columns for BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending August 22, Interest, Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond listings with their respective prices and dates.

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

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

Table with columns for SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES (Saturday Aug. 16, Monday Aug. 18, Tuesday Aug. 19, Wednesday Aug. 20, Thursday Aug. 21, Friday Aug. 22) and ACTIVE STOCKS (Range since Jan. 1, Range for Previous Year (1912)).

Table with columns for PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE, listing various stocks and bonds with Bid and Ask prices.

* Bid and asked; no sales on this day. † Ex-div. and rights. ‡ \$15 paid. § 13 1/2 paid. ¶ 17 1/2 paid.

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, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), and July 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Includes sub-tables for Various Fiscal Years and Aggregate of Gross Earnings.

AGGREGATE OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table showing Weekly and Monthly aggregates of gross earnings, including columns for Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, and percentage change.

Footnote explaining the data: a Mexican currency. b Does not include earnings of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railway from Nov. 1 1911. c Includes the Boston & Albany, the New York & Ottawa, the St. Lawrence & Adirondack and the Ottawa & New York Railway, the latter of which, being a Canadian road, does not make returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. d Includes Evansville & Terre Haute and Evansville & Indiana RR. e Includes the Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling R. y. in both years. f Includes the Northern Ohio RR. g Includes earnings of Mason City & Ft. Dodge and Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. h Includes Louisville & Atlantic and the Frankfort & Cincinnati. i Includes the Mexican International. j Includes the Texas Central in both years and the Wichita Falls Lines in 1912, beginning Nov. 1. k Includes not only operating revenues, but also all other receipts. z Includes St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of August. The table covers 29 roads and shows 3.23% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table showing Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks for 29 roads. Columns include Second Week of August (1913, 1912), Increase, and Decrease.

For the first week of August our final statement covers 41 roads and shows 2.22% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table showing Latest Gross Earnings for the First Week of August for 41 roads. Columns include 1913, 1912, Increase, and Decrease.

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

Table showing Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates for various roads. Columns include Current and Previous Year for both Gross and Net Earnings.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table showing Net Earnings for Industrial Companies. Columns include Current and Previous Year for both Gross and Net Earnings.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c These results are in Mexican currency.

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Table showing Interest Charges and Surplus for roads. Columns include Current and Previous Year for Int., Rentals, &c. and Bal. of Net Earnings.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table showing Int., Rentals, &c. and Bal. of Net Earnings for Industrial Companies. Columns include Current and Previous Year.

x After allowing for other income received. y Includes sinking fund.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Table showing Express Companies earnings for Month of June and July 1 to June 30. Columns include 1913, 1912, and 1912-13, 1911-12.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND TRACTION COMPANIES.

Large table showing Latest Gross Earnings and Jan. 1 to latest date for Electric Railway and Traction Companies. Columns include Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Current Year, Previous Year.

c These figures are for consolidated company.

Electric Railway Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway gross and net earnings reported this week:

Table showing Electric Railway Net Earnings. Columns include Current and Previous Year for both Gross and Net Earnings.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Illinois Traction, Mexico Tramways, Milw Elea Ry & Light, Milw Lt, Hs & Trac, Wash Balt & Annap, York Railways.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c These results are in Mexican currency.

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Table with columns: Roads, Int., Rentals, &c (Current Year, Previous Year), Bal. of Net Earns (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Hudson Valley Ry, Milw Elea Ry & Light, Milw Lt, Hs & Trac, York Railways.

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.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1913.)

The remarks of Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, President, will be found on subsequent pages. Below are given the comparative income account and also the balance sheet.

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS.

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Miles operated, Passengers carried, Passenger mileage, Freight, Mail, express, &c.

Table with columns: \$, 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Earnings, Expenses, Total earnings.

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Transportation & traffic, Maint. way & struc's, Maint. of equipment, General & miscellaneous.

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Total expenses, Per cent of operating expenses to earnings, Net earnings, SS. earnings in excess of apts. in mthly. stat's.

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Total, Deduct, Int. & s. f., incl. div. on O. & Q. Ry. stock.

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Int. on debenture stock, Rentals and miscel, Div. on common, Rate of div. on com., Div. on preferred (4%), Int. on installments on new stock subscrip., For SS. & provision fd., Total, Balance, surplus.

This is the miles operated at close of year on which operations given are based. Also 1% extra paid in 1909-10 from special income, viz.: 1/2% April 1 and 1/2% Oct. 1; in 1910-11 2 1/2% extra, viz.: 1/4% in Jan. and 1/4% each in April, July and Oct. 1911, and in 1911-12 and 1912-13 3% extra (1/4% quarterly—see also below).

DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCOME FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12. Rows include Interest received from, Cash proceeds and deferred payments for land sold, Deposits and loans, Canadian Pacific Ry. Ist M. bonds acquired, Minn. St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. bonds, Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry. bonds, Mineral Range Ry. bonds, Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. bonds, Kingston & Pembroke Ry. bonds, Dominion Government bonds, Ontario Government bonds, British Consols, Montreal & Atlantic Ry. bonds and other securities, Berlin Waterloo Wellesley & Lake Huron Ry. bonds, Dividends on, St. John Bridge & Ry. Extension Co. stock, Dominion Express Co. stock, Minn. St. Paul & S. S. M. Ry. common stock, Minn. St. Paul & S. S. M. Ry. preferred stock, Alberta Ry. & Irrigation Co. stock, West Kootenay Power & Light Co. common stock, West Kootenay Power & Light Co. pref. stock, Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. stock, Net revenue from company's coal mines.

\$6,598,151 \$5,158,585

Table with columns: Balance beginning of year, 1912-13, 1911-12. Rows include Total, Dividends (3%) yearly, Remainder, BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, Assets, Liabilities.

Table with columns: 1913, 1912, 1911. Rows include Total assets, Liabilities, Total liabilities.

*In addition to the above assets, the company owns 6,287,250 acres of land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta (average sales past year \$15 77 per acre), and 1,697,994 acres in British Columbia.—V. 97, p. 439, 175.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

(Preliminary Statement for Year ending June 30 1913.)

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Charges, rentals, &c, Dividends, Surplus.

* Supplied by Editor—not in company's statement. As to reduction in dividend payable Sept. 30, see item on subsequent page.—V. 97, p. 297, 175.

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

(Statement for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1913.)

Nelson, Cook & Co. of Baltimore furnish the following comparative figures for the last two fiscal years, to which we have appended those for the two preceding years:

Table with columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net after taxes, Other income, Total net income, Fixed charges, Int. on adjustment 5s., Balance, surplus.

* Comparisons with items of other income and fixed charges in last two fiscal years is inaccurate (the figures having been changed), but final results remain unchanged.—V. 97, p. 445, 300.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co., San Francisco.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1912.)

Vice-President John A. Britton, San Francisco, April 8, wrote in substance:

Plant Statistics.—The service of the company of gas, electricity, water and street railway operation extends to 30 counties of Central California, with an area of 37,755 sq. miles and a population at the 1910 Census of 1,138,492. (Compare map, &c., on pp. 117, 118, of "Electric Ry." Sec.)

Table with columns: 1906, 1911, 1912. Rows include Hydro-elec. installations, h. p., Total cap. storage reservoirs, High-tension transmission lines, Steam elec. gen. plants, Overhead lines, Underground conduit, Street lamps, Total connected load, Gas plants, Gas sold, Gas holders in use, Gas generators, Miles of gas mains, Water pumping stations, Capacity reservoirs, Miles of street railway track, Total passengers carried, Number of Consumers—Gas, Electric, Water, Steam, Total.

RR. Commission.—On March 23 1912 our activities came under the R.R. Commission, excepting as to the rates in incorporated cities and towns.

an awkward and unsatisfactory arrangement, as only about 4% of our consumers are affected by rate regulation under the Commission.

Competition.—The Great Western Power Co. on June 18 1912 obtained a certificate to do business in Solano, Napa and Sonoma counties, and it thereupon instituted a vigorous competition in that field. It had also begun competing in Alameda, Contra Costa, Placer, San Joaquin and Sacramento counties prior to the adoption of the Public Utilities Act.

Rates.—From Jan. 1 1912 and during the year voluntary reductions in lighting and power rates were made, first to meet competition and second to establish uniform prices. These reductions show a diminishing effect on our gross receipts, which, however, is only temporary, and will be more than overcome by the added business secured. During the year all parts of the electric system except Sacramento and Roseville have been placed on a meter basis, flat rates being abandoned, and a large saving in kilowatt hours effected.

Offices.—A new office building to cost \$104,851 is in process of erection at Sacramento.

New Construction.—On July 3 1912 work was begun on the Lake Spaulding and Bear River development, which is to add 101,876 h. p. to the installed capacity of the company's hydro-electric plants. Of this amount 30,000 h. p. will be in operation this year, the balance in 1914. Work has also begun on additional plants which will aggregate 50,000 h. p., making a total new installation of 151,876 h. p. The total cost will not exceed \$95 80 per h. p., inclusive of lines to connect to present system.

Up to Dec. 31 1912 \$2,046,861 had been spent on these developments. The Spaulding dam will in 1913 be brought to a height of 250 ft.; 10% was complete Dec. 31 1912. The main tunnel, 4,456 ft. long, 58% completed Dec. 31 1912; the Drum Canal, 8 1/2 miles long, 53% completed Dec. 31 1912; the Forbay 40%; power house, 50%; and all material was on order for pipe lines, generators, water wheels, and tower lines.

Average No. of Employees.—During 1912 was 6,111, a gain of 1,784.

Power Contracts.—The commercial department secured 1,681 new contracts for power during 1912, aggregating 60,104 h. p., with an estimated annual revenue of \$1,135,034, and it also secured renewals of power contracts aggregating 44,778 h. p., with an estimated annual revenue of \$796,462. These are exclusive of lighting consumers.

Additions.—The following additions to the physical plants were made in 1912: Hydro-electric sub-stations, 15 (making a total of 139); steam plants, 1, of 26,663 h. p.; steam mains, 2.8 miles; high-tension transmission lines, 141 miles; low-tension distributing lines, 411 miles; gas mains, 283 miles; water mains, 7 miles; gas, electric and water services, 33,435. Total gas street lamps in operation, 8,442.

The total connected load on the company's system in electric department was on Dec. 31 1912 387,808 h. p. The total kilowatt hour input during 1912 was 557,586,888, or 747,435,500 h. p. hours.

Exposition Contract.—After severe competition, this company secured the exclusive contract to furnish light, heat and power to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Co., pre-, post-, and exposition periods, at a remunerative figure. The installation will call for a maximum demand of 20,000 h. p.

Data Furnished by V.-P. & Treas. A. F. Hockenbeamer June 10 1913.

Results.—The gross earnings increased \$140,042, notwithstanding rate reductions which benefitted about 90% of the company's customers to the extent of more than \$1,000,000. Net revenue decreased \$77,446 and interest charges increased \$314,810. The company made a net gain of 33,886 consumers, or almost 12% representing a permanently increased gross earning of \$1,200,000 and \$1,400,000 per annum.

The results since Jan. 1 1913 indicate that the corner has been also turned with respect to net earnings (see statement V. 97, p. 444, 365).

Taxes have increased from \$247,262 in 1907 to \$622,969 in 1912.

Acquisitions.—During 1912 the company acquired the business and properties of two companies which had theretofore been buying our electric current wholesale, viz., (a) Los Gatos Ice, Gas & Electric Co., comprising a gas-generating and distributing system in Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, and an electrical distributing system serving Los Gatos and adjacent territory. (b) South San Francisco Light & Power Co., consisting of an electrical distribution system in South San Francisco and its vicinity. There was paid for these two properties \$60,000 in common stock and \$290,949 in cash. The sale of certain non-operative property of the Los Gatos Co. for \$25,000 will reduce the cash cost to \$265,948.

An agreement of Nov. 27 1912 for the purchase of the properties of the Livermore Water & Power Co., consisting of electric and water distribution systems in Livermore and Pleasanton and vicinity, is now before the R.R. Commission (V. 96, p. 1015).

With three or four minor exceptions, the properties of the independent distributing companies heretofore operating within our business field have become an integral part of our property, and those still remaining have long-term contracts with us.

Bonds.—Allusion was made in report for 1911 to a contract made with J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y., for the sale to them of \$20,000,000 General and Refunding Mgt. 5% 30-year gold bonds. Delivery of these bonds was made to the bankers in Jan. 1912, and in Sept. 1912 the same firm purchased \$5,000,000 additional bonds of the same issue, making the total sale to them during the year \$25,000,000 (see V. 94, p. 284, 351; V. 95, p. 891). The proceeds were applied: (a) To the redemption on Feb. 9 1912 of \$8,492,502 Gen. M. & Coll. Trust 5% bonds and on June 15 1912 of \$4,000,000 Debenture Mgt. 6% bonds; and (b) to additions and improvements. There remained Dec. 31 from this source \$1,657,753 for future use.

Sinking Funds.—During the year there were purchased and deposited in our various mortgage sinking funds bonds of the par value of \$344,200, and in addition bonds of the par value of \$670,000 were purchased for sinking funds and canceled, making a total of \$1,014,200 bonds retired through sinking fund operations during 1912.

Capital Stock.—The company's common capital stock in the hands of the public increased during the year by \$3,060,000. Of this new issue of stock, \$60,000 was utilized in part payment for properties and 28,831 shares (\$2,833,100) were purchased by the stockholders at \$60 a share, leaving a balance of 1,169 shares that went to an underwriting syndicate (V. 94, p. 830).

Capital Expenditures During Year.—For the acquisition of the properties of other companies, \$350,949; for additions, improvements and betterments, \$7,470,764; total, \$7,821,713, as follows: Electric dept., \$5,092,033; gas dept., \$1,772,530; railway dept., \$145,933; steam sales dept., \$106,873; water dept., \$50,956; acquisition of Los Gatos and South San Francisco properties, \$350,949; overhead and miscellaneous, \$302,439.

Including the foregoing, the company in the seven years since its organization has expended the sum of \$31,415,232 73 for plant additions.

[No provision for depreciation has been charged directly to the income account for 1912, but the sum of \$2,500,000 has been appropriated from the surplus account as a special provision for depreciation accrued during 1912 and previous years.

For suspension of dividends on common stock in July 1913, see V. 97, p. 55, 118.

As to sale in August 1913 of \$4,500,000 of an issue of \$7,000,000 6% collateral notes to mature June 26 1914, and expectation that before maturity of same it will be possible to float advantageously \$5,000,000 6% Convertible General Lien bonds, see below and V. 97, p. 365, 444; V. 96, p. 654.]

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

Table with columns for 1912, 1911, 1910, and 1909. Rows include Gross Revenue (Electricity, Gas, Street railway, Miscellaneous), Total gross revenue, Deduct—Maintenance, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net earnings, Interest on floating debt, Int. on bonds outstanding, Int. on sink. fund bonds, Bond disc., prem. & exp., Net inc. before dep., Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Bal., surp. (see below).

* Miscellaneous gross revenue in 1912 includes \$271,126 profit on merchandise sales and sundry other income.

Note.—Surpluses as above are shown before deducting depreciation and sinking fund payments.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1912 and 1911. Rows include Assets (Plants, prop., Construc. funds, Stocks sub. cos., Sinking funds, Prepaid taxes, Pre. com. stk., Material & supp., Accts. & bills rec., Oak'l'd land pur., Cash, Sundry invest'ts, Cash for refunds to consumers, Disc., prem., Miscellaneou's, Sink. fd. accruals, Maint. & op. exp., Com. stk. subser.) and Liabilities (Common stock, do held by subser. cos., Preferred stock, F. G. & E. bda., Subsid. cos. bda., Do in sk. funds, Bills payable, Accts. payable, Consum. depos., Bond int. acc'd, Sink. fds. acc'd, Deprec. reserve, Oth. res'vs funds, Due subser. co's, Bds. in treas., Unpaid divs., Drafts outstanding, Miscellaneous, Surplus).

Total 165,072,398 152,692,281

a The stocks of subsidiary companies owned are carried at a figure which represents the proportion of the assets of the subsidiary companies to which the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. will be entitled on their dissolution. The assets referred to consist of Pacific Gas & Electric Co. common stock at par, \$31,696,867, and notes and accounts due subsidiary companies by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., \$2,666,844; total, \$34,363,710. All of the liabilities of these companies have been assumed by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and are included in the balance sheet.

Sinking funds (\$2,219,756 in 1912) include bonds of subsidiary companies held alive at par, \$1,826,200; investments of subsidiary companies (\$230,000 par value), \$215,962; and cash, \$177,594. "Discount, premiums, &c." includes discount and expenses on General and Refunding bonds sold and premium on General Mgt. and Collateral Trust bonds and debentures redeemed (see foot-note a).

See foot-note a. After adding sundry accretions (net), \$25,380, and deducting special appropriation to reserve for depreciation accrued during 1912 and previous years, \$2,500,000.—V. 97, p. 444, 365.

American Agricultural Chemical Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1913.)

Treasurer Thomas A. Doe, Aug. 20, wrote:

After deducting all charges, including interest, betterments and renewals, and setting aside \$553,431 as reserve for freights, losses and contingencies, there remained as net profits for the year \$2,592,725, from which were deducted four quarterly divs. on the pref. stock and four quarterly divs. on the com. stock, aggregating \$2,365,919, leaving a net balance of \$226,807 for the year.

On July 22 1913 fire destroyed a part of the large plant at Weymouth, Mass. (capacity about 65,000 tons per annum), but the loss, stated at \$250,000, was fully covered by insurance. A more modern plant of fire-proof construction to replace the same will be ready for operation late in the year. In May 1913 the company also lost by fire acid-plants located at Buffalo, Baltimore and Cleveland, representing, it is said, a total loss of \$200,000, which was also fully covered by insurance.]

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, and 1909-10. Rows include Profits from—Properties owned and controlled, Other sources, Total income, Less res'v for fr't, &c., Reserve for fire insurance, Total, Profits, 6% on preferred stock, Common dividends, Surplus.

After deducting other interest charges and repairs and renewals, amounting to \$511,232 in 1912-13, against \$531,210 in 1911-12 (including in the latter year also bankers' commissions) and \$444,953 in 1910-11.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1913, 1912, and 1911. Rows include Assets (Land, buildings and machinery, Lighters, tugs, tools, &c., Stocks and bonds, Other investments, Mining properties, Brands, patents, good-will, &c., Sinking fund (amount unexpended), Accounts receivable, Bills receivable, Merchandise and supplies, Unexp'd insur., taxes, &c., Guar. accts. receiv., new constr., exp'denti's chargeable to future op., &c., Cash in bank and in transit) and Liabilities (Stock, common, Stock, preferred, Accts. payable, accrued int. & taxes, Notes payable, First mtge. convert. gold bonds, Bills payable, Reserve for freights, losses, &c., Reserve for renewals, fire ins., &c., Profit and loss, surplus, Total assets, Total liabilities).

—V. 96, p. 1425.

American Real Estate Co., New York City.

(Digest of Official Statement of Jan. 1 1913.)

This company's annual balance sheet has appeared from time to time in the "Chronicle." See adv. in issue of Jan. 25 and brief comparative statement in V. 96, p. 357. On Dec. 31 1912, after having been in business nearly 25 years, the company reported outstanding, in addition to its \$100,000 capital stock, \$13,265,748 6% debenture bonds (including \$8,993,022 "coupon bonds and full-paid certificates"; \$4,272,726 for "installment payments received and interest accrued on accumulative bonds and certificates") and \$11,570,992 real estate mortgages. On the other hand, the total assets were given as \$27,202,804 (embracing real estate and improvements of \$24,922,088) and surplus of \$2,088,086.

The company's principal real estate holdings, all located in N. Y. City and in Yonkers, near N. Y. City line, and the valuations at which the total holdings of each class were carried on the books Dec. 31 1912 and the amounts of outstanding real estate mortgages thereon appear as follows:

(1) Leading Rental-Properties (Total Value Dec. 31 1912, \$14,275,500, Mortgaged for \$9,506,508).

(a) Manhattan Borough (Total Val. Dec. 31 1912, \$10,711,000)—*Fireproof. Table with columns: Address, Stories & No. Aparts., Construction, Frontages (in Feet), Sq. Feet, Plot. Area. Includes properties like 527 Fifth Ave. (bank & offices), 114-116 Fifth Ave., etc.

(b) In Borough of Bronx (Total Val. Dec. 31 1912, \$3,469,500)—*Fireproof. Table with columns: Address, Construction, Frontages, Sq. Feet, Plot. Area. Includes properties like 383-391 East 149th St., 561-569 Melrose Ave., etc.

(c) In Yonkers (Total Value Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1912, \$95,000). Table with columns: Address, Construction, Frontages, Sq. Feet, Plot. Area. Includes Park Hill, apartment bldgs. on So. Broadway, etc.

(2) Completely Developed Land Properties (Val. Dec. 13 1912, \$8,932,956, Mortgaged for \$1,453,749).

(a) Leading Properties in the Bronx valued at \$6,504,920. Table with columns: Address, Frontages, Sq. Feet, Plot. Area. Includes Westchester Ave. and Southern Boul. properties, etc.

(b) Leading Properties in Yonkers, Adjoining N. Y. City (Val. at \$2,428,036). Table with columns: Address, Frontages, Sq. Feet, Plot. Area. Includes Park Hill Properties, Lawrence property, etc.

(3) Land Properties in Process of Development (Val. \$1,713,623, Mortgaged for \$610,665).

(a) Borough of the Bronx (Val. Dec. 31 1912, \$1,396,538; mtgd. for \$520,775). Table with columns: Address, Frontages, Sq. Feet, Plot. Area. Includes Mace Properties, Broadway City-Line Properties, etc.

(b) Miscellaneous, Valued Dec. 31 1912 at \$317,085, mortgaged for \$89,890—New houses ready for sale, \$67,817; apartment houses, 4 Westchester Ave., Bronx, \$141,324, and 2 South Broadway, Yonkers, \$89,959; 5 private houses Park Hill, Yonkers, \$17,985.

Regarding its debentures the company says in substance: The bonds are sold by the company at par and are issued in either of the following forms, one providing current income from capital already accumulated, the other accumulating capital out of current income: (a) 6% coupon bonds—for income investment—to mature in 10 years and purchasable at par in multiples of \$100; (b) 6% accumulative bonds—for systematic saving—purchasable on installments during 10, 15 or 20 years and enabling the

person without capital sufficient for income investment to accumulate a definite capital in a given time by simply investing the equivalent of an ordinary yearly interest on the amount desired, during the term. The accumulative bonds are intended to guarantee investors (1) at maturity the full sum invested and interest thereon at 6%, compounded annually and accumulated; (2) cash in event of death to the full amount invested with 4% interest to date of death; (3) various surrender privileges before maturity, if the purchaser is unable to continue payments, protecting investors from unforeseen contingencies to a degree not usually possible. The 6% coupon bonds mature in 10 years from date of issue. Par value \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000. Interest payable semi-annually at Chemical Nat. Bank, N. Y. City. Bonds negotiable and transferable by endorsement, or may be surrendered for cash, at option of owner, on any coupon date after two years for a sum which with interest previously paid shall equal their face value with interest from the date of issue at the following rates: On 5th to 9th coupon dates incl., 3%; on 10th to 14th coupon dates incl., 4%; on 15th to 19th coupon dates incl., 5%. They may also be turned in at par and int. at any time in payment for real estate for sale by the company on its regular selling conditions, and are subject to call at par on coupon dates after 5 years, at option of company, upon six months' written notice. Company, founded in 1888, confines its purchases to strategic locations along the subway and other rapid transit lines, extending gradually through the city, thus securing in the largest degree that certain enhancement in value marked in all large cities, but which in New York has been an exceptional source of profit through a century past. (N. Y. Corporation.) Officers and Directors.—Edward B. Boynton, Pres.; Harold Roberts and William B. Hinkley, Vice-Pres'ts; Richard T. Lingley, Treas.; Francis H. Sisson, Sec.; Austin L. Babcock, Asst. Treas. General offices, 527 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.—V. 96, p. 357.

Wayagamack Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., Three Rivers, Que. (Report for Fiscal Period ending June 30 1913.)

Pres. J. N. Greenshields, K.C.. July 24, wrote in subst.: * Properties.—In Jan. 1911 the well-known Baptist properties were secured, consisting of 1,121 sq. miles of timber limits on the St. Maurice River and its main tributaries, together with depots, logging, booming and other river equipment, and extensive properties in the City of Three Rivers. Under the advice of Canadian, English and Swedish engineers, contracts for the plant were let and work begun, the site being located on Baptist Island, adjoining the deep-water ship channel at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and St. Maurice rivers.

Before building the plant it was necessary that there should be provided a railroad swing-bridge extending across the channel, with sidings on the island; a steel horse-bridge, roads, drainage and fire protection, operatives' houses and a pumping and filtration plant with a daily capacity of 3,500,000 gallons. Plant construction included machine and carpenter shops, pulp mill and recovery furnaces, paper mill, steam plant, electrical sub-station to handle power from Shawinigan, as well as a modern saw-mill with double-acting band-saws. The plans called for an initial capacity of 50 tons of pulp and 50 tons of finished paper, but the plant is so designed as to permit of its gradual extension to an ultimate capacity of 200 tons of paper.

The pulp-wood plant was completed in time to operate during the summer of 1912, thereby furnishing raw material for the operation of the paper plant when started during the following winter. Permanent running of the pulp and paper plant on the standard product was begun on Jan. 1 1913. We believe that the company possesses the most up-to-date and efficient plant for the manufacture of sulphate pulp and "Kraft" paper now in operation. A paper master, from Sweden, of wide reputation was secured as technical manager and the quality of the paper produced has caused it to be most favorably received, not only in the domestic market, but in the markets of New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the United States.

The profit and loss statement submitted covers one year's lumbering and the operation of the pulp and paper mills for six months. The net earnings, as appears from the statement, were \$256,774, and every operating factor indicates that the ultimate earning power will be far in excess of these figures. A third paper machine is being erected and should be running by Sept. 1; the output will be readily sold in conjunction with the present product and will complete the line of "Kraft" papers. The company derives great benefit from the operation of its saw-mill in conjunction with its pulp and paper mills, all timber cut being used either for pulp and paper or the manufacture of lumber; while all waste material is used either in the manufacture of paper or as fuel. Under our policy of conserving the timber limits by the most modern methods, the supply of wood is practically inexhaustible and will grow more valuable each year.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 6 MOS. ENDING JUNE 30 1913. Net earnings, after providing for all charges, incl. exp. of admin. \$256,774 Less bond interest 105,000 Net profits 151,774

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 (TOTAL EACH SIDE, \$9,385,663). Buildings, mach'y, &c. \$2,077,784 Common stock \$5,000,000 Prop., limits, real est., &c. 6,560,807 1st M. 6% 40-year bonds 3,500,000 Cash and accts. receiv. 145,787 Accounts and bills payable 308,579 Inventory: Pulp wood, \$145,952; lumber in yard \$61,566; logs in boom and river, \$285,709 493,227 Oper. charges accrued 41,162 Reserve agst. conting. &c. 168,267 Stores 53,067 Profit and loss 151,774 Stock on paper on hand 54,990

Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd., Three Rivers, P. Q. (Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1913.)

Pres. C. R. Whitehead, Three Rivers, Aug. 1, wrote: The orders on hand are far in excess of the capacity of the original Wabasso plant, and afford ample confirmation of the wisdom of organizing the St. Maurice Valley Cotton Mills, Ltd., and the construction of that company's mill. Your company holds the entire (\$1,250,000) capital stock of the St. Maurice Valley Cotton Mills, Ltd., and the two mills will be operated as one. The St. Maurice plant is nearing completion. The finishing machinery is being running to capacity. The St. Maurice plant will increase our capacity from 600 looms and 25,000 spindles to 1,500 looms and 75,000 spindles. With the larger output the profits should be more than proportionately increased.

[The St. Maurice Valley Cotton Mills, Ltd., was incorp. under the Canadian Companies Act April 6 1912 and made a mortgage to Quebec Savings & Trust Co. of Montreal, as trustee, to secure not over \$2,500,000 1st M. s. fd. 6s dated June 1 1912 and due June 1 1952, but callable on or after June 1 1917 at 105 and int. Par \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Int. J. & D. at office of trustee. Present issue, \$1,500,000. In June 1912 the trustee offered a block of the bonds at 96, with a bonus of 50% in stock (later exchanged, \$ for \$, for stock of Wabasso Cotton Co.). The Shawinigan Cotton Co. and Shawinigan Knitting Co. of Shawinigan Falls and the Oxford Knitting Co. at Woodstock, Ont., are controlled by the same interests. Ultimate consolidation of all the properties is contemplated.]

RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1913. Profits, trade account, \$123,374; rents, \$177 123,551 Deduct—Bond interest, \$58,070; redemption premium, \$475; bad debts, \$121 58,666

Bal. to surp., [making with \$82,841 previous surp., \$147,726] \$64,885 BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1913 (TOTAL EACH SIDE \$3,133,444). Plant, machinery, &c. \$1,398,511 Capital stock \$1,750,000 Materials, supplies, &c. 388,710 1st M. 6% bonds 951,000 Cash and accounts rec'd. 98,223 Accounts payable, &c. 38,630 St. Maurice Valley Cotton Mills stock 1,250,000 Collateral & other loans 246,687 Profit and loss 147,726 The capital stock, \$1,750,000, includes \$1,250,000 created in June 1912 and exchanged for \$1,250,000 St. Maurice stock. Total Wabasso bond issue, \$1,000,000; less redeemed, \$30,000, and in treasury, \$19,000; balance outstanding, \$951,000, being 1st 6s issued under mortgage dated June 12 1907, National Trust Co., Montreal, trustee, callable at 105 and int.

New York Transportation Co.

(Report for Six Months ending Dec. 31 1912 and Fiscal Year ending June 30 1912.)

During 1912 the company sold its taxicab and electric vehicle business to the Yellow Taxicab Co. See V. 94, p. 770, 1511.

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Table with columns: 6 mos. end. Dec. 31 '12, Year end. June 30 '12, Gross earnings operation, repairs, sales, &c, Oper. expenses, Net earnings, Taxes, Oper. income, Other income.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Assets (Real est. & bldgs., Tools, mach., fix., &c., Investments, etc.), Liabilities (Prep'd int., taxes, &c., Profit and loss).

a "Investments" as above includes capital stock of Fifth Ave. Coach Co., \$326,935; of Metropolitan Express Co., \$1, and Park Carriage Co., \$1, and N. Y. Transportation Co. capital stock, \$68; also railroad bonds and notes, incl. interest, \$397,566, and real estate mortgages, including interest, \$27,396. b Includes Fifth Ave. Coach Co., \$608,581, incl. int., and Metropolitan Express Co., \$143,579.

Fifth Avenue Coach Co.

INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Table with columns: 6 mos. end. Dec. 31 '12, Year end. June 30 '12, Earnings (Op. of stage lines, Livery calls, Advertising, &c.), Total earnings, Oper. expenses, Net earnings, Taxes, Interest-N. Y., Transport'n Co., Other interest, Reserve for doubtful accounts, Total charges, Profit from oper., Income credits, Gross income, Profit & loss credits, Gross sur. for per'd, Profit & loss charges.

*Includes \$16,657 charged as depreciation of vehicles for the 6 mos., against \$16,525 for the June 30 year, based on 33 1/3% per annum, and \$28,004 reserved for injury and damage claims, against \$43,824.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Assets (Real est., equip., &c., Franchises & rights, Materials & supplies, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. rec. less res'v'e, Prep'd int., taxes, &c., Profit & loss), Liabilities (Capital stock, Due N. Y. Tr. Co., Real estate mortgages payable, Res. for injury, &c., Accts. payable, Acct'd taxes, int., &c., Res. for renewals).

a Includes equipment, \$594,636; reconstruction, \$19,191; total, \$613,827; real estate and bldgs., \$111,332; shop tools, machinery, fixtures and furniture, \$21,781; less accrued amortization of capital, \$398,081; leaving a balance as above, \$348,858.

The balance sheet of the Met. Ex. Co. Dec. 31 1912 shows capital stock, \$1,000 (no bonds), and real estate and buildings, \$150,000. The income for the 6 mos. ending Dec. 31 1912 was \$6,265, against \$13,069 for the year ending June 30 1912. Total surplus Dec. 31 1912, after crediting \$530,700 bills payable to N. Y. Transportation Co. (\$143,579 being the due that company), was \$10,341.

The balance sheet of the Park Carriage Co. shows capital stock \$200,000 (no bonds), net income for the 6 mos. ending Dec. 31 1912 was \$39, against \$75 for the year ending June 30 1912. The profit and loss deficit Dec. 31 1912, after crediting \$33,252 bills payable to N. Y. Trans. Co., was \$197,034.—V. 95, p. 1092.

Baldwin Co. (Pianos, Organs and Piano-Players), Cinc.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1912.)

SALES AND INCOME ACCOUNT, YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns: 1912, Total Sales, Total Earnings, Add. to Reserve, Dividends on Preferred, Dividends on Common, Added to Surplus.

* Also a stock dividend of 5%, calling for \$50,000. See V. 95, p. 1474.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Assets (Real estate & bldgs., Machinery, Cash, Bills & accts. receiv., Merchandise, raw & manufactured, Good-will, pat's, &c.), Liabilities (Common stock, Pref. stk. (6% cum.), Surplus earned, Reserves, Accts. pay'le & taxes, Bills payable (incl. ground rents).

Penman's, Limited, Montreal.

(Results for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1912.)

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Net profits, Deduct (Div. on pf. stk. (6%), Div. on com. stk. (4%), Accounts written off.), Interest on bonds, Transferred to reserve, Total deductions, Balance.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Assets (Land, bldgs., mach., good-will, &c., Raw & manuf. stock, Cash, Bills receivable, Acct's receivable (less reserves)), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st M. 5% bonds, Accounts payable & pay-rolls, Bills payable, Reserve account, Miscellaneous, Profit and loss).

The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1912.)

Pres. C. F. Sise says in substance:

Statistics Dec. 31 1912.—Number of stations owned, 192,748; increase 31,514 in year. Number of connecting and miscellaneous stations, 55,337; increase, 10,577. Total stations, 248,085; increase, 42,091. Number of miles of wire, 529,436.

Table with columns: December 31, 1885, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1912, Exchanges, Subscribers, Long-distance pole miles.

In 1912 19,385 stations were removed and 50,899 new stations added; net increase, 31,514. The plant additions in 1912 amounted to \$4,346,950.

The average annual revenue received for each subscriber's station in 1885 was \$31.76 and in 1912 \$29.91. Manufacturing Companies.—In the earlier years this company took the entire output of the Imperial Wire & Cable Co. and the Northern Elec. & Mfg. Co., but as time went on the business of these companies increased and the proportion of their output taken by this company became less and less, till in 1912 this company took about 30% of the output, the remaining 70% being taken by the Canadian public generally. The prices paid by this company are the market prices which are charged to and paid by our competitors and others.

Properties Sold.—The company has from time to time found it expedient to sell its properties in different Provinces, notably Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In most instances the company has taken payment part in cash and balance in fully-paid stock in the local companies. The cash so received has been re-invested in the plant of the company without any addition to the capital. In the North West Provinces the local governments proposed to inaurate local provincially owned and operated systems, and we sold our plant to those points on mutually satisfactory terms.

Assets.—Included in the company's assets are stock in the manufacturing companies referred to, premiums on stock, and the proceeds of the sales above mentioned (or the property in which some of such proceeds have been invested), but none of these bears any relation to the company's telephone business.

Local Companies.—The company has contracts for intercommunication and exchange of business with 474 local organizations and individuals, owning and operating rural lines, which have in some cases been built by the owners and are operated at a very low cost without a reasonable prospect of any return in dividends, &c. Our relations with these companies are satisfactory.

Capital Stock.—The stock of this company has never been "watered" nor distributed as a bonus to any person or corporation. The dividends paid since organization are equal to 7.5% on the average paid-up capital stock, but only 5.8% on the average amount invested in the plant, &c., connected with the public service. (For sale of \$3,000,000 new stock early in 1913 see V. 96, p. 287. As to bonds, see V. 95, p. 113; V. 96, p. 556.)

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, Exchanges (less unearned rentals), Long-distance lines, Private lines, Miscellaneous, Total receipts, Expenses (Operation expense, Current maintenance, Depreciation, Taxes, Interest), Total expenses, Net revenue, Div. (incl. Jan. 1913) (8%), Surplus for year.

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Assets (Real estate, Telephone plant, Furn., tools, & supp., Cash & deposits, Bills and accounts receivable, Stocks and bonds), Liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, Accounts payable, Accrued liabilities, Unearned revenue, Employees' benefit fund, Repac't & reserves, Surplus).

Total, 1912, \$3,687,608; 1911, \$2,709,644; 1910, \$3,167,608; 1909, \$2,709,644.—V. 96, p. 556.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Seaboard Colorado Rates.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission, in the case of the Boston Chamber of Commerce vs. the company, in the matter of the adjustment of rates from the Atlantic seaboard to Colorado decided:

It is a fundamental maxim of rate making that the rate per ton mile shall decrease as the distance increases, but it is not a rule of such universal or imperative application that every shipper is, as a matter of right, entitled to the benefit of it, nor can it be said that to disregard this rule creates of necessity a discrimination.

Upon the facts disclosed by the record, complainants do not make out any undue discrimination, but they show rather an unnatural and an unreasonable rate condition. Balancing the effect upon the carriers by reduction in revenues which must ensue upon a removal of this complaint against the slight benefit which would accrue to complainants, the Commission is of the opinion that no action should be taken now.

Report of Acquisition Denied.—See Oklahoma Central Ry. below.—V. 97, p. 442, 363.

Baltimore & Drum Point RR.—Successor Company.—See Baltimore & Virginia RR. below.—V. 54, p. 366.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Favorable Earnings.—The report of the company for July, the first month of the current fiscal year, shows that the system earned \$8,838,910 gross and \$2,692,809 net, compared with \$8,052,885 gross and \$2,392,411 net in July 1912, an increase of \$785,925 and \$300,398, respectively.

The gross revenue for the month was \$176,617 less than in June, a record month, but the total was \$1,517,653 ahead of July two years ago, since which time annual gross earnings have increased from \$88,145,000 to \$101,556,000, a growth of \$13,411,000, or 15%. During July \$1,258,439 was expended on maintenance of way and structures, comparing with \$1,137,679 in July 1912, an increase of \$120,559, and for maintenance of equipment \$1,332,749, a decrease of \$102,595. The company is still paying "flood" bills and will not be entirely through with expenditures on that account until the completion of its new bridges, which are now in an advanced stage of construction.—V. 97, p. 363, 297.

Baltimore & Virginia RR.—New Company.—The company, which intends to build mostly over the abandoned right-of-way of the old Drum Point route (projected Baltimore & Drum Point

& Santa Fe Ry. had acquired the property. President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison also telegraphed: "Have not purchased Oklahoma Central and are not contemplating it."—V. 96, p. 1089.

Pacific Elec. Ry., Los Angeles.—*Bonds, Earnings, &c.*—See Huntington Land & Improvement Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 96, p. 1773, 1365.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co., San Francisco.—*Report.*—See "Annual Reports" on a preceding page.

Mortgage.—This company has filed its new General Mortgage to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and Wm. C. Cox, as trustees, to secure \$5,000,000 General Lien 6% gold bonds, to be pledged as part collateral for the one-year notes described last week (p. 444).

Bonds dated July 1 1913, due July 1 1923, Interest J. & J. Par \$1,000 c. & r. Series "A" bonds convertible at holders' option into common stock at the following prices (per \$100 share): Till June 1 1917, \$80; then till June 1 1919, \$85; then till June 1 1921, \$90; then till July 1 1923 at \$95. Also subject to call by company on any interest date, all or part, at 101 and interest.—V. 97, p. 444, 365.

Pittsburgh & Susquehanna RR.—*Successor.*—The company was incorporated in Pennsylvania on Aug. 15 with \$2,000,000 auth. stock as a reorganization of the company of the same name, which was sold at receiver's sale on June 2 last (V. 96, p. 1630). Directors (and officers):

C. H. Rowland (Pres.), Phillipsburg, Pa.; L. T. McFadden (Vice-Pres.), Canton, Pa.; F. G. Leonard, Coudersport; H. P. Hartswick, Clearfield, and E. I. White, D. R. Cobb and W. Spaulding, of Syracuse.

Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.—*Stock.*—Three of the sub-companies on July 7 filed certificates of increase of authorized capital stock as follows, the new shares to be issued to the parent (holding) corporation from time to time, subject to approval of the State P. U. Commission, on account of improvements and additions:

Public Service Gas Co. of New Jersey.....From \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000
Public Service Electric Co.....From 15,000,000 to 30,000,000
Paterson & State Line Trtraction Co.....From 100,000 to 300,000

The Public Service Corporation then held \$9,249,500 of the \$10,000,000 stock of Public Service Gas Co., \$12,999,100 of the \$15,000,000 stock of Public Service Electric Co. and \$55,700 of the \$100,000 stock of the Trac. Co. The Gas Co. was on July 9 authorized to put out \$750,000 of its unissued stock and the Electric Co. was expected to issue shortly a further \$2,000,000.

On July 17 1913 Trenton Terminal RR. Co. and Elizabeth New Brunswick & Trenton RR. Co. were consolidated under agreement dated June 30 1913 as the Public Service RR. Co., all of whose \$105,000 capital stock (issued for a like amount of stock of the consolidated companies), except directors' shares, is owned by Public Service Corp. of N. J. Regular trolley service between Newark and Trenton was inaugurated July 1 1913.—V. 97, p. 445, 366.

Rapid Transit in New York City.—*Contracts.*—

The P. S. Commission on Aug. 19 opened bids for the construction of Section I of Routes Nos. 36 and 37, known as the Astoria Woodside & Corona Rapid Transit RR., elevated roads, and to be jointly operated by the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and the New York Municipal Ry. Corporation. The contract was awarded on Aug. 21 to Snare & Triest Co., the lowest bidder. The Commission also held hearings on the forms of contract for the construction of new rapid transit lines in the Bronx, viz.: the Jerome Ave. branch of the Lexington Ave. subway, the remainder of the Pelham Bay Park branch of the Lexington Ave. line and the White Plains Ave. line, which will be a branch of the Lenox Ave. division of the present subway. All are to be elevated roads except a part of the Pelham Bay Park branch, which is to be a subway from 130th St. to a point in Whitlock Ave. between Alder and Bangor streets and an elevated road from that point to the terminal in Pelham Bay Park. Compare Interborough Rapid Transit Co., page 452, last week.—V. 97, p. 445, 238.

St. John (N. B.) Ry.—*Stock Increase, &c.*—The company is, it is stated, making an issue of \$200,000 stock at par, making \$1,000,000 outstanding, the total authorized issue.

The company does the entire street railway, electric-light, power and gas business in the city of St. John and vicinity, having recently built a transmission line from there to Rothsay, 9 miles. Total track operated, including 6½ miles second track, 19. Street railway franchises exclusive till 1932. The New Brunswick Legislature at its last session granted a charter to the Suburban Ry. (owned by other interests) to build and operate in the St. John suburbs. In Feb. last an offer to purchase the stock (on which dividends have been paid at the rate of 6% for years) at \$150 per share, was refused. The offer, it is understood, was made by a syndicate including those in control of the Bangor & Portland (Me.) Street Ry., and of the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Co., which was given legislative authority to develop power in St. John and Charlotte counties and sell electricity for light and power in St. John. Bonds issued, as reported unofficially 1st M. 5% of 1895, due May 1 1925, \$500,000; 1st & ref. M. of 1897, due May 1 1927 (\$700,000 auth.), \$250,000; 3d M. bonds, due May 1 1927, \$300,000; debs. of May 1 1912, due May 1 1927, \$250,000 auth.—V. 95, p. 1333.

San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Ry.—*Extension Asked.*—The trustees in charge of re-financing the company have requested an extension of time of company's notes for a period of one year.

Minority Shareholders.—The holders of the minority stock, stated as about 20,000 shares, of the Oakland Trraction, San Fran. Oakland & San Jose Consol. Ry. and San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. was recently requested by the committee, Henry Wadsworth, Judge E. Nusbaumer and R. Whitehead, San Fr., to send to Mr. Whitehead 10 cents per share to meet the expense of preliminary examination.

This committee finds, after a careful examination of the statements rendered to the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. by Price, Waterhouse & Co., that apparently there has been grave injustice done the minority stockholders. They would, therefore, recommend that chartered accountants be employed to make a thorough investigation of the financial conditions and expenditures for the past three years, with a view of determining if any stocks, bonds or other properties belonging to these corporations have been diverted or appropriated illegally, and, if so, to take all legal measures to compel the same to be returned to the treasuries of the cos.

Subsequently, in view of representations made by the Smith trustees, it was decided to defer bringing suit.

Plan.—The tentative plan presented on June 28 provides:

Digest of Circular from Anderson Committee, San Francisco June 28
When this committee took charge of the assets of F. M. Smith in the interest of his creditors and himself, it appeared that a large portion of the assets consisted of shares of pref. stock of San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. (or of Oakland Trtraction Co. or San Francisco-Oakland & San Jose Consol. Ry., which latter companies have been consolidated into San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys.), and that most of the said shares had been pledged to and were held by Mr. Smith's creditors. We were also confronted with the fact that the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., in addition to its bonded debt, was indebted in the sum of \$2,500,000 upon a promissory note for \$2,500,000 maturing June 12 1913, and that it had also a floating debt of over \$800,000 and was in urgent need of a considerable sum for improvements and development of its properties.

The promissory note for \$2,500,000 had been given to Oakland Rys. for money received from that company, and the latter had pledged this note,

together with certain bonds and shares of stock, to secure an issue of notes in the hands of the public, aggregating \$2,500,000, and maturing June 12 1913 (V. 95, p. 544, 619; V. 96, p. 1702, 1773; V. 97, p. 50). The collateral security for these notes was and is as follows: (a) Oakland Trtraction Co. 5% bonds of 1935, \$1,843,000; (b) San Fran. Oakland & San Jose cons. 5% bonds of 1935, \$1,413,000; (c) pref. stock, \$1,000,000; common stock, \$13,710,100, and a 6% note due June 12 1913, \$2,500,000.

No arrangement had been made to pay said maturing and matured indebtedness, and this committee, in the interest of F. M. Smith and his creditors, together with the committee controlling the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., have used their utmost endeavors to arrange some plan whereby the \$2,500,000 maturing debt might be refunded for 5 years and additional funds might be obtained to pay certain portions of the floating debt and for necessary improvement and development.

As a result of numerous conferences between the parties in interest, a tentative plan to this end was finally arranged under date of June 12 1913 with the bond houses of N. W. Halsey & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons. Under this plan it is proposed that a new company shall be formed, with the same amount of capital stock as San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., and shall acquire all the properties of the Oakland Rys. and issue its stock, share for share, for the outstanding stock of the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys.; that is to say, each holder of the pref. "A" stock of such company will receive one share of the 6% pref. stock of the new company, cumulative after Aug. 15 1918, each holder of a share of the pref. "B" stock will receive one share of the 6% second pref. non-cum. stock of the new company, and each holder of one share of common stock will receive one share of the common stock of the new company.

The new company will also issue \$4,000,000 6% 5-year notes, all of which, less the expenses of carrying out the plan, will be used for the refunding of the said \$2,500,000 of the maturing indebtedness, and to provide for the payment of the floating debt and improvement and development of said San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys.; \$2,000,000 additional notes of the same issue will be reserved, to be sold, if necessary, in the future to provide for future betterments and extensions. The plan provides that these new notes shall be secured by all of the above-mentioned collateral (other than the \$2,500,000 note of the San Fran.-Oakland Terminal Rys.) and by certain notes (secured by bonds) of the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., and that sufficient additional shares of the pref. "A" and common stock of the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. shall be turned in by the other stockholders to make the number of shares of such stock pledged to secure these notes at least equal to the amount below mentioned.

Proposed Security for 5-Year 6% Notes at Time of Issue of First \$4,000,000

Oakland Trtraction Co. 5% bonds.....\$1,843,000
San Francisco-Oakland & San Jose 5s.....1,413,000
San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. stock, &c., viz.:
(a) Stock at least \$9,200,000 "A" pref., \$1,000,000 "B" pref.....24,800,000
and \$14,600,000 common.....

(b) Five-year 6% notes (secured by \$4,500,000 of bonds).....4,000,000

Oakland Terminal Rys. capital stock.....All

The consummation of the plan required the holders of stock of the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. to exchange their present shares for shares in the new company so to be formed, also that the shares of the new company so to be issued in exchange shall be deposited in a voting trust to continue until the notes shall be paid. The plan contemplates that shares in the Oakland Trtraction and San Francisco-Oakland & San Jose Consol. Ry. shall first be exchanged for San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., and the stock of the latter company then exchanged for the stock of the new co.

The securities now pledged by Oakland Rys. to secure its \$2,500,000 notes are also pledged as security for the guaranty of that company for the payment of an issue of \$1,100,000 of notes of Oakland Terminal Co. (V. 95, p. 619, 544) primarily secured by \$5,000,000 of 1st M. bonds of the latter company, which notes mature Aug. 20 1913. The plan contemplates that this issue of notes shall be refunded by a new issue of 5½-year notes which shall have the same primary security and be guaranteed by the new company, such guaranty to be a second lien on all of the securities above mentioned.

The arrangement so agreed upon was the best that the committees could make under the circumstances, and in the opinion of both committees the failure to carry out this plan will result in legal proceedings which will in all probability result in very great dissipation of the values of the stock of the company. The committees believe that if this plan be consummated, the time thus secured will enable the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. to readjust its affairs and either to refund all of its obligations by a bond issue large enough to provide for future necessary extensions or to effect a sale of its properties, should a favorable opportunity present itself.

It is impracticable in a letter of this character to set forth all of the facts involved, but this committee will be glad to give additional particulars. The matter is urgent and calls for immediate action. At the present time the arrangement is purely tentative. Unless sufficient holders of the stock deposit their stock for exchange as above outlined on or before July 15 1913 [time extended till Aug. 1.—Ed.], the bankers are under no obligation to co-operate further, and if they do not, the plan will fail. The committees, therefore, urge you to forthwith deposit your shares of the pref. and com. stock of San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. (or of Oakland Trtraction Co. or of San Francisco-Oakland & San Jose Consol. Ry.) with Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco, and to authorize that trust company, under the direction of this committee, to exchange your stock for the said voting trust certificates, if the plan is consummated. [Signed by Frank B. Anderson, Chairman, John S. Drum, Sec., Mortimer Fleischhacker, W. W. Garthwaite, C. O. G. Miller.]

Application of \$520,000 Held in Trust to Construct Pier.—

Under order of Judge Moran at San Francisco on June 25, the \$520,000 held by the Union Trust Co. of San Fran., as trustee under mortgage of 1903 of San Fran. Oakland & San Jose Ry. (having been derived in consideration for tidewater lands removed from lien of mortgage) is being expended in connection with the building of a second pier at Oakland, to cost about \$1,000,000, adjacent to present pier.—V. 97, p. 118.

Union Elevated RR. of Chicago.—*Favorable Decision.*—

A jury in Judge Bowles' Court recently decided in favor of the company the suit brought against it by the late Potter Palmer in 1900, demanding \$500,000 damages for alleged injury to the Palmer House through the construction of the loop structure.

In a similar suit brought by Mrs. Palmer in her own behalf for \$250,000 damages, a jury in Judge Stough's Court disagreed on May 30.—V. 76, p. 1032.

Union Pacific RR.—*Suit.*—The Government through the Interior Department on Feb. 27 began a proceeding before the Inter-State Commerce Commission to enjoin an alleged attempt on the part of the company to monopolize traffic bound for the Pacific Northwest from points in the Middle West and on the Great Lakes.

The petition stated that the company on Dec. 16 1911 published a tariff covering through shipments from points on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and the Great Lakes to points on the Oregon Short Line, the rates not to be applicable unless shipments were turned over to the Union Pacific and its eastern terminals at Kansas City, Mo., Council Bluffs, Iowa, Leavenworth, Kan., Omaha, Fremont, or Norfolk, Neb., this, it being contended, preventing the shipment of freight from Mississippi and Missouri river and Great Lake points over the Northern Pacific Ry. via a shorter route. The Union Pacific, through its tariffs, it is said, prevented the Oregon Short Line from promulgating through rates over other lines from points mentioned in the petition to places on the Oregon Short Line.

Suit Involving Title to Coal Lands Settled.—

Judge Riner at Cheyenne, Wyo., on Mch. 6, on a stipulation consenting thereto, entered judgment in the suit brought by the Government restoring to the public domain coal lands near Hanna, Wyo., title to which it was alleged was wrongfully obtained. Press dispatches state that the land was valued at \$3,000,000, and that the Government is entitled to about \$1,000,000 for tonnage on a royalty basis.—V. 97, p. 445, 366.

United Properties Co. of California.—*Option, &c.*—

The trustees are reported to have given R. G. Hanford an option to purchase the electric lines controlled by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys., good until Jan. 1 1914,

Reports and Documents.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1913.

To the Shareholders:

The accounts of the Company for the year ended June 30 1913 show the following results:

Gross Earnings.....	\$139,395,699 98
Working Expenses.....	93,149,825 83
Net Earnings.....	\$46,245,874 15
Net Earnings of Steamships in excess of amount included in monthly reports.....	1,245,563 03
	\$47,491,437 18
Deduct Fixed Charges.....	10,876,352 15
	\$36,615,085 03
Surplus.....	\$36,615,085 03
Deduct amount transferred to Steamship Replacement Account.....	\$1,000,000 00
Contribution to Pension Fund.....	125,000 00
	1,125,000 00
	\$35,490,085 03
From this there has been charged a half-yearly dividend on Preference Stock of 2%, paid April 1st 1913.....	\$1,473,386 53
And three quarterly dividends on Ordinary Stock of 1¼% each, paid January 2nd 1913, April 1st 1913 and June 30th 1913.....	10,150,000 00
And interest on Installments on New Stock Subscriptions, paid October 15th 1912.....	569,813 87
	12,193,200 40
	\$23,296,884 63
From this there has been declared a second half-yearly dividend on Preference Stock, payable October 1st 1913.....	\$1,486,626 79
And a fourth quarterly dividend on Ordinary Stock of 1¼%, payable October 1st 1913.....	3,500,000 00
	4,986,626 79
Leaving net surplus for the year.....	\$18,310,257 84
In addition to the above dividends on Ordinary Stock, 3% was paid from Special Income.	

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DETAILS OF SPECIAL INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1913.

Balance at June 30th 1912.....	\$2,460,790 60
Interest on Cash Proceeds and on Deferred Payments for land sold.....	2,031,785 05
Interest on Deposits and Loans.....	1,201,906 69
Interest on Can. Pac. Ry. 1st Mortgage Bonds acquired.....	63,461 33
Interest from Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Bonds.....	159,720 00
Interest from Mineral Range Ry. Bonds.....	50,160 00
Interest from Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Bonds.....	10,840 00
Interest from Kingston & Pembroke Ry. Bonds.....	8,565 00
Interest from Dominion Government Bonds.....	182,500 00
Interest from Ontario Government Bonds.....	45,000 00
Interest from British Consols.....	114,569 44
Interest from Montreal & Atlantic Ry. Bonds and on other Securities.....	552,298 89
Interest from Berlin Waterloo Wellesley & Lake Huron Ry. Bonds.....	17,040 00
Dividend on St. John Bridge & Ry. Extension Co. Stock.....	75,000 00
Dividends on Dominion Express Co. Stock.....	240,000 00
Dividends on Minneapolis St. Paul & S. S. M. R. Common Stock.....	890,645 00
Dividends on Minneapolis St. Paul & S. S. M. Ry. Preferred Stock.....	445,326 00
Dividends on West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Common Stock.....	33,000 00
Dividends on West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Preferred Stock.....	3,850 00
Dividends on Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Stock.....	164,246 00
Net Revenue from Company's Coal Mines.....	305,237 93
	\$9,058,941 93
Less—Payments to Shareholders in dividends: October 1st 1912, January 2nd 1913, April 1st 1913 and June 30th 1913.....	5,700,000 00
	\$3,358,941 93
From this a dividend has been declared, payable October 1st 1913.....	\$1,500,000 00

2. The working expenses for the year amounted to 66.82 per cent of the gross earnings and the net earnings to 33.18 per cent, as compared with 64.89 and 35.11 per cent, respectively, in 1912.

3. Four per cent Consolidated Debenture Stock to the amount of £1,938,394 was created and sold, and of the proceeds the sum of £1,051,619 was applied to the construction of authorized branch lines and £886,775 was devoted to the acquisition of the bonds of other Railway Companies whose lines constitute a portion of your system, the interest on which had, with your sanction, been guaranteed by your Company.

4. Four per cent Preference Stock to the amount of £1,569,091 was created and sold, the proceeds being used to meet capital expenditures that had your previous sanction.

5. Your guaranty of interest was endorsed on Four per cent Consolidated Bonds of the Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company to the amount of \$2,623,000, issued and sold to cover the cost of 131.15 miles of railway added to that Company's system.

6. During the year 474,798 acres of agricultural land were sold for \$7,487,268, being an average of \$15.77 per acre. Included in this area there were 7,944 acres of irrigated land, which brought \$48.88 per acre, so that the average price of the balance was \$15.20 per acre.

7. Shares of ordinary Capital Stock to the amount of \$2,000,000.00, being the difference between the Capital Stock outstanding and the amount authorized by the share-

holders October 7th 1908, were sold in the market early in the year and realized a premium of \$2,860,821.80, which will be used for additions and improvements to your property.

8. In pursuance of your policy of building and extending branch lines in Western Canada to provide present and incoming settlers with transportation facilities, a line is projected from a point near Swift Current, on your main line in Saskatchewan, in a northwesterly direction to cross your Lacombe branch at or about Coronation, and eventually to reach Sedgewick, a station on your line between Saskatoon and Edmonton, a total distance of 290 miles. The first 115 miles of this line should be constructed without delay, and the balance in stretches as circumstances may seem to warrant; two other lines, one of which will run northeasterly from Bassano, on your main line in Alberta, to a connection with the Swift Current line, a distance of 118 miles, and the other from Gleichen to Shepard, a distance of 40 miles, should be built within the next year. These lines will serve important agricultural districts north and south of your main line and will answer all the purposes of a second track between the points mentioned for some years to come. The Weyburn branch, running south of, and parallel to, your main line in Saskatchewan and Alberta, to a connection with your Alberta Railway south of Lethbridge, a total distance of 436 miles, of which 196 miles have been constructed, or are in process of construction, under your authority, should be further extended year by year until completed. Branch lines from Gimli, Manitoba, in a northerly direction for a distance of 26 miles, and from Snowflake, Manitoba, in a westerly direction, a distance of 9 miles, and an extension of the Suffield branch in Saskatchewan, 27 miles, will be of substantial service to settlers in these respective districts.

Your Directors will ask you to sanction the construction of such part of this mileage as you have not already authorized, and the issue, from time to time, of the requisite 4% Consolidated Debenture Stock to meet the expenditure.

9. Among the important additions and improvements now in process of execution are, 29 miles of second track between Islington and Guelph Junction, on the Ontario Division, to cost \$750,000; 133 miles of additional second track between Sudbury and Port Arthur, on the Lake Superior Division, to cost \$5,300,000; 178 miles of additional second track between Brandon and Calgary, to cost approximately \$5,000,000; 18 miles of second track and grade improvements, including a double track tunnel, five miles in length, between Six Mile Creek and the "Loop," near the summit of the Selkirk Mountains, at a cost, without electrification, of about \$8,000,000; 139 miles of second track between Revelstoke and Vancouver, in stretches where it will give the most immediate relief, to cost \$6,350,000.

When this work is finished and the new lines between Regina and Shepard, to which reference has already been made, are constructed, there will be 200 miles of double track between Sudbury and Port Arthur, leaving 352 miles to be provided in the future; between Port Arthur and Calgary there will be 1,095 miles of double track, leaving gaps aggregating only 165 miles, and between Calgary and Vancouver 158 miles of double track, leaving 488 miles to be built hereafter.

A second track on such a large portion of your main line between Sudbury and the Pacific Coast will relieve the congestion that has prevailed from time to time and will enable you to handle your traffic more expeditiously and economically, and the construction of the long tunnel, between Six Mile Creek and the "Loop," will eliminate four and one-half miles of snow-sheds that it would be necessary to reconstruct at very great expense if the present location of the railway through that section were adhered to. It is not the intention of your Directors to proceed with the second track in the more difficult sections along the Thompson and Fraser rivers until your Kettle Valley Line is ready for traffic between Midway and Hope, in 1915, so that you may have an alternative route available between Medicine Hat and Vancouver via the Crows' Nest Pass if anything unforeseen should occur during the prosecution of the double track work to obstruct traffic on the main line.

10. You will be asked to approve the purchase of two intermediate steamships for the Atlantic trade, 500 feet long, 64 feet beam, 11,600 gross tonnage, 15 knots speed, to cost approximately £300,000 each, and two steamships for the Pacific Coast service, 395 feet long, 54 feet beam, capable of making 22½ knots per hour at sea, and to cost approximately £200,000 each.

The two Atlantic steamships are urgently required for your second and third class passengers and freight traffic between European ports and Canada, and the two fast passenger steamers for the Pacific Coast will further improve the excellent service that you are now providing for the

large and growing passenger business between Vancouver, Victoria and other ports on the Pacific Coast.

11. When the last issue and sale of ordinary capital stock was authorized by you, a portion of the proceeds of the sale was directed to be applied to the retirement of the outstanding five per cent First Mortgage Bonds of the Company that mature in 1915, and, therefore, your Directors deemed it desirable to give notice to the holders in May last that the Company would receive and pay for any of the Bonds that might be surrendered before the end of the fiscal year. Pursuant to this notice Bonds to the amount of £4,234,700, or \$20,608,873.33, were delivered and paid for. These, with the Bonds that the Company had previously acquired, make a total of £4,487,900, or \$21,841,113.33, that have been retired and canceled, leaving outstanding Bonds to the amount of £2,703,600, or \$13,157,520.00, to be redeemed and canceled as opportunity offers.

12. For the convenience of those desiring to make transfers in Montreal of shares of your ordinary capital stock, the Bank of Montreal has been appointed Registrar and the Royal Trust Company has been appointed Transfer Agent for the Montreal Register, and a by-law giving effect to the appointments will be submitted for your consideration and approval.

13. It will be observed that the mileage covered by the statement of gross earnings and working expenses has increased from 10,983 miles in 1912 to 11,602 miles in this fiscal year. The business of a number of these new lines will naturally add but little to your gross income for a time, while traffic is being developed, but meantime their maintenance and operation have a marked effect on the working expenses. This, coupled with more liberal expenditure for maintenance of way and equipment and advances in the wage scale in some branches of the service, will account, in a large measure, for the abnormal increase in your working expenses over the previous year.

14. The item "Railway and Equipment" in the balance sheet is \$69,491,729.27 more than it was in 1912, after applying upwards of \$10,000,000 from surplus accounts. Of this amount, \$30,137,885.86 represents the cost of additional rolling stock, \$9,113,050.21 the expenditure for the construction of branch lines, \$36,809,675.82 for additions and improvements to your property and \$3,126,347.32 for additional shops and machinery over the whole system.

15. The undermentioned Directors will retire from office at the approaching Annual Meeting. They are eligible for re-election:—

- Mr. DAVID McNICOLL
Mr. CHARLES R. HOSMER
Hon. ROBERT MACKAY
Hon. JAMES DUNSMUIR.

For the Directors,
T. G. SHAUGHNESSY,
President.

Montreal, August 11th 1913.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30 1913.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. ASSETS includes Railway and Equipment, Ocean, Lake and River Steamships, Acquired Securities, Properties Held in Trust, Advances, Material and Supplies, Current Assets, and Cash in Hand. LIABILITIES includes Capital Stock, Payments on Subscription, Mortgage Bonds, Current Liabilities, Interest on Funded Debt, Equipment Obligations, and Surplus.

I. O. OGDEN, Vice-President.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the Books and Records of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1913, and, having compared the annexed Balance Sheet and Income Account therewith, we certify that, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true financial position of the Company at that date, and that the relative Income Account for the year is correct.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO., Chartered Accountants (England).

Montreal, August 8 1913.

FIXED CHARGES FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 1913.

Table listing fixed charges for year ended June 30 1913, including items like 1st Mortgage 5% Bonds, Man. S. West. Colzn. Ry. 1st M. 5% Bonds, Toronto Grey & Bruce Ry. Rental, etc.

4% CONSOLIDATED DEBENTURE STOCK.

Table showing interest from July 1 1912, interest from Jan. 1 1913, and interest from July 1 1913, plus less received from subsidy.

EXHIBIT "A"—ACQUIRED SECURITIES. Securities of Leased Lines.

Large table listing acquired securities of leased lines with columns for security name and par value. Includes Atlantic & North West Ry. 1st Mortgage Bonds, Eganville Branch 1st Mortgage Bonds, etc.

Miscellaneous Securities.

Table listing various securities such as Alberta Stock Yards Co., Common Stock, Canada North West Land Co. Common Stock, etc.

*Denotes complete ownership.

We have examined all the Securities, including those listed above, held for account of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by the Treasurer, and have received certificates from the Custodians for those deposited with the Banks and Trust Companies for safe custody, and, having compared them with the records of the Company, find them correct and in order.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,

Montreal, August 8th 1913. Chartered Accountants (England).

EXHIBIT "B"—LANDS SOLD.

Table showing land sales data including Canadian Pacific Land Grants, Manitoba South Western Grant, and Great North West Central Grant.

Position of Land Grants at June 30th 1913.

Table detailing the position of land grants, including Canadian Pacific Grants, Hudson's Bay Co. grants, and agricultural lands owned by the company.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LANDS.

Table detailing land sales and grants in British Columbia, including Columbia and Kootenay, British Columbia Southern, and Columbia and Western.

EXHIBIT "C"—DETAILS OF BALANCE SHEET ITEM.

Table detailing balance sheet items including Lands and Townsites, Proceeds from land sales, and Expenditures on Irrigation.

EXHIBIT "D"—CONSTRUCTION—ACQUIRED AND BRANCH LINES.

Table listing construction and branch lines such as Moosejaw N. W. Branch, Craven-Bulyse Branch, Stenwall Branch Extension, etc.

EXHIBIT "E"—DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE ON ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS FROM JULY 1ST 1912 TO JUNE 30TH 1913.

Table detailing expenditures on additions and improvements, including Main Line, Quebec to Bonfield, and various office buildings.

EXHIBIT "F"—DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE ON LEASED AND ACQUIRED LINES FROM JULY 1ST 1912 TO JUNE 30TH 1913.

Table detailing expenditures on leased and acquired lines, including Ontario & Quebec Railway, Atlantic & North West Railway, and others.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH 1913.

Table showing receipts and expenditures for the year ended June 30th 1913, including cash in hand, receipts from revenue, and various expenses.

	Year ended June 30 1913.	Year ended June 30 1912.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) Amount or Number.	Per Cent.
Tons of rev. freight carried one mile per mile of road	989,081	945,519	+43,562	+4.61
Tons of non-rev. freight carried one mile per mile of road	153,423	150,039	+3,384	+2.26
Total tons (all classes) freight carried one mile per mile of road	1,142,504	1,095,558	+46,946	+4.29
Average amt. received per ton per mile of revenue freight, cts.	0.784	0.772	+0.012	+1.55
Average No. of tons of revenue freight per train mile	381.12	372.02	+9.10	+2.45
Average No. of tons of non-rev. freight per train mile	59.12	59.03	+0.09	+1.15
Average No. of tons of (all classes) freight per train mile	440.24	431.05	+9.19	+2.13
Average No. of tons of revenue freight per loaded car mile	19.34	18.30	+1.04	+5.68
Average No. of tons of non-rev. freight per loaded car mile	3.00	2.91	+0.09	+3.09
Average No. of tons of (all classes) freight per loaded car mile	22.34	21.21	+1.13	+5.33
Freight train earnings per loaded car mile, cts.	15.15	14.13	+1.02	+7.22
Freight train earnings per train mile, \$	2.99	2.87	+0.12	+4.18
Freight train earnings per mile of road, \$	7,750.78	7,298.71	+452.07	+6.19

STATEMENT OF CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY PENSION DEPARTMENT TO JUNE 30TH 1913.

Balance at June 30th 1912.	\$685,404.32
Amount contributed by Company for year.	125,000.00
Amount received as interest.	40,521.44
	\$850,925.76
Payment of Pension Allowances for year.	169,329.16
Balance in Cash and Investments.	\$681,596.60

NUMBER ON PENSION ROLL AT JUNE 30TH 1913.

Under 60 years of age.	73
Between 60 and 70 years of age.	294
Over 70 years of age.	238
Total.	605

Yellow Taxicab Co., New York.—Decision.—

Justice Seabury in the Supreme Court on Aug. 20, after hearing 16 motions of taxicab companies (including the Yellow Taxicab Co., Mason-Seaman Transportation Co. and New Taxicab Co.) and hotels for injunctions to restrain the enforcement of the new ordinance abolishing private hack stands and fixing a lower schedule of fares, which was to go into effect on Aug. 1, sustained the law in every respect and vacated the temporary injunctions previously granted. The Mason-Seaman Transportation Co. on the following day applied for a new license under the ordinance, thus accepting the decision.

The Court, in answer to the objection raised that the new rates are unreasonable and confiscatory and therefore unconstitutional, states that the old rates not only afforded a fair profit but also defrayed the large amounts the taxicab companies paid abutting owners for special stands and that present rates should yield a profit with such payments eliminated.

The Yellow Taxicab Co. stated in its complaint that the business coming directly to its offices or garages amounted to only 17% of the total and that the hotel business furnished its only opportunity to realize a return on its investment. An affidavit of a public accountant was presented, according to the "New York Sun," showing that the company had never paid a dividend and has not earned enough from its taxicab business to pay the interest on its debt. The gross revenue for the year ending May 21 1913 was stated as \$2,228,959 and the deficit for the year as \$8,947. The rates imposed by the new ordinance would, it is stated, have reduced the revenues by \$599,212.—V. 94, p. 1512.

—The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, which made in 1913 the largest dividend distribution to Fidelity policy holders in its history, has published the annual report of the President, L. G. Fouse, in booklet form for general circulation. Full particulars of the company's business operations for 1912 are carefully detailed. The 34th annual statement shows growth in all times, until now paid insurance in force is \$130,771,679; the total payments to policy holders since organization amount to \$27,898,666. The aggregate assets Jan. 1 1913 were \$26,664,806 65. Copy of the annual statement will be mailed upon application.

—The present bond market has been described as the "investors' harvest," and the bond house of William W. Eastman Co., McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., is issuing a very attractive circular of investments covering railroad, corporation and local issues, which ought to appeal strongly to institutions, trustees and private investors. About twenty different issues of bonds are described which will net the buyer from 5% to 6%. Descriptive circulars and full information will be furnished upon request.

—Kennett Cowan & Co., bankers, of Chicago and New York, announce the opening of an office in Detroit at 615 Ford Bldg., under the management of Alfred Rice, formerly of McLaughlin, Rice & Davis. Mr. Rice will represent the firm in Detroit and the State of Michigan.

—Allerton, Greene & King of Chicago announce that, on account of the increasing volume of business in Detroit, they have moved their Detroit office from the Union Trust Bldg. to more commodious quarters in the Dime Bank Bldg. J. L. Stockard is manager of the office.

—Brown Bros. & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York are jointly offering in our advertising columns to-day £926,000 (\$4,506,500) City of Toronto, Ontario, four per cent gold bonds at 84 and interest, yielding about 5 per cent. Complete information on request.

—Borton & Borton, Cleveland, have just published a little pamphlet describing the principal rubber cos. of Ohio, viz: B. F. Goodrich Co., Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Republic Rubber Co., Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Miller Rubber Co. and Swinehart Tire & Rubber Co.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Aug. 22 1913.

Sentiment in commercial circles continues generally optimistic, though the Mexican situation, naturally, makes for conservatism. Damage to the corn crop does not appear to have checked the cheerful feeling in the West. It is evident that a hand-to-mouth buying policy necessitates replenishment of supplies regardless of temporary uncertainties. Rains came too late to save the corn harvest, but satisfactory yields in other agricultural staples tends to reassure industrial circles. Cutting of steel prices has resulted in increased demand, while pig iron is firmer. Bank clearings here in the East are not up to the level of a year ago.

LARD rules firm in sympathy with the corn situation. The trade, however, is moderate, as buyers do not care to follow the advance. Prime Western is quoted at \$11 55; refined to Continent, \$12 15; South American, \$12 80; Brazil in kegs, \$13 80. Lard futures have been stronger during the week. Packers who sold recently on the bulge in corn, covered contracts. It is argued that the freer offerings of hogs would be only temporary, and that later on the country would experience a scarcity. Farmers do not care to feed high-priced corn, and ship their stock to market.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery cts.	11.15	11.27½	11.25	11.30	11.30	11.22½
October delivery	11.20	11.35	11.35	11.37½	11.37½	11.32½
January delivery	10.67½	10.82½	10.90	10.92½	10.95	10.87½

PORK firm; mess \$23 @ \$23 50; clear \$20 50 @ \$22 50; family \$24 50 @ \$26 50. Beef lower; mess \$18 @ \$19; packet \$19 @ \$20; family \$20 @ \$22; extra India mess \$28 @ \$30. Cut meats easier; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 15½ @ 16c.; bellies, clear, f. o. b. New York, 6 to 12 lbs., 15 @ 17½c. Butter, creamery extras, 28 @ 28½c. Cheese, State whole milk, fresh colored specials, 15½c. Eggs, fresh gathered extras, 28 @ 30c.

OILS.—Linseed steady; City raw, American seed 53 @ 54c.; boiled 54 @ 55c. Calcutta 70c. Cottonseed oil higher; winter 9.25c.; summer white 8.50c. Coconut oil steady; Cochin 14 @ 15c.; Ceylon 11¼ @ 11½c. Chinawood in good demand at 7½ @ 7¾c. Corn firm at 6.65 @ 6.70c. Cod active at 38 @ 40c.

COFFEE is easier in sympathy with the market for futures. The country persists in its hand-to-mouth attitude. The roasters feel that an active primary movement must send down values. On the spot, Rio 7s a e quoted at 9¼c. with fair to good Cucuta at 11½c to 12c. Futures are lower on liquidation by local roasters and short selling. The expected frost scare failed to materialize and the weather has turned better. Receipts at Santos are larger but planters are holding for an advance. They feel that the U. S. and Europe must purchase for shipment soon. Closing prices follow:

August	8.83 @ 8.87	December	9.12 @ 9.13	April	9.40 @ 9.42
September	8.87 @ 8.89	January	9.22 @ 9.21	May	9.46 @ 9.48
October	8.85 @ 8.97	February	9.28 @ 9.30	June	9.50 @ 9.52
November	9.04 @ 9.06	March	9.35 @ 9.37	July	9.54 @ 9.56

SUGAR.—Raw was firm. The visible supply of sugar in the world is estimated at 1,970,000 tons, against 1,450,000 last year. European cables have latterly been higher. Stocks in the United States and Cuba together are 602,400 tons, against 636,217 last week and 453,753 last year. Centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 3.73c.; muscovado, 89-degrees test, 3.23c.; molasses, 89-degrees test, 2.98c. Refined quiet and steady at 4.70c. for granulated.

PETROLEUM steady; barrels 8.70 @ 9.70c.; bulk 5 @ 6c.; cases 11 @ 12c. Pennsylvania crude \$2 @ \$2 50; Kansas and Oklahoma \$1 03; Corsicana, Tex., 80c. @ \$1; North Lima, \$1 89; South Lima, \$1 34; Indiana, \$1 34; Illinois, \$1 30. Naphtha firm; 73 to 76-degrees test, in 100-gallon drums, 25c.; drums \$8 50 extra. Gasoline, 89-degrees test, 29½c.; 74 to 76-degrees test, 25¼c.; 68 to 70-degrees, 22¼c. and stove 21c. Spirits of turpentine 41 @ 41½c. Common to good strained rosin \$4 20.

TOBACCO.—Some business reported, locally, with Western buyers, but the purchases of Connecticut broad-leaf were as a rule not large. The tendency is to go slow until the fall months. Cigar manufacturers will then be in the market for needs. They are not well supplied with wrapper, which commands full prices. Contracting is reported in new-crop Connecticut and Massachusetts leaf, but the manufacturers and packers are confining interest to the better quality. Sumatra is moving slowly, as the trade is fairly well taken care of for the moment. In Cuba, Remedios are moving well and high prices are paid. American manufacturers are in the market, packers being temporarily less in evidence.

COPPER is firm in tone, with no pressure of supplies. Recent strikes and the steady consumption keep the statistical position strong. On the other hand, the buying is for requirements, as manufacturers seem skeptical of the advance holding. Much will depend upon the situation abroad, London ruling irregular and quiet. For Lake 15½c. is repeated, but electrolytic is firmer at 15¾c. Tin is easier in sympathy with foreign cables. There is a fair demand at 41.40c. Spelter is higher at 5.82½c., but trade is light. Lead is firmer at 4.75c. Pig iron is steady with a moderate amount of new business. No. 2 East, \$14 75 @ \$15; No. 2 Southern, \$10 75 @ \$11. An easier tendency is noted to finished products. The cut in wire has stimulated inquiry.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Week) and rows for various months (August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July) showing price ranges and closing values.

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.

Table showing cotton stock and supply data for August 22, 1913, with columns for bales, 1913, 1912, 1911, and 1910. Rows include Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain stock, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, and U. S. exports to-day.

Table showing American cotton stock and supply data for August 22, 1913, with columns for bales, 1913, 1912, 1911, and 1910. Rows include Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, U. S. port stocks, and U. S. exports to-day.

Table showing East Indian and other cotton stock and supply data for August 22, 1913, with columns for bales, 1913, 1912, 1911, and 1910. Rows include Liverpool stock, London stock, Manchester stock, and Total East India, &c.

Table showing cotton supply and prices for August 22, 1913, with columns for bales, 1913, 1912, 1911, and 1910. Rows include MIDDLING Uplands, MIDDLING Uplands, New York, Egypt, Good Brown, Liverpool, Peruvian, Rough Good, Liverpool, Broach, Fine, Liverpool, and Tinnevely, Good, Liverpool.

Continental imports for the past week have been 62,000 bales. The above figures for 1913 show a decrease from last week of 126,821 bales, a loss of 48,854 bales from 1912, an excess of 434,970 bales over 1910 and a gain of 579,042 bales over 1909.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations of middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week.

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Augusta, Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, Little Rock) for each day of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

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.

Table showing movement to August 22 and August 23 1912, with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks. Rows list various towns (Ala., Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Helena, Little Rock, Ga., Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome, Shreveport, Miss., Columb's, Greenville, Greenwood, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Mo., St. Louis, N.C., Raleigh, O., Cincinnati, Okla., Hugo, S. C., Greenw'd, Tenn., Memphis, Nashville, Tex., Brenham, Clarksville, Dallas, Honey Grove, Houston, Paris) and a total for 33 towns.

Total, 33 towns: 64,243,726,905 71,080,116,292 77,639,792,054 80,918 89,893

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:

Table showing overland movement for August 22, 1913, with columns for Week, Sept. 1, and Since Sept. 1. Rows include August 22, Shipped, Via St. Louis, Via Cairo, Via Rock Island, Via Louisville, Via Cincinnati, Via Virginia points, Via other routes, &c., Total gross overland, Deduct shipments, and Total to be deducted.

Leaving total net overland * 4,463 1,196,681 359 1,467,417

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 4,465 bales, against 359 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 270,736 bales.

Table showing in sight and spinners' takings for August 22, 1913, with columns for Week, Sept. 1, and Since Sept. 1. Rows include Receipts at ports to Aug. 22, Net overland to Aug. 22, Southern consumption to Aug. 22, Total marketed, and Interior stocks in excess.

Nor. spinners' takings to Aug. 22 21,821 2,491,937 1,649 2,609,496

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INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

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Table with columns for 1913 and 1912, categorized by 32s Coy Twist, 8 1/2 lbs. Shirtings, and Col'n Mid. Upl's. Rows for July and August.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table listing shipping companies, destinations, and dates. Includes NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, BOSTON, and BALTIMORE.

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Summary table for shipping news with columns: Great Britain, French Ports, Ger-many, North Europe, Mex., Japan, Total. Rows for New York, Galveston, New Orleans, Boston, Baltimore.

The exports to Japan since Sept. 1 have been 361,974 bales from Pacific ports, 300 bales from Savannah and 12,200 bales from New York.

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The prices are given in pence and 100ths. Thus: 6 27 means 6 27/100d.

Table with columns for Aug. 16 to Aug. 22, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows for Aug., Aug-Sept., Sept.-Oct., Oct.-Nov., Nov.-Dec., Dec.-Jan., Jan.-Feb., Feb.-Mch., Mch.-Apr., Apr.-May, May-June, June-July, July-Aug.

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, Aug. 22 1913.

Flour continues to rule quiet and uninteresting, for the trade is unwilling to anticipate pending a readjustment in wheat. Buyers feel that the strength of the latter commodity is in sympathy with corn, and that, sooner or later, prices must recede. Minneapolis is doing more business and the market is considered in a healthy condition. But buyers see no object in contracting ahead in view of the carrying charges for deferred new-crop shipment. Foreign sales are small, as buyers are skeptical of prices holding. The production last week at Minneapolis, Duluth and Milwaukee was 385,430 barrels, against 359,675 last week and 360,325 last year.

Wheat has ruled firm in sympathy with corn. Rains in the Northwest have also had a stimulating effect, for harvesting is thereby checked in both the United States and Canada. But, on the other hand, it is pointed out that these rains will benefit the late crop. In the American Northwest a yield of 175,000,000 to 200,000,000 bushels is predicted. Harvesting is general in Canada, and, while some sections

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

News Items.

Akron, Ohio.—*Election on New City Charter.*—The Charter Commission has set Aug. 26 as the date for a special election when voters will pass upon the proposition to change the form of government of this city. The proposed new charter provides, it is said, for a commission of three, at a salary of \$5,000 per year, in whom the entire legislative and executive power of the city is to be vested.

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Ennis, Ellis County, Tex.—*Election of Commission Form of Government.*—An election will be held Oct. 7, reports state, to vote on the adoption of the commission form of government.

Georgia.—*Legislature Adjourns.*—The Georgia Legislature ended its 1913 session shortly after 10 o'clock on the night of Aug. 14. A "Blue Sky" law was enacted just prior to adjournment.

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Michigan.—*Validity of "Blue Sky" Law Attacked.*—Suit to prevent the enforcement of Act No. 143, Public Acts of 1913, known as the "Blue Sky" law, has been started in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan upon a bill of complaint prepared by Hal H. Smith of Detroit, counsel for the Michigan Bankers Association, who is representing the investment Bankers Association of America in the proceedings to have the Act declared unconstitutional. The parties to the injunction proceedings are the Alabama & New Orleans Transportation Company, an issuing company described as an "investment company," and the following dealers: N. W. Halsey & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Lee, Higginson & Co. The law is attacked, it is said, on the ground that the commission created by the same has no right to restrict the right of contract; that the law forbids inter-State commerce in certain securities; that no provision is made for a hearing to determine whether the buying of the securities will result in a loss to the purchaser; that there is no appeal from the decision of the commission; that the commission is vested with arbitrary power; and that it is an administrative body, but is given both judicial and legislative powers. It also is charged that the commission has issued blanks asking for information impossible for the dealers to supply, and has approved certain manuals that list insolvent as well as solvent companies.

Missouri.—*Constitutional Amendments.*—The Legislature of 1913 passed resolutions providing for the submission to the voters at the general election in November 1914, of the following eight proposed amendments to the State Constitution:

No. 1. Amending Section 57 of Article IV, so as to provide that hereafter initiative and referendum petitions shall be filed with county clerk, instead of the Secretary of State, and that the genuineness of the signatures thereto shall be examined and certified to by the county court. In the City of St. Louis such petitions, it is provided, must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Election Commissioners, which board is to examine and certify as to signatures. The amendment also provides that the powers of initiative and referendum "shall not be used to pass a law or constitutional amendment authorizing any classification of property for the purpose of levying different rates of taxation thereon, or of authorizing the levy of any single tax on land or land values or land sites at a higher rate or by a different rule than is, or may be, applied to improvements thereon, or to personal property, or to authorize or confer local option or other local powers in matters of taxation in or upon any of the counties, municipalities or political subdivisions of the State, or to repeal, amend or modify these provisions relating to taxation." Whenever any measure submitted under the initiative or referendum shall be rejected, neither the same measure nor any measure having the same or similar effect shall again be submitted for a term of five years.

No. 2. Adding a new provision to Sec. 12 of Art. X, so as to allow Kansas City to incur indebtedness outside the present limit for the acquisition, by purchase, condemnation or construction, of water works, gas works, electric light works, street railways, telegraph and telephone systems, heating plants or any other plant or public service institution within or outside the city limits, for use of the citizens in said city. For this purpose the city may issue, with the assent of two-thirds of the voters voting thereon at a general or special election, "public utilities" bonds not to be included in the indebtedness limited by prior provisions of Section 57 and not exceeding in the aggregate 20% of the value of taxable property in the city. The principal of these bonds shall be payable out of the earnings or sale of the utility or plant acquired and shall not constitute an obligation enforceable out of funds raised by taxation. The interest on such bonds and a sinking fund for the payment of principal at maturity shall be paid out of the earnings or sale of the utility, or out of funds raised by taxation, or both, as provided in the ordinance authorizing the bond issue. Power is also given the city to execute mortgages on the property to secure the payment of the bonds and in case of default in payment of principal or interest, bondholders may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction sitting in Jackson County and said court may, if default continue, appoint a receiver to take charge and operate the property pending final decree of foreclosure and for one year thereafter, during which period the city may, upon the payment to bondholders of past due indebtedness and court costs, retake said property. If not retaken by the city within said period of redemption, the property is to be delivered to such party as the court in such action may order, and thereupon all liability of the city on the bonds and its rights as owners shall cease, the plant to be operated by the party named by the court in conformity with and subject to the provisions of the ordinance authorizing the acquisition and issuance of bonds therefor. For the payment in whole

or in part of public utilities the city may also issue bonds, other than public utility bonds, the same to constitute a direct obligation of the city and not to exceed in the aggregate 5% of the taxable property therein.

No. 3. Adds to Article X, a new section to be known as Section 27 providing for a State tax of 10 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation, for the creation of a special road improvement fund.

No. 4. Amends Section 16 of Article IV, and fixes the salary of members of the Legislature at \$1,000 per annum. At present the pay is fixed at not exceeding \$5 per day for the first 70 days and not exceeding \$1 a day for the remainder of the session, except during "revising sessions" when the pay is \$5 a day for the first 120 days and \$1 for each day remaining.

No. 5. Allows a city containing 100,000 or more inhabitants to become indebted in a larger amount than specified in Section 12, Article X., not exceeding an additional 5% of the value of taxable property, for the construction or acquisition by purchase or otherwise, within its corporate limits, of a subway or subways, with land, approaches and other appurtenances necessary for the construction and operation thereof, to be owned exclusively by such city for the transportation of persons, baggage, express and freight, and for pipes, wires and cables used for public service purposes. No such debt shall be incurred, however, without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified voters voting for or against the same. Provision must also be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also constitute a sinking fund for the payment of principal within 30 years, if payment of such interest and principal be not provided for from the operation or lease of such subway or subways. This, if adopted, will be known as Section 12b. of article X.

No. 6. Adds a new section to Article X., to be known as Section 23. This section provides that, in addition to the taxes authorized to be levied for county purposes under Section 11, Article X., and in addition to the special levy for road and bridge purposes authorized by Section 22, Article X., the qualified voters of any road district may, by a majority vote, make annually a special levy for road purposes only of not to exceed 65 cents on the \$100 valuation.

No. 7. Amends Section 47 of Article IV, so as to permit the Legislature to provide for pensioning the deserving blind.

No. 8. Changes Section 16 of Article IX, concerning the framing of charters of cities having over 100,000 inhabitants. The section as amended provides that charter amendments must be published for at least 3 weeks in 2 newspapers printed in such city and having a circulation therein of 2,000 copies, one of which shall be a daily newspaper printed in the German language and which has been published continuously for 52 weeks next before such publication, which shall be made once each week on the same day, the last publication to be within 2 weeks of the date of such election. At present amendments are published for at least 30 days in three newspapers of the largest circulation in such city, one of which is a newspaper printed in the German language.

Mt. Carmel, Pa.—*Voters Defeat Commission Plan of Government.*—The voters on Aug. 18 defeated the plan to abolish borough control and become a third-class city with commission form government.

Nevada.—*Taxation of Mortgages.*—The 1913 Legislature made the following provision for the taxation of mortgages, deeds of trust, &c.:

Chap. 289.—*An Act supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to provide revenue for the support of the Government of the State of Nevada, and repealing certain Acts relating thereto," approved March 23 1891.*

[Approved April 1 1913.]
The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. A mortgage, deed of trust, contract or other obligation by which debt is secured and which is a lien or encumbrance on real property shall, for the purposes of assessment and taxation, be deemed, considered and treated as an interest in said real property thereby affected, except as to railroads and other quasi-public corporations, and the several assessors in their respective counties in the State shall, in assessing and fixing the value of the real estate affected by any such mortgage or other instrument herein mentioned, treat, consider and deem such instrument as an interest in the real property and the assessment of the real estate affected thereby for the purposes of taxation shall be deemed and taken as the assessment of such mortgage or other instrument; provided, that in no case shall the valuation for taxation fixed exceed the value of said lands.

Sec. 2. All taxes so levied and assessed under the provisions of this Act shall be a lien upon the property and the same may be paid by the owner thereof or the holder of any such security as they may stipulate in such mortgage or other instrument.

Sec. 3. All taxes levied and assessed under the provisions of this Act shall be lien upon the property and collected as other taxes are collected. In the event any mortgage or other instrument mentioned herein shall contain a stipulation requiring the holder thereof to pay such taxes, and if such holder shall fail to make such payment, then the owner of said property shall pay such taxes and shall be entitled to a discharge of the debt thereby secured to the amount so paid.

Sec. 4. The provisions of this Act shall in no manner repeal or affect any law now in force relating to the assessment of mortgages held, or owned by any bank or trust company in this State.

Sec. 5. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

State Loan and Refunding of Outstanding Debt.—Chapter 57 of the Laws of 1913, approved Mar. 11, authorized the issuance of \$300,000 20-year bonds to State funds for the purpose of enabling the State to transact its business upon a cash basis and to refund its outstanding indebtedness. The provisions of this Act have been carried out, the details of the bonds issued being given in the May number of our "State and City Supplement," page 165.

New York City.—*Municipal Year-Book.*—The Mayor's Secretary, Robert Adamson, with the assistance of the Bureau of Municipal Research and its representatives, has prepared a municipal year-book containing useful information for citizens regarding the city government. This is the first year-book in the history of this city, although, as stated in the introduction of the book, "every municipality in the world of any importance, except New York," issues such a publication.

New York State.—*Attorney-General Holds that Lieutenant-Governor Glynn is now Acting Governor.*—In response to a communication from Secretary of State Mitchell May, the Attorney-General, Thomas Carmody, on Monday afternoon (Aug. 18) gave his opinion as to the status of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor pending the trial and determination of the impeachment charges against the former. Mr. Carmody holds that, with the passage of the impeachment resolution by the Assembly, the duties and powers of the Governor's office devolved upon the Lieutenant-Governor, Martin H. Glynn. The State constitution in Section 6 of Article IV, provides that this shall happen in case of the "impeachment" of the Governor, but it was suggested by some that the word "impeachment" as used in this section meant conviction on the charges preferred. The Attorney-General decides otherwise and goes exhaustively into the history of constitution-making, in order to show that under the implied meaning of the constitutional proviso the Governor is barred from exercising his powers and performing the

duties of his office until his acquittal. Concerning the claim that the Legislature was without power to act on the impeachment resolution because it was in special session and the subject was not submitted by the Governor for consideration, the opinion says in part: "After an examination of the question I have come to the conclusion that it is clearly based upon a misapprehension of the nature of the functions of the Assembly when adopting and presenting the articles. This is in no sense a legislative function; it is judicial."

Last week Governor Sulzer in refusing Lieutenant-Governor Glynn's demand that he surrender his office suggested that steps be taken to secure a court decision as to who was entitled to exercise the duties of Governor. In declining to act on this suggestion, Mr. Glynn said in part:

I know of no way by which I could make, and no condition that would justify me in making, any such stipulation. The constitution was designed to, and I am advised and believe does, specifically and completely cover the juncture now existing and is supplemented by statutes passed by the Legislature and now in force. It is beyond my power to barter away any of the functions attaching to the office in which I am placed by your impeachment. Any attempt on my part to do so, or to stipulate a method by which it might be done, would properly place me in the position you now occupy—that of being impeached for malfeasance in office, and I cannot and will not attempt to do it.

The entire matter is now in the highest court of the State—the court of impeachment—the most august body known to our system. No order that any lower court could make, no judgment that it could render, would have the slightest binding force upon this high court.

No member of the Court of Appeals, certainly no member of the lower body, the Supreme Court, can, in any degree nor under any circumstances interfere with the jurisdiction or the decision of such court of impeachment, save and save only as the members of the Court of Appeals shall cast their individual votes as such members of the court.

The decision of the court of impeachment once made is binding on every court and every person in the State and must be so respected and treated. Any attempt to interfere with the jurisdiction or the proceedings of such court of impeachment by any members of any lower court—and every other court in the State is a lower one—would be as futile as would an attempt of a justice of the peace to enjoin the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from exercising his functions as Chief Judge.

Norwood, Ohio.—Commission Plan Defeated.—The election held Aug. 19 (V. 97, p. 188) on the proposed new charter providing for the commission plan of government resulted in the defeat of the same. The vote is reported as 1,102 "for" to 1,510 "against."

Omaha, Neb.—Trust Company Offering Certificates of Ownership in City Bonds.—Beginning at 10 a. m. Wednesday (Aug. 20) The United States Trust Co. of Omaha offered at par 4% certificates of ownership in city bonds. These certificates will be issued in denominations of \$10 or multiples, and are exchangeable for city bonds, but not in sums less than \$500, which is the denomination of the bonds. Interest to be adjusted as of the date of the transaction. Certificates are redeemable on demand at any time, at face value and interest.

Philippine Islands.—President Appoints Governor.—President Wilson on Aug. 20 appointed Francis Burton Harrison, Representative in Congress from the Twentieth New York District, to be Governor-General of the Philippines to succeed W. Cameron Forbes. The nomination of Mr. Harrison was confirmed by the U. S. Senate on Aug. 21.

Porto Rico.—Act Fixing Maximum Indebtedness to be Contracted By Municipal Corporations.—The borrowing capacity of the various municipal corporations in the Island of Porto Rico is now governed by Act No. 4 of the Laws of 1913, which took effect immediately after its approval on Feb. 19 1913. The provisions of this Act may be summarized as follows:

Section 1 provides that no municipal corporation shall incur debt, including all existing municipal and school board indebtedness, in excess of 7% of the aggregate tax valuation as ascertained by the last assessment for insular purposes previous to the incurring of such debt. Including all existing indebtedness for all purposes other than school board indebtedness, the debt of a municipal corporation shall not exceed 6% of the tax valuation. The debt of a school board shall not exceed 1% of the assessed tax valuation of the municipality in which such school board is located.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 specify the purposes for which debts may be created up to the limits mentioned in Section 1. Municipal corporations are allowed to contract indebtedness, borrow money and issue bonds for the "taking up or making payments on its floating indebtedness and liabilities; refunding its existing bonded indebtedness, constructing or purchasing water works, sewers, public buildings or bridges; grading and opening streets and roads or for other necessary public improvements." A school board may incur debt for "taking up or making payments on its floating indebtedness and liabilities; refunding its existing bonded indebtedness; building school buildings, or making additions or necessary repairs to its property." Municipal corporations may also become indebted to assist the school board in the purposes specified.

Section 5 provides that in addition to the above-named purposes, "any municipal corporation or school board may, in case of emergency, request a temporary loan from the insular funds; for increasing existing or providing new budgetary appropriations for other than administrative expenses."

Sections 6 and 7 provide that any municipal corporation or school board desiring to incur indebtedness, borrow money or issue bonds on its own credit shall submit to the Executive Council of Porto Rico an ordinance duly passed and approved, which shall recite the circumstances rendering the loan desirable, the amount of same (if bonds, their form and denomination) and purpose or purposes for which it is to be devoted and shall provide for the repayment or discharge of the same with such interest and on such terms as the municipal council or school board shall determine.

Section 8 specifies what steps shall be taken to levy a special tax, of not exceeding 2% one-hundredth of 1% of the assessed valuation, should the ordinary receipts of a municipal corporation be insufficient to pay the interest and principal of any loans which the corporation or school board desires to make.

Sections 9 and 10 deal with the signing and recording of bonds and coupons.

Section 11 says that bonds must draw not exceeding 6% interest, payable in lawful money of the United States on Jan. 1 and July 1.

Section 12 provides that the Insular Government may loan funds at the request of a municipal corporation or school board, if, in the judgment of the Executive Council, the loan be advisable and the Government finances safely permit. In the case of school boards, the money loaned shall be a first lien upon the revenues of the school board to be deducted therefrom by the Treasurer of Porto Rico.

Section 13 provides that where loans from the Government are to be covered by a bond issue, the ordinance requesting such loan shall provide in each case "for the refunding of all outstanding indebtedness to the People of Porto Rico which may exist at the time such ordinance is passed, and the bond issue shall cover the total of such indebtedness plus the

amount of the new loan to be contracted, and such bonds shall be countersigned by the Treasurer and Auditor of Porto Rico; provided, however, that such counter-signatures shall not be required on the coupons of the bonds, if any."

Section 14 gives municipal corporations and school boards, additional authority to borrow money directly from banks, other financial institutions or individuals, the money so borrowed to constitute a first lien upon the revenues of the municipal corporation or school board, to be deducted therefrom by the Treasurer of Porto Rico.

Section 15 authorizes the payment of principal and interest in Washington, D. C. or New York City, should the bondholder give notice in writing that he wishes payment in the United States.

Section 16, in order to facilitate the sale or hypothecation of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness authorized by the Act, pledges irrevocably the good faith of the People of Porto Rico for the payment of both principal and interest.

Section 17 provides that all money loaned or covered by bond issue shall be applied only to the purposes specified in the ordinance authorizing the loan. It is also provided, however, that the cost of engraving or preparing the bond certificates shall be borne by the place making the loan. Such certificates may be obtained through the insular treasury, the Treasurer being authorized, with the approval of the Executive Council, to prepare such certificates for use by the municipal corporations or school boards.

Section 18 requires the Treasurer of a municipal corporation or school board borrowing money from the Government or from any bank, financial institution or individual, to furnish an additional bond of 20% of the loan prior to the negotiation of the same.

Section 19 authorizes all municipal corporations or school boards, when mutually agreeable to both contracting parties, to substitute new contracts for existing contracts evidencing indebtedness, upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Executive Council of Porto Rico.

Section 20 gives the Executive Council the authority to sell, transfer, assign, pledge or hypothecate, unless otherwise prohibited by law, all evidences of indebtedness representing funds loaned to municipal corporations and school boards.

Section 21 authorizes the Treasurer of Porto Rico to accept at his discretion, at par, any of the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness described in this law as collateral security in any case where such security is required.

Under Section 22 the Treasurer of Porto Rico, "subject to the approval of the Executive Council, may sell, transfer, assign, pledge or hypothecate for the benefit of the People of Porto Rico any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, which may have become the property of the People of Porto Rico by forfeiture, and he may, as between himself as Treasurer of Porto Rico and the People of Porto Rico, treat any bonds or evidences of indebtedness of any municipal corporation or school board in Porto Rico, as cash, in which event he shall be entitled to a credit amounting to the par value thereof, provided the same were accepted by him at par."

Section 23 exempts from all insular and municipal taxation all bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued in favor of the Government by municipal corporations and school boards.

Section 24 empowers a municipal corporation or school board to contract and provide in any ordinance, as incident to the obtaining of advances or loans, that any public work or improvement included within the purposes of said ordinance shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Commissioner of the Interior and the municipal corporation. The section also stipulates who shall enter into every contract for the construction of such public works.

Section 25 gives the Executive Council full power to require an accounting of the expenditure of moneys borrowed by municipal corporations and school boards. The residue from any loan which may remain after the purpose for which it was created has been accomplished, shall be applied as the Executive Council of Porto Rico, may approve.

Section 26 prohibits the creation of loans by municipal corporations and school boards without the approval of the Executive Council of Porto Rico, and provides that if such approval is given it shall be binding until the indebtedness is discharged and revocable only with the mutual consent of the contracting parties and the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 27 ratifies and declares to be valid bodies corporate, school boards now or hereafter organized the territories of which are co-terminous with the municipalities in which they are organized.

Section 28 appropriates out of the insular treasury such sums as may be required to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Sections 29 and 30 repeal all legislation in conflict with the provisions of this Act, provided, however, that the same shall in no way affect the law now in force governing loans to school boards from school building funds.

Section 31, the last section, provides that the law shall take immediate effect.

St. Paul, Minn.—Sale of Certificates of Participation of City Bonds.—In the "Chronicle" of July 5 reference was made to a sale started July 1 of 4% certificates of participation in city bonds. As stated at that time, these certificates were offered at par and issued in denominations of \$10 and multiples. They are redeemable at par and interest at any time, and the bonds against which they are issued are held in trust for the holders by the sinking fund. Up to Aug. 16 the total amount of these certificates sold over the counter was \$610,820 40. The bonds purchased through this fund are \$17,000 4½% library bonds, \$200,000 4½% water (\$50,000 due 1918, \$70,000 due 1933 and \$80,000 due 1943) bonds, and \$235,000 tax-levy certificates. The sale of the library bonds and \$150,000 of the water bonds was referred to in V. 97, p. 315. The sinking fund also expects to take over some 4½% sewer bonds that were recently authorized and for which the city does not find a ready market at par and accrued interest. These sewer extensions, we are advised, are absolutely necessary, and the bonds must be sold.

Shamokin, Pa.—Voters Reject Commission Form of Government.—A special election was held in this borough Aug. 18 on the proposition to become a third-class city with commission government. Newspaper returns indicate that the question failed to carry.

Sunbury, Pa.—Commission form of Government Defeated.—The question of abandoning the borough form of government and becoming a third-class city with the commission system met defeat at an election held Aug. 18.

Bond Calls and Redemptions.

Missouri.—Bond Calls.—Whitaker & Co. of St. Louis, in their quotation pamphlet dated Aug. 15, include the following list of municipal bonds which have been called for redemption:

Morgan County Sch. Dist., Florence, Twp. 44-19.—6% building bond No. 1, for \$400, dated July 1 1908.

Morgan County Sch. Dist. No. 30, Twp. 41-18.—7% building bond No. 1 dated Dec. 6 1907, for \$125.

Morgan County Sch. Dist. No. 55, Twp. 41 and 42, Ranges 17 and 18.—6% building bond No. 1, for \$100, dated May 21 1910.

Pettis County.—4% funding bonds Nos. 155, 225, 228 and 229, for \$1,000 each, dated May 1 1898.

Ralls County.—4% bonds of 1898, 15-20s, Nos. 267 to 273.

Schuyler County Dist. 30-64-15, Greentop.—6% building bonds Nos. 1 to 5 incl., for \$250 each, dated Sept. 1 1907.

\$1,000 10-40-year (opt.) Decatur Ind. Sch. Dist. bonds, dated July 10 1913. The total issue of \$2,700 was contracted for at this meeting.
\$700 10-20-year (opt.) Hopkins County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 4 bonds, dated April 14 1913.
\$1,000 10-20-year (opt.) Lamar County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 78 bonds, dated May 1 1913.
\$1,000 5-20-year (opt.) Henderson County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 56 bonds, dated April 10 1913.
\$800 10-20-year (opt.) Fannin County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 61 bonds, dated April 25 1913.
\$1,000 10-20-year (opt.) Rusk County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 48 bonds, dated May 25 1913.
\$700 10-20-year (opt.) Rusk County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 51 bonds, dated May 25 1913.
\$1,000 10-20-year (opt.) Rusk County Com. Sch. Dist. No. 55 bonds, dated May 25 1913.
TOLEDO, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received on Aug. 20 for the \$200,000 4½% 16-year coup. fire-dept. improvement bonds offered on that day (V. 97, p. 255).
TRENTON, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 20 the two issues of 4½% registered bonds, aggregating \$214,900 (V. 97, p. 469), were awarded to the Mechanics' Nat. Bank of Trenton at 100.01 and int. There were no other bidders.
TRINITY COUNTY (P. O. Groveton), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—We are advised that the question of issuing \$100,000 good-roads bonds will be submitted to a vote on Sept. 16.
TROY, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 27 by W. H. Dennin, City Comptroller for \$200,000 5% tax-exempt certificates of indebtedness or revenue bonds. Denom. \$25,000. Date Aug. 27 1913. Due Dec. 31 1913. Certified check for 1% of bonds, payable to the "City of Troy," required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Official circular states that the city has never defaulted on any of its obligations.
UNION COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received for the \$51,400 5% 3-year (average) flood-emergency bonds offered on Aug. 16 (V. 97, p. 470).
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Clara County, Cal.—BONDS NOT SOLD—NEW OFFERING.—No bids were received for the \$7,000 school bonds offered on Aug. 4 (V. 97, p. 255). New bids are asked until 11 a. m. Sept. 2.
UPPER SANDUSKY, Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An election will be held, reports state, to vote on the question of issuing \$25,000 municipal-lighting-plant bonds.
VALDOSTA, Lowndes County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Sept. 15 to vote on the question of issuing \$35,000 paving and \$15,000 water-main 5% bonds. Due yearly on Jan. 1.
VALLEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Derwent), Guernsey County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received, it is stated, for the \$15,000 5% 15-yr. bldg. bonds offered on Aug. 18 (V. 97, p. 255).
VENICE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles County, Cal.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Reports state that no bids were received on Aug. 4 for the \$250,000 5% building bonds offered on that day (V. 97, p. 316).

VERNON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mt. Pleasant), Isabella County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that this township recently voted to issue \$6,000 State trunk line highway bonds.
WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), No. Caro.—VOTE.—We are advised that the vote cast at the election held Aug. 12 on the proposition to issue the \$1,000,000 road-construction bonds (V. 97, p. 470) was 377 "for" to 2,524 "against."
WALLA WALLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75, Wash.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$5,000 5½% 5-10-year (opt.) building bonds has been awarded to the State of Washington at par. Denom. \$1,000.
WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Marietta), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Sept. 10 by H. Burton, Co. Aud., for \$80,000 5% bridge-impt. bonds. Auth. Secs. 2434 and 5638, Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1913. Int. M. & S. Due \$5,000 yrlly. on Sept. 1 from 1915 to 1930 incl. Cert. check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to Co. Treas., required.
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bowling Green), Clay County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 4½% coupon school-building bonds offered on July 25 (V. 97, p. 70) have been awarded to the First Nat. Bank of Center Point and the Riddell Nat. Bank of Brazil at par.
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Corydon), Harrison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Aug. 16 the \$1,500 4½% school-building bonds (V. 97, p. 470) were awarded, reports state, to the Corydon Nat. Bank at par. Denom. \$150.
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. West Toledo), Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5½% 4 5-6-year (average) school site-purchase and building bonds offered on Aug. 16 (V. 97, p. 316) have been sold, it is stated, to Stacy & Braun of Toledo at 100.3425.
WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—According to newspaper reports, F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston have been awarded a three-months' loan of \$60,000 at 5.21% discount.
WELLINGTON, Sumner County, Kans.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing the \$240,000 bonds to construct a water-system (V. 96, p. 1723) will be submitted to a vote, it is stated, on Sept. 23.
WELLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wells), Elko County, Nev.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An election will be held in the near future, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$20,000 high-school bonds.
WELLSVILLE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BONDS TO BE SOLD PRIVATELY.—We are advised by the City Auditor that the two issues of 5% improvement bonds, aggregating \$9,598, offered without success on July 30 (V. 97, p. 316) and the five issues of 5% street-paving bonds, aggregating \$4,647.90, offered without success on June 6 (V. 97, p. 134), will be disposed of at private sale.
WELSH, Calcasieu Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing the \$15,000 electric-light-plant-construction bonds will be submitted to the voters on Sept. 9, reports state.
WILDWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wildwood), Sumter County, Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$15,000 (not \$10,000 as first reported) building bonds (V. 97, p. 471) carried, reports state, by a vote of 53 to 16, at a recent election.
WILLIAMSON COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—We are advised that the proposition to issue \$50,000 road bonds in District No. 2 carried at an election held recently.

NEW LOANS.

\$300,000

CITY OF HOBOKEN,
Hudson County, N. J.

RE-PAVEMENT BONDS

Public notice is hereby given in accordance with a resolution of the Council of the City of Hoboken, passed on the Thirteenth (13th) day of August, 1913, and duly approved on the Fourteenth (14th) day of August, 1913, that sealed proposals for the purchase of bonds of the City of Hoboken, to be known as Re-Pavement Bonds, in the amount of \$300,000, to run for a period of Thirty years from July 1, 1913, coupon or registered, at the option of the bidder, will be received at the meeting of the Council to be held on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1913,** at 4 o'clock, p. m.

Bidders to state prices on bonds bearing interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent (4½) and five (5) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January in each year.

Bids will be received for any part or parts of said bonds.

All proposals to be addressed to the Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken, N. J., and endorsed "Proposals for Re-Pavement Bonds," and shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash for the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

The legality of the issue of the aforesaid bonds will be passed on by Messrs. Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, and prepared and certified to by the Columbia-Knickerbocker Trust Company.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids if deemed in the interest of the city so to do.

By order of the Council,
JAMES H. LONDRIGAN, City Clerk.

NEW LOANS.

\$33,000

Town of Malta, Montana,
WATER BONDS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Malta, Valley County, State of Montana, will offer for sale at the office of the Town Clerk, in the Town of Malta, Montana, on **SATURDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1913,** at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., its issue of water bonds, amounting to thirty-three thousand (\$33,000) dollars, of the par value of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars each, said bonds bearing interest at not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July of each year, the said bonds to bear date of January 1st, 1914, due twenty (20) years after date, and redeemable at the option of the said Town at any time after fifteen (15) years from the date of issue. Principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the Town Treasurer of said Town, or, at the option of the holder, at the banking house of the Hanover National Bank in the City and State of New York. The money received from the sale of said bonds to be used for the construction of a water plant and system in said Town to supply said Town with water.

The bids to be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the Town Treasurer of the said Town of Malta, as a guaranty that the bidder will take and pay for said bonds as soon as the same are signed and ready for delivery. No bid can be received for less than par and accrued interest. The Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Town Council,
H. M. KIRTON, Town Clerk.
 Dated Malta, Montana, July 23, 1913.

NEW LOANS.

\$4,000

Town of Malta, Montana,
SEWER SYSTEM BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Malta, Valley County, State of Montana, will offer for sale at the office of the Town Clerk, in the Town of Malta, Montana, on **SATURDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1913,** at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., its issue of sewer-system bonds, amounting to four thousand (\$4,000) dollars of the par value of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars each, said bonds bearing interest at not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July of each year, the said bonds to bear date of January 1st, 1914, due twenty (20) years after date, and redeemable at the option of the said Town at any time after fifteen (15) years from the date of issue. Principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the Town Treasurer of said Town, or, at the option of the holder, at the banking house of the Hanover National Bank in the City and State of New York. The money received from the sale of said bonds to be used for the construction of a main sewer and septic tank for sewer purposes in said Town.

The bids to be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, payable to the Town Treasurer of the said Town of Malta, as a guaranty that the bidder will take and pay for said bonds as soon as the same are signed and ready for delivery. No bid can be received for less than par and accrued interest. The Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Town Council,
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WILLIS, Montgomery County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Sept. 10 to vote on the question of issuing \$7,000 water works bonds.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY (P. O. Oshkosh), Wis.—BONDS NOT TO BE RE-OFFERED AT PRESENT.—The County Clerk advises us, under date of Aug. 16, that the matter of re-offering the \$30,000 hospital bonds offered without success on June 21 (V. 97, p. 134) has been put over to the November session of the County Board.

WINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (P. O. Winside), Wayne County, Neb.—BONDS NOT SOLD—BOND OFFERING.—No sale was made of the \$8,500 5% 9-year (average) coupon and registered building bonds offered on Aug. 15 (V. 97, p. 317). Proposals will again be opened for the above bonds on Aug. 30.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Aug. 19 a loan of \$300,000, due Oct. 17, was negotiated, reports state, with Bond & Goodwin of Boston at 4.25% discount, plus \$8.

WORTHINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Butler), Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. to-day (Aug. 23) by E. E. Plank, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$3,000 6% coupon tax-free school-building bonds. Auth. Sec. 7,625, Gen. Code. Denom. \$300. Date Aug. 25 1913. Int. A. & O. at office of Township Treasurer. Due \$300 each six months from Oct. 1 1914 to April 1 1919, inclusive. No deposit required. No debt at present.

WYTHEVILLE, Wythe County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 6% 2-6 year (serial) reservoir-construction bonds voted June 24 (V. 97, p. 135) were awarded on Aug. 1 to E. L. Gray of Waverly, Va., at 101.0625.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held Nov. 4 to vote on the question of issuing \$800,000 grade-crossing-elimination bonds.

BOND SALE.—Reports state that the bid of \$110,452 50 (100.411) received from C. E. Denison & Co. of Cleveland for the \$110,000 5% 7 1-6-year (average) water-works bonds offered on Aug. 14 (V. 97, p. 471) was accepted.

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ATHENS, Ont.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$6,000 4 1/4% 30-year debentures offered on July 24. We are advised that an effort will be made by the Council to increase the interest rate to 5 1/4%.

ATORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2748, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The Western School Supply Co. of Regina have been awarded, at par, an issue of \$2,000 7% building debentures. Interest annually in April. Due in 1923.

BRADFORD, Ont.—LOAN VOTED.—Reports state that the question of raising \$20,000 to be granted as a loan to the Watson-Smith Co., manufacturers of wire screens (V. 97, p. 398), carried at the election held Aug. 12.

BURNABY, B. C.—LOAN.—An issue of \$1,500,000 6% 10-year treasury notes has been sold in London, according to newspaper reports.

DORCHESTER STATION, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—W. B. Lane, Township Clerk, will receive proposals until Aug. 25 for \$6,500 5% 20-year debentures, reports state.

MAPLE CREEK, Sask.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 25 by D. Paterson, Sec.-Treas., for \$15,000 20-year local improvement and \$10,000 30-year water-works and sewerage-extension 6% debentures.

MEDICINE HAT, Alta.—RESULT OF BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing the \$14,000 5% 20-year park debentures carried by a vote of 74 to 16, while the question of issuing the \$20,000 hay-market debentures was defeated at the election held Aug. 12 (V. 97, p. 398).

ORANGEVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held to-day (Aug. 23) to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$3,000 school-imp. and \$3,000 town-hall-imp. debts.

SANDWICH, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$75,000 school debentures failed to carry, it is stated, at an election held Aug. 19. The vote was 52 "for" and 102 "against."

SOURIS, Man.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On Sept. 2, it is reported, the question of issuing \$40,000 electric-light-installation debentures will be submitted to a vote.

TORONTO, Ont.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Harris, Forbes & Co. and Brown Bros. & Co. of New York have purchased and are offering to investors at 84 and interest \$926,000 (\$4,506,500) 4% gold coupon (with privilege of registration as to principal only) municipal-electric light and power system bonds. Denom. \$100 and \$500. Date \$551,000 July 1 1908 and \$375,000 Jan. 1 1912. Int. J. & J. in London in sterling and in New York and Toronto at fixed rate of exchange of \$4 86 2/3. Due July 1 1948. Total debt, including this issue, \$52,553,296. Water and light debt and general sinking fund, \$24,202,203. Water and light sinking fund (not included), \$1,551,360. Net debt, \$28,351,093. Assessed valuation for taxation, \$436,120,049. Exempt property (not included), \$52,961,546. (See advertisement on a preceding page.)

TEMPORARY LOAN.—The city has also sold \$5,000,000 5 1/2% 1-year treasury notes to Lloyd's Bank of London.

WILDWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2922, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$1,200 6 1/4% school-building debentures was awarded on June 23 to the Alberta School Supply Co. of Edmonton at par. Date June 23 1913. Int. annually on Dec. 23. Due Dec. 23 1923.

WYNWARD, Sask.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The propositions to issue \$1,000 mill-site land-purchase and \$7,440 street-imp. debentures will be submitted to a vote on Aug. 25, it is stated.

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