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CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

The following table, made up by telegraph, &c., indicates that the total bank clearings of all the clearing houses of the United States for the week ending to-day have been \$3,729,735,566, against \$3,686,622,395 last week and \$3,389,254,004 the corresponding week last year.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week ending Jan. 31.	1914.	1913.	Per Cent.
New York	\$1,896,457,849	\$1,591,207,272	+19.2
Boston	133,712,754	129,304,251	+3.4
Philadelphia	130,207,740	146,197,297	-10.9
Baltimore	30,705,404	33,590,922	-8.6
Chicago	264,073,223	249,431,165	+5.9
St. Louis	70,355,742	72,517,301	-3.1
New Orleans	18,028,293	16,938,955	+6.4
Seven cities, five days	\$2,543,441,005	\$2,239,187,193	+13.6
Other cities, five days	570,294,737	541,498,769	+5.3
Total all cities, five days	\$3,113,735,692	\$2,780,685,962	+12.0
All cities, one day	615,999,874	608,568,942	+1.2
Total all cities, for week	\$3,729,735,566	\$3,389,254,004	+10.0

The full details for the week covered by the above will be given next Saturday. We cannot furnish them to-day, clearings being made up by the clearing houses at noon on Saturday, and hence in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated, as we go to press Friday night.

We present below detailed figures for the week ending with Saturday noon, Jan. 24, for four years:

Clearings at—	Week ending Jan. 24.				
	1914.	1913.	Inc. or Dec.	1912.	1911.
New York	\$2,196,779,696	\$1,972,294,716	+11.4	\$1,912,075,581	\$1,917,695,897
Philadelphia	168,330,683	160,091,619	+5.1	149,616,613	137,475,484
Pittsburgh	53,436,877	59,032,806	-9.5	59,853,262	49,687,285
Baltimore	30,819,318	41,595,915	-11.5	37,809,697	35,485,011
Buffalo	11,169,414	12,029,627	-7.1	12,304,740	9,269,400
Albany	6,902,764	6,115,381	+12.9	6,322,893	5,706,348
Washington	7,644,206	7,643,251	+1.4	6,899,146	6,706,671
Rochester	4,682,077	4,807,200	-2.6	3,827,011	3,240,893
Syracuse	3,308,446	3,221,368	+2.7	2,708,728	2,711,323
Reading	2,769,552	2,442,971	+12.4	2,210,959	1,708,847
Wilmington	1,710,948	1,603,305	+6.7	1,502,102	1,345,861
Baltimore	1,776,862	1,681,337	+5.6	1,445,327	1,385,552
Wilkes-Barre	1,637,670	1,697,545	-3.5	1,488,291	1,094,419
Wheeling	2,043,910	2,132,140	-3.7	1,834,339	1,697,693
Trenton	1,795,944	1,569,999	+14.4	1,499,303	1,586,960
York	846,103	878,502	-3.6	900,014	831,187
Erie	1,150,026	1,034,323	+11.2	825,427	800,494
Chester	632,788	654,540	-3.4	525,384	516,255
Binghamton	668,800	649,400	+2.6	581,000	466,100
Greensburg	600,000	612,050	-2.0	692,148	487,423
Altoona	637,651	608,070	+4.9	435,269	417,029
Lancaster	1,381,668	1,479,756	-6.6	1,026,886	1,028,626
Montclair	463,350	392,902	+18.1		
Total Middle	\$2,507,186,753	\$2,284,051,749	+9.7	\$2,197,978,420	\$2,181,854,870
Boston	164,445,320	174,419,754	-5.7	161,523,937	158,011,667
Providence	8,730,200	9,307,500	-6.2	8,460,500	7,958,700
Hartford	5,245,866	4,727,778	+11.0	4,020,765	3,741,192
New Haven	3,930,855	3,123,646	+25.8	2,599,517	2,676,485
Springfield	2,754,694	3,102,580	-11.2	2,344,060	1,998,108
Portland	1,074,921	1,805,593	-40.5	2,178,210	1,814,000
Worcester	2,547,337	2,565,291	-0.7	2,319,165	2,271,389
Fall River	1,422,921	1,127,061	+26.2	947,422	1,126,635
New Bedford	1,181,316	1,008,304	+17.2	835,281	1,016,363
Holyoke	647,450	704,387	-8.1	563,148	550,252
Lowell	754,649	492,070	+53.3	498,984	447,555
Bangor	564,778	538,643	+4.8	507,595	312,473
Tot. New Eng.	194,196,317	202,918,387	-4.3	186,798,584	181,926,292

Note.—For Canadian clearings see "Commercial and Miscellaneous News."

Clearings at—

Clearings at—	Week ending Jan. 24.				
	1914.	1913.	Inc. or Dec.	1912.	1911.
Chicago	\$326,170,674	\$314,686,409	+3.6	\$274,330,852	\$262,490,104
Cincinnati	32,445,890	28,970,830	+12.0	25,328,700	25,496,300
Cleveland	26,039,115	25,459,761	+2.3	19,831,355	16,831,215
Detroit	28,448,682	25,172,816	+13.0	18,837,995	15,714,857
Milwaukee	16,659,010	15,238,029	+9.3	12,805,503	13,593,495
Indianapolis	7,661,036	8,756,913	-13.6	7,384,111	8,265,625
Columbus	7,990,900	6,232,200	+21.5	8,548,900	6,256,900
Toledo	6,817,836	6,281,328	+8.5	4,810,677	4,591,404
Peoria	3,883,820	3,540,014	+9.6	3,387,380	2,828,685
Cincinnati Rapid	3,435,531	3,431,477	+0.1	2,694,218	2,675,881
Dayton	2,712,083	2,467,922	+9.0	2,071,100	1,949,007
Evansville	2,553,027	2,065,561	+23.0	1,984,076	2,071,164
Kalamazoo	631,667	838,876	-24.7	683,212	630,226
Springfield, Ill.	1,256,097	1,015,204	+23.7	1,030,341	780,644
Youngstown	1,447,742	1,644,071	-12.0	1,236,065	904,853
Fort Wayne	1,273,432	1,285,606	-0.9	1,001,325	1,129,954
Lexington	1,199,956	1,509,699	-20.5	1,066,178	1,425,743
Akron	1,793,000	2,371,000	-24.4	1,586,100	1,136,850
Rockford	950,720	996,352	-4.2	784,781	785,368
South Bend	640,855	655,283	-2.2	433,107	445,943
Canton	1,457,561	1,311,449	+11.1	1,204,270	872,069
Quincy	634,955	687,724	-9.3	627,188	680,000
Springfield, O.	887,772	797,548	+11.3	502,899	517,356
Bloomington	652,853	547,598	+19.1	560,515	648,492
Mansfield	494,931	492,347	+0.5	361,390	376,782
Decatur	561,940	485,502	+15.7	475,189	485,884
Jackson	523,100	544,376	-3.0	500,000	420,000
Jacksonville, Ill.	396,625	239,237	+63.1	250,611	260,529
Danville	451,461	481,886	-6.2	410,421	387,776
Lima	642,142	470,062	+36.2	402,202	312,650
Savannah	582,496	536,476	+8.6	380,095	379,366
Owensboro	396,516	565,022	-30.0	602,398	500,971
Ann Arbor	165,110	157,946	+5.1	128,846	151,049
Adrian	115,163	40,124	+134.4	30,101	40,971
Tot. Mid. West	451,136,608	450,041,672	+4.0	396,319,201	375,690,158
San Francisco	46,247,892	48,205,366	-2.0	45,607,495	40,587,949
Los Angeles	24,294,037	24,464,185	-0.7	19,671,676	15,807,273
Seattle	10,806,936	10,359,279	+4.3	9,495,235	9,047,393
Portland	11,123,691	10,294,072	+8.0	8,153,564	8,053,724
Spokane	4,296,046	3,627,997	+18.4	3,647,737	3,633,050
Salt Lake City	6,260,731	6,419,590	-2.5	7,807,627	9,011,173
Tacoma	2,082,293	2,462,121	-16.7	3,056,575	2,903,071
Oakland	3,400,629	3,835,432	-9.8	2,757,602	3,232,228
San Diego	1,868,151	1,665,521	+12.2	1,83,967	1,275,278
San Jose	2,572,479	3,011,533	-14.5	2,000,000	1,855,333
Stockton	815,485	872,228	-6.5	666,618	561,880
Fresno	833,658	998,157	-16.5	829,808	760,893
Pasadena	997,206	1,041,335	-4.2	1,005,624	794,761
San Jose	606,956	650,000	-6.6	638,426	379,645
North Yakima	375,000	345,044	+8.7	314,897	343,386
Reno	248,738	225,339	+10.4	246,488	240,000
Total Pacific	116,799,928	118,177,589	-1.2	108,108,588	95,467,543
Kansas City	58,118,691	58,541,191	-0.7	52,001,988	53,328,887
Minneapolis	22,408,341	24,835,493	-9.0	17,957,502	19,057,932
Omaha	18,015,130	17,635,129	+1.9	15,710,447	14,099,383
St. Paul	10,788,876	9,001,293	+19.3	10,155,614	9,260,210
Denver	8,653,298	9,527,268	-9.2	9,666,094	9,690,810
St. Joseph	8,983,703	7,986,850	+12.5	8,315,722	6,999,400
Duluth	3,452,359	4,391,014	-21.4	2,734,079	2,778,559
Des Moines	5,093,369	4,424,014	+15.1	4,013,129	3,231,867
Sioux City	3,281,460	2,844,167	+15.4	2,463,087	2,270,600
Wichita	3,513,657	3,460,896	+1.5	3,179,126	3,334,498
Lincoln	1,985,497	1,682,662	+25.5	1,407,463	1,360,287
Davenport	1,606,733	1,540,419	+4.3	1,508,185	1,404,800
Des Moines	1,674,696	1,643,980	+1.9	1,699,394	1,319,244
Cedar Rapids	1,832,083	1,480,915	+23.3	1,119,038	1,084,716
Colorado Springs	622,404	676,187	+8.0	546,294	531,740
Pueblo	787,397	745,653	-5.4	638,130	566,923
Fargo	449,738	383,455	+17.2	317,009	310,746
Frederick	395,876	293,874	+34.8	267,423	334,784
Waterloo	1,310,900	1,458,211	-10.1	1,166,390	962,253
Helena	959,475	798,695	+20.1	605,031	653,372
Billings	478,776	499,271	-3.5	219,491	219,800
Butte	140,141	196,147	-28.6	171,952	183,626
Abilene	270,215	313,962	-13.9	306,362	257,663
Tot. oth. West	164,712,231	154,012,765	+6.5	136,349,150	132,636,301
St. Louis	88,332,832	85,013,910	+3.9	71,895,021	74,189,029
New Orleans	23,301,12				

ELECTRIC RAILWAY SECTION.

A new number of our "Electric Railway" Section, revised to date, is sent to our subscribers to-day. The editorial discussions in the same embrace the following topics: "Electric Railways and Motor Buses—Competition or Co-Operation," and "The Contest of the Electrification Systems."

OUR CHICAGO RECORD.

On pages 347 and 348 of this issue will be found our usual annual compilation showing the range of prices by months of stocks and bonds on the Chicago Stock Exchange. In connection with this record we also print a series of special articles under the following captions:

"Chicago Banking Conditions in 1913."—By George M. Reynolds, President Continental & Commercial National Bank, Chicago.

"The Chicago Bond Market in 1913."—By J. E. Blunt, Vice-President Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago.

"Real Estate Serial Mortgage Bonds."—By S. W. Straus, President S. W. Straus & Co.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Soberer views are being taken of the significance to be attached to the apparently reassuring words contained in the President's message of last week. It is now being recognized that the nice words and plausible language found in the message can count for little as a hopeful omen to business if the purpose to enact legislation sure to devitalize business energy remains unchanged. There was a too-ready disposition to believe that the Administration policies as disturbing elements in the situation were to be modified with the view to removing all cause of apprehension on that score. The mistake was made of judging the message by isolated passages skilfully worded to convey a pleasing impression, instead of by its substance. The five bills introduced in Congress, however, for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of the President, have come as an eye-opener. As these bills are scrutinized and studied, it is becoming evident that further very destructive legislation is in prospect unless the business community shall make common cause against it, thereby averting the threatened danger.

The "New York Times," which the day after the delivery of the message was inclined to draw very hopeful inferences from it, is now moved to say (in an editorial which appeared last Saturday) that "these bills belie the more than fair assurances of the President's address," and to assert that "they reflect the ignorance of their authors, they are unsafe." The point is made, with much emphasis, that under the bill adding definitions to the Sherman Act no "firm or corporation or individuals engaged in trade of an inter-State nature could carry on business at all save at the risk, in their daily, usual and innocent operations, of blundering into a Trade Relations law should the bill having that name be enacted." Furthermore it is stated that "under the Trade Commission bill, if enacted, no corporation engaged in inter-State business would enjoy any privacy, its books and papers would at all times be subject to inspection and seizure, and if search and seizure were so unreasonable as to come plainly within the prohibition of the Constitution, the broad discretion under the inter-State commerce clause would be pleaded in defense." All this is, unfortunately true, and pity 'tis, 'tis true.

Our contemporary is also on safe ground when it insists that "no labor union could live a day, no officers of a labor union could draw up a union scale and procure its adoption without incurring the gravest risk of fine and imprisonment, or both, under the fourth clause of the bill adding definitions to the Sherman Act." Under the suggested amendments officers and members of unions would be forbidden, in the penalties named, "to make any agreement, enter into any arrangement, arrive at any understanding by which they directly or indirectly undertake to prevent a free and unrestricted competition among themselves." But, what of it? To indicate that labor unions and labor leaders would be subject to these penalties will not deter the legislator from putting the proposed measures on the statute book. The only effect will be that the labor organizations will insist that they shall be excluded from the operation of the law. The request, we may be sure, will be quickly complied with, and the President it is certain, would yield equally ready acquiescence.

The end sought can be accomplished, too, without specific mention of labor unions. This is what was done in the case of the Seven Sisters' laws which the President as Governor of New Jersey succeeded last February in having enacted by the New Jersey Legislature. A definition was smuggled in, as pointed out in our issue of March 1, which provided that "the words 'article' and 'commodity' in this Act are to be construed as synonymous with natural products, manufactured products, goods, wares and merchandise." It will be observed that labor and labor unions are not included at all in this definition and hence are exempt from its operation. Mr. Wilson of course signed the bill. Business men should draw a lesson to their own benefit from the course of the labor leaders. That is, they should bestir themselves, make their influence felt, and, like the labor unions, see that legislation detrimental to their interests is prevented. In that way, and in that way alone, can the threatened danger be averted. And it is a serious danger, too, from which incalculable harm to business interests will result if it is not guarded against in the way suggested.

At this juncture also comes a decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission which, while not itself objectionable, incidentally furnishes occasion for the gravest anxiety and disquietude by reason of some remarks that have been injected in the opinion so as to connect the facts in these cases with the application of the railroads in Official Classification territory for permission to make a five per cent advance in freight rates. The question at issue was whether the practice should be approved of granting special allowances in the matter of rates to industrial establishments having short switches or private lines connecting the establishments with the railroads. The Commission decides that the practice is in the nature of a concession or preference to this class of shippers, and should therefore be abolished. The railroads never liked the practice and are glad that the Commission has taken a stand against it, but feel that the Commission is in no position to indulge in strictures regarding the same as far as the railroads are concerned, since the practice has existed from time immemorial and has been continued with the full knowledge of the Commission. What, however, is real occasion for complaint and anxiety is that the remarks which have been incorporated in the opinion apparently

foreshadow a purpose on the part of the Commission to urge that instead of the five per cent advance in rates the railroads shall recoup themselves by abolishing the allowances to industrial plants and eliminating a few other practices that in very small ways may possibly tend to deplete railroad revenues.

Says the opinion: "Indeed, the very carriers that are augmenting their expense accounts and dissipating their revenues in this manner, to the extent of many millions of dollars a year, and for the benefit of a comparatively few shippers, are now complaining that their present earnings are insufficient, and, on that ground, have asked our permission to make a substantial increase in their general rate schedule." Now, it should be distinctly understood that the Commission will not be allowed to evade the plain issue raised in the application to advance rates. The carriers base their request for better rates on the fact that there has been a tremendous rise in operating costs and that new laws have added enormously to the annual expenses of the roads. Either the argument made on behalf of the roads is sound or it is not sound. If it is sound, the Commission should meet the issue in a broad-minded way and give its consent to the proposed increase. It should not act in a picayunish way after the fashion of Mr. Brandeis, or listen to weak suggestions coming from the same source. There is absolutely no justification or warrant for mixing up the proposition of an advance in rates with the question of industrial allowances or other minor considerations of the same sort.

In connection with this question of permitting slightly higher freight schedules, it is not inappropriate to refer to this week's income statement of the United States Steel Corporation for the December quarter, inasmuch as the prosperity of the steel industry is so closely dependent upon the ability of the railroads to place orders with freedom in satisfaction of present needs and for the development of new railroad undertakings. No more dismal return of earnings by an industrial concern has appeared for a long time than this statement of the Steel Corporation for the December quarter. The showing for the quarter as a whole is not so very bad, the deficiency below the dividend requirements on common and preferred shares being only a trifle over a million dollars. But looking at the results of the separate months, it is found that earnings have been declining in a most striking fashion month by month—having been \$12,257,800 for October, \$8,219,769 for November and only \$5,030,999 for December. On the December basis, earnings for a full period of three months would be barely enough to meet the Corporation's fixed charges, leaving practically nothing available for dividends on either preferred or common stock. It is true that in December business was at a very low ebb. In January there was a trifle more activity as far as volume of business is concerned, but the improvement in that respect was, after all, not very great.

December's poor net earnings, however, followed not merely because of a contraction in the volume of business, but yet more because of the extremely low basis of values ruling for iron and steel products. That is a fact quite generally overlooked, or ignored. In the matter of prices practically no improvement has occurred since the beginning of the year and it is difficult to see how any great rise in prices can be brought about, owing to the reduction that has been

made in iron and steel duties under the new tariff law. Only very low profits, therefore, can be counted on for a long time to come, and the one way in which the loss in profits can be offset is by increasing the volume of business done. Such an increase in business can only be accomplished by improving the status of the railroads, which are the largest single consumer of iron and steel products in the country, so that they can again buy with entire freedom and give orders without reserve. In that sense an advance in rates is a prime requisite of the highest order.

After a delay of some eight weeks, the Chamber of Commerce has felt compelled to pass negatively on a resolution offered, early in December, by Mr. H.A. Scheftel of J. S. Bache & Co., providing for the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of sending a letter to get expressions of opinion upon forming an organization of holders of stocks in railway and industrial corporations "for protection of the business interests of the country."

The Chamber's Executive Committee, to which the resolution was referred, reports that it is inadvisable for the Chamber to undertake such action, which might be interpreted as some form of political movement; yet, of course, this does not mean lack of approval among the membership of that body, and it is evident that there is a considerable, if not almost a majority of concurrence there in the idea. Mr. Scheftel proposes to proceed with the organizing work, and some such title as Business Defensive League may be chosen for it. He has received a great number of letters of hearty approval.

Over and over, it has been pointed out that railroads and banks are not the property of a few rich men. The "Chronicle" has published figures, again and again in the course of the last dozen years, from which one might almost say that the supposed monopolist owner of corporations, when hunted to his lair, proves to be widow or orphan, or the representative of widows and orphans or of moderate wage-earners. Bank shares are widely scattered; educational, religious, charitable, and other institutions for public benefit rather than accumulation, together with savings banks and insurance companies, are bottomed upon railway stocks and bonds. It might be truthfully said that there is hardly a person living who has a handful of savings not hidden in stockings or other places of burying in the ground but is really an investor in those securities, because an informal investor with institutions which are formally such. Many of such persons, perhaps most of them, do not know the fact or realize its importance to themselves; but their ignorance does not alter the situation though it does endanger it. As the most recent instance at hand, the Pennsylvania Railway now has its maximum number of stockholders, 88,586; an increase of 13,142 during 1913; of these, 42,514 are women, their number having increased by 6,266 and now being nearly 48% of the total number of holders.

These persons are not monopolists, but they are ignorant, exposed and defenseless, because unassociated. Bring them together, so that they become visible, and they become effective. For (to quote Mr. Scheftel's words) "such an organization of stockholders would not alone be effective in curbing unjust legislation against railroads and in-

dustrials, but would serve as a restraining influence on the management of the properties owned and as a corrective of unwise or extravagant conduct of the business of such corporations."

Evidently, some organization of the persons who are the real owners of these vitally important properties would check the course of attack on them through politics, would raise some defense against raids of employees for wage increases, would improve the quality of the management itself, and would bring the whole subject into the curative light of rational publicity. Why should not the investor, as such, look into and keep watch on the facts which concern his own interests? Why should he submit to go unrepresented and unheard, while declamation waxes loud over imaginary or greatly exaggerated capital aggregation and anybody, outside or inside of a legislature, can get some applause whenever he throws a stone?

Reports, that have been entirely indefinite, have nevertheless apparently been quite generally accepted as indicating a new crisis in the Mexican situation. President Wilson has, it is stated, intimated to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations that he believed the time had come when some recognition ought to be extended to the Mexican Constitutionalists as a result of the progress that they have been making recently in their struggle. Mr. Wilson stated that the Federal troops in Mexico were receiving arms from outside sources, and intimated that the embargo against shipments of arms into Mexico from this country ought to be lifted. No final decision has yet been reached. Additional information received by the Government indicates that the Huerta Government has been receiving supplies of arms from Japan, the rifles being those that were used in the Japanese war with Russia. Some color was given the latter by reports of the establishment of an anti-American understanding between Japan and Mexico. A banquet was tendered to the officers of the Japanese cruiser *Itzumo* at the National Palace in Mexico City on Tuesday, at which the guests were especially honored. Reports from Vera Cruz state that General Huerta has determined to send an envoy to Washington. President Wilson in an interview with newspaper reporters on Thursday declared that a number of newspapers were grossly exaggerating the foreign relations of the Government and were thereby embarrassing the Administration. The Mexican situation, he said, is gradually developing and our relations with several foreign Powers, especially Great Britain and Japan, may be involved. It was, the President said, learned more than seven months ago that Huerta had purchased arms in Japan, but the Japanese Government as such had no hand in the transaction, which was strictly a commercial one not covered by international law. These arms were to be delivered in two consignments, the second being delivered in February. The Government, furthermore, is informed that Huerta has purchased arms from several sources and has a supply stored away. Huerta is imposing onerous burdens upon the country and because of excessive taxation it is expected that his Government may topple over at any moment. There is reason to believe that Japan has an ulterior purpose in its present activity as regards Mexico. The Tokyo Government is hard pressed at home. It is taking this action to please the jingoes, and is therefore resorting to ac-

tivities which have the effect of irritating the United States, but which have not that irritation for its primary object. The police of Mexico City early in the week reported that they had discovered a plot involving several important army officers who are retired, none actually having a command. The object of the plot was, it is claimed, a military coup. The military happenings this week have not been important. General Pancho Villa was operated on in Juarez on Thursday by American surgeons. The operation was a minor one made necessary by an old wound which has been giving the rebel leader trouble since his recent illness. He is planning to go to the Torreon section as soon as he is able to travel. Reports are current in Mexico City of an ultimatum to the United States by England, Germany and France either to recognize Huerta or to intervene in Mexico within thirty days.

Hayti is now in the throes of revolution, and it has been necessary for patrols from the American armored cruiser *Montana* and the German cruiser *Vineta* to be landed at Port-au-Prince to guard the legations and keep order in the streets. As soon as fighting began, President Oreste abdicated and sought refuge on the German cruiser *Vineta*. There is now no Government in Hayti, although the local authorities, with the assistance of the American and German marines, are restoring order. Senator Theodore, leader of the revolution, is proceeding from Cape Haitien to Port-au-Prince in an effort to secure his own installation as President of the Republic. The members of the Cabinet, following the example of President Oreste, have fled from the capital, several of them taking refuge on foreign ships.

Hsiung Hsi-Ling, Premier and Minister of Finance in China, on Monday resigned the Finance portfolio. He will retain his Premiership only until the inauguration of the new legislature proposed by President Yuan Shih-Kai. A bill prescribing the worship of Heaven and Confucius, introduced by President Yuan Shih-Kai, was passed on Thursday by the Administrative Council, which has taken the place of the Chinese Parliament that was recently dissolved by President Yuan. Peking advices state that the President's idea is to set an example to the Chinese nation, which he thinks needs the moral building influence of religion. The President will worship at the Temple of Confucius and at the Temple of Heaven annually, in the same way as the Manchu Emperors did, but without wearing the diadem. The diadem was proposed, but was not adopted, owing to the criticism that it constituted another indication of Yuan's monarchical designs. The question of the introduction of a State religion has created considerable controversy in China, the Christian missionaries of all sects opposing such a step. The constitution adopted by the Chinese Parliament made no provision for any State religion. But for some months a Confucian revival movement has been in evidence, and a league was formed by representatives in China not only of Christianity but of Mohammedanism, Taoism and Buddhism, to oppose the adoption of the State religion.

The German Imperial Parliament early in the week adopted by a large majority a resolution demanding Government action to prevent the use of troops against citizens unless a requisition be first made by

the civil authorities. In addition, a bill was introduced prohibiting absolutely the intervention of troops without such requisition and forbidding the use of arms by the military, except in self-defence, to overcome actual resistance, to force the disarmament of armed persons or in the arrest of fugitives. The bill was referred to a special committee. It is evident that the trouble arising out of the recent clashes between the military and civilians at Zabern, Alsace, has not fully subsided.

The Bank of England did not disappoint banking interests in London who had predicted a further lowering of the official minimum discount. The weekly return of the Bank was so favorable, a further gain of £1,706,051 in the gold holdings bringing the total up to £43,634,723, that the Governors took one bite of the cherry, and instead of reducing to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, after last week's reduction to 4% , made a full cut to 3% . The result was a pronounced boom in the London security markets, consols and other gilt-edged investment stock promptly responding with substantial advances. The price of consols, which had closed at $74\frac{7}{8}$ on Wednesday, advanced suddenly to $76\frac{1}{4}$, but closed at a reaction to $75\frac{7}{8}$ on Thursday and finished, according to cable accounts last evening, at $75\frac{7}{8}$. London & Northwestern stock, which a week ago closed at $134\frac{3}{4}$ and was quoted on Wednesday at $138\frac{1}{4}$, advanced to $139\frac{3}{4}$ on Thursday and closed last evening at 140. This may be accepted as largely representative of other important issues. Southeastern deferred closed a week ago at $58\frac{7}{8}$. By Wednesday it had declined to $57\frac{1}{2}$, but advanced to $58\frac{1}{2}$ on Thursday and closed at 58. The Great Western, which on Friday of last week was quoted at $116\frac{1}{2}$, had advanced to $118\frac{1}{2}$ on Wednesday and shot up to $119\frac{3}{4}$ on Thursday, closing last night at $119\frac{3}{4}$. The Great Eastern closed a week ago at 50. On Wednesday it finished at $50\frac{1}{2}$ and on Thursday $54\frac{1}{2}$, last evening's close being $54\frac{3}{4}$. The securities mentioned are among what are usually termed the gilt-edged stocks of the London market. Balkan State funds have not especially sympathized with the firmness. Bulgarian sixes are, in fact, 1 point lower at the close at $97\frac{1}{2}$ and Greek monopoly fours are without change from 52. Servian unified fours closed 1 point higher at $78\frac{1}{2}$. Russian fours are also without alteration, remaining at $88\frac{1}{2}$ and Turkish fours continue at last week's prices of $86\frac{1}{2}$. German Imperial threes are two points higher at 78.

Unlike New York, the London market is being deluged with new security issues. These, while individually for comparatively small amounts, present in the aggregate a large total. To quote the London correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce", the capacity of the printing presses in producing new securities seems the only check upon the Stock Exchange rise. All issues offered have been quickly absorbed, the subscription books in some instances not remaining open more than half an hour. The financing, as reported by cable during the week, included a Chilean Government £2,000,000 issue of eighteen months' treasury bills. The State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, offered £4,200,000 two-year 5 per cent sterling bills. Of the latter £3,200,000 were placed with bankers, the remaining £1,000,000 being publicly offered and readily subscribed. The Bengal Nagpur Railway issued £2,000,000 4% bonds guaranteed by the Indian Government at $97\frac{1}{2}$. These

were over-subscribed in $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The City of Concepcion issued £50,000 in $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds at par. These were guaranteed by the Chilean Government and were completely subscribed in an hour. The Government of Western Australia sold £2,000,000 in four per cents at $98\frac{1}{2}$. In November a similar issue of £1,000,000 was placed at $97\frac{1}{2}$. The City of Auckland, New Zealand sold £224,000 in $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cents at par and the City of Kieff, Russia, £625,000 in 5 per cents at par. A City of Vancouver loan of £76,000 in 5 per cents was sold at 93. An offering of \$2,000,000 preferred stock of the Philadelphia Company was fully subscribed. The Government of New Zealand sold yesterday £4,500,000 ten-year 4% bonds at $100\frac{1}{2}$, all to meet maturities. Before the current upward rush of London prices began there had already been a substantial rise in securities on the London Stock Exchange. The usual monthly compilation by the "Bankers' Magazine" of prices of 387 representative securities listed on the London Stock Exchange showed a total market value of these securities on January 20 of £3,389,478,000, which is a total increase from the December 20 prices of £48,393,000, or 1.5% . American securities contributed most freely to this advance, the increase of the seventeen American stocks in question being £13,410,000, equal to 4% . Nine British and India funds increased during the same period £90,572,000, or 3% , twenty-six British railways increased £7,247,000, or 3.7% , and fifteen South African companies increased £1,225,000, or 2.2% . The only decrease reported in the leading securities was a reduction of £6,814,000 in the twenty-one foreign Government stocks. This was equal to 0.9% .

Sir Edward Holden, Chairman of the London City & Midland Bank, at the semi-annual meeting on Friday of last week predicted that American banks under our new currency law would establish branches at the British centre. He urged that all foreign banks operating in London be required to publish balance sheets showing their actual holdings in Britain of gold against liabilities. Since British banks can only open branches abroad under penalties, therefore, while he was not urging reprisals against foreign banks doing business in London, such banks should at least be compelled to observe the same requirements as English banks. Sir Edward also reverted to his pet subject of publication by the London Joint Stock Banks of their gold reserves, arguing that the present system whereby only the Bank of England is bound to make such an exposition, with the resultant window-dressing by the other banks, constituted a national danger. He pointed out that the German gold reserve at the end of 1913 stood at £58,493,000, whereas the British gold reserve as shown by the Bank of England's statement was £32,126,000, an amount, according to Sir Edward, that was entirely inadequate. If a Royal Commission ever was needed, one was necessary now to investigate this point. When the President of the Reichsbank said at the beginning of 1913 that he intended to increase its stock of gold by at least £20,000,000, experts expressed skepticism. But he accomplished the task. Another feature of the Chairman's address that attracted attention was his emphatic statement that Britain needed an emergency currency just as exists in other countries. He held that it could be based to at least one-third of its amount on gold. Germany and France could

protect their gold reserves effectively but England could not. In the British Government savings banks, he showed, the deposits amounted to about £185,000,000. There practically was no reserve against these deposits. His belief was that the Government should pay off its debt of £11,000,000 sterling to the Bank of England, so that gold could accumulate in its place. By that means the Government would have a reserve against savings bank liabilities and the country would have more gold. "In the American currency law," said Sir Edward, "there is a clause which has an important bearing on London. It empowers the new central reserve bank to open agencies in London and further empowers every national bank having capital and surplus of not less than £200,000 to establish, with the consent of the Washington board, branches in London. These agencies and branches no doubt will create here a considerable amount of new credit."

At the meeting of the London County & Westminster Bank on Thursday, as reported in a special cable dispatch to the New York "Times," Lord Goschen, while recognizing the justification of the fall in money rates, drew attention to the further large capital creations looming in the distance, and the great mass of short-dated indebtedness which will have to be funded; while at the meeting of the National Provincial Bank of England, Mr. Fitzgerald also referred to the likelihood of a strong demand for new capital throughout the year. Referring to the American currency Act, Lord Goschen said its effects might be far-reaching as regarded American trade and finance. In its original form there would appear to have been some grounds for the fears entertained as to the possibilities that it would lead to inflation of credit, but as amended, and with prudent handling, there would appear to be nothing to fear. Cecil Parr, speaking this week at the meeting of Parr's Bank, said the substantial reductions of duty in the new American tariff in the cases of many articles must before long exert a stimulating and beneficial influence on Great Britain's export trade to the United States.

Paris is still a laggard so far as enthusiasm in its security markets is concerned. The Bank of France fulfilled expectations by reducing its discount rate to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on Thursday. Even this seemed to be quite stolidly received by French operators. An additional \$2,000,000 in gold was engaged for the Bank in New York and was exported on Wednesday. Meanwhile, sterling exchange in Paris has taken such a severe drop that there are indications of a very considerable movement of the precious metal from Threadneedle Street to the French centre. A week ago the London check rate in Paris was 25.21 francs (25.20 francs is usually calculated to be par). But on Thursday, when the English Bank rate was reduced to 3% , the French rate for London checks suddenly declined to 25.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ francs. This is a situation, if the rate declines much further, that is not unlikely to transfer the French demand for gold definitely to London from New York. French Rentes closed at 85.40 francs, comparing with 85.85 francs a week ago. Call money in Paris closed at 4% , the same as last week. While quotations on the Bourse showed some improvement in sympathy with London and New York, there was evidence of renewed selling by the professional operators who have recently become so prominent. The inquisitorial

taxation scheme of M. Caillaux, the Minister of Finance, is causing active criticism in banking circles. Paris cables declare that, while money is abundant and cheap for the settlement and other day-to-day purposes, there is a strong disposition to refuse to place it in fixed commitments until the new exterior issues, such as the Balkan State loans, at high interest rates and large discounts, become available. The formal contract was signed on Wednesday for the Russian railways loan, guaranteed by the Russian Government, and which is to be issued, as we stated in last week's "Chronicle," on Feb. 12. The loan will probably invite 765,000,000 francs at about 93, although this is a question that will be left to the bankers, who will be guided by the conditions existing in the market at the time. During the current year the sum of 2,112,500,000 francs will be required by thirteen Russian railway companies, six of them being established undertakings that are extending their lines and seven being new ones. It has been feared that were these lines to borrow individually, the effect would be to exhaust the capital available on the European money markets for Russian railway enterprises, and thus place other companies in difficulties or spoil their chances of borrowing on advantageous terms. It has been decided, therefore, by the Russian Government not to sanction separate loans for individual companies, but only combined loans for groups of companies, the individual undertakings participating in proportion to their requirements. With this end in view, the constitution of Russian railway companies has been or will be amended, to the effect that railway bonds shall be redeemed on uniform dates fixed for all participating companies alike. Furthermore, the proportion of capital required by the Russian law to be subscribed before a railway company may commence the work of construction is, it is reported, to be considerably lowered.

Another French loan that will soon be definitely arranged is one for Greece. The time for formal offer of the loan will depend upon the decision of the Minister of Finance regarding exterior flotations as a whole. According to the Paris newspaper "La Liberte," M. Vinizelos, the Greek Premier, has tentatively arranged a 500,000,000-franc loan in Paris, the first part to be issued about the middle of March, if the authority of M. Caillaux can be secured. The proposed issue of a 600,000,000-franc Turkish loan in Paris has, it is stated by cable, been postponed until May. Bulgaria is desirous of obtaining a new loan, but the complicated domestic political situation renders it necessary to postpone negotiations until more settled conditions become current.

The financial situation in Berlin is rather graphically indicated by the fact that day-to-day money has been available at the low rate of 1% during the greater part of the week, though at the extreme close funds for the month-end settlement command $4\frac{1}{4}\%$, which is a temporary rise. Dispatches cabled from the German centre state that bankers there report an improvement in certain lines of industry, and accordingly believe that the German money market has reached its low point—it certainly can hardly go much lower. Berlin banks have been surfeited with funds intended for the Prussian Treasury notes, subscriptions for which were opened on Thursday. The issue was largely over-subscribed, so much so that the senior German loans were stronger in

sympathy. Official figures are not yet available, but Berlin estimates are that the subscription will be found to be between ten and twenty-fold the full amount of the offering. It is reported that there were large foreign subscriptions. The total amount of the issue of Prussian Treasury bills was 400,000,000 marks, of which the usual syndicate of banks took 50,000,000 marks, the remainder of 350,000,000 marks being offered at 97%. The whole issue is divided into 16 series of 25,000,000 each and one series will be drawn for repayment at par every year. The first drawing will take place in October of the present year. The Prussian State Bank has issued a circular which, according to Berlin dispatches, practically recognizes the failure of the Imperial and Prussian funded issues of last summer, and attributes the attitude of the public to the popular dislike of the fall in prices of Government loans. The Bank maintains that the public complaints are exaggerated because Government loans suffer in common with, though perhaps less than, other securities paying a fixed rate of interest. The present issue, while involving considerable sacrifices on the part of the Treasury, was, the Bank argues, made in such a way as to protect the investor against a fall in price and insure him "a certain gain of 3% within an average period of 8 years." The Bank calculates that, taking the lottery chance into consideration, the present issue will return 4½% to the purchaser. In order to attract the public the issue included bonds for as small amounts as 100 marks. The steamship war had a continued depressing influence on German shipping shares. Towards the close of the week some improvement was shown in these shares as a result of the news that Emperor William was endeavoring to effect a compromise.

As we have already noted, the Bank of England on Thursday reduced its official rate from 4% to 3%, and the Bank of France cut its figure to 3½% from 4%. The Bank of Belgium also reduced its official rate from 4½% to 4%. There were no other changes in official rates this week, the Bank of the Netherlands still maintaining its 5% rate, which was established on June 25 1913. Private bank rates have not unnaturally followed the official reductions in the large centres. In Lombard Street discount rates closed at 2% for short bills, comparing with 2¾@2 13-16% a week ago and 3-months' bills finished at 2@2½%, against 2 13-16@2½%. In Paris the outside rate is now 3¼%, which is a decline from 3½% a week ago. The Berlin rate is 3%, against 2¾% one week ago and 3¾% a fortnight ago. The rate in Vienna is 4½%, against 4%; Brussels is 3 9-16%, against 3¾%, and Amsterdam 4¼%, against 4¾%. Official rates at the leading foreign centres are: London, 3%; Paris, 3½%; Berlin, 4½%; Vienna, 5%; Brussels, 4%, and Amsterdam, 5%.

We have to go back as far as 1896 to find a total for the Bank of England's bullion, in the corresponding week, in excess of that noted in Thursday's official return. In the earlier year named the gold holdings of Threadneedle Street amounted to £48,314,279. Thursday's report showed £43,634,723, which represented an increase of £1,706,051 for the week. A similar comparison is necessary as to the Bank's reserves, which in 1896 stood at £39,828,229, against £33,883,000 in the current statement. The

reserve this week increased £1,757,000 and the proportion to liabilities is now 55.38%, against 57.42% last week and 47.48% a year ago. The bullion holdings at this date in 1913 were £36,401,865 and in 1912 £38,333,790, while the corresponding items as regards reserve were £27,074,505 and £28,526,295, respectively. Loans during the week increased £3,498,000 and aggregate £34,159,000, against £35,043,838 one year ago and £33,615,335 in 1912. Circulation did not change appreciably during the week; it showed a decrease of £51,000. Public deposits decreased £350,000 and other deposits increased £5,593,000. Our special correspondent furnishes the following details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week: Imports, £644,000 (of which £301,000 from Egypt, £45,000 from West Africa and £298,000 bought in the open market); exports, £25,000 to Ecuador, and receipts of £1,087,000 net from the interior of Great Britain.

The Bank of France in this week's statement reports an increase of 12,156,000 francs in its gold holdings, representing, according to Paris advices, mainly the first shipment of \$2,000,000 in gold from America. The silver holdings were reduced 2,634,000 francs. There was an increase this week in circulation of 16,600,000 francs, of 117,925,000 francs in general deposits and of 86,025,000 francs in discounts. Treasury deposits showed a contraction of 22,100,000 francs and advances of 15,025,000 francs. The Bank's gold stock is well ahead of earlier years. It amounts to 3,532,952,000 francs, against 3,214,800,000 francs in 1913 and 3,183,825,000 francs in 1912. The silver supply is 641,116,000 francs. One year ago it was 636,550,000 francs and two years ago 805,875,000 francs. The circulation item stands at 5,893,906,000 francs, comparing with 5,884,069,695 francs one year ago and 5,467,591,815 francs in 1912. The general deposits aggregate 756,105,000 francs, against 712,211,431 francs in 1913 and 569,923,226 francs in 1912. Discounts show a fair contraction from last year, but are in excess of 1912. They aggregate 1,640,417,000 francs, against 2,063,602,128 francs and 1,573,760,148 francs in the earlier two years.

The Imperial Bank of Germany presented in its report published on January 26 a particularly strong showing. There was an increase of 29,999,000 marks in the gold on hand and of 57,438,000 marks in cash, including gold. Meanwhile, note circulation registered a contraction of 126,036,000 marks. Treasury bills declined 35,849,000 marks, loans were reduced 11,676,000 marks and discounts showed a net reduction of 84,352,000 marks. The total cash holdings, including gold, aggregate 1,637,200,000 marks and compare with 1,205,840,000 marks one year ago and 1,208,980,000 marks in 1912. Combining loans and discounts, we have a total of 866,066,000 marks, which is a contraction of nearly 500,000,000 marks from 1913, when the total was 1,356,960,000 marks. In 1912 it was 1,184,640,000 marks. The circulation item is 1,925,062,000 marks. One year ago it was 1,853,080,000 marks and in 1912 1,638,780,000 marks.

In local money circles still further concessions may be noted in rates, both for demand loans and those

for fixed maturities. The highest rate for call money for the week has been 2%, and most of the renewals on Stock Exchange daily business have been at 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ %. On Thursday the minimum figure at which demand loans were made was 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Even an expansion of \$73,000,000 in the loan item of the Clearing-House report last Saturday failed to stem the constantly increasing weakness in money market conditions. This expansion was due very largely to the financing of the \$51,000,000 New York State loan; in the first place by the original syndicate that was successful in securing the entire block of the bonds, and, second, in the distribution of these securities to second hands that promptly followed. These two transactions naturally caused a shifting of loans that exaggerated the effect of this important piece of financing. The Clearing-House statement recorded also an increase of \$85,638,000 in deposits. This was to a measurable extent the result of the increased loan item. It nevertheless called for \$21,100,900 additional in the reserve requirements, so that while the cash reserve increased during the week \$16,055,000, there was an actual decrease in the cash surplus of \$5,045,900. The cash in banks and trust companies during the week increased \$14,179,000 and in trust companies \$1,876,000. The cash surplus held by the Clearing-House institutions was \$38,065,750, which compares with \$21,465,400 one year ago and \$48,763,050 in 1912.

A significant feature, and a rather discouraging feature, of the money situation is that the spectacularly abundant supply of funds has not encouraged the issuing of new securities on the local market. The effect in London of the sudden accumulation of idle funds has been that investors are being almost deluged with new security offerings. At home here there has scarcely been an attempt made to follow up the advantage of the successful placing of the New York State loan last week. This undoubtedly is significant of the caution that still prevails on the part of capital. The \$51,000,000 New York State bonds were in the first place tax-exempt. This was itself a distinct advantage. In the next place they are not concerned in the current national legislation that is to be pushed through by the present Administration, and they are not railroad securities whose future is so intimately bound up in the approaching decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the question whether the transportation lines shall be permitted to charge a fair rate for the transfer of merchandise.

The current supply of commercial paper of an attractive character is much below the demand, and a further easing of discount rates has resulted. An additional shipment of \$2,000,000 in gold to Paris has been counteracted by receipts of \$3,000,000 from Canada this week, making \$6,000,000 from the beginning of the year, and with indications that the movement this way across the Dominion border will continue. New York funds in Montreal yesterday closed at 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per \$1,000 premium. A decided contraction in current loans in Canada is indicated by the monthly statement of the Canadian banks, as of Dec. 31, that was published on Wednesday. There was a reduction of \$8,327,000 for the month in Canada and of \$6,396,183 in call loans in New York. Comparing with December of the previous year, Canadian call loans in New York have increased \$10,000,000 and current loans in Canada decreased \$58,944,006.

Referring to call money rates in detail, the range has been 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ @2%. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the extreme figures were 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and 2%, with 2% the ruling rate on Monday and 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ % on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday the highest and ruling figures were not changed from 2% and 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, respectively, but the minimum figure was further reduced to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Friday's range was 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ @2%, with 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % the ruling quotation for Stock Exchange renewals. For time money, closing quotations were 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ @2 $\frac{3}{4}$ % for sixty days (against 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3% a week ago), 3@3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % for ninety days (against 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %), 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % for four months (against 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %), 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % for five months (unchanged) and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ % for six months (against 4%). Commercial paper closed at 4@4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and for four to six months' single names of choice character. Others are quoted 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5%. A week ago the ranges were 4@4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ @5%, respectively.

With London and New York actively competing as to which centre can name the lowest rates for money, it would not be logical to expect pronounced activity in sterling exchange. The supply of demand bills and cable transfers has been light and quotations have declined persistently throughout the week. Sixty-day bills have ruled about steady. While a reduction to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % in the Bank of England rate had been generally expected, the reduction that was finally decided on to a 3% basis was more or less of a surprise. Accompanied as this reduction was by exceptionally strong gold holdings—the strongest since 1896 at this season—the demand for remittances of all kinds showed even greater curtailment toward the end of the week. The Bank of France took another weekly shipment of \$2,000,000 gold from the New York market, but sterling exchange in Paris has reached such a low figure that direct exports of the precious metal from Threadneedle Street on quite a large scale are certainly in view, and this may cause a suspension of shipments of the precious metal from this side for the time being. The problem that is receiving chief attention by sterling exchange experts at this centre at the moment is which side of the Atlantic will be apt to first exhaust its supply of idle funds that are pressing for profitable employment. The developments of the week seem to suggest that recovery in European rates will first be felt, as London underwriters have been very prompt to take advantage of the favorable situation to inundate the British centre with new issues. It is well known that some particularly large capital issues are also pending in Paris; and Berlin has just successfully financed important Prussian loans, details of which we present in another column. At home here a movement to test the capital market is not yet seriously under way.

The Continental exchanges continue to move steadily against London. The sterling check rate in Paris, which closed at 25.21 $\frac{1}{2}$ francs last week, declined as low as 25.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ francs, or 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ centimes below par on Wednesday, when the reduction of the Bank of England rate was announced. The close last evening was 25.18 $\frac{1}{2}$ francs. Demand sterling in Berlin closed at 20.46 marks, comparing with 20.48 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks last week. Berlin exchange in Paris finished at 123.05 francs, against 123.06 francs on Friday of last week. Mexican exchange on New York closed at \$2 60 and on London at 1s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday was firmer for demand and sixty days, which were quoted at 4 8620@4 8630 and 4 8355@4 8375, respectively. Cable transfers were unchanged at 4 8655@4 8665. On Monday there was an easier tone at the opening, due largely to weakness in London discounts, though, later, covering of shorts induced a rally; the range was not changed for demand, at 4 8620@4 8630 or cable transfers at 4 8655@4 8665; sixty days, however, advanced to 4 8373@4 84. Increased ease in European discounts, an additional shipment of gold for export and active selling by speculative interests here were the main causes of the 25-point decline which took place on Tuesday; demand receded to 4 86@4 8605 and cable transfers to 4 8630@4 8635, although sixty days continued firm and closed without change. On Wednesday sterling was weak and declined still further, to 4 8585@4 8595 for demand, 4 8620@4 8630 for cable transfers and 4 8365@4 8375 for sixty days. Rates broke to 4 8575 for demand and 4 8610 for cables on Thursday, on the reduction in the Bank of England minimum discount rate from 4% to 3%, but later rallied, owing to an active inquiry and light offerings of commercial bills; final figures were practically unchanged from Wednesday's close, with demand at 4 8590@4 8595, cable transfers at 4 8620@4 8625 and sixty days at 4 8360@4 8375. On Friday the market ruled irregular and weak. Closing quotations were 4 8350@4 8370 for sixty days, 4 8575@4 8585 for demand and 4 86@4 8610 for cable transfers. Commercial on banks closed at 4 82½@4 83½, documents for payment finished at 82¾@4 83½ and seven-day grain bills at 4 85½@4 85¼. Cotton for payment closed at 4 82¾@4 83 grain for payment at 4 83½@4 83¾.

The New York Clearing-House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$13,744,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Jan. 30. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$18,197,000, while the shipments have reached \$4,453,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury operations and the gold exports, which together occasioned a loss of \$1,573,000, 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 \$12,171,000, as follows:

Week ending Jan. 30.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement	\$18,197,000	\$4,453,000	Gain \$13,744,000
Sub-Treas. oper'ns and gold exports	30,624,000	32,197,000	Gain 1,373,000
Total	\$48,821,000	\$36,650,000	Gain \$12,171,000

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

Banks of	Jan. 29 1914.			Jan. 30 1913.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 43,634,723	£	43,634,723	£ 36,401,865	£	36,401,865
France	141,318,520	25,644,400	166,962,920	128,592,320	25,401,800	154,054,120
Germany	64,322,950	14,500,000	78,822,950	45,695,850	14,604,700	60,297,550
Russia	168,643,000	6,191,000	174,834,000	155,537,900	6,770,000	162,307,900
Aus.-Hun.	51,580,000	11,552,000	63,132,000	50,489,000	10,228,000	60,717,000
Spain	19,338,000	28,725,000	48,063,000	17,577,000	29,778,000	47,355,000
Italy	45,590,000	2,930,000	48,520,000	42,919,000	3,521,000	46,440,000
Neth.Ind.	12,520,000	849,300	13,369,300	13,260,000	765,300	14,025,300
Nat. Belg.	8,288,667	4,144,333	12,433,000	7,616,000	3,808,000	11,424,000
Sweden	5,723,000	5,723,000	5,560,000	5,560,000	5,560,000	5,560,000
Switz'land	6,821,000	6,821,000	6,824,000	6,824,000	6,824,000	6,824,000
Norway	2,606,000	2,606,000	2,193,000	2,193,000	2,193,000	2,193,000
Total	570,565,860	94,535,933,665	101,793,512,566,635	95,026,500,607,592,835	94,414,070,603,712,442	
Prev. week	567,526,275	93,907,427,661	433,702,609,298,372			

a The total of gold in the Bank of Russia includes the balance held abroad—that is, the amount held for Russian account in other Continental banks.
 b The Austro-Hungarian bank statement is now issued in Kronen and Heller instead of Gulden and Kreuzer. The reduction of the former currency to sterling Pounds was by considering the Gulden to have the value of 80 cents. As the Kronen has really no greater value than 20 cents, our cable correspondent in London, in order to reduce Kronen to Pounds, has altered the basis of conversion by dividing the amount of Kronen by 24 instead of 20.
 c The division (between gold and silver) given in our table of coin and bullion in the Banks of Italy and Belgium is made from the best estimates we are able to obtain; it is not claimed to be accurate, as the banks make no distinction in the weekly returns, merely reporting the total gold and silver; but we believe the division we make is a close approximation.

OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

Dispatches from Washington have reported a conference of much importance at the White House last Monday evening between the President and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The scope of the conference seems to have embraced the broad field of the present relations of the United States not only with Mexico, but with all other foreign Powers, and the effect on those relations both of the Mexican entanglement and of other matters. There was abundant reason for such discussion of past and future policies. The restlessness of foreign governments over the Mexican situation has inevitably been increasing. It is stimulated, not only by the uncertainty which has surrounded the position of foreign residents of Mexico, but by the partial default in payments on the Mexican public debt, and the virtual "moratorium" on bank payments. So far has the feeling of European business men advanced on the official aspects of the question, that the London Chamber of Commerce was reported, last Saturday, as sending a circular to its members, asking their judgment as to whether it would be advisable for England to act with the French and German governments in requesting President Wilson to take some measures for regulating the financial position of Mexico.

The White House conference was, as it should have been, entirely private; but many details of the discussion have subsequently leaked out through the participants. These statements of contemplated policies have been diplomatically denied, and it is not at all improbable that the discussion was purely tentative. But the topics whose discussion has been referred to in the Washington dispatches must undoubtedly have been considered. They were (1) The policy of openly supplying arms to the Constitutionalist troops which are fighting Huerta in Northern Mexico; (2) Reconsideration of the five general arbitration treaties with European governments, which have expired by limitation, and whose renewal has thus far been blocked by Senatorial indifference or opposition; (3) Concessions to European nations in general, and to Great Britain in particular, in the matter of the discriminatory tolls which Congress has proclaimed for our own coastwise commerce in using the Panama Canal—regarding which, England has objected that such action was not only indirect discrimination against British shipping but a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty; (4) Possible cash settlement with Colombia, by way of allaying its grievances for our Government's participation in the successful revolution at Panama, whereby we acquired the Canal strip. Colombia asks an indemnity of \$25,000,000; it may be that something less will be proposed.

Whether all of these propositions are, or are not, on the program discussed at Monday's conference, the consideration of all of them, collectively and separately, is of the highest importance. The conduct of the United States in its foreign relations during the past half-dozen years has unquestionably tended, and most needlessly, to isolate our Government from diplomatic friendships. Whereas it was possible to say, on occasions not much further back, that our international position, as regarded, for instance, England and Japan, was peculiarly cordial and intimate, it is difficult at the present time to point to a nation which does not entertain,

through our own fault or shortcomings, some sort of grievance against us.

Much of this present condition has been due to the traditional American attitude of happy indifference regarding our international relations. A recently published memoir of Lord Lyons, in setting forth his difficulties as British Minister at Washington during our Civil War, points out the grave diplomatic obstacles which were created then by the American policy of "bluff and bounce." Lord Lyons, himself, went so far as to write to his Government that "the idea that, happen what may, England will never declare war with this country, has become so deeply rooted that I am afraid nothing short of actual hostilities will eradicate it." Our own Secretary of State of that day, Mr. Seward, personally set forth to the Minister from England his judgment that the irritating policy of this country toward Great Britain was "good material to make political capital of", and "may be safely played without any risk of bringing on a war."

The United States has doubtless grown not only older but more reasonable and conservative as a World Power since 1861; but much of the instinctive and traditional tendencies to which Lord Lyons thus calls attention have survived. The exasperating action or inaction of our Senate toward the arbitration treaties in which foreign governments have expressed their good-will toward us, is a strong instance in point. That action inevitably carried the possible implication that the United States did not care for the friendship of such foreign governments. The action of the last Congress, on the matter of the Panama Canal tolls, was interpreted in Europe—wrongly, no doubt, but not unnaturally—as a policy of deliberate bad faith, adopted because we were quite indifferent to the consequences. The virtual seizure of Panama suggested most formidable inferences, both to Central and South America as regards our attitude toward other Spanish-American republics, and to Europe as regards our conception of the Monroe Doctrine. The extent to which we have antagonized a friendly government through the action of California on Japanese residents hardly needs to be recalled. Not least of all, there remains the Mexican problem, with the peculiar responsibilities which our Government incurs through its policy of to-day.

All sensible and intelligent citizens must admit that removal of these numerous and vexatious elements of discord is of the first importance at this time—if only to head off the talk, which has begun already, of an enormous increase in our naval and military armament, and of compulsory military service. This discussion arises at the very moment when the Administration itself has been striving to induce the European Powers to suspend their own competitive struggle to build armaments.

Cordial and statesmanlike action on the various points of international friction already referred to would represent an enormous step toward reinstating this country in favorable relations with our European neighbors. How far the policy—suggested at least tentatively—of openly favoring the Mexican insurgents through providing them with arms would extricate Mexico and the United States from the present difficult situation, it is less easy to say. The talk which has eaked out in Washington that we should furnish arms to the Northern insurgents merely on the ground that Japan has been supplying

Huerta with such armament is absurd and mischievous. If Japan has been doing this, it has been altogether within its rights, as dealing with a *de facto* Government.

The question of arming the insurgents must be judged on its own merits, pure and simple. Intimation of such a purpose has naturally been received by foreign residents in Mexico City with some feeling of consternation. If the insurgent troops were to seize the capital, through an overwhelming predominance of military arms provided by the United States, what guaranty would peaceful non-combatants in that city have against repetition by the insurgent troops of the barbarities which they are known to have committed in their Northern campaign? Much still remains to be determined, as to the scope of control which our Government actually possesses over the insurgents whom it is favoring, before such a policy can be unqualifiedly approved.

HARSH FEATURES OF THE INCOME TAX.

Congressmen Cantor and Metz, both from this city, but neither of them on the Ways and Means Committee, have introduced bills repealing the "source" portions of the income tax, the former saying that he has received many complaints from persons here concerning the vexatiousness of that part of the law. Chairman Underwood of the Committee, however, emphatically says that no bills for amendments of the law will have consideration at present, and he is probably right in his forecast. For, while confession of error is always creditable, it is always repugnant, and to make one so soon, in respect to the most important first act of a session which hastened to an assumed work of freeing the country, would be to rise to a great height of candor.

Congressman Hull once more offers re-assurance in the expression of his opinion "that the law will work out satisfactorily except to those who are opposed to it on principle," and that the confusion now existing will disappear "as soon as the Treasury regulations governing the administration of the tax are fully understood." Probably he is sincere in thinking it is all simple and workable, and possibly it reads so to him, but he did not succeed in making it so, nor does the trouble cease when those regulations become understood. For the digests and professional interpretations have no binding effect; and even the regulations, not all of them consistent and intelligible, and a few of them apparently amounting to changing the law in course of interpreting it, are not a finality. That finality will not be reached until the courts have decided the cases of contest which will surely arise.

Without referring anew to any mooted point specifically, it is already known that the most perplexing, vexatious and disturbing features grow out of the "source" portions. For one instance, it is clearly a question whether Congress can constitutionally compel corporations and individuals, without their consent and at great trouble and cost to themselves, to act as revenue collectors for the Government. This noticing, deducting and holding temporarily imposes what, in common parlance and practical effect, acts as a "tax" on those to whom it applies, yet it is not a tax in the legal sense; it falls upon others, but it makes of corporations and individuals Government agents. Under the prevailing notions of individual subordination to "collectivism," some

extremists might say that the country could require the possessor of an income to pay a tax on it and then execute a song and dance on the sidewalk for the further benefit of the revenue. We would not venture to forecast what view the Supreme Court will take of this feature when reaching it, but it certainly seems devoid of just excuse.

It is, at least, the harshest and most inquisitorial portion of a law which is characterized throughout by harshness and confusion. Make an unreasonable concession by granting the utmost said on behalf of income taxes in a time of peace, and even the reckless assertion that not otherwise can the rich be made to bear their just share of the public burden, and still the question remains: Why make the always unpleasant duty of tax-paying needlessly offensive? The "source" portions arise in the assumption that most men will dodge their share of tax and the only way to reach income is to do so before it can find the owner's pocket. Is this an assumption proper in a government founded on "the consent of the governed," or suitable for a despotism? Let government begin by undertaking only its own proper work, and on a basis of reasonable efficiency and fidelity; that is, let it hold out clean hands and be itself reasonably free from just criticism before assuming that all recipients of more than \$3,000 a year are dishonest in desire. Are we to implicitly trust "the Government" in everything and for everything, including our fortunes, our morals, our education and our business and industries? And then is "the Government," theoretically the creation and servant of the people, to trust the people in nothing?

Or (if the humiliating truth is to be confessed), is it that 95% of the people are laying an income tax on the other 5% and purposely plan the process as unpleasant as possible?

THE NEW "COMPENSATION" LAW OF NEW YORK.

The law now on the statute books of this State is considerably unlike the Foley-Walker Bill which was recommended by Commissioner Emmet, was passed in both Houses, and was then thrown away by Governor Sulzer, in his desire to please the labor unions—about the only interest that was not reasonably satisfied with the bill. This one was rushed through in a haste which allowed no time for consideration, had consideration not been practically forbidden, in a final week of the special session. The unanimous vote in the Assembly and the merely nominal opposition of six votes in the Senate, expressed the determination to secure this bill as a party measure instead of allowing the subject to reach the next Legislature, then so soon to meet.

The document is of great length, and applies only to forty-two named occupations, all deemed more or less hazardous; it defines the word "employee" as a person "engaged in a hazardous employment in the service of an employer," whether on the plant or "in the course of his employment away from the plant;" it also excludes domestic servants and farm laborers.

Negligence is not to be a defense, for the question of fault is excluded unless the injury comes through the wilful intention of the injured worker to bring death or injury to himself or another, or unless the injury comes solely from intoxication of the hurt person while on duty; in either of these cases neither the hurt

person nor any dependent shall receive compensation under this chapter. If an employer "fail to secure the payment of compensation," then the hurt worker may either claim it under this chapter or bring suit for damages; in such suit the defendant may not plead contributory negligence, nor negligence by a fellow-servant, nor voluntary assumption of risk. If payment of the whole or a part of an award is not made within ten days after it is due, the amount "shall constitute a liquidated claim for damages" against the employer, which, together with a 50% penalty, may be recovered in an action brought, in the name of the State, by the Commission constituted to administer the law; in such event, the penalty shall go to the State, to cover working expenses.

The average weekly wage shall be the basis of the award to be made, and the award shall generally be two-thirds the average weekly earnings, in case of either death or total disability; for partial disability, the payment at that rate is to run for varying terms which are set forth in detail.

The employer has four courses offered to him, but is required to "secure compensation" in one of these. He may insure and keep insured in any authorized joint-stock or mutual company; he may take the risk himself, on furnishing the Commission satisfactory evidence of his ability to be his own insurer, in which case that body may require him to make a deposit of securities of the kinds specified in the insurance laws for such purposes; he may join a mutual association formed in his own group of employments, if the Commission approve; or he may insure and keep insured by depositing in the State Fund to be created and be in the hands of the State Treasurer. If he fail to comply with Section 50 (which section, however, does not contain the proviso for forming a mutual association), he is liable to a fine of a dollar per day per each employee, to be sued for by the Commission. He must post in a conspicuous place on his premises a printed or typewritten notice that he has complied with these provisions, and the following section (52) declares that "failure to secure the payment of compensation shall have the effect" of exposing him to damage suit; Section 53 relieves him from all liability if he contributes to the State Fund, and refers the injured worker to that Fund only; but the employer is "otherwise" relieved from liability only when either he or his insurance carriers have paid the award.

The coercion upon him is thus severe, and it apparently means to drive him into the State Fund, for only by contributing to that is he distinctly released from liability; if he insures in a company he seems to be liable in case the company does not pay.

A Commission of five persons, at good salaries, is to administer. This body may investigate the substantial rights of the parties in any case, not being bound by common law or by statutory rules of evidence; they may issue subpoenas, punish for contempt, arrange and re-arrange groups of employments, prescribe rates for each group, punish falsification of pay-rolls, and proceed against employers in default. The Commission is to administer the Fund. Ten per cent shall be set aside as reserve, up to \$100,000, and 5% thereafter, until the Commission deems the amount enough for "the catastrophe hazard."

No direct effort is expended towards prevention, and the effect in stimulating or repressing carelessness will be for time to show, according to the selfishness of men. The laborer will suppose himself favored and coddled, but he may possibly find himself tricked, for the State distinctly refuses any liability and if the Fund prove inadequate there is no recourse beyond it, as the employer is offered release if he accepts it by paying whatever is demanded of him for that Fund. It is evidently intended that the prospect of express release from liability shall induce him to prefer the State's own scheme, but whether that will operate thus will depend upon the comparative rates proposed by the Commission and by the insurance companies; yet any opinion as to whether regular formal insurance will be stimulated under this law or be discouraged would be merely conjectural. The law nominally took effect with the new year, but payments into the Fund may be made up to July 1, and at that latter date the law takes effect "as between employers and employees."

Many details are not referred to in the foregoing. There is already considerable doubt as to precisely where the lines defining what is covered under the laws are to be drawn, and study may disclose confusing questions, as have been discovered in abundance in the income tax. Possibly correction of these, or even a deliberate revision of what has been so needlessly rushed through in haste, may be had at the regular session.

An interesting question has now been raised as to whether this law is valid at all. Under the Court of Appeals decision in the Ives case, there is at least grave doubt whether the Legislature could enact any compulsory scheme. The amendment ratified in November meets this by taking away all limitations upon the legislative powers over the subject, but the amendment took effect on January 1, whereas this law was enacted two weeks earlier. If this technical defect is material in law, as might colorably be claimed, there is another example of the folly of over-haste, and the subject must be taken up anew.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE IN 1913.

Again we have to record a new high record in the foreign export trade of the United States, the value of the shipments of commodities from the various ports of the country during the twelve months ended Dec. 31 last having exceeded that for the corresponding period of 1912 by over 85 million dollars. And in this growth almost all leading articles have shared, with manufactures, upon which now we largely rely to increase our trade, especially prominent. Concurrently the aggregate of imports declined slightly from the record total of 1912—a total that had been swelled to a considerable extent by a practically abnormal inflow of a few articles, such as art works (principally the Morgan collection). Coffee, sugar and hides and skins and the much higher price a year ago for India rubber. But as the gain in exports was larger than the loss in imports, the country's aggregate foreign trade (inflow and outflow combined) for 1913 was moderately greater than in 1912 and therefore established another record total, reaching \$4,276,494,821, against \$4,217,291,048 the year before.

The remark we made last year as to the widespread growth of our export trade applies as truly now as then. Almost all the countries to which our products

go showed increased absorption from us in 1913 and in some instances the expansion was noticeably large. Canada, for instance, took from us goods to the value of about 400 million dollars, a total 30 millions greater than in 1912 and more than doubling 1909. Germany, too, and the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Cuba, Argentina, China, Japan and Oceania more or less appreciably increased their takings of our commodities. In fact, mentionable losses in trade are few and far between and due to some special cause, such as the decreased shipments of cotton to Great Britain and France, following the heavy outward movement of the previous year. On the import side of the account, also, there are numerous instances of recent conspicuous growth. Here again Canada stands forth prominently, the inflow into the United States from thence having risen some 15 million dollars in 1913, and the gain since 1905 has been more than 100%. From the East Indies, Japan, China, Chile and a number of other countries, likewise, the imports have noticeably increased. On the other hand, decreases in takings of goods from Russia, Great Britain, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil and the Philippine Islands are to be noted and find explanation in large part, if not wholly, in the decreased value of imports of art works, coffee, sugar, India rubber and hides and skins.

The aggregate merchandise exports in 1913 were of a value of \$2,484,311,176, against \$2,399,217,993 the preceding year, \$2,092,526,746 in 1911 and \$1,866,258,904 in 1910. In this short period of three years the expansion has been noteworthy, but in an interval of fifteen years (1898-1913) the outflow has practically doubled. Furthermore, special efforts are making to further largely increase the takings of our products abroad. In fact, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce has opened an office in New York, at the Custom House, and will shortly establish headquarters in Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco, for the purpose of assisting merchants and manufacturers in the development of foreign trade. By making these offices the meeting-places of consuls who are in this country on leave, much valuable information, it is believed, can be imparted to those wishing to cultivate business in particular localities. Moreover, the commercial agents of the Bureau on their return to this country will attend trade conferences or conventions of persons or organizations interested in special lines of investigation in order that they may personally inform manufacturers and merchants of the result of their studies in the foreign field concerning their own lines of manufacture.

Breadstuffs shipments in 1913, due to an enlarged outflow of wheat, covered a considerably greater value than in 1912, the contrast being between \$203,750,000 and \$161,672,348; but the comparison with some earlier years is unfavorable and particularly so with the 276½ million-dollar total of 1901. But home needs are increasing so steadily and rapidly that no such movement can be counted upon again until there is a very large addition to the area devoted to grain. The provisions outflow was also greater in 1913, but the gain of 15 million dollars over 1912 was wholly in pork products. Cotton exports, however, were much less in quantity in the late year—20%—but the value consequent upon the higher average price secured was only about 7% lower. In other words, the value of the 8,610,000 bales sent out was \$575,520,000, whereas the 10,-

694,472 bales shipped in 1912 covered \$623,077,439, the average prices having been 12⁷/₈ cents and 11 3-16 cents per pound, respectively. Petroleum shipments in 1913 were of greater magnitude than ever before, and the average export price at 7 cents was the highest in a number of years.

Among a number of other articles of export, and especially manufactures, notable expansion was the rule in 1913. Iron and steel manufactures, for example, made an advance of 7 million dollars, following increases of 48 and 47 millions, respectively, in the two previous years. Automobile shipments exceeded 1912 by some 5 millions, cars for steam and other railways gave a total nearly double that of the year preceding, coal, copper, and wood and manufactures showed further large gains, and more or less satisfactory augmentation is to be noted in cotton manufactures, electrical machinery, tobacco and manufactures and a number of other articles. In fact, the only decreases worthy of note were in agricultural implements, naval stores, leather and manufactures and vegetable oils.

Imports of merchandise for December were the heaviest for any month in our history, but for the year 1913 were, as already remarked, a little less than the record total of 1912, reaching \$1,792,183,645, against \$1,818,073,055. In 1911 the aggregate was only \$1,532,359,160 and in 1910 \$1,562,904,151. The decline is much more than accounted for by the drop of 25 millions in the value of art works brought in and the losses of 16 millions in hides and skins, 29 millions in coffee, 21 millions in sugar, 11 millions in seeds and 22 millions in India rubber, the last named decrease being largely a matter of price. Aside from these, the diminutions in any articles of import were rather unimportant. On the other hand, large gains are to be noted in cattle, chemicals, fibres and manufactures, and moderate but satisfactory increases in breadstuffs, cocoa, copper and manufactures, feathers, fish, fruits and nuts, iron and steel and manufactures, leather and manufactures, provisions, oils, paper and manufactures, diamonds, &c., raw silk and silk manufactures, tobacco and wood and manufactures.

The merchandise balance in our favor in 1913 was the largest on record. It reached \$692,127,531, against \$581,144,938 in 1912 and \$560,167,586 in 1911, and compared with only 303 1-3 millions in 1910 and 252⁵/₈ millions in 1909. Moreover, there is a large gain over the 1908 balance (636 millions), made during a period of depression here when imports were measurably restricted and exports free.

As indicating the changes from year to year in some of the leading staples of export and the relation those principal items bear to the full outward movement of merchandise, we insert here the following compilation, which covers the results for the last six years:

EXPORTS OF LEADING PRODUCTS FOR SIX CALENDAR YEARS.

Exports.	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.
Cotton	\$75,520,000	\$623,077,439	\$517,053,575	\$530,824,222	\$451,919,568	\$438,829,110
Breadstuffs	203,760,000	161,672,348	135,860,349	198,093,689	139,779,080	190,508,311
Provisions, &c.	163,300,000	146,116,068	160,316,542	129,522,035	151,964,537	181,492,154
Cattle, sheep & hogs	1,100,000	4,404,042	15,071,057	9,714,743	16,616,121	27,533,329
Petroleum, &c.	149,800,000	124,310,282	105,922,848	94,107,022	103,838,590	108,815,455
Total	1093470000	1061580179	934,224,671	873,261,761	874,171,396	953,175,359
All other articles..	1390841176	1337637814	1158302075	992,997,143	854,081,249	799,656,888
Total	2484311176	2399217993	2092526746	1866258904	1728198645	1752835247

From the above it will be noted that greatest growth of recent years has been made in "other articles," which mainly comprise commodities either

largely or wholly manufactured. In fact, deducting from the total of the specially enumerated articles the item of cotton, we find the remainder to be practically the same in 1913 as in 1908 (518 millions, against 514¹/₄ millions), whereas in the interim the expansion in the other export goods has been from 799⁵/₈ millions to 1,390⁷/₈ millions, or an augmentation of 73.9%.

The outward movement of gold in 1913 was upon a more liberal scale than in any preceding year since 1909, and imports were of about normal proportions; consequently, upon balance, we were the losers. The inflow was in greatest measure from Canada, but receipts from Mexico were also liberal. The outflow was most largely to France, the shipments in that direction making up about half the year's aggregate with practically no return movement, and shipments to South America were of pretty large proportions, our loss on balance approximating 20 million dollars. Briefly, the outflow of gold for the year was \$91,798,610 and the inflow \$63,704,832, leaving an export balance of \$28,093,778, against an import balance of \$19,123,930 in 1912. Silver moved less freely in either direction in the late year than in 1912, with Mexico the largest contributor to the imports and Great Britain, as usual, drawing most largely upon us. The net exports were \$26,908,812, against \$23,560,669 in the previous year. Bringing together the various net balances, we have the subjoined comparative summary of the trade balances as a whole:

YEARLY TRADE BALANCE.

Excess of—	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.
Mdse. exports.	\$692,127,531	\$581,144,938	\$560,167,586	\$303,354,753	\$252,677,921
Silver exports.	26,908,812	23,560,669	21,918,075	11,482,805	11,404,607
Total	\$719,036,343	\$604,705,607	\$582,085,661	\$314,837,558	\$264,082,528
Gold imports..	*28,093,778	19,123,930	20,262,110	*447,696	*88,793,855
Grand total.	\$747,130,121	\$585,581,377	\$561,823,551	\$310,389,862	\$352,876,383

* Net exports.

With all items included, the net export balance for 1913 is seen to be \$747,130,121, the heaviest ever recorded, and comparing with \$585,581,377 in the year preceding, \$561,823,551 in 1911, \$310,389,862 in 1910 and the previous high-water mark of \$677,014,064 in 1908.

GOLD AND SILVER PRODUCTION AND MOVEMENT IN 1913.

A contraction in the volume of gold secured from the mines of the world in 1913 is the result disclosed by the investigations we have made since the year closed. The falling off is ascribable mainly to the disturbed conditions that prevailed in the Transvaal during the last half of the year. It is true, of course, that in other leading producing countries, like Australasia, the United States and Mexico, the yield was less than in 1912, but heretofore since Africa became a factor in gold mining (except during the Boer war period and in 1910), any losses elsewhere have been more than made good by the increased output of that country. That, it was expected early in the year, would be the case in 1913; in fact, down to the close of May the mines of the Transvaal had done better than ever before and other districts were assisting in building up what was expected to be another new high record for Africa. Trouble with labor, however, developed in June and outside of the actual adverse effect thus occasioned, the force at work steadily dwindled from month to month and production fell off so considerably as to wipe out the earlier gain and leave a

deficiency for the twelve months, as compared with 1912.

The strike in the Transvaal mines, which began toward the close of June, arising out of a question of working hours in a New Kleinfontein mine quickly spread and in a few days involved all the mines in the Rand district. It was characterized by more or less of the disorder and violence seemingly inseparable from troubles of this kind, but an apparent settlement was reached on the 5th of July, the owners practically conceding all the demands of the laborers, and work was resumed the following day. In the meantime, however—in fact, for some little while before the strike started—the labor force began to dwindle and thus the yield of gold fell appreciably below 1912. As indicating the extent of the labor loss during the year it is merely necessary to state that from a total of 231,783 employed in the gold, coal and diamond mines of the Transvaal in March, there was a decline to 171,339 in December. With that fact before us, the decrease in production in the Rand from 8,753,568 fine ounces in 1912 to 8,430,998 fine ounces in 1913 finds full explanation. Nor is it to be expected at this writing that 1914 will show the steady advance that for so long was the feature of gold mining in the Transvaal, constituting it one of the wonders of the world, as shortly after the 1st of January this year trouble broke out afresh, culminating in the calling of a general strike on January 13 by the Trades Federation. This move the Government met with the proclamation of martial law, that step being considered the only one adequate to meet the situation, as the strike of the miners meant not only the turning loose of the most turbulent spirits of the Rand, but raised the whole question of the position of the native workers. Outside the Transvaal a moderate increase in the African yield is to be noted in 1913, mainly in West Coast districts, but for the whole of Africa the output at 10,040,418 fine ounces shows a falling off of 254,236 fine ounces from the previous year.

As regards the United States, the early estimate issued jointly by the Bureau of the Mint and the Geological Survey indicates a falling off in product in 1913, due in greatest measure to poorer results in Alaska, for which exceptionally dry weather in the summer and consequent shortage of water for both lode and placer mining and exhaustion of the bonanza deposits in Fairbanks are responsible. Nevada's yield also showed a further drop, due to the poorer grade ores treated in important districts. Canada, on the other hand, according to the preliminary estimate of Mr. McLeish, made a satisfactory gain, and such advices as are at hand from Russia indicate a similar outcome of the year's operations there. The Colar field of India, too, increased its contribution to the world's new supply. Mexico, needless to say, under the chaotic conditions prevailing in that country, records a material loss from 1912. Australasia's production continues on the downward trend, due as we have frequently remarked, to the lower grade ores obtained from many of the mines. Declining yield has, in fact, been the rule in that country annually since 1905, the drop during the eight years that have since elapsed having been over 40%, leaving the 1913 output at only 2,532,582 fine ounces, against no less than 4,317,923 in 1903. Supplies of gold secured from miscellaneous sources in 1913 were a little greater than a year earlier.

The following detailed compilation of the gold product will enable the reader to trace the growth of the various sources of supply since 1880. Corresponding information from 1871 to 1881 will be found in Vol. 70 of the "Chronicle," page 256, and from 1851 to 1871 in Vol. 54, p. 141, or in 1887 issue of the Financial Review.

Table with columns: Year, Africa, Australasia, Uritica, United States, Canada, Guayra, Mexico, Other Producers, Total. Sub-headers: Fine Ounces, Total Value, Striking Value, and Uncoined and Value. Data spans from 1880 to 1913.

The ounces in the foregoing table for any of the countries given may be turned into dollars by multiplying by 20.6718. The value in pounds sterling may also be ascertained by multiplying the ounces by 4.2478. Thus, according to the above, the product in Africa in 1913, stated in dollars, is \$207,553,513, and in sterling, £42,649,688.

As summarized above, the gold production of the world in 1913 was approximately 22,004,746 fine ounces, valued at \$454,877,708, or a decrease of 560,951 fine ounces, or \$11,595,867 from the previous year and a loss of 347,349 fine ounces, or \$7,180,329 from 1911. In the last ten years, however, the world's annual yield has risen from 15,778,016 fine ounces to 22,004,746 fine ounces, but the gain recorded (6,226,730 fine ounces) is to be credited entirely to Africa. In fact, all other countries combined furnished a moderately smaller output in 1913 than in 1903 (11,964,328 fine ounces, comparing with 12,460,354 fine ounces), whereas in Africa the advance has been from 3,317,662 fine ounces to 10,040,418 fine ounces. With the almost insatiable demand for gold that still exists, it would be decidedly unfortunate if any thing should interfere for any length of time with full supplies of the metal from Africa.

With the annual bringing into the channels of commerce of so large an amount of gold as in recent years, it might be supposed that considerable difficulty would be experienced in tracing much of it to its place of lodgment. Such, however, is not the case. On the contrary, it is possible to trace practically all of it. In 1913, as in 1912, India and

Egypt absorbed comparatively large amounts, the net exports in 1913 to the first-named from Great Britain having been about 40 million dollars and to the other 30 millions, these aggregates going to further swell the enormous secret holdings in those countries. Central America, moreover, drew from Great Britain some 5 million dollars during the year and Turkey, &c., 5½ millions.

As regards South America, however, the movement was in the opposite direction, Great Britain receiving from thence a net total of about 29 millions—mainly from Argentina and Brazil; on the other hand, the United States was drawn upon by South America to the extent of 17½ millions. Leading European banks added to their holdings of gold during the year, Germany, France and Russia quite largely, the combined stock being some 260 million dollars greater at the close of 1913 than at its opening. Furthermore, the visible stock of gold in the United States, as compiled by the Treasury Department, rose some 46 millions during the year. In these various ways no less than \$375,000,000 is accounted for in 1913, leaving, therefore, only 80 millions to cover the amount used in the arts, &c.—a total less than that recently estimated as so absorbed annually.

Official Details from Gold-Producing Countries.

From the returns we have obtained from the mines, mint bureaus and other official and semi-official sources respecting gold-mining in 1913, we are able to deduce the following:

United States.—A further diminution in the yield of gold from the mines of this country is indicated by the preliminary approximation issued jointly by the Geological Survey and the Bureau of the Mint, the output having been 249,157 fine ounces less than in the preceding year, that decline following a falling off of 166,334 fine ounces in 1912 as compared with 1911. Furthermore, the late year's product was the smallest since 1905. The decline in 1913 is most largely in Alaska, where there was a loss of 116,870 fine ounces, due in part to the shortage of water following the dry summer and also to exhaustion of deposits in the Fairbanks district. Nevada also shows a considerable decrease, ascribable on the one hand to a lower grade of ore treated at Goldfield, and on the other hand to a falling off in the yield from smaller districts. Declines in Colorado, Montana, Utah, Idaho and South Dakota are also to be noted, and slight to moderate gains in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Washington. The only important increases reported, in fact, were in Oregon and the Philippine Islands, which each produced almost double the amount of 1912. But the net result of gold mining in the United States in the late year was, as stated, a loss of 249,157 fine ounces, valued at \$5,150,477. The ounces and values, as estimated for each State in 1913, compare as follows with the final figures for 1912 and 1911:

Gold Production.	1913.		1912.		1911.	
	Fine ozs.	Value.	Fine ozs.	Value.	Fine ozs.	Value.
Colorado	891,069	\$18,420,031	906,006	\$18,741,200	925,839	\$19,138,800
California	972,601	20,105,447	967,878	20,008,000	964,041	19,928,500
Alaska	715,104	14,782,512	831,974	17,198,000	806,179	16,663,200
South Dakota	348,179	7,197,498	378,471	7,823,700	359,402	7,429,500
Montana	148,908	3,078,292	179,370	3,707,900	176,554	3,649,700
Arizona	183,972	3,803,039	183,143	3,785,400	170,348	3,521,400
Utah	184,480	3,400,103	298,622	4,312,000	217,020	4,486,200
Nevada	594,003	12,279,131	656,725	13,575,700	875,438	18,096,900
Idaho	66,109	1,366,605	67,801	1,401,700	65,688	1,357,900
Oregon	66,322	1,370,987	36,751	759,700	30,679	634,200
New Mexico	40,833	844,086	36,504	754,600	36,847	761,700
Washington	33,476	692,021	33,021	682,600	7,803	840,000
Other States	6,904	142,715	10,888	212,700	7,803	161,300
Other States	32,602	818,646	23,562	487,100	10,580	218,700
Totals	4,271,502	\$88,301,033	4,520,719	\$93,451,500	4,687,083	\$96,890,000

Australasia.—The declining tendency in production noted here annually since 1905 continued in 1913, most of the districts sharing in the decrease. As late as 1904 Australasia was the world's largest producer of gold, and in 1905 the output was nearly 4¼ million fine ounces. Now it is down to a little over 2½ millions, or a falling off in eight years of 40%. The subjoined table indicates the product of each colony and the total of all, year by year, since 1898:

PRODUCT OF GOLD IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES—FINE OUNCES.

	New So. Wales.	Queensland.	Australia.	Zealand.	South Australia.	Tasmania &c.	Totals.	
1899	793,418	468,665	871,816	1,612,366	358,418	30,351	70,492	4,105,526
1900	726,666	281,209	855,959	1,438,659	335,300	26,458	65,710	3,729,961
1901	711,046	216,884	733,975	1,616,933	412,868	29,668	70,990	3,792,364
1902	728,380	254,432	653,362	1,769,176	459,408	23,662	60,974	3,949,394
1903	767,351	258,488	688,469	2,064,798	479,738	24,401	36,678	4,317,923
1904	771,298	269,817	624,917	1,985,230	467,647	17,913	60,000	4,196,822
1905	810,050	274,263	577,559	1,955,316	520,040	20,547	74,316	4,232,091
1906	786,054	253,987	493,120	1,794,542	532,922	14,078	50,888	3,925,591
1907	710,269	247,363	457,596	1,698,553	477,303	11,870	65,354	3,668,308
1908	676,001	224,788	452,451	1,648,505	474,415	14,500	60,453	3,551,113
1909	654,222	204,709	455,577	1,595,269	472,464	20,052	44,777	3,447,070
1910	578,860	189,214	440,784	1,470,632	450,433	7,108	40,434	3,177,465
1911	502,914	177,418	359,999	1,371,848	426,813	20,000	52,418	2,911,410
1912	480,131	165,253	317,946	1,282,654	310,962	6,592	43,310	2,606,878
1913	434,908	149,655	*245,000	1,304,434	343,585	*15,000	*40,000	2,532,582

* Partly estimated.

India.—As indicated by the returns from the Colar field, the premier producer of the country, India's gold yield in 1913 was a little greater than for 1912, but even at that was not a high record. The details of yield for the last seven years are appended:

EAST IND A—GOLD PRODUCTION PRINCIPAL MINES.

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.
Champion Reef	133,375	132,338	123,195	118,351	113,877	120,533	128,671
Ooregum	95,235	92,177	94,034	93,767	92,063	86,252	73,562
Mysore	232,100	231,687	230,135	228,727	228,249	216,488	209,441
Nunddydroog	80,379	86,995	90,173	89,229	86,606	80,889	74,964
Balaghat	17,495	17,379	17,027	15,997	21,203	28,039	33,574
North Anantapur	10,780	7,271	5,282	159	2,009	2,176	9,319
Hutti	19,745	16,991	13,723	-----	-----	-----	2,298
Totals	589,109	584,838	573,569	546,230	544,007	534,377	531,829

* Coromandel mines for 1906 and 1907.

† Mysore West & Vynad for 1906 to 1910, inclusive.

Russia.—As usual, very little information of an authoritative nature can be secured from Russia thus early, but there seems to be warrant for the belief that somewhat better results were obtained during the late year than in 1912—the outcome of more activity in the Siberian fields. From such data as is in our possession we are led to estimate the 1913 yield of the Russian mines at \$25,800,000, or 1,209,377 fine ounces, pending the receipt of definite information, which, of course, is not due until near the close of the current year. Details of the last thirteen years are subjoined:

Russia's production in	Value.	Ounces.
1901	\$23,464,562	1,135,109
1902	22,739,613	1,100,000
1903	24,432,200	1,191,582
1904	24,803,200	1,199,857
1905	22,291,600	1,078,356
1906	19,494,700	943,056
1907	26,684,000	1,290,840
1908	28,052,200	1,357,027
1909	32,381,300	1,566,448
1910	35,579,600	1,721,163
1911	32,151,600	1,555,333
1912	22,199,000	1,073,875
1913	25,800,000	1,209,377

Africa.—As already indicated, the volume of gold mined in Africa in 1913 was somewhat less than in the preceding year, owing to the strike in the Transvaal in June-July with its disorganizing influences and consequent serious loss in the number and efficiency of the labor force. At one time it was thought that matters had been adjusted, but mining results dispelled that belief and early in the current year (1914) the situation became so acute as to render necessary the proclamation of martial law. The Rand did well until the close of May, but after that time production declined each month to a point below the mark set in 1912 and in some instances fell below 1911. For the twelve months the decrease is 322,570 fine ounces. Other districts of the Transvaal outside the Rand also did not do as well as a year earlier, but a better showing was made by Rhodesia, West Africa, &c. For Africa as a whole the yield was 254,236 fine ounces less than in 1912, thus breaking the series of new high records that had been a feature of operations in Africa yearly since the discovery of gold there, only interrupted by the Boer war and the reconstruction period that followed the cessation of hostilities. The output of the Rand for the last seven years is appended.

WITWATERSRAND DISTRICT—FINE OUNCES.

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
January	520,089	540,202	591,976	579,743	625,829	709,280	706,981
February	475,785	520,969	550,645	550,422	585,863	674,960	702,394
March	520,163	553,440	592,415	581,899	649,247	706,755	760,324
April	518,243	543,361	587,026	594,339	638,421	706,763	755,858
May	506,100	558,243	603,411	606,724	658,196	746,948	701,249
June	487,956	550,240	596,210	598,339	657,023	722,588	716,267
July	513,655	561,988	599,078	610,664	679,881	735,941	625,107
August	534,598	565,545	590,924	623,129	682,405	732,197	697,686
September	517,748	565,439	585,736	621,311	669,773	716,495	676,411
October	532,993	594,054	581,132	627,445	677,023	738,082	687,515
November	530,215	591,204	576,768	617,905	691,462	727,699	644,320
December	562,684	637,853	583,299	616,668	680,782	745,860	642,786
Totals	6,220,237	6,782,538	7,039,136	7,228,588	7,896,802	8,763,608	8,430,998

Other sections of Africa, embracing the outside districts of the Transvaal and Rhodesia, West Africa, Madagascar, Mozambique, &c., collectively give a larger yield than in 1912. The subjoined compilation, which covers the progress in gold-mining in all districts of Africa since 1886, requires no further explanatory comment.

AFRICA'S GOLD PRODUCTION—FINE OUNCES.

Year.	W. Africa		Other		Total	
	Ounces.	£	Ounces.	£	Ounces.	£
1887 (part yr)	28,754	122,140	—	—	28,754	122,140
1888	190,266	808,210	50,000	212,390	240,266	1,020,600
1889	316,923	1,342,404	50,000	212,390	366,923	1,554,794
1890	407,750	1,732,041	71,552	303,939	479,302	2,035,980
1891	600,860	2,552,333	127,052	539,691	727,912	3,092,244
1892	1,001,818	4,255,524	148,701	631,652	1,150,519	4,887,176
1893	1,221,151	5,187,206	159,977	679,550	1,381,128	5,866,756
1894	1,637,773	6,956,934	227,765	967,500	1,865,538	7,924,434
1895	1,845,138	7,837,779	279,000	1,146,996	2,115,138	8,984,685
1896	1,847,071	7,838,465	293,035	1,244,755	2,160,106	9,133,220
1897	2,491,552	10,285,618	329,941	1,388,780	2,818,493	11,972,396
1898	3,562,813	15,134,115	341,908	1,452,357	3,904,721	16,586,472
1899	3,360,091	14,273,018	305,784	1,298,909	3,665,875	15,771,927
1900	395,385	1,679,518	106,922	709,051	562,307	2,388,569
1901	338,995	1,015,203	235,701	1,001,211	474,696	2,016,414
1902	1,691,525	7,185,290	307,288	1,305,299	1,998,811	8,490,559
1903	2,859,470	12,146,494	458,183	1,946,290	3,317,662	14,092,784
1904	3,653,794	15,520,329	509,747	2,165,303	4,163,541	17,685,632
1905	4,706,433	19,991,658	788,040	3,247,436	5,494,473	23,339,094
1906	5,639,334	23,585,400	1,042,151	4,486,849	6,601,685	28,072,249
1907	6,220,227	27,493,738	1,200,147	5,100,958	7,421,074	32,504,690
1908	6,782,538	28,310,393	1,307,847	5,934,845	8,179,685	34,745,238
1909	7,039,136	29,900,359	1,295,468	5,502,839	8,334,604	35,403,248
1910	7,228,588	30,705,089	1,263,200	5,365,823	8,491,788	36,070,912
1911	7,896,892	33,544,016	1,469,199	6,240,863	9,366,001	39,734,809
1912	8,753,568	37,182,795	1,541,086	6,546,325	10,294,654	43,729,020
1913	8,430,988	35,812,605	1,609,430	6,837,083	10,040,418	42,649,688

Canada.—A moderate augmentation in the amount of gold obtained from the Canadian mines in 1913 is indicated by the preliminary estimates furnished to us by Mr. John McLeish, Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources and Statistics, Department of Mines of Canada. He makes the aggregate production 645,807 fine ounces, or an excess of 33,922 fine ounces over 1912. The 1913 result, however, is much below the output for 1899 to 1904, inclusive, when the Yukon was so important a factor in pushing Canada forward as a gold producer. The exhibit for the last fifteen years is as follows:

Year	Value	Ounces.
Canada's production in 1899	\$21,324,300	1,031,563
" " " 1900	27,919,752	1,350,475
" " " 1901	24,462,222	1,183,362
" " " 1902	20,741,245	1,003,359
" " " 1903	18,834,500	911,118
" " " 1904	16,400,000	793,350
" " " 1905	14,486,800	700,800
" " " 1906	12,023,932	581,690
" " " 1907	8,382,780	405,553
" " " 1908	9,832,100	476,112
" " " 1909	9,790,000	473,692
" " " 1910	10,205,835	493,708
" " " 1911	9,491,788	473,139
" " " 1912	12,648,794	611,885
" " " 1913	13,350,000	645,807

Other Countries.—The remaining gold-producing countries call for no extended comment. In Mexico the yield of the mines was apparently less than in any year since 1907. Lacking definite information, we estimate the 1913 output at 980,000 fine ounces, against 1,185,187 fine ounces a year earlier. In South and Central America the industry showed moderate further expansion, according to the information we have received, and the same is true of European countries other than Russia and probably of Japan. "Other countries", therefore, excluding Mexico, which is given separately in our compilation, would seem collectively to have increased their production to a slight extent in 1913.

Silver Production of the World.

There is not much of a conclusive nature that can be said as to the silver production of the world in 1913 so soon after the close of the year, as very little early data is obtainable. For the United States we have, as usual, the estimate of the Director of the Mint, Mr. Geo. E. Roberts, and it indicates a gain in yield of about 4 million ounces, and Canada, according to Mr. McLeish, increased its output by some 2 million ounces, ascribable largely, if not wholly, to an enlarged production in the Cobalt region. Mexico's product, on the other hand, owing to the disturbed conditions in that country, fell off quite a little. Australasia failed to reach the total of 1912 and from miscellaneous sources no greater supplies were obtained so far as we can now judge. The price of silver in London fluctuated within somewhat narrower limits during the year than in 1912, the close having been at 26 9-16d., against 29 1/4d. at the opening, with the highest price 29 3/4d., the lowest 25 15-16d. and the average 27 9-16d. In 1912 the average was 28 1-32d., or 15-32d. higher, and the averages in earlier years were 24 19-32d. in 1911, 24 11-16d. in 1910 and 23 11-16d. in 1909—the lowest on record; 24 13-32d. in 1908 and 30 3-16d. in 1907.

We now present a statement of silver production covering each year since 1880. See "Chronicle" of Feb. 11 1899, page 258, for results back to 1871.

SILVER.—WORLD'S PRODUCTION IN OUNCES AND STERLING.

Year.	United States		Mexico.	Australia.	All Other Producers.		Total.	Total Value. £
	Ounces.	£			Ounces.	£		
1880	58,330,000	35,719,237	10,000,000	33,916,175	137,965,412	25,900,270	25,370,613	
1881	63,600,000	39,504,800	13,439,011	36,496,175	152,939,936	26,655,610	26,655,610	
1882	60,000,000	44,370,717	20,501,497	41,228,063	166,100,277	20,226,410	20,226,410	
1883	49,500,000	47,038,381	18,073,490	53,140,698	167,732,517	21,059,416	21,059,416	
1884	55,726,945	46,962,738	12,507,335	—	—	—	—	
Total	91-95	287,056,945	213,595,873	74,521,283	218,764,340	793,938,441	117,212,125	
1896	58,834,800	45,718,982	12,238,700	40,268,888	157,061,370	19,959,882	19,959,882	
1897	53,860,000	53,903,180	11,878,000	44,431,992	164,073,172	18,885,600	18,885,600	
1898	54,438,500	56,738,000	10,491,100	51,569,764	173,237,864	19,488,136	19,488,136	
1899	54,764,500	55,612,000	12,686,653	44,161,000	167,224,243	19,161,112	19,161,112	
1900	57,647,000	57,437,503	13,340,263	44,113,802	172,838,873	20,344,676	20,344,676	
Total	96-00	279,544,300	269,410,060	60,634,716	224,836,440	834,425,522	97,839,204	
1901	55,214,000	57,656,549	10,230,046	49,910,688	173,011,288	19,598,934	19,598,934	
1902	55,500,000	60,176,604	8,026,307	39,060,842	162,763,483	17,292,944	17,292,944	
1903	54,300,000	70,499,942	9,682,856	33,206,394	167,689,192	18,464,172	18,464,172	
1904	57,682,800	60,808,978	14,568,892	31,144,596	164,105,266	18,044,172	18,044,172	
1905	56,101,000	65,040,865	12,561,600	35,884,774	169,888,839	19,652,873	19,652,873	
Total	01-05	278,798,400	314,182,938	55,059,431	189,207,294	837,248,063	90,908,654	
1906	50,517,900	55,225,268	14,237,246	39,660,226	165,640,640	21,308,078	21,308,078	
1907	50,514,700	61,147,203	19,083,031	48,269,689	185,014,623	23,271,622	23,271,622	
1908	52,440,800	73,664,027	17,175,099	59,906,444	203,186,370	20,636,116	20,636,116	
1909	54,721,500	73,949,432	16,359,284	66,185,417	211,215,633	20,346,542	20,346,542	
1910	57,137,900	71,372,974	21,545,828	72,822,660	222,879,362	22,926,399	22,926,399	
Total	06-10	277,332,800	335,358,904	88,400,488	286,844,436	987,036,628	108,989,652	
1911	60,399,400	79,032,440	16,578,421	69,362,583	225,372,844	23,094,847	23,094,847	
1912	63,766,800	74,640,300	14,737,944	71,165,610	224,310,654	26,198,751	26,198,751	
1913	67,601,111	60,500,000	14,000,000	70,000,000	212,101,111	24,358,487	24,358,487	

a Value of silver in this table are commercial values and are computed on the average price each year of silver as given by Messrs. Pilsley & Abell, London. Value of £ in this table \$4.8665.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AND THE CLEARING-HOUSES.

The following interesting discussion of the probable effect of the new Banking and Currency Law on the operations of the existing clearing houses comes to us from Wm. W. Hoxton, the Manager of the St. Louis Clearing-House Association:

SAINT LOUIS CLEARING-HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

Saint Louis, Mo., January 28th 1914.

Editor Commercial and Financial Chronicle, New York City:

Dear Sir.—Concerning the discussion which has appeared in the columns of your journal regarding the effect of the Federal Reserve Act upon the existing clearing houses, there are some points which have not been brought out and some apprehensions expressed which do not seem to have solid foundations.

The Federal Reserve Act touches the modern clearing house at three points: The first is the collection of outside items, the second is the prohibition of any examination, except as provided by the Act, which is in any way compulsory, and the third is embodied in the closing lines of Section 16, viz.: "The Federal Reserve Board . . . may at its discretion exercise the functions of a clearing house for such Federal reserve banks, or may designate a Federal reserve bank to exercise such functions, and may also require each such bank to exercise the functions of a clearing house for its member banks."

The collection of outside items is a function which the St. Louis Clearing House does not perform, but one which I have often urged upon our members. It will be noted that the local Federal reserve banks will handle only items drawn upon member banks. There are many banks in the country which, on account of capital limitation and through no fault of their own, cannot become members of the system. If items upon these banks are collected through the clearing house, is it not evident that these non-member banks will remit to the clearing house, in nearly all cases, by means of a check drawn on an institution which is a member of the regional bank, or its branch, located in the community served by the clearing house? Does not this bring the funds of the non-member bank into such shape that they can be handled by the regional bank, and by this method will not the Federal reserve system be co-ordinated to a remarkable degree?

In regard to clearing-house examinations, there is nothing in the law which will render them less effective. Our banks and trust companies now submit voluntarily to these examinations, and they will continue to do so for the sake of individual and community advantage. Our examiner will continue to do in the future, I think, what he has done in the past—co-operate freely with the National Examiner and the State Examiner, making for the added efficiency of all. In the future, however, it is my view, when evil conditions are found which, by moral suasion, cannot be corrected by the clearing-house committee, the cards will be thrown on the table and the acts or policies of the criticized institution will be made clear to the Federal reserve bank for such action as the Federal Reserve Board may see fit. Perfect team work on the part of the clearing

house and the regional bank will relieve the regional bank from some apprehension and from the necessity for extra and special examinations. Here, too, frank co-operation between the regional bank and the clearing house will doubly prevent the existence of unsound conditions.

Regarding the third point, which is expressed in the quotation from the law which appears earlier in this letter, I would suggest that the power delegated to the Federal Reserve Board to assume the functions of a clearing house may possibly have been inserted as a warning. It is conceivable that a clearing house might be guilty of ultra vires action, and such action might make the assumption of its functions desirable in the minds of the members of the Reserve Board. As long as the clearing house works single-heartedly for the maintenance of sound and conservative banking, as long as it can demonstrate the faithful performance of its public duty to the community it serves, I do not think that the Federal Reserve Board will want to assume its functions.

The elimination of the local clearing house would throw upon the regional bank the burden of making local collections, and, while the expense of this operation would still be assessed against the members, it would materially add to the cares of the Federal institution. Extra and unnecessary functions will not be willingly assumed by the regional bank, which, all things being equal, may be suspected of a desire to concentrate its efforts upon earning six per cent on its capital stock. Assuming that the clearing house in a given community will put its shoulder to the wheel and work in harmony with, and in conjunction with, the reserve bank in that community, the reserve bank will, for economy, if for nothing else, become a member of the clearing house and transact its business therewith, just as the United States Sub-Treasury does now in several cities. The manner of the payment of balances will be changed and the relation of member bank to the reserve bank will be similar to the relation between the London Bank and the Bank of England. Clearing-house balances will be paid by means of a check, good for immediate credit as reserve, drawn upon the Federal reserve bank, or its branch. Thus the use of gold and currency in the settlement of clearing-house exchanges will be reduced, practically, to the vanishing point.

Very truly yours,

WM. W. HOXTON,

Manager.

BONDS WHICH ARE AND BONDS WHICH ARE NOT TAX-EXEMPT.

ELEVENTH ARTICLE.]

We add still another to our series of articles classifying the bonds of United States railroads so as to show which issues contain tax provisions binding the companies themselves to assume or pay any taxes they may be called upon to deduct in making payments of interest and which issues are without provisions of that kind. The matter is of importance in view of the Federal Income Tax Law, just enacted, under which the Government undertakes to collect the normal income tax of 1% at the source of the income, and the companies are called upon to withhold the tax in making interest or coupon payments unless the holder of the bond is exempt from the tax.

We began the series of articles in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 22, pages 1467-1470. The second contribution appeared Nov. 29, pages 1549-1552; the third, Dec. 6, pages 1627-1629; the fourth, Dec. 13, pages 1700-1702; the fifth, Dec. 20, pages 1788-1791; the sixth, Dec. 27, pages 1862-1864; the seventh, Jan. 3, pages 43-45; the eighth, Jan. 10, pages 109-111; the ninth, Jan. 17, pages 201-203, and the tenth, Jan. 24, pages 271-272. The following shows the companies whose securities were classified in those nine earlier numbers:

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 Chicago & North Western Ry. (correction).
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 Cuba RR.
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 Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry.
 Grand Trunk Western Ry.
 Guantánamo & Western RR.
 International Railways of Central America
 Marietta Columbus & Cleveland RR.
 Mexican Mineral Ry.
 Mexican Northern Ry.
 Mineral RR.
 Minnesota Transfer Ry.
 Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry.
 Morelia & Tacamboro Ry.
 National Railways of Mexico.
 Nebraska Kansas & Southern Ry.
 Northern Alabama Ry.
 Northwestern Pacific RR.
 Pan-American RR.
 Philippine Ry.
 Portland & Rufford Falls Ry.
 Potosi & Rio Verde Ry.
 Rufford Falls & Rangeley Lakes RR.
 Wichita & Midland Valley RR.
 Yosemite Valley RR.

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Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. J-D	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Algoma Central Terminals 1st mtge. 5s.	F-A	Aug. 1 1962	\$1,027,300
Equip. bonds—Ser. A, B & C 6s, due 10% yly.	Var.	To May 15 1922	\$678,700

ALGOMA EASTERN RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

Superior Rolling Stock equip. bonds, ser. D, due \$20,000 yearly.	Int. M-N	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		15 To May 15 1922	\$180,000

BROWNSVILLE & MATAMORAS BRIDGE CO.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

Man. & South Shore first mtge. 5s.	Int. M-S	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Mar. 1 1961	£513,600

CALIFORNIA WESTERN RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Jan. 1 1915	\$468,000

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF HAITI.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage collateral trust 6s.	Int. J-D	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Second mortgage collateral trust 6s.	J-D	June 1 1919	\$800,000
	J-D	June 1 1919	200,000

CHICAGO MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RY.
(Correction.)
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

The La Crosse & Davenport Division first mortgage 5s were included in the official list of the company issued some time ago under the classification of bonds "which do not contain the covenant that the interest shall be paid without deduction" of the Federal income tax and were shown in the list given in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 29 1913, page 1551, among bonds "issued without reference to taxes." It should be noted, however, that the bonds contain a provision stating in effect that the company will pay all taxes assessed against the bonds or upon the trustee or upon bondholders by any State through which the railway runs.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.
(Correction.)
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

The following four bond issues were included in the official list of the company, dated Oct. 30 1913, under the classification of bonds "which contain no provision for payment of interest in full, without deduction for sums which the company may be required to withhold under Federal Income Tax law." They were included in the list given in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 22 1913, page 1469, among the bonds "issued without reference to taxes." The bonds do, however, contain the provisions in regard to tax exemptions cited below.

Sinking fund 5s and 6s.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Winona & St. Peter 1st M. 7s.	J-D	Oct. 1 1929a	\$11,234,000
Cedar Rap. & Md. Riv. 2d Div. 1st M. 7s.	M-N	Dec. 1 1916	44,038,500
St. Louis Peo. & N. W. Ry. 1st M. 5s.	J-J	May 1 1916	62,332,000
	J-J	July 1 1918	<10,000,000

a The body of the bond contains the statement that principal and interest are to be "free of United States taxes."
 b Principal and interest payable without deduction "for or in respect of any taxes, charges or assessments whatsoever."
 c Both the body of the bond and the mortgage contain clauses stating that principal and interest are to be paid without deduction for any tax or taxes which the company may be required to pay or to retain under any present or future laws of the U. S., or of any State, county or municipality; the railway agreeing to pay such tax or taxes. A supplementary statement attached to the mortgage declares that these bonds have been issued and sold "subject to payment by the holder of Federal Income Tax," and that a statement to this effect is printed on the face of the bond and on the coupons attached thereto.

COPPER RIVER & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s (\$50,000,000)	Int. F-A	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Feb. 1 1959	(?)

CUBA RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s, \$10,000 per mile.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Imp. & equip. mtge. 5s, \$20,000 per mile.	M-N	July 1 1952	\$12,030,000
	M-N	May 1 1960	4,000,000

CUMBERLAND RAILWAY & COAL CO.
Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mortgage 5s (\$3,000,000)	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Oct. 1 1940	\$1,167,000

DETROIT GRAND HAVEN & MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First equipment mortgage 6s, guar.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Consolidated mortgage 6s, guar.	M-N	Nov. 14 1918	\$2,000,000
a Mortgage imposes the obligation to pay any income tax which may be assessed upon the bondholders.	A-O	Nov. 15 1918	a3,200,000

GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mtge. 4s (\$15,000,000), guar.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Gen. consol. mtge. 4s (\$30,000,000), guar.	M-S	July 1 1950	\$15,000,000
		Sept. 1 1962	7,662,236

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS OF CENTRAL AMERICA.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. M-N	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Guatemala Central 2d mtge. 2% 5%.	J-J	May 1 1972	£1,000,000
	J-J	Jan. 1 1972	\$3,500,000

GUANTANAMO & WESTERN RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

Guatemala Central first mortgage 6s.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		April 1 1916	\$2,500,000

MANILA RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.	Int. M-N	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Nov. 15 1929	\$600,000

MARIETTA COLUMBUS & CLEVELAND RAILROAD.
Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mtge. 4s (Southern Lines), guar.	Int. M-N	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		May 1 1939	\$6,735,000

MEXICAN MINERAL RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.	Int. F-A	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Aug. 1 1919	\$331,000

MEXICAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.	Int. J-D	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Dec. 1 1930	\$708,000

MINNESOTA TRANSFER RAILWAY.
Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mortgage 4s and 5s.	Int. F-A	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Aug. 1 1916	\$1,980,000

MISSISSIPPI RIVER & BONNE TERRE RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Equip. trust 5s (due \$5,000 s. a.)	J-J	Oct. 1 1931	\$2,500,000
		To July 1916	250,000

MORELIA & TACAMBORO RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Jan. 1 1943	\$1,200,000

NEBRASKA KANSAS & SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mtge. 6s (\$4,500,000)	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		July 1 1958	\$200,000

NORTHERN ALABAMA RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		July 1 1928	\$1,650,000

NATIONAL RAILWAYS OF MEXICO.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

Prior lien mortgage 4 1/2s.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
General mortgage 4s.	A-O	July 1 1957	\$84,819,315
Nat. RR. of Mexico prior lien 4 1/2s.	J-J	Oct. 1 1977	50,747,600
First consol. mtge. 4s (\$60,000,000)	A-O	Oct. 1 1926	23,000,000
Mex. Cent. car & locomotive rental notes—var.	various.		778,147
Equip. trust 5s (due \$50,000 yearly)	A-O	To Apr. 1917	200,000
Equip. trust 5s (due \$50,000 yearly)	A-O	To Oct. 1919	300,000
Mexican International prior lien 4 1/2s.	M-S	Sept. 1 1947	5,850,000
First consol. mtge. 4s (\$16,000,000)	M-S	Sept. 1 1977	7,206,500
Nat. Rys. 2-year 6% secured notes.	J-D	June 1 1915	26,730,000
Vera Cruz & Pacific 1st mtge. 4 1/2s.	J-J	July 1 1934	7,000,000

NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First and refund, 4 1/2s (\$35,000,000)	Int. M-S	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Mar. 1 1957	\$17,708,000

PAN-AMERICAN RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
General mtge. 6s (\$6,000,000)	J-J	Jan. 1 1934	\$2,400,000
	J-J	Jan. 1 1937	3,654,000

PHILIPPINE RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mtge. 4s (\$15,000,000), int. guar.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		July 1 1937	\$8,543,000

POTOSI & RIO VERDE RAILWAY.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Oct. 1 1918	\$600,000

RUMFORD FALLS & RANGELEY LAKES RAILROAD.
Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
Mortgage 4s.	M-N	Oct. 1 1937	\$400,000
	M-N	Nov. 2 1923	300,000

WICHITA & MIDLAND VALLEY RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s, guar.	Int. A-O	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Jan. 1 1931	\$1,025,000

YOSEMITE VALLEY RAILROAD.
Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.	Int. J-J	Maturity Date	Outstand'g.
		Jan. 1 1936	\$3,000,000

CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE RECORD OF PRICES FOR 1913.

Continuing the practice begun by us nine years ago, we furnish below a record of the highest and lowest prices for each month of 1913 for all the leading stocks and bonds dealt in on the Chicago Stock Exchange. In the compilation of the figures, which are based entirely on sale transactions, we have used the reports of the dealings as given in the Chicago Stock Exchange official list each day, and in our range we make no distinction between sales in small lots and sales in large lots. For record of previous years, see "Chronicle" of January 25 1913, page 244; January 27 1912, page 256; January 28 1911, page 234; January 29 1910, page 276; February 6 1909, page 348; January 25 1908, page 205; January 19 1907, page 138; January 20 1906, page 135, and January 21 1905, page 198.

Table with columns for Bonds, Railroad Stocks, and Miscellaneous Stocks, and rows for various companies like Armour & Co, Chicago City Ry, and Amalgamated Copper. Includes monthly price data (Low, High) and dividend information.

d Ex 24 % accumu lated divi dend d 1/4 ast paid

STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Rumely (M) Co, common.....100	---	---	69	69	42	45	25	32	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	19	21 1/4	21 1/4	20	20	20	20	---	---
Do preferred.....100	---	---	93 1/4	97 3/4	89 1/2	89 1/2	56	70 3/4	52	52	42	44	42 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2	45 1/2	47 1/2	56	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sears-Roebuck, common.....100	199 1/2	214 1/4	187 1/2	207 1/2	177	200 1/4	170	192 3/4	164	174	155	168 1/2	161 1/2	175	168 1/2	182	179	192 1/2	170	190 1/4	170 1/2	177 1/2	170 1/2	183
Do preferred.....100	123 3/4	124	123 1/4	124 3/4	123	123 3/4	118 3/4	123	117	120	117	118 3/4	119	121	119	120	119	121 1/2	122 1/2	123	121 1/2	121 1/2	122 1/2	123
Standard Oil of California.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	193	193	193	193	---	---
Standard Oil of Indiana.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	396	396	400	400	---	---
Studebaker, common.....100	33 1/2	35	27	34	29 1/2	31 1/2	27 1/2	29	26 1/2	27 1/2	---	---	---	23 3/4	23 3/4	23 1/2	23 1/2	22	22	---	---	16 1/4	17 3/4	---
Do preferred.....100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Swift & Company.....100	103 1/2	106 1/4	105	108 3/4	105	107 3/4	105	107	104 1/2	105 1/2	101	105 1/4	103 1/4	105	104 1/4	105 1/2	104 1/4	106 1/2	104 1/4	105 1/4	104 1/4	105 1/4	104 1/4	105 1/2
The Quaker Oats Co.....100	235	251	254	280	269 1/2	270	249	265	227	248 3/4	195	233	210	215	220 1/2	230	245	260	255	265	210	255	222 1/2	230
Do preferred.....100	106 1/2	108	106 1/4	108 1/2	106	108	105 1/2	108	103 1/2	105	99 3/4	103	100	104	102 1/2	104	103	104	104	105	102	104 1/2	102	103
Union Carbide Co.....100	199	209 1/2	180	200	165	188 1/2	164	180	162 1/2	168	148 1/2	173 1/2	155	172	154	175 1/2	174	190 1/2	185	204 1/2	193 1/2	218	164	210
Do rights.....100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Un Box Board & Paper Co.....100	1	1 1/4	1	1 1/2	---	---	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	---	---	---	5 1/4	6 1/2	5 1/4	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U S Steel common.....100	61 1/2	68 3/4	60 1/4	65 3/4	58 1/2	62 3/4	58 1/4	64 1/4	58 3/4	61 1/4	60	57 3/4	52	59 3/4	55 1/2	60 1/2	60	66 1/4	53 1/2	60 1/4	53 1/2	57	54 1/2	60 1/4
Ward (Montgomery) & Co pref.....	---	---	105 1/2	108	106 1/2	108 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2	107	108	106 1/2	108	107 1/4	109 3/4	109	109 3/4	109	111	108 3/4	109 3/4	109	109 1/2	108	111
Western Stone.....100	12	14 1/2	---	---	---	---	10	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Westinghouse common.....100	73	73	---	---	60 1/2	60 1/2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	11	10	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Do preferred.....100	119	119	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Woolworth, common.....100	99 3/4	112	100 1/2	105	87 1/4	94	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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CHICAGO BANKING CONDITIONS IN 1913.

By GEORGE M. REYNOLDS, President Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

Chicago banking conditions did not differ materially from those prevailing in other leading cities of the world in 1913, which will be recorded as a year of cross currents. At the beginning surface indications pointed to general activity throughout the West, territory from which our city draws heavily, but bankers early saw the spectre of extremely tight money hovering over Europe and the Eastern part of the United States; later it became visible to the merchant and manufacturer; and in the centres and the smaller cities and towns, also, it was realized that both caution and courage were needed—caution in holding lines of credit down to the minimum and courage to grant such accommodations as were necessary to keep the machinery of legitimate trade in motion. That this was done impartially is proven by the exhibits of loans by banks scattered all over the nation, for each successive call showed this item to be at about the maximum figure. The movement did not compel drastic contraction in loans, but simply checked expansion, which, if it had been permitted to continue, would undoubtedly have resulted in commercial disaster. Chicago assumed its share of responsibility in performing this delicate task, and cheerfully used its banking resources to assist general business through a process of readjustment that was inevitable. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's action in depositing Government funds deserves unstinted praise. He extended help at a most opportune time.

This centre made headway the past year, despite the slowing down tendency noticeable in individual instances. This is shown by bank clearings, the total, \$16,073,130,524, being the largest on record; the increase over the previous twelve months amounted to 4.5%, while clearings for the United States as a whole fell off 2.7%.

Deposits in Chicago banks further warrant the claim of progress. These have climbed amazingly in the past two decades, and on the last call in 1913 showed an increase of \$56,795,002 over the corresponding call in 1912.

Notwithstanding the hesitation in many lines, there was no lack of application for loans. Curtailment in mercantile operations had not advanced to the point of releasing funds; the reverse was true, and borrowers gladly took up to the limit allowed them. Naturally, rates for money averaged above normal, and as a consequence the banks reported very satisfactory profits.

A few years ago it became popular to establish banks of moderate capital in various parts of the city to better meet a purely local demand for bank-

ing facilities. Such institutions prospered and in 1913 about a dozen new banks of this type were added, so that now every section of the city has a conveniently-located neighborhood bank. It is the opinion that this practice has been carried far enough for the present, for too many competing banks may bring about a disregard for that safety in the margin of profits which alone permits the accumulation of a surplus upon which to rely in lean years.

Coincident with the putting of the currency law into full operation, Chicago should enter a new era of commercial and financial growth. Within its borders, or largely dependent upon it for financial aid, are manufacturing establishments and districts of world-wide importance, and these are increasing constantly; and it is the metropolis of as great an agricultural region as any on the globe. Therefore its banking resources are drawn upon very heavily whenever bountiful harvests come in a season of brisk business, as often happens. The elasticity provided in the bill will make it possible for Chicago to more easily and effectively meet the needs of business, and at the same time furnish the vast sums necessary to finance the crops.

There was a great deal of healthy liquidation in all lines in this territory during 1913, particularly the last half, and underlying conditions are now such as to justify conservative optimism. Local banks are sound to the core. No better assurance for the future can be asked or given.

In reviewing banking in Chicago for the year 1913 the following table showing the comparative earnings of the Chicago banks will be of interest. These figures have been especially compiled for us by John Burnham & Co. of Chicago.

Name of Bank.	Deposits Dec. 31 1913.	Capital Dec. 31 1913.	Earned in 1913 on Stock.	Earned on Total Average Capital.	Div. Rate.
a Continental & Commercial National.....	214,883,808 34	21,500,000	22 1/2	12 80	12
b First National.....	165,008,499 73	10,000,000	32 83	11 25	17
Illinois Trust & Savings.....	92,895,373 41	5,000,000	37 88	12 62	20
Corn Exchange National.....	59,518,085 00	3,000,000	33 73	10 93	c16
Merchants' Loan & Trust.....	54,110,419 77	3,000,000	30 50	9 19	16
Central Trust Co.....	38,395,903 79	4,500,000	14 80	11 15	10
Northern Trust Co.....	31,667,715 20	1,500,000	18 02	6 35	8
Fort Dearborn National.....	29,300,000 00	2,000,000	20 56	15 00	8
National City Bank.....	25,464,293 24	2,000,000	12 00	8 80	6
State Bank of Chicago.....	24,659,902 00	1,500,000	35 40	13 00	12
National Bank of Republic.....	22,926,438 18	2,000,000	---	---	---
Harris Trust & Savings.....	20,270,730 22	1,500,000	35 37	13 83	c12
Union Trust Co.....	20,075,000 00	1,200,000	22 50	9 50	12
Live Stock Exchange Nat.....	12,663,771 35	1,250,000	21 11	13 65	c8
Foreman Bros. Banking Co.....	12,386,000 00	1,000,000	---	---	---
*Drovers' Deposit National	9,840,000 00	750,000	16 22	11 17	10
Chicago Sav. Bank & Trust	7,949,743 36	1,000,000	---	---	6
People's Trust & Savings.....	7,111,743 44	500,000	19 00	13 07	c10
*Colonial Trust & Savings.....	7,041,797 39	1,000,000	10 91	7 00	8
Kaspar State.....	5,621,000 00	400,000	30 20	21 07	c10
West Side Trust & Savings.....	5,395,407 18	400,000	33 25	18 60	12
La Salle St. Trust & Savings.....	5,218,508 55	1,000,000	3 75	2 93	---
Standard Trust & Savings.....	4,800,000 00	1,000,000	8 30	6 10	6
Northwestern Trust & Sav.....	4,776,927 55	250,000	20 00	12 00	10
People's Stock Yards State.....	4,696,203 81	500,000	27 80	22 25	c10
Pullman Trust & Savings.....	4,603,687 72	300,000	18 70	10 00	8
Greenebaum Sons Bk. & Tr.....	3,914,072 94	1,500,000	---	---	---
First National of Englew'd.....	3,820,752 47	150,000	30 30	11 88	c10
*Drovers' Trust & Savings.....	3,746,156 49	250,000	27 83	18 03	10
Chicago City Bank.....	3,616,612 66	500,000	24 75	14 08	12
Security Bank of Chicago.....	3,602,597 95	400,000	11 85	8 40	8
Stock Yards Savings.....	3,332,446 87	250,000	19 77	10 40	16
State Bank of Evanston.....	3,224,176 37	150,000	22 41	8 55	12
Fl. Dearborn Tr. & Sav.....	3,163,766 13	250,000	4 30	4 30	---
*Drexel State.....	3,001,014 58	300,000	26 50	19 20	c6
Mid-City Trust & Savings.....	2,862,472 49	500,000	11 55	9 60	6

Name of Bank.	Deposits Dec. 31 1913.	Capital Dec. 31 1913.	Earned in 1913 on Stock.	Earned on Total Average Capital	Dte. Rate.
North Avenue State.....	2,776,813 78	200,000	25.00	17.07	7
City National, Evanston.....	2,516,000 00	100,000	36.00	14.50	12
So. Chicago Savings Bank.....	2,500,000 00	200,000	25.00	15.24	e8
National Produce.....	2,221,000 00	250,000	11.70	9.90	6
Union Bank of Chicago.....	2,169,223 37	500,000	7.40	6.20	6
*Lake View Trust & Sav.....	2,148,176 74	300,000	---	---	6
Austin State.....	2,143,047 42	100,000	15.20	10.10	8
Kenwood Trust & Savings.....	1,919,728 17	200,000	---	---	e7
South Side State.....	1,850,000 00	200,000	12.00	11.75	6
*North West State.....	1,845,066 38	300,000	17.58	14.84	7
Oak Park Trust & Savings.....	1,805,900 00	200,000	18.00	11.46	12
Woodlawn Trust & Sav.....	1,781,174 57	200,000	21.60	14.40	10
Amerlean State.....	1,755,530 01	200,000	20.50	11.71	6
Washington Park National.....	1,603,349 20	100,000	27.61	22.48	e10
Home Bank & Trust Co.....	1,459,126 65	300,000	10.38	8.24	6
Michigan Ave. Tr. & Sav.....	1,372,455 00	200,000	8.00	6.40	5
Englewood State.....	1,360,000 00	200,000	12.00	9.60	8
Sheridan Trust & Savings.....	1,355,692 04	200,000	8.80	8.00	6
*North Side State.....	1,349,670 60	200,000	16.00	15.02	6
Calumet National.....	1,257,368 04	100,000	27.80	18.50	8
Lawndale State.....	1,243,980 00	200,000	15.00	11.56	8
Stockmen's Trust & Savings.....	1,230,262 49	300,000	9.01	7.50	6
Wendell State.....	1,135,716 72	50,000	35.64	21.41	6
Lawndale National.....	1,125,853 11	50,000	23.00	19.00	---
*Franklin Trust & Savings.....	1,070,388 26	300,000	10.45	7.51	5
Central Mfr. Dist.....	1,029,827 73	250,000	6.21	4.88	---
West Englewood & Sav.....	1,024,159 30	250,000	21.00	19.27	6
Mercantile Trust & Savings.....	1,020,551 98	250,000	7.76	6.75	---
Mechanics' & Traders' State.....	904,459 21	200,000	4.66	3.70	---
Liberty Trust & Savings.....	766,948 88	250,000	1.25	1.14	---
State Bank of Italy.....	760,625 16	200,000	5.26	4.11	---
Old Colony Trust & Savings.....	675,597 86	200,000	4.00	3.20	---
Guarantee Trust & Savings.....	675,520 00	200,000	13.00	10.40	7
Lake View State.....	671,935 44	200,000	5.11	4.92	6
South West Trust & Sav.....	655,811 00	200,000	7.50	6.82	6
Hyde Park State.....	633,819 01	200,000	7.60	5.96	---
Citizens' Trust & Savings.....	585,503 02	50,000	18.27	13.00	12
Halsted Street State.....	452,252 80	200,000	4.16	3.71	---
d Garfield Park State.....	423,119 16	200,000	4.95	4.43	---
La Grange State.....	406,029 29	50,000	---	---	---
La Grange Trust & Savings.....	375,426 96	50,000	14.60	11.80	8
d South West Merchants' St.....	357,000 00	200,000	1.50	1.20	---
Ogden Avenue State.....	316,317 81	200,000	2.50	2.40	---
d West Town State.....	308,081 51	200,000	---	---	---
d Lake & State Savings.....	282,564 66	250,000	3.00	2.75	---
Market Trust & Savings.....	275,000 00	200,000	8.00	7.09	---
Triving Park National.....	268,071 97	100,000	20.00	19.51	e8
*Calumet Trust & Savings.....	263,911 59	50,000	15.88	11.91	---
Ravenswood National.....	260,361 00	50,000	3.00	2.72	---
Lincoln State.....	260,359 45	200,000	6.08	4.08	---
d Depositors' State Savings.....	248,256 87	200,000	5.00	4.66	---
Pioneer State Savings.....	246,412 76	50,000	10.11	8.34	6
Jefferson Park National.....	218,332 94	200,000	1.32	1.14	---
d Capital State Savings.....	195,532 34	200,000	7.30	6.00	---
d Illinois State Bank.....	170,000 00	50,000	---	---	---
Bowmanville National.....	110,000 00	50,000	---	---	---
Rogers Park National.....	---	---	---	---	---

a Earnings and deposits of Continental & Commercial Trust and Hibernian Banking Association are included in these figures.
 b Earnings and deposits of First Trust & Savings Bank are included in these figures.
 c Extra dividends paid.
 d Organized during the year 1913.
 * This bank increased its capital during the year 1913.

THE CHICAGO BOND MARKET FOR 1913.

[By J. E. BLUNT, Vice-President Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago.]

It goes without saying that 1913 was a bad year for the investment business throughout the country, and Chicago proved no exception to the rule. Beyond a slight activity in the early months of the year, there was nothing that even approached a market for securities. Old issues had to be marked down severely, while new issues could be placed, if at all, only at extremely high rates of interest. In municipal bonds it was necessary to go back to 1893 to find anything like corresponding prices.

Fortunately there were some favorable aspects. The bonds which have their principal market in Chicago suffered less than those of almost any other section of the country. A comparison of the prices of six of our leading corporation bonds dealt in on the Chicago Stock Exchange shows an average decline from December 1912 to December 1913 of only 1.77%, compared with an average of 4.87% on an equal number of leading railroad bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

It may also be added that there was no time during the year when Chicago bonds were not readily salable at current quotations. The local municipal market reached its low point during the summer, but had firmed up toward the end of the year, when the 4% bonds of the various Chicago municipalities were selling in the vicinity of 98, or a point below the quotations of the year before.

The volume of business was naturally much smaller than during previous years. The total sales of bonds on the Chicago Stock Exchange aggregated \$9,311,000 for the year 1913, against \$13,757,000 for the year 1912, and it is safe to say that the business

of the bond houses fell off in the same, or greater, proportion.

The amount of new financing was comparatively small. The largest municipal issue during the year was \$2,300,000 Cook County 4s, which was sold in July to a syndicate of banks and bond houses at 94½, and retailed at a couple of points higher.

The City of Chicago tried the experiment of selling its bonds by popular subscription over the counter. In this it was partly successful, as in the course of three months about \$750,000 4% bonds were disposed of at par, which was from one to three points above the price for the same bonds in the open market.

A sale of \$620,000 4% bonds of the South Park Commissioners early in the year constitutes the only other municipal purchase of importance.

The list of bonds put out by our leading public service corporations is not large, and comprises the following:

Chicago Railways Co. First Mortgage 5s.....	\$4,000,000
Chicago City Railway Co. First Mortgage 5s.....	2,900,000
People's Gas Light & Coke Co. Refunding 5s.....	2,154,000
Calumet & South Chicago Railway Co. First Mortgage 5s.....	550,000

A fairly large amount of securities of public utility companies occupying territory adjacent to Chicago was placed during the year, most of which were handled by Chicago houses. The following are the principal issues:

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois--	---
First and Refunding 5s.....	\$282,000
Three-year 6% Notes.....	3,500,000
Middle West Utilities Co. Three-year 6% Notes.....	3,500,000
Central Illinois Public Service Co. First and Refunding 5s.....	1,500,000
Twin State Gas & Electric Co. Three-year 6% Notes.....	500,000
United Light & Railways Co. First and Refunding 5s.....	1,346,000

A number of large issues of leasehold building bonds were made in 1913, and the Chicago bankers making a specialty of these securities have extended their operations outside of the city, taking up loans in Cleveland, Pittsburgh and other places.

The better feeling which has existed since the first of the year has been reflected locally, and while one may not be safe in predicting a boom for the bond market, the easier money conditions have relieved the tension on the part of bond dealers, and a decided turn for the better has surely come.

REAL ESTATE SERIAL MORTGAGE BONDS.

[By S. W. STRAUS, President S. W. Straus & Co., Mortgage and Bond Bankers, Chicago and New York.]

The recent movement of the New York Real Estate Board to improve methods of loaning money on realty and to open up new sources of borrowing on mortgages is a plan which has caused interest throughout the United States. This interest is especially keen in Chicago, where such methods may perhaps be said to be further advanced than in any other city.

There is no doubt that, taking the situation by and large, we Americans are far behind the times in our entire system of credits based on real estate.

So deficient is our system of providing loans on farm mortgages that the matter of rural credits is now being made a subject of Governmental inquiry. In most of our cities our methods are equally archaic. There are enormous volumes of money in the United States in the hands of investors, both large and small, which might be said to be awaiting opportunity for investment on good real estate security, but, as one of the members of the New York committee said, "methods of loaning on real estate in the nation's metropolis have not advanced beyond those employed in ancient Egypt and Babylon."

This condition, of course, is not peculiar to New York, for in most of our cities the only method of obtaining funds for legitimate construction and development is through the issuance of the old-time real estate mortgage. There is no safer and sounder investment in the whole range of securities than a carefully chosen first mortgage on high-grade, well-located, improved city property. The number of mortgage buyers in any community, however, is limited, and it is not to be wondered at that New York real estate men are in search of some plan of issuing amortized loans.

Two paths are opened up by this inquiry and two systems present themselves. The first is the system used with great success in France and other countries, where bonds secured by amortized first mortgages, deposited in trust, are issued by a great land bank. Efforts have already been made to adopt this system to the land-credit problem in America, and it is not without its possibilities of success in that direction.

The other system available is that which has proved successful in Chicago and some other Western cities, namely the issuance of first mortgage real estate bonds maturing serially, each bond being a direct obligation of the mortgagor, and being secured by trust deed covering a single, specific piece of improved city property, with an ample margin of safety to protect investors. The record of these bonds in Chicago and some other large Western cities has been most excellent.

Such conservative investors as the great life insurance companies have been strongly attracted in recent years by first mortgage loans on downtown office buildings and land. If such a mortgage is divided up into bonds, maturing serially, it is perfectly obvious that the safety of the loan is by no means impaired. Indeed, the bond issue maturing serially is actually safer than an undivided first mortgage loan of the same size on the same piece of property. As the bonds mature, group by group, year after year, the loan is being constantly reduced, while the security, of course, remains unreleased. A bond issue in this form commonly matures in two to ten or two to fifteen years. The serial maturities are much more than sufficient to counterbalance depreciation of the improvements, and the bonds of the later maturities are protected by larger equities than those of the earlier ones.

These, of course, are times that call for conservatism on the part of those who loan money on real estate, whether in our cities or on our farms. Indiscriminate underwriting of bond issues, without regard to real estate and renting conditions in any city, would inevitably lead to disaster; but where the fundamental principles of conservatism are kept in mind and the investment house engaged in such underwriting has its clients' welfare first at heart, such bonds have no superior in point of safety. It is, of course, essentially true that the investment house handling real estate loans should have no connection whatever with the ownership or management of the properties on which it loans, otherwise its judgment would inevitably be biased, no matter how fair and just its intentions might be.

Of equal importance is the fact that such bond issues should be restricted to those secured by direct first liens on the property behind them. The principles governing the issuance of first mortgage real estate bonds, however, are now thoroughly under-

stood and have been amply tested by experience. When these principles are followed, these bonds not only furnish sound investments for income, but contribute to a degree that can hardly be realized by those unfamiliar with them to the upbuilding of our cities, to the replacement of old and inferior structures with modern fireproof buildings, to the general enhancement of real estate values and to the betterment of the community.

LISTINGS AND VOLUME OF BUSINESS ON THE CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE.

Statistics as compiled by C. T. Atkinson, Secretary.

MONTHLY STOCK AND BOND SALES.

	1913		1912	
	Stocks, Shares.	Bonds.	Stocks, Shares.	Bonds.
January	87,456	\$1,169,000	73,817	\$2,115,000
February	71,694	798,000	75,914	1,205,000
March	74,154	698,000	120,941	1,444,000
April	68,350	782,000	113,536	1,654,000
May	64,850	807,000	150,738	1,223,000
June	85,790	876,000	69,453	1,163,000
July	68,739	675,000	73,931	792,000
August	79,053	592,000	116,156	516,000
September	97,379	1,190,000	89,962	893,000
October	79,740	706,000	73,663	724,000
November	105,206	480,000	81,920	783,000
December	119,000	640,000	134,900	1,245,000
Total	1,001,417	\$9,391,000	1,174,931	\$13,757,000

SALES FOR SERIES OF YEARS.

Year	No Shares.		Bonds.	
	No Shares.	Bonds.	No Shares.	Bonds.
1913	1,001,417	\$9,391,000	1,424,252	\$8,735,900
1912	1,174,931	13,757,000	1,899	3,300,385
1911	1,040,068	14,752,000	1,898	1,845,313
1910	894,362	7,347,000	1,897	987,772
1909	1,623,495	14,800,000	1,896	1,726,400
1908	829,216	15,259,000	1,895	1,386,657
1907	805,984	4,466,200	1,894	1,553,947
1906	1,234,537	5,858,050	1,893	1,157,701
1905	1,544,948	9,556,500	1,892	1,175,031
1904	1,251,177	5,432,700	1,891	710,000
1903	1,024,002	3,364,160	1,890	1,097,000
1902	1,356,558	8,967,100	1,889	150,100
1901	1,877,883	9,338,700		

BUSINESS IN ENGLAND IN 1913.

[Communicated by our London Correspondent.]

London, January 10 1914.

1913 was one of the most disappointing of the many disappointing years this country has recently passed through. It began in the midst of the Balkan wars. Turkey, it is true, was evidently exhausted, and people were beginning to hope that peace could not be long delayed. Nevertheless, the peace negotiations in London came to nothing through the unfounded hope of the Turks that some of the Powers would come to their assistance. Very soon, however, the Turkish Government was compelled to recognize that it was hopelessly beaten, and an arrangement was arrived at which the Turks took occasion later to tear up in great measure. Meanwhile, Austria-Hungary, though she had declared herself neutral, intervened with decisive results. She compelled Serbia to withdraw from the Adriatic port her troops had occupied, and insisted that Albania should be given an autonomous government. All this intensified the alarms that had been felt. It was feared that the pan-Slavist feeling in Russia would become too strong to be resisted by the Government. The fear turned out to be baseless, and although both Russia and Austria-Hungary went on mobilizing there was no serious quarrel between them. At the same time, Serbia, thus deprived of the greater part of her gains in the war, asked Bulgaria to cancel the Treaty entered into before hostilities began. Bulgaria refused, and, after prolonged and angry discussions, war broke out between the Allies. Bulgaria trusted that Austria-Hungary,

without actively assisting, would prevent both Roumania and Turkey from seizing the opportunity to act against her. Bulgaria was disappointed. Roumania saw the opportunity to obtain all the concessions in the Dobrudja which it had coveted. It, therefore, invaded Bulgaria; in consequence Bulgaria was compelled to submit. Moreover, the Turks re-occupied Adrianople and in the end Bulgaria was forced to enter into a new treaty with the Porte, canceling much of what had been accorded to her before, and losing Adrianople.

While all this was going on, extreme apprehension prevailed all over Europe. The United Kingdom felt the stress less than the Continental countries. In the latter the fears entertained were intense. There were runs upon many banks in Austria-Hungary. It was anticipated for a time that a financial crisis would be brought about. The Balkan countries are the largest consumers of Austro-Hungarian manufactures. They were unable, in consequence of the war, to continue buying, and as each of them had proclaimed a moratorium the merchants and manufacturers of the Dual Monarchy had no means of recovering the debts due to them. Consequently, there occurred a great stoppage of manufacturing industry, and vast stocks had to be stored in warehouses. Both Austria and Hungary have suffered severely. Taxation is less productive. There is much unemployment. And it is to be feared there is not a little suffering in the more backward parts of the Dual Monarchy. As a matter of course, while all this was going on large numbers of people became apprehensive and began to hoard upon a large scale. Germany suffered less than her ally. But Germany felt the consequences of the war severely. There is no question that German trade received a great blow. It has been falling off throughout the whole year, and at present the complaints of unemployment are loud over all the more industrial districts. In Germany, likewise, there has been very much hoarding. Even in France hoarding has been on a vast scale, for in the beginning the belief all over the Continent was very general that the Russian people would not allow their Slav kinsmen in the Balkans to be badly treated; that, therefore, Russia would be compelled to interfere; that as soon as Russia intervened, Austria-Hungary would be compelled in self-defence to act; and that then the dreaded Near Eastern Question would be opened in earnest. Fortunately, these fears were not realized, mainly because the Russian Government was strong enough to resist the pressure put upon it. M. Stolypin had put down the revolutionary movement that followed the Manchurian War in so stern a manner that nobody was prepared to run counter to the policy of his successors. And his successors are fully persuaded that Russia needs a long period of repose, not only to reconstitute her army and her navy, but also to carry out the social reforms which, it is hoped, will satisfy her peasantry.

The situation of the Bank of France as to its stock of gold and silver, according to the last returns of each month of 1911, 1912 and 1913, was as follows, stated in pounds sterling:

GOLD AND SILVER IN BANK OF FRANCE—(00,000s. omitted).

1913.			1912.			1911.					
Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.			
Jan. 30..	128.6	25.4	154.0	Jan. 25..	127.5	32.2	159.7	Jan. 26..	130.1	32.8	162.9
Feb. 27..	128.8	24.9	153.7	Feb. 29..	129.2	32.3	161.5	Feb. 23..	130.5	33.3	163.8
Mar. 27..	129.4	24.3	153.7	Mch. 28..	130.0	32.2	162.2	Mch. 30..	129.6	33.8	163.2
April 24..	130.0	23.9	153.9	April 25..	129.6	32.3	161.9	Apr. 27..	129.3	33.8	163.1
May 29..	132.0	24.7	156.7	May 30..	130.1	32.5	162.6	May 26..	129.6	34.2	163.8
June 26..	132.7	24.9	157.6	June 27..	130.5	32.8	163.3	June 29..	128.5	34.1	162.6
July 31..	134.5	25.1	159.6	July 25..	131.9	31.9	163.8	July 27..	127.7	34.9	162.7
Aug. 28..	137.9	25.3	163.2	Aug. 29..	131.9	31.4	163.3	Aug. 31..	126.8	35.7	162.5
Sept. 25..	138.4	25.3	163.7	Sept. 26..	131.0	30.4	161.4	Sept. 28..	124.4	32.6	157.0
Oct. 30..	138.9	25.5	164.4	Oct. 31..	129.0	30.1	159.1	Oct. 26..	125.6	31.7	157.3
Nov. 27..	141.0	25.7	166.7	Nov. 28..	128.8	29.7	158.5	Nov. 30..	128.4	32.3	160.7
Dec. 26..	140.7	25.6	166.3	Dec. 26..	128.3	27.6	155.9	Dec. 28..	128.2	32.2	160.4

One consequence of the war, or rather the succession of wars, was to make money exceedingly scarce and dear throughout Europe. The utter breakdown of the Turkish military system and the unexpected efficiency shown by the Slav States, as well as by Greece, created very grave apprehensions in Austria-Hungary and in Germany. The majority of the inhabitants of Austria-Hungary are Slavs, and the majority of these are very much dissatisfied with their lot. The Poles, hating Russia and Prussia so bitterly, are loyal to Austria. And, except in Bohemia, the Czechs, as a result of the sanguinary suppression of the revolutionary movements in Russia that followed the war with Japan, are not now as hostile as they used to be. But the Croats

are incensed to the last degree. Their constitution was suppressed for a considerable time by Hungary, and the country was ruled by martial law. The Croats are near kinsmen of the Servians. And it is the dream of both that a great Serbia may some day be formed. To this fact is attributable the apprehensions in Austria-Hungary and the insistent way in which that country pursued a policy depriving Serbia of so much of her gains. When it is remembered that the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina are also near kinsmen of the Servians, it will be seen that the action of the Dual Monarchy is by no means unintelligible. The assumption in Vienna, Buda-Pesth and Berlin was that Russia, sooner or later, was bound to interfere; that immediately the whole Slav world would welcome the Russians; that Turkey, upon which country the Triple Alliance counted much, was hopelessly powerless; and that thus the balance of power was completely overturned. As a result of this argument, Germany in the summer proposed to add over 150,000 men to her army with the colors, thus raising it to about 800,000 men, and to increase proportionately the reserves. To carry out the policy there is needed a large increase in the annual revenue besides about 50 millions sterling, or not far short of 250 million dollars, for non-recurring expenditure to be raised from the well-to-do in one great impost. France immediately responded by restoring the three-year's military service with the colors. And the late Cabinet proposed, in order to do this, not only to add to the taxation, but to raise an immediate loan of 52 millions sterling. The late Government has had to retire. The new government, however, not only admits the necessity for a vast loan but practically concedes that there will be an increase of taxation amounting in round figures to about 24 millions sterling per annum.

The alarm created by the Balkan wars and all it was feared they would lead to; the hoarding caused by so much apprehension; the decision of Germany and France to augment so enormously their naval and military forces, and, consequently, their national expenditures; the social reforms which were being carried out in nearly all the leading European countries, and the eager demand of the newer and more backward countries for capital to develop their resources, all led to an extraordinary eagerness to obtain loans. Owing to the apprehensive condition of the Continent and to the hoarding, France, which usually lends so freely and so largely, practically refused to supply her old clients, and there came an extraordinary rush of applications to London. The new issues had been upon a vast scale for some years before. As soon as the Balkans began to move in October of 1912, the investing public in most European countries showed a disinclination to go on lending further. Practically it was impossible when war actually broke out to borrow considerable sums in any Continental centre. London, therefore, remained the only great market open to borrowers, and the applications here were phenomenally large. They were kept in check from time to time by the refusal of the investing public to go on lending. But the great issuing houses and institutions were able to induce underwriters to guarantee the success of the issues; and, therefore, the issues continued. Very often the underwriters had to provide the larger part of the funds required. But gradually the underwriters were relieved by new strata of investors, and so the rush of new issues continued all through the year, interrupted for a short time now and then, but always reviving with almost greater activity than before. The total amount of those new issues in London alone was £245,905,588, as compared with £211,336,980 in 1912, an increase of £34,568,609, or 16.3%. Below we give a table showing the countries to which the money subscribed went:

TOTAL CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DURING 1913 AND 1912.

	1913.	1912.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
	£	£	£
United Kingdom.....	49,236,982	51,294,436	-2,057,454
India and Ceylon.....	3,762,909	4,391,320	-628,411
British Colonies.....	94,956,752	60,016,949	+34,940,703
Foreign countries.....	97,958,945	95,035,175	+2,923,770
Total Indian, Colonial & foreign.....	196,668,606	160,642,544	+36,026,062
Grand total.....	245,905,588	211,336,980	+34,568,608

While the Balkan crisis and all that followed from it have unhappily caused a great falling off in Continental trade, it is a very fortunate circumstance that in the United Kingdom trade continued wonderfully good. It is not, of course, quite as active as it was. It could hardly be expected to be so when there is so much decline elsewhere. But the falling off is remarkably small, and even as 1913 drew to a close, evidence was given in many directions that trade had not seri-

ously declined. One illustration of this is afforded by the large outflow both of coin and notes from London to the interior. If trade had suffered much there would be clear evidence of the fact in the declining demand for currency. As the demand has kept up, it is pretty plain that the Christmas preparations and the Christmas trade at all events have not in any material degree diminished. It is, furthermore, noticeable that the places of amusement in all the great towns have been thronged during the Christmas holidays. In fact, if one may judge the condition of the country from the readiness, even of the poor, to engage in amusements, one is fully justified in saying that never, perhaps, has the condition of England, at all events, been more satisfactory.

Passing to more solid and more serious evidence, we find our view supported by the revenue returns for the first nine months of the financial year, or, in other words, for the last nine months of the calendar year 1913. When introducing his Budget last spring the Chancellor of the Exchequer estimated that the revenue would show an increase over that of the year 1912-13 of somewhat over 6 millions sterling. Most persons considered the estimate extravagantly optimistic, seeing how seriously the Continent had been affected by the Balkan wars, and how even then a falling off in trade was making itself manifest in many leading countries. As a matter of fact, the revenue has responded surprisingly well to the expectations of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, so far at all events. The receipts for the first nine months of the financial year amount to the very large sum of £121,287,657, showing a net increase over the corresponding period of the year before of £3,963,787, or 3.4%. It will be seen that in the first nine months the Chancellor has received nearly two-thirds of the increase he estimated for. It is quite possible, of course, that there may be a falling off in the coming three months. But that is not likely, for the income tax is assessed on the average income for the three immediately preceding years. And the last three years unquestionably have been amongst the most prosperous in the history of England. Therefore the incomes assessed to the income tax must be decidedly larger than in former years. It may be added for the information of your readers that the bulk of the income tax is collected in the three months ended with March. It is quite obvious that the revenue could not keep up as in fact it has kept up were not the condition of the country highly prosperous.

The railway traffic returns corroborate the evidence afforded by the revenue returns. For the whole year the estimated receipts of the seventeen principal railways of the United Kingdom amounted to £107,998,000, being an increase over the receipts of the preceding year, revised in accordance with the Railway Act of 1911, of £4,167,000, or 4%. The Act referred to requires railway companies to publish weekly their actual receipts from the carriage of passengers and commodities. From Jan. 1 1913 the railway companies have revised, in accordance with the Act, the earnings of 1912. It will be observed that such extraneous earnings as those from steamboats, hotels and the like are not now included in the weekly returns. Of course they will be shown when the final reports for the year are published.

In the same way the Clearing-House returns for London alone show that the total amounted to £16,436,404,000, being an increase of £474,631,000, or 3%, over the preceding year. It may be added that the preceding year was considered a phenomenal one. Perhaps these figures are more conclusive regarding the trade of the country than those given immediately before, for they are affected by not only the foreign trade, but also by the Stock Exchange. It is easy to understand that the home trade might continue active and profitable even though the foreign trade had begun materially to decline, and even though the activity of the Stock Exchange had become gravely lessened. But when we find that the Clearing-House returns in London exceeded those of any preceding year, even 1912, previously the record year, there is no doubt possible that while the Stock Exchange was unfavorably affected by the condition of things in the Near East, while the Continental trade was also beyond doubt unfavorably affected thereby, and while, furthermore, the trade with the United States, with Mexico and with Brazil was affected both by the tariff and the currency legislation in the United States, by the insurrection in Mexico and by bad seasons and over-speculation in Brazil, upon the whole the over-sea trade of the United Kingdom has continued surprisingly good and the New Year has been ushered in with better promise than even sanguine persons

ventured to expect a little while ago. In the first three quarters of the year the London clearings exhibited surprisingly large increases. The last quarter showed a comparatively small decrease, a little under 37½ millions sterling. This falling off in the last quarter suggests that the trade of the country, taken altogether, is beginning to decline. But the falling off is mainly due to the great depression throughout the whole year upon the Stock Exchange. The total clearings for the year on Stock Exchange settling days was £2,082,031,000, being a decline of 11.8% compared with 1912. Moreover, the percentage of the Stock Exchange settling days to the total turn-over of the year fell from 14.7% in 1912 to 12.6% in the past year. This is the lowest percentage on record.

The following table shows the total clearings through the London Clearing House during 1913 compared with 1912:

	1913.	1912.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
	£	£	%
London—			
Town.....	14,191,275,000	13,813,447,000	+377,828,000 +2.7
Metropolitan.....	855,648,000	841,464,000	+14,384,000 +1.7
Country.....	1,389,481,000	1,307,062,000	+82,419,000 +6.3
Total.....	16,436,404,000	15,961,773,000	+474,631,000 +3.0
Stock Exchange Pay Days.....	2,082,031,000	2,362,212,000	-280,181,000 -12.2
Consols Settling Days.....	781,892,000	725,293,000	+56,599,000 +8.0
Fourths of Months.....	662,288,000	643,156,000	+19,132,000 +2.9

If we turn from the London Clearing-House figures to those of the principal provincial clearing houses, we find a total increase for the year of 5.4%, Bristol being the only instance of a decrease, while in Newcastle there is an increase of as much as 12.6%; in Sheffield, an increase of 11.5%; in Leicester, 10.9%, and in Leeds, 10.7%. On the other hand, it is noticeable in the provincial as well as in the London clearings that while there was an increase in the first half of the year of as much as 8½%, the increase in the second half was no more than 2.4%, again suggesting that while the falling off, no doubt, was mainly owing to the depression on the Stock Exchange, trade as the year advanced became less active.

Below we contrast the clearings through the ten principal provincial clearing houses for the 52 weeks ended with Dec. 27 1913 with those of the corresponding period of 1912:

	1913.	1912.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
	£	£	%
Birmingham.....	75,072,466	70,323,327	+5,349,139 +7.6
Bristol.....	35,356,000	35,437,000	-81,000 -0.7
Dublin.....	175,058,900	169,813,300	+5,245,600 +3.1
Leeds.....	26,196,389	23,669,503	+2,526,886 +10.7
Leicester.....	15,038,267	13,561,519	+1,466,748 +10.9
Liverpool.....	237,919,159	234,347,144	+3,572,015 +1.5
Manchester.....	360,510,591	342,132,583	+18,378,008 +7.1
Newcastle.....	61,369,262	54,488,368	+6,880,894 +12.6
Nottingham.....	18,074,885	16,785,062	+1,289,823 +7.7
Sheffield.....	26,993,804	24,199,331	+2,794,473 +11.6
Total, 10 towns.....	1,038,209,723	984,957,137	+53,252,586 +5.4

The Board of Trade returns are in accordance with those just reviewed. They show a very satisfactory augmentation. It is to be borne in mind, however, that the increase is most marked in our trade with British possessions and more particularly in our trade with India. Some new and rising countries which are largely financed from London, such as Argentina, likewise show large increases. But the trade with the United States has been disappointing. Our trade with Germany has been almost stationary. And generally the Continental countries, having suffered much more from the Balkan crisis than the United Kingdom, have seen a much greater falling off in their trade; and, consequently, have not done as large a business with us as in previous years. France, has been an exception; and Russia, which had an exceedingly good wheat crop, has also exported on a considerable scale. But the trade with British possessions beyond sea has shown very remarkable expansion, more particularly as already said, that with British India. For the first nine months of 1911 the British exports to British India were of the value of £37,866,007. In the corresponding period of the year just closed they were as much as £52,308,132, an increase in two years of as much as £14,442,125, or 38.2 per cent. It is hardly probable that we shall do so large a trade with India in the coming year as we have done in the closing year. In the first place, there was a suspension of the monsoon in three great Indian provinces; the Punjab, the United Provinces and Rajputana. It is not expected that there will be actual famine in any of these. But the loss of the growing crops has been very great. There will, therefore, undoubtedly be much distress. Already, indeed, the Government is making preparations to cope with distress upon a considerable scale. Furthermore, in Bombay there had been a great outburst of enterprise in banking for some years previously. Unfortunately,

principal drawback was the wetness of the preceding autumn, which hindered farmers from getting in winter crops. Especially, there was a considerable falling off in the acreage of land laid down to wheat. 1913 itself was an exceptionally fine year. Much cooler than its immediate predecessor, it was yet dry and sunny. During July and August there were complaints of drought, especially in the south and east of England. But upon the whole not much damage was done. The crops were harvested in exceptionally fine weather, and, speaking generally, were got in in excellent condition. The weather broke just at the end of August and for some time in September rain threatened to injure the crops. Nevertheless, very little damage was done. Throughout the earlier parts of the United Kingdom almost all the crops had been gathered, and as the weather cleared up again after a short interval the remaining crops were all secured in fairly good condition. At one time, owing to the drought, fears were entertained by farmers that the green crops of all kinds would be short; and that, consequently, the keep of cattle would involve much expense. Happily, the rains of September prevented that, and although the autumn generally was fine, enough of rain fell to make the pastures and the green crops prosper luxuriantly. All through the year, therefore, the expenditure of farmers was kept down almost to the minimum, the weather proving so generally favorable. Wages did not vary very much, and though the large emigration of the year, especially the emigration to Canada, made labor scarce in many rural districts, the weather was so generally propitious that there has been much less complaint than usual of either the scarcity or the cost of labor. Moreover, the favorable change in the weather in September, and the consequent success of the green crops, made cattle farming profitable. There have been good prices all through the year, both for grain and for cattle of every kind. Upon the whole, it may safely be said that 1913, from the point of view of the farmer in the United Kingdom, has been one of the most prosperous of recent years.

The cotton trade has been very active and very prosperous during 1913. Unfortunately the prospect just at present is not as bright as might be wished. This is very largely due to the condition of things in India, which previously had a long succession of exceedingly prosperous years. It is to be recollected that nearly 90 per cent of the population of India is dependent, either directly or indirectly, upon agriculture. Consequently, abundant rains always bring prosperity, while a failure of the monsoon whenever it occurs, means distress, if not actual famine. The consequence of the exceptionally long succession of good years was that the peasantry everywhere were more in funds than usual; that traders, therefore, imported cotton from Lancashire on a vast scale; and that, as happened in 1907, just when the crops were growing, there came a partial stoppage in the monsoon. Happily, the stoppage occurred only in three great provinces this year whereas in 1907 it was very general. Still, the consequences of the stoppage of the monsoon in the Punjab, Rajputana and United Provinces have been aggravated by the crisis in banking in Bombay and its neighborhood; the loss of credit by native bankers; and the difficulty, therefore, of the very small man to get banking accommodation. There has, as a result, been congestion in the cotton trade, and it is to be feared that Lancashire will feel the consequences for several months to come. Already, it is said, the Spinners' Federation has sounded its members on the subject of organized short-time. It is quite true that spindles are, for the most part, fully engaged. It is said, moreover, that in some places, such as Burnley and Blackburn, there are stoppages, the latter being very much dependent upon India for orders. For the year ended with November the net profits of one hundred typical cotton-spinning companies were £539,880, against £558,450 last year, and the average dividends 8 per cent, against 7 1-5 per cent. The actual profits have this year amounted to £14 12s. 6d. per cent on the paid-up share capital and in 1912 to £15 6s. 0d. per cent. The reserves at the end of this year show an increase compared with twelve months ago of £113,300. Mr. John Kidger, who makes up the table, estimates that on the whole capital employed, share and loan, the profits this year amounted to £10 9s. 0d. per cent against £10 16s. 1d. in 1912. It may be added that the 8 per cent dividend paid this year is the fourth best during the past thirty years.

The quantities and values of textile exports from Great Britain for the last three years are given in the following table:

EXPORTS OF TEXTILE FABRICS.

Year's Exports.	1913.	1912.	1911.
<i>Quantities.</i>			
Cotton yarn.....lbs.	210,175,500	243,850,400	223,834,400
Piece goods.....yds.	7,075,558,400	6,912,919,700	6,653,672,300
Jute yarn.....lbs.	41,974,500	53,458,100	49,326,100
Piece goods.....yds.	172,386,000	161,802,000	149,415,700
Linen yarns.....lbs.	16,337,300	17,885,800	18,012,800
Piece goods.....yds.	193,895,500	213,085,400	193,829,200
Woolen yarn.....lbs.	54,727,500	63,025,600	65,374,800
Woolen tissues.....yds.	105,957,100	100,530,000	97,717,300
Worsted tissues.....yds.	62,511,900	72,136,200	78,494,900
<i>Values.</i>			
Cotton yarn.....£	15,007,017	16,222,150	15,663,435
Piece goods.....£	97,820,623	91,624,257	90,512,899
Jute yarn.....£	781,125	859,555	704,145
Piece goods.....£	3,065,062	2,442,064	2,044,840
Linen yarn.....£	1,215,446	1,269,041	1,220,309
Piece goods.....£	5,967,765	6,120,526	5,641,838
Woolen yarn.....£	5,461,797	5,899,369	6,477,189
Woolen tissues.....£	14,468,625	14,104,412	13,302,873
Worsted tissues.....£	6,187,789	6,713,602	7,124,492

In the first half of the year just closed the demand for raw wool was keen and prices generally advanced. The peace negotiations in London at the opening of the year led to the hope that hostilities would be immediately suspended; that the apprehensions everywhere existing of an extension of the war would thus be dissipated; and that there would be, in consequence, an outburst of new enterprise. Furthermore, it was expected that the revision of the tariff in the United States would lead to a great increase in the American demand for raw wool. All these anticipations were disappointed. The war in Southeastern Europe continued for half the year. The hoarding of money increased rather than fell off. Apprehensions became keener. And in consequence the Continental demand at the London Wool Sales was very slight. The American demand, too, fell off instead of increasing. Still Yorkshire was buoyed up with the hope that the end of the great strike would lead to a fresh outburst of good trade. Moreover, the home demand for woollen goods was well maintained. Nevertheless, the succession of strikes in the trade had an unfavorable effect upon manufacturers. Business was pushed too far, and in their eagerness to supply immediate demands manufacturers somewhat neglected improving their business. Consequently, about the middle of the year there were clear indications that the boom which had lasted so long was coming to an end. The end was hastened by further strikes in the trade, by the scarcity and dearness of money and by the keen and sudden competition of French manufacturers. In Roubaix there had been depression for a considerable time which had been greatly increased by the Balkan War. The Roubaix manufacturers were so much impressed by the great activity of Yorkshire that they sent over delegates to study why Yorkshire was doing so well while they themselves could hardly pay expenses. The report of the delegates did not throw very much light on the subject. Meanwhile, however, the Roubaix manufacturers had improved their machinery, and had taken pains to manufacture in a more artistic manner. When, therefore, the activity of Yorkshire began to decline in the summer, Roubaix pushed its goods very vigorously and as, owing to the succession of strikes, orders in Yorkshire had not been fulfilled in time, merchants turned to Roubaix and bought freely. The result told heavily upon Yorkshire. Furthermore, it is to be recollected that, owing to drought, there had been a falling off in the production of wool in Australia, particularly of merino. Consequently, the price of the raw material shot up very considerably. The receipts of wool, moreover, from Argentina were shorter than in recent years. The consequence was that Yorkshire found the prices of the raw material too high under the circumstances then prevailing. And, therefore, as the year advanced, the activity of trade declined. In the last two months prices of all manufactured goods fell sharply. Even the raw material at the later auctions declined. The fall in merinoes, however, was only about 2½ per cent; in crossbreds it was as much as 10 per cent and in medium qualities 12½ per cent.

The year just closed was probably the most prosperous in shipbuilding that has ever been known in this country. The two preceding years were wonderfully good. But they were left behind by 1913. Everywhere the activity was remarkable, but it was greatest of all on the Clyde. Yet it is said by shipbuilders that their profits were actually smaller than in many years when the orders received by them were very much less. They allege that the costs of every kind were so high that the profits were unduly reduced. Some companies which do nothing but build ships have, in fact, paid no dividends, and others have paid reduced dividends. But where steel-making and armor-plate manufacture are combined with shipbuilding, not only has the

activity been phenomenal, but the profits have been exceedingly high also. In the United Kingdom, taken altogether, there were launched during the year 1,474 vessels, showing an increase over the preceding year of 120 vessels, or 8.8 per cent. The tonnage was 2,263,933, showing an increase of 183,762 tons, or also 8.8 per cent. The engines, with 2,661,260 horse-power, show an increase of 388,994 horse-power, or 17.1 per cent. According to a Scotch authority, the United Kingdom produced about one-third of the total number of vessels launched during the year, while in ton measurements the United Kingdom exceeded all other countries combined by nearly 320,000 tons; and in horse-power the excess was about 420,000 horse-power. The British vessels, if this statement is correct, it will be seen, were enormously larger than the foreign. The Clyde, as usual, led the way. It turned out 756,976 tons of new ships, the greatest tonnage ever recorded. Going back only six years, to 1907, the total tonnage turned out in that year did not exceed 600,000 tons, so that in six years the tonnage has increased nearly 157,000 tons, or 26.1 per cent.

In no branch of business has prosperity been greater or more manifest than in the coal trade. It is universally admitted that prices have been exceptionally high; and that the quantity turned out has been unprecedentedly large; and although there has been much unrest amongst the workers there has been no serious strike; nor, indeed, any real fear of a formidable strike except in South Wales. Throughout the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland employers and employed have managed to work on in a friendly spirit, although there has been much complaining on both sides. The official returns are not yet published. But, judging from the unofficial reports of all kinds, the outturn for 1913 was the largest in the history of the country. This was due, partly to the draft made upon stocks by the great strike early in 1912, and to the dissatisfaction of the miners with the awards under the Minimum Wage Act. The miners everywhere complain that the arbitrators leaned too much towards the employers; that they did not take into proper account the increased cost of living; the hardships of working so far underground; the comparative stationariness of their wages; and that, therefore, although there has been an improvement in their position, it is not a sufficient improvement. In fact, there appears to be no doubt that there is been a scarcity of labor in the greater part of England and Scotland. In these districts, though there was no serious trouble, large numbers of men sought employment in other occupations or emigrated. The employers themselves are unanimous that labor was exceptionally scarce during the year. The demand, on the other hand, was unprecedented, due partly to the extraordinary prosperity and activity of trade all the world over; to the fierce competition of the nations in naval affairs; and to the conviction that the boom had lasted so long that it could not be expected to last very much longer, and, therefore, all the employers were anxious to take the utmost possible advantage of it while it continued. South Wales differed from the rest of the country inasmuch as the discontent there was far louder and far more serious. No very great strike occurred. But there were innumerable partial strikes. The miners complain even more loudly than those elsewhere of the decisions under the Minimum Wage Act, and as the year drew towards a close, preparations were being made for a general strike. Moreover, the terrible accident at Senghenydd made an exceptionally great impression upon the minds of the Welsh miners generally. The mine is said to have been as well equipped as any in the country and that every precaution had been taken in it to guard against such a catastrophe. Therefore, when every effort to put out the fire failed in spite of the most heroic efforts on the part of men and employers, the impression made was very great. Large numbers of miners, it is said, gave up their employment to seek work in other directions, and still larger numbers are reported to have emigrated. The discontent of the men; the strained relations between employers and employed; the impression made by the Senghenydd accident, all tended to check production. Yet, if the reports from the principal mining districts, even in South Wales, are to be trusted, the outturn was larger than in any year hitherto. Prices also were kept up well, and though as the year drew to a close there were many indications that the great prosperity of trade was declining, still to the very end the demand for coal, and more particularly for steam coal, showed exceedingly little abatement.

The experience of the iron trade has not been so satisfactory as that of the coal trade. At times everything looked most encouraging. At other times they looked

gloomy in the extreme. Upon the whole, however, though there have been many disappointments, and in some cases heavy losses, the year has been a prosperous one. To begin with, it was free from any great strike—even from any serious quarrel between employers and employed. Furthermore, whereas 1912 had suffered from a prolonged strike, and prices tended upwards, after the strike prices in 1913 continued to go up for some months. But for the greater part of the year they tended downwards. One other circumstance is to be borne in mind which qualifies the conclusion that otherwise might be drawn. In 1912 the steady rise in prices for most of the year gave a general impression that realized profits must have been better than iron-masters admitted. People who so argued forgot that the iron-masters were for a good portion of 1912 working out orders placed at much lower quotations in 1911. Therefore, quoted prices throughout 1912 were always considerably higher than the prices actually realized by the manufacturers. In 1913 the case was reversed. The books of most iron-masters were filled with orders placed at steadily rising quotations during the second half of 1912. Therefore, the losses were nothing like what they would seem to be were one to judge by the steady fall that went on for so many months. The real fact was that the old orders, which were being worked off during so large a part of the year, gave very handsome profits, and that it was not until the later months of the year that the effect of the fall was really felt. The chief trouble experienced in the trade was from the fierce fight between the "bulls" and the "bears". In the spring the latter came to the conclusion that the high prices were not justified; that the Balkan crisis, the hoarding of money upon the Continent and the general fear of war would certainly cut short the boom in trade. Therefore, they sold on an immense scale. On the other hand, important merchants, who were well established and who took a favorable view of the situation, bought on a correspondingly great scale. The struggle went on for several months. In the end the failure of a firm that had been widely and honorably known for many years created alarm amongst the "bulls" and prices fell ruinously. For some time, therefore, the outlook of the trade was black enough. But the real inner condition was not as bad as the appearances implied. There had been good business done through far the greater part of the year. That this was so was proved by the recovery which set in at the end of the summer and the general opinion in the trade is that though the second half of the year was entirely disappointing, the whole of 1913, taken together, marks it as a fairly prosperous one.

EXPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

	Pig Iron.	Balls.	Other Descriptions.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1913	1,129,043	508,771	3,297,384	4,935,203
1912	1,257,188	411,625	3,128,715	4,807,528
1911	1,200,113	375,296	2,931,499	4,515,905
1910	1,210,728	482,327	2,894,954	4,588,009
1909	1,140,695	580,215	2,489,889	4,210,799
1908	1,296,521	452,521	2,347,479	4,096,521
1907	1,943,939	429,161	2,779,127	5,152,227
1906	1,665,899	460,328	2,556,063	4,682,290
1905	982,576	546,559	2,191,037	3,721,182
1904	810,934	325,371	1,927,171	3,262,842
1903	1,065,380	604,076	1,895,145	3,564,601
1902	1,102,666	716,210	1,759,248	3,578,124
1901	829,132	572,794	1,455,813	2,897,719
1900	1,427,525	463,731	1,649,433	3,540,689
1899	1,380,342	590,667	1,746,171	3,717,180
1898	1,042,853	609,403	1,692,094	3,244,350
1897	1,201,104	782,045	1,702,957	3,686,106
1896	1,060,155	747,662	1,782,571	3,550,398
1895	866,568	457,552	1,611,421	2,835,541
1894	830,985	425,242	1,393,771	2,649,998
1893	840,294	538,376	1,487,905	2,866,574
1892	757,053	468,053	1,301,223	2,782,379
1891	840,055	702,247	1,697,844	3,240,143
1890	1,145,268	1,035,431	1,820,731	4,011,430
1889	1,190,371	1,089,892	1,905,919	4,186,182
1888	1,036,319	1,020,002	1,910,242	3,966,563
1887	1,158,174	1,011,779	1,973,975	4,143,928
1886	1,014,257	739,651	1,605,289	3,359,197
1885	960,931	714,276	1,455,475	3,130,682
1884	1,269,576	728,549	1,497,439	3,495,564
1883	1,564,048	971,165	1,595,095	4,030,308
1882	1,758,072	936,949	1,658,531	4,353,552
1881	1,480,196	820,671	1,517,458	3,820,315
1880	1,632,343	693,696	1,460,055	3,792,993
1879	1,223,436	463,878	1,190,170	2,883,484
1878	924,646	441,384	933,193	2,296,860
1877	881,442	497,224	965,285	2,346,970
1876	910,905	414,556	899,709	2,224,470

THE HEARINGS ON THE APPLICATION OF THE EASTERN ROADS FOR HIGHER RATES.

A decision handed down by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the "tap-line" cases deals incidentally with the application of the Eastern roads for increased freight revenue. The Commission holds as unlawful the practice of the roads in Official Classification Territory of hauling free to the main line the products of industrial concerns, "because they are rebates in fact and effect, and also give undue and

unreasonable preferences and advantages to the industries so favored, and work undue and unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage to shippers in the same business who do not receive any such allowances or rebates and who do not receive the benefit of any such services." The cost to the line carriers of these contributions in money and services per diem, reclaims and demurrage exemptions, the Commission says, has been estimated at \$15,000,000, and this it regards as conservative.

Reverting to the pending application of the roads for an advance in freight rates, the Commission alludes to the interest of the public in according fair and equal treatment to the carriers, but says that "if further burdens through an increased scale of rates may justly be imposed on the general public, all must agree that unlawful concessions, rebates and preferences in the interest of a small proportion of the shipping public ought to be eliminated from the practices of the carriers." A more detailed account of the Commission's conclusions, written by Commissioner Harlan, is furnished in the following extracts:

A full understanding of these matters, resulting from a careful examination of the record, impresses us with the inherent unlawfulness of this relation between large industries and the line carriers, built up upon the fiction that their plant railroads are servants of the shipping public, and, therefore, perform a service of transportation for the proprietary industries for which they may be compensated by the line carriers out of the rates. The practice has grown step by step until by reason of the immense drain upon the revenues of the line carriers it has now become a burden of substantial proportions upon the general shipping public. The primary purpose of the Act to regulate commerce, as the courts have often said, was to strike down undue preferences and favoritism, and a large part of our labors is devoted to complaints of this nature. The cost to the line carriers of these contributions by them in money and services per diem, reclaims and demurrage exemptions, to the few favored shippers shown on this record does not appear. It has been estimated at not less than \$15,000,000 a year, and this we regard as conservative.

As we have just indicated, these practices were not suddenly devised in their present form, but are more or less the result of a process of development. The traffic of these industries is so enormous as to make it a facile instrument for forcing concessions out of the line carriers; and when one line has yielded to these influences, the others serving the same industry must necessarily pay the same price or lose their share of the tonnage offered for carriage by the industry. In that manner the practice has spread from industry to industry; and the varying forms by which it is surrounded and under which it is conducted at the different plants are simply a cloak and device to give it the color of legality.

It was admitted of record by counsel for many of the more important of these iron and steel companies that the trunk lines would be entirely within their legal rights if they abandoned the allowances now being paid to some industries and abandoned the services now being performed without charge for other industries. What we decide upon the testimony adduced is that these practices are unlawful in themselves because they are rebates, in fact and in effect, and also give undue and unreasonable preferences and advantages to the industries so favored and work undue and unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage to shippers in the same business who do not receive any such allowances or rebates and who do not receive the benefit of any such services.

And we hold, further, upon the record that the form in which these plant facilities are organized and operated is an unlawful device adopted by the industries for the purpose of securing rebates from the published rates and rebates in service and other undue and unreasonable advantage forbidden by law.

Indeed, the very carriers that are augmenting their expense accounts and dissipating their revenues in this manner, to the extent of many millions of dollars a year and for the benefit of a comparatively few shippers, are now complaining that their present earnings are insufficient, and on that ground have asked our permission to make a substantial increase in their general rate schedules. In that sense the proposed advance in rates has a certain very definite and immediate relation to this proceeding.

In this general connection it may safely be assumed that no substantial part of the well-informed and reflecting public would deny to the owners of the railroads of the country a reasonable return on their investments; nevertheless, before they may fairly ask the general public to share further in carrying their burdens, it is manifest that the railroads must themselves properly conserve their sources of revenue by making every service rendered by them contribute reasonably to their earnings.

This having been done, the Commission upon an adequate showing of the need of additional revenue will not shrink from the responsibility of sanctioning such measures, including even a general advance in rates, as may be required to bring reasonable prosperity to railroads, so far as this may be accomplished under rates and charges that are reasonably just alike to shippers and to carriers.

Aside from the right of the owners of the property so devoted to the use of the public to receive from the public a reasonable return on their investments, it is of profound importance to the public, in its own interest, to accord fair and equal treatment to the owners of railroads, for upon no other basis may we continue to look to private capital for the further development and extension of our railroad facilities. The general public interest is therefore, advanced in a very direct way by the reasonable success of railroad investments under rate schedules that reasonably respect the rights of shippers.

But if further burdens through an increased scale of rates may justly be imposed on the general public, all must agree that unlawful concessions, rebates and preferences in the interest of a small proportion of the shipping public ought to be eliminated from the practices of carriers. It is therefore appropriate, as is also our duty on general grounds, to examine carefully into the legality of the allowances, free services, per diem and demurrage concessions of the character disclosed on the record before us, by means of which the revenues of the carriers are so heavily taxed and their net earnings so largely impaired; and we now take up the consideration of that question with a full appreciation of its far-reaching importance.

The exact amounts of the loss to the carriers resulting from such allowances and free services does not appear from the record, but the evidence established the fact that the depletion of their revenues through these practices is very great.

The amount paid in allowances and reclaims is large, and the services rendered free by the line carriers to a relatively few favored industries

would, if charged for on a reasonable basis, increase the revenues of the carriers by many millions annually. The practical immunity from demurrage charges enjoyed by these industries in consequence of these practices is also a very substantial item.

A statement dealing with the above opinion of the Inter-State Commerce Commission was given out by Samuel Rea, President of the Pennsylvania R.R., on the 28th, as follows:

It should be clearly understood by the public that the decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission published to-day concerning allowances to short lines of railroad serving industries does not contain any suggestion that the practices detailed therein constituted secret rebates.

The rates covering the allowances by the railroads to these short industrial lines have been published and are on file with the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and were and are, therefore, a matter of public record.

The Commission itself, in the full opinion, makes this statement: "It is proper to say that the whole matter was voluntarily brought to our attention by certain of these industries and the line railways which serve them."

"The demands of plant railways for larger allowances, the increasing number of industries that were incorporating railroad companies to take over the operation of their plant tracks and locomotives with a view to demanding allowances, and the growing volume of complaint against the discriminations arising out of these relations between the line carriers and the industries so favored, together with certain formal and informal rulings by the Commission in other cases, had combined to raise a doubt on the part of the carriers and the industries as to the legality of these allowances and free service."

The entire situation was laid before the Commission by the railroads and industries involved three years ago, no method of solving the peculiarly complicated questions involved having been worked out by the carriers and the industries, who had for many years previously recognized that a more definite and systematic treatment of the whole problem was necessary.

In the briefs filed on this subject on behalf of the Pennsylvania, the New York Central, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Erie Railroad systems, the following suggestion was made by the railroads themselves:

"The payment of any allowance for the performance of this service inevitably creates suspicion, gives rise to complaints, and the only way effectually to deal with the problem is to abolish all allowances for the performance of this service, either by the industry itself or the industrial railroad."

There was no secrecy about any phase of the subject. The effort of all concerned was solely to obtain the assistance of the Commission in removing an honest doubt on the part of the railroads and the industries affected as to the proper policy to be pursued.

The decision was also commented upon approvingly by Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio R.R., whose views on it are outlined as follows:

"As Mr. Rea has clearly pointed out, the allowances which the Commission declares must cease were in every case set forth in the published tariffs on file with the Commission. The Commission itself mentions that the railroads began to make many of these allowances to industrial railroads before the Inter-State Commerce Act was passed. After the law had been passed and subsequently amended, both railroad companies and shippers realized that these allowances might be regarded as illegal, and about three years ago they united to present the matter to the Commission for a decision."

"Naturally the railroads are pleased with the decision, but it should be remembered that if it means an increase in railroad revenues, as the Commission estimates, of \$15,000,000 somebody will have to give up that much. Those who have to will probably not like the effect of the decision as well as we do and may be expected to take steps to recoup themselves, possibly by asking the Commission to reduce its rates in proportion to the allowances formerly made. What they do in this direction and what the Commission will say to their plea remain to be seen."

The heavy burdens placed upon the railroads through the enactment during 1913 of numerous laws affecting them formed the theme of an address delivered by Ivy L. Lee, Executive Assistant of the Pennsylvania R.R., before the Traffic Club of New York at the Waldorf on the 27th inst. Mr. Lee's remarks are quoted as follows in the "Journal of Commerce":

"During the year 1913 forty-two State legislatures were in session and a total of 1,395 bills were introduced affecting railway operation and 230 such bills were passed. In 1912 only 48 such laws had been passed out of 292 introduced in nineteen legislatures. From Aug. 1 1906 to Jan. 1 1914 the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. incurred expenses of approximately \$12,000,000 on account of new laws—Federal and State—governing railroad affairs. Some of this legislation did good—and I am not here to complain of it—but much of this legislation has entirely failed to achieve its declared purpose."

"The Federal law restricting the hours of telegraph operators to nine hours resulted in an actual increase in the number of men found asleep on duty. Men with heavy continuous duties had not previously worked more than eight hours any day. The twelve-hour men had light work, but they knew when the day's work was over that they must return to duty twelve hours later. Consequently they took care of themselves. The greater leisure under the nine-hour law has encouraged misuse of time with its consequent results. The law was designed to secure additional safety. It has not added appreciably to safety, but it costs the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. about \$500,000 a year—the annual interest at 5% on \$10,000,000 of capital."

"The semi-monthly pay bill in several States has encouraged extravagance and made it necessary for railroad companies to exercise unusual vigilance to prevent men going on duty under the influence of liquor. Wiser heads in our large railroad centres deplore the bill. This measure adds nothing to efficiency and costs our company \$250,000 a year—the annual interest on \$5,000,000 of capital. Some twenty States have enacted laws, and there is pending at Washington a bill—to cover the nation—compelling the use of electric headlights of high candle-power. Every one who has driven an automobile at night knows that when he approaches a car coming in the opposite direction he is temporarily blinded by the light. So it is with engineers running trains on double or four-track railroads. These measures are not in the interest of safety—they increase the danger in many cases. English railroads, for example, use no headlights at all."

"Our own company is subject to laws which compel us to utilize about forty regular passenger cars for the benefit of crews on trains carrying baggage, express or mail only. The crew would be perfectly comfortable in one of the other cars. These cars cost about \$10,000 each. Thus, \$400,000

of equipment is put to this wasteful use. Extra-crew-laws, to which we are subject in many States, compel the employment of a large number of unnecessary men. These men do not contribute to the safety or the comfort of the public. Extra-crew laws are costing us \$550,000 a year in Pennsylvania, \$180,000 a year in New Jersey and \$120,000 a year in New York; \$850,000 in these three States, or the annual interest on \$17,000,000 of capital.

"The laws mentioned alone thus impose an annual burden upon our company equal to the annual interest on \$32,000,000 of capital."

INCOME TAX RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Under a ruling of the Treasury Department issued on the 27th inst., the income tax in all cases (except as to individuals) will apply to the full twelve months of 1913. The Department points out that as regards corporations it is provided in the law that for the months of January and February 1913 the net income shall be ascertained in the same manner as for the remainder of the year, and that corporations are not permitted any longer to make a deduction of \$5,000 per year. The following is the ruling in the matter:

CORPORATIONS NOT PERMITTED TO DEDUCT FROM INCOME OF FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1913 ANY EXEMPTION UNDER CORPORATION TAX LAW.

Section 2 of the Act approved Oct. 3 1913, known as the Federal Income Tax Law, provides that all corporations, joint stock companies and all insurance companies, except those specifically enumerated as exempt, shall be subject to the normal tax imposed upon individuals—such tax to be levied, assessed and paid annually upon the entire net income arising or accruing from all sources during the preceding calendar year.

The provisions of this Act apply to corporations which have or may have income arising or accruing on and after March 1 1913. For the purpose of covering the liability of corporations to special excise tax for the months of January and February 1913, the provisions of the corporation tax law (Section 38, Act of Aug. 5 1909) were extended, and in Sub-Section 8 of the Income Tax Law it is provided that the net income for these two months shall be ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Section G of Section 2 of the Act of Oct. 3 1913; that is, in the same manner as the net income for the remaining ten months of the year is ascertained.

In the Sub-Section G just cited all items of charges against income which constitute allowable deductions from gross income are specifically set out. No provision, either express or implied, is made in this sub-section or elsewhere in the Act for the allowance of all or any portion of the specific exemption (\$5,000) allowed under the Corporation Tax Law. As applied to the months of January and February 1913, the Income Tax Law in effect amends the Corporation Tax Law by eliminating the specific exemption practically allowed and provides that the tax for that period shall be measured by the net income ascertained according to the rule set out in Sub-Section G of the later Act. (See the second proviso in Sub-Section S, Act of Oct. 3 1913.) The third proviso of Sub-Section 8 also provides that "for the year 1913 it shall not be necessary to make more than one return and assessment for all taxes imposed * * * by way of income or special excise." The net income for both kinds of taxes and for both periods of the year being ascertained in exactly the same manner, but one return covering the entire calendar year 1913 is required. That return will show the entire net income ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Law and no specific exemption whatever being authorized, such net income as returned for the entire year will be the amount upon which the tax is computed.

EXEMPTION CLAIMS OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE FILED FEB. 1 1913 WHERE INCOME IS WITHHELD AT SOURCE.

In a statement dealing with the returns to be filed by individuals, Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue at New York, announced on the 26th inst. that:

Where a taxpayer has some of his income withheld at the source, and at the same time is properly entitled to deductions which will offset the sum thus withheld, he is required to file Form No. 1008, which is the form of return for making application for deductions, thirty days before making his return on Form No. 1040, which is the form showing return of annual net income of the individual.

All other taxpayers, however, may secure the deduction by the filing of Form 1040 on or before March 1.

Form 1008, which is the form for making applications for Deductions, was printed in our issue of Nov. 8 1913, page 1326; Form 1040 (the return showing annual net income of individuals) was given on page 112 of the "Chronicle" of Jan. 10.

Two bills for the repeal of the clause in the Income Tax Law providing for "collection at the source" were introduced in the House of Representatives this week—one by Representative Jacob A. Cantor of New York and the other by Herman A. Metz of New York. In introducing his bill Mr. Cantor said:

It is very difficult to collect the income tax at the source. The system is so complicated and there may be so many deductions that create confusion on the part of the citizens making the return. The complication becomes very serious in large cities, especially when it comes to making a return to the Collector of Internal Revenue. In other words, it creates on the part of the citizen a piecemeal sort of collection or deduction. I have received many complaints about this from citizens of New York City, especially from those who are perfectly willing to pay the tax imposed by the law, but who believe that they should be permitted to make returns showing their own income tax values, without so many complications and minus so much confusion. My principal objection is that the collection at the source complicates the entire situation and is causing confusion everywhere.

Both bills were referred to the Ways and Means Committee, but on Wednesday Representative Underwood, Chairman of this Committee, stated that no bill affecting the tariff Act will receive consideration at this time. On

the same day, Representative Hull, author of the income tax section of the law, was quoted as saying:

Persons should withhold judgment until the law has been fully tested. It is my opinion that the law will work satisfactorily except to those who oppose it on principle. The confusion will be removed as soon as the regulations of the Treasury Department are understood.

A protest against the payment of the tax as collected at the source has been lodged with the Internal Revenue Bureau by the Virginia & Southern Railway, a subsidiary of the Southern Railway. According to the press dispatches the questions involved are:

Is the income tax provision of the Tariff Law Constitutional? Has Congress the right to impose upon big industrial, commercial and financial institutions the expense of collecting the tax due from individuals? Has Congress the right, regardless of the expense, to impose upon private corporations the duty and obligation, with its responsibilities and labor, of setting aside the tax as the paid or unpaid agent of the Government?

In the following answers have been obtained to questions of general importance:

DISPOSITION TO BE MADE OF EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, January 24 1914.

Messrs. Phillips & Avery, 41 Park Row, New York City.

Gentlemen:—Replying to your letter of the 10th inst., asking as to the disposition of forms claiming exemption by employees of a corporation, you are advised that same should be filed with the Collector in whose district the principal place of business of the corporation is located, such to be done annually. In cases wherein tax on salaries has been withheld, the corporation should use Form 1042, which is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution soon.

Respectfully,

L. F. SPEER, Deputy Commissioner.

THE MEASURE OF \$3,000 INCOME. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, December 31 1913.

Phillips & Avery, 41 Park Row, New York.

Gentlemen:—Replying to your inquiry as to whether it is "necessary for an individual to file a return when his income from all sources exceeds \$3,000 but whose taxable income is less than \$3,000," you are advised that if an individual has an income from any source other than dividends, the aggregate amount of which income including dividends is in excess of \$3,000, such an individual is required to make a return, and for the purposes of the normal tax he will be permitted to exclude from his net income such dividends as were received on the stock of corporations subject to the tax.

Where the gross income of an individual does not include dividends received, and the amount of such gross income would be reduced by the deductions allowed in paragraph (b) of the Act to an amount less than \$3,000, no return is required. In other words, in all cases wherein the net income is less than \$3,000, no return will be required. Net income as used in the Act is held to include dividends received from the stock of corporations subject to the tax.

Respectfully,

W. H. OSBORN, Commissioner.

HOW TO TREAT COUPONS COLLECTED MARCH 1 1913. APRIL 1 1913 AND JAN. 1 1914.

Another firm has obtained apparently contradictory replies by addressing similar questions to the Internal Revenue Collector at New York and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington. The questions concerned the treatment of coupons collected March 1 1913, April 1 1913 and Jan. 1 1914. The correspondence was as follows:

On Jan. 12 1914 an inquiry was sent about coupons for 1913, and following reply was received from Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, New York:

January 14 1914.

Your letter received under date of Jan. 12, and wish to advise as follows: "1. Coupons collected on March 1 1913 need not be included in the ten months' income."

"2. Coupons collected on April 1 1913 need not be entirely incorporated as income for the ten months of 1913, but should be apportioned."

"3. It is optional whether you include coupons collected on Jan. 1 1914 in the ten months for 1913 or for the year 1914."

Respectfully,

"CHARLES W. ANDERSON, Collector."

On Jan. 15 1914 the following letter was sent:

January 15 1914.

"The Consolidated Gas Co. for the year 1913 paid four dividends to me on the following dates: March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15."

"Q. Must I include all four dividends received in my return for Federal Income Tax purposes from March 1 1913 to Jan. 1 1914; or am I permitted to prorate the payment I received on March 15?"

"Your prompt reply will be appreciated by

"Yours truly,

In reply to foregoing the following letter was received on Jan. 19:

January 19 1914.

"In answer to your query as contained in letter of Jan. 15, you may prorate the amount of dividend received on March 15 as of March 1 1913."

Respectfully,

"CHARLES W. ANDERSON, Collector."

On Dec. 31 1913 the following letter was sent to the Treasury Department Washington, D. C.:

December 31 1913.

"So as to be prepared to make proper returns on the Income Tax Bill for myself and estates of which I am executor, would like to know whether the six months' coupons which were deposited on April 1 1913 are to be figured for the full amount in the income tax return for the period from March 1 1913 to Jan. 1 1914, or whether just one-sixth of the amount is to be included in this return."

"Would also like to know whether the coupons for the six months dating from July 1 1913 to Jan. 1 1914, which are payable on Jan. 1 1914, are to be included in the income tax return for the ten months of 1913, and whether any dividends which were declared prior to Jan. 1 1914 and paid on Jan. 1 1914 or thereafter are to be included in the income tax for the ten months ending Dec. 31 1913. Also whether dividends payable quarterly or semi-annually, which were paid during the months of March, April or May 1913, are to be put into the income tax return in full or prorated from March 1 1913 up to date on which they were paid previous to Dec. 31 1913."

"Yours very truly,

On Jan. 20 1914 received the following letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Treasury Department, in reply to above letter:

January 20 1914.

"This office is in receipt of your letter of the 31st ult. submitting a number of questions relative to the Income Tax Law.

"You are advised that payments on coupons maturing and payable before March 1 1913, although not presented until a later date, are not to be included in the annual return for that year; but, with this exception, interest on coupons and dividend payments should be considered income for the year in which the payments were due and must be included in the return of the individual for that year.

"You are further advised that the taxable year extends from Jan. to 1 Dec. 31, except for 1913 it extends from March 1 to December 31.

"Respectfully,

"L. F. SPEER, Deputy Commissioner."

An instructive treatise on the Income Tax has been prepared by Charles W. Jordan, Manager of the bond department of Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Baltimore. It should be particularly useful and enlightening to persons of moderate income. Only the lack of space prevents the publication of Mr. Jordan's analysis of the law and its requirements. It is to be published, we understand, in the Baltimore "Sun" of to-morrow (Feb. 1).

THE DEFECTS OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONES.

Chateau de Ste. Helene, Nice, Jan. 5 1914.

Editor of the "Financial Chronicle," New York:

Dear Sir—I enclose you an editorial of the "Daily Mail" of London of Jan. 2, which it might be worth your while to reproduce for the benefit of the Postmaster-General and those of his followers who are so anxious for the U. S. Government to take over the telegraphs and telephones. I feel satisfied if any one of those gentlemen would come and live in France for a few months that he would pray for any ownership rather than that of the Government.

Yours very truly,

H. W. BARTOL.

WHY?—AND BECAUSE!

Why is it that Government ownership and management of the telephones is practically always a failure? Why is it that for every thousand Europeans there is only one telephone, while for every thousand Americans there are fifteen? Why is it that the country which has done most to improve the telephone, both technically and commercially, and to popularize its use, is the country in which its operation and development have been and still are exclusively the work of private enterprise? Why is it that not one of the innumerable discoveries that have transformed the telephone industry in the last thirty years has emanated from a Department of State; that European Governments have been the last to adopt them, and that the verdict which experts are obliged to pass upon them, with perhaps two partial exceptions, is that they have not learned their business? Why is it that there are great and famous towns in Europe at this moment where methods and machinery that were abandoned twenty years ago in America are still in use? Why is it that throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain and the Continent hardly a single efficient long-distance service is to be found? Why is it that in New York one can invariably get the number one wants, and get it at once, while in London one has often to wage a prolonged and embittering battle with a slow operator, insufficient lines and a conversation—if any conversation ensues—that is only audible when it is interrupted?

The broad answer to all these questions is that the alertness and enterprise that are essential to telephone development cannot be expected from a Government Department. The characteristics of the bureaucratic mind and temperament forbid it. The organization of a Government office with a virtually irremovable staff forbids it. The spirit of officialdom, with its traditions of subordination, its narrow professional outlook, its unwillingness to concentrate responsibility, its insensible stifling of initiative, forbids it. A Government Department cannot raise and discipline its staff to the same level of efficiency as a commercial company. It cannot act with the same freedom and directness as a private board. It cannot pursue a business object without deference to a hundred influences and considerations that have nothing to do with business. It cannot advertise with anything like the same boldness. It naturally seeks efficiency through economy instead of economy through efficiency. It has to think of politics and political reactions. Its whole constitution prevents it from proving as enterprising as private initiative, as prompt to discard obsolete methods and apparatus, as quick to adopt new inventions, as skilful and aggressive in gathering in subscribers.

As we all know to our cost, we have Government ownership and operation of the telephones in Great Britain. We shall never have a telephone system worthy of the name so long as the Post Office remains in undivided and despotic control. Sooner or later that authority must be modified or delegated if our telephone system is ever to attain an even passable standard of efficiency.

BANKING, FINANCIAL AND LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 164 shares and were all made at the Stock Exchange. Fifty-five shares of trust company stocks were sold at auction.

Shares, BANKS—New York. Low. High. Close. Last previous sale.
 *109 Commerce, Nat. Bank of... 171½ 173 172 Jan. 1914—172½
 *55 Corn Exchange Bank..... 318 318½ 318 Jan. 1914—318

TRUST COMPANIES—New York.

10 Union Trust Co..... 382 382 382 Jan. 1913—1296a
 45 Westchester Trust Co..... 140 140 140 Mar. 1910—150

* Sold at the Stock Exchange.

a Before capital was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Three New York Stock Exchange memberships were posted for transfer this week, the consideration in each case being \$55,000. This is an advance of \$5,000 over the last previous transaction.

Hearings on the five bills prepared in accordance with President Wilson's recommendations, embodied in his message of the 20th inst., were begun this week. In the case of the three bills in the hands of the Judiciary Committee, of which Representative Clayton is Chairman, the hearings opened on Thursday, while Representative Adamson's Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce began hearings on its two bills yesterday (Friday). The latter measures are those creating an Inter-State Trade Commission and that providing for Governmental supervision of railway stock and bond issues; the bills over which the Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction are the Trade Relations bill, the bill defining the Sherman Law and the one prohibiting interlocking directorates. In the case of the Inter-State Trade Commission bill, an amendment has been proposed this week to limit the publicity feature of the measure by prescribing that no trade processes, lists of customers or like trade secrets submitted to the Commission should be made public. Under the bill as it now stands, all information concerning the business of corporations is required to be made a matter of public record. Another amendment was suggested to enlarge the powers and scope of the Commission. It is reported that in view of the fact that business interests have failed to indicate a desire to be heard on the pending legislation, the bills will be brought before the House without extended consideration in committee. In a statement issued on Tuesday, inviting those interested in the two bills before the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee to communicate with him, Chairman Adamson said:

Persons interested in these two subjects who are prepared to furnish any information on them are cordially invited to correspond with the Chairman of the Committee with a view to be heard. The Committee would be glad to have the benefit of the enlightened sentiment of the business interests of the country on both subjects.

Mr. Adamson also stated that "no other general legislation will be undertaken by the Committee until these bills have been completed."

A statement of Chairman Clayton's Committee, issued on the same day, was as follows:

The Committee, after informally discussing the tentative bills decided to begin hearings at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning and continue them indefinitely. Chairman Clayton was authorized to notify parties who had requested to be heard of the action of the Committee, and also to advise the public of its purpose. This Committee will not hold any hearing upon the bill introduced by Chairman Clayton providing for a Trades Commission; as that bill has been referred to the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the House.

Colonel George W. Goethals, Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal, and Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, was nominated on the 29th inst. to be the first Civil Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. An announcement that Colonel Goethals would be named for the Governorship of the Zone was made by Secretary of War Garrison on the 27th, when an executive order was signed by President Wilson, putting into operation on April 1 a permanent Canal Government, as provided for under the Act passed in August 1912. The term of office of the Governor of the Zone is for four years, at a salary of \$10,000 a year. Col. Goethals had recently been offered the Police Commissionership of New York City by Mayor Mitchel, and in a letter to the latter made public on the 23rd, he intimated that consideration might be given the offer upon the completion of the Canal and with a change in the New York State laws giving the Commissioner full control of the Police Department. In a cable to Secretary Garrison on the 29th he has given assurances that he will not retire from the Governorship so long as his services are needed.

The announcement on Tuesday of the decision of the directors of the National City Bank of this city to enter the Federal reserve system has been received with considerable interest, since rumors had been afloat during the past month as to its possible conversion to a State bank and its amalgamation with the Corn Exchange Bank. Reports of this sort, although denied from time to time, had been prevalent, both before and since the departure for Europe on the 14th inst. of the National City's President, Frank A. Vanderlip, whose trip abroad was said to have been taken for the purpose of consulting with James Stillman, Chairman of the Board of the Bank on matters concerning the institution's affiliation with the new system. It is stated that the action of the National City had been of particular moment to a

number of small interior banks, which had been awaiting its decision before deciding upon their own course. Practically all the larger banks of the city have taken steps towards joining the system, either through their directors or stockholders. One of the institutions whose stockholders voted to join this week is the Second National Bank, of which W. A. Simonson, Vice-President of the National City, is President.

The directors of the Citizens' Central National voted yesterday to apply for admission to the system.

Ex-United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom died at his home in Washington on the 28th inst. Mr. Cullom, who was eighty-five years of age, retired from the Senate last March with a record of fifty years of continuous public service. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives on the Lincoln ticket in 1864, and remained in Congress for six years, when he returned to his home in Illinois. He then re-entered the State Legislature, in which he had served as early as 1856. In 1876 he was elected Governor of that State, and four years later was re-elected to the Governorship. He returned to Washington in 1883 as a Senator, and served in the Senate for thirty years. In addition to framing the Inter-State Commerce Law, Mr. Cullom assisted in drafting other important measures, and was a member of the Commission appointed to prepare a system of laws for the Hawaiian Islands. Since his retirement from the Senate last year Mr. Cullom had been the resident Commissioner in Washington of the Commission created by Congress to build the \$2,000,000 memorial to Lincoln.

The Alaskan Railway Bill, authorizing the President to locate, construct and operate railroads in the Territory of Alaska, was passed by the Senate on the 24th inst. by a vote of 46 to 16. Fifteen Republicans and one Progressive (Senator Poindexter) voted for the bill, and three Democrats, Senators Bacon, Hoke Smith and Williams of Mississippi, voted against the bill. The measure provides for the construction, or purchase and construction, of not exceeding 1,000 miles of railway in Alaska, from tidewater to the interior, at a maximum cost of \$40,000,000, the money to be derived from the sale of 3% thirty-year bonds. A proposal of Senator Smoot to reduce the appropriation to \$35,000,000 and another of Senator Hoke Smith to limit it to \$25,000,000, both offered when the bill was on its way to adoption, failed to carry, and an amendment of Senator Norris, calling for the establishment of a line of Government steamships to ply between the Panama Railroad's Pacific terminals and Alaska ports was also defeated. An amendment agreed to permits the President to lease to the Panama Railroad Co. (a Government-owned road) the privilege of operating the road for a period not exceeding twenty years. The bill provides for a redemption fund into which shall be paid 75% of all moneys derived from the sale of public lands in Alaska or of the coal or mineral contents thereof. Machinery utilized in the construction of the Panama Canal is made available for the construction work. With the consent of the Territorial Committee the bill was amended before passage to require the Senate's approval of the appointment of civil engineers receiving more than \$3,000 per annum; to forbid any payment for the goodwill of existing railways, giving injured employees the right to sue the Government and limiting the Government's defenses to those provided for in the Federal Employers' Liability Law of 1908. A bill similar to that passed by the Senate is pending in the House.

An inquiry into the strikes in the coal fields of Colorado and the copper district of Michigan is to be undertaken by the Mines and Mining Committee of the House of Representatives under a resolution of Representative Keating of Colorado, passed by the House on the 27th inst. by a vote of 151 to 15. The Democratic members of the House Committee on Rules decided on the 17th inst. against a Federal inquiry in these strike zones, but in response to a petition of Representative Keating a caucus to consider the matter was held by the House Democrats on the 22d, when the investigation was agreed to by a vote of 149 to 17. The inquiry will be confined to the coal fields of Colorado, in the counties of Las Animas, Huerfano, Fremont, Grand, Routt, Boulder and Weld, and to the copper mines of Michigan in the counties of Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon. Seven subjects of inquiry are specified in the resolution, as follows:

- Whether peonage exists or has been maintained.
- Whether the postal services are interfered with.

Whether the immigration laws are being violated.

Whether citizens have been arrested and tried contrary to the Constitution or laws of the United States.

Whether conditions have been caused by agreements and combinations contrary to law for controlling the production sale and transportation of coal or copper.

Whether arms and ammunition have been shipped into the fields for the purpose of excluding the products of the mines from competitive markets in inter-State trade.

If any or all of these conditions exist, what causes led up to these conditions.

An indictment against Charles H. Moyer, President of the Western Federation of Miners, and 37 other members of the organization, was returned by the grand jury at Houghton, Mich., on the 15th inst. The indictment, which grows out of the strikes in the Michigan copper mining districts, charges a misdemeanor, alleging conspiracy on three counts, viz., to restrain laborers from going to work, to restrain imported laborers from going to work, and conspiracy to deprive laborers of their property and rights. Those named in this indictment besides President Moyer are:

C. E. Mahoney, Vice-President of the Western Federation; J. C. Lowney, Guy Miller, W. P. Davidson, and Yanko Terzich, members of the Executive Council of the Western Federation; William J. Rickard and John E. Antilla, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Calumet local; Dan Sullivan and Charles E. Heittala, President and Secretary of the Hancock local; Sidney Thomas, President of the Ahmeek local; Ben Goggia, Mor Oppman, John Vallmaki, John Dunnigan, Patrick Dunnigan, Helmer Mikko, Andrew Petala, Peter Jedda, Henry Koski, John Huhta, Thomas Strizich, Victor Branden, Eino Wiltanen, Frank Waltonen, William Krall, Dolphus Little, Anton Pechauer, James Paull, W. T. Williams, E. James Rowe, Henry Grebb, Stephen Oberto, Jacob Oliver, George Toth, Louis Fodar, Joseph Gasperich and James Kulice.

In its inquiry into the deportation of Charles H. Moyer on December 26 from Calumet, following the protest made by the citizens of that place over the action of the heads of the Federation in forbidding the families of those whose members were killed in the Christmas Eve disaster from accepting aid from the relief committee organized by the Citizens' Alliance, which had been working to effect the discontinuance of the Calumet strike, the grand jury has returned a "no true" bill, thus exonerating seventeen citizens who were named in the presentment. The panic, which resulted in the death of 74 persons, occurred in an Italian hall during exercises arranged for the children of copper mine strikers, and was caused by a false cry of "fire" in the hall. Moyer who went to Chicago from Calumet, is said to have borne a bullet wound in his shoulder and other evidences of an encounter suffered before his departure from the strike centre. An inquiry into his deportation was ordered by Gov. Ferris on Dec. 27.

The Department of Labor at Washington made public on the 10th inst. a report of its investigation into the Michigan copper strike. It declares that strike breakers were imported into the copper region by misrepresentation; that some were taken to the mines at the point of pistols; that strikers were wounded by fire arms in the hands of armed guards, but that no evidence was found of officers being injured by strikers. Walter B. Palmer, investigator for the Department, reported that the general average of day wages paid by all the companies throughout the year was \$2 59; prior to the present strike he found that the general work day was from ten to eleven hours, that some of the miners were paid as low as \$2 35 and other classes of labor as low as \$2. The report is based on the investigation of Mr. Palmer, John B. Densmore, Solicitor for the Department of Labor, and John A. Moffitt, Special Agent, who were sent to the copper regions as mediators. The statements of Messrs. Moffitt and Densmore show, according to the "Detroit Free Press":

That suggestions were made that the managers of the companies meet the representatives of the miners with a view of effecting a mutual settlement; that the whole question in dispute be submitted to arbitration; that the questions be submitted to arbitration and no member of the Western Federation of Miners be selected upon the board; that the companies agree to re-instate all the workmen without discrimination relative to their being members or non-members of a union; that the companies post notices that they will re-employ all the strikers without discrimination relative to their being members or non-members of a union.

"Each of these propositions, as made, was accepted by the representatives of the miners as a basis of settlement", says the report, "but were rejected by the representatives of the companies on the ground that they would not deal with the Western Federation of Miners or have any of its members in their employ."

A reply to the report was issued by Quincey A. Shaw, President of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Co., on the 12th inst., in which he said:

After Secretary Wilson's speech in Seattle it was to be expected that his subordinates would make a reply which would be highly colored in favor of the strikers. The publication of the report is also well timed to assist the strike leaders in arousing false sympathy through misrepresentations. So far as it contains information given by the companies the report could have been published months ago if there was any genuine desire to have the public know the conditions under which the men worked.

The report is grossly unfair when it states that so-called "strike-breakers" have been or are being imported. There was a serious shortage of labor in all the mines for a year previous to the strike, and to make up this shortage and to take the places of the men who have left the district, we have em-

ployment for hundreds of men who will receive wages and work under conditions as good as, if not better than, in any mining district in this country. We hope that the men now coming into this district come there to stay permanently, and if they prove themselves efficient workmen and law-abiding citizens we can give them assurance of their jobs during the life of the mines with plenty of chance for advancement.

A resolution calling for an investigation of the conditions existing in the mining districts of Michigan was introduced in the Senate by Senator Ashurst on the 12th inst. and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Under an emergency message from the Governor, passed by the New York Senate and Assembly on the 27th inst., an extension of time in which to present its report has been granted to the Van Tuyl Commission which is engaged in a revision of the State banking laws. The bill was signed by the Governor yesterday. Under the resolution authorizing the appointment of the Commission, it was required to submit its report to the Legislature by Feb. 1; the time has been extended to March 1.

The legislative committee which was named early this month under a resolution passed by the Senate at Albany on the 7th inst. to investigate the business of private bankers in this State resumed its sessions in this city on Thursday. Several hearings were held in New York about the middle of the month. The inquiry developed following the receivership proceedings of the Henry Siegel & Co. bank. William H. Porter, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., was one of the witnesses at this week's hearing. In the course of his testimony, Mr. Porter stated that the firm's deposits were those of large corporations and the personal accounts of wealthy men. His firm has, he said, few accounts below \$5,000, and the minimum of their accounts he placed at between \$5,000 to \$10,000. On the question as to whether he thought his firm should be exempt from the jurisdiction of the State Banking Department Mr. Porter answered in the affirmative, adding:

Firms like ours are not doing business with the class of depositors your committee is seeking to protect. I have been in the banking business for thirty-five years and have had much opportunity to observe conditions in the real private banking business in this State. It is an honorable business, established for many years. There was a time when people preferred to deposit their money with private bankers rather than with incorporated banks, because of the limited liability of the latter. The private banker has established a reputation depending upon his integrity and should be permitted to continue his business unhindered. Because a few dishonest men become private bankers is no reason why legitimate private bankers should be subject to legislation that would hamper the proper conduct of their business.

There is a big difference between a private bank and a so-called banker trying to do a saving bank business. I do not call those people bankers at all. The people that I would classify as private bankers are such firms as Kuhn, Loeb & Co., J. & W. S. Seligman & Co., Winslow, Lanier & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., and a dozen or more others. I consider these private bankers in reality in a class by themselves.

I think that the plan that has been discussed for some time by the Commission of the State for revising the banking laws is a very good one and I believe when effected will do a great deal toward remedying the unfavorable element now existing in the situation. Regulation is a difficult problem, but it can be done by placing the private bankers who pay interest on deposits of less than \$1,000, and who display a banking sign on their place of business, under the same supervision as State banks. I do not think they should be made to comply with the same requirements, however. If they did so, it would be just as simple for them to incorporate themselves. As it is, they serve a useful purpose and are convenient to a certain class and might be given some latitude because of that fact. They should be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Banking, however.

Paul M. Warburg, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who was examined at an earlier hearing, advocated a classification of private banks, suggesting State supervision of the institutions which receive deposits, not in excess of \$3,000 to \$5,000, and pay interest on such deposits, but excluding the larger private banks which do not pay interest on such accounts. On the other hand, those connected with department stores, whose banking methods have been the subject of inquiry, have declared themselves in favor of control by the State Banking Department. Senator Pollock, who is Chairman of the Committee, after the adjournment of Thursday's session, had the following to say concerning the prospective legislation:

There will be a line of demarcation because I don't feel that we should restrict the actions of any of the reputable big business houses which are nominally private bankers. It is the less intelligent depositor who must be protected, and although there will be some restrictions placed on the big bankers, the bill will be made to cover all of the operations of the smaller ones. We will place a limit on the size of the deposits and fix a uniform rate of interest. Aside from this we will require that a private banker be responsible personally to a fixed extent. I am quite sure that the bill will be ready for presentation by the end of next week.

The other members of the Committee are Senators William J. Heffernan, W. B. Carswell, William D. Peckham, John F. Healy, James A. Emerson and William Ormrod.

A volume which should prove of value to those concerned with financial interests bears the caption, "Investment Bankers and Brokers in the United States and Canada."

It is compiled and published by Henry W. Sites, of Poor's Railroad Manual Co., 535 Pearl St., this city. It aims to give a list of practically all of the investment bankers and brokers in the United States and Canada. It shows not only the names and addresses, but also the class of business specialized in, the location of branch offices, the names of correspondents and the memberships in exchanges and other organizations. The author states it is the only book of its kind in existence. The names are classified by cities, which appear in alphabetical order. The list has been compiled from the personal records of Mr. Sites, gathered on his business trips during the last few years, and it has been verified and brought up to date, he states, by the bankers and brokers themselves. A total number of some 4,800 firms in the United States and Canada is comprised in the book, which covers 186 cities. In addition to the information dealing directly with the investment banking and brokerage houses, Mr. Sites also presents in the volume the rules for delivery on the New York Stock Exchange, the Consolidated Exchange, the Boston and Philadelphia stock exchanges, together with the constitution and by-laws of the Investment Bankers' Association of America.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey dismissed on the 23d inst. the proceedings through which the minority stockholders of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America sought to have set aside the order signed by Chancellor Walker last July appointing three appraisers to value the stock of the company preparatory to its mutualization. An appeal from Chancellor Walker's order was dismissed by the Court of Errors and Appeals at Trenton on Oct. 24, that Court deciding that the action of the Chancellor was subject to review only by a writ of certiorari from the Supreme Court. The latter in dismissing the certiorari proceedings and affirming the Chancellor's order refused to pass at this time upon the constitutionality of the Act authorizing the change of the company from a stock to a mutual company.

The first suit to test the constitutionality of the Pennsylvania law imposing a tax of 2½% of the value of every ton of anthracite coal prepared for market in that State was begun in the Dauphin County Court, Pa., on the 22d inst. by the People's Coal Co. of Scranton. The suit is in the form of an action in equity to restrain the Auditor-General's Department from collecting the tax. It is contended that the Act is unconstitutional in that it violates the provision protecting property; that it is a commodities tax and, therefore, illegal and arbitrary, and that the distribution of the proceeds is arbitrary in that it is collected by the State and distributed to coal-producing counties on a basis of population of their divisions. The Act, signed by Governor Tener on June 27, went into effect on July 1 last.

The Illinois law affecting safe deposit companies, under which the heirs of a deceased boxholder are forbidden access to the safe without notice first being given to the State officers for the appraisal of the contents and the imposition of the inheritance tax, was upheld by the United States Supreme Court on the 5th inst. The law was contested by the National Safe Deposit Co. of Chicago in a suit brought in 1910. A demurrer, filed by the State was sustained by the Circuit Court, and that ruling was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Illinois. The case reached the Supreme Court of the United States on a writ of error. The opinion of the latter affirming the finding of the lower courts was delivered by Associate Justice Lamar. In part the Court said:

This is one of that class of cases which illustrate the fact that both in common speech and in legal terminology there is no word more ambiguous in its meaning than possession. It is interchangeably used to describe actual possession and constructive possession, which often so shade into one another that it is difficult to say where one ends and the other begins. Custody may be in the servant and possession in the master; or title and right of control may be in one and the property within the protection of the house of another. Certainly the person who rented the box was not in actual possession of its contents, for the valuables were in a safe built into the company's vault and, therefore, in a sense, under the protection of the house. The owner could not obtain access to the box without being admitted to the vault, nor could he open the box without the use of the company's master key.

In the exercise of its power to provide for the distribution of his property, the State could make it unlawful, except on conditions named, for his personal representative to receive or the holder to deliver effects belonging, or apparently belonging, in whole or in part, to the deceased, as the State could provide for the appointment of administrators for the distribution to heirs or legatees of all the property of the deceased and for the payment of a tax on the transfer.

It could, of course, legislate as to the incidents attending the collection of the tax and the time when the administrator or executor could take possession. The fixing by this statute of the time and condition on which delivery might be made by a deposit company was also, in effect, a limitation on the right of the heir or representatives to take possession.

Nor was there any deprivation of property, nor any arbitrary imposition of a liability in requiring the company to retain assets sufficient to pay the tax that might be due to the State.

The Bank for Savings, the oldest and one of the largest savings banks in the city, was subjected to a run on Thursday, for reasons which neither the officials nor the State Superintendent of Banks can fathom. Following the day's run, Superintendent Van Tuyl, in stating that the bank "is in splendid condition," added that "there is absolutely no cause for uneasiness on the part of the depositors, and this run is simply an occurrence which could not have been foreseen or avoided." Offers of help came from various quarters, including William H. Porter of J. P. Morgan & Co., the Chemical National Bank, the Guaranty Trust Co., the National City Bank, the Second National, the New York County National and George F. Baker Jr., Vice-President of the First National and one of the trustees of the savings bank, but the latter did not avail of them, having sufficient cash to meet the demands. A statement authorized by the trustees of the savings bank was issued by President Walter Trimble on Thursday as follows:

There is no basis whatever for the false rumors which have been circulated during the last few days concerning the Bank for Savings. The investments of the bank are of the most conservative nature, and are made in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the State of New York.

The statement of Jan. 1 1914, made to the Superintendent of Banks, showed deposits of \$97,159,668 67 and surplus at par values of \$10,749,248 43.

The bank was established in 1819. It has 153,195 depositors; about 1,000 withdrew their funds on Thursday, the total deposits withdrawn amounting to about \$800,000. While the run continued yesterday to some extent, it was reported that those withdrawing their accounts numbered only about half the depositors in line on Thursday. The bank continued to pay all who wished to claim their deposits, and remained open to accommodate these until 6 p. m. last night.

The Deutsche Bank has issued, as in former years, elaborate tables showing the changes in note circulation of the Reichsbank and the fluctuations in the private rate of discount on the Berlin Bourse. The data just presented cover the period from 1911 to 1913. The bank also furnishes for the same period charts indicating the price movements of a number of leading commodities such as cotton, lead, rubber, jute, coffee, copper, corn, petroleum, rye, pig iron, salt-peter, lard, silver, wheat, wool, zinc, tin and sugar. The high, low and closing prices from January 1911 to December 1913 are given.

The management of the Broadway Trust Co., main office Woolworth Building, this city, is justified in feeling proud of the growth of the institution during the past six years. The subjoined comparative statement just issued for the period mentioned is a striking index of its business expansion:

	Capital and Surplus.	Deposits.	Total Assets.
Jan. 1 1908.....	\$1,054,000	\$2,424,000	\$3,498,000
Jan. 1 1909.....	1,100,000	3,338,000	4,458,000
Jan. 1 1910.....	1,136,000	4,322,000	5,480,000
Jan. 1 1911.....	1,130,000	4,635,000	5,794,000
Jan. 1 1912.....	1,134,000	5,150,000	6,308,000
Jan. 1 1913.....	1,597,000	11,242,000	12,893,000
Jan. 1 1914.....	2,329,000	14,971,000	17,367,000

It will be seen at a glance that the company's capital and surplus has been increased from \$1,054,000 to \$2,329,000, deposits from \$2,424,000 to \$14,971,000 and aggregate resources from \$3,498,000 to \$17,367,000. The institution maintains four branch offices in New York and Brooklyn. Frederic G. Lee is President.

The National Reserve Bank of this city was taken over by the Mutual Alliance Trust Company on Tuesday. The merger is in the form of an assumption by the trust company of the deposit liabilities of the bank; about 58% of the deposits are in cash. The National Reserve Bank will be liquidated by its own directors; the book value of its stock is about \$134 per share, and in addition to this amount, which the stockholders will receive, they will also get a substantial payment from the trust company as a bonus or purchase price for good-will. The National Reserve Bank was established in 1902 under the name of the Consolidated National Bank, with a capital of \$1,000,000; in 1909, when its name was changed, its capital was increased to \$1,200,000, the present figure; its deposits amount to about \$4,350,000. William O. Allison of the "Oil, Paint & Drug Reporter" has been its President since 1907. He is to become a member of the trust company's board. Frank V. Baldwin, Vice-

President of the bank, and R. B. Minis, Cashier, enter the trust company's management as Vice-Presidents. The trust company also dates from 1902; its capital, originally \$500,000, has since been increased to \$1,000,000; its deposits are in the neighborhood of \$8,500,000. James H. Parker, Chairman of its board of directors, is expected to be made President, succeeding Webb Floyd, the present incumbent. Dr. Parker was formerly Vice-President of the National Park Bank and was President of the United States National Bank until it was taken over by the Western National, which was later consolidated with the National Bank of Commerce, of which he is now a director. Dr. Parker was President of the Cotton Exchange for three years. Mr. Baldwin was formerly Secretary and Treasurer of the Mutual-Alliance Trust Co. before becoming Vice-President of the National Reserve. The bank's quarters at 165 Broadway will be conducted as the Reserve Branch of the Trust Company.

Samuel F. Pryor, President of the Southern Wheel Co., St. Louis, Mo., was recently elected a director of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of this city. Mr. Pryor is also a director of the St. Louis-Union Trust Co., the Missouri Pacific RR. Co., the American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. and the Simmons Hardware Co.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants' Exchange National Bank of this city is called for Feb. 24 to consider the question of increasing the capital stock from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000.

In regard to the statement in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 17, that the application for a certificate of organization for the Union Trust Company of San Diego had been denied by the State Banking Department, we have received a communication from John F. Forward Jr., Vice-President of the institution, advising us that, while it is true that the Court did refuse to hear the matter, the articles of incorporation of the Union Trust Company have since been amended, and the company is now doing business under the supervision of the Banking Department. We give Mr. Forward's letter below:

Gentlemen.—We notice by your edition of Jan. 17 1914 you report the Union Trust Company of San Diego as having had difficulty with the State Bank Superintendent on account of the Union Title & Trust Company subscribing for stock in the Union Trust Company, and that the writ of mandate to compel the said Superintendent of Banks to issue a permit to do business to the Union Trust Company was denied. Permit us to state that in the application to the Appellate Court to compel the said Bank Superintendent to issue this permit, it is true the Court did refuse to hear the matter, but the articles of incorporation of the Union Trust Company have long since been amended and such trust company has been doing and is now doing a trust business under the State Bank Act and is under the supervision of the State Superintendent of Banks of this State. Will you please correct the statement in your publication of Jan. 17 to the above effect, and oblige.

Yours very truly,
UNION TRUST COMPANY OF SAN DIEGO,
(Signed) By J. F. FORWARD, Vice-President.

In promotions made in the National Commercial Bank of Albany, N. Y., on the 23d inst., Walter W. Batchelder, Cashier, and Jacob H. Herzog, Assistant Cashier, have been advanced to vice-presidencies. Mr. Batchelder, in addition to becoming a Vice-President, will continue in the Cashiership. Mr. Herzog has been succeeded as Assistant Cashier by William L. Gillespie, who has been Auditor of the bank.

At a meeting on the 24th inst. the stockholders of the Union Trust Company of Rochester, N. Y., ratified a proposal to increase the capital of their institution from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Ferderick W. Zoller was elected President of the company at the annual meeting on the 6th inst., succeeding Frank W. Taylor, who declined re-election on account of ill-health, but who consented to accept the position of Chairman of the board. Mr. Zoller has served the trust company since 1895, and since 1897 had been Secretary. He is succeeded in that office by Blake S. Raplee, who had been an Assistant Secretary.

W. Cameron Forbes, formerly Governor-General of the Philippines, was elected a director of the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston on Tuesday; all the old directors were re-elected except Charles S. Mellen, formerly President of the New Haven RR., who had previously represented the New Haven interests, and B. P. Cheney. The stockholders have authorized the directors to accept the terms of the Federal Reserve Act, if it shall be deemed advisable to enter the new system.

A consolidation of the International Trust Co. and the Lincoln Trust Co. of Boston, under the title of the first-named institution, was arranged this week. Some of the interests in the Lincoln Trust are closely associated with the First National Bank, through which the International Trust Co. has cleared, and the agreement for the merger was perfected by the representatives of the three institutions. The International Trust Co. has a capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$4,000,000, while the Lincoln Trust Co. has a capital of \$200,000 and a surplus of \$100,000. The consolidated company will have a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 each. A statement issued concerning the consolidation says: "As the new organization will start with \$1,000,000 surplus, assets representing the surplus of the International Trust Co. beyond this amount will be transferred to trustees to be managed and disposed of for the benefit of the present shareholders." Further facts concerning the merger proceeding are given in the Boston "Advertiser" as follows:

Stockholders in the International Trust Co. are officially informed that in order to carry out the terms of the agreement with the Lincoln Trust Co. it will be necessary for the stockholders to relinquish a total of 2,500 shares of International Trust Co. stock, or at the rate of a fifth of the holdings of each stockholder, for which \$200 per share will be paid. These 2,500 shares are to be delivered to the Lincoln Trust Co. in exchange for the assets of the latter. Stockholders who assent to this plan will have the right of participation in the trust that is to be established with present assets of the International having a book value in excess of \$2,000,000. The terms of the agreement with the Lincoln provide for the retention by the consolidated institution of \$2,000,000 of the cash assets of the International. All the assets, deposits and franchises of the Lincoln Trust Co. are to be transferred to the International upon consolidation.

The official circular to International stockholders states that there are 619 shares of International stock in the treasury of the company. This represents, on the basis of \$400 per share, for the stock, an investment of \$247,600 by the company in its own stock. This stock is not to participate in the distribution of assets by the trustees. The basis of stock contribution, however, at the rate of one-fifth of the holdings of each stockholder, indicates that the stock in the treasury of the International is to be part of the 2,500 shares delivered to the Lincoln. Deducting the 619 shares in the treasury, there are 9,381 shares of International stock outstanding, one-fifth of which is 1,876 shares. Adding the 619 treasury shares gives a total of 2,495 shares deliverable to the Lincoln under the agreement.

The deposits of the International Trust Co. on Dec. 31 were over \$10,000,000, the Lincoln Trust had deposits on the same date in the neighborhood of \$1,800,000. John M. Graham, President of the International Trust, for more than thirty years, will retire from the management, but will continue on the directorate. Charles G. Baneroff, President of the Lincoln (which was established in 1909), is to be President of the International and Clifford B. Whitney, Treasurer of the Lincoln, will be Treasurer of the succeeding organization. H. L. Jewett, the present Secretary and Treasurer of the International, will be Vice-President.

Lewis R. Diek has been elected President of the Third National Bank of Philadelphia, succeeding the late Gen. Louis Wagner. Mr. Diek has been a director of the bank for the past five years. He is President of the German-American Title & Trust Company of Philadelphia. Thomas J. Budd, Cashier of the Third National and connected with it for more than thirty years, has been made Vice-President. Humpert B. Powell, solicitor of the bank, has been chosen a director to take the place of the late Levi G. Fouse.

At the annual meeting of the First National Bank of Cleveland the following new directors were elected: Joseph R. Kraus, Third Vice-President of the bank; M. B. Daly of the East Ohio Gas Company; Fred Joseph of the H. Black Company, and Harry New of the Landesman-Hirschheimer Company. Retiring members of the board were: F. H. Goff of the Cleveland Trust Company; H. P. McIntosh of the Guardian Savings & Trust Company; E. V. Hale of the Citizens' Savings & Trust; F. W. Gehring and J. M. Leicht. The withdrawal of the three trust company officials from the First National's board is brought about through the recent formation of a competitive institution by it—the First Trust & Savings Bank.

Harry M. Mason, who was Cashier of the National City Bank of Baltimore, which was taken over by the First National of that city on Dec. 20, has become Secretary and Treasurer of the Mutual Loan Co. He had been connected with the First National since the merger.

L. A. Murfey, who continues as Cashier of the National Commercial Bank of Cleveland, has also been made Vice-President of the institution.

George S. Russell, Cashier of the Bank of Commerce, National Association, of Cleveland, has been advanced

the post of Vice-President, being succeeded in the cashiership by William C. Caine, heretofore Assistant Cashier.

The withdrawal from the directorate of the Cleveland Trust Company of Cleveland of George N. Chandler and R. A. Harman, both of whom are members of the board of the First Trust & Savings Company, occurred at the annual meeting of the Cleveland Trust Company on the 21st. Samuel Mather and E. R. Perkins have also retired as directors and Vice-Presidents of the Cleveland Trust; A. L. Assmus, Assistant Secretary, was made Fourth Vice-President and I. F. Freiberger, Assistant Trust Officer, has become Trust Officer. The entire official staff is now as follows:

President, F. H. Goff; Vice-Presidents, A. G. Tame, E. B. Greene, P. T. White and A. L. Assmus; Trust Officer, I. F. Freiberger; Secretary, E. E. Newman; Treasurer, H. D. King; Assistant Secretary, E. L. Mason; Assistant Treasurer, E. S. Curtiss and M. W. Mountcastle; Assistant Trust Officers, R. R. Alexander and R. A. Malm; Auditor, F. Hohlfelder Jr.

A resolution adopted by the stockholders of the Cleveland Trust declares "that it be the future policy of this bank not to elect as members of its board those who are serving on the boards of similar institutions and not to re-elect as directors those who accept membership on the boards of similar institutions." A by-law has also been approved requiring each director to own at least twenty-five shares of stock, instead of the legal minimum of ten shares.

W. H. Heil, heretofore Treasurer of the United Banking & Savings Company of Cleveland, has been elected a Vice-President of the company.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Central National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, L. J. Cameron, Cashier of the bank, was promoted to the vice-presidency. John C. McHannan, Assistant Cashier, was made Cashier.

Col. Louis Black has been elected a Vice-President of the Superior Savings & Trust Company of Cleveland to fill the vacancy created through the death of J. H. McBride.

Former Judge W. B. Sanders has been elected to succeed Gen. George A. Garretson, resigned, as First-Vice-President of the Guardian Savings & Trust Company of Cleveland. Mr. Sanders' election occurred at the late annual meeting, when Secretary J. Arthur House was also made a Vice-President. Mr. House has been succeeded as Secretary by Thomas E. Monks, previously Assistant Secretary, and W. D. Purdon, heretofore an Assistant Treasurer, has been made Assistant Secretary.

Practically all the indictments found in the case of the Cincinnati Trust Co. of Cincinnati were formally dismissed on Dec. 15, in accordance with the acquittal last summer of George B. Cox, ex-President of the institution, and those indicted with him. The acquittal of the defendants on one charge and the dismissal of another charge against them were noted in our issues of June 14 and Aug. 9. One other indictment had still remained and this has since been dismissed; this was a joint indictment against Fletcher R. Williams, formerly Treasurer, and N. S. Keith, formerly Secretary of the company, who were charged with the misapplication of \$150,000 of the company's funds. The indictment against ex-Treasurer Williams was dismissed on the ground that no joint liability could be proven; and this was followed (on January 6) by a dismissal in the case of ex-Secretary Keith, it having been decided that he could not be tried separately.

Julius F. Stone resigned as President of the Central National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, at the annual meeting on the 13th inst., and was succeeded by C. Edward Born, the acting Vice-President. M. S. Connors, General Manager of the Hocking Valley RR., has replaced Mr. Born in the vice-presidency.

W. J. Wedertz has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Security Savings Bank & Trust Company of Toledo to succeed R. H. Scribner, who has become Third Vice-President of the Second National Bank of Toledo. C. I. Barnes has been made Third Vice-President of the Security in place of C. A. Russell and R. H. Sawtelle has succeeded Mr. Wedertz as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. L. B. Martin and L. H. Morse have also become Assistant Secretaries and Treasurers.

Former Judge J. W. Schaufelberger of the Common Pleas Court has been elected to the newly-created office of Second Vice-President in the Merchants' & Clerks' Savings Bank of Toledo. W. H. Gunckel, heretofore Assistant Cashier, has been promoted to the cashiership, and James C. Scott has been made First Assistant Cashier.

I. W. Gotshall has been made a Second Vice-President of the Continental Trust & Savings Bank of Toledo, succeeding D. A. Yoder, resigned.

The Executive Council of the Illinois Bankers' Association at a special meeting on the 26th inst. re-elected George L. Crampton Secretary of the Association. The special meeting is said to have been made necessary because of the failure of the delegates to elect a Secretary at the last annual meeting, in September, when Mr. Crampton and Eugene I. Burke of Champaign were the candidates. It was then decided to continue Mr. Crampton in office until the Executive Council should hold a special meeting.

The Broadway State Bank of Chicago recently opened for business at Broadway and Wilson Avenue. It has a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000. The officers are Paul A. Hazard, President; John H. Rife, Vice-President, and E. E. Hughes, Vice-President and Cashier.

The Ashland-Twelfth State Bank is another Chicago institution which recently began operations; its capital is likewise \$200,000 and it has a surplus of \$20,000; C. B. Munday is President; E. J. Potts, Vice-President, and Abraham Levin, Cashier.

On the 17th inst. the United States Bank of Chicago had its initial opening. The institution starts with \$200,000 capital and \$20,000 surplus. It is located at 6000 South Halsted Street and is under the management of Simon Heck, President; Fred Bernstein, Vice-President; Carl Lundberg, Cashier, and Frank A. Putnam, Assistant Cashier.

William L. McKee, who for the past three years or more has served the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago as traveling representative, was elected Assistant Cashier on the 22d inst.

Murray MacLeod has replaced C. D. Castle, resigned, as Cashier of the Irving Park National Bank of Chicago.

Resolutions empowering the directors to make application for admission to the Federal reserve system were adopted by the stockholders of the Market Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago on the 20th inst.

The Peoples' State Bank of Detroit is distributing, as has been its custom for many years, the 1914 edition of its business calendar for the United States and Canada. The calendar is particularly useful to the banker and business man, as it indicates the various State laws regarding days of grace, legal rates of interest, holidays, &c., &c.

Following the action of the directors of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis in voting on the 13th inst. to join the Federal reserve system, announcement of the decision to increase the interest on savings accounts from 3% to 3½% was made. The new rate is to be computed from Jan. 1, and all savings deposits made up to February 1 will be credited with 3½% from the first of the year. In a published statement which it has issued in the matter, the bank not only characterizes the new Bank Act as one of the most important bills ever signed by a President of the United States, but asserts that it directly affects the welfare of every American. And it is in accordance with the management's belief that the first benefit should go to the general public that the new policy with regard to the savings deposits has been adopted. It is also announced that henceforth the savings feature of the Northwestern will be made one of its important functions, its development being warranted and made possible by the new and enlarged facilities offered by the Reserve Act. The distinction of having been the first of the national banks in Minneapolis to establish a savings department is claimed by the Northwestern. Its action in increasing the interest rate on savings deposits has been followed by the First National Bank and the Security National raising their rates from 3% to 3½%. The State Savings

Bank of St. Paul has since announced that it will pay 4% instead of 3½% to its depositors.

H. F. Schoen has been advanced from the office of Assistant Cashier to that of Cashier in the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, to take the place of F. L. Walker, resigned.

Action toward increasing the capital of the United States National Bank of Omaha from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 was taken at the annual meeting.

H. W. Yates Jr. has been elected Cashier of the Nebraska National Bank of Omaha, succeeding W. E. Shepard, resigned; F. W. Clarke, who secured an interest in the bank several months ago, has become Vice-President.

Among the changes made in the official staff of the St. Louis Union Trust Co. of St. Louis at the annual meeting was the election as a Vice-President of Thomas H. West Jr., heretofore Secretary of the company. Isaac H. Orr, who continues as Trust Officer, was also elected a Vice-President, and Byron W. Moser was advanced from the post of Assistant Secretary to that of Secretary to take the place of Mr. West. The stockholders have voted to enter the Federal banking system.

H. L. Parker, President of the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Co., has been elected to the directorate of the Third National Bank of St. Louis to replace B. F. Yoakum, resigned.

Adolphus Busch III has become a member of the board of the Mechanics-American National Bank of St. Louis, succeeding C. L. Allen.

The following new members have been placed on the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis: Robert H. Stockton, President of the Majestic Manufacturing Co.; Sigmund Baer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Stix-Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Co., and Alanson C. Brown, President of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co.

Thomas E. Cooper was elected President of the American National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., at the recent annual meeting. He succeeds his brother, W. B. Cooper, who resigned because of the demands upon his time of his other business interests; the retiring President will hereafter be identified with the bank as Chairman of the board. Thomas E. Cooper has been an officer of the institution since its organization in 1908; he first officiated as Cashier and last fall was made active Vice-President. He is First Vice-President of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, and is thus in line for the presidency of that organization.

At a meeting on the 15th inst. of the directors of the First Savings & Trust Co. of Nashville James E. Caldwell was elected President, succeeding A. M. Shook, resigned. Mr. Caldwell is President of the Fourth and First National Bank of Nashville, which recently acquired control of the First Trust. It is stated that the active management of the latter will remain unchanged, P. D. Houston, Vice-President, continuing as the active head. Mr. Houston was added to the list of officers of the Fourth and First National on the 15th, having been made a Vice-President of the institution. Drew Rowan and Brantley L. Currey were also added to the list of Assistant Cashiers of the Fourth and First National. During the past three months, or since the call of Oct. 21 1913, the deposits of the Fourth and First National Bank have increased over a million dollars, the figures three months ago having been \$10,697,649, as against \$11,774,288 on Jan. 13 1914. The bank's aggregate resources are reported at \$14,812,028, which together with \$1,220,650 resources of the First Savings Bank and Trust Co. (controlled) gives a grand total of \$16,032,678.

Under the call of the Comptroller of the Currency for Jan. 13 1914, the first issued since the absorption of the Fourth National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., by the Atlantic National Bank, deposits of \$6,954,484 are shown by the latter. The consolidation went into effect on Dec. 29 last. The Atlantic National has a paid-in capital of \$350,000,

surplus of \$650,000 and undivided profits of \$151,033; its resources in the Jan. 13 statement total \$8,754,618. Its officers are Edward W. Lane, President; Fred W. Hoyt and Thomas P. Denham, Vice-Presidents; Delmer D. Upchurch, Cashier, and W. I. Coleman, E. T. Schenck, J. Mitchell Quincy and C. W. Wandell, Assistant Cashiers.

The stockholders of Elder, Dickinson & Co. of Memphis have decided to increase the capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and to change the name to the Depositors' Savings Bank & Trust Co.

S. E. Ragland, formerly Vice-President of the Central State National Bank of Memphis, has been elected President succeeding N. C. Perkins.

James Nathan, Cashier of the Manhattan Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, and Manager of the Memphis Clearing-House Association, died on the 20th inst. Mr. Nathan had been Manager of the Clearing House for twenty-nine years and had held the cashiership of the bank since its organization. He was fifty-seven years of age.

Charles I. Ryan, Cashier of the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, has been elected to the additional office of Vice-President.

B. P. O'Neal has become a Vice-President of the American National Bank of Macon, succeeding the late W. McEwen Johnson.

The re-elected directors of the Chatham Bank of Savannah, Ga., recently promoted F. W. Clarke, Cashier of the bank, to a Vice-Presidency. J. J. Cornell, Assistant Cashier, was made Cashier, and F. W. Woods was made Assistant Cashier. Leopold Adler was re-elected President and T. M. Cunningham Jr. Vice-President.

Action on the question of increasing the capital of the Commercial-Germania Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans from \$1,100,000 to \$1,250,000 will be taken by the stockholders on February 17.

At the annual meeting of the South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston, W. B. Chew retired as President and was succeeded by James A. Baker, of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker & Garwood. Mr. Chew's withdrawal from the presidency was occasioned by his desire to retire from active business. He had been President of the Commercial National Bank for twenty-one years prior to the formation of the South Texas Commercial National in March 1912, when he was retained as head of the consolidated bank. A silver loving cup was presented to him at the annual meeting by the employees of the institution as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

Henry S. Fox Jr. has been elected President of the Houston National Exchange Bank of Houston, succeeding Joseph F. Meyer, resigned. Mr. Fox had been active Vice-President of the institution.

The Fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mercantile National Bank of San Francisco was held on the 13th inst. The reports presented indicate that the bank enjoyed a prosperous year. Regular quarterly dividends, aggregating \$200,000, were paid during the year. The capital and surplus of Mercantile National Bank of San Francisco is \$3,000,000. The capital of Mercantile Trust Co. of San Francisco (which is owned by the stockholders of Mercantile National Bank of San Francisco) is \$1,000,000 additional. At the stockholders' and directors' meetings resolutions were adopted accepting membership in the regional banks to be created under the Federal Reserve Act.

W. D. Vincent, Cashier of the Old National Bank of Spokane, Wash., was elevated to the vice-presidency at the annual meeting. Mr. Vincent assisted in organizing the bank in 1891, and had been Cashier since 1895. He had been manager of the Spokane Clearing House Association for a number of years, and has served as President of the Washington Bankers' Association; he is a member of the Executive

Council of the American Bankers' Association, and is also a member of the latter's Committee on Agriculture and Financial Development and Education. His successor as Cashier of the Old National is J. A. Yeomans, who had been Assistant Cashier. Besides W. J. Smithson, who was already an Assistant Cashier, two others have been made Assistant Cashiers, namely George H. Greenwood, Acting Auditor and Joseph W. Bradley, manager of the collections department. Resolutions, in which it was decided to accept the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act, were adopted by the stockholders.

The annual financial statement of the Metropolitan Bank of Canada (head office Toronto) for the year ending December 31 1913 shows that institution to be enjoying a noteworthy degree of prosperity. The profits for the twelve months were reported at \$165,659—equal to 16.56 on its capital. Dividends of 10 per cent (or \$100,000) were paid; \$20,000 was charged off to bank premises account and \$40,000 was written off for depreciation in securities owned by the bank. The institution, of which S. J. Moore is President and W. D. Ross, General Manager, has a capital of \$1,000,000, a reserve fund of \$1,250,000 and aggregate resources of \$12,454,115.

At the 42d annual meeting of the Bank of Hamilton (head office Hamilton, Canada), James A. Turnbull, who has held the office of General Manager of the bank for over a quarter of a century, resigned and J. P. Bell, the Assistant General Manager, was appointed to succeed him. The Bank of Hamilton has had a decided growth under the managership of Mr. Turnbull. During his period of office the capital of the bank was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000, the reserve fund advanced from \$340,000 to \$3,600,000, and the total assets increased from \$4,500,000 to \$46,325,000; while the bank's branches have grown from eleven to one hundred and twenty-five. The annual report submitted by the President, the Hon. Wm. Gibson, showed deposits of \$36,000,000. The profits for the twelve months ending November 29 1913 amounted to \$498,273, after all deductions, with the exception of \$360,000, or 12 per cent, paid to its shareholders in dividends.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The Collector of Customs at San Francisco has furnished us this week with the details of the imports and exports of gold and silver through that port for the month of December and we give them below in conjunction with the figures preceding, thus completing the results for the calendar year 1913.

IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Months.	Gold.			Silver.		
	Ctns.	Bullion.	Total.	Ctns.	Bullion.	Total.
1913.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	107,000	29,784	136,784	35,647	35,647	35,647
February	3,108	174,873	177,981	2,900	104,622	107,222
March	535	194,216	194,751	59,781	59,781	59,781
April	499,773	231,109	730,882	2,900	225,106	227,766
May	504,970	261,378	766,348	138,227	246,696	374,923
June	455,170	26,199	481,369	190	368,652	368,842
July	47,808	346,852	394,660	2,700	353,644	356,344
August	770	118,286	120,056	—	105,439	105,439
September	5,240	64,377	69,617	1,967	348,458	350,425
October	15,070	103,734	118,804	—	257,808	257,808
November	43,060	61,749	104,809	—	65,942	65,942
December	5,926	80,271	86,197	—	120,534	120,534
Total year..	1,688,430	1,693,828	3,382,258	138,294	2,292,389	2,430,673
Year 1912....	858,160	2,322,517	3,180,677	618,907	769,240	1,379,147

EXPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Months.	Gold.			Silver.		
	Ctns.	Bullion.	Total.	Ctns.	Bullion.	Total.
1913.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	575	1,000	1,575	1,426,975	1,426,975	1,426,975
February	—	1,600	1,600	1,080,259	1,080,259	1,080,259
March	—	—	—	984,779	984,779	984,779
April	—	600	600	806,711	806,711	806,711
May	—	—	—	1,504,895	1,504,895	1,504,895
June	—	43	43	921,127	921,127	921,127
July	1,390	—	1,390	1,233,382	1,233,382	1,233,382
August	—	800	800	1,121,640	1,121,640	1,121,640
September	—	—	—	1,279,108	1,279,108	1,279,108
October	—	—	—	160	556,573	556,733
November	—	1,200	1,200	48,050	1,036,895	1,084,945
December	—	—	—	47,855	744,538	792,393
Total year..	1,965	5,243	7,208	96,056	12,696,882	12,792,937
Year 1912....	16,930	5,121,913	5,138,843	7,150	10,712,276	10,719,426

Monetary & Commercial English News

English Financial Markets—Per Cable.

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

Table with columns: London, Week ending Jan. 30, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Lists various securities like Silver, Consols, French Renties, Amalgamated Copper, etc.

8,023—The First National Bank of Wrightsville, Ga., Jan. 15 1914.
INSOLVENT NATIONAL BANK.
6,098—The Barnesville National Bank, Barnesville, Minn., was placed in the hands of a receiver Jan. 14 1914.

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 numerous companies and their dividend details.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending Jan. 24 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week of 1913, shows a decrease in the aggregate of 10.3%.

Table showing Canadian Bank Clearings for the week ending Jan. 24, 1914, compared with 1913, 1912, and 1911. Columns include City, 1914, 1913, Inc. or Dec., 1912, 1911.

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 JAN. 9 TO JAN. 19.
10,474—The Citizens' National Bank of Sallisaw, Okla. Capital, \$30,000.
10,475—The National Bank of Commerce in St. Paul, Minn. Capital, \$40,000.
10,476—The First National Bank of Linden, Tex. Capital, \$35,000.
10,477—The First National Bank of Sparkill, N. Y. Capital, \$30,000.
10,478—The Citizens' National Bank of Jasper, Tex. Capital, \$25,000.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

- 8,389—The Arlington National Bank, of Rosslyn, Va., Jan. 12 1914. Liquidation committee, Will W. Douglas, Ballston, Va., and E. Gordon Finney, Rosslyn, Va. To be succeeded by a trust company.
6,134—The First National Bank of Jasper, Tex., Jan. 13 1914. Absorbed by the Jasper State Bank. Liquidating committee, Messrs. W. P. and E. M. Smith, Jasper, Tex.
7,643—The First National Bank of Manchester, Mo., Dec. 19 1913. Liquidating agent, Albert A. Koch, Manchester, Mo. Succeeded by a State bank.
9,628—The Fourth National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29 1913. Liquidating committee, John E. Harris, W. O. Powell and H. Weibert, Jacksonville, Fla. Consolidated with the Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla.
3,653—The Sutton National Bank, Sutton, Neb., Jan. 13 1914. Liquidating agent, State Bank of Sutton, Neb. Succeeded by the State Bank of Sutton, Neb.
9,157—The Burlingame National Bank, Burlingame, Kan., Jan. 19 1914. Liquidating agent, the Pioneer State Bank, Burlingame, Kan. Consolidated with the Pioneer State Bank of Burlingame.
7,876—The German-American National Bank of New Orleans, La., Dec. 31 1913. Absorbed by the Canal-Louisiana Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, La. Liquidating agents, C. D. Curran, A. Breton and J. P. Butler Jr., New Orleans, La.

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 of securities such as 381 Amer. Lithographic Co., 371 Amer. Lithographic Co., etc., with columns for Shares, Per cent., Bonds, and Per cent.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold by Francis Henshaw & Co., including 25 Nat. Shawmut Bank, 10 Pacific Mills, etc.

By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold by R. L. Day & Co., including 17 National Shawmut Bank, 10 York Manufacturing Co., etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Barnes & Lofland, including 20 Northern National Bank, 25 Columbia Ave. Trust Co., etc.

By Messrs. Samuel T. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold by Samuel T. Freeman & Co., including 10 American Gas Co., 4 Philadelphia Bourse, 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 Jan. 24. 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.

Large table showing detailed returns of banks with columns: Banks (00 omitted), Capital, Surplus, Loans, Average, Specie, Average, Legals, Average, Net Deposits, Average, Reserve.

Circulation.—On the basis of averages, circulation of national banks in the Clearing House amounted to \$44,264,000, and according to actual figures was \$43,693,000.

DETAILED RETURNS OF TRUST COMPANIES.

Table showing detailed returns of trust companies with columns: Trust Cos. (00 omitted), Surplus, Loans, Average, Specie, Average, Legals, Average, On Dep. with C.H. Banks, Net Deposits, Average, Reserve.

The capital of the trust companies is as follows: Brooklyn, \$1,000,000; Bankers', \$10,000,000; United States Mortgage & Trust, \$2,000,000; Astor, \$1,250,000; Title Guarantee & Trust, \$5,000,000; Guaranty, \$10,000,000; Fidelity, \$1,000,000; Lawyers' Title Insurance & Trust, \$4,000,000; Columbia-Kleckerbocker, \$2,000,000; People's, \$1,000,000; New York, \$1,000,000; Franklin, \$1,000,000; Lincoln, \$1,000,000; Metropolitan, \$2,000,000; Broadway, \$1,000,000; total, \$45,250,000.

SUMMARY COVERING BOTH BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Summary table covering both banks and trust companies with columns: Week ending Jan. 24, Capital, Surplus, Loans, Specie, Legal Tenders, On Dep. with C.H. Banks, Net Deposits.

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.

Table showing state banks and trust companies with columns: Week ended January 24, State Banks in Greater N. Y., Trust Cos. in Greater N. Y., State Banks outside of Greater N. Y., Trust Cos. outside of Greater N. Y., Capital as of Dec. 9, Surplus as of Dec. 9, Loans and investments, Change from last week, Specie, Change from last week, Legal-tender & bk. notes, Change from last week, Deposits, Change from last week, Reserve on deposits, Change from last week, P. C. reserve to deposits, Percentage last week.

Note.—"Surplus includes" all undivided profits. "Reserve on deposits" includes for both trust companies and State banks, not only cash items but amounts of 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, with columns: Reserve Required, Total of Reserve in Cash, State Banks, Total of Reserve in Cash.

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 Greater New York.

NEW YORK CITY BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Week ended Jan. 24, Clear-House Members Actual Figures, Clear-House Members Average, State Banks and Trust Cos. Not in C-H. Atr., Total of all Banks & Trust Cos. Average. Rows include Capital, Loans and Investments, Deposits, Specks, Legal-tenders, Banks: Cash in vault, Trust Cos.: Cash in vault, Agr. money holdings, Money on deposit with other bks. & trust cos., Total reserve, Surplus CASH reserve, % of cash reserves of trust cos., Total.

+ Increase over last week. - Decrease from last week. c 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 \$613,273,800, an increase of \$2,592,100 over 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 City 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.

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

Table with columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Deposits, Specks, Legals, Tot Money Holdings, Entire Res on Deposit. Rows show weekly data from Nov. 22 to Jan. 24.

Reports of Clearing Non-Member Banks.—The following is the statement of condition of the clearing non-member banks for the week ending Jan. 24, based on average daily results:

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

Table with columns: Banks, Capital, Surpl., Loans, Disc'ts and Inve'stments, Specks, 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.

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 columns: Banks, Capital and Surplus, Loans, Specks, Legals, Deposits, Circulation, Clearings. Rows show weekly data for Boston and Philadelphia from Dec. 6 to Jan. 24.

a Includes Government deposits and the item "due to other banks." At Boston Government deposits amounted to \$1,535,000 on January 24, against \$1,532,000 on January 17.

* "Deposits" now include the item "Exchanges for Clearing House," which were reported on January 24 as \$15,326,000.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the imports at New York for the week ending Jan. 24; also totals since the beginning of the first week in January:

Table with columns: For Week, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911. Rows include Dry Goods, General Merchandise, Total since Jan. 1, Dry Goods, General Merchandise, Total 4 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 Jan. 24 and from Jan. 1 to date:

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Table with columns: 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911. Rows include For the week, Previously reported, Total 4 weeks.

The following table shows the exports and imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ending Jan. 24 and since Jan. 1 1914, and for the corresponding periods in 1913 and 1912:

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Gold, Silver, Exports (Week, Since Jan. 1), Imports (Week, Since Jan. 1). Rows list countries like Great Britain, France, Germany, etc., and total figures for 1914, 1913, 1912.

Of the above imports for the week in 1914, \$46,497 were American gold coin and \$2,351 American silver coin.

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Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 30 1914.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—The developments of this week have been more or less conflicting in effect upon sentiment and upon business. Much is said by the daily press about the resumption of business in the iron and steel industry, but one of the best authorities in the matter suggests that the actual facts make these printed estimates look a good deal exaggerated. These facts show that present production of pig iron is only about 65% of capacity, and orders are being taken, as is well known, at much lower figures than formerly prevailed. As these prices are evidently made to compete with foreign product under the new tariff, there seems little hope of advancing them. How far or to what extent the tariff affected the Steel Corporation's business during the last quarter of 1913, it is, of course, impossible to estimate, but the Corporation's report for the period mentioned is not an encouraging document. The same may be said of many late railroad reports of earnings and also of the Government statement of international trade for December. The latter shows imports for the month increased \$29,600,000 and exports decreased \$16,800,000, making the balance \$46,400,000 less favorable for this country than that of Dec. 1912.

On the other hand, the money markets abroad are steadily improving. The Bank of England again reduced its discount rate, this week to 3%, and the Bank of France, whose rate has stood at 4% since before the commencement of hostilities in the Balkans, has reduced to 3½%.

The open market rates for call loans on the Stock Exchange during the week on stock and bond collaterals have ranged from 1½@2%. Friday's rates on call were 1¼@2%. Commercial paper on Friday quoted 4@4¼% for 60 to 90-day endorsements and prime 4 to 6 months' single names and 4½@5% for good single names.

The Bank of England weekly statement on Thursday showed an increase of £1,706,051, and the percentage of reserve to liabilities was 55.38, against 57.42 the week before. The rate of discount was reduced on Jan. 29 from 4%, as fixed Jan. 22, to 3%. The Bank of France shows an increase of 12,156,000 francs gold and a decrease of 2,634,000 francs silver.

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

	1914. Averages for week ending Jan. 31.	Differences From previous week.	1913. Averages for week ending Jan. 25.	1912. Averages for week ending Jan. 27.
Capital	\$ 133,650,000		\$ 133,650,000	\$ 135,150,000
Surplus	210,201,000		202,480,100	195,340,600
Loans and discounts	1,388,270,000	Inc. 40,493,000	1,373,552,000	1,402,868,000
Circulation	44,264,000	Dec. 485,000	46,663,000	50,772,000
Net deposits	1,439,291,000	Inc. 56,580,000	1,402,523,000	1,475,705,000
Specie	322,731,000	Inc. 21,181,000	294,263,000	328,114,000
Legal-tenders	76,943,000	Dec. 4,816,000	78,637,000	84,683,000
Reserve held	399,674,000	Inc. 16,365,000	372,840,000	412,797,000
25% of deposits	359,822,750	Inc. 14,145,000	350,630,750	368,926,250
Surplus reserve	39,851,250	Inc. 2,220,000	22,209,250	43,870,750

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.—Sterling exchange during the week has been under some pressure. The supply of bills has been light. An additional arbitrary shipment of \$2,000,000 in gold was made yesterday to Paris.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 8350@4 8370 for sixty days, 4 8575@4 8585 for cheques and 4 86@4 8610 for cables. Commercial on banks 4 82½@4 83½ and documents for payment 4 82¼@4 83¼. Cotton for payment 4 82¼@4 83 and grain for payment 4 83¼@4 83¾.

The posted rates for sterling, as quoted by a representative house, were not changed during the week from 4 84 for sixty days and 4 87 for sight, until Friday, when sixty days advanced ½c. to 4 84½ and the sight rate declined ½c. to 4 86½.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 21¼ less 1-32@5 21¼ for long and 5 18¼ less 1-16@5 18¼ less 1-32 for short. Germany bankers' marks were 94½@94 9-16 for long and 94 15-16@95 less 1-32 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40¼ less 1-16@40¼ less 1-32 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 25f. 18½c.; week's range, 25f. 20½c. high and 25f. 17¾c. low.

Exchange at Berlin on London, 20m. 46pf.; week's range, 20m. 48¾pf. high and 20m. 46p. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Sterling, Actual—Sixty Days. Cheques. Cables.
High for the week... 4 84 4 8630 4 8665
Low for the week... 4 8350 4 8575 4 86

Paris Bankers' Francs
High for the week... 5 21¼ plus 1-32 5 18¼ 5 17½ less 3-64
Low for the week... 5 21¼ less 1-16 5 18¼ less 5-64 5 18¼ less 1-64

Germany Bankers' Marks
High for the week... 94 9-16 95 less 1-32 95 1-16 less 1-32
Low for the week... 94 7-16 94½ plus 1-64 95 less 1-32

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders
High for the week... 40 40¼ plus 1-32 40 5-16 less 1-16
Low for the week... 40 less 1-16 40¼ less 1-16 40 5-16 less ½

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, 25c. per \$1,000 premium. Boston, par. St. Louis, 10c. per \$1,000 premium. San Francisco, 50c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, 31½c. per \$1,000 premium. Minneapolis, 65c. per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, 5c. per \$1,000 premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board include \$2,517,000 New York 4½s, w. i., at 107¼ to 108¼; \$10,000 New York 4s, 1961, at 100; \$3,000 New York 4s, 1962, at 100; \$5,000 New York 4s, reg., 1962, at 100½; \$48,000 N. Y. Canal 4½s, w. i., at 107¼ to 108¼; \$20,000 N. Y. Canal 4s, 1962, at 100; \$4,000 Va. fund. debt, 1991, at 84¼ and \$93,000 Va. 6s, def. trust receipts, at 58 to 60.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has been much less active than last week, but in almost all cases prices have been maintained and a few issues show advances.

Among the exceptional features Rock Island 4s have been conspicuous for a decline of over 3 points and the deb. 5s are down nearly 2. Burlington & Quincy gen. 4s and some of the Aitchisons are fractionally lower. The Wabash bonds have been strong on the prospect of a foreclosure sale and Un. Rys. of San Fr. are almost 3 points higher than last week.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$13,000 Panama 3s, reg., at 101¼ to 101½ and \$1,000 3s, coup., at 102½ to 103. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for yearly range see third page following.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The stock market has been irregular, but with an increasing tendency to weakness until to-day, and the volume of business is again much smaller. A general decline during the short session of Saturday was practically recovered on Monday. Tuesday's market was steady and was followed on Wednesday and Thursday by a decline which carried a long list of shares down 2 points or more below last week's closing prices. To-day's market was strong on liberal buying for foreign account, under the lead of Canadian Pacific, which was bid up 5½ points during the session and closes 7½ points higher than last week. This remarkable advance is, of course, unnatural and, so far as known, unwarranted, but the enthusiasm was contagious and several important stocks recovered 2 points or more to-day. Union Pacific, Steel and Amalgamated Copper were also in demand to-day for foreign account and each is about 2 points higher in consequence.

For daily volume of business see page 377.

The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week ending Jan. 30.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Adams Express	35 100	Jan 27 100	Jan 27 100	Jan 1 100	Jan 1 100
Allis-Chalm Mfg. v. t. c.	8,950 12½	Jan 28 13½	Jan 30 8¾	Jan 1 13¾	Jan 1 13¾
Preferred v. t. c.	610 48	Jan 26 49	Jan 26 43½	Jan 40	Jan 40
Am Brake Shoe & F. pref.	150 139	Jan 28 139	Jan 28 129½	Jan 139	Jan 139
Amer Coal Products	43 83¼	Jan 29 84½	Jan 28 82	Jan 84½	Jan 84½
Preferred	10 105	Jan 24 105	Jan 24 105	Jan 105	Jan 105
American Express	438 108	Jan 27 110¼	Jan 24 100	Jan 110¼	Jan 110¼
Associated Oil	100 43	Jan 29 43	Jan 29 43	Jan 43	Jan 43
Brunswick Terminal	202 7½	Jan 27 7½	Jan 27 7½	Jan 7½	Jan 7½
Cent. So Amer. Teleg.	150 105	Jan 29 106	Jan 30 103	Jan 106	Jan 106
Chic St. P. M. & Omaha	100 130	Jan 24 130	Jan 24 128	Jan 130	Jan 130
Colorado & Southern	100 28½	Jan 27 28½	Jan 27 26¼	Jan 28½	Jan 28½
First preferred	500 60¼	Jan 24 62	Jan 28 59	Jan 62	Jan 62
Detroit United	100 73	Jan 30 73	Jan 30 72	Jan 73	Jan 73
General Chemical	20 177½	Jan 29 177½	Jan 29 176¾	Jan 180	Jan 180
Great Nor subs 3d paid.	100 129	Jan 26 129	Jan 26 129	Jan 129	Jan 129
Green Bay & W. deb. B.	40 12¼	Jan 30 13	Jan 29 12¾	Jan 14¼	Jan 14¼
Hocking Valley	300 125	Jan 24 126	Jan 27 125	Jan 126	Jan 126
Homestake Mining	36 116	Jan 24 116	Jan 24 114	Jan 117	Jan 117
Int. Agricul. Corp v. t. c.	1,600 8½	Jan 29 10	Jan 29 10	Jan 10	Jan 10
Preferred v. t. c.	673 34	Jan 28 36	Jan 30 30	Jan 36	Jan 36
K. C. Ft. S. & M. pref.	100 65½	Jan 30 65½	Jan 30 65½	Jan 65½	Jan 65½
Mackay Companies	400 83	Jan 26 85	Jan 27 77	Jan 85	Jan 85
Preferred	600 67¼	Jan 26 70	Jan 27 65¼	Jan 70	Jan 70
Mexican Petroleum pref.	300 85	Jan 26 85	Jan 27 79½	Jan 85	Jan 85
Nashv. Chatt. & St. Louis.	200 140	Jan 29 140	Jan 29 140	Jan 144	Jan 144
N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis.	100 43	Jan 27 43	Jan 27 37½	Jan 45	Jan 45
Nor. Ohio Trac. & Light.	160 64¼	Jan 29 65	Jan 29 60	Jan 65	Jan 65
Ontario Silver Mining	100 2½	Jan 26 2½	Jan 26 2½	Jan 2½	Jan 2½
Pacific Coast Co.	200 85	Jan 27 88	Jan 27 85	Jan 85	Jan 85
Second preferred	100 83½	Jan 27 83½	Jan 27 83½	Jan 83½	Jan 83½
Pacific Tel. & Tel. pref.	100 90	Jan 24 90	Jan 24 86½	Jan 90	Jan 90
Phila. Co. 6½ pref.	100 89½	Jan 30 89½	Jan 30 89½	Jan 89½	Jan 89½
Pittsburgh Steel, pref.	100 92¼	Jan 30 92¼	Jan 30 88	Jan 92¼	Jan 92¼
Quleksilver Mining	300 2	Jan 26 2¼	Jan 28 1¾	Jan 2¼	Jan 2¼
Preferred	280 4	Jan 27 4	Jan 27 4	Jan 4	Jan 4
Sears, Roebuck & Co. pref.	300 123	Jan 27 123½	Jan 28 122¼	Jan 123½	Jan 123½
Shoos-Sheff. St. & I. pref.	100 92	Jan 30 92	Jan 30 90	Jan 92	Jan 92
So. Pac. subs 1st paid.	1,100 101½	Jan 29 103	Jan 29 95½	Jan 103	Jan 103
Texas Pac. Land Trust	100 69	Jan 29 69	Jan 29 69	Jan 69	Jan 69
United Cigar Mfrs.	200 49	Jan 30 50	Jan 30 45	Jan 50	Jan 50
United Dry Goods pref.	45 99	Jan 26 99	Jan 29 99½	Jan 100½	Jan 100½
U. S. Express	215 65¼	Jan 28 67½	Jan 28 46	Jan 63	Jan 63
U. S. Ind. Alcohol pref.	100 85	Jan 28 85	Jan 28 81	Jan 85¼	Jan 85¼
Virginia Iron, Coal & C.	500 46	Jan 24 49½	Jan 26 40	Jan 49½	Jan 49½
Vulcan Detinning pref.	25 40	Jan 28 40	Jan 28 37	Jan 40	Jan 40
Wells, Fargo & Co.	577 85	Jan 27 91	Jan 24 85	Jan 91	Jan 91

Outside Market.—Trading in the outside market for the most part of the week was rather quiet, with the activity converging on the Standard Oil and Tobacco shares. To-day however, there was a better tone with an upward movement to prices, in which the Standard Oil shares were conspicuous for substantial advances. Atlantic Refining, after an advance of 17 points to 817, jumped to 830 to-day, reacting finally to 820. Prairie Oil & Gas moved up from 445 to 473 during the week, then to 490 to-day, with the final figures 484. South Penn Oil gained some 26 points to 337 during the week and to-day rose to 356, the close being at 348. Standard Oil (Indiana), moving up during the week from 460 to 500, sold to-day at 517 ex-dividend, and ended the week at 505. Standard Oil (Kentucky) old stock gained 10 points to 685. The new stock was traded in up from 225 to 250 and at 248 at the close to-day. Standard Oil of N. J. declined at first from 419 to 416, then advanced to 427, the final figure to-day being 423. United Cigar Stores com. fell from 94 to 93¾, then advanced to 95½, closing to-day at 93 ex-dividend. The pref. moved up from 114 to 115 and back to 114, closing to-day at 114½. Tobacco Products, after ranging between 85½ and 86½, was off to-day to 84½. British Amer. Tobacco old stock eased off from 23½ to 23 and recovered to 23½. The new stock fluctuated between 23¼ and 23½, with the close to-day at the high figure. Kelly & Springfield Tire stocks were prominent, the com. for a rise of 7 points to 60 and the pref. 11 points to 130. A quarterly dividend of 1½% on this latter stock was declared this week. In copper stocks British Columbia developed activity and rose from 2½ to 4¼, closing to-day at 4. Greene-Canea lost 3 points to 37, recovered all the loss and eased off finally to 39¼.

Outside quotations will be found on page 377.

OCCUPYING TWO PAGES

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

Table with columns: STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES. (Saturday, Jan. 24 to Friday, Jan. 30), Sales of the Week, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, Range since Jan. 1, Range for Previous Year 1913. Includes sections for Railroads, Industrial & Misc., and Banks and Trust Companies.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BROKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: Banks, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies with their respective 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 24% 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 Jan. 24, Monday Jan. 26, Tuesday Jan. 27, Wednesday Jan. 28, Thursday Jan. 29, Friday Jan. 30) and Range for Previous Year 1913. Includes sub-sections for Industrial & Misc (Con), NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and Range since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Amer Steel Found, Amer Sugar Refining, etc.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BANKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table listing Bankers' Quotations for various banks and trust companies. Columns include Bank Name, Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics. Includes entries for Brooklyn, National City, and others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. & rights. ¶ Now stock. † Quoted dollars per share. ‡ Sale at 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 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed, and prices are now all—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly data. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 30, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range since Jan. 1, and various weekly/quarterly/yearly prices.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Miscellaneous Bonds table with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 30, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range since Jan. 1, and various weekly/quarterly/yearly prices.

* No price Friday; latest this week. 4 Dec. April. 5 Dec. May. 6 Dec. June. 7 Dec. July. 8 Dec. Aug. 9 Dec. Oct. 10 Dec. Nov. 11 Dec. Dec. 12 Option sale.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Jan. 30

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, week ending Jan. 30, 1914. Columns include bond name, price, week's range, and range since Jan. 1.

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MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Table of miscellaneous bonds, including Street Railway, Gas and Electric Light, and other utility bonds.

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* No price Friday; latest bid and asked this week. † Due Jan. ‡ Due Feb. § Due April. ¶ Due July. ** Due Aug. †† Due Oct. ‡‡ Opt on sale.

Main table of N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Jan. 30. Includes columns for Bonds, Price, Range, and descriptions of various bonds like Manila RR, N.Y. New Haven & Hartford, and various municipal bonds.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Table of Gas and Electric Light bonds, including titles like Kings Co. E. L. & P. G. 5s, Peo Gas & O. 1st con g 6s, and various utility bonds with their respective prices and ranges.

* No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. b Due Feb. c Due Mar. d Due June. e Due July. f Due Oct. g Due Nov. h Option sale.

Table with columns: STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES, Sales of the Week, STOCKS CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE, Range since Jan. 1, Range for Previous Year (1913).

Chicago Banks and Trust Companies

Table with columns: NAME, Capital Stock, Surp. & Profits, Dividend Record (In 1912, In 1913, Paid, Last Paid, % Div. Ask).

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Chicago Bond Record

Table with columns: CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Jan. 30, Interest, Price, Week's Range, No. Sold, Range Since January 1.

* Bid and ask prices; no sales were made on this day. † Jan. 13 (close of business) for national banks and Jan. 14 (opening of business) for State institutions. ‡ No price Friday; latest price this week. § Dividends not published; stock acquired by the Continental & Commercial National Bank, a Dec. 20, 1911. ¶ Dividend paid Q-F, Dec. 31, 1913. ** Dividend paid Q-F, Dec. 31, 1913. *** Dividend paid Q-F, Dec. 31, 1913. **** Dividend paid Q-F, Dec. 31, 1913. ***** Dividend paid Q-F, Dec. 31, 1913.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

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

Table showing weekly stock transactions at the New York Stock Exchange for the week ending Jan 30 1914. Columns include Shares, Par Value, Railroad Bonds, State Bonds, and U.S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for the week ending Jan 30, 1914, and for Jan 1 to Jan 30, 1914. Columns include Stocks, No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, Government bonds, State bonds, RR. and misc. bonds, and Total bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston and Philadelphia exchanges for the week ending Jan 30 1914. Columns include Shares, Unlisted Shares, Bond Sales, 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, including various stocks and bonds from different companies and regions like Boston and Philadelphia.

Table listing Telegraph and Telephone stocks, including American Telegraph & Cable, Central & South American, and others.

Table listing Short Term Notes, including Amal Copper, Baito & Ohio, and various other short-term investments.

Table listing Railroad stocks, including Chicago & Alton, Chicago St. P. & M. & O., and others.

Table listing Industrial and Miscellaneous stocks, including Adams Express, American Brass, and others.

Table listing Tobacco stocks, including American Cigar, British-American Tobacco, and others.

Table listing various other stocks and bonds, including American Express, American Brass, and others.

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* Per share, a And accrued dividend, b Basis, c Listed on Stock Exchange but usually inactive, f Flat price, g Nominal, h Sale price, i New stock, j Ex-substitutes, k Ex-div, l Ex-rights, m Includes all new stock dividend and subscriptions, n Listed on Stock Exchange but insignificantly dealt in regard to volume, o Any, will be found on a preceding page, p Ex-300% stock dividend

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Jan. 24 to Friday, Jan. 30) and stock prices. Includes sub-headers for 'Saturday, Jan. 24', 'Monday, Jan. 26', 'Tuesday, Jan. 27', 'Wednesday, Jan. 28', 'Thursday, Jan. 29', and 'Friday, Jan. 30'.

Table with columns for 'Sales of the Week, Shares' and 'STOCKS BOSTON EXCHANGE'.

Table listing various stock categories such as 'Railroads', 'Miscellaneous', and 'Mining' with corresponding stock names and prices.

Table with columns for 'Range since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots', 'Lowest', and 'Highest'.

Table with columns for 'Range for Previous Year 1913', 'Lowest', and 'Highest'.

* Bid and asked prices. † Assessment paid. ‡ Ex-stock dividend. § Ex-rights. ¶ Ex-dividend and rights. * Unstamped. † 2d paid. ‡ Half paid.

Table with columns for BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Jan. 30, and BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ending Jan. 31. Includes columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, Range, and various stock/bond listings.

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

Large table containing SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES (Saturday to Friday) and ACTIVE STOCKS (Philadelphia and Baltimore) with columns for Bid, Ask, Range for Year 1913, and Range for Previous Year (1912).

* Bid and asked; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ \$15 paid. § \$17 1/2 paid. ¶ \$22 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 the 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 with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), July 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Includes sub-tables for 'Various Fiscal Years' and 'AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly'.

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly. Table with columns: *Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), *Monthly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %).

a Mexican currency b Does not include earnings of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railway from Nov. 1 1911. c Includes the B&O & 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. f Includes Evansville & Terre Haute and Evansville & Indiana RR. g Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. h Includes Louisville & Atlantic and the Wabash & Cincinnati. i Includes the Northern Ohio RR. j Includes earnings of Mason City & Ft. Dodge and 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. l Includes St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern. *We no longer include the Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of January. The table covers 37 roads and shows 4.24% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table with columns: Third week of January, 1914, 1913, Increase, Decrease. Lists various railroad companies and their earnings.

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 with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists monthly earnings for various railroads and industrial companies.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists earnings for Virginia & Southwest, Wrightsville & Tenn, Yazoo & Miss Valley.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists earnings for various industrial companies like Abington & Rockland, Atlantic Gulf & West Indies, etc.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c After allowing for outside operations and taxes for the month of Dec. 1913, total net earnings were \$442,394, against \$350,115 last year, and for the period from July 1 to Dec. 31 were \$1,886,509 this year, against \$1,926,850 last year.

Interest Charges and Surplus.—Table with columns: Roads, Int., Rentals, &c., Bal. of Net Earnings. Lists interest and surplus for various railroads.

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Table with columns: Roads, Int., Rentals, &c., Bal. of Net Earnings. Lists interest and surplus for various express companies.

Table with multiple columns: Canadian Northern Exp. Co., Northern Express Co., United States Express Co. showing monthly and quarterly operating revenues and expenses.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND TRACTION COMPANIES.

Large table listing various electric railway and traction companies (e.g., American Rys Co., Atlantic Shore Ry, etc.) with columns for Name Road, Latest Gross Earnings, and Jan. 1 to latest date.

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

Table showing Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year) and Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year) for various roads like Atlantic Shore Ry, Augusta-Alken Ry, etc.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes.

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Table listing interest charges and surplus for various roads, with columns for Road, Int., Rentals, &c., Current Year, Previous Year, and Bal. of Net Earnings.

a Includes earnings from May 1 1913 only on the additional stocks acquired as of that date. c These figures are for consolidated company.

station will supply the needs of the company in the upper northwesterly section of the city for approximately the next eleven years, additional transformers, regulators, etc., being necessary from time to time.

Municipal Street Lamps.—These on the lines of the Consolidated Gas Co. and its affiliated companies on Dec. 31, 1913 consisted of 25,597 incandescent gas lamps, 96 open-flame lamps, 12,428 electric arc lamps and 21,559 electric incandescent lamps, a total of 59,680 street lamps.

Taxes.—The taxes charged against the earnings of the Company and its affiliated companies during the year amounted to \$3,965,082.

Additions, &c.—There was expended during the year for additions to and extensions of the producing and distributing plants of the various gas and electric companies the sum of \$12,839,533.

Maintenance, &c.—At a cost of \$4,335,745 for repairs and \$2,516,442 for renewals, a total cost of \$7,052,188, all these properties have been maintained at the highest possible point of operating efficiency.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR AND GAS METERS, ETC., IN USE ON DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Gas meters Dec. 31, Elec. meters Dec. 31, Gas appliances, Sales of gas, Sales elec. cur, Net earn. of gas business, Add surplus earn., Total earn. from gas business, Divs. & int. rec'd on stocks, Total net income, Dividends paid on stock, Rate of divs. on stock, Int. on fund. & oth. debt, Balance, surplus.

Excluding sales to the Third Avenue Railroad Company. Add for the purpose of determining the earnings applicable to the value based upon the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, of the tangible and intangible property employed in its gas business, viz.: \$79,560,351 in 1913, \$79,143,950 in 1912, \$76,179,986 in 1911 and \$74,355,846 in 1910.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Assets (Plant & prop., Stocks & bonds, Adv. to oth. com., Bonds & mtgs., Cash, Accts. receivable, Material & supp.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Bonds & notes, Accts. payable & acc'd charges, Stock and bond premiums, Renewal and reserve funds, Profit and loss).

Sears-Roebuck & Co., Chicago. (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1913.)

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with 4 columns: 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Sales, less returns, allowances, discounts, &c., Purchases, net exp., Gross profits, Other income, Total income, Repairs, renewals & depr., Other reserves, Common dividend (7%), Preferred dividend (7%), Surplus for year.

* Also 33 1-3% (\$10,000,000) stock dividend paid April 1 1911.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Assets (Real est., bldgs., plant, mach., good-will, patents, investments in other companies, &c., Additions during year, Supplies & merchandise, Outside enterprises wholly owned, Adv. & inv. br. houses, Advances to manufact'rs, Sundry persons, Due from customers, Due from RR's, claims, &c., Insur. & int. in advance, Cash, Bonds owned) and Liabilities (Common stock, Pref. stock, 7% cum., Bills payable, Mds. & oth. open accts., Divs. on pref. stock, Surplus).

x After deducting depreciation. z Municipal and railroad bonds, market value.—V. 98, p. 160.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., Troy, N. Y. (Including Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., of Mass.) (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1913.)

President F. F. Peabody, Jan. 28, says:

It is gratifying to report, as the result of the first year's operation of our new corporation, that we have made the largest increase in the sales in the history of the business, having added \$1,220,000, making a total of \$13,515,000 for the year. Our profits have also been larger than those of any other year, the total being \$1,963,277, an increase of \$220,034. The record seems pleasing in view of the fact that general business conditions have been regarded as below normal. Important enlargements to plants have been made at Norwalk, Conn., Leominster, Mass., and to the boiler plant at Troy, the total costing \$165,000. The usual reservations have been

made for depreciation and contingent liabilities. We have no bonds or mortgages and our cash in hand is substantially equal to our total liabilities.

EARNINGS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913. Rows include Sales, Profits, Dividends of 1 1/4% each on preferred stock paid on April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 1913.

Balance, surplus, for year ending Dec. 31 1913..... \$1,543,277

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Assets (Real estate, plants, good-will, &c., Work in process, &c., Cash, Mfg. goods at cost, Customers' accts., Mfg. & oper. supplies, &c., Notes receivable) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Res'v. for conting., Div. paid Jan. 15, Surplus).

* Includes real estate, buildings, machinery, vehicles and equipment at Troy, Rochester, Waterford and Corinth, N. Y.; South Norwalk, Conn., Leominster, Mass., and St. Johns, Quebec; together with furniture and fixtures at sales-rooms and good-will, patent rights, trade names, &c.

a After deducting amount held in reserve for cash disc'ts & sundry debtors. b Includes manufacturing and operating supplies, unexpired insurance, prepaid interest and unused expenses, including advances applicable to spring season of 1914.—V. 98, p. 307.

American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co., New York.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Sept. 30 1913.)

Pres. Otis H. Cutler, New York, Dec. 9, wrote in subst.:

Financial.—The volume of business transacted, both in value and tons, and the profits proceeding therefrom, were greater than in any previous fiscal year, notwithstanding the fact that the selling price per ton of output during the year was the lowest yet recorded. The maintenance of profits was largely due to a greater volume of production and increased income derived from investments.

Reserve accounts, after absorbing the usual current charges for maintenance and depreciation, together with some extraordinary charges for obsolescence, were increased \$113,355. Net profits for the year were \$1,279,587, an increase of \$265,139 as compared with the previous year. Regular quarterly dividends were paid on both pref. and common stocks, the former at the rate of 2% quarterly, commencing Jan. 1 1913, as announced in the last annual report (V. 96, p. 197, 792), and there was passed to surplus \$605,087, increasing that ledger account to \$4,011,346.

New Capital Stock.—For the purpose of providing money with which to purchase stock of the St. Louis Car Wheel Co. and the plants and assets of the Decatur Car Wheel Co. and the Atlanta Car Wheel & Mfg. Co. together with some addition to our working cash capital resources, the directors during this fiscal year authorized the issue of 10,000 shares of full-paid pref. capital stock and 10,000 shares of full-paid common capital stock out of the unissued authorized stock, which was practically all subscribed for by the stockholders at a premium. (See V. 95, p. 1404, 1474, 1747; V. 96, p. 197.)

Operations.—The plants of the company were operated practically to their maximum capacity for the first half of the fiscal year, but owing to unfavorable business conditions existing in the last six months, the production for the year was approximately only 80% of full capacity. The new Chicago plant was in active operation throughout the year and is substantially meeting the estimates both as to amount and cost of production. Some increases have been necessary in the scale of wages paid employees. All plants have been maintained in efficient condition and some \$116,000 was spent for additions and betterments.

Southern Wheel Co.—This company was organized in Jan. 1913 in Georgia, and on Jan. 29 took over the aforesaid properties of St. Louis Car Wheel Co., Decatur Car Wheel Co. and Atlanta Car Wheel & Mfg. Co. in connection with the capital stock of the Southern Wheel Co. The earnings have been satisfactory, notwithstanding some depression in business, and dividends of 6% per annum have been regularly earned and paid.

Edgar Allen American Manganese Steel Co.—This controlled company has had a successful year, and has paid regular dividends on the pref. stock amounting to 7% for the year.

American Malleables Co.—We received during the year from this company sufficient additional capital stock to liquidate its indebtedness for moneys advanced. The company is now producing high-grade castings on a reliable basis and showing improved earnings. General.—The decreasing volume of business apparent in the last half of the expired year seems likely to be continued unless the railroads are placed in position to supply their imperative requirements for additional equipment and extensions through favorable action by the I.-S. O. Commission on the application for a slight advance in rates.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING SEPT. 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10. Rows include Net profits, Interest on bonds, Net profits, Divs. paid—Pref., Common (7%), Extra div. on com., Balance of profits.

* Includes in 1912-13, 1911-12 and 1910-11 an amount of "other income" not stated. z Includes in 1908-09 other income, royalties, rentals, int., &c., \$57,752.

BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Assets (Plants, patents, &c., Investments, Insur., &c., not ac'd, Cash, Accts. & bills rec., Inventory stores, Manufac. stock) and Liabilities (Preferred stocks, Common stocks, First mtge. bonds, Reserve funds, Accounts payable, Acc'd bond int., Surplus).

a Investments include in 1913 American Malleables Co. (in 1912, \$374,818), Edgar Allen American Manganese Steel Co. (in 1912, \$750,000), miscellaneous securities (\$236,571 in 1912) and Southern Wheel Co., organized Jan. 1913, see text above.—V. 97, p. 1735.

American Real Estate Co., New York.

(Statement for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1913.)

An official statement says in substance:

The company has reduced its mortgage obligations and shows a substantial increase in its capital and surplus, with no overdue current obligations and a cash balance of more than \$750,000. The balance sheet shows total assets of \$28,668,094, of which \$26,009,011 is real estate. Deducting the mortgages thereon leaves the net assets \$17,341,204, with capital and surplus of \$3,247,780. All taxes, assessments and interest due on mortgages payable are paid to date and there is a wide margin of cash above all current liabilities.

Some of the best-known realty experts in New York made up the committee which appraised the A-R-E Company's properties, and their statement shows that these holdings are carried on the books at a materially lower valuation than their figures under the appraisal. The committee was made up of the following: Joseph P. Day, Lawrence B. Eilman of Pease & Eilman; Edward L. King of Edward L. King & Co.; Charles

Griffith Moses of J. Romayne Brown Co.; J. Clarence Davies, H. Osborne Smith and Harry G. Bryan of Williamson & Bryan. In addition to its important collection of rental properties located both mid-town and up-town, the company has large holdings along existing and proposed rapid transit lines which are certain of increased values in the growth of the city. [See list in V. 97, p. 515.] The development of the company's business during the past year has been intensive rather than extensive.

The company is the oldest real estate corporation engaged in real estate operations in this city, it having been actively engaged in business for more than a quarter of a century.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1913 and 1912. Assets include Real est. & Impts., Less mortgages, Net value prop'ties, Mortgages owned, Cash in bank, etc., Due from agents, Inv. in other cos., Bills & accts. rec., Materials & supp., Miscellaneous. Liabilities include Common stock, Bonds & etfs. with interest accrued, Accts payable, Int. accrued on mtgs., Int. on full-paid bds. & certs., Miscellaneous, Surplus.

(a) Int. accrued on mtgs. was incl. in 1912 in the item of mtgs. (\$11,570,922), deducted from real estate and impts. in assets. (b) See foot-note (a). * Real estate and improvements include properties in process of development and lands undveloped in the Borough of the Bronx, \$1,484,498; developed properties ready for building improvements (Borough of the Bronx, \$7,362,083; City of Yonkers, \$2,819,559), \$10,182,622; rental properties, land and buildings (Borough of Manhattan, \$10,151,000; Borough of Bronx, \$3,364,500; City of Yonkers, \$229,491), \$14,244,994; houses ready for sale and sundry properties, \$97,896; total, \$26,009,011.

Table showing Land Area (in City Lots of 2,500 sq. ft.) and Number of Buildings Owned for Boro. Manhattan, Boro. of the Bronx, and Total owned. Columns include No. Lots and No. Bldgs.

The above includes 6 fireproof office and business bldgs., 5 brick and stone office and business bldgs., 5 elevator apartment bldgs., 12 non-elevator apartment bldgs., 1 fireproof theatre and office bldg., hotel bldg., club house, inclined elevator bldg., construction office bldg. and 7 suburban residences ready for sale. (See V. 97, p. 515).

No. of tenants in company's buildings, 860; No. of apartments, 546; population in apartments, 2,730; No. of stores, 119; No. of floors of offices, warehouses and business lofts, 76, having a total area of over 762,000 sq. ft. (During 1913 the authorized share capital was increased by \$2,000,000 7% cum. pref. stock, of which \$1,000,000 was offered at par in July to the bondholders and clientele of the company and was oversubscribed. The company has recently opened offices in London.—Ed.—V. 97, p. 515.)

Hart, Schaffner & Marx (Mfrs. Men's Clothing), Chicago.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1913.)

Pres. Harry Hart Jan. 26 reports to the stockholders:

Sales for the year showed a satisfactory increase, profits have been restored to a rate almost equal to the average attained during the years prior to incorporation and the financial condition of the company is excellent in every way. The 3,000 shares purchased for cancellation have this day been ordered canceled.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table comparing income for 1913, 1912, and Dec. 31 '11. Rows include Gross sales, Net sales, Net profits, Other income, Total profits, Preferred dividends, Depreciation, Contingencies, Redemption preferred stock, Organisation expenses written off, Premium on stock purchased, Balance, surplus.

* Net profits are stated in 1913 after deducting all operating, selling, general and administrative expenses, including interest (amount not stated); in 1912 after deducting \$50,643 for interest and \$17,521 for special expenses, and for the period ending Dec. 31 1911 after deducting \$29,307 for "special expenses," interest and depreciation being included in operating expenses in the last-named period.

For 7 1/4 months at 7% rate.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1913 and 1912. Assets include Good-will, trade names, etc., Mach. furn. & fix., Inventories, Accts & bills rec., Cash, Def. debit items. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Accts payable, Salaries & wages, Accrued taxes, Miscellaneous, Reserve funds, Profit and loss.

x After deducting \$77,322 depreciation reserve. y Reserve funds include preferred stock redemption fund, \$400,000, and reserve for contingencies, \$150,000.—V. 98, p. 75.

Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co., Ltd., London.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Aug. 31 1913.)

Secretary H. K. Davis Dec. 29 wrote in substance:

Results.—The revenues received by the company are as follows: (1) Dividends from the shares of St. Anthony Falls Water Power Co. and Minneapolis Mill Co., \$39,072; (2) Fixed rent of \$160,000 per annum under the lease of the company's mills to the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., \$20,610; (3) one-half share of the profits of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. over and above \$150,000 per annum, \$59,686; total, \$150,377.

The total revenue receivable by this company for the year amounted to \$150,377, as against \$99,716 for the preceding year. The revenue account shows a debit balance for the year of \$911, which has been carried to the balance sheet.

Water-Power Companies.—The flow of water for the greater part of the year fell below its usual standard, but reports received during the last few months indicate a return to the normal flow. Considerable progress has been made with the reconstruction of the apron at St. Anthony Falls and the work should be completed in the summer of 1914 at a cost we hope somewhat less than originally anticipated.

Mills.—The operating company's business during the year has been carried on under exceptionally favorable market conditions. Its output of flour, however, was the largest since it took over the business. The condition of the walls of the 'A' mill caused grave anxiety, requiring the construction of numerous buttresses to support the rear wall. The building is now considered perfectly safe. The result of the year's working of the mill is that this company's share of surplus profits, which last year amounted to \$10,823, has this year reached the very substantial sum of \$60,686. The whole of our share of surplus profits from the operating company has been credited to the permanent improvements account, the balance remaining due by this company on that account being now therefore reduced to \$23,208, as per balance sheet.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDING AUG. 31.

Table comparing revenue for 1912-13, 1911-12, and 1912-13, 1911-12. Rows include Rental of mills, Dividends, Miscellaneous, Total, Int. on debts & bonds, Sinking fund, Depreciation reserve, Miscellaneous, Deficit for year.

BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1913 and 1912. Assets include Cost of properties, Expend. on prop'ties, Furniture & fixtures, Investments, Water-power cos., for divdnds, Water-power cos. land, acct. (cash remitted), Cash, Miscellaneous, Profit and loss. Liabilities include Preference stock, Ordinary stock, Funded debt, Sinking funds, P. F. M. Improvement account, Depreciation reserve, Interest and miscellaneous.

* Accrued dividends accumulated for 7 years, 50%.—V. 96, p. 199.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Alaska Government Roads.—See items under "Banking, Financial and Legislative News" on a previous page.

Alaska Pacific Ry. & Terminal Co.—Receivership.—R. D. Gray of Katalla, Alaska, has, it is reported, been appointed receiver.

The company has only a few miles of track laid, but it also has some track terminals at Marin Point, Alaska. Construction, it is stated, was stopped by order of the Government.

Black Diamond RR.—Sale.

The road was sold at auction at Marion, O., on Dec. 29 by the Master in Chancery of Williamson County to Edward M. Stollar of the Stollar-Herrin Lumber Co. for \$28,200. The line is graded 12 miles east of Marion and in operation to Pittsburgh, 6 miles. A coal mine was included in sale.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Dividend Reduced.—Owing to the award last week of the board of arbitrators, requiring an increase of wages, the directors on Jan. 26 declared a semi-annual dividend of only 2% on the \$23,950,000 capital stock, payable Feb. 16 on stock of record Feb. 2, contrasting with an unbroken record of 3% semi-ann. from 1902 to 1913, incl.

Statement Issued by the Company Explaining Reduction.

The recent award of the board of arbitration, which arbitrated the questions of wages and working conditions of the employees of the company, will increase the operating expenses of the company by a substantial amount, and will be so serious a financial burden in the immediate future that the board of directors does not feel warranted in declaring a dividend at the present time of over 2%. It is hoped that this reduction will be temporary, and it should be provided the public realizes that investors in public service corporations such as ours are entitled to a fair, just and reasonable return, and consequently does not, in the future, force burdens on the company which it cannot afford.

Comments Made by "Boston News Bureau" Jan. 26.

The fiscal year ends June 30. For the 12 months to June 30 next the company will have returned to stockholders 5%. Of this 3% was paid in Aug. 1913 and 2% is the present declaration. The July dividend may be 2%, like the present, but the dividend a year from now could be 3% and still 5% returned to shareholders for the 1914-15 fiscal year, thus continuing the "legality" of the bonds (as savings bank investments).

One of the facts, which decided the directors to make a straight 1% reduction at this time, instead of putting the stock on a regular 2 1/2% semi-annual dividend basis, was the necessity of conserving funds to meet the retroactive payment of ten months under the wage award. While the exact proportions of this lump payment are not known, it may be figured at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The 1% reduction in dividends amounts to a saving of \$239,000.

Award.—The board of arbitrators at midnight Jan. 15 granted the company's car men an increase in wages, retroactive to May 1 1913; also shorter hours, &c.

For surface car men the advance in maximum rate per hour is from 28.9 to 32 cts.; elevated motormen from 30.3 to 34 cts., &c. The award, it is said, will cost the company about \$900,000 the first year, \$400,000 the 2d and \$500,000 the 3d. Had the demands of the men been granted in full the cost would have been about \$2,000,000 per ann., plus cost of observance of 9-11-hour law, or another \$1,000,000. See V. 97, p. 1354.

Boston & Maine RR.—Maturing Notes.—Holders of over 75% of the \$10,000,000 notes maturing Feb. 3 1914 having assented to an extension of their notes until June 2 1914, Pres. McDonald on Jan. 27 gave notice by adv. that it "was most important that the remaining noteholders communicate at once with Mr. Wm. J. Hobbs, Vice-President of the B. & M. RR., North Station, Boston, stating amounts and numbers of notes held by them." Yesterday holders of 91% of the notes were reported to have assented.—V. 98, 234, 154.

Boston Revere Beach & Lynn RR.—Bonds.—Spencer Trask & Co. and Paine, Webber & Co. sold last week at 99 1/2 and int. the final \$150,000 of the issue of \$1,000,000 1st M. 4 1/2s. due July 15 1927.—V. 98, p. 154.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—New Cap. Stock.—The shareholders in London on Dec. 19 authorized an increase in the share capital from £4,600,000 (in three classes) to £5,000,000. Under previous authorization the directors already had the power to issue £280,000 additional shares, making the total capital stock now available £680,000.

The report of Chairman Horne-Payne then submitted said in substance: "Although the directors are asking for power to create additional share capital, they have no intention of issuing it at present, nor do they expect to issue it during the next year; but it is necessary that they should have power to issue additional shares as and when that course becomes desirable. Meanwhile, we shall continue to limit our capital expenditures to absolute necessities until the pressure of genuine demand for our various services proves that it is necessary and will be remunerative. By April or May next I think we shall see a gradual general improvement in commercial conditions, and that there will be a complete return of prosperity and progress in 1915. The money actually expended on the enterprise of B. C. E. Ry. Co. amounts to \$45,000,000, on which the interest and dividends paid out last year were equal to less than 4 1/2%."—V. 97, p. 1285, 1114.

Buffalo & Susquehanna RR. Corp.—New Director.—Percy C. Madeira of Madeira, Hill & Co., has been elected a director.—V. 97, p. 1662.

Capital Traction Co., Washington, D. C.—Earnings.—

Calendar Year	Gross Earnings	Net Earnings	Other Income	Interest, Taxes, &c.	Dividends	Balance, Surplus
1913	\$2,310,166	\$1,130,897	\$12,286	\$420,179	\$720,000	\$3,004
1912	2,265,214	1,166,557	13,317	412,749	720,000	47,126

Chicago City Ry.—Bonds Listed.—

The Chicago Stock Exchange has listed a further \$250,000 of the 1st M. 5s, making the total outstanding \$28,950,000.—V. 98, p. 155.

Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend (Electric) Ry.—Changes in Management.—

"Cleveland Finance" Jan. 24 said: H. C. Lang, of Mandelbaum, Wolf & Lang, has been elected Sec.-Treas. and has taken over the operating management, consolidating in one head the duties formerly performed by A. R. Horr and the Warren Bicknell Co., respectively. The resignation of Mr. Horr from the Cleveland Trust Co. and his removal from the city was largely responsible for the change. Laws of Indiana requiring officers of such corporations to reside in the State are responsible for the resignation of F. H. Goff as President. His successor has not yet been chosen. C. N. Wilcoxson has been elected V.-Pres. and General Manager.—V. 91, p. 1446.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Bonds Sold.—

The company has sold to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and the National City Bank the \$9,741,000 general M. 4½% bonds held in the treasury. This closes the issue, except for refunding purposes, about \$52,000,000 being reserved for prior liens. The brokers have re-sold the bonds, the price being reported as 103½ less ¼.

New Bonds, &c.—

Application will be made next week to Missouri RR. Commission for authority to issue \$30,000,000 of the new general refunding M. bonds, a part of which at least, it is stated, may be issued at present.

Chicago Railways.—Application.—

An application, it is announced, will be made Feb. 10 to the Illinois P. U. Commission for permission to issue \$1,400,000 bonds and \$4,000,000 short-time notes for improvements. W. W. Gurley, General Counsel, says: "As we do the work required under the traction ordinance during the year we borrow the money needed and give interim certificates as security. Later we take up the certificates with bonds, but we are not permitted under the ordinance to issue bonds until the work has been completed and only to the extent of the actual value of the improvement. Last year we issued about \$1,000,000 of interim certificates for money borrowed. As the work was completed we issued bonds to redeem these certificates, but there still remains about \$1,400,000 in certificates to be retired. We will need between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 to pay for work this year, and we shall have to issue interim certificates the same as heretofore.—V. 98, p. 303, 235.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Lease.—

The company has taken over under a 99-year lease, as of Jan. 1, the Malvern & Camden Ry., recently completed by it, extending from Malvern to Camden, Ark., 60 miles. The line will be operated as a part of the Arkansas division of the Rock Island.—V. 97, p. 1821.

Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha Ry.—Application.—

The company has applied to the Wisconsin RR. Commission to issue \$1,700,000 debenture bonds of 1930. The proceeds, it is reported, are to be used for extensions and betterments during the past two years, amounting to about \$1,240,000, and the remainder for locomotives, steel passenger coaches, steel smoking and baggage cars costing about \$500,000. The Commission last week authorized the company to issue \$90,000 of consolidated M. bonds for the completion of the branch line to Park Falls, Wis.—V. 97, p. 881.

Cities Service Co., New York.—Stock and Bond Holdings.—Bonded Debt of Subsidiary Companies.—Complete List.—

See "Electric Railway Section" issued to-day.—V. 98, p. 303.

Cleveland Painesville & Ashtabula (Electric) RR.—Status.—

"Cleveland Finance" Jan. 24 said: The 1st M. 5% bonds have recently been offered around 50 with no takers. The company has not earned the interest on its \$990,000 bonds for several years, but this interest has been paid largely by the Cleveland Painesville & Eastern, which owns the common stock. In April 1912 \$500,000 of the 1st M. bonds of the Cleveland Painesville & Eastern became due and before that time it is expected a new financing plan will be brought out for the Painesville road. At that time it may be necessary to foreclose the bonds. The best of opinion, however, is to the effect that whatever happens the Ashtabula bonds are worth their present market price and of course the investor has the chance of eventually doing better. The road in 1912 showed a deficit of \$27,000.—V. 96, p. 553.

Columbus (O.) Urbana & West. (Elec.) Ry.—No Sale.

A press dispatch says that no buyers appeared on Jan. 27, when Superintendent of Banks Emery Lattanner offered the road for sale, in accordance with the recent order of Judge Kinkaid, and that another attempt to find a buyer for the bonds will be made.—V. 97, p. 1732.

Coney Island & Brooklyn RR.—Wage Increase.—

The company on Jan. 27 announced an increase of 10% in the wages of employees. The increase will, it is said, affect about 500 men and puts them on the same basis as those of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., which run from 24 to 28 cents an hour.—V. 98, p. 303, 235.

Cuban Central Railways.—Over 93% Assent.—

It was announced in London on or about Jan. 15 that holders of upwards of 84,000 ordinary shares, out of a total of 90,000, had accepted the offer recently made for their shares. The United Railways of the Havana & Regla Warehouses, Ltd., offered an exchange on the basis of 7 10s. of United Railways ordinary stock for each £10 ordinary share of this company. The United has given notice that the offer will be definitely closed Jan. 29. The London Stock Exchange has been asked to list a further 268,000 5% deb. stock of Cuban Central, making 968,000 outstanding.—V. 97, p. 1662, 1357.

Detroit River Tunnel Co.—Offering of Guaranteed Terminal and Tunnel Bonds.—

White, Wald & Co. having sold over half of their block of \$1,550,000 1st M. 4½s, due May 1 1961, are offering the remainder by adv. on another page at 96½, yielding about 4.70%. These bonds are part of a present outstanding issue of \$16,000,000 1st M. Terminal and Tunnel 4½% 50-year gold bonds, guaranteed, principal and interest, by endorsement, by the Michigan Central RR. Total authorized, \$30,000,000; reserved for future additions and improvements, \$14,000,000. The bankers say: Secured by first mortgage on extensive passenger and freight terminals in Detroit, Mich., used by the Michigan Central RR., and also on the double-tube tunnel under the Detroit River. The tunnel is an integral part of the main line of the Michigan Central system between Niagara Falls and Chicago. Property leased to the Michigan Central RR. Co. for 990 years for rental sufficient to pay all operating expenses, taxes, interest on these bonds and

at least 4% on the \$3,000,000 capital stock of the Tunnel Company, all of which is owned by the Michigan Central RR. Co. Income of the Michigan Central RR. Co., guarantor of these bonds, reported for cal. year 1912 as \$2,726,332 in excess of all expenses, taxes, interest and rentals, including rental paid for the Tunnel Company's property. See also V. 92, p. 1499.—V. 98, p. 235.

Detroit United Ry.—Supreme Court Declines to Pass on Validity of Municipal Ownership Amendment.—

See "Michigan" in "State and City" Department.—V. 98, p. 235.

Erie RR.—New Officer.—

Delos W. Cooke, Gen Traffic Mgr., has been elected Vice-Pres. and Gen. Traffic Mgr.—V. 97, p. 1898.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Earnings.—

Including Controlled Cos. (except Deming Ice & Electric Co.)

Calendar Years	Controlled Cos. Gross	Controlled Cos. Net	Federal Net	Total Net	Int. &c.	Pf. Dis.	Balance, Surplus
1913	2,329,167	940,132	def. 36,640	903,492	572,537	150,000	180,955
1912	2,167,507	914,352	sur. 22,447	936,799	442,827	150,000	343,972

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—Common Dividend Increased from 6% to 7% Basis.—

The directors on Jan. 22 declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 3½% on the pref. stock and also a dividend of 3½% (an increase of ½ of 1%) on the common capital stock, both payable Mar. 16 1914 on stock of record Mar. 5 1914. Sec. Chester M. Clark says: The amount declared on the common stock is 50 cts. per share larger than the previous dividend, and, in view of the company's present earnings, it is reasonable to expect that this 7% rate on the common stock can be conservatively maintained.

Option to Subscribe for New Common Stock—Notes to be Paid.—

In order to pay the \$600,000 3-year 6% coupon notes due April 1 1914, and to meet other capital requirements in 1914, there will be offered, on or about Feb. 5, to pref. and common stockholders of record Feb. 4 1914, for subscription pro rata at par, \$1,000,000 authorized but unissued common stock. This stock, if paid for in full, will carry the dividend of 3½%, payable Mar. 16 1914. The option will be given to pay for the new shares in two installments of 50% each. Detailed information regarding the subscription rights will be sent to all stockholders about Feb. 5 1914. On Dec. 31 1913 there were outstanding \$3,000,000 common and \$2,990,500 pref. stock.—V. 98, p. 155.

Georgia Ry. & Electric Co., Atlanta.—New Stock.—

All shareholders of record Jan. 26 are offered the right to subscribe at \$118 a share on or before Feb. 15 for \$514,600 common stock (underwritten) to the extent of 5% on the par value of stock now held, whether com. or pref. Subscriptions must be paid on or before March 1. A circular says: In accordance with the contract of lease dated Jan. 1 1912 the Georgia Ry. & Power Co., lessee, has acquired the sale of the \$541,600 par value of common capital stock of the Georgia Ry. & Elec. Co. now in treasury, for the purpose of paying for permanent improvements and additions to the leased premises, and has offered to pay for said stock \$118 per share. (Stock out at last accounts: com., \$8,000,000; pref. 5% n-o-c., \$2,400,000.)—V. 98, p. 304.

Great Northern Ry.—Listed.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized to be listed on and after Feb. 16 \$21,000,000 additional preferred stock, which was offered to stockholders in Jan. 1913 at par (V. 95, p. 1541, 1607, 1745), on notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount to be listed \$231,000,000.

Earnings.—

For 5 months ending Nov. 30:

Free Months	Oper. Revenue	Net (after Taxes)	Other Inc.	Fixed Charges	Dis. (3½%)	Balance, Surplus
1913	39,427,161	16,994,324	962,679	3,130,590	7,699,194	7,127,219
1912	37,562,273	17,007,795				

The dividends deducted as above include two quarterly payments of 1½% each on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1913 on \$209,980,900 stock (\$7,349,331), and interest accrued on subscriptions for \$21,000,000 additional stock, \$349,863. From the surplus as above, \$7,129,219, there was appropriated \$106,805 to cover renewal of Allouez Bay Ore Docks, leaving \$7,020,414.—V. 97, p. 1107, 1121.

Green Bay & Western RR.—Distribution on Class B Debentures Decreased.—

The directors have declared a distribution of ½ of 1% on the \$7,000,000 class "B" debentures (comparing with 1½% paid in Feb. 1913 and ½ of 1% in Feb. 1912 and 1911), payable, out of the net earnings for the year 1913, at 40 Wall St. Feb. 9 to holders of record Feb. 7.

Hudson & Manhattan RR.—Listed.—

On subsequent pages of to-day's issue will be found at length the application to the New York Stock Exchange in connection with the listing of the new First and Refunding M. 5% bonds, series A, and Adjustment Income 5% M. bonds, which have been issued in accordance with the Plan of Readjustment dated Jan. 14 1913, fully described in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 18 1913 (pages 208 to 210), and also the \$5,000,000 New York & Jersey 1st M. 5s of 1902, due Feb. 1 1932.—V. 97, p. 1733.

Idaho & Washington Northern RR.—Sale.—

The bond and note-holders having, it seems, generally accepted the offer of Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. to give in exchange therefor its 4% debenture bonds due 1934, the latter company on Jan. 21 took over the control of the line. The general offices were removed from Spokane to Seattle and the officers of the operating and traffic departments of the system at Spokane placed in charge of the road, headed by H. B. Earling as President. Compare V. 97, p. 1822.

International Traction Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Preferred Dividend.—

The regular semi-annual dividend of 2%, also an additional dividend of 2% on account of arrears, has been declared on the \$5,000,000 4% cumulative pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 24. In addition to the regular payment of 2% each in Feb. and July 1913 there were disbursed 4% and 2% respectively on account of accumulations. The amount due after payment of the dividend on account of accumulations is 42%.—V. 98, p. 155.

Lake Shore Electric Ry.—Earnings.—

Calendar Year	Gross Earnings	Net Earnings	Other Income	Interest Paid	Prof. Dis.	Divs. Balance	Surplus
1913	\$1,119,312	\$448,732	\$25,000	\$324,696	\$60,000	\$89,011	
1912	1,052,518	447,454	25,000	322,700	60,000	89,754	

—V. 96, p. 550, 360.

Lehigh & New England RR.—Equipment Trust—Merger.
 The directors have authorized an issue of \$600,000, series D, 4½% gold equipment trust certificates dated Mar. 2 1914, maturing \$40,000 yearly Mar. 1, 1915 to 1929 inclusive; principal and dividends (M. & S.) payable at Penn. Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila., trustee.

Brown Brothers & Co. are offering these new certificates at prices to yield about 4¼%. Par \$1,000 c*.

Guaranteed, both as to principal and dividends, by the Lehigh & New England RR., which further agrees to pay all taxes, in so far as it may lawfully do so, except succession or inheritance taxes. Secured by assignment to trustee of a lease contract with the railroad of 7 consolidation freight locomotives, 3 switching locomotives, 500 steel hopper coal cars of 100,000 lbs. capacity and 200 steel drop-bottom gondola coal cars of 80,000 lbs. capacity. Aggregate cost, \$706,000; this issue, \$600,000. The trustee retains title to entire equipment, and out of the rental therefrom will be enabled to retire at maturity the total issue with dividends and charges.

The Panther Creek RR., extending from Tamaqua to Nesquehoning, 32 miles, was taken over Dec. 1 last through agreement of merger and consolidation dated Nov. 26 1913. No new mortgage, we are informed, has been authorized. Compare V. 97, p. 1663.—V. 98, p. 152, 74.

Maryland Electric Railways, Baltimore.—Car Trusts.
 The Maryland P. S. Commission has sanctioned the issuing of \$153,000 car-trust 1 to 10-year 6% bonds on account of new rolling stock.—V. 88, p. 686.

Michigan Central RR.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.
 See Detroit River Tunnel Co. above.—V. 98, p. 236.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Notice.—Attention is called to the fact that to-day is the last day for deposit of notes maturing Feb. 1 with Speyer & Co. to get the benefit of the extension of 2 years at 6% under the plan referred to last week, page 304.—V. 98, p. 304, 236.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Compromise.—A compromise, it is stated, has been reached in the suit brought by the State of Texas against the M. K. & T. Ry. of Texas, in which the State alleged violation of State anti-trust laws and asked large penalties. The terms of the compromise have not been made public.

The suit charging an illegal merger by the M. K. & T. Ry. of Texas with 8 other roads in the State, was filed by Attorney-General Looney soon after the Legislature early in 1913 had passed a bill authorizing the merger. Gov. Colquhoun vetoed the bill, but the Legislature passed it over his veto.—V. 97, p. 1579, 1590.

New York Central & Hudson River RR.—New Consolidation Mortgage for \$167,102,400 to Secure Certain Existing Bonds and Debentures and to Refund Same—No Increase in Debt.—Albert H. Harris, Vice-President N. Y. Central lines west of Buffalo and General Counsel lines east of Buffalo, has favored us with the following:

The Consolidation Mortgage, dated June 20 1913, has been executed by the New York Central to the Bankers Trust Co., as trustee, to secure bonds and debentures to the amount of \$167,102,400, viz.:

- (1) Equally Secured by Lien Prior to that Securing the Debentures—
 New York Central 3¼% Lake Shore collateral bonds.....\$90,578,400
 New York Central 3¼% Michigan Central collateral bonds.....19,336,000
- (2) Equally Secured by Lien Subsequent to Lien of Aforesaid—
 New York Central debentures of 1904.....\$48,000,000
 New York Central debentures of 1912.....9,188,000
 New 4% Consolidation Mortgage bonds dated Aug. 1 1913 and due Feb. 1 1998 (Int. F. & A.), Issuable in series A, B, C and D only to refund above coll. bonds and debentures, respectively.

The several indentures under which these collateral bonds and debentures were issued provided that they should be secured by a lien in case the New York Central should execute any new mortgage on its railroad.

On the main line of the N. Y. Central between New York and Buffalo there is no lien ahead of that of the Consolidation Mortgage except the N. Y. Central's \$100,000,000 1st M. dated June 1 1897; and on the railroads recently consolidated with the N. Y. Central, such as the Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg, Mohawk & Malone, &c., there are no liens ahead of the Consolidation Mortgage except the underlying mortgages on those several properties at the time of consolidation and the N. Y. Central's \$100,000,000 1st M.

The Consolidation Mortgage covers the owned lines of the N. Y. Central (including those recently brought in by consolidation), three-quarters (3.75 shares) of the stock of the Hudson River Bridge Co. at Albany and the leases of the Troy & Greenbush, New York & Harlem, West Shore and Beech Creek railroads.

The Lake Shore collateral bonds and the Michigan Central collateral bonds, aggregating \$109,914,400, are equally secured under the Consolidation Mortgage by a lien prior to that securing the debentures.

The Consolidation Mortgage provides for the issuance of not exceeding \$167,102,400 of 4% bonds, which shall be secured under it by a lien of equal rank with that securing the debentures, which 4% bonds may be from time to time, as the board of directors decides, offered in exchange for and to retire the Lake Shore collaterals, the Michigan Central collaterals or the debentures. An offer has been made to such Lake Shore collateral bondholders as consent to the consolidation of the N. Y. Central and the Lake Shore to make an exchange, following consolidation, of these 4% bonds for their 3¼% Lake Shore collaterals.

The Consolidation Mortgage does not increase the present bonded debt of the N. Y. Central. It secures certain of its bonds and debentures now outstanding, and whenever the 4% bonds are issued under it in exchange for collaterals or debentures, the new bonds will take the place of the old ones which are so retired. [The new bonds are payable, principal and interest, without deduction for any tax other than any Federal income tax which the railroad company or the trustee may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law.]

Mileage Covered by Consol. Mtge. (as Shown by Deed of Trust).

- 1. Railroads on which the Consolidation Mortgage is a First Lien—
 Tupper Lake to Nyando (St. Lawrence Co.), 69.27 miles. Branch lines: North Tonawanda to Tonawanda, 2.81 m.; West Genesee St. to Erie dock in Buffalo, ¼ m.; Albany to West Albany, 1.24 m. 73.57
- 2. N. Y. Cent. \$100,000,000 1st M. of 1897 First Lien—
 Main line, west side N. Y. City to Buffalo (crossing the Hudson River at Albany on bridge of Hudson River Bridge Co., see below), 440 miles; 17 branches (to Troy, Rochester, Geneva, Attica, Niagara Falls, &c.), 387.38 miles. 827.38
- 3. Railroads Recently Merged with N. Y. Central and Brought under its 1st M. of 1897. Subject to Underlying Bonds—
 (a) Mott Haven Junction, 149th St. to Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y. City, subject to \$2,500,000 (closed) Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris RR. 1st M. 3¼% of 1909. 5.31
 (b) 156th St. N. Y. City to Putnam Junction, N. Y., 53.73 m., and branches to Yonkers and Mahopac Falls, 5.15 m., subject to \$1,200,000 N. Y. & Northern Ry. 1st 5s of 1927 and \$3,987,000 (closed) N. Y. & Putnam 1st consol. 4s of 1903. 58.88
 (c) Herkimer to Malone, 173.33 miles; branches to Hinckley and Saranac Lake, 8.85 m., subject to Mohawk & Malone Ry., \$2,500,000 1st 4s of 1901 and \$3,900,000 (closed) consol. 3¼s of 2002. 182.18

- d) Rome to Norwood, 147.52 m.; Niagara Junc. to Oswego, 144.12 m.; 6 branches to Cape Vincent, Ogdensburg, Pulaski, &c., 90.54 m.; subject to \$1,995,000 (closed) Rome Watertown & Ogdensburg consols of 1922. 382.18
- e) Woodard to Fulton; subject to \$175,000 (closed) Syr. Phoenix & Oswego Ry. 1st 6s of 1915. 17.10
- (f) Norwood to Massena Springs; subject to \$130,000 (closed) Norwood & Montreal RR. 1st 5s of 1916. 12.89
- (g) Rochester to Windsor Beach; subject to \$375,000 R. W. & O. Terminal Co. 5s of 1918. 7.30
- (h) Utica to Ogdensburg, 134.31 miles, and Rivergate to Clayton, 15.85 m.; subject to \$1,950,000 (closed) Utica & Black River 1st 4s of 1922. 150.16
- (i) Paul to Richland, Oswego County; subject to \$350,000 Oswego & Rome RR. 1st 7s of 1915 and \$400,000 2d M. 5s of 1915 (also subject to \$9,995,000 R. W. & O. consols). 26.62
- (j) Carthage to Sacketts Harbor; subject to \$300,000 Carthage Watertown & Sacketts Harbor RR. 1st consol. 5s of 1931. 28.96
- (k) Carthage to Newton Falls; subject to \$1,100,000 (closed) Carthage & Adirondack Ry. 1st M. 4s of 1981. 45.86
- (l) Gouverneur Junction to Edwards; subject to \$300,000 Gouverneur & Oswegatchie RR. 1st M. 5s of 1942. 13.07
- (m) Bridge, &c., at Oswego; subject to \$100,000 Oswego RR. 1st M. 1st 5s of 1915 and \$9,995,000 R. W. & O. consols Inc. above. (n) \$375,000 of the \$500,000 of the Hudson River Bridge Co.
- 4. Recently Merged with N. Y. Central, but Not under 1st M. 1897—
 Little Falls to Dolgeville; subject to \$250,000 Little Falls & Dolgeville RR. 1st M. 3s of 1932. 10.08

5. Leasehold Interests (subject to N. Y. Cent. 1st M. of 1897 and to the 1st M. bonds of each company, &c.)—
 Troy & Greenbush RR. (unbonded) for corporate existence; N. Y. & Harlem RR. for 401 years from 1873; West Shore RR. 475 years from 1886, with privilege of renewal for a further 500 years; Beech Creek RR. for 999 years from 1890.

6. Real Estate Owned and Used at Grand Central Term., N. Y. C.—Said property subject to the company's 1st M. of 1897 and to rights of N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR. Co.

7. Trackage and Other Agreements with N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR. Co., &c.

Refunding and Improvement Mortgage.—This, the second of the company's new mortgages, is made under date of Oct. 1 1913 to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, to secure bonds which will mature Oct. 1 2013 and be issued in series bearing date of April 1 or Oct. 1 next preceding the date on which the series is authorized, and carrying interest at such rates as shall be fixed by the board for the successive series. Mr. Harris, who drew up the new mtges., says:

Purpose—Capital Requirements, Present and Future—Debt Unification.
 The purpose of this mortgage is to provide for future financing of the New York Central or of a successor consolidated company, so far as such financing is to be taken care of by the issuance of bonds. It is so drawn that bonds may be presently issued under it to provide capital now needed by the New York Central. The mortgage is complete in itself as a refunding and improvement mortgage on the New York Central proper, and the issuance and use of bonds under it is not at all dependent upon consolidation of the New York Central and the Lake Shore.

Whenever, however, the New York Central shall be consolidated with the Lake Shore or with other companies, the lien of the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage may, by the execution of supplements, be extended so as to include the properties brought in by consolidation, and bonds thereafter issued under the mortgage may be used for the corporate purposes of the consolidated company.

The Refunding and Improvement Mortgage bonds may be issued from time to time to retire, at or before maturity, the outstanding bonds of the New York Central, and, in case of consolidation, the outstanding bonds of the consolidated company, so that by the issuance of these bonds the bonded debt of the company may be gradually unified.

Outstanding Bonds Limited to Three Times the Capital Stock—Limitations after Issue of \$500,000,000.

The amount of bonds which may be issued under the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage is not limited to a stated amount, but is determined by standards set up in the mortgage itself, and those standards are believed to be such that a bondholder will be indifferent as to the amount of bonds which may be outstanding under the mortgage so long as the standards are complied with. The amount of Refunding and Improvement Mortgage bonds outstanding cannot exceed three times the amount of the capital stock of the company or of a successor consolidated company, as from time to time the amount of stock is increased.

After \$500,000,000 of the bonds shall have been issued, not more than 80% of the cost of improvements, additions or new property can be paid for from the maturity of bonds. No more than one-third of the amount of bonds can be used in the acquisition of bonds or stocks of other companies. After \$500,000,000 of bonds shall have been issued, no additional bonds can be issued without the vote of stockholders. In addition, each issue of bonds must receive the advance approval of such railroad commissions and public service commissions as have authority to supervise the issuance of securities by the railroad company.

Description of New Bonds.

Bonds may be issued in series, and each series may be made payable in the United States in dollars or in foreign countries in money of those countries, or in both the United States and such foreign countries. Bonds of the different series will bear such rates of interest as the board of directors may fix for such series. The different series may be called for redemption before maturity at such times and with such premium, if any, as at the time of issue the board of directors shall fix. Interest on the bonds will be payable April 1 and Oct. 1. The principal will mature Oct. 1 2013.

Lien Follows Consolidation Mortgage on Road Now Owned—Further Security.
 The Refunding and Improvement Mortgage is a lien next to the lien of the New York Central's Consolidation Mortgage (see above) on the railroad owned by that company, on three-quarters of the stock of the Hudson River Bridge Co. at Albany, and on the New York Central's leasehold interests in Troy & Greenbush, N. Y. & Harlem, West Shore and Beech Creek RRs.

This mortgage is a first lien on the leases to the New York Central of the Beech Creek Extension, Geneva Corning & Southern, New Jersey Junction and Walkill Valley railroads, subject to the outstanding bonds of each; and a first collateral lien on the bonds of the Beech Creek and the Beech Creek Extension railroad companies owned by the New York Central, (being \$500,000 2d M. 5s and \$3,964,000 consol. mtge. 4s, respectively). It is also a first lien on the following amounts of capital stock:

	Owned and Pledged	Total Issued
	Prof. Stock	Com. Stock
N. Y. & Harlem RR. (par \$50)	\$1,111,300	\$5,069,400
West Shore RR.	10,000,000	10,000,000
Beech Creek Extension RR.	5,174,000	5,179,000
Geneva Corning & Sou. RR.	5,000,000	1,820,800
New Jersey Junction RR.	95,000	5,000,000
		100,000

The New York Central owns \$45,289,200, par value, out of \$50,000,000 of Lake Shore stock, and that stock is pledged as security for \$90,578,400 of New York Central 3¼% Lake Shore collateral bonds. The New York Central's equity in this Lake Shore stock is pledged under the Refunding and Improvement Mortgage.

Bonds Issued or Issuable, for Retirement of which \$297,211,400 Refunding and Improvement Mortgage Bonds are Reserved.

- N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR. 1st M. of 1897, due 1997 [The company reserves the right to issue the remaining \$6,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 authorized]. \$100,000,000
 - Consolidation Mtge. (see above) dated 1913, due 1998. 167,102,400
 - Seventeen underlying divisional bond issues [mentioned above in table of mileage covered by the Consol'n Mtge.]. 29,509,000
 - N. Y. Central \$600,000 4% bonds due 1939 (of an authorized issue of \$10,000,000) secured by mortgage executed in 1909 by Geneva Corning & Southern RR., which \$600,000 bonds the company reserves the right to issue. 600,000
- V. 98, p. 236, 74.

New York Central Lines.—Full Opinions.

The decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Third Department, recently announced, which affirmed the judgment of the lower Court dismissing the suits brought by Clarence H. Veener and Conti-

mental Securities Co. to set aside the equipment trust of 1913, while unanimous, is accompanied by 3 separate opinions, all of which are given in full in the New York "Law Journal" of Jan. 22.

The opinions disclose considerable divergence of views on some of the questions discussed, though all concur in the final result. The leading opinion by Justice Woodward holds (1) in the suit brought by plaintiffs as stockholders of the Michigan Central R.R. that as that company was a corporation of the State of Michigan, the action must fail because there was nothing in the complaint to show that the statute law of that State did not authorize the transaction complained of, and (2) in the New York Central case that the plaintiff (Venner) as a stockholder in that company could complain only of an ultra vires act done by it, and that in view of the relations of that company to the other railroad companies, parties to the trust, its relations were not ultra vires. Compare V. 98, p. 236, 74; V. 96, p. 1773.

Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.—Increase—New Director.—The stockholders on Jan. 24 authorized an increase of \$2,000,000 in the pref. stock, to be issued from time to time as required, making a total of \$5,000,000. F. H. Goff has been elected a director to succeed Louis Beilstein, deceased.

Earnings for Calendar Year 1913 and 1912.—

Cal. Year—	Gross Earnings	Net (after Taxes)	Bond Int.	Preferred Divid'g	Common Divid'g	Bal., Surp.
1913.....	3,284,532	1,294,878	561,815	(6)152,738	(5)450,000	100,325
1912.....	2,996,036	1,293,271	523,067	(3) 49,930	(4) 382,500	337,774

—V. 98, p. 74.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Official Statement as to Earnings.—December 1913, earnings compare with 1912 as follows:

Operating revenue \$5,681,000, decrease \$674,000; operating expense \$3,197,000, decrease \$295,000; net surplus over the month's proportion of charges and dividends \$233,000, decrease \$336,000.

Gross Earnings and Freight-Car Loadings for December.

	1912.	1913.
Gross earnings.....	\$5,913,848	\$5,253,317
Freight-car loadings (cars).....	610,240	62,990

Like November, December 1912 was a peak month in the record of the company's business and earnings; so that while December 1913 shows a substantial increase over prior Decembers, except in 1912, it failed to maintain the very large proportional increase of the latter. Of the 9,176 decrease in freight-car loadings in the month, 4,132 were grain—again mostly in North Dakota—and 2,120 were coal. Unseasonably mild temperatures again prevailed throughout the territory served, which had a necessarily depressing effect upon movement of merchandise and fuel, but relieved operation from some of the difficulties and expenses usually caused by wintry conditions.—V. 97, p. 1036, 1018.

Pennsylvania Company.—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$10,000,000 40-year guaranteed 4% trust certificates, Ser. E, due 1952 (V. 94, p. 768).

Earnings.—For calendar year 1913:

Operating revenue.....	\$66,373,352	Deductions (cont. —)	
Net after taxes.....	\$1,278,614	Sinking funds.....	\$3,351,851
Other income.....	33,685,870	Amort. of investments.....	3,000,000
Total net income.....	27,964,456	Dividends, 7%.....	5,600,000
Deduct—Int. on debt.....	5,564,229	Miscellaneous.....	126,292
Rentals, Inc. facilities 10,145,988		Balance, surplus.....	176,214
Total profit and loss surplus June 30 1913, \$8,214,012.—V. 97, p. 1025.			

Pennsylvania RR.—New Mortgage.—Acquisition.—The official notice Jan. 23 1914 as to the annual meeting of stockholders, which will be held on March 10 1914, states that there will be submitted for consideration: (a) "The authorization of a mortgage to secure bonds to be issued from time to time when and as approved by the stockholders to an amount not in excess at any time of the then outstanding capital stock." (b) An agreement for the acquisition of the franchises, property, &c., of the Hollidaysburg Bedford & Cumberland RR. Co., all the stock of which is owned.

Extract from Statement by Prest. Rea in Oct. 1913 (No Later Data): Under this mortgage it is contemplated to issue bonds in such amounts from time to time as may be required to provide necessary additions, betterments and improvements to its railroads, equipment, property and facilities; the funds that may be necessary to meet maturing obligations, and for such other corporate purposes as may be now or hereafter duly authorized by law.

The aggregate amount of bonds that may be issued shall not at any time exceed the outstanding capital stock. When approved by the directors, the whole question will be laid before the stockholders for their consideration at the annual meeting in March next.

The company has no expenditures that require immediate financing, but desires to announce the contemplated preparations for the necessary refunding and capital expenditures in 1914, 1915 and later years which it may be able to meet through the issue either of capital stock, consolidated (first) mortgage bonds, the new general mortgage bonds, or such other form of financing as will produce the best results for the company and meet the monetary conditions prevailing at the time of issue. (The company has no large financing requirements until 1915.)—V. 98, p. 304, 74.

Philadelphia & Baltimore Central RR.—Bonds.

Henry & West, Cassatt & Co. and Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler of Phila., we learn, had on Jan. 28 sold at 93 and int. \$1,507,000 of the present outstanding \$2,200,000 1st M. 4s of 1911, guar., p. & i., by Phila. Balt. & Wash. RR. Co.: Dated Nov. 1 1911, due Nov. 1 1951. Int. M. & N. Trustee, Fidelity Tr. Co., Phila. Auth., \$10,000,000; out., \$2,200,000. Free of Penna. Md. and normal U. S. income tax. An absolute 1st M. from West Philadelphia, Pa., to Octarora Junc., Md., and branches, a total of 81 miles The Phila. Balt. & Wash. RR., which guarantees the bonds, reported for the calendar year 1912 gross earnings of \$20,280,042 and surplus after all int. charges \$2,023,179.—V. 98, p. 305.

St. Louis & San Francisco RR.—Report of I. C. Commission.

—The I. S. C. Commission, Jan. 26 submitted to the U. S. Senate the report of their investigation as to the causes of the receivership (V. 97, p. 1584, 1823). The report finds that the company's insolvency is due to financial rather than operating causes and criticizes the sale of \$3,000,000 General Lien 5s just prior to the receivership. The report says the company's embarrassment may be attributed to various causes, among them:

1. Disproportionate capitalization.
2. The acquisition of new lines.
3. The financing by the company of the New Orleans Texas & Mexico RR. and other South Texas lines.
4. The desire for an entrance into Chicago, Ill., resulting in the assumption of heavy fixed charges in the acquisition of the stock of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR.
5. The sale of securities at prices so low as to indicate a deplorably weakened credit or an extravagant arrangement with bankers to whom large profits accrued in the purchase of the bonds and the subsequent sale of same to the public.
6. Miscellaneous causes, among which are the payment of dividends upon its preferred stock in spite of weakened credit and need of money.
7. Poor investments and expensive rentals, among which are the investment in the New Orleans Terminal Co., stock in the Kirby Lumber Co. and rentals paid the Crawford Mining Co.

Extract from Letter of Speyer & Co. to I. S. C. Commission. The fact is that the negotiations for the sale of the bonds in question were commenced in Dec. 1912, but were not concluded until March 19

1913, when the contract of sale was signed. Your report states the dates of sales as from April 24 to May 14. While deliveries and payments were made on those dates, the fact is that our obligation to take the bonds had been fixed two months before, and it is not true that at that time "every appearance indicated insolvency."

The report goes on to say: "The bankers should have been aware of the poverty of the Frisco and its difficulties in obtaining funds." This sentence amounts to an intimation that we were not aware of the general financial condition of the Frisco, &c., while the fact is that we were aware of it, and so was everybody who paid any attention to such matters.

With such knowledge as we had, however, we were of the opinion then, and are of the opinion now, that we were not only justified, but in honor bound toward the company and its security holders, not to leave it without assistance, but to try to see it through its financial difficulties, which in March were supposed to be only temporary. The company's officials expressed confidence that the proceeds of the sale consummated in March and the successful conclusion of other negotiations then pending would enable the company to avoid serious embarrassment.

We believed then, and we believe now, that if these negotiations had not been affected by the abnormal condition of the money markets and the impairment of confidence generally which prevailed in the spring of 1913, the company would have been able to meet its obligations. If a banking firm to run the risk of being censured because it stood forward and gives financial assistance to a railroad corporation which faces a temporary crisis in its financial affairs, we submit that serious and unnecessary embarrassment may be often produced.

Your report also refers in general terms to extravagant arrangements with bankers to whom large profits accrued in the purchase of bonds and subsequent sale of the same to the public. Our total profit on the \$3,000,000 bond transaction in March 1913 amounted to 1/4 of 1% and on our loans we received interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

That we have not made unreasonable profits will appear from the fact that during the nine years from March 1905 to March 1913 we bought from the company and re-sold, either directly or indirectly, an aggregate of \$104,988,000 bonds and notes of the Frisco system, and our total profit in interest, commissions and otherwise amounted to \$1,342,366, or about 1 1/4%. From this amount might justly be deducted the losses which we suffered on our holdings of Frisco shares and bonds at the time of the receivership.

Payment of Equipment Trusts.—The receivers have forwarded the necessary cash to pay the \$65,000 Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis series A 4 1/2% equipment notes which matured Jan. 1 and the \$33,000 St. L. & S. F. series O 6% equipment trusts due Jan. 15, together with the accrued interest.

Suit.—Albert T. Perkins, representing the St. Louis Union Trust Co., on Jan. 26 filed an intervening petition in the receivership suit to compel the company to issue \$766,236 bonds for the construction of 2 branch lines.

It is alleged that the stock of the St. Louis Brownsville & Mexico is owned by the New Orleans Texas & Mexico RR., which is in turn owned by the Frisco. The roads, it is alleged, on Jan. 3 1912 made an agreement with Perkins and the trust company, by which two branch lines were to be built by the trust company, one from Bloomington to Victoria, Tex., and the other from Heyser to Anstwell, Tex. The company agreed to give in payment 1st M. 6% bonds of such amount as the RR. Commission of Texas should authorize, the bonds being pledged to the St. Louis Union Trust Co. as security for any advances the company should make to Mr. Perkins to be used in the building of the lines.

During the construction of the branches the trust company, it is said, advanced to Mr. Perkins \$500,000, one-half being spent on each branch. The two lines were, it is stated, completed and accepted by the Frisco June 5 1913, but the Frisco has since refused to issue the bonds authorized by the Commission, amounting to \$766,236. The Court is asked to direct the issuance of the bonds by the receivers.—V. 98, p. 305, 238.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.—Application.—The company has, it is reported, filed with the Missouri P. S. Commission an application to issue \$340,000 notes to purchase 205 steel underframe cars and 8 49-ton gas electric motor cars.—V. 98, p. 306, 238.

Southern Illinois & St. Louis (Electric) Ry.—Details of Mortgage.—The mortgage recently filed to the Fort Dearborn Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, as trustee, is made to secure an authorized issue of \$2,500,000 1st M. 30-year 5% gold bonds dated Dec. 1 1913.

Redeemable at 105. Sink fund, 1 1/2%, beginning 1918; par, \$1,000; Interest J. & D. at office of trustee, Incorp. in Ill. Dec. 1913. Stock authorized, \$2,500,000; pref. (p. & d.), \$500,000; 6% cum. red. 105. Present issues to be \$2,500,000 common and \$250,000 preferred. The road, it is stated, will be a "60-mile electric line tying up the coal fields of Saline Williamson and Franklin counties, Ill." The officers elected are temporary only. W. H. Schott Co., Harris Trust Bldg., Chicago, are interested.

Spokane Wallace & Interstate Ry.—Seeking French Investors.—This is the name of a company incorporated in Idaho Nov. 27 1906 which is advertising its incorporation, &c., in Paris preparatory to making an issue of 1st M. 6% bonds of \$100 each; authorized issue, \$4,750,000.

The line is projected to extend from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene and thence to Wallace, Idaho, 83 miles, with 16 miles of branches, Kellogg to Warden, Wallace to Burk and Wallace to Mullan. Motive power, either steam or electricity. Auth. cap. stock, \$3,750,000 in 100 shares. Directors as incorporation: Alfred Page and A. J. Devlin, Warden, Ida.; William L. Hill, M. J. Flehr, F. P. Johnson, H. P. Knight and John P. Gray, all of Wallace, Idaho; H. L. Thatcher, Spokane, and John A. Shafter, Indianapolis, Mr. Hall subscribing for 602 shares, the others one each. French representative, G. R. de Montford, 45 rue Blanche, Paris.

Springfield (Mo.) Ry. & Lt. Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Year—	Gross Earnings	Net Earnings	Int. Paid	Bal., Sur.
1913.....	\$617,921	\$286,337	\$112,712	\$173,625
1912.....	577,693	264,117	101,149	162,977

—V. 96, p. 488.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—New Director.—Edmund Pennington, President of the Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry., as a director succeed the late Clinton Morrison.

Earnings.—For calendar year:

Calendar Year	Total Receipts	Net Revenue	Interest	Prof. Divs.	Com. Divs.	Surplus
1913.....	\$3,870,336	\$4,369,895	\$1,561,440	\$210,000	\$1,206,000	\$1,392,255
1912.....	3,208,967	4,010,966	1,529,251	210,000	1,206,000	1,065,735

—From the surplus as above in 1913, \$1,392,255, there was deducted \$1,065,000 for renewals, against \$775,000 in 1912, leaving \$327,254 in 1913, against \$290,735 in 1912.—V. 97, p. 1735.

United Light & Rys., Grand Rapids, Mich.—Extra Div.

A dividend of 1% extra in addition to the regular quarterly payment of 1% has been declared on the common stock, both payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 16. From Apr. 1913 to Jan. 1914 1% quarterly was paid.—V. 98, p. 238.

United Railways of St. Louis.—Earnings.

Calendar Year—	Gross Earnings	Net (after Taxes)	Income	Bonds, &c.	Surplus
1913.....	\$12,702,644	\$3,475,354	\$84,350	\$2,650,673	\$899,037
1912.....	12,316,008	3,835,284	-----	2,639,197	1,139,087

—V. 97, p. 1025.

Utilities Improvement Co.—Common on 3% Basis.—A monthly dividend of 1/4 of 1% has been declared on the \$13,500,000 common stock, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 15, comprising

with 1-6 of 1% from Jan. 1913 to Jan. 1914, both inclusive. This increases the yearly rate from 2% to 3%—V. 97, p. 1735.

Wabash R.R.—Sale Ordered.—Judge Adams in the U. S. District Court at St. Louis yesterday ordered the foreclosure sale of the road; upset price, \$34,000,000.—V. 97, p. 238, 178.

York (Pa.) Railways.—Earnings.—For year end, Nov. 30:

Year	Gross Earnings	Net (after Deprec.)	Other Inc.	Fixed Charges	Preferred Dividends	Balance Surplus
1912-13	\$761,904	\$347,638	\$5,257	\$258,978	(5%)\$80,000	\$13,817
1911-12	710,470	328,362	4,229	252,327	(4%) 64,000	16,263

—V. 98, p. 238.

INDUSTRIAL, GAS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

American Pipe & Construction Co.—New Directors.—The board of directors has been increased from 9 to 11. Erskine M. Smith and George H. B. Martin have been elected directors.—V. 98, p. 234.

Ames Plow Co., Boston.—Recapitalization.—Plan of Nov. 1913 has been declared operative and the pref. stock issue has been duly authorized. Over \$70,000 of this issue has been subscribed and paid for, and the remaining \$75,000, it is expected, will be shortly taken. All of the \$275,000 common stock has been deposited for exchange and the final steps merely await the result of the annual inventory which was completed Jan. 1. The law firm of Saville & Chandler, 701 Barristers Hall, Boston, is in charge of the legal details.

The plan provides that in order to provide \$75,000 additional working capital, the holders of the existing \$275,000 stock shall exchange the same, \$ for \$, for new 6% pref. stock (pref. p. & d., cum. after three years), part of a total issue of \$350,000, the remaining \$75,000 to be sold at par, \$50,000 to shareholders pro rata (about 18%) and \$25,000 to Willet, Sears & Co., who in consideration thereof and on receiving \$25,000 common stock, will assume the management. Total common stock to be reduced to \$100,000, only the aforesaid \$25,000 to be issued at present and any additional common stock for cash only. Par of all shares, \$100. Org. in 1864, business started in 1825. There are outstanding \$100,000 1st M. 5s due July 1 1932. See V. 95, p. 1474.

American Water Works & Guarantee Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Majority of Stock Deposited—Time for Deposits Limited.

The stockholders' protective committee, Edmund C. Converse, Chairman, announces that a considerable majority of the preferred and common stock has been deposited with the Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., depository, under agreement of July 17 1913, and that the time for receiving additional deposits is limited to March 1 1914.—V. 97, p. 1825, 1506.

American Wringer Co., Providence.—Earnings.

Year	Gross	Net	Prof. Div.	Com. Div.	Deprec. Bal.	Sur.
1913	\$299,408	\$160,184	(7%)\$59,500	(6%)\$54,000	\$36,684	\$10,000
1912	336,695	204,453	(7%)59,500	(6%)54,000	20,953	70,000

—V. 96, p. 484, 362.

Canada Machinery Corporation, Ltd., Galt, Ont.
Holders of the [\$595,500] 1st M. 30-year 6s of 1910 will vote Feb. 11 on modifying the trust mortgage by accepting the proposal by the company that (a) the payment of interest on the bonds shall be deferred for a period not exceeding 5 years from Feb. 1 1914; (b) the company be authorized to issue not over \$250,000 prior lien bonds, ranking as to principal and interest in priority to the outstanding bonds; (c) to waive until Aug. 1 1920 the sinking fund for the redemption of the outstanding bonds.—V. 93, p. 1020; V. 95, p. 1748.

Carriage Factories, Ltd., Montreal.—Director—Earnings.
W. J. Sheppard of Wauaubuneha has been elected a director to succeed G. P. Grant, who retired. The earnings for the year ending Nov. 30 1913, according to newspaper reports, compare as follows:

Fiscal Year	Net Sales	Net Income, Exp., &c.	Office Exp., &c.	Bond Int., &c.	Dis. (7%)	Dep'n.	Balance &c. Surplus
1912-13	\$2,035,928	\$164,260	\$14,411	\$32,591	\$84,056	\$25,052	\$81,560
1911-12	2,199,251	191,744	21,857	30,000	84,056	36,284	19,447

The balance of profit and loss account carried forward was \$102,447.—V. 93, p. 1604.

Central States Electric Corporation.—First Com. Div.
An initial dividend of 1% has been declared on the \$4,451,900 common stock, payable Feb. 19 to holders of record Feb. 11.—V. 97, p. 730.

Central Union Telephone Co.—Receivers Agreed Upon.
Pending settlement of the controversy with the minority shareholders, both sides, it is reported, have agreed to ask the Court for the appointment of the following receivers: David H. Forgan, of the National City Bank, Chicago; Frank S. Fowle, telephone expert, of N. Y., and Edgar S. Bloom, V.-Pres. of Bell system in St. Louis. The company, it is stated, is solvent and earning its interest charges on the \$35,000,000 of the parent company, on account of advances for additions and improvements and the retirement of \$5,000,000 bonds. The receivership will merely preserve the status quo until the contentions as to the minority stock (about \$150,000 out of \$5,450,000) are settled.—V. 97, p. 179.

Cleveland (O.) Elec. Illum. Co.—Director—Earnings.
James Parmelee, President of the company, has resigned as a director and been succeeded by Harrison Williams of New York. It is understood that Mr. Parmelee will also relinquish the presidency at the first meeting of the directors and that Samuel Seovill, Vice-President and Treasurer, will be elected President.
For the year ending Dec. 31 1913, gross earnings were \$4,008,776, the largest ever shown, and an increase of \$816,124 over 1912; net earnings, \$1,519,822, an increase of \$451,310; the surplus for the year, after interest and dividends, being reported as \$445,930. The earnings on the invested capital were 9.44%.—V. 97, p. 119.

Columbus (O.) Gas & Fuel Co.—On 4% Basis.
A quarterly dividend of 1% has been declared on the \$2,750,000 common stock, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 1, comparing with 1/2 of 1% quarterly from Sept. 1911 to Sept. 1913, with 3/4 of 1% extra in Mar. 1913 and an initial payment of 1% on Aug. 1 1910. The Columbus Oil & Fuel Co., whose \$1,000,000 stock is owned, has declared a quarterly dividend of 2%.
The earnings of the Gas & Fuel Co. above fixed charges and pref. dividends are said to be equal to about 15% on the common shares. With the development of the gas lands in West Virginia recently acquired, the value of the property will, it is stated, be greatly enhanced. Compare circular V. 97, p. 1735.—V. 97, p. 1825.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—See Ann. Reports. Offering of Guaranteed New York & Westchester Lighting Bonds.—J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Clark, Dodge & Co. have issued a circular regarding the New York & Westchester Lighting Co. general mortgage 4% gold bonds which they offered in last week's "Chronicle" at 79 and int., to yield about 5.10%. The bankers report:

Each bond bears the following endorsement: "For value received, the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York (which owns the entire stock of the Westchester Lighting Co.—Ed.) hereby assumes and agrees to pay the principal and interest of the within bond as the same shall respectively become payable, without any deductions therefrom for any tax or taxes which the N. Y. & Westchester Lighting Co. or the Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. may be required to pay, deduct or retain therefrom, under any present or future law of the U. S. of America, or of any State, county or municipality therein."
Subject to \$9,325,000 prior liens, the bonds are secured by direct mortgage on all the property of the Westchester Lighting Co., with which the New York & Westchester Lighting Co. has been merged. The Westchester Lighting Co. operates the gas and electric lighting properties throughout almost the whole of Westchester County, including Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Port Chester, Polham, Hamaroneck, White Plains, Tarrytown, Hastings, Larchmont and Mt. Kisco. See another page for annual report of Consol. Gas Co., now paying 6% per annum on \$99,816,500 stock.

Dividends.—At the annual meeting on Jan. 26 President Cortelyou explained that the question of raising the dividend rate, now 6% per annum (against earnings of 7.26%), had received the serious consideration of the trustees, but that, on account of the importance of making improvements and additions in advance of the development of the city, they felt that they could not increase the rate at present.

It is expected that arrangements to care for the \$15,000,000 Consolidated Gas Co. notes maturing Feb. 25 will be announced within the next few days. It is thought that the notes will be extended.—V. 98, p. 307, 157.

Creamery Package Mfg. Co.—Earnings, &c.
The report for the year ending Nov. 30 1913 shows in the balance sheet an increase of \$58,276 in the accumulated surplus, as compared with the year previous, the item then standing at \$500,000. The balance sheet also contains a new item of \$59,259 undivided profits.

Walter McBrown has been elected a director to succeed William S. Ferris.—V. 98, p. 239.

Detroit (Mich.) Edison Co.—Earnings.

Year	Gross Earnings	Net (after Taxes, &c.)	Inter-est	Dividends	Balance Surplus
1913	\$5,546,587	\$2,324,361	\$695,702	(7%)\$774,841	\$854,018
1912	4,855,615	1,858,435	712,926	(7%) 524,349	621,166

—V. 98, p. 158.

Diamond State Steel Co.—Payment on Claims.
Judge Bradford in the U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del., has signed a decree directing that bondholders shall be paid an additional 7.24% of their claims and general creditors 21.7%. With these payments the bondholders will, it is reported, have received 62.2% and the general creditors 29.7%. There is said to be about \$118,000 remaining for distribution, while the claims aggregate \$1,402,680.—V. 97, p. 598.

(E. I.) duPont de Nemours Powder Co.—Option.
See Hercules Powder Co. below.—V. 97, p. 1901.

General Chemical Co.—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized to be listed on and after Feb. 2 the \$517,000 common stock, which was offered to stockholders at par, payable on or before that date (V. 97, p. 1736, 1507).
Earnings.—For eleven months ending Nov. 30:

Net profits	\$2,620,346	Common dividends, 6%	\$612,986
Reserve for insurance	55,000	Charged off plant, &c., accts.	218,550
Prof. divs., 4 1/2%	613,420	Balance, surplus	1,120,390
Total surplus Nov. 29 1913	\$5,637,759	—	—

—V. 97, p. 1736, 1507.

General Fire Proofing Co.—Special Common Dividend.
A special dividend of 1% has been declared on the common stock, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 28. Compare V. 96, p. 289.

General Motors Co.—Earnings.—During the 5 1/2 months to Jan. 15 1914 cash receipts from sales were 34,764,679, against \$30,533,361 in the same period of 1913, an increase of \$4,231,318, or 14%.

During December and so far in January sales have averaged about the same or slightly less than a year ago. Current billings are about \$1,500,000 per week. From Aug. 1 to Jan. 21 27,387 cars were made and sold and cash received for 26,368 cars. There have, therefore, been accumulated so far this season only 1,000 cars to meet the spring demand.—V. 98, p. 75.

General Petroleum Co., San Fran.—Offer Rejected.
See Union Oil Co. below.—V. 98, p. 75, 158.

(B. F.) Goodrich (Rubber) Co., Akron, O.—Results for 1913—Regular Pref. Dividend Declared.—The books of the company have just been closed for the purpose of compiling the full annual report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1913. The results, it is announced officially, are approximately as follows, subject only to the verification of public accountants:
Profits for the year, after proper allowances for maintenance, depreciation and other items which it was deemed conservative to take out of earnings for the year, approximately, —\$2,600,000
This result added to the surplus carried over on Dec. 31 1912 [\$806,235—see V. 96, p. 649], shows undivided profits after payment of the full year's dividends [\$2,100,000] on the pref. stock and 1% [\$600,000] on the common stock, approximately, 700,000

"The financial position of the company has been materially strengthened during the year. The quick assets as of Dec. 31 were approximately \$20,000,000, against current liabilities of \$4,000,000, so that the quick assets are now five times the current liabilities. The last annual report showed a ratio of about 3 to 1. The company has no funded debt and no need for any new financing.

"The adverse operating conditions encountered during the year, resulting in decreased income, will be dealt with in the annual report. Taking these into consideration, the directors feel well satisfied with the result of the year." [The regular quarterly dividend of 1% on the pref. stock was declared on Jan. 29 1914, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21.—V. 97, p. 1666.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, O.—To Raise \$4,000,000 Additional Working Capital—Stock Offered at Par, 30% to Common Shareholders, 50% to Pref. Holders—20% Dividend in Common Stock to Common Shareholders—Other Changes—Status.—The shareholders will vote March 3 on a financial plan which Pres. F. A. Seiberling outlines in circular of Jan. 24 substantially as follows:

In 1912, to provide for the then present and future needs, \$4,000,000 of new pref. stock was sold at par (V. 95, p. 423), the volume of the preceding year's business having been approximately \$12,000,000. Our past year's business has aggregated about \$33,000,000. To provide for this growing volume of business, the directors found it necessary to largely increase the plant and equipment. Our capacity is to-day three times as large as two years ago, the plant being sufficient for handling about \$50,000,000 of business, based on present values of its product.

To handle the business it was found necessary to borrow money to a very large extent the past year. New capital to the amount of \$4,000,000 is desirable and the directors therefore submit the following plan:

1. To declare a dividend of \$20 per share (20%) to the common stockholders, payable in common stock at par, which will dispose of \$1,000,000 of the treasury common stock.
2. To offer to the common stockholders pro rata at par a further 30% (\$1,500,000) of treasury common stock.
3. To increase the present pref. stock from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000, such increase to be effected by amending the charter converting \$2,000,000 of the treasury common stock into \$2,000,000 of pref. stock. This will dispose of all the common stock in the treasury except \$500,000. [The call for the shareholders' meeting also gives the option of voting the \$2,000,000 increase in pref. stock without the conversion into same of \$2,000,000 common.—Ed.]
4. In consideration of the pref. stockholders consenting to the increase of the pref. stock by \$2,000,000, the directors propose to give to the pref. stockholders the first right of purchasing pro rata the \$2,000,000 additional pref. stock, together with \$599,000 common stock; that is to say, for each four shares of pref. stock purchased at par and accrued dividends, the pref. stockholders shall have the right to purchase one share of common stock at par. In other words, each pref. stockholder will be entitled to subscribe for his pro rata share of both \$2,000,000 pref. stock at par and div. and \$500,000 common at par, to the extent of 50% of his present holdings of pref. stock in the proportion of four shares of pref. and one share of common for each \$500.

In the event that the \$2,000,000 preferred and \$500,000 common shall not all be taken by the pref. stockholders, then such part as may remain is to be offered to the common stockholders pro rata at par upon the same basis. A responsible syndicate has underwritten the sale of said stock.

In view of the fact that it is proposed to increase the pref. stock from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000, it has seemed only equitable that the pref. stock should be amended so that the amount to be redeemed after Jan. 1 1915 and before Oct. 1 1915, and each year thereafter, should be increased from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

The provision in the pref. stock which was intended to cover obligations, such as bonds, debentures, notes and similar evidences of indebtedness, has been construed by various attorneys so as to prevent this company from executing a lease running more than one year or from making a contract for the purchase of material or machinery extending beyond one year. This in certain instances has considerably handicapped us. It is therefore proposed to amend this provision and make definite what obligations payable in money are embraced in the provision, namely bonds, debentures, notes and other similar evidences of indebtedness maturing later than one year from the date of issue.

Upon consummation of above plan, capital stock will stand as follows:
 As Changed.—Oct. 31 1913—
 Auth. and Out. Auth. Outstanding.
 Common stock \$8,000,000 \$10,000,000 \$5,033,800
 Preferred stock 7,000,000 5,000,000 5,000,000
 Additional cash for working capital 4,000,000 (Above inserted by Ed.)

We shall also have a surplus, undispensed of, exceeding \$1,000,000 over and above all capital stock outstanding, allowing nothing for patents and good-will. Our position is strong, the business is steadily increasing and our product bears a high reputation, making good-will of great future value. Due mainly to the direct and indirect effects of the strike and flood, the net earnings were below the average the past year, but the directors believe that they can maintain in the future the average per cent of net earnings for the past six years, and that, in addition to the pref. dividend, can maintain the payment of 12% on the common stock as heretofore, adding a substantial surplus additional each year that will provide for future needs.

Sales, Etc.—An official financial statement shows:
 Sales by Months—Years end. Oct. 31 1908, 1910, 1912 and 1913 (000 omitted).
 Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. June. July. Aug. Sept. Oct.
 1907-08 \$32 \$72 \$84 \$119 \$189 \$245 \$254 \$267 \$259 \$236 \$175 \$201
 1909-10 399 508 608 718 860 1,112 1,332 1,195 939 785 616 582
 1911-12 902 961 1,186 1,507 2,135 2,812 2,970 2,808 2,475 2,631 2,548 2,390
 1913-13 1,239 1,687 1,835 2,029 2,309 3,192 3,986 3,439 3,343 3,203 3,130 3,101

Sales, Net Earnings and Dividends, Years ending Oct. 31; also Total Liabilities (No Bonds Out) and Excess of Assets Over Liabilities at end of Year.
 1908-09 1909-10 1910-11 1911-12 1912-13
 Sales \$4,277,067 \$9,560,145 \$13,262,266 \$25,232,207 \$32,998,827
 Net earnings 651,687 1,406,105 1,291,625 3,001,295 2,041,268
 Cash divs.—Pref. 17,620 43,034 70,000 139,605 350,000
 Common 49,200 120,000 274,092 603,192 *604,056
 Stock dividends 400,500 1,000,000 2,389,100
 Total liabilities \$431,378 \$227,085 \$1,739,876 \$1,116,407 \$4,036,989
 Excess of assets over liabilities Oct. 31 \$2,166,610 \$4,334,920 \$5,213,892 \$12,701,808 \$14,221,262

* Declared and paid Nov. 1 1913. Compare balance sheet in V. 97, p. 1731.
New Stock.—Shareholders will vote Mar. 3 on plan for raising \$4,000,000 new working capital and in this connection to increase the pref. stock auth. and issued from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 and the outstanding common stock from \$5,033,800 (\$10,000,000 auth.) to about \$8,000,000, by giving (a) to holders of common shares a stock dividend of 20% and the right to take 30% in new common stock at par; (b) to pref. shareholders the right to subscribe at par for 50% new stock in the proportion of 40% new pref. and 10% new common; in other words, for \$500 cash, \$400 new pref. and \$100 new common on account of each 10 shares held. The new stock issues have, it is stated, been underwritten. An official letter says in part:

The position of the company is strong from the fact that its business is steadily increasing. Due mainly to the direct and indirect effects of the strike and flood, the net earnings were below the average the past year, but your directors believe they can maintain in the future the average per cent of net earnings for the past six years, and that, in addition to the preferred dividend, can maintain the payment of 12% on the common stock as heretofore, adding a substantial surplus additional each year that will be adequate to provide for the future needs of the company, since its net earnings will be substantially in liquid form.—V. 97, p. 1730.

Acquisition.—The company has, it is stated, taken over the control of the Killingly (Conn.) Mfg. Co., which produces special tire fabrics. The \$125,000 M. on the Killingly property has been discharged from record.—V. 97, p. 1730.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co. Ltd.—Listed.—The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$1,497,200 convertible 1st M. 6% bonds, with authority to add \$2,800 on notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds, making the total \$1,500,000 (V. 96, p. 289, 718).—V. 98, p. 70.

Hale & Kilburn Co., Philadelphia.—New President.—Charles H. Schlacks has been elected President, succeeding D. W. Call, who resigned to go into private business. Mr. Schlacks, it is stated, has been connected for many years with important Western railroads and has a wide acquaintance among railroad officials.—V. 97, p. 1736, 731.

Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.—New Stock Offered, Payable in Cash, in Income Bonds or in Both.—A circular signed by Treas. Geo. H. Markell at Wilmington on Jan. 24 1914 offers to the stockholders of record Jan. 31 1914 for subscription (a) at \$110 a share \$650,000 common stock and (b) at \$104 a share \$5,200,000 of the \$10,000,000 new 7% cum. pref. stock, payable on or before April 1 1914 in the 6% income bonds (total issue, \$6,500,000) at 97% of their face value or in cash or in both. The circular says:

"At the time of this offer the assets of the company are more than 2 1/2 times the total par value of all the pref. stock that is included in this offer and the earnings for the year 1913 will be more than three times the amount necessary to pay a year's dividends on all of the pref. stock now offered. Warrants evidencing each stockholder's right to subscribe to 80% of his present holdings of stock in the new pref. stock and 10% of his present holdings in the additional issue of common stock will be forwarded to stockholders shortly after Feb. 1 1914. Arrangements will also be made so that subscriptions for Hercules bonds under the offering of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Co. (of its holdings of said bonds to its shareholders under date of Dec. 20 1913 (V. 97, p. 1901)) can be used in payment of subscriptions for stock under this offering, and a form to enable the subscriber to accomplish this purpose will be sent to stockholder along with the warrants.

Data from Amended Certificate of Incorporation.
 Of the auth. capital stock (par \$100) \$10,000,000 shall be pref. (pref. p. & d.), and \$10,000,000 common (\$6,500,000 now out). The pref. stock is entitled to receive when and as declared from the surplus or net profits in excess of any sum reserved as working capital, yearly cumulative dividends of 7% per annum, and no more, payable quarterly (Q-F, 15). The corporation may redeem all or any part of the pref. stock on Nov. 15 1915 or any Nov. 15 thereafter at 120% and divs. The pref. stock shall have no right to vote, except in the event that dividends shall be in default for an entire year on any part thereof, or in case the net earnings for each of two consecutive cal. years immediately preceding any meeting shall have fallen below the amount necessary to pay the pref. dividends. No pref. stock shall be issued and no dividends on common stock shall be paid when either will make the total outstanding pref. stock and income bonds

exceed in amount 50% of the total assets unless 75% of the pref. stock shall consent in writing thereto. No pref. stock shall be issued without the written consent thereto of 75% of such stock then outstanding, unless the annual earnings (including the earnings of any property to be acquired thereafter) available for dividends thereon shall be twice the pref. dividends, including such issue. Unless a majority of the voting common stock and 75% of the pref. stock then outstanding consent thereto in writing, the directors shall not mortgage or pledge any of the real property or any capital stock or bonds of any other corporation; but this does not forbid purchase money liens.—V. 98, p. 158, 240, 307.

International Agricultural Corp.—New Officers.—John J. Watson Jr., Treas., has been elected Vice-Pres.; J. R. Floyd, formerly Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treas., has been made Secretary and Asst. Treas. F. F. Ward becomes Asst. Sec.—V. 97, p. 1895.

International Steam Pump Co.—New Director.—Stuart H. Patterson, who is associated with the Guaranty Trust Co., has been elected a director.—V. 98, p. 68, 75.

Iron Steamboat Co. of New Jersey.—New Officer.—T. Ellett Hodgskin has been appointed Vice-President and Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. H. Woolverton.—V. 97, p. 1502.

Keystone Telephone Co., Philadelphia.—Earnings.
 Calendar Year—Gross Earnings. Net Earnings. Interest Charges. Prof. Div. Balance, Surplus.
 1913 \$1,265,778 \$625,672 \$306,454 \$58,105 \$200,975
 1912 1,417,420 608,361 302,616 305,745
 —V. 97, p. 1737, 1666.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., Philadelphia.—New Bonds Offered.—Brown Brothers & Co., N. Y., Phila. and Boston, offered on Jan. 28 at 97 3/4 and int., yielding about 4 5/8%, \$14,000,000 Consol. Mtge. 4 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, dated Jan. 1 1914 and due Jan. 1 1954. Int. payable J. & J., free of Penn. State tax. The entire amount, it is announced, has been largely oversubscribed. The advertisement of the offering appears, for record only, on another page.

Redeemable by sinking fund on any July 1 at 102 1/2 and int. and callable as a whole or in part on any Jan. 1 or July 1 at 102 1/2 and int. until July 1 1921, and thereafter at 105 and int. Trustee, Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives & Granting Annuities, Phila. Denominations: c* \$1,000, r \$1,000 and \$10,000 or multiples.

Digest of Letter from Pres. S. D. Warriner, Philadelphia, Jan. 28 1914.
Bonds Sold.—These \$14,000,000 Consolidated Mortgage Sinking Fund 4 1/2% gold bonds are to be dated as of Jan. 1 1914 and will mature Jan. 1 1954. The proceeds of the \$14,000,000 will be used as follows:
 (a) To retire obligations falling due up to and including July 1 1914 viz: 1st M. 4 3/4% bonds due July 1 1914, \$5,000,000; Railroad Loan 1 3/4% bonds due April 1 1914, \$1,992,833; Gold Loan 4% bonds due June 15 1914, \$1,842,500; Collateral Trust 5% notes due July 1 1914, \$1,280,000.—\$10,115,333
 (b) To the liquidation of floating indebtedness and for general corporate purposes. Remainder

\$4,000,000 Additional Mostly Pledged.—There will also be delivered to the company \$4,000,000 of Consolidated Mortgage bonds, of which \$3,399,000, exchanged for a like amount of General M. bonds (\$2,250,000) and Funding & Impt. M. bonds (\$1,149,000) will be substituted therefor as collateral under our collateral trust obligations and \$98,000 will be exchanged for bonds of the same issues held in the treasury. The total amount of bonds to be presently issued under the new mortgage will, therefore, be \$18,000,000 series "A."

Security—Sinking Fund.—The bonds of this issue will be secured by a direct lien upon the company's coal, railroad and canal properties and will be additionally secured by a deposit with the trustee of all of the stock of the Lehigh & New England R.R. Co. and of stocks and bonds of other affiliated companies, as fully set forth in mortgage indenture dated Jan. 1 1914. A sinking fund of 5 cts. per ton of coal of the sizes of pea and larger mined from the mortgage property will gradually retire these bonds.

Prior Mortgages after July 1 1914 only \$7,933,000.
 General Mortgage 4 1/2% bonds due May 1 1924 (closed)—\$3,906,000
 Funding and Impt. M. 4% bonds due July 1 1948 (closed)—4,027,000

Total Auth.—The consolidated mortgage is limited to \$40,000,000, of which \$20,265,000 are reserved to care for bonds issued under prior mortgages (which after July 1 1914 will as stated above be reduced to \$7,933,000) and the balance under restrictions for future corporate purposes. The rate of interest on further issues must not exceed 4 1/2%.

Coal Property.—Incorporated in Penn. by an Act approved Feb. 13 1822. Owns in fee about 12,734 acres of anthracite lands in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties, Pa., estimated to contain upwards of 600,000,000 tons of coal. Also owns almost the entire outstanding securities of Alliance Coal Mining Co., a property estimated to contain upwards of 225,000,000 tons of coal. The reserve tonnage is about 10% of the total reserve tonnage of the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania, or sufficient at present rate of mining (year 1913 about 4,000,000 tons) for upwards of 150 years.

Railroad Properties.—A majority of the coal mined is shipped over the Lehigh & Susquehanna R.R., which property, with subsidiaries, aggregates 206 miles (of which 115 miles double track) and is leased to the Central R.R. of N. J. for 999 years at a rental of 33 1-3% of the gross receipts, with a minimum of \$1,414,400 a year, and a maximum of \$2,043,000 plus 7% on outlays for improvements. Gross earnings of the road for the year ending June 30 1913 were \$10,334,012, showing an ample margin over the maximum rentals now being received by this company. Control was acquired in 1904 of the Lehigh & New England R.R. Co., which operates about 27 1/2 miles of track from our mines towards the Poughkeepsie Bridge and by trackage rights to tidewater in N. Y. Harbor, affording a direct all-rail route to New England as well as a connection with the main Eastern trunk lines. We own the entire \$4,645,000 capital stock (V. 98, p. 152).

Earnings.—For calendar years 1910 to 1913 (1913 estimated):
 Net income after taxes, depreciation and reserves—\$3,141,387 \$3,870,732 \$3,219,471 \$3,594,026
 Interest charges 897,342 861,362 931,214 994,202

Excess over int. requirem'ts \$2,244,043 \$2,709,369 \$2,288,256 \$2,599,823
Dividends.—Dividends on the capital stock have been paid uninterruptedly for 33 years; present rate 8%; average rate for 33 years 5.74%. Stock now out \$26,557,950.
 Application will be made to list these bonds on Philadelphia and New York stock exchanges.—V. 97, p. 1587, 1429.

Lord & Taylor, New York.—Stock Option.—All stockholders of record Jan. 9 1914 are entitled to subscribe at par on or before Jan. 31 for the \$1,000,000 new 8% cum. 2d pref. stock to the extent of one share of new stock for every 6 1/2 shares of old stock. See United Dry Goods Co. below.

Subscriptions are payable 50% at once (Jan. 31) and 50% April 30 in N. Y. funds to order of Lord & Taylor, addressed to Pres. Joseph H. Emery, Fifth Ave., N. Y. City. Legal interest to May 1 will be allowed on any payments made on subscriptions for whole shares before May 1. Stock now out: common, \$3,000,000; 6% cum. 1st pref., \$2,500,000; 8% cum. 2d pref., \$1,000,000. See V. 98, p. 159.

Maryland Coal Co., W. Va.—New Directors.—George Hewlett of Hewlett & Lee, N. Y., and Col. C. L. F. Robinson, President of Colt's Patent Firearms Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn., have been elected directors of the company and of the Maryland Coal Co. of Maryland, to succeed Wm. H. Ziegler and H. C. Rogers, who resigned as directors, and also successively as President. The office of President has not been filled. John M. Rider has resigned as a director.—V. 97, p. 526.

Milliken Brothers, Inc.—23.2% to Undeposited Bonds.—Owners of 1st M. convertible 6% bonds of 1906 who did not deposit same pursuant to agreement of Jan. 26 1912 and plan dated Sept. 27 1913 will receive out of the proceeds of the bankruptcy sale a dividend of \$233 91 on account of each of their undeposited bonds on presentation of same at Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., for stamping with notation of such payment.—V. 98, p. 240, 75.

Mohawk Mining Co.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors have decided to omit the semi-annual dividend usually paid in February on the \$2,500,000 stock. Treasurer John R. Stanton says: "Owing to the continued hesitation of men to resume work and the slowness with which the mine can obtain competent labor through importation, the directors have deemed it wise to defer the dividend usually paid in February by the company. Work at the mine is confined to keeping the workings clear of water and hoisting rock previously broken. The working force is about one-third the normal number. One head is running at the mill and it is believed that steady progress will be made until normal production is regained. Similar conditions obtain at the Wolverine mine."

Previous Dividend Record (Per Cent).

Table with columns for years 1906-1913 and dividend percentages. 1906: 20%, 1907: 36%, 1908: 10%, 1909: 12%, 1910: 8%, 1911: 7%, 1912: 14%, 1913: Feb., 12%; Aug., 8%. -V. 96, p. 65.

Monarch Knitting Co., Ltd., Canada.—No Com. Div.

The company has decided to omit the quarterly dividend on the \$1,275,000 common stock usually paid in February. Payments at the rate of 1 1/2% quarterly were made from Nov. 1912 to Nov. 1913 incl. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the \$750,000 7% cum. pref. stock is payable Feb. 1. The net profits for the year ended Nov. 30 last, after providing for depreciation, were, it is reported, slightly over \$171,000.

Mortgage Bond Co., N. Y.—New Directors.—

B. H. Jordan, H. Parsons and G. M. Maynard have been elected directors to succeed E. W. Coggeshall, L. V. Bright and W. Hall Walker.—V. 98, p. 152.

Mount Whitney Power & Electric Co.—Descriptive Booklet.—

Louis Sloss & Co., San Francisco, will shortly issue an illustrated booklet describing the plants and business.

The article was prepared from a disinterested engineering standpoint by Rudolph W. Van Norden, Fellow A. I. E. E., Member A. S. C. E., with statistical charts and line cuts, for the "Journal of Electricity, Power and Gas" of Dec. 27 1913.

Earnings.—Results for 1912 and 1913 compare as follows:

Comparison of earnings for 1912 and 1913. 1912: Gross earnings \$62,852, Net (after taxes) \$306,308. 1913: Gross earnings \$129,900, Net (after taxes) \$176,496. Shows an increase in gross of 26 1/4% and net of 35%.

Net Earnings for 12 Mo. Periods ending with Months Named.

Table showing net earnings for 12-month periods ending in Dec. 1912 and Dec. 1913. Shows increases in 1913 across all categories: 12 Mts. end., In 1913, Increase, etc.

Narragansett Electric Lighting Co., Providence.—

To Issue Rather \$1,500,000 New Stock or Convert. Bonds.— Sec. Edwin A. Barrows, in circular of Jan. 23, announces that at the annual meeting on Feb. 3 the shareholders will vote (1) on changing the date of future annual meetings to the third Tuesday in February; (2) on increasing the capital stock to \$7,500,000; (3) on authorizing the directors to issue convertible debentures or capital stock at not less than par to the stockholders to the amount of \$1,500,000 at one time, or in installments from time to time, in their discretion.—V. 97, p. 54.

National Refining Co.—Authorized.—

The stockholders on Jan. 28 ratified an increase in the authorized common stock from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and in the pref. from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000; also the other propositions referred to in V. 98, p. 76. It is unofficially reported that the company will shortly distribute a dividend of 100% among its common stockholders.—V. 98, p. 76.

National Transit Co., Oil City, Pa.—Annual Report.—

Annual report table for National Transit Co. showing net earnings, dividends, assets, liabilities, and total figures for 1912 and 1913. Balance, surplus plus: \$788,249 and \$382,500.

New Departure Mfg. Co., Bristol, Conn.—Capital Stk.

A certificate was filed in Conn. Jan. 3 increasing the common stock from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The \$500,000 new stock was offered until Dec. 31 at par (\$100 a share) to shareholders of record Dec. 12, and has all been subscribed, payable 50% Jan. 3, 25% Apr. 1 and 25% July 1 (or in full at any time), shares fully paid to be issued on each of these dates. The common is receiving dividends of 5% p. a. a. (Q. 1). There are also outstanding \$500,000 7% cum. pref. stock and \$600,000 1st M. gold of 1911, due serially March 1 1914 to March 1 1921. Albert F. Rockwell is President.—V. 96, p. 1559.

New York Transit Co.—Report—Income Account.—

Income account table for New York Transit Co. for 1912 and 1913. Net income: \$2,070,495 and \$2,000,000. Divs. (40%): 2,000,000 and 2,000,000.

Northern Pipe Line.—Report—Income Account.—

Income account table for Northern Pipe Line for 1912 and 1913. Net income: \$707,275 and \$307,275. Divs. (10%): 400,000 and 400,000.

O'Gara Coal Co.—Offering of First Lien Receivers' Certificates.—

W. G. Souders & Co., Westminster Bldg., Chicago, own and are offering at par and int., by adv. on another page, 7% 2-year receivers' certificates issued by order of the U. S. District Court of the Northern Dist. of Ill., dated Oct. 6 1913 and due Oct. 6 1915, but callable on 30 days' notice. Principal and interest (A. & O. 6) payable at Fort Dearborn Tr. & Sav. Bank, Chicago. Par \$1,000. Total issue \$185,000. A first lien on assets estimated at over \$8,000,000, ranking ahead of the \$2,728,000 bonds (all coupons on which have been paid in full to date).

- (a) Capitalization: Pref. stock, \$1,000,000; common stock, \$5,000,000; bonds outstanding, \$2,728,000. All junior in lien to certificates. (b) Legal proceedings approved by Horace S. Oakley, of Wood & Oakley. (c) This issue of certificates, totaling \$185,000, is a prior lien to all outstanding bonds, and the fact is emphasized that bonds are not in default. (d) The assets on which this issue is a first lien are estimated at over \$8,000,000, or more than 40 times the amount of certificates.—V. 98, p. 241, 153.

Old Dominion Co. of Maine.—Earnings.—For cal. year:

Earnings table for Old Dominion Co. of Maine for calendar years 1911-1913. Shows gross sales, earnings, and dividends.

Ontario Power Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Ontario Power Co. for calendar years 1911-1913. Shows gross sales, earnings, and dividends.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Listed.—

The New York Stock Exchange has listed \$3,000,000 additional 1st M. and collateral trust 5% bonds due 1937, offered last week, making the total amount listed \$35,000,000 (V. 98, p. 309).

Earnings.—For ten months ending Oct. 31:

Summary earnings table for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. for ten months ending Oct. 31.

Pay-As-You-Enter Car Co. Corporation.—Dividends Deferred.—

The directors in October last deferred the declaration of dividends on the \$1,500,000 7% cumulative pref. stock, the last payment being made in July 1913.

President J. L. MacDuffie in a circular dated Nov. 10 said: "I take great pleasure in informing you of the decisive victory which the company gained in the trial of the P-A-Y-E patent infringement suit in the U. S. Court against the Orange County Traction Co. before Judge Holt on Friday, Nov. 7. The patent involved in the suit was the original Ross and McDonald P-A-Y-E basic patent No. 800172. In sustaining the patent, the Court awarded full damages establishing the royalty of \$100 per car. It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the far-reaching effect of this decision so satisfactorily maintaining the company's position and upholding its right to be properly compensated for the admitted benefits P-A-Y-E has brought to the public and the street-car fraternity." (Compare V. 95, p. 684.)

In a circular dated Jan. 15 1914 Mr. MacDuffie said: "The Orange County Traction Co. has entered an appeal against the recent decision in favor of the Prepayment Car Sales Co. in the P-A-Y-E patent infringement suit, and the case will now come up before the Circuit Court of Appeals. The company's legal advisers are much gratified at this opportunity to obtain a final authoritative decision such as will be afforded by this procedure. Under the circumstances the directors will defer for the present any further dividend action on the 7% cumulative preferred stock."

Contracts.—Royalties have for some time been collected

from the stepless cars of the New York Railways and the P-A-Y-E cars of the Third Ave. RR., New York, and Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. system.

Since the first of the year a considerable number of new contracts, it is stated, have been closed, notably with the Second Ave. RR. of N. Y., Toledo Railways & Light Co., City Ry. of Dayton and the Panama Trainways Co. We are informed that the New York Railways are in the market for several hundred new stepless P-A-Y-E cars. A contract has been entered into with the Union Pacific RR. for supplying a number of stepless cars for Salt Lake City, Utah.—V. 91, p. 1516.

Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co., Phila.—Plans.

The shareholders will vote Mar. 31 either (1) to cancel \$800,000 of the capital stock now in the treasury in exchange for an equal number of shares of 7% cum. pref. (p. & d.) stock of the same par value (\$50 a share), red. on any dividend date at par and divs., and all to be so red. before any divs. shall be declared upon the common stock; or (b) to increase the indebtedness by an issue of \$1,000,000 6% 5-year coupon notes (interest semi-ann.), red. on any div. date at par and int.; or (c) to replace a portion of said common stock by an equal amount of such pref. stock and to issue some amount of said notes; (d) also to authorize the sale of stock and notes or either thereof. (Total auth. stock, \$7,500,000, of which some \$914,000 is in the treasury; no bonds. Leases from the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp. the property of the former Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co., per plan in V. 92, p. 1430; V. 93, p. 1606. Main office, Land Title Bldg., Phila.; New York office, 17 Battery Place.—V. 94, p. 1321.)

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Dividends on Common Resumed.—

A dividend of 3% has been declared on the \$12,500,000 com. stock from the earnings of 1913, payable quarterly during 1913, the first installment of 3/4 of 1% on March 11 to holders of record Feb. 13. This is the first distribution since Aug. 1904, when 1% (quarterly) was paid.

Dividend Record of Common Stock (Per Cent).

Dividend record table for Pressed Steel Car Co. showing dividends for years 1900-1914.

It was announced at the meeting that while the earnings for 1913, as will be shown by the annual report, would seem to indicate that a larger dividend might be declared on the common stock, the directors felt that a conservative policy was the correct one to pursue.—V. 96, p. 551.

Pure Oil Co., Philadelphia.—Earnings.—

The net earnings for the calendar year 1913 are reported as approximately \$2,190,000; 6% dividends on the \$638,700 preferred stock call for \$38,322, leaving about \$2,151,678, equivalent to nearly 47 1/2% on the \$4,531,745 common stock, comparing with \$1,678,602 in 1912.

Dividend.—A dividend of 5% has been declared on the

\$4,531,745 common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Jan. 31. In Dec. 1913 3% and 4% extra was paid; in Sept. and June, 3% and 2%, and in March 1913, 3%, without any extra. Compare V. 97, p. 1429.

Southern California Edison.—On 6% Basis.—

A quarterly dividend (No. 16) of 1 1/2% has been declared on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31, comparing with 1 1/4% quarterly from May 1910 to Nov. 1913, inc. See V. 97, p. 1508.

Standard Oil Co. of California.—Stock Increase.—

The company on Jan. 21 applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$4,518,400 new stock, for which stockholders of record Feb. 2 are to be allowed to subscribe at par. The San Francisco "News Bureau" says that the proceeds are to be used to pay for the vessel now building at the Union Iron Works, increasing the company's storage capacity and the purchase of land, leases and crude oil, including in the latter \$250,000 to be paid to the Murphy Oil Co. for the acreage recently purchased. Compare V. 98, p. 160.

The application states that the company desires to apply the proceeds for the following purposes: For payments to Union Iron Works under a contract for the construction and completion of a vessel for tankage to be built for the storage of oil; for crude oil being purchased at market prices for manufacturing and refining purposes and for storage, and payments for property purchased and lands leased, and producing and manufacturing operations.—V. 98, p. 160.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.—New Officers.—

E. H. Bodford and F. W. Weller have been elected Vice-Presidents to succeed W. C. Teagle, who resigned, and J. A. Moffett, deceased.—V. 98, p. 242.

Standard Underground Cable Co., Pittsburgh.—

The shareholders at the annual meeting on Jan. 27 unanimously approved the proposition for financing the Canadian plant. The capitalization of the Canadian company is \$1,000,000, divided into \$500,000 common stock and \$500,000 7% pref. stock. The common stock will be covered

into the treasury of the Pittsburgh company and \$350,000 of the pref. stock will (probably after April 1) be offered for subscription to holders of the parent company in the proportion of one share Canadian for each 10 shares of the Pittsburgh company held, at \$75 a share; par \$100. The balance of \$150,000 pref. stock will remain in the treasury of the Canadian company for future needs.

It is said that the results for the past fiscal year were very satisfactory.—V. 90, p. 774.

Swift & Co., Chicago.—Bonds Oversubscribed.—

A press report states that the recent offer of \$10,000,000 5% 1st M. bonds was oversubscribed without the underwriting syndicate getting a single bond. Most stockholders, it is said, particularly those who subscribed for small amounts, will get their full allotment. See V. 98, p. 242, 160.

Tampa Gas Co.—Earnings.—For calendar years:

Calendar Years—	Gross Earnings	Net (after Taxes)	Bond Interest	Balance, Surplus.
1913	\$173,345	\$89,586	\$24,980	\$64,606
1912	136,719	66,504	18,052	48,452
1911	101,683	37,931	11,400	26,531

Robt. Glendinning & Co., Phila., report: The total population of Tampa and West Tampa, which the company serves, is est. at 65,500, and is growing rapidly. The company reaches only about 25,000 to 30,000 of this population; as soon as the mains can be extended, earnings should increase proportionately. Company has a 5-year contract with city of Tampa for street-lighting, and is also doing a large business in gas ranges, hot-water heaters, &c.—V. 97, p. 1589.

Union American Cigar Co.—First Common Dividend.—

An initial dividend of 1% has been declared on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 20.—V. 96, p. 1302.

Union Electric Co., Dillon, Mont.—Bonds.—Irving Whitehouse, Inc., Hutton Bldg., Spokane, Wash., have underwritten and are offering at 83 and int., yielding 6.06%, \$51,000 1st M. 5% gold bonds dated 1908 and due Apr. 1 1938, of original \$100,000 issue.

Interest A. & O. in N. Y. City. Par \$250 and \$500 c*. Redeemable at option of company on 30 days' notice at any interest period after Apr. 1 1918 at 105 and int. Trustee, Guaranty Tr. Co. of N. Y.

A circular issued in 1912 showed: Capital stock, \$150,000; bonded debt, \$100,000; prior liens, none. Gross earnings 1911, \$26,469; increase 7 mos. 1912 over 7 mos. in 1911, \$1,014. Estimated gross 1912, \$28,000; oper. exp., est., \$1,000; est. net, 1912, \$15,000.

Operates under favorable long-time franchise in Dillon, a city of about 3,000 population in a rapidly developing district devoted chiefly to agriculture and stock raising. Has two hydraulic plants, respectively 2 and 9 miles from Dillon, on separate water courses. The titles to both land and water are owned in fee; also auxiliary steam plant.

Union Elec. Lt. & Power Co., St. Louis.—Earnings.—

Year ending Dec. 31.	Gross Earnings	Net after Taxes, &c.	Other Income	Bond Int., &c.	Divs.	Balance, Surplus.
1913	\$3,683,107	\$1,537,866	\$85,106	\$53,100	\$89,660	
1912	3,636,157	1,692,510	\$27,665	\$42,928	593,100	284,147

—V. 98, p. 242.

Union Oil Co., Los Angeles, Cal.—Proposed Change in Option Rejected.—

The Los Angeles "Times" on Jan. 15 said: Negotiations between the General Petroleum interests, represented by Andrew Weir and R. Tilden Smith, and the Union Oil officials, looking toward a modification of the option on the control of the latter which the former concern holds, were yesterday declared off. "We decided that it was for the best interests of all the stockholders not to effect a deal upon the new basis proposed," said President Lyman Stewart. "We do not desire to settle on any new agreement which would not be satisfactory to the minority interests."

It is understood that under the terms of the proposed deal the stockholders would have found it necessary and not optional to exchange their shares for stock in the British corporation before the deal would be closed. The General Petroleum interests still retain their option on the control of the Union Oil Co. at \$130 a share, and have paid to date \$333,000 on this option. Only \$106,000 remains to be paid before the deal for the option will be closed. This option is on all the shares of the holding companies, United Petroleum and Union Provident, and it would require about \$20,000,000 to close this entire deal. However, it is regarded as highly unlikely that the interests now back of the General Pet. Co. would close a deal without providing for the minority interests (on some basis).

Charles Remington, in San Fr. "Chronicle", Jan. 20, stated:

The nature of the offer made by the English syndicate to Union Oil interests, which declined the offer, reached this city yesterday with the return of the negotiators. The syndicate offered to advance to the Union Oil Co. \$15,000,000 in cash to be used in retiring \$6,000,000 bonds, some floating debt, with enough remaining for working capital and needed developments.

It was provided that the Union Oil Co. of California should issue to secure this advance \$15,000,000 pref. stock, bearing 7% and participating to the extent of 33 1/3%. This stock was to be held by the Union Oil, Ltd., of London, which would issue 6% pref. stock, participating to the extent of 10%, together with ordinary shares. Holders of Union Oil stock and of Union Provident and United Petroleum, the parent companies, were to be given rights of exchange, par for par.

It was represented by the Union Oil interests that the company, after being financed, would earn \$6,000,000 a year net, from which it was computed that the ordinary shares of the English company would get approximately 30% per annum, and in this the pref. stock would participate to the extent mentioned.—V. 98, p. 160.

United Dry Goods Co., New York.—Subscription Rights.—

This company, which is reported to own nearly all of the \$1,000,000 outstanding 2d pref. and 80% of the \$3,000,000 common stock of Lord & Taylor, in circular says in sub.:

Lord & Taylor is offering to its stockholders 1,000,000 of new 3% cum. 2d pref. stock. (See above.) United Dry Goods Cos. will acquire a large portion thereof, and offers to its stockholders an opportunity to subscribe for this stock in par. Since the issuance of the existing 1,000,000 2d pref., notwithstanding the constantly increasing disadvantages of its location, the net earnings of Lord & Taylor, after paying dividends on its first pref. stock, have always been more than double the amount needed for 2d pref. dividends. We are confident that, with largely increased space and exceptional advantages of location in the new building it is about to occupy at 5th Ave. and 33rd St., the increased earnings will abundantly justify this new issue. The 2d pref. is covered by tangible assets, and full dividends have always been paid on the \$1,000,000 thereof now out. Dividends on the new stock will accrue from Feb. 1 1914.

Subscribers are requested to enclose check for not less than 2% of amount subscribed for; 30% of the amount allotted will be payable within 30 days and the remainder within 90 days after allotment. From Feb. 1 1914 interest at 6% per annum will be charged on unpaid installments. Subscription lists will close Feb. 25 1914.—V. 97, p. 726.

Western Union Telegraph Co., N. Y.—Misprint.—

In the official statement as published last week the capital increase mentioned in the seven of the small type should have been \$30,000,000, not \$50,000,000.—V. 98, p. 301.

Wheeling Mold & Foundry Co.—Stock—New Par.—

The shareholders were to vote Jan. 29 on increasing the authorized capital stock from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, and on changing par value of shares from \$50 to \$100 each. Press reports have predicted a 10% stock dividend.—V. 98, p. 77.

—The semi-annual statement of the National Discount Co., London, will be found in another column. The gross assets Dec. 31 1913 were \$115,039,877, deposits and sundry balances \$78,787,399. There was added \$100,000 to the reserve fund, increasing the same to \$2,525,000, and after the usual deductions, a balance of \$320,091 was carried forward to the next account.

—The 26th annual statement of the American Real Estate Co. of this city is advertised elsewhere in the "Chronicle." In comparison with its statement of a year ago, the company shows a reduction in its mortgage obligations and a material increase in its capital and surplus, no overdue current obligations and a large cash balance. The balance sheet of the company shows total assets of \$28,668,004 19, of which \$26,009,010 74 is real estate. Deducting the mortgages thereon leaves the net assets of the company \$17,341,294 19, with capital and surplus of \$3,247,789 13. The development of the company's business during the past year has been intensive rather than extensive, and it has wisely conserved its resources during a period of dulness in the real estate market. In addition to its rental properties located both mid-town and up-town the company has large holdings along existing and proposed rapid transit lines which seem certain of increased values in the growth of the city. The American Real Estate Co. is the oldest real estate corporation engaged in real estate operation in this city. It has a record of more than a quarter of a century of activity in New York real estate.

—Makubin, Goodrich & Co. of Baltimore have just issued the 1914 edition of their annual "Financial Review of the year 1913." This "Financial Review" contains the high, low and last quotation for the year 1913, as well as the high and low for 1912 on all stocks and bonds traded in on the Baltimore and New York stock exchanges. The financial statement of Baltimore City is contained therein and the taxable basis, population and other information is given covering a period of years. Of great interest is the present gross and net debt; after deducting sinking fund and income-producing property, the net is 4.20%—a splendid showing for a large city. This booklet also contains the "rule" formulated by the Judges of the Supreme Bench governing the investment of all trust funds coming under the jurisdiction of the equity courts of Baltimore City; and dividends paid by banks and trust companies in Baltimore. A complimentary copy will be sent to interested inquirers on application at the bankers' offices at 110 E. German St., Baltimore.

—The 64th annual statement of the Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., Morgan G. Buckley, President, was advertised in last week's issue of the "Chronicle." It is a clean-cut record of prosperity and business expansion in all classes of life, accident, health, liability and workmen's compensation insurance which the company writes. For Jan. 1 1914 the aggregate assets were \$113,956,997. Income in 1913 was \$27,097,078 and disbursements \$23,138,627. The "gains" in 1913 were: Surplus to policyholders, \$1,235,294; premium income, \$1,468,687; total income, \$3,146,719; assets, \$3,565,621, and life insurance in force, \$20,608,868. The amount of new life insurance issued in 1913 was \$61,641,180. The total life insurance in force Jan. 1 1914 was \$355,535,221. The company has paid to policyholders since organization in 1850 over \$247,786,602. A full, comprehensive report of the Aetna's financial operations will be mailed to any inquirer.

—Having sold over one-half of \$1,550,000 Detroit Terminal & Tunnel first mortgage 4 1/4% 50-year bonds of this city, Detroit River Tunnel Co., White, Weld & Co. of this city, Chicago and Boston are offering the remainder of the issue subject to prior sale and change in price. These bonds are guaranteed, principal and interest, by the endorsement of the Michigan Central Railroad Co. The tunnel is an integral part of the main line of the Michigan Central System between Niagara Falls and Chicago. See advertisement for full particulars and also our "General Investment News" Department.

—The annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York for the year 1913 marks a record never before achieved in life insurance. \$63,757,992 was paid to policyholders and their beneficiaries during the twelve months, being at the rate of nearly a million and a quarter a week, and exceeded the amount directly received from policyholders during the year by \$5,271,666. The company paid to policyholders in dividends during the year \$17,201,730 and have set aside for the same purpose in 1914 \$18,078,540. The total insurance in force at the end of 1913 was \$1,598,466,078, a net gain of \$47,578,015.

—For purposes of permanent record, E. W. Clark & Co. of Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh and Chicago are advertising in to-day's issue their offering of \$2,000,000 East St. Louis & Suburban Company five-year 6% convertible bonds, which have all been sold. The "record advertisement" covers all the details and a description of the bonds, the property of the company, the business done, &c., will be furnished upon request by the bankers, 321 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

—N. W. Halsey & Co., bankers, have published a very handy "Income Tax Record Book" in which all income may be classified as exempt or taxable. It will be of great assistance in making reports and will provide a permanent and convenient form of reference and comparison in future reports. A copy of the book will be forwarded with the firm's compliments upon application.

—The new firm of Meredith & Fisk has been organized, with offices at 30 Church Street, this city, to specialize in bonds secured by mortgages on farm lands and in securities of public service corporations. The partnership is composed of Harvey E. Fisk Jr. and William M. Meredith, both of them formerly with Fisk & Robinson.

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New York, January 19 1914.

Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company (hereinafter called the Company) hereby makes application to the New York Stock Exchange for the listing of the following securities:

- A-4301**—\$5,000,000 (of an authorized issue of \$7,000,000, but which mortgage is closed) of New York & Jersey Railroad Company First Mortgage Five Per Cent Thirty-Year Gold Bonds, due February 1 1932, being numbered 1 to 5,000, both numbers inclusive, for \$1,000 each.
- A-4302**—\$36,562,000 (of an authorized issue of \$65,000,000) First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Five per Cent Bonds, Series A, due February 1 1957, numbered M 1 to M 35,000, inclusive, for \$1,000 each, and numbered D 1 to D 3,124, inclusive, for \$500 each.
- A-4303**—\$33,102,000 Adjustment Income Five per Cent Mortgage Bonds, due February 1 1957, numbered M 1 to M 32,000, inclusive, for \$1,000 each, and numbered D 1 to D 2,204, inclusive, for \$500 each, with authority to add \$472,000 of said bonds, upon official notice that they have been sold and have passed beyond the control of the Company, making the total amount applied for \$33,574,000—the total authorized issue.

NEW YORK & JERSEY RAILROAD COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE FIVE PER CENT THIRTY-YEAR GOLD BONDS.

These bonds are secured by a first mortgage to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, are dated February 20 1902, mature February 1 1932, and are in coupon form only, in the denomination of \$1,000 each, with privilege of registration as to principal at the office of Harvey Fisk & Sons, Bankers, New York City. They bear interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of February and August in each year, at the office of Guaranty Trust Company of New York. Both principal and interest of these bonds are payable without deduction for any tax or taxes which the company may be required to pay or retain therefrom by any present or future law of the United States or of any State, county or municipality thereof, the railroad company having agreed to pay such tax or taxes.

The bonds covered by this application were issued under Article I of said mortgage, for the purpose of acquiring the two partially constructed sub-aqueous tunnels between 15th Street, Jersey City, and Morton Street, New York City; together with the real estate, rights of way, construction plants and appurtenances which had been purchased under a foreclosure decree against the Hudson Tunnel Railway Company, and for the further purpose of supplying the necessary funds for the completion of what was then known as the "South Tunnel," being the southerly of the two tunnels above mentioned, as well as the completion of power houses, shops and other appurtenant properties.

At the option of the company and upon three months' previously published notice, all or any part of these bonds may be redeemed upon the first day of February or the first day of August in any year before maturity at One Hundred and Ten per Cent and accrued interest. All redeemed bonds are to be canceled.

The mortgage provides that in case any default shall be made in the payment of interest and such default shall continue for a period of sixty days, or in case any default shall be made in the performance of or compliance with any other covenant or condition of said bonds, or of the mortgage securing the same, and such latter default shall continue for sixty days after the Trustee or any holder or holders of bonds secured thereby shall have requested the company in writing to perform or comply with such covenant or condition, then, and in every such case, the Trustee may, by notice in writing to be served upon the company, declare the principal of the bonds thereby secured and then outstanding to be due, and the same shall thereupon become and be immediately due and payable, together with the accrued and unpaid interest on the principal of said bonds to the date of such declaration. Upon request in writing of the holders of a majority in amount of the bonds thereby secured at the time outstanding, it shall be the duty of the Trustee so to declare the principal of all said bonds due and to give notice thereof to the railroad company.

As this mortgage was executed prior to the present mortgage-recording tax law of the State of New York, no mortgage recording tax was required or paid.

The mortgage securing these bonds is a first lien on all and singular the company's tunnels, and lines of railway constructed or in the course of construction, generally known as the uptown river tunnels, extending from the foot of 15th Street in Jersey City to the intersection of Christopher and Greenwich streets in New York City, including all sidings, branches, rights of way, stations, power houses and other buildings, structures and terminal facilities, and all leaseholds, equipment and all other personal property, rights, privileges and franchises of every kind and description acquired for use upon or in connection with the said uptown river tunnels.

This mortgage provides in the event of a consolidation or merger that the successor corporation shall be bound to keep an amount of rolling stock subject to its lien equal to an amount so subject at the date thereof or at the date of any such consolidation or merger.

The New York & Jersey Railroad Company's mortgage to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as described herein, is now a closed mortgage, and no bonds in excess of the aggregate principal of \$5,000,000, now outstanding, may be issued. Provision is made in the new First Lien and Refunding Mortgage dated February 1 1913 to Central Trust Company of New York as Trustee, under which new First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Five Per Cent Bonds are reserved, to redeem the outstanding New York & Jersey 5s at 115.

By the agreement of Consolidation dated December 6 1906, this mortgage was assumed by the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company.

FIRST LIEN AND REFUNDING FIVE PER CENT MORTGAGE BONDS SERIES "A."

These bonds are secured by a mortgage and deed of trust dated February 1 1913 to the Central Trust Company of New York, Trustee. They are dated February 1 1913, mature February 1 1957, bear interest at the rate of Five Per Cent per annum, payable semi-annually on February 1st and August 1st, at the office or agency of the Company, Harvey Fisk & Sons, New York City, in the Borough of Manhattan, or, at the option of the holder, in Sterling money at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4 86½ to the pound Sterling at the office or agency of the Company in London, England. Both the principal and interest of these bonds are payable at the office or agency of the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, in gold coin of the United States of America, or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing February 1 1913, without deduction for any tax or taxes which the Company or the Trustee under the mortgage and deed of trust may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America, or any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein. All the bonds of Series "A" shall also be payable, at the option of the holders, at the office or agency of the Company in London, England, in Sterling money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4 86½ to the pound Sterling.

These bonds are in coupon form, in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and in registered form in the denominations of \$500 and such multiples of \$500 as the board of directors of the Company shall from time to time authorize. Coupon bonds may be registered as to principal at the office of Harvey Fisk & Sons, New York City, and in the denominations of \$1,000 and \$500 are interchangeable with registered bonds. \$100 coupon bonds are interchangeable with coupon bonds for \$1,000.

These bonds may be issued in series, and the bonds of each series shall be designated by a distinguishing letter, and may be made to bear interest, payable on the first day of February and the first day of August in each year, at such rate or rates not exceeding Five Per Cent per annum as from time to time shall have been determined by the board of directors of the Company, and shall be designated in said bonds when issued. Each series of such bonds may bear different rates of interest. All bonds of any one series at any time outstanding shall be identical in respect of the rate of interest and in respect of the provisions and the terms thereof, and also as to the place or places of payment; in respect of the rate or rates of exchange, if any, expressed therein, or the fixed amount or amounts thereof if payable only or primarily in European currency (subject to such variations in rates of exchange and amounts as may be convenient to avoid fractions of the smallest currency in common use), and in respect of the

language or languages in which the same shall be expressed. Any of the bonds of any series may from time to time, and upon surrender of the same by the holders thereof in blocks of not less than \$500 face amount, or its equivalent in a European currency, determined by the board of directors upon the basis of reasonable rates of exchange, be exchanged at the request of the Company for bonds of the like or an equivalent face amount of the same, of any other series bearing interest at the same or a lower rate than the bonds so surrendered, and such surrendered bonds shall be canceled.

The Company at its option may redeem all or any of these bonds at One Hundred and Five per Cent and accrued interest on any semi-annual interest day, on ninety days' published notice. All redeemed bonds are to be canceled.

The mortgage recording tax required by the laws of the State of New York has been paid on the principal amount of bond issued under this mortgage, and the bonds are tax exempt in the State of New York.

The mortgage provides that, in case of default in the payment of any interest on any bond issued thereunder, and in case any such default shall have continued for a period of three months; or in the event of a default in any of the other conditions or covenants in the mortgage contained, the trustee may, and upon the written request of the holders of a majority in amount of the bonds issued thereunder and then outstanding, shall, by notice in writing delivered to the Company, declare the principal of all bonds issued thereunder and then outstanding to be due and payable immediately; and upon any such declaration the same shall become and be immediately due and payable. This provision, however, is subject to the condition that if, at any time after the principal of said bonds shall have been so declared due and payable, all arrears of interest upon such bonds, with interest on overdue installments of interest at the same rate of interest as was borne by the bond on which such interest shall be in default, and the expenses of the trustee and all other sums which shall have become due and payable by the Company other than the principal of such bonds, shall either be paid by the Company or be collected out of the mortgaged property before any sale thereof, and all other defaults, if any, shall have been cured before any sale of the mortgaged property shall have been made; then and in every such case the holders of a majority amount of the bonds issued thereunder and then outstanding, by notice to the Company and to the trustee, may waive such default and its consequences.

The mortgage securing these bonds is a first lien on all and singular the tunnels and railroads of the Company constructed or to be constructed in the State of New York and in the State of New Jersey, and all property, franchises, rights and privileges of the Company, real, personal or mixed, of whatsoever name and nature thereto pertaining.

Subject, however, as to all the property so far as the same shall by its terms attach thereto, to the lien of the mortgage of the Company to the Standard Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, dated December 29, 1906, securing an issue of First Mortgage (a closed mortgage) Four and One-half per Cent Gold Bonds, maturing February 1 1957, under which bonds to the principal amount of \$67,148,000 and no more have been issued and are outstanding, of which \$65,204,000 principal amount were pledged under the said First Lien and Refunding Mortgage, at the time of its execution, together with \$1,000,000 of bonds subsequently likewise pledged, leaving \$944,000 outstanding in the hands of the public; and further

Subject as to the portions of the property so far as the same shall by their terms attach thereto to the lien of the mortgage of New York & Jersey Railroad Company made to Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, dated February 20 1902, securing an issue of First Mortgage Five per Cent Thirty-Year Gold Bonds, maturing February 1 1932, under which bonds amounting to \$5,000,000 principal amount have been issued, and are now outstanding; and further,

Subject to the agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock, dated March 1 1909, between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, securing the obligation of the Company to make said Trust Company twenty consecutive semi-annual payments of \$46,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum and maturing every September 1 and March 1, until March 1 1919, on which date title to the rolling stock will vest in the Company, all of which said semi-annual payments and the interest thereon have been duly paid, except the eleven payments unmatured at the date hereof; and further,

Subject to the agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock, dated October 1 1910, between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, securing the obligation of the Company to make to said Trust Company twenty consecutive semi-annual payments of \$25,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum and maturing on every April 1 and October 1 until October 1 1920, on which date title to the rolling stock will vest in the Company, all of which said semi-annual payments and the interest thereon have been duly paid, except the fourteen payments unmatured at the date hereof; and further,

Subject to the agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock, dated August 1 1911, between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, securing the

obligation of the Company to make to said Trust Company twenty consecutive semi-annual payments of \$21,000 (amounting in all to \$1,192,000), each bearing interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum, and maturing on every August 1 and February 1 until August 1 1921, on which date title to the rolling stock will vest in the Company, all of which said semi-annual payments and the interest thereon have been duly paid, except the sixteen payments unmatured at the date hereof; and further,

Subject to real estate mortgages, aggregating \$1,207,500 principal amount, against certain portions of the real estate owned by the Company, and particularly set forth in sub-clause "D" of Granting Clause I and in Granting Clause II, as printed in the aforesaid First Lien and Refunding Mortgage.

The purposes for which the First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Bonds have been or may be issued, are as follows:

Under Section II of Article 2nd, bonds of Series A and of the scrip therefor, are authorized to be issued immediately to the principal amount of.....	\$36,563,000
of which \$33,102,000 is issued, together with a like amount of Adjustment Income Mortgage Bonds in exchange for \$66,204,000 of 4½% First Mortgage Bonds, pledged under First Lien and Refunding Mortgage as hereinbefore set forth, and \$3,461,000 issued to preferred and common stockholders in part consideration of the assessment of \$8 50 per share as provided in the Plan of Readjustment of debt, dated January 14, 1913.	
Under Section III of Article 2nd, bonds are authorized to be issued for the purchase of refunding underlying obligations as follows:	8,083,000
(a) First Mortgage Four and One-Half Per Cent Gold Bonds of the Company, maturing February 1, 1957, secured by the mortgage of the Company dated December 29, 1906, to the Standard Trust Company of New York, Trustee (being all of the bonds of said issue not pledged hereunder at the date of the execution hereof, except \$1,000,000 principal amount thereof, the pledge of which hereunder in exchange for the withdrawal of cash is provided for in Section 8 of this Article Second).....	\$944,000
(b) First Mortgage Five Per Cent Thirty-Year Gold Bonds of the New York & Jersey Railroad Company, maturing February 1, 1932, secured by its First Mortgage, dated February 20, 1902, to Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee.....	\$5,000,000
(c) The obligations secured by the following real estate mortgages described in Clauses I and II of the Granting Clauses: (1) A mortgage to Augusta G. Southack for \$105,000, due April 15, 1917; (2) a mortgage to John P. Wichelns, Alfred Wichelns, Eleanor Wichelns, Alma Wichelns, Herbert A. Wichelns, Edna P. Wichelns and Helena P. Wichelns for \$32,500, due August 17, 1916; (3) a mortgage to The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. for \$165,000, due March 17, 1914; (4) a mortgage to Andrew Freedman, Com., for \$18,000, due December 1, 1913; (5) a mortgage to Henry Burden, Trustee, for \$31,000, due June 1, 1916; (6) a mortgage to the Mutual Life Insurance Company for \$100,000, due May 1, 1914; (7) a mortgage made to the Bowery Savings Bank for \$65,000, due August 1 1914; (8) a mortgage to Simon Marx Edward Marx, Annie Marx, Julia Raudnig and Ezekiel Fixman for \$39,000, due June 17 1917; (9) a mortgage made to the Bond & Mortgage Company for \$600,000, due April 1 1917; (10) a mortgage made to Hudson Companies for \$10,000, due May 1 1917; (11) a mortgage made to John Q. Lockman for \$42,000, due January 2 1914 (and paid).....	\$1,207,500
Under Section IV of Article 2nd, bonds are authorized to be issued for the purpose of refunding equipment obligations as follows:	1,453,000
(a) Obligations of the Company under the agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock, dated March 1 1909, between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, maturing in the principal amount of \$46,000 each, on every September 1 and March 1 from September 1913 until March 1 1919, and aggregating.....	552,000
(b) Obligations of the Company under the agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock, dated October 1 1910, between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, maturing in the principal amount of \$25,000 each, on every October 1 and April 1 from October 1 1913 until October 1 1920, and aggregating.....	\$375,000
(c) Obligations of the Company under the agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock, dated August 1 1911, between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, maturing in the principal amount of \$21,000 each, on every February 1 and August 1 from February 1 1914 until August 1 1921, and aggregating.....	\$336,000
Under Section V of Article 2nd, bonds are authorized to be issued for additions to or betterments or improvements of the Company's property, for the purchase or improvement of shops, depots, terminal properties and facilities and other real estate for use in connection with the operation or maintenance of any of the Company's lines of railroad, and for the purchase of new and additional rolling stock.....	18,001,000
Total authorized issue.....	\$65,000,000

The Public Service Commission for the First District of the State of New York, in an order dated July 1 1913, approved the first Lien and Refunding Mortgage, and authorized its execution and the issuance of the bonds thereunder, and on July 8 1913 the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners of New Jersey, likewise, by a formal order, signified its approval.

ADJUSTMENT INCOME MORTGAGE FIVE PER CENT BONDS.

These bonds are secured by a mortgage or deed of trust to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, dated February 1 1913. The bonds are dated February 1 1913, mature February 1 1957, bear interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum payable semi-annually in gold coin of the United States of America or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing February 1 1913, at the office or agency of the company in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York; or, at the option of the holder, in Sterling money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4 86½ to the pound Sterling, at the office or agency of the company in London, England; without deduction for any tax or taxes which the company or the Trustee under said mortgage may be required to pay or to retain therefrom under any present or future law of the United States of America or of any State, county, municipality or other taxing authority therein. The principal of

the bonds is also payable at the option of the holders, at the office or agency of the Company in London, England, in Sterling money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4 86½ to the pound Sterling.

Coupon bonds are in the denomination of \$1,000 and 500. Registered bonds are in the denomination of \$500, and such multiples of \$500 as the Board of Directors of the company shall from time to time authorize. Coupon bonds are registerable as to principal and are interchangeable with registered bonds.

The mortgage recording tax required by the laws of the State of New York has been paid upon the principal amount of the bonds issued under this mortgage, and said bonds are tax-exempt in the State of New York.

The mortgage provides that interest on these bonds for the eleven months ending December 31 1913, and for each year ending December 31 thereafter until January 1 1920, shall be at the rate of Five per Cent per annum and non-cumulative. The interest after January 1 1920 shall be at Five per Cent per annum and cumulative. No interest is due and payable except when and as declared by the Board of Directors out of available surplus income as determined by the Board; such determination to be made on or before September 1 1913 for the payment of interest on October 1 1913 in respect of interest on said bonds for the period of five months ended June 30 1913; and on or before March 1 1914 for the payment of interest payable April 1 1914 in respect of interest on said bonds to December 31 1913, and on or before September 1 1914, and in each year thereafter to and including 1919, to be payable on the next succeeding October 1st in respect of interest to the June 30 next preceding; and on or before March 1 1915, and in each year thereafter, to and including 1920, to be payable on the next succeeding April 1 in respect of interest to the December 31st next preceding; and on or before September 1 1920, and semi-annually on or before March 1 and September 1, respectively, in each year thereafter, to be payable on the next succeeding April 1 or October 1, as the case may be, in respect of interest on said bonds to the June 30 or December 31, respectively, next preceding. No interest need be declared to be due and payable or need be paid on said bonds unless the surplus income as determined by the Board of Directors shall then suffice to pay at least one-fourth of One per Cent interest on said bonds, and the rate of interest declared due and payable need not in any instance be a fractional figure other than one-fourth of One per Cent or some multiple thereof; but any smaller fractional amount of surplus income remaining after an interest payment, non-cumulative or cumulative, shall be carried forward as part of the surplus income thereafter applicable to payment of interest on said bonds, but no amount of surplus income need be so carried if on December 31 of the year in which such amount accrues, the surplus income for said year shall have been sufficient to provide for the payment of interest, including arrears of cumulative interest, if any, at the rate of Five per Cent per annum to such date.

The Adjustment Income Bonds are subject to redemption on October 1 1913 or any semi-annual interest payment day thereafter in whole or in part, by payment of the principal, together with all non-cumulative interest remaining unpaid, and (if the redemption date is prior to January 1 1920) interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum on the principal amount thereof from the January 1st or the July 1st, as the case may be, next preceding the redemption date, and all unpaid cumulative interest thereon from Jan. 1 1920 to the date of redemption, on ninety days' published notice. All redeemed bonds are to be canceled.

The mortgage provides that, in case of default in the payment of any interest that shall have been declared or become due and payable on any bond issued thereunder, and in case any such default shall have continued for a period of three months; or in case of default in any of the other covenants and conditions in the mortgage contained; then, and in each and every such case, the trustee may, and upon written request of the holders of a majority in amount of the bonds issued thereunder and then outstanding shall, by notice in writing delivered to the company, declare the principal of all bonds issued thereunder and then outstanding to be due and payable immediately; and upon such declaration the same shall become and be immediately due and payable. This provision, however, is subject to the condition that if, at any time after the principal of said bonds shall have been declared due and payable for default in the payment of interest thereof, all arrears of interest upon all such bonds, with interest on overdue installments of interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum, and the expenses of the trustee and all other sums which shall have become due and payable by the Company thereunder, other than the principal of said bonds, shall either be paid by the Company or be collected out of the mortgaged property before any sale thereof shall have been made; or if the principal of said bonds shall have been declared due and payable because of any one or more of the events of default in the mortgage referred to, and thereafter all such default shall have been cured before any sale of the mortgaged property shall have been made; then and in every such case the holders of a majority in amount of the bonds issued thereunder and then outstanding, by written notice to the Company and to the Trustee, may waive such default and its consequences.

If at any time it shall be to the interest of the holders of the Adjustment Income Bonds to hold a meeting, the Trustee may upon written request of the holders of Five per Cent of the Bonds call a meeting by published notice, specifying the purpose, place, day and hour of such meeting. At any such meeting each holder of any of the bonds shall be entitled to one vote for every \$500 principal amount of the bonds then held by him, which vote may be given either in person or by proxy duly appointed in writing and satisfactory to the Trustee.

This mortgage is a lien on all and singular the tunnels and railroads of the Company, constructed or to be constructed in the State of New York and in the State of New Jersey, and on all property, franchises, rights and privileges of the Company, real, personal and mixed, of whatsoever name and nature thereto pertaining.

Subject, however, as to all the property covered by Clause I:

(a) So far as the same shall by its terms attach thereto to the lien of the mortgage of the property to the Standard Trust Company of New York, as Trustee, dated December 29 1906, securing an issue of First Mortgage Four and One-half per Cent Gold Bonds, maturing February 1 1957, under which bonds to the principal amount of \$67,148,000, and no more, have been issued and are outstanding, of which \$66,204,000 principal amount have been assigned under this mortgage, and

(b) To the lien of the First Lien and Refunding Mortgage of the Company to the Central Trust Company of New York, dated February 1 1913, securing an issue of First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Bonds maturing February 1 1957, to the principal aggregate amount of \$65,000,000 issued or to be issued, and

Further subject, as to portions of the property covered by Clause I, so far, but only in so far as the same shall by their terms attach thereto to the lien of the following indentures:

(c) The mortgage of New York & Jersey Railroad Company made to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York as Trustee, dated February 20 1902, securing an issue of First Mortgage Five per Cent Thirty-Year Gold Bonds maturing February 1 1932, under which bonds amounting to \$5,000,000 principal amount have been issued and are now outstanding.

(d) The agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock dated March 1 1909 between Guaranty Trust Company of New York as Trustee and the Company, securing the obligation of the Company to make to said trust company twenty semi-annual payments of \$46,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum and maturing on every September 1 and March 1 until March 1 1919, and

(e) The agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock dated October 1 1910 between Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Trustee, and the Company, securing the obligation of the company to make to said trust company twenty consecutive semi-annual payments of \$25,000 each, bearing interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum, and maturing on every April 1 and October 1 until October 1 1920, and

(f) The agreement for conditional sale of rolling stock dated August 1 1911 between Guaranty Trust Company of New York as Trustee, and the Company, securing the obligation of the company to make to said trust company twenty consecutive semi-annual payments of \$21,000, each bearing interest at the rate of Five per Cent per annum, and maturing on every August 1 and February 1 until August 1 1921; and

(g) The mortgages upon certain portions of the real estate particularly mentioned in Sub-clause II of Granting Clause I of this mortgage.

The Adjustment Income Mortgage is also a lien upon \$66,204,000 principal amount of the First Mortgage Four and One-half per Cent Gold Bonds of the Company issued under and secured by its mortgage to the Standard Trust Company of New York as Trustee, dated December 29 1906, bearing the coupon maturing February 1 1913 and all subsequent coupons, and also all other of said bonds which may from time to time be acquired by the company, subject, however, to the pledge and delivery thereof under the First Lien and Refunding Mortgage of the Company as herein elsewhere set forth.

The Adjustment Income Mortgage is also a lien upon all other property of the Company, real or personal, which it now owns, subject, however, to the lien of the First Lien and Refunding Mortgage of the Company, and further subject to the liens of other mortgages and obligations described in the mortgage, in so far, but only in so far as the same by their terms attach thereto. And all property of every name and nature which from time to time hereafter shall be conveyed, mortgaged, pledged, signed, transferred or delivered by the Company or on its behalf to the Trustee as additional security for the bonds issued or to be issued thereunder.

Under Section 2 of Article II of the mortgage, \$33,102,000 principal amount of these bonds were issued at the execution of the mortgage and were exchanged, together with a like amount of First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Bonds for \$66,204,000 of First Mortgage Four and One-half per Cent Bonds deposited under the plan of readjustment of the Company's debt as herein elsewhere described. And under Section 3 of Article II \$472,000 principal amount of the bonds are reserved for issuance for the purpose of exchange for or of purchasing, retiring or otherwise acquiring before maturity, in connection with the First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Bonds of the Company, \$944,000 principal amount of Four and One-half per Cent Mortgage Bonds of the Company,

maturing February 1 1957, secured by the mortgage of the Company dated December 29 1906 to the Standard Trust Company of New York, Trustee.

The Public Service Commission for the First District of the State of New York, in an order dated July 1 1913, approved the Adjustment Income Mortgage and authorized its execution and the issuance of the bonds thereunder, and on July 8 1913 the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners of New Jersey likewise, by a formal order, signified its approval.

HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD COMPANY. HISTORY.

The work of tunneling under the Hudson River dates back to the year 1873. The Hudson Tunnel Railroad Company was incorporated in the State of New York on May 22 and in the State of New Jersey on May 26 of that year. The original plan seems to have been for that Company to build a brick lined tunnel through which all of the steam railroads having their terminals at the New Jersey water front would send their trains to a central or union station in the City of New York. As will be seen from the following diagram showing the development of the Hudson River Tunnel Companies, the enterprise went through the process of several reorganizations until, in 1899 the Hudson Tunnel Railway Company's mortgage was foreclosed. In that year Mr. F. B. Jennings, acting for a reorganization committee of the Hudson Tunnel Railway Company's bondholders, purchased under foreclosure decree all of the properties and rights of that company, and in 1902 the New York & Jersey Railroad Company was incorporated and took over the properties from the reorganization committee and issued preferred and common stock, portions of which were exchangeable for the securities of the predecessor company then outstanding.

In this connection it is interesting to note that some of the old security holders could not be found, and the reorganization committee turned back to the New York & Jersey Railroad Company the shares to which such undiscovered stockholders were entitled. The New York & Jersey Railroad Company held such stock and through the various reorganizations down to the present time such stock is now held in the present Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company's treasury, and is shown upon the balance sheet herein included as "preferred and common stock and scrip held to redeem outstanding securities of predecessor companies."

When the New York & Jersey Railroad Company was formed in 1902, it was the intention to complete one tunnel between Fifteenth Street, Jersey City, and Christopher and Greenwich Streets, New York City, and to operate a double-track narrow gauge trolley line between those points. Owing to the rapid growth in population on both sides of the river, it soon became evident that such a plan was entirely inadequate for the needs of the traveling public, and Mr. W. G. McAduo succeeded in interesting the Guaranty Trust Company and Messrs. Harvey Fisk & Sons to undertake the financing of the proposition on a much broader scope out of which, by process of gradual development, has grown the present comprehensive system of tunnels and the Hudson Terminal Buildings.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The title of the corporation is HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD COMPANY, the date of its organization December 1 1906, and the authority therefor is an agreement of consolidation between New York & Jersey Railroad Company, a corporation of New York State, Hoboken & Manhattan Railroad Company, a corporation of New Jersey, and Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company, a corporation of the State of New York, forming the present HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD COMPANY. Said agreement of consolidation was filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of New York on December 5 1906 and in the office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey on December 6 1906. It was also filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York December 6 1906.

The period of existence of the corporation is unlimited.

The amount of capital stock authorized is \$50,000,000, divided into 500,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, of which 400,000 shares are common stock and 100,000 shares are preferred stock. Both classes of stock are full paid, and no personal liability attaches to their ownership. The purpose of issue of these shares was for exchange of the outstanding securities of the three consolidating companies.

The preferred stock of the company is entitled to dividends from yearly profits up to Five per Cent per annum in preference to the common stock, and in case of a distribution of assets other than profits, the preferred stock is entitled to preference over the common stock up to the par value thereof, but to no further share of any profits or assets. The preferred stock is non-cumulative and is convertible at the option of the holders thereof at any time after July 1 1911 at par into common stock at the rate of \$110 per share.

The common stock of the company is entitled to all profits divided in excess of the profits to which the preferred stock may be entitled, and, in case of a distribution of assets, to all assets in excess of the amount thereof to which the preferred stock may be entitled. Each share of each class of stock entitles the holder thereof, either in person or by proxy, to one vote in any stockholders' meeting.

The equipment of which the Company is the owner consists of 226 all-steel passenger motor cars, together with an adequate equipment of wrecking and service cars. The railroad owned by the Company is located in the States of New York and New Jersey, and extends from the intersection of Thirty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City, in a southerly direction, under Sixth Avenue to Ninth Street, thence under Christopher, Greenwich and Morton streets to the Hudson River; thence beneath the Hudson River to Hoboken, New Jersey; also by subway underneath Washington Street in Jersey City, and underneath the properties of the Erie and Pennsylvania Railroad Companies to Exchange Place, Jersey City, where a junction is made with the downtown division of the Company's railroad, which extends from the Hudson Terminal (located on Church Street and extending from Cortlandt to Fulton Streets), under Cortlandt and Dey Streets to the Hudson River, thence beneath the Hudson River and extending through Jersey City in a westerly direction to a point of juncture with the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at or about Waldo Avenue, Jersey City.

The railroad property of the Company is described as an underground and sub-aqueous system of tunnels, being for the most part built of heavy iron rings bolted together, grouted on the outside with cement and in parts internally lined with concrete. The sections of the railroad from Eleventh Street to Thirty-third Street under Sixth Avenue, and in Jersey City under Washington Street and under the properties of the Pennsylvania and Erie Railroad companies, are constructed of reinforced concrete.

The motive power employed is the most modern application of electricity by the third-rail system. The signaling and interlocking systems are electric and electro-pneumatic, employing the best practice in the manipulation of trains and the highest types of safety devices.

The main power house of the Company is located in Jersey City, the building and the machinery therein being of the most approved and efficient design. The three sub-stations for the conversion and reduction of the electric current from 11,000 volts alternating current to 650 volts direct current are located one in Jersey City and two in New York City.

In addition to its railroad, the Company is the owner of the Hudson Terminal Buildings, which are twin buildings facing on Church Street and extending for two blocks from Cortlandt Street to Fulton Street, and something over one-half of the block westerly from Church Street to Greenwich Street. The buildings are of the most modern fireproof type of office structures, twenty-two stories in height, and from them the Company derives a revenue of rentals for stores and offices.

The Company is also the owner of the major portions of the remainders of the blocks of real estate upon which the Hudson Terminal Buildings are located. From the buildings located upon this real estate rental revenues are derived, but the principal value of these properties to the company consists in the breaking up of the continuity of real estate adjacent to the Hudson Terminal Buildings, thus precluding the erection by outside interests of any tall buildings which would cut off the light and air from the west side of the Hudson Terminal Buildings. The company also owns the major portion of the block of real estate bounded by Christopher, Greenwich, Hudson and West Tenth streets, New York City, part of which is occupied by the company's sub-station No. 1, and from the remainder of which rent revenues are derived.

The total mileage in operation at the date of this application is 7.91 miles (18,757 miles of single track).

At the date of this application two extensions to the railroad property are in contemplation.

First: A proposed extension from Sixth Avenue and Ninth Street, New York City, to Fourth Avenue and Astor Place, at which point a connection with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company's Subway is contemplated.

Second: A proposed extension from Sixth Avenue and Thirty-third Street, New York City, under Sixth Avenue, and curving to the eastward under Bryant Park and Forty-second Street to Lexington Avenue, with a station in connection with the Grand Central Terminal of the New York Central Lines. For each of the aforementioned extensions the company has received franchise rights from the City of New York.

Under a traffic agreement between this company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, dated April 18 1906, a high-speed electric train service is operated between Hudson Terminal in New York City, and Newark, New Jersey. The duration of said agreement is fifty years, and the revenues and expenses of operation of such service are borne jointly by the two companies.

The amounts of mortgage liens and other funded debt or liability of the company as at the date of this application are as follows:

	Due.	Authorized Issue.	Outstanding.
New York & Jersey RR. Co. 5% Mortgage Bonds.....	1932	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000.00
Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company First Lien and Refunding Mortgage 5% Bonds.....	1957	65,000,000	36,562,633.66
Adjustment Income Mortgage 5% Bonds.....	1957	33,574,000	33,102,000.00
First Mortgage 4 1/2 % Bonds.....	1957	(Closed)	944,000.00
Real Estate Mortgages.....	Various		1,207,500.00
Car Purchase Installments 5% Series A.....	1919		506,000.00
Car Purchase Installments 5% Series B.....	1920		1,350,000.00
Car Purchase Installments 5% Series C.....	1921		336,000.00

HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT BONDS.

(This mortgage closed.)

Under a mortgage dated December 29 1906 from Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company to Standard Trust Company of New York (now Guaranty Trust Company of New York), as Trustee, First Mortgage Four and One-half per Cent Gold Bonds, dated February 1 1907 and due February 1 1957, are authorized to the aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000.

The title of the bonds issued under said mortgage is HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT FIFTY-YEAR GOLD BONDS. The denominations of said bonds are \$1,000 each for coupon bonds and \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 for registered bonds.

Provision is made in the mortgage that some of the bonds may be for the principal sum of 500 French francs or a multiple thereof, and that some of the bonds may be for the principal sum of 200 pounds Sterling or a multiple thereof, and the mortgage further provides for the payment of principal and interest at the office or agency of the Mortgagor in the cities of Paris, France and London, England. At the time of this application no bonds of foreign denomination have been issued.

The interest is payable on the first days of February and August of each year at the office of Harvey Fisk & Sons, Bankers, 62 Cedar Street, New York City, and each bond is convertible at the option of the holder thereof on any interest date on or after February 1, 1912, at par into common stock of the company at \$110 per share; or in case of certain events stated in the mortgage, such conversion may be made at a reduced rate for such common stock.

No provision is made in the mortgage for the redemption of the bonds by sinking fund. Bonds issued under this mortgage are in both coupon and registered form, and are interchangeable either for other. Any coupon bond may be registered as to principal, but such registration does not restrain the negotiability of the coupons by delivery merely.

Under said mortgage of December 29 1906, and as of the date of this application, there have been issued bonds to the aggregate principal amount of \$67,148,000 for the purpose of purchase of property hereinafter described, but \$66,204,000 of said Hudson & Manhattan First Mortgage Four and One-half per Cent Gold Bonds have been deposited under a plan dated January 14 1913 for the readjustment of the company's debt. Said plan having been consummated, said \$66,204,000 of bonds are now held as collateral security to the First Lien and Refunding Mortgage and the Adjustment Income Mortgage hereinafter described.

At the time of this application there are outstanding in the hands of the public First Mortgage Four and One-half per Cent bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$944,000. It is not desired at this time that this issue of bonds be listed by the New York Stock Exchange.

The property covered by the mortgage of December 29 1906 to the Standard Trust Company is described as follows:

All and singular the tunnels and railroads constructed or to be constructed in the City, County, and State of New York, and in the Cities of Jersey City and Hoboken, in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, and all property, franchises, rights and privileges of the Mortgagor, now owned or hereafter acquired by it, including:

All and singular the tunnels and railroads, constructed or to be constructed, forming a line running from the terminal thereof between Sixth and Seventh Avenues and Thirty-second Street and Thirty-third Street in the City of New York, in the State of New York, under Sixth Avenue, to Christopher Street, and under Christopher, Greenwich and Morton Streets, and under the Hudson River, to a point in Jersey City, in the State of New Jersey, near the foot of Fifteenth Street (extended), and thence to points near the Erie and Pennsylvania Railroad Stations in Jersey City, and thence under the Hudson River and under Cortlandt, Dey and Fulton Streets to the terminal at Church Street, in the City of New York, together with branches to a point near the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railroad Station in Hoboken, and under Ninth Street from Sixth Avenue to Fourth Avenue, in the City of New York, together with an underground footway under Dey Street from the terminal at Church Street, in the City of New York, to the Fulton Street Station of the subway of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company;

And also all other branches and all extensions of said tunnels and railroads and additions thereto;

Also the terminal property bounded easterly by Church Street, in the City of New York, and lying between Fulton and Dey Streets and between Dey and Cortlandt Streets, together with the buildings thereon; and all equipment thereof, and appurtenances thereto;

Also terminal rights and facilities in the eastern part of the block between Sixth Avenue and Seventh Avenue and Thirty-second and Thirty-third Streets, in the City of New York;

Also all real estate, rights of way, tracks, switches, sidings, branches, stations, terminals, power houses, yards, workshops, engine houses, car houses, freight houses, and other buildings, structures and terminals and other facilities, in the States of New York and New Jersey, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by the Mortgagor;

Also all locomotive engines, motors, cars and other rolling stock, fixtures, equipment, engines, boilers, dynamos,

generators, machinery, apparatus, tools, implements, materials and supplies that are now owned, or which may be hereafter acquired for use in operating, using, repairing, restoring or replacing the said tunnels and railroads, or any of said branches, extensions, additions, yards or terminals or any of the buildings or other property aforesaid;

Also, all rights, powers, privileges, liberties, immunities and franchises, whether now owned, possessed and enjoyed by the Mortgagor, or hereafter to be acquired;

Also, all leaseholds, leases, rights under leases, trackage agreements, and all claims, demands, contracts and things in action of the Mortgagor, now owned or hereafter acquired, including any and all sums of money which are now or at any time may be due thereon;

Also, all other property of the Mortgagor, real or personal, which it now owns or may hereafter acquire;

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, income, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well as in law as in equity, of the Mortgagor, of, in and to the same, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances.

PLAN FOR READJUSTMENT OF DEBT.

See "Chronicle" Jan. 18 1913, page 208, which plan has since become operative.

CAR PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

On March 1 1909 this company agreed to purchase from Guaranty Trust Company of New York ninety all-steel passenger motor cars for the total amount of \$1,242,220. As of the date of this application, \$736,220 of said amount has been paid and \$506,000 remains to be paid when due. The deferred installments bear interest at the rate of Five per Cent, payable March 1 and September 1 of each year, at the office of Guaranty Trust Company, and the principal of these deferred installments is payable in semi-annual amounts of \$46,000 each, on March 1 and September 1 of each year. The Guaranty Trust Company has issued its certificates, Series "A," against the aforementioned equipment.

On October 1 1910 this Company agreed to purchase from Guaranty Trust Company of New York fifty all-steel passenger motor cars, for the total amount of \$662,500. As of the date of this application, \$312,500 of said amount has been paid and \$350,000 remains to be paid when due. The deferred installments bear interest at the rate of Five per Cent, payable April 1 and October 1 of each year, at the office of Guaranty Trust Company, and the principal of these deferred installments is payable in semi-annual amounts of \$25,000 each, on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The Guaranty Trust Company has issued its certificates, Series "B," against the aforementioned equipment.

On August 1 1911 this Company agreed to purchase from the Guaranty Trust Company of New York thirty-six all-steel passenger motor cars, for the total amount of \$510,000. As of the date of this application, \$174,000 of said amount has been paid and \$336,000 remains to be paid when due. The deferred installments bear interest at the rate of Five per Cent, payable February 1 and August 1 of each year, at the office of Guaranty Trust Company, and the principal of these deferred installments is payable in semi-annual amounts of \$21,000 each on February 1 and August 1 of each year. The Guaranty Trust Company has issued its certificates, Series "C," against the aforementioned equipment.

The Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company hereby agrees with the New York Stock Exchange:

That it will not dispose of its stock interest in any constituent company except where any constituent or subsidiary company shall purchase its own stock for the purpose of retirement and cancellation, or allow any of said companies to dispose of its stock interests in other companies, except on direct authorization of stockholders of the company holding the constituent company.

To publish at least once in each year, and submit to the stockholders at least fifteen days in advance of the annual meeting of the corporation, a statement of its physical and financial condition, an income account covering the previous fiscal year, and a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities at the end of the year; also annually an income account and balance sheet of all subsidiary companies; also to publish monthly statements of earnings.

To maintain a transfer office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, where all listed securities shall be directly transferable, and the principal of all listed securities with interest or dividends thereon shall be payable; also a registry office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, other than its transfer office or agency in said city, where all listed securities shall be registered.

Not to make any change of a transfer agency or of a registrar of its stock, nor of a trustee of its bonds or other securities without the approval of the Committee on Stock List.

To notify the Stock Exchange in the event of the issuance of any rights or subscriptions to or allotments of its securities and afford the holders of listed securities a proper period within which to record their interests, and that all rights, subscriptions or allotments shall be transferable, payable

and deliverable in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York.

To publish promptly to bond and stockholders any action in respect to dividends on shares, interest on bonds, or allotment of rights for subscription to securities, notices thereof to be sent to the Stock Exchange; and to give to the Stock Exchange at least ten days' notice in advance of the closing of the transfer books or the taking of a record of stockholders for any purpose.

The Directors of the Company are: L. L. Clarke, George W. Davison, W. C. Fisk, Jerome J. Hanauer, Alexander J. Hemphill, W. G. Oakman, John W. Platten, all of New York City; Pliny Fisk, Rye, N. Y.; W. H. Williams, Plainfield, N. J.; R. W. Meirs, Philadelphia, Pa. (One vacancy.)

The Officers of the Company are: Wilbur C. Fisk, President and General Manager; Richard W. Meirs, Vice-President; James S. O'Neale, Secretary and Treasurer; Kenyon B. Conger, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; Robert B. Kay, Assistant Secretary; Fletcher H. Sillick, Comptroller.

The date for the annual meeting for stockholders is the second Wednesday in April of each year at twelve o'clock noon, at the corporate office of the Company, 243 Washington Street, Jersey City.

The address of the Company's main office is Hudson Terminal, 30 Church Street, New York City.

The Company's fiscal year ends on the 31st day of December of each year.

HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD COMPANY,
By W. C. FISK, President.

This Committee recommends that the above-described

\$5,000,000 New York & Jersey Railroad Company First Mortgage Five Per Cent Thirty-Year Bonds, due 1932, Nos. 1 to 5,000, inclusive, for \$1,000 each;
36,562,000 Hudson & Manhattan First Lien and Refunding Mortgage Five Per Cent Bonds, Series "A," due 1957, Nos. M-1 to M-35,000, inclusive, for \$1,000 each, and Nos. D-1 to D-3,124, inclusive, for \$500 each;
33,102,000 Hudson & Manhattan Adjustment Income Five Per Cent Mortgage Bonds, due 1957, Nos. M-1 to M-32,000, inclusive, for \$1,000 each, and Nos. D-1 to D-2,204, inclusive, for \$500 each;

be admitted to the list; with authority to add \$472,000 of said Adjustment Income Five per Cent Mortgage Bonds upon official notice of issuance under the terms of this application, making the total amount of said Adjustment Income Mortgage Bonds authorized to be listed \$33,574,000.

WM. W. HEATON, Chairman.

GEORGE W. ELY, Secretary.

Adopted by the Governing Committee Jan. 28 1914.

GEORGE W. ELY, Secretary.

—The 70th annual statement of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston, Alfred D. Foster, President, is published in our advertising columns to-day. The company has made significant growth in all departments of its business. The principal gains for the past twelve months were: Premium income increased \$512,968; gross income increased \$677,660; gross assets increased \$2,341,635; policy reserves increased \$3,613,485, and insurance in force increased \$20,200,598. The company's total assets, according to the actual market values Dec. 31 1913, as fixed by the Mass. Insurance Department, were \$63,760,033. After allowing for \$57,931,525 reserve at Mass. standard, \$1,865,000 distribution of surplus apportioned Dec. 31 1913, payable in 1914, and sundry amounts for other items, there still remained a "net surplus" of \$2,577,578, Mass. standard, above all the liabilities. If the "net surplus" was figured at the New York standard it would stand at \$4,986,246 instead of \$2,577,577. The managers representing the company in New York are: Edward W. Allen, 220 Broadway; Lathrop E. Baldwin, 141 Broadway, and Charles H. Strauss, 200 Fifth Ave. A copy of the printed annual statement will be mailed on request of the company's home office 87 Milk St., Boston.

—We have received a copy of the 1914 annual review of "The Monetary Times of Canada," with head offices at 62 Church St., Toronto. The publication consists of 278 pages and is divided into a Banking Section, Bond Section, Editorial Section, Industrial Section, Insurance Section and Investment Section. This number is similar to those issued previously by the "Times" in that it contains an immense amount of valuable statistical matter, besides numerous interesting articles by well-known authorities. Single copies, postpaid, 50 cents.

—Assets aggregating \$28,668,004, or about \$1,500,000 greater than those of last year, are shown by the 26th annual statement of the American Real Estate Co., made public this week, while other items also show substantial growth. The report is of especial interest since, although it covers what is universally considered an off-year in New York real estate, it shows, the officials say, a distinctly encouraging condition. See "Annual Reports" above and adv. on another page.

—Attention is called to the fact that to-day, Jan. 31, is the last day for the deposit of Minneapolis & St. Louis notes with Speyer & Co. to get the benefit of the extension for two years at 6%. The noteholders who deposit their notes for extension will receive a bonus of \$25 per \$1,000 note. See last week's "Chronicle," page 304.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Jan. 30 1914.

Trade is showing recovery from the low point reached in December, but otherwise leaves much to be desired. Bank exchanges for the week show good gains over the corresponding weeks of last year and the year before. These gains, however, are mainly traceable to the greater activity in the stock and bond markets. Commercial paper is in brisk demand, money rates at home and abroad are easy and discounts have been lowered, not only in London but also in Paris. December merchandise imports were the largest on record but exports were reduced. Wool sales are large. The mildness of the winter favors the building trades. On the other hand, this mild weather hurts retail business and causes a lessened consumption of coal. Exports of wheat have fallen off. Failures keep numerous. Conservatism is still observable in buying for the spring trade. Yet, the business outlook is regarded as more favorable, partly owing to the universality of low rates for money.

LARD on the spot has been rather quiet, with prime Western down to 11@11.10c.; refined for the Continent 11.50, South American 12.15c., Brazil 13.15c. Lard futures have reacted, owing to lower hog prices and what is regarded as a bearish Government report on the hog supply. These figures show more hogs and cattle on the farms than the trade had expected. On the declines the market has encountered some good buying orders. To-day lard was easier, though January pork advanced 42½¢. on covering and hogs were up 10 to 15c. at Chicago. Selling of lard and ribs was heavy, however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	10.97½	10.82½	10.72½	10.72½	10.90	10.80
May delivery	11.30	11.20	11.10	11.07½	11.20	11.15
July delivery	11.40	11.30	11.25	11.22½	11.35	11.32

COFFEE on the spot has been quiet, with No. 7 Rio 9½¢. and fair to good Cucta 13¼@14¼¢. Coffee futures have been on the whole quiet and more or less depressed, despite reports that Brazil has raised \$22,000,000 apparently with the idea of trying another valorization scheme. The weather has been fine in Brazil. European markets have been inclined to sag. Brazilian receipts have been larger than many had expected. To-day futures were dull and lower. The outside public ignores both coffee and cotton as well as grain, preferring the stock market. Closing prices were:

January	9.11@9.18	May	9.47@9.50	September	9.82@9.84
February	9.16@9.18	June	9.57@9.59	October	9.88@9.90
March	9.23@9.24	July	9.67@9.69	November	9.93@9.95
April	9.35@9.36	August	9.74@9.76	December	9.98@10.00

PORK on the spot quiet; mess \$23 50@24, clear \$20 25@22 50, family \$24 50@27. Beef quiet; mess \$18@19; packet \$19@20; family \$20@22, extra India mess \$28@30. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 10@20 lbs., 13@14½¢. Butter easier; creamery extras 28@28½¢. Cheese quiet; State, whole milk, held, colored, specials, 18@18½¢. Eggs quiet; fresh gathered, extras, 34@35c.

OILS.—Linsed quiet; city, raw, American seed, 52@53c.; boiled, 53@54c.; Calcutta, raw, 70c. Coconut steady; Cochin, 10¼@11¼¢.; Ceylon, 10¼@10¼¢. Castor steady; No. 2, 9@9½¢. Corn oil easier at 6.55@6.60c. Palm easier; Lagos, 7¼@7½¢. Chinawood steady at 7½@7¾¢. Lard firm; prime, 93@95c.; off prime, 67@70c.; extra No. 1, 59@61c. Cod quiet; domestic, 38c.; Newfoundland, 40c.

PETROLEUM.—Refined in seasonable demand and firm; barrels 8.75@9.75c.; bulk 5.25@6.25c.; cases 11.25@12.25c. Crude firm; Pennsylvania dark \$2 50; second sand \$2 50; Tiona \$2 50; Cabell \$2 07; Mercer Black \$2; Newcastle \$2; Corning \$2; Wooster \$1 91; North Lima \$1 49; South Lima \$1 44; Somerset \$1 35; Illinois \$1 45. Naphtha firm; 73@76 degrees, in 100-gallon drums, 24½¢. Spirits of turpentine 49½@50c. Common to good strained rosin \$4 40.

SUGAR.—Raw firmer; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 3.42@3.48c.; muscovado, 89-degrees test, 2.92@2.98c.; molasses, 89-degrees test, 2.67@2.73c. The world's visible supply of raw is stated at 4,250,000 tons, against 4,050,000 tons a year ago. Refined firmer; granulated 4@4.15c.

TOBACCO has been firm, as supplies are far from liberal. At the same time trade has not, as a rule, been very brisk. Yet it is a fact that in most parts of the country manufacturers are doing a good business. The year 1914 is expected to be a prosperous year. Meantime the better grades of binder and filler are in small supply, especially binder. Western buyers have taken considerable Georgia leaf and Connecticut tobacco and have been inquiring for Eastern binder. Cuban tobacco has been firm, but Sumatra rather quiet, pending the first inscription at Amsterdam on March 13.

COPPER has been firmer both at home and abroad; Lake 14½¢.; electrolytic 14¼¢.; there has been some speculation in May, June and July deliveries. Tin here on the spot, 39.40c., showing an advance. London and Singapore markets have been higher; some speculative buying is noticed here for April, May and June delivery. Lead on the spot here 4.07½¢.; spelter 5.40c. In iron and steel the feeling is more cheerful, though reports of improvement are somewhat exaggerated; still the most conservative admit that January buying of bars, sheets, tubes, wire and fabricated shapes has been larger than expected; plates and bars of late have been, however, somewhat easier. Yet some irregular improvement in prices here and there is noted.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our telegraphic advices from the South this evening indicate that rain has fallen at most points during the week, with the precipitation light or moderate as a rule. Temperature has been high for the season, but a considerable drop is reported in Texas as the week closes.

Galveston, Tex.—Temperatures have dropped from 20 to 35 degrees in Texas during past 24 hours. This will materially assist in destroying insects, which have been accumulating, due to the exceptionally mild winter. In considering prospects for next year's crop it must be remembered that the quality and quantity of seed is very poor. There has been rain on one day during the week, to the extent of twenty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 38 to 71, averaging 55.

Abilene, Tex.—Dry all the week. Minimum thermometer 20, highest 62, average 41.

Dallas, Tex.—We have had rain on two days the past week, the rainfall reaching one inch and three hundredths. Lowest thermometer 30, highest 64, average 47.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain has fallen on two days of the week, to the extent of fifty hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 30, maximum 66, average 48.

San Antonio, Tex.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being four hundredths of an inch. Lowest thermometer 32, highest 68, average 50.

Taylor, Tex.—It has rained on one day of the week, the precipitation reaching six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 50, highest 68, lowest 32.

New Orleans, La.—There has been rain on two days the past week, the rainfall reaching ten hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 65.

Shreveport, La.—We have had rain on one day of the past week, the precipitation being forty-eight hundredths. Highest thermometer 76, lowest 45.

Vicksburg, Miss.—There has been rain on one day the past week, the rainfall reaching eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 59, ranging from 42 to 77.

Memphis, Tenn.—Rain has fallen on two days of the week, the rainfall reaching sixty-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 38 to 73, averaging 56.

Mobile, Ala.—It has rained on two days of the week, the precipitation reaching eighty-three hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 59, highest 72, lowest 47.

Selma, Ala.—There has been rain on four days of the past week, the rainfall being seventy-six hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 41 to 73, averaging 53.

Madison, Fla.—It has rained on three days of the week, the precipitation reaching four inches and thirty hundredths. Average thermometer 60, highest 78, lowest 44.

Savannah, Ga.—There has been rain on two days during the week, to the extent of one inch and eighty-nine hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 44 to 74, averaging 58.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on three days of the past week, the precipitation being one inch and thirty-nine hundredths. Average thermometer 55, highest 66, lowest 43.

Charlotte, N. C.—There has been rain during the week to the extent of fifty-nine hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 35 to 69, averaging 52.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of the rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Jan. 30 1914.	Jan. 31 1913.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans.....	Above zero of gauge.	5.0
Memphis.....	Above zero of gauge.	7.8
Nashville.....	Above zero of gauge.	8.4
Shreveport.....	Above zero of gauge.	1.4
Vicksburg.....	Above zero of gauge.	9.3

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week ending	Receipts at Ports.			Stock at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations.		
	1913-14	1912-13	1911-12	1913-14	1912-13	1911-12	1913-14	1912-13	1911-12
Dec. 12	201,330	380,202	435,157	941,508	804,204	958,913	336,860	410,138	181,858
" 19	312,795	335,203	471,233	966,023	834,999	970,000	347,310	365,998	182,320
" 26	319,198	262,724	323,704	989,478	872,372	982,065	342,651	300,497	335,769
Jan. 2	303,899	292,348	354,935	1005,910	873,038	965,229	320,333	283,464	338,096
" 9	275,070	179,000	334,417	992,965	855,849	908,927	262,125	163,911	278,118
" 16	272,157	154,340	285,431	973,312	822,134	861,570	252,504	117,625	235,074
" 23	248,614	159,990	319,526	967,200	798,941	829,576	242,502	136,797	287,532
" 30	272,944	160,209	318,215	947,546	776,217	806,329	253,290	137,485	294,968

The above statement shows: 1.—That the total receipts from the plantations since Sept. 1 1913 are 8,729,880 bales; in 1912-13 were 8,383,824 bales; in 1911-12 were 9,311,752.—That receipts at the outports although the the past week were 272,944 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 253,290 bales, the balance being taken from stocks at interior towns. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 1,748,5 bales and for 1912 they were 294,968 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Sept. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1913-14.		1912-13.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 23.....	6,235,575	2,055,351	6,162,786	2,135,455
Visible supply Sept. 1.....	353,733	10,815,906	236,596	10,427,121
American in sight to Jan. 30.....	140,000	1,353,000	83,000	943,000
Bombay receipts to Jan. 29.....	17,000	141,000	3,690	82,100
Other India ship'ts to Jan. 29.....	15,000	877,000	23,000	908,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 28.....	16,000	151,000	15,000	147,000
Other supply to Jan. 28*.....	6,777,308	15,393,257	6,524,072	14,642,706
Total supply to Jan. 30.....	6,288,402	6,288,402	6,041,418	6,041,418
Deduct.....	488,906	9,104,855	482,654	8,601,288
Total takings to Jan. 30 a.....	355,906	7,230,855	357,964	7,088,188
Of which American.....	133,000	1,874,000	124,690	1,513,100

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 † This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,310,000 bales in 1913-14 and 1,224,000 bales in 1912-13—takings not being available—and aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,794,855 bales in 1913-14 and 7,377,288 bales in 1912-13, of which 5,920,855 bales and 5,864,188 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Sept. 1 for the three years have been as follows:

January 29. Receipts at—	1913-14.		1912-13.		1911-12.	
	Week.	Since Sept. 1.	Week.	Since Sept. 1.	Week.	Since Sept. 1.
Bombay.....	140,000	1,353,000	83,000	943,000	118,000	907,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since September 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1913-14.....	22,000	19,000	41,000	13,000	365,000	352,000	728,000	
1912-13.....	2,000	13,000	58,000	73,000	126,000	240,000	379,000	
1911-12.....	12,000	10,000	22,000	1,000	79,000	252,000	332,000	
Calcutta—								
1913-14.....	8,000	8,000	2,000	11,000	9,000	22,000		
1912-13.....	390	390	2,000	7,000	400	9,400		
1911-12.....	100	1,100	2,000	6,000	790	8,700		
Madras—								
1913-14.....	5,000	5,000	5,000	17,000	1,000	23,000		
1912-13.....	2,000	2,000	4,000	11,000	---	15,000		
1911-12.....	---	---	2,000	5,000	700	7,700		
All others—								
1913-14.....	2,000	2,000	4,000	14,000	76,000	6,000	96,000	
1912-13.....	1,000	300	1,300	7,000	49,000	1,700	57,700	
1911-12.....	---	500	500	4,000	44,000	6,500	54,500	
Total all—								
1913-14.....	2,000	29,000	27,690	55,000	31,000	470,000	368,000	
1912-13.....	2,000	16,000	58,690	76,690	26,000	193,000	242,100	
1911-12.....	1,000	12,000	10,600	23,600	9,000	134,000	259,900	

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an decrease, compared with last year, in the week's receipts of 57,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a loss of 18,690 bales during the week and since Sept. 1 show a decrease of 407,900 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON.—Through arrangements made with Messrs. Chosmi, Benachi & Co., of Boston and Alexandria, we now receive a weekly cable of the movement of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the two previous years:

Alexandria, Egypt, January 28.	1913-14.	1912-13.	1911-12.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	185,000	175,000	340,000
Since Sept. 1.....	6,578,600	6,812,030	5,729,708

Exports (bales)—	This Week.		Since Sept. 1.		This Week.		Since Sept. 1.	
	Week.	Since Sept. 1.	Week.	Since Sept. 1.	Week.	Since Sept. 1.	Week.	Since Sept. 1.
To Liverpool.....	7,000	137,166	600	142,019	2,250	118,858		
To Manchester.....	10,250	738,797	7,500	156,471	9,500	142,672		
To Continent and India.....	6,500	233,319	5,500	203,979	6,750	192,007		
To America.....	2,250	25,069	5,500	78,164	2,500	38,602		
Total exports.....	26,000	535,349	19,100	580,633	21,000	492,769		

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. The statement shows that the receipts for the week were 185,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 26,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is flat for yarns and quiet for shirtings. Spinners are considered to be well under contract. We give the prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Dec.	1913-14.				1912-13.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirtings, common to finest.	Col'n Mfd. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirtings, common to finest.	Col'n Mfd. Upl's	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 lbs. Shirtings, common to finest.
12	10 1/4 @ 115-16	6 2 1/2 @ 11 4 1/2	7.20 10 1/4 @ 11 1/2	11 1/2 @ 6 3 @ 11 6	7.06			
19	10 1/4 @ 11 3-16	6 2 @ 11 4	7.11 10 1/4 @ 11 1/2	11 1/2 @ 6 3 @ 11 6	7.11			
26	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	6 1 @ 11 3	7.02 10 1/4 @ 11 1/2	11 1/2 @ 6 3 @ 11 6	7.15			
Jan. 2	10 @ 11	6 2 @ 11 3 1/2	7.05 10 7-16 @ 11 1/2	6 4 @ 11 7 1/2	7.19			
9	9 3/4 @ 10 1/4	6 1 1/2 @ 11 3	6.91 10 1/4 @ 11 1/2	6 4 @ 11 7	7.02			
16	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	6 1 1/2 @ 11 3	7.16 10 1/4 @ 11 1/2	6 3 @ 11 6	6.80			
16	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	6 1 1/2 @ 11 3	7.21 10 @ 10 3/4	6 3 @ 11 6	6.69			
23	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	6 1 @ 11 2	7.09 10 @ 10 3/4	6 3 @ 11 6	6.84			

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 263,937 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table of shipments from various ports including New York, Boston, Baltimore, and San Francisco, listing destinations like Liverpool, London, and Bremen with dates and bales.

The particulars of the foregoing shipments for the week, arranged in our usual form, are as follows:

Summary table of shipments from various ports, categorized by destination and quantity.

The exports to Japan since Sept. 1 have been 203,796 bales from Pacific ports, 21,670 bales from Galveston, 20,850 bales from Savannah, 6,450 bales from Mobile and 3,490 bales from New York.

Cotton freights at New York the past week have been as follows, quotations being in cents per 100 lbs.:

Table showing cotton freight rates for various ports like Liverpool, Manchester, and Havre.

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

Table detailing sales, stocks, and exports of cotton in Liverpool for the past week.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing the daily closing prices of spot cotton for various markets from Saturday to Friday.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below. Prices are on the basis of upland, good ordinary clause, unless otherwise stated.

Table of futures prices for various dates from Jan. 24 to Jan. 30, showing prices for different grades of cotton.

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS, PROVISIONS, COTTON AND PETROLEUM.—The exports of these articles during the month of December and the twelve months for the past three years have been as follows:

Table showing export statistics for breadstuffs, provisions, cotton, and petroleum for December and the preceding 12 months.

Total 129,716,594 107,124,923 133,856,000 104,039,751 113,559,075 916,867,268

EXPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR FROM UNITED STATES PORTS.—We give below a compilation showing the exports of wheat and flour from United States ports during the month of December and the twelve months of the calendar years 1912 and 1913:

Table comparing wheat and flour exports from US ports for December 1913, 12 months 1913, and 12 months 1912.

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, January 29 1914.

Flour has continued quiet, but on the whole, has been pretty steady. Kansas City, however, has reported some recent increase of activity. This appears to have been the case, too, in many parts of the Southwest. But this is only the exception which proves the rule that trade taken, as a whole, has been quiet.

Wheat advanced, owing partly to predictions of a cold wave at the West, light receipts and heavy covering of shorts. The decrease in the world's supply for the week, moreover, was 3,557,000 bushels, against a decrease in the same time last year of 1,087,000 bushels. The world's shipments also showed a suggestive falling off. They reached a total of 12,192,000 bushels, against 14,624,000 in the previous week, though, it is true, on the other hand, that the total for the same week last year was only 11,840,000 bushels.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Jan. 24 1914 was as follows:

UNITED STATES GRAIN STOCKS.										
In Thousands—	Amer. Bonded		Amer.		Amer.		Amer.		Amer. Bonded	
	Wheat.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Barley.	Barley.	Barley.
New York	1,873	1,667	72	989	411	3	163	255		
afloat				13						
Boston	20	1,727	39	8	31	3	4			
Philadelphia	278	727	132	185	15					
Baltimore	496	522	198	280		268	3			
New Orleans	529		122	122						
Galveston	440		635							
Buffalo	1,407	295	390	1,456	823	16	819	90		
afloat	4,989	1,545		411	2,588	79	1,514	665		
Toledo	1,096		357	425		24				
afloat		680								
Detroit	219		263	86		27				
afloat	420									
Chicago	5,963		8,107	10,839	299	425	379			
afloat	450		259							
Milwaukee	292		153	246		220	619			
Duluth	11,972	931	272	1,308	2,161	231	686	132		
afloat	1,325						275			
Minneapolis	19,777		312	2,823		705	1,177			
St. Louis	1,709		372	1,345		65	40			
Kansas City	7,321		1,384	1,081						
Peoria	125		62	1,455		20				
Indianapolis	239		547	149						
Omaha	810		2,026	1,606		53	34			
Total Jan. 24 1914	61,653	8,004	15,692	24,922	6,554	2,129	5,213	1,142		
Total Jan. 17 1914	62,491	8,862	15,280	25,235	7,129	2,261	5,147	1,227		
Total Jan. 25 1913	65,019	4,195	9,290	9,815	227	1,535	3,141	46		

CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS.										
In Thousands—	Canadian Bonded		Canadian		Canadian		Canadian		Canadian	
	Wheat.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Barley.	Barley.	Barley.
Montreal	284		17	654		24	463			
Ft. William & Pt. Arth.	10,532			4,086						
afloat	4,006			2,442						
Other Canadian	9,294			7,188						
Total Jan. 24 1914	24,116		17	14,370		24	463			
Total Jan. 17 1914	26,046		19	17,157		24	464			
Total Jan. 25 1913	22,106		25	8,536			45			

SUMMARY.

In Thousands—	Bonded		Bonded		Bonded		Bonded	
	Wheat.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.	Barley.
American	61,653	8,004	15,692	24,922	6,554	2,129	5,213	1,142
Canadian	24,116		17	14,370		24	463	
Total Jan. 24 1914	85,769	8,004	15,709	39,292	6,554	2,153	5,676	1,142
Total Jan. 17 1914	88,637	8,862	15,299	42,392	7,129	2,285	6,011	1,227
Total Jan. 25 1913	87,125	4,195	9,315	18,351	227	1,535	3,186	46

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 30 1914.

Conditions in the dry goods trade continue to improve in sympathy with the general change for the better in business sentiment which has taken place since the first of the year. While there is only a moderate increase in the volume of sales, the outlook is apparently bright. Buyers are disappointed over the firmness of prices, but are beginning to regard them as staple and are placing a better business for forward account. Manufacturers are in full control of the price situation, as there has been no surplus production during the past year and stocks are at low levels in all quarters. Although mills are following a conservative policy by turning out goods only against actual bookings, they have sufficient business in sight to ensure active operations for several months. Manufacturers are so far from having any thought of reducing prices that they are avoiding booking up too heavily at current levels. Manufacturers are beginning to believe that too great an allowance was made for increased foreign competition when opening new lines, and that, in view of the firm raw material situation, much business which was accepted at opening prices will prove unprofitable as the time for delivery approaches. This applies particularly to cotton napped goods, blankets, flannels and woolen serges, upon which advance bookings at the opening were very heavy, owing to the attractive values. Both buyers and manufacturers are beginning to feel that the decline in cotton is over and that spot cotton will not sell much, if at all, below present levels. Spinners lay much stress upon the fact that the present market quotations mean nothing to them in buying the staple, as they are compelled to pay much higher prices than quoted in order to obtain clean, white cotton of a good grade, particularly such as is needed for spinning fine yarns. Prices in this market are still too high to encourage a resumption of export buying and business as a result continues quiet. Moderate sales of light-weight sheetings have been reported for Red Sea account, but in other quarters demand is slack. Austrian, Belgian and Italian manufacturers are offering goods at Mediterranean ports at much lower prices than ours and are getting a good portion of the business. Reports from China state that stocks are ample for the present, and as mills still have much goods to ship to that market on old orders, it is not likely that there will be any new business while prices continue at present levels.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending Jan. 24 were 6,762 packages, valued at \$418,862, their destination being to the points specified in the table below:

New York to Jan. 24—	1914		1913	
	Week.	Since Jan. 1.	Week.	Since Jan. 1.
Great Britain	47	129	2	183
Other Europe	6	80	4	62
China		4,152	686	5,267
India	759	2,135	10	1,445
Arabia	376	1,026		1,591
Africa	335	1,037	684	1,729
West Indies	1,491	4,566	1,084	4,048
Mexico	17	44	61	310
Central America	525	1,741	126	1,211
South America	778	3,332	693	4,352
Other countries	2,429	5,511	2,377	6,353
Total	6,762	23,553	5,727	26,551

The value of these New York exports since Jan. 1 has been \$1,706,907 in 1914, against \$2,247,894 in 1913.

The tendency of prices on most lines of staple cotton goods continues upward and buyers are meeting the situation by placing better orders for future delivery. Many lines have been placed on a firmer basis during the week, and an active spot demand has greatly reduced immediate supplies, particularly of bleached goods. Many new orders have been received for napped goods, but it is feared that a number of the contracts placed so far are going to prove disappointing from the standpoint of profit when delivery falls due, owing to steadily increasing manufacturing costs. The firmness of manufacturers is a source of much annoyance to buyers, who expected to place future business at much lower levels, but in view of the scarcity of supplies and urgent need of goods, they cannot afford to wait any longer. While both manufacturers and jobbers are closely watching the course of prices for yarn and raw material, quite a good advance business has been quietly placed where prices are believed to have been firmly established. Print cloths, gray goods and other convertibles have worked into a stronger position as a direct result of the firmness displayed in cotton yarns. Both spinners and dealers state that they cannot see any possibility of lower prices on popular counts of yarns, and look for a firmer market from now on. Spinners complain that they are having to pay prices much in excess of market quotations for fine, clean grades of staple cotton, and that present prices for many grades of yarns are not very profitable. Gray goods, 38½-inch standard, are quoted at 5½ to 5¾c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Openings of fall lines of dress goods are slow, and such as have been shown are priced at about last season's levels. Several large corporation lines are known to be ready, but the agents are holding back in naming prices. It is thought that there will not be any radical reduction in prices made at the opening, as values so far named on imported lines are not as low as expected. The H. B. Claffin Co. reports a good demand for ratines, in both designs as well as plaids, and are placing these goods as rapidly as received from the mills. Re-order business for spring is quite active and some inquiries for additional goods are being turned down, owing to the well-sold condition of mills. In men's wear the heavy initial buying of serges for fall 1914, owing to the attractively low opening prices, has resulted in a slight upward revision on some lines. Manufacturers realize that they were too radical in their price cutting and that they have less to fear from imported lines than they had expected. This is causing some hesitancy on the part of mill agents in naming opening prices on new lines of worsted mixtures, upon which sharp reductions were expected by the trade.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—There is no change to report in the linen situation, demand continuing equal to supplies, while prices are firm and all departments of the trade are busily engaged in meeting their obligations. Novelty dress lines are going to be made a feature during the coming spring and summer, and many new lines are being shown. This is due to the trend of style during the past two seasons, which has shown a preference for fancy cotton goods, these being more adaptable to the draping effects in current styles than the stiffer linen dress fabrics. For this reason so-called linen crepes and brocaded damasks are very popular among outers-up for the coming season. Crashes and staple household goods continue in a sold-up condition and stocks of these are held at low levels by the slow arrivals from abroad. Burlaps, influenced by lower cables from Calcutta, and quiet demand, continue to rule easy. As large buyers are out of the market, sales for the most part are confined to small lots. Light-weights are quoted at 4.75c. to 5c. and heavy-weights at 6c.

Importations & Warehouse Withdrawals of Dry Goods.

Imports Entered for Consumption for the Week and Since Jan. 1.	Week Ending		Since Jan. 1 1914.	
	Jan. 24 1914.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Manufactures of—				
Wool	1,848	535,127	6,936	2,229,365
Cotton	4,128	1,166,977	16,087	4,675,297
Silk	1,525	733,418	5,900	2,936,422
Flax	1,768	439,155	6,659	1,612,172
Miscellaneous	2,630	301,175	11,081	1,308,575
Total 1914	11,899	3,175,852	46,663	12,761,831
Total 1913	13,558	2,530,219	46,370	11,003,097

Warehouse Withdrawals Thrown Upon the Market.

Imports Entered for Consumption for the Week and Since Jan. 1.	Week Ending		Since Jan. 1 1914.	
	Jan. 24 1914.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Manufactures of—				
Wool	960	256,555	12,116	3,232,328
Cotton	947	269,565	3,917	1,130,039
Silk	344	140,372	1,291	549,100
Flax	592	141,509	2,125	524,228
Miscellaneous	1,183	141,891	7,902	696,963
Total withdrawals	4,026	949,892	27,351	6,133,858
Entered for consumption	11,899	3,175,852	46,663	12,761,831
Total marketed 1914	15,925	4,125,744	74,014	18,894,489
Total marketed 1913	19,554	3,197,955	64,147	13,628,476

Imports Entered for Warehouse During Same Period.

Imports Entered for Warehouse During Same Period.	Week Ending		Since Jan. 1 1914.	
	Jan. 24 1914.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Manufactures of—				
Wool	543	171,037	3,686	1,232,939
Cotton	767	198,735	2,839	788,134
Silk	224	101,917	1,056	468,491
Flax	507	138,038	2,082	506,823
Miscellaneous	1,073	149,424	5,450	479,740
Total	4,014	759,151	15,113	3,476,127
Entered for consumption	11,899	3,175,852	46,663	12,761,831
Total imports 1914	15,913	3,935,003	61,776	16,237,958
Total imports 1913	32,661	3,193,915	77,944	13,629,884

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

News Items.

Antigo, Langlade County, Wis.—Election on Commission Government.—An election will be held Feb. 3, it is stated, to submit to the voters the question of establishing a commission form of government.

Chicago-Morgan Park, Ill.—Annexation Election.—An election will be held in Chicago April 7 and in Morgan Park April 21 on the question of annexation. This proposition was approved by the voters of both places on Apr. 4 1911, but the courts declared the plan invalid. See V. 94, p. 1777.

Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.—Commission Government Defeated.—The question of establishing a commission form of government was defeated, reports state, at the election held Jan. 14 by a vote of 89 "for" to 205 "against."

Detroit, Mich.—Supreme Court Decision Concerning Charter Amendments.—See item below under "Michigan."

Fond du Lac, Wis.—Election on Commission Government.—Reports state that an election will be held March 23 to vote on the question of establishing a commission form of government.

Highland Park, Wayne County, Mich.—Correction.—We have received the following letter from Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., explaining the reasons for their refusal to accept the \$18,000 6-year fire-department and \$25,000 20-year public-works-site bonds:

Chicago, Jan. 28 1914.

The William B. Dana Company, "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," Front, Pine and De Peyster Streets, New York.

Dear Sirs—Referring to notice in the "State and City" Department of your issue of Jan. 24, under "Highland Park, Wayne County, Mich.," appears an item that the bonds were refused on the grounds that we understood that all the bonds were for six years instead of only a part. It is true that we bid for these bonds under the impression that all the bonds were for twenty years, and not part of them for six years, as was the case. Finding out later that part of them were for a short period, we telegraphed withdrawal of the bid some seven or eight hours before the bids were opened. Our bid should, therefore, have been returned unopened and unread. The committee, however, opened the bid and notified us that the bonds had been awarded to us, and we refused them on the grounds mentioned.

Very truly yours,

KISSEL, KINNICUTT & CO.

Iowa.—Blue Sky Law Upheld.—In a decision handed down Jan. 17 Judge Smith McPherson of the Federal Court upholds the validity of the law passed by the last Legislature to provide for the regulation and supervision of investment companies (V. 97, p. 63). The law was attacked by the Wm. R. Compton Co. and others. Judge McPherson says:

I see no occasion to express my views as to this statute under the State constitution, although I believe it not to be in conflict with the State constitution. As to the United States Constitution, it seems to me that the entire case is more of an academic question than a practical one.

I fail to find any unconstitutional classification, nor do I find any burden but what of like kind have been upheld in many other business transactions, both inter-State and wholly within the State. Frauds and rascality in dealing with stocks and bonds are known to all. Whether such can be suppressed is not known. And it may be said that honest transactions will be prevented. If so, they can and will be remedied.

Kentucky.—Governor Restrained from Proclaiming Adoption of Tax Amendment.—The suit brought by G. G. Speer to prevent Governor McCreary from proclaiming the adoption of the tax amendment approved by the voters on Nov. 4 was decided Jan. 14 by the Court of Appeals, which affirms the injunction granted by Circuit Judge Stout in the State Fiscal Court on Dec. 15. V. 97, p. 1837. The amendment referred to and the convict labor amendment also adopted on Nov. 4 were not advertised until 60 days before the election, while the constitution in Section 257 requires that the last advertisement of a proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on shall be not less than ninety days before the day of the election.

The contention was made that as a result of the discussion of the oversight, the election received more widespread advertisement than it otherwise would, but the court did not assent to this argument, declaring that some people might have been led into the belief that the election would be void anyway, and that the fact that only about 100,000 persons out of 400,000 voted on it, did not bear out the argument that the election was sufficiently advertised.

The Louisville "Courier-Journal" points out that "no contest was made of the election on the convict labor question; hence no decision covering the question was handed down by the court. However, the same question is involved, and it is the opinion of Attorney-General Garnett that the effect of the decision on the tax question will be to nullify the vote on this proposition. Whether Governor McCreary could proclaim the passage of the convict amendment in the absence of a decision to the contrary has not been ascertained. Mr. Garnett holds that since no election has been declared by the decision, another election can be held in 1915 instead of having to wait until 1918, as would have been the case had the amendment been defeated by the votes of the people.

King County (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—Rehearing Denied in Court-House Bond Case.—The State Supreme Court has denied a re-hearing of the suit attacking the validity of the \$950,000 court-house bonds. The bonds were declared valid on Dec. 6, as stated in V. 97, p. 1761.

Lawrence, Kan.—Election on Purchase of Water Works.—The question of purchasing the water plant for \$197,500 will

be voted upon on March 10, according to a Topeka newspaper.

McPherson, Kan.—Commission Government Adopted.—The question of establishing a commission form of government carried, it is stated, at the election held Jan. 12.

Michigan.—"Blue Sky" Law Declared Unconstitutional.—United States Judges Denison and Sessions of Grand Rapids, and Tuttle of Detroit, in an opinion filed recently, declare unconstitutional the Michigan "Blue Sky Law." The opinion says in part:

We take judicial notice of the common understanding that this "Blue Sky Law" was intended, as is said by the Attorney-General, "to stop the sale of stock in fly-by-night concerns, visionary oil wells, distant gold mines and other like fraudulent exploitations." If just this intent had been carried into effect by the Act as passed, these cases would not be here; but scrutiny of the law discloses additional and very different effects. It is not confined to corporations, but covers partnerships issuing, and individuals dealing in, securities; it does not relate alone to stocks, but as well to bonds, mortgages and promissory notes; it is not limited to investment companies, as that term would ordinarily be defined, but extends the definition so that it may include most of the private corporations and partnerships in the United States; it does not cover fraudulent securities merely, but reaches and prohibits the sale of securities that are honest, valid and safe; it does not simply protect the unwary citizen against fraudulent misleading, but it prevents the experienced investor from deliberately assisting an enterprise which he thinks gives sufficient promise of gain to offset the risk of loss, or which, from motives of pride, sympathy or charity, he is willing to aid, notwithstanding a probability that his investment will prove unprofitable. Of course not all of these results always follow; but they always may, and sometimes will. Take concrete instances. A merchandizing partnership cannot borrow additional capital from its home bankers on long-time notes (over nine months) unless the Commission approves. If a timber company is insolvent, no one can deal in its first mortgage or underlying bonds, though these bonds are perfectly good, are not in default and not likely to be; nor can the Commission permit such dealing if it would. A successful automobile or furniture company may not increase and sell its capital stock, save by the Commission's approval, and if such a company has not been successful and the Commission thinks it is not likely to be, the company must liquidate—it will not be permitted to get new capital. If a company is organized to make and sell a new invention, and if the Commission thinks the enterprise will not succeed, the stock may not be sold, even to skilled bankers who have investigated thoroughly and still desire to buy. If, through local pride or in the effort to save an existing investment or for any indirect benefit to come, the citizens of a town wish to take stock or bonds in a local company, though knowing they are likely to lose their investment, and being willing to take the chance, yet they may not; this law forbids.

The generally laudable and remedial purposes of the Act are to be granted; but in endeavoring to make it so all-embracing as they thought wise, its draftsmen, as we are forced to conclude, disregarded fundamental limitations imposed by the Federal Constitution. We reach this result fully recognizing the rule that a court must not make such a decision on any evenly balanced or doubtful considerations, but must be clearly satisfied of the law's invalidity; and we proceed to state the reasons which compel our conclusions.

Lack of space prevents our publishing at this time the reasons stated by the Court. Caldwell, Masslich & Reed, who as counsel for the Investment Bankers' Association, directed and argued the suit attacking the Michigan "Blue Sky" Law made this statement with reference to the decision: "It is hardly necessary to comment on this sound and sweeping opinion in which the three judges concurred. Its condemnation includes the whole plan of the so-called Kansas blue sky idea which has been followed in many States, notably Arkansas, Oregon, Iowa, North and South Dakota, West Virginia, Missouri and Vermont, and in a modified form in Ohio. Attorney-General Fellows has expressed his intention of appealing from this decision, but has not as yet done so. We believe the decision will be sustained, and also that it will be followed in other courts, State and Federal. But regardless of this, the actual experience already had in the attempted enforcement of these laws, and a more general appreciation of their real meaning and effect, have made certain their early repeal or amendment in many of the States affected. The Association has tried on all occasions to make plain its desire to co-operate in urging and enforcing adequate laws to prevent fraud in the issuance or sale of securities. This decision limits the field of such legislation, and points the way toward making it valid and effectual."

Supreme Court Upholds Verdier Home Rule Bill.—The "Verdier Home Rule Bill," printed in full in the "Chronicle" of April 12 1913, page 1107, was held to be valid Jan. 23 in an opinion by Justice F. L. Brooke, which was concurred in by all the justices sitting with the exception of Chief Justice McAlvay, who dissents. The Court holds that the amendments to the charter of the City of Detroit approved by the voters April 4 1913, increasing that city's borrowing capacity and authorizing a bond issue of \$2,000,000 by the Water Board, "constitute lawful municipal action under valid provisions of the so-called Verdier Act." Whether the other two amendments approved April 4, affecting civil service and providing for the municipal ownership and operation of street railways, contravene any constitutional provisions, is not decided. That question, says Justice Brooke, "was distinctly reserved by the Wayne Circuit Court, and I am of the opinion that it should rest in abeyance until in proper proceeding it is determined."

The clause in the Act providing that it should take effect immediately was the subject of divided opinions by the Justices. The majority held it to be valid, because in this particular Act it was not shown that it was not immediately necessary. Chief Justice McAlvay declared that the whole bill to be unconstitutional, because the Legislature gave it immediate effect. Justices Brooke, Moore, Steere and Stone declared that in some instances the courts might have the power of review on this question, but Justices Ostrander and Bird refused to go this far, claiming immediate effect is purely a legislative question. Justice Kuhn did not sit in the case because, as Attorney-General, he gave an opinion that immediate effect may be given to any bill by the Legislature to preserve peace, health or safety.

After discussing the immediate-effect clause, Justice Brooke says:

It is clear that in any event the Act (if otherwise unobjectionable) would become a valid enactment after the expiration of 90 days from the date of adjournment.

Section 4 of the Act provides: First, a restriction upon cities, limiting their debt-creating power to 8% of the assessed value of all property.

Then comes the following provision: "When a city is authorized to acquire or operate any public utility, it may, for the purpose of acquiring the same, borrow the money on the credit of the city in a sum not to exceed 2% of the assessed value of all the real and personal property of the city, and the city may also, for the purpose of acquiring such utility, issue mortgage bonds therefor beyond the general limit of bonded indebtedness prescribed by law."

If this provision was intended to confer upon the cities the right to issue bonds to the extent of 2% of the assessed valuation in excess of the general bond limit, it is clearly invalid if said bonds are to be considered as a debt of city.

Considered as a restriction upon the borrowing power within the limitation, how should this provision be regarded? I am clearly of opinion that it is invalid. The Legislature is required to fix a general limitation upon the debt-creating right of cities, but it cannot parcel out the borrowing power among various municipal purposes.

Does the invalidity of this provision affect the entire Act? I think not. There still remains an entirely valid restriction upon the debt-creating power, both as to amount and as to the method of increase.

At the municipal election held on April 7, 1913, four separate charter amendments were voted upon and carried by large majorities.

First: Increasing the bond limit from 2% to 4% of the assessed value of all property in the city. (In this increase is to be included all bonds issued by the Board of Water Commissioners.)

Second: Increasing the Water Board bonded debt.

Third: Affecting civil service.

Fourth: Providing for the municipal ownership and operation of street railways.

With reference to the first two of the amendments, I am of opinion that their legality cannot be questioned. They constitute lawful municipal action under valid provisions of the so-called Verdict Act.

Whether the amendments number three and four contravene any constitutional provisions is not determined. That question was distinctly reserved by the Wayne Circuit Court and I am of opinion that it should rest in abeyance until in proper proceeding it is determined.

It is contended on behalf of complainant that the bill in question was not printed as required by Sec. 22, Art. 5, of the constitution. I have examined this question and am of opinion that unanimous conclusion of circuit judges upon this point is correct. Reference is had to the opinion of Judge Hally, which will be found printed at large in the record.

The decree dismissing the bill of complaint is affirmed.

Justices Moore, Steere and Stone concurred in Justice Brooke's opinion in the main as follows:

I agree in the main with what is said by Justice Brooke, but I do not agree with his conclusion as to the effect of the 2% provision. I think it clear that the limitation of 8% is for general municipal purposes.

New York State.—Bonds Listed.—The \$51,000,000 4 1/2% 50-year gold coupon Canal and highway bonds sold on Jan. 21 (V. 98, p. 324) have been admitted to the list of the New York Stock Exchange.

Quincy, Adams County, Ills.—Commission Government Defeated.—The question of establishing a commission form of government failed to carry at the election held Jan. 27 (V. 98, p. 250). The vote was 2,805 "for" to 9,724 "agst."

Review of the Bond Market in Canada in 1913. By Mr. E. R. Wood, President of the Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., head office, 26 King St., E., Toronto, Ont. This is a booklet of 30 pages, giving in concise form the features of the Canadian bond market last year.

Bond Calls and Redemptions.

Denver, Colo.—Bond Call.—The following bonds are called for payment Jan. 31:

- Storm Sewer Bonds. South Capitol Hill Storm Sewer Dist.—Bonds Nos. 62 to 64 inclusive. Sanitary Sewer Bonds. West and South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist.—Bonds Nos. 1 to 100 incl. Part "A" Sub Dist. No. 3 of the West and South Side Sanitary Sewer Dist.—Bond No. 35.

Spokane, Wash.—Bond Call.—The following special improvement bonds are called for payment at the City Treasurer's office:

TO BE PAID FEB. 1.

Table with 4 columns: Name of District, No. Bonds, Name of District, No. Bonds. Lists various districts like Paving, Division St., and Walk.

TO BE PAID FEB. 15.

Table with 4 columns: Name of District, No. Bonds, Name of District, No. Bonds. Lists various districts like Water Main, Paving, and Sewer.

Bond Proposals and Negotiations this week have been as follows:

ACADIA PARISH (P. O. Crowley), La.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—Local newspaper reports state that the Police Jury will shortly offer for sale the \$170,000 5% 10-year good roads bonds recently authorized (V. 98, p. 320).

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 4 p. m. March 18 by J. F. Barnhart, Clerk Bd. of Ed., for \$111,000 4 1/2% school bonds.

BOND SALE.—On Jan. 9 the \$75,000 4 1/2% 10-yr. (aver.) site-purchase and construction bonds (V. 97, p. 1838) were disposed of.

ALLEN PARISH (P. O. Oberlin), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 9 by the Police Jury for \$30,000 5% 1-15-yr. (serial) Ward No. 1 road bonds.

ALLIANCE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alliance), Stark and Mahoning Counties, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 26 the \$70,000 5% 20-yr. So. Freedom school-bldg.-impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 250) were awarded to Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati for \$73,172 (101.531) and int.

ANDREWS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Andrews), Cherokee County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Local newspaper reports state that D. S. Russell, Secy. Bd. of Ed., will receive proposals until 4 p. m. Feb. 28 for \$15,000 5 1/2% building bonds.

ANTWERP, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 19 \$15,000 streets and \$5,000 water bonds were disposed of to local investors.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland), Wis.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.—We are advised by the Clerk that the County Board has taken no action towards the calling of an election to vote on the issuance of the \$100,000 court-house bonds (V. 97, p. 1677).

AUBURNDALE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6, Polk County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Feb. 10 by C. A. Parker, Supt. of Public Instruction (P. O. Bartow), for \$15,000 5% bond-purchase and bldg. bonds.

AUGUSTA, Maine.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 5 by Niles L. Perkins, City Treas., for \$15,000 4% 25-yr. coup. refunding bonds.

BANTRY, McHenry County, No. Dak.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing fire-dept. and jail bonds failed to carry at a recent election.

BASTROP COUNTY (P. O. Bastrop), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Feb. 17, it is stated, to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$30,000 road bonds.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Feb. 3 by W. H. Chadlee, Treas., for nine issues of 4 1/2% road bonds, aggregating \$80,720.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Carlisle), Clark County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—According to reports, the Board of Education recently passed a resolution ordering the sale of \$7,000 school bonds.

BEXAR COUNTY (P. O. San Antonio), Tex.—PRICE PAID FOR BONDS.—The price paid for the five issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$1,000,000, awarded on Jan. 15 to a Chicago syndicate composed of William R. Compton Co., Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, N. W. Halsey & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons and A. B. Leach & Co. (V. 98, p. 320), was \$1,010,990 75 and int., according to a San Antonio newspaper.

BLACKFORD COUNTY (P. O. Hartford City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 2 by Geo. H. Newbauer, Co. Treas., for \$12,800 Whetzel road and \$12,600 Statler No. 2 4 1/2% road bonds.

BLOOMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bloomington), McLean County, Ill.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—Newspaper reports state that this district will advertise for sale at once \$90,000 of the \$250,000 5% 20-yr. school-constr. bonds (V. 97, p. 903). Denom. \$1,000.

BOONE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Boone), Boone County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until Feb. 9 for the \$10,000 5% school-equipment bonds voted Jan. 16 (V. 98, p. 320). Due Feb. 1 1924, subject to call after 5 years.

BRAINERD, Crow Wing County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 10 by V. N. Roderick, City Clerk, for the following 2% bonds voted Jan. 6 (V. 97, p. 1762): \$75,000 city-hall and jail-constr. bonds, Denom. \$1,000, Int. payable semi-ann. at First Nat. Bank, Minneapolis. Due in 20 years.

BRECKENRIDGE, Wilkin County, Minn.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.—The City Clerk advises us that no action has yet been taken

looking towards the re-offering of the \$25,000 5% 20-yr. city-hall and jail bonds offered without success on Oct. 13 (V. 97, p. 1782).

BROOKS COUNTY (P. O. Falfurrias), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$34,000 roads and \$68,000 court-house bonds will be submitted to a vote on Feb. 14. It is stated.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BIDS.—The other bids received for the \$1,500,000 4½% 20-yr. tax-free school-bldg. and equip. bonds awarded on Jan. 23 to White, Wall & Co. of N. Y. at their bid of 104.311 for "all or none" (V. 98, p. 320) were:

Bidder	City	Price Bid
Adams & Co., New York	-----	103.922
Remick, Hodges & Co., Estabrook & Co., N. Y.	New York (jointly)-----	103.833
N. W. Halsey & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Parkinson & Burr, A. B. Leach & Co., Harvey Fisk & Sons, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Kountze Bros., New York, Keane, Taylor & Co., New York, The Central National Bank, Buffalo, Bond & Goodwin, New York	New York (jointly)-----	103.789 102.779 103.555 103.521 103.400 103.389 103.371
William R. Compton Co., Livingston & Co., New York, J. C. Dann & Co., Buffalo	-----	103.36 103.38
Baker & Watson, Security Trust Co., Rochester, Union Stock Yards Bank, Buffalo, C. H. Verner & Co., New York, The Bank for Savings in the City of New York, Clark, Dodge & Co., New York	-----	50,000 100,000 500,000 500,000 103.21

CALDWELL COUNTY (P. O. Lockhart), Tex.—PURCHASER OF BONDS.—Reports state that the purchaser of the \$50,000 5% 20-40-year (opt.) Road Dist. No. 1 bonds recently sold (V. 98, p. 321) was the Lockhart Nat. Bank of Lockhart, which bid 92.50.

BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue the \$40,000 road and bridge bonds (V. 98, p. 85) failed to carry. It is stated, at the election held January 17.

CALEXICO, Imperial County, Cal.—BONDS NOT YET ISSUED.—We are advised that the \$17,000 water-system-constr. and \$3,000 storm-water-drain-constr. bonds voted during November (V. 97, p. 1445) have not yet been issued.

CAMDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Camden), Benton County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—According to reports an election will be held the latter part of February, or the early part of March, to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$20,000 school-house bonds.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Delphi), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 24 the \$5,600 4½% gravel-road bonds (V. 98, p. 321) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$5,647, equal to 100.839. Bids were also received from the Fletcher-American Nat. Bank, Miller & Co. and Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis. Denom. \$250. Date Jan. 6 1914. Int. M. & N.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 27 \$16,900 Berkshire road and \$9,500 Gibson road 4½% bonds were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison of Indianapolis and the \$12,800 4½% Bell road bonds (V. 98, p. 321) were awarded to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis for \$12,858 75—equal to 100.451.

CEADAR RAPIDS, Linn County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The New York Life Insurance Co. has been awarded the following 4½% bonds, dated Feb. 1 1914, at par and interest: \$125,000 bridge bonds due \$5,000 yearly Feb. 1 from 1926 to 1930, incl., and \$25,000 yearly Feb. 1 from 1931 to 1934 incl., and 125,000 concrete-dam-construction bonds voted Dec. 15 (V. 97, p. 1838). Due \$8,000 yearly Feb. 1 from 1915 to 1919 incl.; \$8,000 yearly Feb. 1 from 1920 to 1924 incl., and \$11,000 yearly Feb. 1 from 1925 to 1929 inclusive.

CHILlicothe, Ross County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 19 \$20,000 5% bonds were awarded to the Central Nat. Bank, Chillicothe, at 102.38. Other bids were: Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol. \$20,422 First Nat. Bk., Chillicothe, \$20,395 Prov. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Cin. 20,418 Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Well, Roth & Co., Cin. 20,418 Cincinnati 20,330 Western-German Bk., Cin. 20,411 Otis & Co., Cleveland 20,280 Int. semi-ann. These bonds are part of an issue of \$41,300.

CLANTON, Chilton County, Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—The election to vote on the question of issuing the \$25,000 5% 30-yr. water-work bonds (V. 97, p. 1605) will be held March 1.

CLARKSBURG, Harrison County, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 20 by G. C. Finly, City Clerk, for the \$110,000 5% 10-30-yr. (opt.) gold coupon bridge bonds voted Jan. 6 (V. 98, p. 175). Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1914. Int. annually on Jan. 1 at Empire Nat. Bank, Clarksburg. Cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to "City of Clarksburg", required. The bonds will be ready for delivery on day of sale, and must be paid for in full within 20 days thereafter. Official circular states that there is no litigation pending or threatened affecting this issue, that this issue is perfectly legal and that there has never been any default on principal or interest of any bonds of this city.

CLATSOP COUNTY (P. O. Astoria), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 18 1914 by J. C. Clinton, County Clerk, for the \$399,200 5% 20-year road bonds voted Nov. 4. Denom. \$50 or multiples thereof up to \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. at office of County Treasurer or at fiscal agency of State of Oregon in N. Y. City. Certified check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to "Clatsop County" required. Bonds to be paid for within 30 days and delivered \$100,000 April 1 1914 and balance in \$100,000 lots upon 30 days' call. These bonds were offered on Jan. 19 but the bids received were rejected. (V. 97, p. 1920.)

CLEAR LAKE, Deuel County, So. Dak.—BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—The City Auditor advises us that no sale has yet been made of the \$10,000 5% city-hall-bldg. bonds mentioned in V. 97, p. 1782. Denom. \$500. Due 20 years, subject to call at 5, 10 and 15 years.

COCHISE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. Feb. 3, reports state, by A. C. Rarger, Co. Clerk (P. O. Tombstone), for \$10,000 6% 10½-yr. (aver.) school-bldg. bonds. Cert. check for 10% required.

COLORADO SPRINGS, El Paso County, Colo.—BONDS PROPOSED.—This city intends offering for sale \$150,000 4% gold coupon tax-free refunding water bonds. Denom. (100) \$1,000 and (100) \$500. Date Feb. 16 1914. Int. F. & A. at the Chemical Nat. Bank, N. Y., or at the City Treas. office. Due 1934, subject to call one-fifth yearly beginning 1929.

BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—We are advised by the City Treas., that up to Jan. 26 \$140,100 of the two issues of 4½% 10-15-yr. (opt.) refunding bonds has been disposed of to local investors at par and int. as follows: \$40,100 of the \$110,000 refunding city-hall and \$100,000 (amount offered) refunding water bonds.

COLUMBIA, Richland County, So. Car.—BOND ELECTION.—The election to vote on the question of issuing the \$500,000 water and sewerage-extension bonds (V. 97, p. 1920) will be held, reports state, Feb. 24.

COMMERCE, Jackson County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—This city is offering for sale the \$8,000 school and \$8,000 paving 5% bonds voted July 15 (V. 97, p. 252). Int. J. & J. Due Jan. 1 1914.

COON RAPIDS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coon Rapids), Carroll County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—According to reports, an election will be held Feb. 3 to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$28,000 building bonds.

CORONA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Corona), Riverside County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Feb. 2. It is stated to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$50,000 Lincoln school construction bonds.

CORRECTIONVILLE, Woodbury County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 5½% electric-light bonds (V. 98, p. 175) have been sold. Auth. vote of 197 to 25, at the election held Jan. 10. Due \$1,000 yearly after five years.

COVINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Collins), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Additional information is at hand relative to the offering on Feb. 2 of the \$10,000 6% Road Dist. No. 1 bonds (V. 98, p. 321). Proposals for these

bonds will be received until 12 m. on that day by R. Norwood, Clerk, Denom. \$500. Int. ann. An unconditional certified check for \$500, payable to Sam Williamson, President Board of Supervisors, required. Purchaser to pay cost of printing and lithographing said bonds.

CRAWFORD, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. Feb. 10 by Clyde J. Hornsby, City Clerk, for the \$15,000 5% 10-20-year (opt.) city-hall bonds voted Aug. 25 1913 (V. 98, p. 175). Denom. \$1,000. Date Sept. 1 1913. Interest M. & S. Certified check for \$150 required.

CULPEPER COUNTY (P. O. Culpeper), Va.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—The \$49,000 5% 25½-yr. (aver.) coup. tax-free Catauga Magistral Dist. road bonds offered without success on Dec. 8 (V. 98, p. 85), \$2,000 has been sold to private parties at par.

DADE COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), Ga.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that an election will be held in the near future to submit to the voters a proposition to issue road-construction bonds.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—According to reports a favorable vote was cast at the election held Jan. 22 on the proposition to issue the \$125,000 5% gold Dallas-Oak Cliff viaduct-paving bonds (V. 97, p. 1839). Vote 4,307 to 3,427.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. to-day (Jan. 31) by John L. Clark, Co. Treas., for the following 4½% coupon road-imp. bonds: \$1,700 Washington Twp. road bonds, Denom. \$85. \$8,500 Barr Twp. road bonds, Denom. \$125. Date Jan. 15 1914. Int. J. & J. Due beginning July 15 1914.

DEFIANCE, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 24 by Virgil D. Weisenburger, City Auditor, for \$8,000 5% refunding bonds. Date Mar. 1 1914. Int. M. & S. Due \$1,000 Mar. 1 and Sept. 1 1920 and \$1,500 Mar. 1 and Sept. 1 1921 and 1922. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The County Commissioners have authorized the issuance of \$46,000 road bonds. It is reported.

DENTON COUNTY (P. O. Denton), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Feb. 21 to decide whether or not this county shall issue \$300,000 road bonds.

DENVER, Colo.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance was passed Jan. 19, reports state, authorizing the Finance Commissioner to sell \$250,000 West Colfax viaduct-construction bonds.

DE SOTO COUNTY (P. O. Arcadia), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 14 by Jas. O. Beckley, Supt. Public Instruction, for the following 5% 30-yr. school-bldg. bonds: \$75,000 Arcadia Special Tax School District No. 1 coup. bonds. Date Jan. 1 1914. 25,000 Wauchula Special Tax School District No. 5 bonds. Auth. vote of 117 to 7 at an election held Sept. 13. Date Jan. 1 1914. 25,000 Avon Park Special Tax School District No. 3 coup. bonds voted Dec. 30 (V. 98, p. 321). Date Feb. 1 1914. Denom. \$1,000. Int. semi-ann. in Arcadia. Cert. check for 2% of bid required.

DEVOL, Cotton County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The Town Clerk advises us under date of Jan. 25 that the \$15,000 6% 25-yr. water-works bonds offered without success on Nov. 18 (V. 97, p. 1782) have been purchased by E. R. Kirby of Lawton, Okla.

DOVER, Morris County, N. J.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.—The Town Clerk advises us under date of Jan. 23 that no definite action has yet been taken looking towards the issuance of the \$260,000 sewer bonds (V. 97, p. 904).

EAST FORK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, Hood River County, Ore.—BIDS REJECTED.—One bid received on Jan. 20 for the \$150,000 of an issue of \$175,000 6% coup. tax-free irrigation bonds offered on that day (V. 97, p. 1763) was rejected. Due on July 1 as follows: \$7,000 in 1924, \$9,000 in 1925, \$11,000 in 1926, \$12,000 in 1927, \$13,000 in 1928, \$15,000 in 1929, \$17,000 in 1930, \$19,000 in 1931, \$23,000 in 1932 and \$24,000 in 1933. No debt at present. Assessed valuation equalized for 1913, \$2,293,381. These bonds have been re-advertised.

EAST ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—This village will offer for sale some time in February the \$35,000 1-10-yr. (ser.) tax-free direct-paving bonds (V. 97, p. 1677).

EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 189 (P. O. East St. Louis), St. Clair County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 25 the \$60,000 4½% building bonds offered without success on June 2 (V. 97, p. 1525) were awarded, it is stated, to N. W. Halsey & Co. of Chicago.

EDWARDS COUNTY (P. O. Rock Springs), Texas.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposition to issue the \$100,000 road bonds (V. 97, p. 1525) failed to carry at a recent election.

EDWARDS COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Texas.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—This district will offer for sale in the near future an issue of \$15,000 building bonds recently voted.

EDWARDSVILLE (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 15 the \$25,000 5% 20-yr. (serial) improvement bonds offered on Jan. 12, were awarded to Lawrence Barnum & Co. of Phila. at 101.114. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1914. Int. J. & J.

CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—No sale was made of the \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness, also offered on Jan. 12.

ELLENBURG, Kittitas County, Wash.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The Union Savings & Trust Co. of Seattle is offering to investors \$40,000 7% water-distributing-system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 24 1913. Int. ann. on Dec. 24. Due part yearly from 1914 to 1923 inclusive.

ELLIS COUNTY (P. O. Waxahachie), Tex.—NO BONDS VOTED.—We are now advised that the question of issuing the \$35,000 Midlothian District road bonds failed to carry at the election recently held and did not result in favor of the bonds as reported in V. 97, p. 1677.

ESCONDIDO, San Diego County, Calif.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.—The \$6,000 6% municipal-imp. bonds awarded at par and int. on Jan. 1, \$4,000 to Kaufman, Price Co. of San Francisco and \$2,000 to the First Nat. Bank of Escondido (V. 98, p. 252) are in the denom. of \$250. Date July 1 1913. Int. J. & J. Due from 1 to 24 years.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. North Fairfield), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 12 m. Feb. 24, it is stated, by F. H. Rumsey, Twp. Clerk, for \$40,000 5% 10-2-3-yr. (aver.) road bonds. Certified check for 5% required.

FANNIN COUNTY (P. O. Bonham), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—According to newspaper reports, the proposition to issue the \$300,000 Precinct No. 1 road bonds (V. 97, p. 1921) failed to carry at the election held Jan. 22. The vote was 1,067 "for" to 560 "against"—a two-thirds majority being necessary to authorize.

FORT WAYNE SCHOOL CITY (P. O. School City), Allen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7 30 p. m. Feb. 9 by the Board of Trustees, E. W. Cook, Pres., for \$75,000 4½% coup. school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Feb. 14 1914. Int. F. & A. at U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., N. Y. Due \$15,000 yearly on Feb. 1 from 1924 to 1933 incl. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to "School City", required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on or before Feb. 14. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Bids must be made on forms furnished by School City.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 20 by John Scott, Clerk-Id. of Co. Commrs., for the following 5% bonds: \$405,500 Flood-emergency bonds. Due \$40,000 yearly on March 1 from 1920 to 1928 incl. and \$45,500 March 1 1929. Bids will be received for all or for each years maturity separately. \$0,000 funding bonds. Due \$40,000 March 1 1918 and \$40,000 March 1 1919. Denom. \$500. Date March 1 1914. Int. M. & S. at office of County Treasurer. Cert. check (or cash) on a Franklin County national bank or trust company for 1% of bonds bid for, payable to County Commrs. required. Bonds will be ready for delivery March 1.

FRESNO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. March 3 by D. M. Barwell, Clerk of Bd. of Supervisors, for \$200,000 of the \$450,000 5% gold bldg. and equip. bonds voted Dec. 12 1913 (V. 97, p. 1921). Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1914. Int. A. & O. at office of Co. Treas. Due \$10,000 yearly for 10 years beginning 5 years after date,

for within 5 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued int. Official circular states that the city has never defaulted on any of its obligations.

TRENTON, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 28 \$40,400 4 1/2% 10-yr. sewer refunding bonds were awarded to Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., N. Y., at 102.14—a basis of about 4.25%. Other bids were: Rhoades & Co., N. Y., 102.06; Irving Nat. Bank, N. Y., 101.70; Harris, Forbes & Co., N. Y., 101.592; Leo, Higginson & Co., N. Y., 101.556; James R. Magoffin, N. Y., 101.29; Remick, Hodges & Co., N. Y., 101.093; A. B. Leach & Co., N. Y., 101.077. C. H. Verner & Co., N. Y., 101.71. Date Feb. 23 1914. Int. semi-annual.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 26 the \$16,000 5% 3-yr. (aver.) coup. road bonds (V. 98, p. 326) were awarded, reports state, to the Western Reserve Nat. Bank of Warren for \$16,045—equal to 100.281.

TUNICA COUNTY (P. O. Tunica), Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue the \$20,000 agricultural high-school bonds (V. 97, p. 1924) carried, reports state, at the election held Jan. 23.

TUSTIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the \$50,000 5% school bonds offered without success on Aug. 6 (V. 97, p. 1924) have been purchased by Wm. R. Staats Co. of San Francisco. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$2,000 yearly from 1915 to 1939 inclusive.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Ohio.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—The Commercial Savings Bank of Marysville has purchased \$15,000 5% 2-year flood-emergency bonds at par and int. Denom. \$500. Date July 2 1913. Int. J. & J. These bonds are part of the \$49,500 unsold portion of the \$51,000 offered without success on Dec. 27 (V. 98, p. 88).

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Lancaster County, Neb.—NO ACTION YET TAKEN.—The City Clerk advises us that up to Jan. 26 no date had been set for the offering of the \$6,000 5% city-hall bonds voted Oct. 3 (V. 97, p. 1766).

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. to-day (Jan. 31) by Thos. J. Dalley, Co. Treas., for \$3,000 4 1/2% A. J. Lambert et al. road impt. bonds. Denom. \$150. Date Nov. 23 1913. Int. M. & N. Due \$150 each six months from May 15 1915 to Nov. 15 1924 incl.

WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), No. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Mar. 2 of the \$225,000 (not \$224,000, as first reported) 5% 30-yr. coup. court-house, jail and county-home bonds (V. 98, p. 255). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 12 m. on that day by John A. Mills, Chairman Bd. of Co. Commrs. Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. Cert. check for \$5,000 required.

WALKER, Livingston Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be opened on Feb. 7 for the 5% drainage-canal bonds authorized by the Council on Nov. 8 (V. 97, p. 1529). Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 10 1914. Interest ann. on Feb. 10. Due in not exceeding 10 years, subject to call part yearly. L. E. Watson is Village Treasurer.

WALLACE COUNTY (P. O. Sharon Springs), Kans.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held Feb. 24 to vote on the question of issuing \$30,000 court-house-construction bonds.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Feb. 3 by Ernest Grey, Co. Treas., for the following 4 1/2% coup. tax-free gravel road bonds: \$4,620 Lawrence L. Wilson, Liberty Twp. bonds. Denom. \$231. \$2,000 Albert Cronkhite, Steuben Twp. bonds. Denom. \$410. Date Jan. 5 1914. Int. M. & N. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1915 to Nov. 15 1924 incl.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—The election to vote on the question of issuing the good-roads bonds (V. 98 p. 255) will be held March 25, it is reported.

WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Mar. 4 of the \$100,000 10-20-year (opt.) high-school-building bonds (V. 98, p. 326). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 5 p. m. on that day by Mrs. Maude Edson, Clerk of Board of Directors (P. O. The Dalles). Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1914. Int. M. & S. at office of County Treasurer or at fiscal agency of State of Oregon in N. Y. City. Certified check for 1% of bonds, payable to above Clerk, required. Bonded debt, \$20,000. No floating debt. Assessed valuation, \$5,328,049.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 24 the \$4,580 4 1/2% gravel-road bonds (V. 98, p. 326) were awarded to the Farmers' State Bank, Salem, for \$4,620—equal to 100.873. Other bids were: Bank of Salem, Salem, \$4,618 93; Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Fletcher-Arn. Nat. Bk. Ind. 4,618 75; Indianapolis, \$4,605 00; J. P. Wild & Co., Indianapolis, 4,610 00; Miller & Co., Indianapolis, 4,605 00. Denom. \$229. Date Jan. 5 1914. Int. M. & N.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Jonesboro), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Feb. 25, it is stated, to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$415,000 road bonds.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Spencer), Owen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Feb. 20 by Elisha M. Allen, Twp. Trustee, for \$14,800 4 1/2% joint graded high-school constr. bonds. Denom. (1) \$632, (2) \$616. Date Feb. 20 1914. Int. J. & J. Due \$632 Jan. 1 1916 and \$616 each six months from July 1 1916 to July 1 1927 incl.

WAYCROSS, Ware County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—John W. Dickey of Augusta was awarded on Dec. 29 an issue of \$11,000 5% fire-department bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1912. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,000 yearly Jan. 1 from 1917 to 1927 inclusive.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Grass Creek), Fulton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Feb. 14 by Emery O. Weeks, Twp. Trustee, for \$20,000 5% Districts Nos. 9 and 11 school-impt. bonds. Denom. (28) \$500, (15) \$400. Date Feb. 14 1914. Int. J. & J. Due \$500 on July 1 and \$900 on Jan. 1 beginning July 1 1915.

WEATHERFORD, Parker County, Tex.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$4,000 5% 20-40-year (opt.) sewer-ext. bonds offered in December (V. 97, p. 1767), \$2,000 has been sold to J. T. Cotton of Weatherford. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 1 1913. Interest F. & A.

WELLSBURG, Brooke County, W. Va.—BONDS VOTED.—The questions of issuing the \$15,000 water-system-impt. and \$1,000 fire-department-impt. bonds (V. 97, p. 1767) carried, reports state, at the election held Jan. 15.

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Westfield), Hampden County, Mass.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—The \$50,000 school-building bonds voted Dec. 2 (V. 97, p. 1681) will probably be offered for sale Mar. 1. Int. rate not to exceed 4 1/2%. Due \$30,000 1929 and \$20,000 1934.

WETZELL COUNTY (P. O. Jacksonburg), W. Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on Feb. 20 of the \$150,000 (not \$150,000, as first reported) 6% 10-30-yr. (opt.) gold coup. Grant Dist. road constr. bonds (V. 98, p. 255). Proposals for these bonds will be received on that day by L. E. Lantz, Sec. Bd. of Road Commrs. Auth. vote of 515 to 263 at an election held July 15 1913. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1913. Int. J. & D. at office of Co. Clerk. Cert. check for 5% of bid, payable to Co. Sheriff, required. Official circular states that there is no controversy or litigation pending or threatened affecting the corporate existence or boundaries of said district or the validity of these bonds. This district has no indebtedness. Assess. val. 1912 (district), \$11,354,016.

WHARTON COUNTY (P. O. Wharton), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Mar. 5 to vote on the proposition to issue \$100,000 5 1/2% road and bridge bonds.

NO BONDS VOTED.—We are advised by the Co. Judge that the reports stating that the issuance of \$250,000 road Dist. No. 1 bonds was voted in November (V. 97, p. 1610) are erroneous.

BONDS NOT YET SOLD.—Up to Jan. 24 no sale had been made of the \$300,000 5% road Dist. No. 1 road bonds offered without success on Mar. 11 1913 (V. 96, p. 894).

WHITMAN COUNTY (P. O. Colfax), Wash.—BIDS REJECTED.—It is stated that all bids received for a loan of \$75,000, for which bids were received on Jan. 19, were rejected.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Feb. 27 by C. C. Jenkins, Village Clerk

for \$4,500 5 1/2% cemetery-improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Feb. 1 1914. Int. F. & A. Due \$500 each six months from Sept. 1 1917 to Sept. 1 1921 incl. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days after date of award. Certified check on a bank in Lake County for 10% of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WILMINGTON, Newcastle County, Del.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—Reports state that the Finance Committee will shortly offer for sale \$150,000 street-improvement bonds.

WILMINGTON, New Hanover County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held Mar. 24 to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$200,000 municipal dock and wharf bonds. It was first decided to hold an election Mar. 5 to vote on the issuance of \$150,000 bonds (V. 98, p. 326), but City Attorney E. K. Bryan on Jan. 23 ruled that the bond issue would not be valid unless for \$200,000, the full amount specified in the Act authorizing the same.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. Feb. 16 by C. E. Stinebaugh, County Auditor, for \$50,000 5% coup. Andrew Hanley, James W. Turley and W. F. Spilker stone-road-improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 2 1914. Int. M. & S. at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$5,000 each six months from Sept. 1 1914 to Mar. 1 1919 incl. Bidders are required to deposit a certified check of \$1,000 payable by a Bowling Green bank.

A similar issue of bonds was reported sold to a local bank on Nov. 14 (V. 97, p. 1530).

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Parkersburg), W. Va.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—According to newspaper dispatches, an election will be held in the near future to vote on the question of issuing \$120,000 Williams District road bonds.

WORCESTER, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On Jan. 27 a loan of \$200,000 dated Jan. 28 1914 and maturing Oct. 16 1914 was negotiated with Blake Bros. & Co. of Boston at 3.57% discount plus \$1.40 premium. This loan is tax-exempt. Other bidders were: Curtis & Sanger, Boston, 3.59%; F. S. Moseley & Co., Boston, 3.67%; Estabrook & Co., Boston, 3.61%; plus \$1 95 premium.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. North Yakima), Wash.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 21 about \$18,000 Drainage Districts Nos. 19 and 20 bonds were awarded, reports state, to the New First Nat. Bank of Columbus at 95 for 78. Due 15 years, subject to call at any interest period.

YALOBUSHA COUNTY, Miss.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis is offering to investors \$40,000 6% Supervisors' District No. 2 road tax-free bonds. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1914. Int. J. & J. in N. Y. City. Due \$4,000 yearly Jan. 1924 to 1932 incl. District has no other debt. Assessed val. \$968,077. Real value (est.), \$2,000,000.

YANKTON, Yankton County, So. Dak.—BONDS REFUSED.—Local newspaper reports state that McCoy & Co. of Chicago have refused to accept the \$60,000 5% water-works bonds awarded to them at par and interest on Dec. 29 (V. 98, p. 180).

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Feb. 23 by Dan J. Jones, City Aud., for the following \$250,000 water-works-ext. bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1941 incl.

5,000 West Ave. bridge bonds. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1915 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1916.

2,000 cross-walk and intersection bonds. Due Oct. 1 1916.

6,550 Shady St. paving bonds. Due \$1,310 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1915 inclusive.

605 Kennwood Court paving bonds. Due \$121 yearly on Oct. 31 from 1915 to 1919 inclusive.

5,800 Willis Ave. paving bonds. Due \$1,160 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1915 to 1919 inclusive.

6,860 Buckeye St. paving bonds. Due \$1,372 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1915 to 1919 inclusive.

231 Lakeview Ave. paving bonds. Due Oct. 1 1915.

860 Alpine St. sewer bonds. Due \$172 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1915 to 1919 inclusive.

8,470 Glenwood Ave. District sewer bonds. Due \$1,694 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1915 to 1919 inclusive.

Date Mar. 2 1914. Int. M. & S. at office of Sinking Fund Trustees except water-works bonds, in N. Y. exchange. Cert. check for 2% of each block of bonds bid for, payable to City Aud., required. Purchaser to take bonds not later than Mar. 2. Separate bids must be made for each block.

BOND SALE.—The following bids were received for the fifteen issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$388,295, offered on Jan. 26 (V. 98, p. 89), the successful tenders being marked with an asterisk (*):

Table with columns: Bidder Name, Amount, City's Portion, Fire Dept. Amount. Includes Seasongood & Mayer, Well, Roth & Co., Spitzer, Rorick & Co., etc.

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ZANESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zanesville), Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Jan. 24 the \$63,000 5 1/2% 23 2-5-year (aver.) coup. site-purchase and building bonds (V. 98, p. 180) were awarded

to Seasingood & Mayer of Cincinnati for \$66,195 (105.071 and int.) Other bids were:

C. E. Denison, Cleveland	\$66,157 80
A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.	66,156 30
N. Y. Lho Ins. Co., N. Y.	66,078 81
Well, Roth & Co., Cin.	65,961 00
Fifth-Third Nat. Bank, Cincinnati	65,935 80
Hayden, Miller & Co., Clev.	65,814 00
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol.	65,573 50
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol.	65,564 50
Davies-Bertram Co., Cin.	65,434 00
Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland	65,412 00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	\$65,388 10
Field, Longstreth & Richards, Cincinnati	65,388 00
Hoehler & Cummings, Tol.	65,376 25
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati	65,362 50
Western German Bk., Cin.	65,050 00
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chl.	64,921 50
Amer. Tr. & Sav. Co., Zanes.	64,905 00
New First Nat. Bank, Columbus	63,762 30

Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ATHABASCA, Alta.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—The Municipal Clerk is offering for sale \$85,000 7% water-works-plant-ext. debenture authorized by a vote of 43 to 5 at an election held Jan. 12. Due Jan. 16 '29.

BARRIE, Ont.—DEBENTURES DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$30,000 Barrie Collegiate Institute building completion debentures (V. 97, p. 1768) was defeated at a recent election.

BEACONSFIELD, Que.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$85,000 5% 30-year road debentures voted in November (V. 97, p. 1681), \$50,000 was awarded on Dec. 6 to Chas. Meredith & Co., Ltd., of Montreal at 86. Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 1 1913. Interest M. & N.

BROCKVILLE, Ont.—PRICE PAID FOR DEBENTURES.—Reports state that the price paid for the \$33,000 5% water and light debentures recently sold to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto (V. 98, p. 327) was 98.

CLIFFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—No sale has been made of the \$19,000 5 1/4% 30-annual-installment debentures offered in December (V. 97, p. 1768).

COCHRANE, Ont.—DEBENTURES AWARDED IN PART.—Reports state that C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, who had an option on \$15,000 debentures, have taken up one-half of the issue.

COLCHESTER, North Township, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A block of \$5,500 5% 30-installment debentures has, it is stated, been sold to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto.

ESQUIMAULT, B. C.—DEBENTURES OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The Eastern Securities Co., Ltd., of Montreal is offering to investors \$100,000 5% sewer debentures, int. semi-ann. at Montreal, Toronto, N. Y. and London (Eng.). Due July 1 1963. Debenture debt, including this issue, \$127,500. Assessed valuation, \$5,500,000.

HANOVER, Ont.—PURCHASER OF DEBENTURES.—Reports state that the purchaser of the \$53,500 6% debentures recently disposed of (V. 98, p. 90) was Brent, Noxon & Co. of Toronto.

MEDICINE HAT, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto purchased on Jan. 15 an issue of \$500,000 debentures at 85.

MINNEDOSA, Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 6 p. m. Mar. 4 by G. T. Turley, Town Clerk, for \$8,000 6% local-impt. debentures. Due in 20 ann. installments beginning Mar. 1 1915.

MONTMARTRE, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$1,500 6% 15-installment debentures recently offered by this place were awarded on Dec. 2 to W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto at 83. Date Dec. 2 1913.

OUTREMONT, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 6 p. m. Mar. 4 by E. T. Sampson, Sec.-Treas., for the \$500,000 4 1/4% local-impt. debentures voted April 7 1913. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & N. Due Nov. 1 1955. On June 11 1913 \$300,000 of this issue was offered without success (V. 97, p. 136).

RENFREW, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$10,000 4% market-square-purchase debentures (V. 97, p. 1611) carried at an election held Nov. 28 by a majority of 146.

RICHOT (Rural Municipality), Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$60,000 5% coup. highway-impt. debentures voted during August 1913 (V. 97, p. 613) have been purchased by the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto. Due in 30 annual installments.

SANDWICH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to newspaper reports, \$8,000 5% 30-installment debentures have been awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto.

SASKATOON, Sask.—DEBENTURES AWARDED IN PART.—"The Financial Post of Canada" of Jan. 24 states that up to Jan. 6 the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, had taken up \$750,000 Saskatoon debentures, leaving a balance of \$168,145 to be taken up before March 14 next.

SHERBROOKE, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Dispatches state that the Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., of Montreal has purchased \$300,000 debentures at 98.50.

SHOAL LAKE, Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 6 p. m. Mar. 1 by Frank Dobbs, Sec.-Treas., for \$15,000 5% electric-light and \$4,000 6% local-impt. coup. debentures. Date April 1 1914. Due in 20 annual installments of principal and interest.

SMITH FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. Feb. 2 by James A. Lewis, Town Clerk, for the following debentures:

- \$47,149 5 1/4% 30-installment trunk-sewer debentures, offered without success as far as Dec. 23 (V. 98, p. 257).
- 32,300 5 1/4% 20-installment local-improvement debentures.
- 7,000 5% 20-installment local-improvement debentures.

SOURIS, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—On Jan. 19 the \$7,000 20-installment (dated Dec. 31 1913) and \$53,374 82 30-year (date June 5 1913) 6 1/4% debentures (V. 98, p. 257) were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto for \$58,955 (97.653) and int. Other bids were:

Merchants' Bank, Souris	98.15	C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	93.262
W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Toronto	95	W. A. Mackenzie & Co., Toronto	93.101
A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto	97.005	G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto	90
Terry, Briggs & Slayton, Toledo	94		

* This bid was with a 30-day option clause.

SUDBURY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto have purchased \$66,000 debentures issued for various purposes, including power house, fire hall, electric-light and sewerage systems. The sale of \$22,000 of these debentures was reported in V. 98, p. 181.

WINDSOR SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Windsor), Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$32,000 6% 20-annual-installment debentures offered without success on Dec. 22 (V. 98, p. 90) have been purchased by W. A. Mackenzie & Co. of Toronto.

WOODSTOCK, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto have, it is reported, purchased \$53,000 4 1/4% and 5% debentures issued for various purposes and maturing from 1914 to 1954.

NEW LOANS.

\$141,830.85

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Special Certificates of Indebtedness.

Notice is hereby given that the Committee on Ways and Means of the City Council of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1914**, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at the office of the undersigned, receive bids for the whole or any part of \$141,830.85 Special Certificates of Indebtedness.

The Special Certificates of Indebtedness being offered on that date consist of ten separate issues, as follows: One issue amounting to \$7,374.00, one of \$6,107.00, one of \$39,781.85, one of \$4,379.00, one of \$2,861.00, one of \$2,201.00, one of \$12,377.00, one of \$6,461.00, one of \$4,552.00 and one of \$5,737.00.

All to be dated March 2, 1914, and each issue to become due and payable one-twentieth on March 2, 1915, and one twentieth each and every year thereafter to and including March 2, 1934.

No bid will be entertained for any of these Certificates for a sum less than the par value of same and accrued interest to date of delivery, and the rate of interest must be bid by the purchaser and must not be in excess of Five (5%) per cent per annum, payable annually.

The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved.

A certified check for Two (2%) per cent of the par value of the certificates bid for, made to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, must accompany each bid.

Circular containing full particulars will be mailed on application.

DAN C. BROWN, City Comptroller, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

\$100,000

City of Hartford, Connecticut

4 1-2% BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received at the Charter Oak National Bank until **NOON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1914**, for North East School District Bonds amounting to \$100,000, dated March 1st, 1914, and maturing March 1st, 1944. Principal and interest at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum.

For further information address WALTER G. CAMP, Chairman, North East School District.

NEW ORLEANS

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