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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 \$3,596,770,281, against \$3,027,450,717 last week and \$3,363,520,991 the corresponding week last year.

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph.	1914.	1913.	Per Cent.
Week ending April 18.			
New York	\$1,737,062,205	\$1,596,801,052	+8.8
Boston	144,659,522	142,946,427	+1.2
Philadelphia	145,068,051	139,721,615	+6.6
Baltimore	32,917,144	32,598,013	+1.0
Chicago	283,454,343	274,505,402	+3.1
St. Louis	74,310,335	74,216,965	+0.1
New Orleans	16,194,292	15,229,066	+6.3
Seven cities, five days	\$2,442,565,942	\$2,276,018,540	+7.3
Other cities, five days	598,698,742	580,406,218	+3.2
Total all cities, five days	\$3,041,264,684	\$2,856,424,758	+6.5
All cities, one day	555,505,597	507,096,233	+9.5
Total all cities for week	\$3,596,770,281	\$3,363,520,991	+6.9

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, April 11, for four years:

Clearings at—	Week ending April 11:				
	1914.	1913.	Inc. or Dec.	1912.	1911.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
New York	1,658,216,551	1,717,466,557	-3.4	2,138,671,767	1,535,246,673
Philadelphia	155,434,635	154,464,641	+0.6	164,825,257	128,918,131
Pittsburgh	45,855,105	58,633,354	-21.8	64,819,525	46,499,721
Baltimore	33,953,739	37,349,539	-11.5	37,118,641	31,522,156
Buffalo	11,853,525	11,329,598	+4.6	9,637,538	10,059,228
Washington	5,628,449	5,484,876	+2.5	8,361,463	7,659,082
Albany	4,786,729	4,946,796	-3.2	5,819,589	5,630,392
Rochester	3,370,425	3,218,697	+4.7	4,799,811	3,992,320
Syracuse	2,800,938	3,008,994	-6.9	2,389,494	2,325,810
Reading	1,811,299	2,015,837	-10.1	2,265,653	1,867,597
Wilmington	1,730,703	1,759,510	-1.7	1,895,157	1,494,030
Wilkes-Barre	1,583,355	1,397,879	+13.3	1,394,023	1,409,465
Wesley	2,207,943	2,052,778	+7.5	1,872,914	1,791,181
Trenton	1,625,219	1,720,875	-6.5	1,944,662	1,792,739
Lancaster	2,985,123	2,222,401	+33.9	2,024,557	1,791,054
York	1,239,847	1,121,893	+10.8	1,358,398	969,554
Erie	877,636	1,142,073	-23.2	963,500	872,063
Binghamton	832,300	738,400	+14.5	611,100	660,600
Greensburg	525,000	552,117	-4.9	671,953	504,374
Chester	528,671	709,180	-24.6	590,820	473,283
Altoona	513,933	511,794	+0.4	561,500	433,583
Montclair	359,981	363,476	-1.0		
Total Middle	1,944,623,109	2,020,608,534	-3.8	2,455,292,270	1,790,685,737
Boston	153,991,119	155,828,327	-1.1	179,925,921	148,874,658
Providence	6,810,300	7,978,000	-14.6	8,829,600	8,795,000
Hartford	4,719,229	4,982,591	-5.3	5,684,094	4,258,539
New Haven	2,877,602	3,309,436	-13.1	3,286,782	2,867,662
Springfield	2,759,298	2,624,991	+5.1	2,874,673	2,333,964
Worcester	2,509,648	2,674,050	-6.2	2,709,881	2,502,237
Portland	1,996,983	2,097,713	-4.9	2,229,850	1,933,849
Fall River	1,355,638	1,382,739	-2.1	1,161,273	1,131,699
New Bedford	1,180,991	1,090,434	+8.3	1,303,850	1,176,976
Lowell	787,368	567,409	+38.8	591,248	574,151
Holyoke	701,042	612,618	+14.5	677,202	552,922
Bangor	503,763	535,166	-5.9	487,084	443,724
Total New Eng.	179,981,684	183,483,467	-1.9	209,721,458	175,450,578

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

Clearings at—

Week ending April 11.

	1914.		Inc. or Dec.	1912.		1911.
	\$	%		\$	%	
Chicago	289,694,304	303,311,470	-4.5	280,570,695	266,624,909	
Cincinnati	25,600,500	25,591,700	+0.03	28,746,250	26,351,500	
Cleveland	24,552,714	24,139,253	+2.9	22,632,305	23,675,191	
Detroit	26,248,281	23,026,016	+14.0	22,027,244	19,058,774	
Milwaukee	14,938,072	15,196,798	-1.7	13,336,305	13,005,467	
Indianapolis	7,230,079	8,041,714	-10.1	7,578,615	8,885,701	
Columbus	6,360,600	6,978,100	-8.9	6,718,900	6,154,400	
Peoria	5,898,936	4,918,738	+19.9	4,793,152	4,934,204	
Grand Rapids	3,418,622	3,286,243	+4.0	3,061,375	3,158,648	
Dayton	3,123,252	3,290,792	-5.1	3,140,727	2,698,559	
Evansville	2,796,794	1,590,394	+75.5	2,389,720	2,324,343	
Kalamazoo	1,434,763	1,040,737	+37.9	1,354,170	1,366,223	
Springfield, Ill.	641,094	792,583	-19.0	815,493	1,165,834	
Fort Wayne	1,156,417	1,169,148	-1.1	1,161,523	1,165,834	
Canton	1,294,044	1,245,049	+3.9	985,397	1,038,643	
Youngstown	1,650,746	1,761,482	-6.3	1,585,465	1,216,702	
Lexington	753,762	819,392	-8.1	1,165,754	1,025,889	
Rockford	1,180,597	996,202	+18.5	991,894	878,693	
Akron	1,895,936	1,618,000	+17.1	1,831,000	730,000	
Quincy	752,472	857,931	-11.7	660,129	647,038	
Springfield, O.	792,936	650,745	+21.9	602,775	597,201	
South Bend	626,016	821,081	-23.8	610,597	575,462	
Bloomington	591,806	703,551	-15.9	618,796	580,270	
Decatur	447,157	427,386	+4.6	546,781	432,432	
Mansfield	600,109	424,646	+41.3	523,474	517,794	
Danville	551,633	516,742	+6.8	427,708	416,674	
Jackson	444,372	500,000	-11.2	475,000	426,259	
Jacksonville, Ill.	315,017	324,139	-2.8	253,566	289,232	
Lansing	380,900	400,000	-5.0	410,000	400,000	
Elms	449,000	400,000	+10.0	386,533	381,835	
Owensboro	551,100	449,962	+22.7	449,962	450,000	
Ann Arbor	275,000	186,367	+47.6	208,323	174,500	
Adrian	50,887	62,572	-18.7	44,076	47,520	
Tot. Mid. West	428,667,873	437,260,983	-2.0	412,499,060	392,024,609	
San Francisco	49,892,211	48,259,169	+3.4	47,077,339	46,135,841	
Los Angeles	22,940,054	26,263,277	-12.7	21,858,680	19,248,052	
Seattle	12,311,228	13,148,565	-6.4	12,600,107	11,909,635	
Portland	14,709,338	11,000,000	+33.7	12,655,240	11,937,691	
Salt Lake City	5,539,306	6,113,396	-9.4	7,714,912	5,518,682	
Spokane	4,216,446	4,029,685	+29.4	5,219,373	4,642,264	
Oakland	2,175,562	2,852,559	-23.7	3,768,537	3,355,868	
Sacramento	3,777,798	3,912,799	-3.5	3,622,387	3,163,405	
San Diego	2,201,675	2,016,947	+9.9	1,606,389	1,520,400	
Pasadena	968,173	1,284,232	-24.6	2,767,014	1,931,561	
Fresno	1,053,921	1,051,918	+0.2	857,959	1,000,347	
Stockton	1,084,768	897,258	+25.0	775,000	751,943	
San Jose	503,183	711,098	-20.8	569,484	469,528	
North Yakima	402,674	426,603	-6.6	534,047	559,345	
Reno	270,093	248,042	+8.9	406,933	268,446	
Total Pacific	125,321,864	125,268,442	+0.05	122,796,849	113,170,679	
Kansas City	48,781,077	51,360,334	-5.0	51,141,403	50,391,107	
Minneapolis	20,106,465	21,323,231	-5.7	22,451,481	17,139,167	
Omaha	16,299,872	16,163,024	+0.9	14,126,454	14,010,436	
St. Paul	8,126,924	8,225,795	-7.9	11,117,634	9,667,976	
Denver	7,055,455	9,096,138	-12.5	8,682,638	8,282,815	
St. Joseph	6,793,124	7,599,136	-10.1	8,585,543	7,239,491	
Des Moines	5,824,569	5,402,710	+7.8	4,640,902	3,964,896	
Sioux City	3,385,867	2,947,197	+14.9	3,032,336	3,042,908	
Wichita	3,319,000	3,477,973	-4.5	3,216,925	3,309,574	
Duluth	2,756,607	2,731,785	+0.9	2,512,120	2,112,736	
Linton	1,996,726	1,773,726	+12.6	1,696,526	1,646,075	
Davenport	1,842,587	1,809,027	+1.9	1,459,724	1,247,296	
Topeka	1,939,991	1,718,644	+12.9	1,693,599	1,678,150	
Cedar Rapids	1,831,859	1,942,533	-6.7	1,679,430	1,269,023	
Fargo	1,393,055	548,434	+138.7	898,255	945,488	
Colorado Springs	557,985	607,174	-8.2	818,968	595,065	
Pueblo	618,579	717,699	-13.8	701,895	702,264	
Fremont	341,063	278,634	+23.6	299,414	252,235	
Waterloo	1,823,693	1,710,233	+6.6	1,460,734	1,103,166	
Helena	893,773	1,192,425	-25.0	869,542	815,138	
Billings	378,930	409,638	-7.5	362,853	119,198	
Aberdeen	475,900	359,387	+32.2	476,583	312,293	
Hastings	171,414	226,674	-24.4	220,250	173,781	
Tot. nth. West.	137,533,695	142,175,734	-3.3	142,349,212	129,605,234	
St. Louis	75,946,759	77,372,128	-1.8	76,281,576	74,972,393	
New Orleans	14,071,415	17,193,148	-18.2	22,674,232	14,860,130	
Louisville	13,345,					

OUR RAILWAY EARNINGS ISSUE.

We send to our subscribers to-day the April number of our "Railway Earnings" Section. In this publication we give the figures of earnings and expenses for the latest month of every operating steam railroad in the United States required to file monthly returns with the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington.

This Earnings Supplement also contains the companies' own statement where these differ from the Commerce returns or give fixed charges in addition to earnings, or where they have a fiscal year different from the June 30 year, as is the case with the New York Central Lines, the Pennsylvania RR., and others.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

While there are many features of the Anti-Trust and Trade Commission bills introduced in Congress the present week towards which the business public might be inclined to adopt a tolerant attitude, notwithstanding they do not meet its approbation, there is one provision which will most positively not be acceptable and certainly should be most vigorously opposed. It is a provision repugnant to all ideas of fairness and justice. We have reference to the provision deliberately inserted in the "Bill to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies," and apparently having the approval of the President, which proposes to exempt labor unions and agricultural associations from the operation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law and to shield them from the consequences of violating its provisions. Now that this exemption feature is found in the bill, it is plain that there is really a two-fold object in the enactment of this "supplementary" anti-trust legislation: first, to strengthen the scope and operation of the Anti-Trust Law as to offenders in general, and, secondly (it would not be surprising if to the legislator this were more important than the first), to specifically remove the laboring and the farming classes from all liability for violation of its requirements.

The exemption provision which it is now proposed to insert is contained in Section 6 of the bill. It is very broad and comprehensive. The fact that a separate section has been inserted, all by itself, to attain the object in view is very significant as to what is in the minds of the framers of the law and how determined they are in that regard. The section is very short, but the language is all-embracing. In full it is as follows:

"Sec. 6. That nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers, agricultural or horticultural organizations, orders or associations operating under the lodge system, instituted for the purposes of mutual help, and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations."

It must be admitted that this provision has been very cleverly drawn. "Labor" and "agricultural" are mixed with "fraternal" and "horticultural" associations and with "orders operating under the lodge system" in such a way as to disarm suspicion and convey the idea that the object is simply to protect mutual benefit organizations. As a matter of

fact the language is so all-inclusive as to give the fullest scope to all the activities of farmers' and labor confederations. It provides, it will be observed, "that nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of * labor, * agricultural * * organizations * * * or associations, * * or to forbid or restrain individual members of such orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations." The reader should note that as to the orders or association themselves no limitations or restraints are imposed. They are given exemption without limit. They have absolute license to do anything they please and need have no fear of the consequences. It is only "the individual members of such orders or associations" who are limited in their separate activities to "carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations."

There is room for differences of opinion as to what constitute "legitimate objects," but it is well known that the controlling purpose of agricultural associations is to raise the price of farm products and the chief aim of labor organizations is to increase wages and to decrease working hours. Whether these can properly be considered "legitimate objects" from the standpoint of the public welfare might be open to question, but it is plainly the purpose of the legislature that they should be, for both labor associations and farmers' organizations have been demanding exemption on that very ground. They feel quite safe as it is, owing to the numerous votes they possess. This has been sufficient so far to protect them from the consequences supposed to follow a violation of these statutes, but they are nevertheless in dread lest some day there be a fearless executive who will show no favors towards any class and then they will be in danger of prosecution. To forestall any such possibility, they are seeking to have themselves declared privileged classes, free to transgress the law and free from liability for its penalties.

While the activities of the individual members must be confined to "legitimate objects," the organizations themselves, as already stated, are not circumscribed in that way. The language as to them is simply that "nothing contained in the anti-trust laws" is to "be construed to forbid" their "existence and operation." In other words, neither their "existence" nor their "operation" is to be interfered with. Accordingly, they would appear to be free to proceed just as they like. They can go ahead and in the most high-handed fashion raise prices, limit production, curtail work or take other measures to promote the object in view. While the manufacturer and merchant is forbidden to restrain trade or establish monopolies, the farmer and the laboring classes are left wholly undisturbed and need practice no restraint.

No one would argue in favor of having either labor organizations or agricultural associations forbidden or declared illegal. Both are capable of great good if their activities are confined within legitimate bounds. In many different ways they can be made mutually helpful to their members and be employed to advance the interests and the prosperity of their particular spheres without being in the least detrimental to the general welfare. But these bodies should be subject to the same limitations and restrictions as all other classes. If they act inimically to the general welfare, if they do any of the things forbidden under the Anti-Trust Law, they should be brought to book the same as other offenders.

Under the exemption, however, it is proposed to confer upon them it will be absolutely impossible to call them to account for any misdoing of the kind mentioned, no matter how flagrant in character. The farming classes might come to an agreement to limit production or withhold supplies to such an extent as to produce famine or they might engage in operations to promote corners, and yet, as the Anti-Trust laws are not to be construed to forbid their "existence and operation", they would be wholly within their rights and fully protected under the law.

Even Samuel Untermyer, speaking at Chicago on Wednesday before the Western Economic Society and the second national conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, took occasion to declare that the farmers' attitude is "unjust, inconsistent and unwise." "The injustice and inconsistency of the farmers' attitude consist," he said, "in his insistence on denying to every other industry the right of co-operation to restrict competition whilst he insists upon exemption for his own occupation, and is seeking to punish as crimes when committed by others acts which when perpetrated by him are not considered as inimical to the public welfare."

As to the labor organizations, all the methods now resorted to by them to enforce their demands would be made legal by the language of the exemption section. The closed shop, the ostracism of non-union labor, the boycott, and the other well-known labor union devices for hurting outsiders would become legitimate, and those injured would have absolutely no way of defending themselves or of getting redress. Is not that a dangerous prospect, and should not the whole community rise in protest against it? The President may "demand" such legislation and may be determined to hold Congress in session through the whole of another summer unless he gets it and Congress remains a willing instrument in his hands, but he should be given to understand that the business community is in no frame of mind to be trifled with on such a grave and important issue where so much is at stake.

In the railroad world it is becoming palpably evident that the Eastern railroads made a mistake in asking for an advance of only 5% in freight rates. It is taken for granted now that the Inter-State Commerce Commission will not refuse to grant this advance, since the evidence is so overwhelming in favor of the carriers. But the railroads are suffering such frightful losses in revenues that it is becoming more and more manifest each day that this small increase will not suffice to restore their credit and retrieve the losses in net income which they are experiencing by reason of their inability to curtail expenses. Western roads, profiting by this experience of the Eastern lines, have it in mind (if current reports are to be believed) to ask for an increase of 10%. How far short 5% increase will fall of meeting the contraction in net income is evident from our compilation of the gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the month of February, which we give to-day on subsequent pages.

The loss in gross for the month proves to have been \$23,823,138, or 10.22%. A five per cent increase would, therefore, mean only half this amount, or a little over \$11,000,000. But net earnings have actually fallen off \$19,895,047, or over 33 1-3%. Hence, if the carriers were allowed to make a five per cent increase in gross, and the whole of this in-

crease counted as a gain in net, the latter would still be \$8,000,000 short of what they were in the corresponding month last year, when net was by no means ample and the credit of the railroads was already seriously impaired. In using these general figures we are proceeding on the general assumption that all the railroads in the United States will ultimately get a five per cent advance in rates. Up to the present time only the Eastern roads have put in a request for higher rates. On these the loss in gross in February was \$13,828,133, or 13.87%. A five per cent increase in rates would yield less than \$5,000,000 additional earnings, whereas the loss in the net for the month on these lines reaches \$12,672,120.

In these circumstances it is not surprising to find even Samuel Untermyer making a strenuous plea on behalf of the railroads. In his speech in Chicago, already alluded to, he pleaded earnestly on behalf of the roads as follows. Coming from such a source, his remarks are doubly entitled to weight. Those representing the railroads have said nothing that sets out the situation in a more convincing and conclusive fashion:

"The railroads are facing a grave crisis—far greater than we realize. There is no exaggeration in the statements of their officers to the Inter-State Commerce Commission nor is there any foundation for the suspicion that the wholesale discharge of men is part of a spectacular play to influence public opinion. The figures of reduced business, neglected improvements and increased expenses speak for themselves. They are appalling. There must be prompt relief.

"Concede, if you please, that some of the railroads have been brought to their present plight through mismanagement, dishonesty, exploitation, or what not. By all means punish the guilty if you can, reach them and let Congress see to it that the misdeeds of the past are rendered impossible in the future, but do not paralyze the industries of the country by denying the roads the opportunity to live and meet their responsibilities. The public interest demands that they be afforded a basis of earnings on which to finance their money requirements for equipment and improvements.

This plea is not made primarily out of sympathy for the plight of the stockholders. If they have permitted their properties to be exploited and mismanaged, it is right that they and not the public should pay the penalty if they were alone concerned. But it is the public that suffers from inefficient and dangerous operation and from the inability to meet transportation requirements.

One cannot but sympathize with the impatience and resentment of the people, but the pendulum of public opinion and official mistrust has swung too far against the roads. This is no time for reprisals. *Some of the roads are tottering on the verge of bankruptcy.* Maturing obligations must be re-financed and vast sums are needed for replacements and improvements. They cannot be had under existing conditions.

In the meantime testimony is piling up going to show that even in those instances where there have been serious faults of management and the properties are supposed to be suffering as the result of official misdeeds, unfortunate general conditions, common to the whole railroad system of the country, have really been the most potent influence in the collapse of the properties. The numerous investigations with which the country is plagued on every side are doing at least this much good, namely that they are bringing out the truth as to many controversies and in so doing are presenting many things in a new light, quite different from what public criticism had led the community to suppose they were.

For instance, until recently it was charged that the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co. owed its difficulties in no small degree to the way its finances had been handled, it being intimated that the bankers who conducted the financial negotiations of the company for so many years had been allowed to make enormous profits for themselves and that they thrived while the company itself went to ruin. But in refutation of this charge, J. P. Morgan & Co. at the beginning of last month made public a statement which they had compiled, setting out the results of their connection with the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. financing. This statement showed that in the twenty years from 1894 to 1914, during which the firm took part in the handling of securities of the company and its subordinate properties, in aggregate amount of \$333,082,803, they realized profits of only \$350,265, or at the average rate of only \$17,500 per year.

This week Howard Elliott, the Chairman of the company, for the intelligent guidance of the shareholders who are to vote next week on the proposed agreement with the Attorney-General of the United States, has given out a lengthy and illuminating statement dealing with the company's affairs and the causes of its troubles. It is generally assumed that the company's reverses must be attributed entirely to the unwise policy of expansion pursued under the management of President Mellen. Certainly, if the late management had not embarked in so many outside ventures, its position to-day would be vastly stronger. And yet, admitting this, Mr. Elliott's figures make it manifest that the New Haven property, like all other railroad systems in the United States, has been largely the victim of general circumstances.

For instance, take the question of wages. Mr. Elliott tells us that if the same rates of pay had been in effect in 1913 as in 1903, the total pay-roll for the year would have been approximately \$7,200,000 less. This means, of course, that net earnings in that event would have been \$7,200,000 larger. At the same time freight rates have declined during the ten years. Mr. Elliott's calculations show that the increase in wages and the decline in freight rates alone make a difference of over \$9,000,000 per annum in income, equal to 6% on \$150,000,000 of capital, which is about the amount of the stock in the hands of the public at present. With net earnings reduced in a sum equal to 6% on the outstanding capital of the company by the causes mentioned, is it surprising that the company has been obliged to suspend dividends?

But this is not the only loss sustained by the company from causes beyond the control of the management. The Federal nine-hour law, the ash-pan law, the safety-appliances law, the boiler-inspection law, and the full-crew law, it is stated, have increased the expenses of the company nearly \$200,000 per year. The cost of accounting ten years ago was \$190,000 per year. At the present time it is about \$500,000 per year. While the increase in business, we are told, has had its effect on the accounting cost, part of the increase is due to the accounting requirements of the Inter-State Commerce and State commissions. Moreover, the Act of Congress requiring a physical valuation of railways will increase the expenses of the company about \$60,000 per year for several years.

On the New Haven road over half the earnings come from the passenger business, which only pays

ordinary operating expenses. Yet the Public Service Commission of New York recently ordered substantial reductions in the very low commutation rates between New York suburban points and New York City. The New York Supreme Court set aside this order, but the Legislature which has just adjourned passed an Act making the same reductions. Then the company is underpaid for the carriage of mail and parcel post. The Government is paying only about \$725,000 per annum, whereas the road ought to receive at least double that amount.

Altogether New Haven affairs are presented in a new light, and Chairman Elliott has rendered an important service in bringing out the facts so plainly. He has also presented an unanswerable argument in favor of letting the railroads make a moderate advance in transportation rates as part compensation for the losses which they have sustained through no fault of their own.

Another crisis in the Mexican situation has arisen and apparently has not yet been surmounted. It leaves in its train, however, distinct intimation that a more aggressive policy has finally been adopted by President Wilson. Provisional President Huerta, if he is the shrewd man of affairs that he is usually credited with being, has learned from the occurrences of the week that the patience of Washington can no longer be presumed upon to prevent immediate redress for wanton attacks on American citizens and indignities to American officials or American interests of any kind. On Thursday of last week a launch from the United States gunboat *Dolphin*, carrying the paymaster and a small detachment of marines, put in at Iturbide bridge at Tampico to purchase a supply of gasoline. All were in uniform, but unarmed, and the launch flew the American flag. The paymaster and his men were arrested by a detachment of Mexican Federals, were paraded through the streets and held for a time under detention. Rear Admiral Mayo made vigorous representations to the authorities and the men were released, Gen. Ignacio Zaragosa expressing to Rear Admiral Mayo his regret. Admiral Mayo considered this insufficient, and asked for a formal apology, the punishment of Col. Hinojosa, who ordered the arrest, and a salute of 21 guns to the American flag within twenty-four hours. The matter was immediately brought to the attention of the American Charge d'Affairs by the Mexican Foreign Office in Mexico City. The latter asked that Admiral Mayo's demands be modified. Mr. O'Shaughnessy at once called the seriousness of the affair to the attention of President Huerta, who stated that, since it was reported that the American flag was flying from the launch, a full investigation would be ordered. Should the investigation develop further responsibility on the part of Col. Hinojosa, he would be punished by competent authorities. The delay in firing the salute increased the seriousness of the situation, and after a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, Secretary Daniels ordered a general concentration of the Atlantic fleet at Tampico to enforce the demand of Rear Admiral Mayo that the flag be saluted by the Huerta commander. On Wednesday an official statement was issued at Washington declaring that the unpleasant incident at Tampico was not the only reason for the President's demand for formal apology. The statement in full follows:

In discussions in official circles in Washington of the present Mexican situation, the following points have been very much dwelt upon:

It has been pointed out that, in considering the present somewhat delicate situation in Mexico, the unpleasant incident at Tampico must not be thought of alone. For some time past the de facto Government of Mexico has seemed to think mere apologies sufficient when the rights of American citizens or the dignity of the Government of the United States were involved, and has apparently made no attempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious derelictions of its civil and military officers.

Immediately after the incident at Tampico, an orderly from one of the ships of the United States in the harbor of Vera Cruz, who had been sent ashore to the post office for the ship's mail, and who was in uniform, and who had the official mail bag on his back, was arrested and put into jail by the local authorities. He was subsequently released and a nominal punishment inflicted upon the officer who had arrested him; but it was significant that an orderly from the fleet of the United States was picked out from the many persons constantly going ashore on various errands from the various ships in the harbor, representing several nations.

Most serious of all, the officials in charge of the telegraph office at Mexico City presumed to withhold an official dispatch of the Government of the United States to its Embassy at Mexico City until it should have been sent to the censor and his permission received to deliver it, and gave the dispatch into the hands of the Charge d'Affaires of the United States only upon his personal and emphatic demand, he having in the meantime learned through other channels that a dispatch had been sent him which he had not received.

It cannot but strike any one who has watched the course of events in Mexico as significant that untoward incidents such as these have not occurred in any case where representatives of other governments were concerned, but only in dealings with the representatives of the United States, and that there has been no occasion for other governments to call attention to such matters or to ask for apologies.

These repeated offenses against the rights and dignity of the United States, offenses not duplicated with regard to the representatives of other governments, have necessarily made the impression that the Government of the United States was singled out for manifestations of ill-will and contempt.

The authorities of the State Department feel confident that when the seriousness and the cumulative effect of these incidents is made evident to the Government of Mexico, that Government will see the propriety and the necessity of giving such evidences of its desire to repudiate and correct these things as will be not only satisfactory to the Government of the United States but also an evidence to the rest of the world of an entire change of attitude.

There can be no loss to the dignity of the de facto Government in Mexico in recognizing in the fullest degree the claims of a great sovereign Government to its respect.

The President was informed by the American Charge d'Affaires that Huerta would order the salute on condition that a return salute be fired by an American vessel. As this was in accordance with naval usage President Wilson made no objection to the condition. However, Huerta yesterday began to haggle still further and demanded that the salute should be fired simultaneously. This demand was refused.

The military operations in Mexico this week centered around San Pedro de las Colinas, in Coahuila. Practically the full forces in the north of rebels and Federals were engaged, and the battle is described as the bloodiest of the revolution. The Federal loss is reported to have been 3,500 men in killed, wounded and prisoners. The Federal troops were surrounded on three sides, but the remnants of the army finally escaped to the north, which was left open by the non-arrival of troops assigned to that position, and finally turned east in the general direction of Monterey. The presence of Gen. Velasco, who evacuated Torreon on April 2, at San Pedro, was a surprise to Gen. Villa, who learned from the prisoners that when the Federal Generals De Moure and Maas were driven from San Pedro last week, they sent word to Gen.

Velasco, then at Parras, sixty miles south, that they were in danger of being surrounded. Velasco, by forced marches, succeeded in joining them on April 10 at Benevides Junction, a few miles from San Pedro. Later the troops of Generals Argumedo and Campo came up and the rebel garrison at San Pedro was driven out on April 11. That night Villa with 5,000 re-enforcements arrived and began an immediate attack, which culminated in the flight of the Federals.

There have been few important developments in the political situation in the United Kingdom. Premier Asquith on Tuesday received an enthusiastic ovation on his return to the House of Commons after his re-election on his acceptance of the position of Secretary of State for War. At Bradford on the same day a resolution instructing Labor Members of Parliament to act independently of the Liberal Party was adopted by 233 votes to 78 at the closing session of the annual conference of the Independent Labor Party. The resolution also denounced "Cabinet rule which involves the suppression of the rights of the private Member adequately to voice the policy of his party, besides making impossible the free consideration of proposals which have not received the Cabinet hallmark." This rule was declared "inimical to good government." In conclusion the resolution invites members of the Parliamentary Labor Party to vote on all issues brought before the Parliament only in accordance with the principles for which the party stands. It was pointed out that the forty Labor Members in the House of Commons might have been in a position at any time to make precarious the life of the Government.

The labor situation in England as well as the financial and commercial conditions appear to be improving. Of the 138,000 Yorkshire miners who are on strike, 38,000 voted on Wednesday on the question of continuing the strike or resuming work. Against 27,000 in favor of abandoning the fight there were 11,000 in favor of continuing. It is expected that all the miners will resume work at an early date. Labor on the Home railways, however, will pass through a difficult position between now and autumn, though it is hoped that real trouble will be averted.

Advance cables from Shanghai state that another revolt is threatened in China. Feverish excitement exists in official quarters at Nanking. The regular troops at Sianfu, capital of the Province of Shen-si, are said to have mutinied and are believed to be in league with the brigand White Wolf. Indications of grave unrest are reported from Wu Chang in Canton. Six provinces are said to be affected and the Southern rebels are reported to be relying on receiving aid from the Japanese. The Chinese Government officials in Shanghai on Wednesday arrested a number of revolutionaries who had come from Japan. They were charged with spreading sedition among the regular troops. At the same time documents were seized alleged to be signed by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, formerly Provisional President. These documents are reported to contain instructions for the widespread uprising and the massacre of officials this month. The new Constitution for China proposed by the Commissioners entrusted with the task of preparing it gives the President autocratic powers. The Commissioners decided to recommend the following changes:

First—The provisional Constitution is to be abolished. Second—The President is to be invested with supreme control. Third—A new Parliament will be created with limited powers. It will not appoint Cabinet Ministers or diplomats abroad. Fourth—A Privy Council is to be formed. Fifth—The Premiership shall be abolished and a Secretary of State appointed. Sixth—The Cabinet is to be responsible to the President. Seventh—The President is to have exclusive control of national finances, and during a national crisis may issue decrees independently.

Count Shigenobu Okuma, former Foreign Minister, on Wednesday completed the formation of the new Japanese Cabinet, to succeed that headed by Count Gombei Yamamoto, which resigned recently as a result of the naval scandals over the receipt of illegal commissions. The new Premier is frequently spoken of as the "Grand Old Man of Japan." He was born 76 years ago, is a Samurai, of the Saga clan, and for nearly half a century has been in the public service. As Foreign Minister, he undertook the task of speedy revision, but in so doing excited much factional animosity and became the victim of a bomb-thrower's fury, as a result of which he lost a leg. Thereafter he served in several Cabinet positions, but at the end of 1898 retired from office and from the official leadership of the National Party, which had been developed from the Progressives. While by no means a jingo, he is particularly resolute in maintaining what he believes to be the rights of his country and its citizens. On this account he may be considered an important factor in the controversy involving the rights of Japanese in California. A commercial treaty between Japan and Bolivia was signed at La Paz, Bolivia, this week.

London, and in fact all European centres, are still, according to latest cable dispatches, feeling the effects of the Easter holidays. Business at the British centre, so far as the financial markets are concerned, has not yet resumed normal conditions. Underwriters who have entered into arrangements to bring out a number of colonial and other important issues have not thus far considered the time opportune for such flotations. Thus, the week has been exceedingly dull from all points of view. The insistent demand of the Continent for gold has rather upset monetary calculations, and has, for the present at any rate, caused a revision of opinion among important banking interests of London, which were confident a short time ago that the English money supplies would soon become so oppressive that a reduction in the Bank of England's discount minimum was assured. Day-to-day money, it is true, continues extremely easy, funds being available in instances at $\frac{7}{8}$ of 1%. A somewhat similar indication is contained in the prevailing rates of discounts in Lombard Street, short bills being quoted still at $1\frac{3}{4}$ %, which is without change for the week, while long bills have been advanced to 2 1-16@ $2\frac{1}{8}$ %, as against $1\frac{7}{8}$ % a week ago. Russia at Tuesday's weekly disposal of Cape gold in London obtained £370,000 of the £620,000 offered, the remainder being taken for account of India.

The fact that a general election is now apparently in sight for the United Kingdom is not unlikely to cause some hesitancy in financial affairs, though cable accounts agree that British trade is continuing to show remarkable activity. The cut in Canadian railway rates appears to have adversely affected

Canadian securities as a whole in the British market. The coal strike in the Westphalian district of Germany, too, is causing some nervousness in British coal circles, since it is feared that the collapse of the Westphalian syndicate, which is a possibility that already seems in sight, would seriously affect prices in the foreign market of British coal owners. London bankers take a more serious view of the new Mexican crisis than is entertained at home here. New issues announced in London this week of an international character are a Montreal loan of £1,500,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cents and a New Zealand loan of £3,000,000. These loans have been underwritten, but have not been offered for public subscription as yet. An Edmonton (Canada) 5% loan was offered at 98, and a Nova Scotia issue of £750,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cents is offered at 99. The Underground Electric has placed £700,000 three-year $4\frac{1}{2}$ % notes at $98\frac{3}{4}$. There are intimations of an approaching large India loan.

British Consols, as reported by cable last evening, closed at $75\frac{3}{4}$, which compares with $76\frac{1}{4}$ on Thursday of last week (Friday, Good Friday, then being a holiday on the London Stock Exchange). This decline may be considered representative of the general investment market. The London & North-western Ry. closed at $132\frac{1}{4}$, against 133 a week ago; Great Western finished at $115\frac{1}{2}$, against $116\frac{1}{4}$, and the Great Eastern was quoted at the close without net change at 51. State funds, too, showed substantial declines in instances, Bulgarian 6s last evening finished at 101, against 102 a week ago, and Greek Monopoly 4s without change at 52, as also did Serbian 4s at $78\frac{1}{2}$. Chinese 5s also are $\frac{1}{2}$ point lower at 101. Russian 4s closed $\frac{1}{2}$ point higher at $87\frac{1}{2}$, while Japanese 5s are $\frac{1}{4}$ higher at $77\frac{1}{4}$. German Imperial 3s remain at 77. Money in London closed at $\frac{7}{8}$ @ $1\frac{3}{8}$ %, against $1\frac{1}{4}$ @ $1\frac{1}{2}$ % a week ago.

The Paris markets merit little comment beyond the fact that they are awaiting the result of the national elections which are to be held a week from tomorrow (Sunday, April 26). It is considered probable by usually well-informed correspondents that the holiday spirit will continue at the French centre until after that important national event has passed, and a definite idea has thus been gained of the fiscal conditions that must be counted upon in the future. The attendance even of the professionals on the Paris Bourse has been particularly light during the week, and press accounts agree that the few who were present preferred taking profits resulting from the recent moderate advance in prices with a view of avoiding the carry-over. The settlement which began on Wednesday furnished a suggestive index of how completely speculators are out of the market. The contango rate was only $1\frac{3}{4}$ %, which indicated the pressure of money for short commitments and how completely stagnant the general situation in the security market actually is. The French Treasury has borrowed 100,000,000 francs for six months at $2\frac{1}{2}$ %. This is taken to indicate a decision for a new national loan at the end of that period. Bulgaria has refused to accede to the conditions imposed by French banks for an advance of 300,000,000 francs to that country if Russia would guarantee the loan. Premier Doumergue has signed an agreement approving a new 800,000,000-franc loan to Turkey, France in return to obtain railroad concessions in Asia Minor and also at Jaffa and Jerusalem. We

referred to this loan in our review of the French situation in last week's "Chronicle." Part of the loan (450,000,000 francs) will be offered on April 25 at 93¼, and the French banks, from the proceeds, will be relieved of the Turkish Treasury notes they now hold. There appears to have been some misconception, as a result of the meagre accounts cabled following the adjournment of Parliament on April 4, of the fiscal conditions existing in France. As we stated last week, the Chamber for the first time in the history of the Republic adjourned before an election without voting the budget. Both Chambers managed to rush through just before adjournment, however, provisional grants to meet the May and June expenditures.

Usually calm political experts in Paris argue that the highly complicated and unsatisfactory ending of Parliament will tell heavily against the unified radical party at the polls. It is calculated, for instance, that the present Government combination will lose 60 seats, some of which may go to the extreme Socialists, but the bulk to the Moderate-Republican Fusion of the Centre—the Briand-Barthou combine. In asking for his provisional grants, M. Renoult, the new Minister of Finance, stated that his immediate requirements were 172,000,000 francs and as a precautionary measure he also asked for authority to issue 100,000,000 francs of short-term treasury bonds above the statutory limit. The provisional bill reduced immediately the stamp duty on foreign State funds from 3 to 2%, while other foreign securities remain on their previous level of 2%. Furthermore the Chamber maintained the immunity from taxation of the Rente coupon in the fiscal schemes floated—the point on which the Barthou Cabinet was overthrown. The proposals authorized in the emergency bills merely carry over until the new Parliament assembles in June, when such important matters as the national loan, the embargo on the issue of foreign loans, the tax of 4% on foreign securities, the new stamp and income duties and the taxing of French rentes will be taken up for definite action. In the meantime, according to conservative Paris correspondents, the big financial interests intend that this new fiscal legislation shall be publicly discussed, its prejudicial effects on the nation's credit clearly demonstrated and an amending law imperatively insisted on. French rentes closed at 86.67½ francs, against 86.72½ francs on Thursday of last week. Gold is becoming scarce in mercantile circles in Paris and sterling exchange at the French centre is now very close to the gold-import point. It is reported from Paris that negotiations are in progress on behalf of the Bank of France for the transfer of a considerable amount of gold from New York beginning next week. We learn, however, that there is slight probability of the outward movement beginning at such an early date. Money in Paris closed at 3%, which is without quotable change from the figure of a week ago.

In Berlin, the feature this week has been the renewed ease in the money situation. But this does not appear to have favorably influenced the market for securities. The reduction in Canadian freight rates which was announced last week has continued to influence sales of Canadian Pacific. On Thursday, according to a press dispatch from Berlin, a banker representing many members of the Berlin Bourse applied to the Listing Committee to exclude any further listings of Canadian Pacific stock on

the ground that the prospectus issued by the company in March for \$60,000,000 of new stock contained no mention of the case pending for the reduction of Western freights. The petitioner declared that such a suppression of information would debar any German company from further listings. The Committee did not indicate what action it would take in the matter. In passing, it appears fair to remark, that the Canadian Pacific management were themselves probably quite as much surprised at the Canadian Railway Commission's ruling as were any outsiders. The so-called metallurgical and also the colliery issues have been under pressure, the former owing to a further lowering of prices on the Belgium iron market and the reduction of export prices on German iron products, while the latter is ascribable to the crisis in Westphalian coal districts. French bankers have been discounting in the German market, which is a new experience in recent financial history. Money in Berlin closed at 2⅞%, against 2⅞% a week ago.

There have been no alterations reported this week in the discounts of the official European banks. In London sixty-day bills in the open market closed week, at 1¾%, which is without net change for the while long bills closed at 2 1-16@2⅛% against 1⅞% on Thursday of last week. In Paris the private bank rate is ⅛ lower at 2⅞% and Berlin is without change at 2⅞%. Vienna remains at 3⅞%; Brussels at 3⅞%, and Amsterdam at 2 15-16%. Official rates at the leading foreign centres are: London 3%, Paris 3½%, Berlin 4%, Vienna 4%, Brussels 4%, Amsterdam 3½%.

The Bank of England's return this week is rather better than the statements of the last few weeks. It shows an increase in the gold coin and bullion holdings of £209,624, while the total reserve increased £657,000. The proportion of reserve to liabilities increased during the week to 41.99% from 40.36%, and compares with 47.88% one year ago. Public deposits were further reduced £393,000 and other deposits suffered a contraction of £473,000. Loans at the Bank (other securities) were paid off to the extent of £1,520,000 net. Threadneedle Street now holds in bullion £36,237,767, which compares with £37,922,106 in 1913 and £37,817,240 in 1912. The reserve aggregates £25,663,000, against £27,928,891 one year ago and £27,638,020 in 1912. Public deposits are well ahead of last year, amounting to £19,238,000, which compares with £15,810,624 at this date a year ago and £18,997,109 in 1912. Other deposits aggregate £41,960,000, against £42,439,289 in 1913 and £41,868,562 in the year preceding. The loan account is £41,980,000, against £35,097,048 last year and £36,747,117 the year preceding. Our special correspondent furnishes the following details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week: Imports, £87,000 from Brazil; exports, £150,000 (of which £50,000 to Java and £100,000 not stated), and receipts of £273,000 net from the interior of Great Britain.

An increase of 11,041,000 francs in its gold and a decrease of 2,018,000 francs in silver are reported this week by the Bank of France. A contraction of 21,325,000 francs is shown by the circulation statement, while discounts matured, net, to the extent of 120,925,000 francs. Treasury deposits were reduced 2,650,000 francs and advances declined 16,-

150,000 francs. There was an increase in general deposits of 6,450,000 francs. The Bank now holds 3,639,327,000 francs in gold, which compares with 3,249,975,000 francs one year ago and 3,224,575,000 francs in 1912. Outstanding circulation is given at 5,921,938,000 francs, against 5,729,764,495 francs one year ago and 5,307,931,260 francs in 1912. General deposits aggregate 553,678,000 francs, against 563,946,327 francs in 1913 and 688,677,902 francs in 1912. The discounts are well below last year's figures; they stand at 1,420,827,000 francs and compare with 1,704,078,440 francs in 1913 and 1,182,193,711 francs in 1912. The silver stock is 620,763,000 francs. One year ago it was 602,100,000 francs and two years ago 807,900,000 francs.

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany showed an increase of 37,988,000 marks in gold and of 63,104,000 marks in total cash, including gold. There was a contraction of 180,603,000 marks in note circulation, of 36,378,000 marks in Treasury bills and of 197,625,000 in discounts. Loans increased 12,139,000 marks and deposits increased 18,435,000 marks. The total cash holdings now amount to 1,639,376,000 marks, against 1,264,820,000 marks one year ago and 1,223,640,000 marks in 1912. Combining loans and discounts, we have a total of 1,020,911,000 marks, which compares with 1,386,440,000 marks in 1913 and 1,278,900,000 marks in 1912. The circulation totals 2,037,028,000 marks against 1,939,640,000 marks at this date a year ago and 1,737,940,000 marks in 1912.

In local money circles additional evidence of the absolute redundancy of funds has been contained in the fact that substantial demands on the capital market and also suggestions of future demands have failed in the slightest degree to affect money rates. In fact, near-by maturities are available at fractional concessions for the week, while call money rates seem to be definitely pegged at $1\frac{3}{4}@2\%$, and are without fluctuation. Among the capital demands of the week has been the \$25,000,000 offering of New York Central & Hudson River $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ refunding and improvement mortgage bonds by Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. and their associates, the First National Bank and the National City Bank. In addition, Messrs. Morgan & Co. have privately sold \$15,000,000 of these bonds, making \$40,000,000 in all. The offering of the \$65,000,000 4% gold bonds by the City of New York was an additional demand. Full details of the offering are contained on another page in this week's "Chronicle"; the total subscriptions were \$193,187,350. As, however, the bidders were obliged to deposit only 2% of the amount of their bids the large subscription did not exert a noticeable influence in money circles. It is understood that about \$12,000,000 of the issue has been sold abroad, leaving \$53,000,000 to be sold by the banking syndicate, headed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and William A. Read & Co., which was the successful bidder at 101.45, and is now re-selling the bonds at 102.10% and accrued interest, to yield 4.15%. A demand for some \$25,000,000 is in sight in the form of a proposed sale of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ bonds by the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. This is under consideration by the St. Paul board, but has not yet been definitely decided on. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has arranged to sell through bankers in the respective localities \$30,000,000 two-year 5%

coupon notes of subsidiary companies endorsed by the parent company. Thus it will be seen that the demand for capital is proving quite active. A new demand, too, that will soon appear will be in the form of the subscriptions of the national banks of the country to the stock of the new Federal reserve banks. How this will work out may be gathered from the specific instance of the National City Bank, which on Tuesday voted to take 30,000 shares at \$100 a share; this will require \$3,000,000, though only half of it probably will be paid up, the remainder being subject to call by the Government. Of the \$1,500,000, however, \$500,000 will be paid as soon as the reserve system is in a position to receive subscriptions, another \$500,000 will be payable three months thereafter, and the remaining \$500,000 six months thereafter. When it is considered that all the national banks which have agreed to join the Reserve System will, in proportion, be called upon for similar subscriptions, it becomes evident that quite a shifting of funds in the money markets of the country must take place. How soon the new Federal Reserve System can get into practical working order it is difficult to say. The vital element, namely the personnel of the Federal Reserve Board, has not yet been determined on, or at any rate has not been announced by President Wilson. It is hardly likely that the System can be put into practical operation earlier than the autumn, and Secretary McAdoo, in a statement a short time ago, definitely said that in the event of delay over the crop-moving period, the experiment of depositing Government funds in the national banks throughout the agricultural sections that was tried last year will be repeated.

One of the most striking indications of the current over-supply of funds was the objection of some of the large New York banks to receiving on deposit from the city the proceeds of the \$65,000,000 bond sale. The City Chamberlain had proposed to deposit large amounts in various banks. The First National, to which \$5,000,000 was offered, declined the deposit, the National Bank of Commerce, to which \$12,000,000 was tendered, took only \$6,000,000, and the Hanover National, to which \$4,000,000 was allotted, was willing to take only \$500,000. None of these banks, it should be explained, had been a regular city depositary since Chamberlain Bruere put into operation on Feb. 1 his plan for increasing interest on city balances. Before that date the regular rate on such balances was 2% , regardless of money market conditions. Mr. Bruere sent out letters asking for higher interest, and some banks agreed to pay $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ and even 3% ; but most of the large banks declined to pay more than the old figure of 2% . As call money is now ranging between $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ and 2% and as the deposits of the proceeds of the bonds must necessarily be considered in the nature of call loans, subject to immediate withdrawal, it is obvious that the banks would undertake a direct loss in paying the 2% rate. Furthermore, they have no incentive to take the funds as a part of the city's banking accounts, as the inactive accounts of the municipality have been transferred to those banks that are willing to pay the higher rates of interest.

Last Saturday's bank statement suggested the return to circulation of the April 1 payments. The loans of the Clearing House banks and trust companies showed a loss of \$10,059,000 and deposits a curtailment of \$5,837,000. Meanwhile there was an increase in cash of \$7,451,000, and as the reserve re-

quirements had declined \$828,450 as a result of the lower deposit item, there was an increase in the surplus above requirements of \$8,279,450, making the total \$18,732,950, which compares with \$14,904,450 one year ago and \$14,977,200 two years ago. The cash in the vaults of the banks increased \$8,625,000; that in the vaults of the trust companies decreased \$1,174,000; and the trust companies' cash in banks decreased \$6,916,000.

Referring to call money rates in detail, it may be stated that 2% was the highest and 1 3/4% the lowest every day this week. On Monday and Tuesday 1 3/4% was the renewal basis. This was advanced to 1 7/8% on Wednesday and 2% on Thursday, while on Friday it was reduced to 1 3/4%. For time money 2 1/2% was the closing quotation for sixty days (against 2 1/4@2 3/4% a week ago), 2 1/2@2 3/4% for ninety days (against 2 3/4%), 2 3/4@3% for four months (unchanged), 2 3/4@3% for five months (unchanged) and 3@3 1/4% for six months (against 3%). Commercial paper continues in lighter supply than demand. Really high-grade notes are scarce and there does not appear much probability, in view of the concededly reactionary tendency in trade, for improvement in the near future. Closing quotations remain at 3 1/2@3 3/4% for sixty and ninety days endorsed bills receivable and for four to six months' names of choice character. Other names less favorably known continue at 4@4 1/4%.

With a sharp advance in discounts for long bills in Lombard Street the market for sterling exchange has ruled firm, though not active throughout the week. Supplies of produce and commercial bills are unusually light and money is so abundant and cheap here that there is slight incentive to draw finance bills. The continued active demand for gold for the Continent precludes any reduction in the Bank of England rate for the present. Reports cabled from Paris, where sterling exchange has ruled close to the gold-import point, state that negotiations are understood to be under way on behalf of the Bank of France for a resumption of gold importations from New York. There are quite a number of cross currents in the foreign exchange situation at the moment. In the first place foreign buyers are credited with purchasing about \$12,000,000 of the new New York City bond issue that was offered this week. On the other hand, the proceeds of the bonds will be used to take up short-term notes of the City, which have been favorites among London bankers and other financial interests. In the same way a considerable amount of the new New York Central bonds will undoubtedly be placed abroad while on April 21 \$20,000,000 in notes of the same company mature. A considerable part of these notes is held in London, so that in effect there will merely be the transfer of money from one pocket to another. The broad view that is prevailing in sterling exchange circles at this centre is that the demand for funds promises to be more active abroad than at home and the prospects therefore favor a steady market for sterling exchange. The movement of securities being equally balanced, it does not seem to enter into consideration at the moment, so far as Stock Exchange transactions are concerned. The Bank of England's statement was rather more favorable than the returns of recent weeks, though Threadneedle Street gained only £209,624 in gold. There

has been no evidence of unusual speculation in sterling exchange in the local market

Demand sterling in Paris closed at 25.16 francs after touching 25.14 francs earlier in the week. A week ago it closed at 25.16 francs. In Berlin London checks finished at 20.45 marks, against 20.45 1/2 marks a week ago. Sterling checks in Amsterdam, as reported by cable last evening, closed at 12.08 3/4 guilders, comparing with 12.07 1/2 guilders on Thursday of last week. Berlin exchange in Paris closed yesterday at 123.02 1/2 francs, against 123.02 1/2 francs a week ago. Mexican exchange on London finished at 1s 2 3/4 d., against 1s. 3 3/4 d. a week ago. Mexican exchange in New York closed at 330, against 310 a week ago.

Compared with Friday of last week sterling exchange on Saturday was firmer for demand and cable transfers, which advanced to 4 8680@4 8690 and 4 87@4 8710, respectively; sixty days remained unchanged at 4 85@4 8510. On Monday trading was extremely limited, largely on account of the observance of Easter Monday as a holiday in London, which served to restrict business here; after a firm opening, weakness set in, with the range unchanged at 4 8680@4 8690 for demand and 4 87@4 8710 for cable transfers; sixty days declined to 4 8490@4 8505. Rates fluctuated irregularly on Tuesday, but within narrow limits; the day's quotations were still 4 87@4 8710 for cable transfers, 4 8680@4 8690 for demand and 4 8490@4 8505 for sixty days. On Wednesday sterling continued dull and almost nominal; the opening was lower, but later the tone steadied on a stiffening in English discounts; demand was still quoted at 4 8680@4 8690, cable transfers at 4 87@4 8710 and sixty days at 4 8490@4 8505. Increasing firmness in discount rates in London caused an advance of about 10 points on Thursday, to 4 8690@4 87 for demand, 4 8710@4 8720 for cable transfers and 4 85@4 8510 for sixty days. On Friday the market ruled firm. Closing quotations were 4 85@4 8525 for sixty days, 4 8695@4 8705 for demand and 4 8715@4 8725 for cable transfers. Commercial on banks closed at 4 83 3/4@4 84 1/2, documents for payment finished at 4 84 1/8@4 84 7/8 and seven-day grain bills at 4 86@4 86 1/8. Cotton for payment closed at 4 84@4 84 1/4, grain for payment at 4 84 1/2 @4 84 3/4.

The New York Clearing-House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$5,483,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending April 17. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$14,789,000, while the shipments have reached \$9,306,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury operations, which occasioned a loss of \$2,770,000, 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 \$2,713,000, as follows:

Week ending April 17.			
	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$14,789,000	\$9,306,000	Gain \$5,483,000
Sub-Treasury operations.....	20,204,000	23,064,000	Loss 2,770,000
Total.....	\$35,093,000	\$32,370,000	Gain \$2,713,000

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

Banks of	April 16 1914.			April 17 1913.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	36,237,767	.....	36,237,767	37,922,106	.....	37,922,106
France.....	145,533,440	24,826,800	170,360,240	129,979,160	24,083,760	154,062,920
Germany.....	65,533,350	18,500,000	82,033,350	48,797,200	14,444,450	63,241,650
Russia.....	178,339,000	7,244,000	185,583,000	158,034,000	7,400,000	165,434,000
Aus.-Hun.....	52,124,000	12,218,000	64,342,000	50,168,000	10,492,000	60,660,000
Spain.....	20,325,000	28,542,000	48,867,000	17,945,000	29,880,000	47,825,000
Italy.....	45,760,000	3,130,000	48,890,000	45,696,000	4,049,000	50,745,000
Neth lands.....	13,531,000	793,000	14,324,000	13,544,000	729,100	14,273,100
Nat. Belg.....	8,840,667	4,420,333	13,261,000	7,610,667	3,805,333	11,416,000
Sweden.....	6,730,000	.....	6,730,000	5,719,000	.....	5,719,000
Switz'land.....	6,792,000	.....	6,792,000	6,878,000	.....	6,878,000
Norway.....	2,448,000	.....	2,448,000	2,137,000	.....	2,137,000
Tot. week.....	581,055,224	97,674,133	678,729,357	525,400,133	94,883,643	620,283,776
Prev. week.....	578,300,560	97,371,812	675,672,372	522,088,336	94,362,803	616,451,139

THE NEW "TRUST BILL" PROPOSALS.

The sequence of events this week, in regard to the so-called "supplementary trust legislation", has been somewhat singular. At the opening of the week it was declared at Washington, on what appeared to be the best Congressional authority, that opinion in Congress had become decided to the effect that the plans of further legislation on these matters ought to be, and would be, postponed to another session. This news was received with manifest approval in business circles, and with hardly less approval at Washington itself.

Among business men throughout the country, the feeling was strongly voiced that, with financial and industrial affairs in their present sensitive condition, further debate and controversy over these very delicate problems could not be other than an aggravating influence. Among Congressmen, it was recognized that the plans for such legislation had already been deadlocked in committee, because of the difficulty of even drafting workable measures; that the radical element in the country had itself shown no sign of insistence on the legislation; that other and urgent questions now pending in Congress were so numerous that, in order properly to consider the complicated corporation measures, the session would probably have to be extended through the trying summer months. To this were added other and more pressing considerations. The protests against such legislation at this time, by the business constituents of Congressmen, was one. The impending Congressional elections, and the knowledge of the legislators that a late beginning of their personal campaign for re-election would be a heavy handicap (which increased trade reaction, aggravated by the "trust bill" debate, would certainly not remove), was a still more potent influence.

The President, however, did not agree with Congress. On Monday, he gave it as his own positive opinion that the trust bills must be enacted at this session. Next day, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee gave out the draft of a bill whose provisions were to cover such very miscellaneous matters as holding companies, interlocking directorates, relation of labor unions to the Anti-Trust Law, injunction orders by the courts, contempt proceedings and discrimination in prices for their products by manufacturing companies. The bill proposed is necessarily very long; it contains 21 separate sections and it is full of exemptions and exceptions, whose scope would invite almost unlimited debate. On general principles, it would properly open the field for a full session's deliberations.

With so great a variety of problems included in this bill—each with its own particular group of legal and financial complications, and with the questions created by the numerous exemptions as difficult in themselves as the general provisions of the bill itself—it is not easy even to pass judgment on its merits or demerits as a whole. The bill bears on its face evidence of the stumbling blocks encountered by the committee in considering such legislation. No corporation is to acquire control of one or more other corporations, "where the effect of such acquisition is to eliminate or lessen competition." But this is merely to reiterate the general purposes of the existing Anti-Trust Law; and, like that law, it throws back on the courts the determination of actual restraint. But

the law thereupon proceeds to exempt from its prohibitory terms the forming and holding of subsidiary corporations by an industrial company, or the acquisition of stock in an independent connecting line by a railway company "when the effect is not to eliminate or lessen competition," or when, in the case of the railways, "there is no substantial competition," and it excepts such property rights as may have been "heretofore legally acquired"—though, again retreating from this last position in the case of stockholding relations which may "constitute violations of the Anti-Trust Laws."

There is something just a little bewildering in this. The exemptions are well enough in themselves; but it is hard to see how they add anything to what already stands in the law as interpreted by the courts. The interlocking directorate clauses show little except similar fear, by the authors of the bill, that its provisions might make trouble for perfectly legitimate and beneficial industry. No one shall, after two years, be director or officer in two or more banking institutions under the laws of the United States; but this is to apply only when one of those institutions has resources of more than \$2,500,000, and, in the case of banking institutions in the same locality, shall not apply in cities or towns of less than 100,000 population. Here is an obvious recognition of the protest of business men in smaller towns, who knew that the full prohibitions of the bill would prevent the forming of competent managements for institutions in such places. But no recognition seems to have been made of the case of smaller up-town or suburban banks and trust companies, whose perfectly legitimate business requirements draw into their directorates officers of the larger down-town institutions.

Throughout the bill, as drafted, there are similar traces of prohibitory regulations which the authors of the measure apparently do not dare to make either comprehensive or consistent. Even in the section which endeavors to deal with the much discussed question of labor combinations as affected by the Anti-Trust Law, it is provided that the law shall not be so construed as to "forbid the existence and operation" of labor organizations; nor to forbid "carrying out the legitimate object of such organizations". This is exceedingly broad and, as indicated in our article on "The Financial Situation", would appear to give the unions the license to do almost anything, but in the last analysis only the courts can decide what are the "legitimate objects" of the unions. And even if the bill were not highly objectionable in some of its essential features, the tossing of it into the Congressional arena, at this particular juncture in the political and financial situation, would be entirely unwise.

For ourselves, we greatly doubt if such a measure, with or without amendments, can find its way into the statute books this session. The President's power of forcing Congress to take action on a given bill is very great, as the history of the Banking and Currency Bill made plain. But the demand for enactment of legislation on that question was strong and nation-wide. It was a question if Congressmen would be enthusiastically greeted by their constituents, had they reported, on returning home, that they had refused to stay in session and debate the bill. Nothing of the sort is true of this present measure. Not only have the people at large made no insistent demand for it, but a strong probability

exists that if it were forced through, and business depression increased at the same time, the individual Congressman's constituency would express at the polls some inferences unpleasant to him and to the party.

The one fact which this week's incidents make clear beyond dispute is that, while "supplementary legislation" of some sort might conceivably clear up and benefit the Anti-Trust Law uncertainties, a plan for that legislation raises questions of such complexity that no hasty consideration of them can have good results. The end of the longest virtually continuous session in the country's history, with other legislation absorbing the time of Congress, and with Congress itself exhausted over its protracted labors and irritated at their further prolongation, is scarcely an ideal moment to settle the complicated questions rightly.

PRESIDENTIAL LEGISLATION.

As a matter aside from the character of the additional restrictive bills presented in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, we call attention once more to something which has almost ceased to be even incidentally mentioned: the sinister fact that these bills as well as others are admittedly Executive measures of legislation. Washington dispatches concerning them contain these expressions: "Important changes in the Administration's program of anti-trust legislation are proposed in a bill . . . By direction of President Wilson, the anti-trust program heretofore made up of four tentative bills is embodied in one measure. . . . If action is to be had in the Senate, the session will be prolonged until early fall; despite this, the President is determined upon action. . . . By direction of the President, Chairman Clayton and his associates decided to abandon the tentative bill that sought to define the terms 'monopoly' and 'monopolization,'" &c.

While this precise language has not been officially used or authorized, it is undeniably a fair statement of the situation and of the Administrative attitude. But it is the duty and province of the Executive to execute existing laws, as well as to recommend new ones or changes; it is neither his duty nor his province to "make" laws or to draft them, or to have a "policy" which involves or turns upon shaping them, or to use patronage and personal influence to force them into or through Congress. To speak pointedly though colloquially, one end of Pennsylvania Avenue is his; the other belongs to Congress. We find this in the Constitution, where it is the one unmistakable feature. On many other matters (that of inter-State commerce, for example), the old document uses very general terms, the framers apparently recognizing their inability to foresee the growth of the country and therefore not assuming to bind it closely; but upon the separation of functions into legislative, executive and judicial, they *could* see, and they made this so distinct and clear-cut in terms that nobody has tried to mistake it or to interpret its meaning. It is at once the most distinct and most fundamental piece of work in the document.

Nor does this raise any question of treating the Constitution as sacrosanct, or of deeming its framers so superhuman that their work must not be approached, much less changed. They undertook to lay the foundations of a democracy, and did so. Whether a democracy is the best and final basis of government is not now up for discussion; but con-

sider it still an open question, yet this clear division into three departments, co-operative although independent, is essential to democracy, it *is* democracy. We may not care for democracy: the country may conceivably decide to deliberately abandon it as outworn; what should make us stop and think is the certainty that in disregarding and effacing this fundamental part of democratic substance, we are departing from democracy, and are doing it not by deliberation, but by an insidious habit which has obtained such hold that each fresh instance of perversion is accepted as in the regular course.

Concerning the bills themselves, we have indicated in the preceding article that they are as well adapted to the needs of the times as acids and hot coals are to the healing of open wounds. Industry, transportation, distribution, trade, investment—all that comprises the country in any substantial sense—craves rest; only clamorous agitators and the politicians, who always mistake the surface for the depths, desire to go on framing statutory withes.

The protests by such broad-minded and slow-moving organizations as the New York Chamber of Commerce are an indication of the desire for a rest, and here is a striking piece of evidence in a circular issued by the "Massachusetts Alliance of Manufacturers' and Employers' Associations." This is not an outcry against tariff reduction; it confines itself to State action. "Give manufacturers a rest (it says), social uplifters and agitators a necessary vacation, and the rest of us time to get acquainted with the multitude of laws showered upon us in recent years." Massachusetts, these men declare, is halting and driving out her industries and "the greatest problem confronting Massachusetts to-day is to retain the industries now within her borders." As examples, they cite 61 things which a manufacturer "must" and 40 things which he "must not" do, the law in each instance being referred to by year and title. These men do not condemn the requirements broadly; they say "some of them are undoubtedly good, some unnecessary, and some totally indefensible." What they ask is a halt in the constrictive process, and we note that of the 101 actions commanded or forbidden, 67 come under the laws of 1912 or 1913 and 54 under laws of 1913.

Legislatures and Congress are moving on the same road, impelled by executives who mistake destruction for progress. Mr. Wilson's sincerity and good intentions are not doubtful, but he errs in imagining that on him lies the duty and in him is the wisdom for correcting every ill and reconstructing the country to suit a rhetorical uplift scheme. He can read his duty—and his limitations also—in the Constitution, a document which he has studied as a historian and should not forget as a President.

BUILDING OPERATIONS FIRST QUARTER OF 1914.

With the advent of spring the comparative quietness, if not to say dulness, in building lines that had been a feature for a number of months has been followed by a considerable measure of activity in many sections of the country. In January and February of the current year the amount of work arranged for was noticeably less than in either 1913 or 1912, but under the permits issued in March in the various cities an expenditure is contemplated greater than for the same period of any year since 1910, and this notwithstanding a continued check

to operations in Greater New York—or, more exactly speaking, in Manhattan and Bronx Boroughs—and curtailment of operations at Newark, Philadelphia and Los Angeles, and a number of other, but less prominent, cities, where much activity was noted last year. The satisfactory March result serves to bring the total of intended outlay for the first quarter of 1914 up to near the high mark set by the January-March aggregate of last year for the municipalities outside of Greater New York.

The number of cities making reports for March is 146, of which 82 show increases, and the total estimated cost of the construction called for by the contracts entered into is placed at \$85,179,316, against \$81,376,616 a year ago. The gain over 1912 is slightly less and the decline from 1910 reaches some 8 million dollars. For Greater New York the comparison is between \$16,536,354 this year, \$18,113,268 in 1913 and \$27,159,988 in 1912, with the bulk of the loss in each instance in Manhattan; Brooklyn and Queens show up better in 1914 than a year ago. The cities outside of New York (145 in all) furnish for the month a total of \$68,642,962, against \$63,263,348 in 1913 and \$54,576,744 in 1912.

The New England division, consisting of 20 municipalities, makes a more favorable showing for the first quarter of the current year than for 1913, the combined operations having been \$18,711,488, against \$15,958,483. Boston is conspicuous in the matter of gain. In the Middle group (Greater New York excluded), 35 cities are included and at only 7 (Pittsburgh, Washington and Albany among them) is greater activity recorded than in 1913. On the other hand, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Baltimore, Newark, Syracuse, Rochester, Jersey City, Utica and Elizabeth report more or less notable decrease. As a result the aggregate of all is but \$29,852,508, against \$33,785,900 a year ago and \$28,311,590 in 1912.

The Middle West did exceptionally well in the three months last year and even better in 1914, notwithstanding an easing up in work at Chicago. The aggregate for the 28 cities constituting the group is \$46,926,666, against \$44,414,869 in 1913 and only \$28,069,725 in 1912. Dayton was in the midst of a phenomenal building boom at the time the disastrous flood struck the city last year, nearly 4 million dollars of construction work having been arranged for in the three months; the permits for the same period this year call for an outlay of less than half-a-million. The exhibit for 28 municipalities at the South the current quarter is notably poorer than for last year. The total is \$14,885,005 and compares with \$18,569,918 and \$16,008,412 one and two years ago.

A quite notable falling off is reported in most of the cities on the Pacific Slope and this is but partially overcome by increased outlay at San Francisco and Tacoma. The total for the 12 cities included is only \$21,632,866, against \$23,871,398 in 1913, with the 1912 result still heavier at \$24,042,082. The "Other Western" division, represented by 22 cities, gives an aggregate quite a little better than in either 1913 or 1912—\$18,926,021, contrasting with \$15,907,137 and \$15,505,294. Kansas City, Mo., Minneapolis and St. Paul report a decided spurt in building construction. St. Louis, Duluth and Kansas City, Kan., furnish the only conspicuous decreases.

Combining the various groups, we have a total prospective expenditure for the 145 cities of \$150,-

934,554 for the three months of 1914, against \$152,507,705 in 1913 and \$130,251,795 in 1912. Greater New York's results for the corresponding periods are \$34,246,472 and \$44,195,385 and \$53,225,762; and here we would note that the 1914 figures are the smallest since 1908—the year of depression. Finally, for the whole country (146 cities) the contracts entered into in the three months this year contemplate the expenditure of \$185,181,026, against \$196,703,090 in 1913 and \$183,477,557 in 1912.

The check to building operations in Western Canada noted earlier in the year continued in March, but in Eastern sections greater activity than a year ago is indicated by the returns at hand. In the eastern portion of the Dominion, in fact, the reports for 27 cities cover an increase in expected outlay for building of approximately half-a-million dollars, but 12 Western cities collectively exhibit a decline of over 1¼ millions, making the general result \$9,107,091, against \$9,992,384 a year ago. For the three months of 1914 the Eastern total is \$9,762,771, against \$11,922,829; the Western \$6,267,093, against \$10,954,197 and the aggregate of all (39 cities) \$16,029,864, against \$22,877,026 in 1913 and \$20,891,476 in 1912.

RUSSIA EXTENDING HER COTTON PRODUCTION.

Russia, according to a recent report from St. Petersburg, is about to enter upon a scheme to largely increase its production of cotton. In other words, further development of the cotton-growing industry in Turkestan is contemplated, this being part of the plan of the Ministry of Agriculture for colonizing and cultivating new areas in the country's Asiatic territory. Specifically, the reports at hand state that the Ministerial Diet has opened discussion on the bill regarding the colonization of the Golodnaja Steppe in Samarkand Province. The proposition is to vigorously push irrigation work in various districts of Turkestan over an area of 3,000,000 desiatines (8,106,000 acres) at an outlay of over 700 million roubles (\$360,500,000), with the ultimate object of devoting much of the land to cotton, and thus render the Empire independent of outside sources for its supply of the raw material.

At the present time Turkestan produces annually some 800,000 bales of 500-lbs. each, but this is sufficient to meet only about half of the Russian requirements. It is to be presumed that, from the success attained in the past in that locality, the carrying through of the scheme will more surely add to the world's new supply than have the various efforts made in Africa and elsewhere by Great Britain, France and Germany. It is to be said, moreover, that with the constantly increasing demand for cotton any help that Russia can offer will be welcomed, even though its plan take some time in developing.

RAILROAD GROSS AND NET EARNINGS FOR FEBRUARY.

It has been evident for some time that United States railroads would make a very poor exhibit of earnings for the month of February. The returns of the separate roads as they kept coming in from week to week since the latter part of March have shown that large shrinkages in earnings, gross and net, were proving the rule. Now, however, that we have the total for all the roads, in the compilations

which we present to-day, the extent of the loss disclosed is really startling in its magnitude. A large falling off in gross was met—or could be met—with only a small curtailment in expenses, leaving, therefore, an exceedingly heavy percentage of reduction in the net. Stated in brief, the gross fell off no less than \$23,823,138, while expenses were reduced no more than \$3,928,091. Thus the loss in net reaches \$19,895,047. In ratio the decrease is 10.22% in the gross and 33.41% in the net.

February (478 roads)—	1914.	1913.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—). Amount.	%
Miles of road.....	244,925	242,928	+1,997	0.82
Gross earnings.....	\$299,233,005	\$233,056,143	-\$23,823,138	10.22
Operating expenses.....	169,575,040	173,503,131	-3,928,091	2.27
Net earnings.....	\$39,657,965	\$59,553,012	-\$19,895,047	33.41

The depression in trade and last season's short crops account for the contraction in gross revenues. Increased wages, full-crew laws and various other legislative enactments and Governmental regulations account for the inability to curtail expenses in a proportionate degree. Doubtless, also, the series of snow-storms experienced here in the East the latter half of February tended to keep expenses high, though undesignificance should not be given to this feature, since in the first place it affected only a small part of the mileage of the country, and in the second place the same group of roads was distinguished for very heavy expenses in February 1913, so in the comparison between the two years any special outlays the present year because of the snow-storms would not count for much. As an illustration, we may note that in February last year the Pennsylvania R.R. lines directly operated reported an expansion of \$1,182,203 in gross earnings, but this was attended by an augmentation in expenses of no less than \$1,624,145, leaving, therefore, an actual decrease in net of \$441,942. The present year the Pennsylvania Lines lost more than the whole amount of the gain in gross made last year, they reporting a decrease of \$2,976,035, but expenses could be reduced no more than \$1,100,071 notwithstanding last year's large augmentation in the same; consequently there is a loss in net for the month in 1914 of \$1,875,964 on top of the decrease in net of \$441,942 in February 1913.

The truth is, the results were not particularly good in February last year, and, as a matter of fact, rising expenses have been an unfavorable feature for several years past. Our general summary for February 1913 showed a gain of \$14,389,312 in gross, but as this was attended by an augmentation of \$12,386,543 in expenses, the addition to net was only \$2,002,769. In February 1912 the roads had the advantage of an extra day in the month (it being leap year), and accordingly the gain in gross was large, reaching \$20,752,155, but such was the increase in expenses that only \$8,275,149 of this gain in gross was carried forward as a gain in the net. In February 1911 the roads sustained a loss in both gross and net—\$3,456,863 in gross and \$7,032,202 in net. In February 1910 the showing was satisfactory as far as gross was concerned, but rising expenditures were even then a feature, and accordingly an expansion of \$28,250,418 in gross receipts produced a gain in net of only \$7,734,299. In February 1909, when the carriers were still retrenching on a large scale (owing to the policy inaugurated after the panic of 1907), a gain of \$13,338,338 in gross was attended by an augmentation of \$11,883,173 in net. The year before (1908) there were losses of tremendous magnitude. Our compilation for February 1908 recorded a decrease

in gross of no less than \$17,713,009, or 12.55%, and a decrease in net of \$8,764,602, or 25.10%. Even this was merely the falling off as registered by the roads contributing returns to our tables. On account of the generally poor character of the exhibits, some quite important roads withheld their figures at that time, and our tables covered only 151,580 miles of road, whereas the total railroad mileage was in the neighborhood of 230,000 miles. We estimated at the time that for the whole railroad system of the country the loss in gross as compared with the year preceding must have reached \$26,000,000 and the loss in net \$13,000,000. In 1907, too, our February statement showed a loss in net, though gross earnings then were still recording moderate gains. Thus steadily rising expenses have been a feature for a long period of time.

In the following we give the February totals back to 1896. For recent years we use, for 1911, for 1910 and for 1909, the Inter-State Commerce totals, but for preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal of some of the roads in those days to give out monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
1896	\$ 45,989,629	\$ 41,603,813	+4,385,816	\$ 13,003,324	\$ 10,827,770	+2,175,554
1897	51,338,343	51,656,357	-318,014	15,311,914	14,095,623	+1,216,291
1898	59,070,798	51,904,951	+7,165,847	15,163,731	15,396,068	-2,767,673
1899	58,557,395	59,935,541	-1,408,146	15,538,662	18,626,170	-3,087,208
1900	72,738,157	59,566,162	+13,171,995	21,037,135	15,650,437	+5,386,698
1901	85,357,583	78,722,604	+7,634,979	26,537,607	23,455,478	+3,082,129
1902	80,928,687	84,869,745	-4,168,042	26,478,954	25,023,786	+1,455,168
1903	91,360,580	89,898,615	+10,461,965	24,115,381	23,153,304	+962,077
1904	99,543,306	96,130,791	+3,412,515	23,046,307	25,382,875	-2,337,568
1905	95,184,283	98,487,848	-3,303,565	20,072,964	23,618,871	-3,545,907
1906	120,728,671	95,625,938	+25,102,733	33,486,634	19,937,363	+13,549,271
1907	123,920,810	115,123,660	+8,797,150	30,069,082	32,319,633	-1,650,601
1908	123,389,288	141,102,297	-17,713,009	26,154,613	34,919,215	-8,764,602
1909	174,424,331	161,085,493	+13,338,838	49,194,760	37,311,587	+11,883,173
1910	202,325,380	174,574,062	+28,250,418	55,976,253	49,241,954	+7,734,299
1911	190,035,257	202,492,120	-12,456,863	49,885,584	56,920,786	-7,035,202
1912	218,031,004	197,278,939	+20,752,155	57,411,107	49,155,958	+8,255,149
1913	232,726,241	218,356,929	+14,389,312	59,461,341	57,458,622	+2,002,769
1914	299,233,005	233,056,143	+23,823,138	39,657,965	59,553,012	-19,895,047

Note.—Includes for February, 130 roads in 1896, 124 in 1897, 136 in 1898, 125 in 1899, 123 in 1900, 131 in 1901, 117 in 1902, 196 in 1903, 194 in 1904, 98 in 1905, 101 in 1906, 94 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 151,580 miles of roads; in 1909, 232,007; in 1910, 239,723; in 1911, 242,640; in 1912, 237,682; in 1913, 240,066; in 1914, 244,925. Neither the Mexican roads nor the coal-mining operations of the anthracite coal roads are included in any of these totals.

It is significant of the general falling off in gross earnings that when the returns of the separate roads are examined, losses from last year are met with nearly everywhere, and among all the roads in the country there is only a single one where there is an increase exceeding \$100,000 in amount, namely that of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road, which presumably had a heavier cotton traffic the present year. In like manner there are only two roads where the increase in net exceeds \$100,000, namely the road already mentioned and the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul. This last managed to turn a loss of \$419,969 in gross into a gain of \$117,664 in net. In this particular, however, the road referred to stands practically alone among large systems. Generally speaking, losses in gross have been attended with very little reduction in expenses and in not a few instances expenses have actually risen in face of losses in the gross. It thus happens that the list of decreases in net is not only a very long one, but the amounts for the different roads are unusually large and noteworthy.

In a good many instances, too, these losses in net the present year follow pronounced losses last year. We have already referred to the Pennsylvania R.R. as having been distinguished in that way, and among other large systems the New York New Haven & Hartford, the Boston & Maine, the Southern Pacific,

the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Louisville & Nashville and the Rock Island also belong in the same category. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS IN FEBRUARY.

	Increase.	Decreases.
Yazoo & Mississippi Vall.	\$137,462	\$283,756
Pennsylvania	\$2,976,035	309,704
Ach Topelca & Santa Fe	1,162,315	307,855
Lake Shore & Mich South	1,028,681	255,833
Baltimore & Ohio	861,837	259,251
N Y Central & Hud Riv	809,395	222,230
Great Northern	758,945	208,413
Lehigh Valley	699,607	191,841
Philadelphia & Reading	612,706	190,307
Chicago Burl & Quincy	608,706	187,200
Erie	590,091	180,854
Union Pacific	536,440	179,397
Cleve Clin Chic & St L	523,178	175,530
Southern Pacific	518,921	150,271
Delaware & Hudson	485,224	147,873
Boston & Maine	477,955	141,863
Rock Island	453,356	141,197
N Y New Haven & Hartf	439,432	125,465
Missouri Pacific	419,939	125,204
Chicago & North West	398,444	116,374
Chicago Milw & St Paul	394,379	116,678
Chesapeake & Ohio	389,565	111,678
Norfolk & Western	386,078	106,145
Michigan Central	381,104	103,391
Northern Pacific	359,565	101,907
Louisville & Nashville	357,978	101,907

Note.—All the figures in the above are on the basis of the returns filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Where, however, these returns do not show the total for any system, we have combined the separate roads so as to make the results conform as nearly as possible to those given in the statements furnished by the companies themselves.
 a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR., together with the Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$1,675,282 decrease, the Pennsylvania Company \$690,361 loss and the P. O. C. & St. L. \$610,392 loss. Including all lines owned and controlled which make monthly returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the result is a loss of \$3,574,896.
 b These figures cover merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the Lake Shore, the "Big Four," the "Nickel Plate," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a loss of \$3,434,059.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS IN FEBRUARY.

	Increase.	Decreases.
Yazoo & Mississippi Vall.	\$209,384	\$248,694
Chicago Milw & St Paul	117,664	239,659
Representing 2 roads in our compilation	\$327,048	226,870
Pennsylvania	\$1,875,964	225,292
N Y Central & Hud Riv	689,731	221,218
Lake Shore & Mich South	801,826	217,327
Erie	731,702	208,012
Cleve Clin Chic & St L	708,382	198,225
Baltimore & Ohio	690,087	193,526
Great Northern	680,836	189,253
Philadelphia & Reading	605,517	187,772
Lehigh Valley	584,896	180,944
Ach Topelca & Santa Fe	534,011	174,197
St Louis & San Francisco	522,370	170,325
Delaware & Hudson	516,068	167,797
Union Pacific	435,848	157,291
Chicago Burl & Quincy	418,180	148,810
Western Maryland	416,461	144,521
Central of New Jersey	408,325	137,992
Delaware Lack & West	388,945	130,667
N Y New Haven & Hartf	344,780	122,278
Chesapeake & Ohio	338,737	121,796
Michigan Central	336,041	110,341
Southern Pacific	319,078	108,252
Norfolk & Western	311,457	104,157
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	271,958	103,550
Representing 49 roads in our compilation	\$17,562,712	

a This is the result for the Pennsylvania RR., together with the Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the Pennsylvania RR. reporting \$1,324,728 decrease, the Pennsylvania Company \$216,212 loss and the P. O. C. & St. L. \$335,027 loss. Including all lines owned and controlled which make monthly returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the result is a loss of \$2,486,471.
 b These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the Lake Shore, the "Big Four," the "Nickel Plate," &c., the whole going to form the New York Central System, the result is a loss of \$3,392,719.

Still more striking evidence of the collectively unfavorable character of the exhibits, both gross and net, the present year, is furnished when the roads are arranged in groups or divisions according to their geographical location. In that case it is found that every group has a loss in gross and also every group a loss in net, and the percentages of loss in this last instance are, with one or two exceptions, strikingly large. Our summary by groups is as follows:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

Section or Group—	Gross Earnings				Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
	1914.	1913.	Inc. (+)	Dec. (-)		
February—	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Group 1 (18 roads), New England	9,533,309	10,514,305	-980,996	9.34		
Group 2 (84 roads), East and Middle	48,892,910	56,748,339	-7,855,429	13.84		
Group 3 (65 roads), Middle West	27,459,332	32,451,040	-4,991,708	15.30		
Group 4 and 5 (30 roads), Southern	31,425,501	33,166,257	-1,740,756	5.25		
Group 6 and 7 (27 roads), Northwest	45,083,166	49,152,074	-4,068,908	8.28		
Group 8 and 9 (35 roads), Southwest	34,818,184	37,577,970	-2,759,786	8.35		
Group 10 (46 roads), Pacific Coast	12,390,603	13,446,158	-1,055,555	7.85		
Total (478 roads)	209,233,005	233,056,143	-23,823,138	10.22		
	Net Earnings				Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
	1914.	1913.	Inc. (+)	Dec. (-)		
	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Group No. 1	7,771	7,847	1,107,986	1,856,560	-688,573	37.09
Group No. 2	26,753	26,532	6,762,610	14,423,937	-7,661,427	53.11
Group No. 3	25,024	25,851	2,119,647	6,441,767	-4,322,110	67.10
Group Nos. 4 and 5	41,288	41,088	7,908,279	9,592,364	-1,684,085	17.55
Group Nos. 6 and 7	67,461	67,097	10,547,070	13,181,697	-2,634,627	19.99
Group Nos. 8 and 9	67,730	67,002	7,378,657	9,519,249	-2,140,592	22.51
Group No. 10	17,942	17,511	3,775,816	4,537,439	-761,623	16.78
Total	344,925	342,928	39,657,965	59,553,012	-19,895,047	33.41

NOTE.—Group I. includes all of the New England States.
 Group II. includes all of New York and Pennsylvania except that portion west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo; also all of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and the extreme northern portion of West Virginia.
 Group III. includes all of Ohio and Indiana; all of Michigan except the northern peninsula, and that portion of New York and Pennsylvania west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh.
 Groups IV. and V. combined include the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi River.
 Groups VI. and VII. combined include the northern peninsula of Michigan, all of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois; all of South Dakota and North Dakota and Missouri north of St. Louis and Kansas City; also all of Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, together with Colorado north of a line parallel to the State line passing through Denver.
 Groups VIII. and IX. combined include all of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Indian Territory, Missouri south of St. Louis and Kansas City; Colorado south of Denver, the whole of Texas and the bulk of Louisiana; and that portion of New Mexico north of a line running from the northwest corner of the State through Santa Fe and east of a line running from Santa Fe to El Paso.
 Group X. includes all of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona and the western part of New Mexico.

HOW THE HIGH FRENCH TAXES BAR OUT DESIRABLE SECURITIES.

We gladly make room for the following letter discussing the effects of the high French taxes on the introduction of foreign securities.

N. W. HALSEY & COMPANY

Geneve, April 3 1914.

The Editor, The Commercial & Financial Chronicle, New York:

Dear Sir: I have read with a great deal of interest your news articles and also your editorials in your edition of March 21st, in reference to the killing of Monsieur Gaston Calmette, Editor of the Paris "Figaro," by Madame Caillaux, and especially to the political and social situation which was the underlying cause.

Since your articles were written, we have had the Lucerne letter of the mysterious Monsieur X., said to be the absconding financier Rochette himself. The astonishing statement in this letter is that M. Rochette was allowed to escape from France, and his trial was postponed through the good offices of Monsieur Caillaux, in order to bring about the suppression of a book which was then said to be in press, and which had been prepared by M. Rochette, showing that in a period from 1890 to 1910 French investors had lost approximately \$2,000,000,000 in securities which had been brought into the French market. The book was further said to have contained a list of all of these securities so introduced, with the introduction prices, the present markets, if any, and the names of the introducing banks or firms. The suppressed book was also said to contain the statement that during the same period the securities which had been introduced by English and German bankers in their markets had increased in value the equivalent of \$3,300,000,000.

While, of course, the figures come to us only indirectly, and while any verification is practically impossible without great work, at the same time, as one who is comparatively familiar with the various markets in question, it is my own belief that there is more truth than fiction in these rumors.

This letter is written to you to draw your attention to the economic unsoundness of the "droit de timbre," or right of listing, which exists in practically all European countries, but most heavily in France.

While I have no doubt that the insidious system of subsidizing the public newspapers, the maintenance of private newspapers for the special purpose of aiding the publishers' promotions, and the demoralizing system of the demarcheur—or, so to speak, traveling booster—whose enthusiasm is entirely graduated to the size of his commission, may have played a large part in the introduction of bad securities to France, it is none the less my opinion that the "droit de timbre," or right of entrance and issuance, serves as an efficient barrier to keep out of France many of the investments which would naturally be well received there, and which are recognized the world over as safe and conservative.

As a matter of fact, the cost of a public issuance in France with the commissions now varies from 6 to 10%. Except under most extraordinary conditions, which, by the way, have not existed for many years, there is not a sufficient arbitrage in the value of money between England, Holland, Germany and the United States on the one hand, and France on the other, to admit of many of the investments which are taken in the former markets being introduced in the latter, except at a price exceeding the price of issuance in the markets first named. The result, to my mind, is that France either receives an inferior grade of securities, or else her investors, in getting good investments, receive them at a higher price. In either case it is the country which pays in the end.

My interests are especially in American securities. In going through the stock exchange lists of the Bourse at Paris, we find issues of the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul,

the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, the New York New Haven & Hartford, the Central Pacific, and one or two other issues which are entitled to credit. These bonds all came to Paris in a period when money in France was approximately 2½%, and at the same time in America about 6%. In other words, owing to money conditions at the time these various issues were made, a sufficient difference in conditions existed.

On the other hand, there appear at regular intervals on the Paris market—and I may also say disappear at equally regular intervals—quotations of certain American securities of which we never hear in America. In other words, they are values of such decided inferiority that they can well afford to pay 10%, or in fact to pay any amount, to find a market.

It is regrettable, but none the less quite easy to understand, that the average French investor does not know much about conditions in other countries, since the nation is itself a self-contained unit, and ordinarily prudent and careful; but it is yet more to be regretted that under the paternal protection of the French Treasury, unscrupulous bankers are not lacking in the French market to put forward these unsaleable and in many cases imaginative securities.

During the last ten years I have known many French bankers of the better class and have had occasion to talk with them very often. While the great bankers of France represent to my mind the height of conservatism and of good financial judgment, there is another class of bankers in France who are inclined to ask first, How much is the profit? second, to consider whether the conditions are favorable for a sale, and third, What is the security?

I am inclined to believe that what the Rochette letter charges is more or less true, and I believe also that the whole situation can lead to only two conclusions, one of which is that the placing of an initial tax of a prohibitive size on the introduction of securities serves only to dam out the best, and second, that Government interference in financial matters brings about an artificial condition and ultimate loss. I further believe that such interference is, as a rule, incapable and sometimes dishonest.

It is interesting to note that since your publication of March 21st the new taxes have come into existence in France, whereby the right to quotation has been brought to an average of 3% and the actual tax on the coupon afterwards to 5%. This action has brought about a feeling of nervousness as to the future, and a practical stoppage of business on the Paris Exchange, with declines on nearly all securities.

I may also add that the effect of the heavy taxation is to drive money out of France into England, Belgium and Switzerland for investment, a condition which must in the end be of economic harm to the French nation. It is, of course, hard enough to pay the increased tax on the coupons, which is perhaps a just tax. It is, however, harder in the end on the nation to be taxed as to the quality of their investments.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM FOLEY.

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

Confirming the announcement made last week, Chairman Harlan of the Inter-State Commerce Commission gave out a statement on Monday last in which he indicates that arguments on certain phases of the application of the Eastern roads for higher freight rates will be heard on April 27. These arguments will deal with two fundamental questions, viz.:

Do the present rates of transportation yield adequate revenues to common carriers by railroads operating in official classification territory? If not, what general course may carriers pursue to meet the situation?

It is understood that the second of the above questions will not be given consideration until after the first has been satisfactorily disposed of. In the statement of last Monday, Commissioner Harlan says:

Pursuant to the announcement heretofore made, the Inter-State Commission will hear arguments in these cases on April 27 1914, by which time also all briefs touching the issues involved must be filed. The argument will embrace all the questions presented on the record. That part of the record that deals with the financial condition and requirements of the carriers and with the rate schedules under suspension in the proceeding is now closed, except as to such exhibits as have been requested of record, and except as to the replies from the carriers to the questions touching their financial condition and requirements submitted by the Commission in its circular letter of December 29 1913.

It will be understood, however, that the record will not be closed as to the related matters involved in the inquiry instituted by the Commission, until the replies of the carriers on those questions submitted by the Commission in its circular letters of Dec. 20 1913 and Feb. 26 1914 have been filed, the investigations by the Commission in connection therewith now approaching completion have been placed on record, and until the hearings now in contemplation upon these last mentioned matters have been had.

In addressing the Senate on Monday on the financial condition of the railways of the United States, and the results of Governmental regulation, Senator Cummins of Iowa charged that "there is in progress the most comprehensive, energetic and persistent campaign I have ever witnessed to make the people believe that the effort of the Government to regulate railways, railway rates and railway practices has resulted in dismal, disastrous failure." While admitting that the railroads are now experiencing "a somewhat severe depression," he argued that in this partial suspension of activity which has been witnessed since last October, "the railroads suffer just as all other industries suffer, and we must bear with patience the misfortune that has fallen upon the whole country." In part his remarks were as follows:

This campaign would make the people believe that the Government in its endeavor to protect the people has impoverished the transportation companies; that it has driven them to the very verge of bankruptcy and ruin; that it has destroyed their credit and rendered them incapable of performing the service which commerce demands; that it has outlawed them from the confidence of capital and exiled them from the field of the investor.

I do not inquire whether the campaign is being carried on to affect the commission, for we all feel that it cannot be swerved a hairsbreadth from its path of duty, but I do assert that the movers in this campaign are trying to do an infinitely more objectionable thing. They are trying to pervert and mislead the judgment of the people. There ought to be an end of the ceaseless and senseless clamor that the people through their Government are intent upon inflicting an injury upon an instrumentality vital to their own welfare.

It is beyond doubt that the railroads are now experiencing a somewhat severe depression. The volume of traffic is greatly diminished compared with one, two or three years ago. The depression began about the first of October last and has grown with each month since that time. It suffices to say that for some reason people are not buying as much as they did; manufacturers are not producing as much as they did, and consequently there is not much to haul from one part of the country to another. There is probably more railroad equipment now idle because it cannot be put to use than was ever idle before. I hope, and I may add, that it is my belief, that these distressing conditions will be temporary, and that speedily business will resume its normal conditions.

In this partial suspension of activity, the railroads suffer just as all other industries suffer, and we must bear with patience the misfortune that has fallen upon the whole country. It cannot, however, be claimed that railroad rates must shift with these passing fluctuations in trade, for that would be the equivalent of insisting that, while the farmer and manufacturer and the merchant must have their lean years and their fat years, the railroads must be guaranteed that the capital which they have employed shall at all times receive the maximum award.

Referring to the revenues of the railroads, Senator Cummins presented a table in which he sought to show that the net revenues of all the railroads of the United States reached \$814,331,842 in 1913, as compared with \$328,576,192 in 1890, a net increase of 147.80% thus occurring during the interval. He declared that after deducting fixed charges of \$394,000,000 from the net revenue for 1913, there remained a balance of \$420,000,000 applicable for dividends, equivalent to 7% upon the capital of all the railway companies. "I present these facts," he added, "for no other purpose than to show the composite public judgment respecting a fair return upon investments in railway properties, and to give us a basis for further inquiry into the amount of net revenue necessary in order to maintain the financial credit of the railroad companies."

In answer to the remarks of Senator Cummins, and those of Senator Thomas of Colorado, who on Monday criticized the curtailments recently made by the roads, Ivy L. Lee of the Pennsylvania RR., in addressing the Wilmington (Del.) Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday said:

I wonder if you would have invited me to be here to-day had you known of the testimony of Senator Cummins before the Senate yesterday afternoon? It hardly seems fair that a speech of this kind should be made in Congress. It is quite a fair speech to make, assuming that we also have a chance to talk, but we had not. We have tried to bring to public attention every salient fact we have presented to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. I think public opinion is largely in favor of increased freight rates.

It was charged by Senator Thomas of Colorado yesterday that the action of some of the railroads in discharging men was predicated upon a desire to deceive the Inter-State Commerce Commission into thinking that there had been an actual curtailment of their business. The facts are that the Pennsylvania Railroad for the month of February 1914 did almost exactly the same gross business it did in the same month of 1910. Its gross earnings were \$2,000,000 less than for February 1913. Is it conceivable that a company which has for nearly 70 years prided itself upon its fair treatment of its men should play fast and loose with the daily bread of the families of 40,000 of its employees in order to effect the judgment of any tribunal? The fact is that the railroads held off in a drastic reduction of their forces until the very last moment, hoping against hope that there would be some improvement in conditions which would render further retrenchment unnecessary.

The railroads are not protesting against regulation by commission. Such regulation by commission, if efficient, prompt and impartial, is helpful and in the interest both of the railroads and of the public. What is grinding the railroads down, however, is the fact that different tribunals settle questions of wages and rates; that States impose burdens which the railroads are unable to pay off through increased rates; that arbitrary legislation such as two-cent fare laws have cut down revenues without reference to cost of service. What is needed more than anything else to improve the railroad conditions is the restoration of confidence in the good intentions of earnest men; a recognition of the fact that no more can be taken out of the railroad treasuries than is already there, and that it is quite as much in the interest of the people as it is of the railroad companies themselves that the railroads should be able to command the capital with which to provide the facilities to take care of the growing business of the country.

THE NEW FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

An answer to the complaints entered against the failure of the Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee to name New Orleans, Baltimore, Omaha and Denver as Federal reserve centers has been made by the Committee in a detailed statement issued on the 10th inst., in which some of the factors serving to influence the Committee in its conclusions are presented. In its explanatory statement the Committee states that it "refused to be influenced by the purely local and selfish claims of cities or individuals, and discharged the duty imposed upon it by Congress, after exhaustive investigation and study of the entire country with unbiased minds, and according to its best judgment." It is pointed out that "Congress constituted the Committee a Court and gave the Federal Reserve Board the power to review", and it is indicated that cities whose expectations have been disappointed can "seek a remedy through the orderly processes the law prescribes". Critics of the decision of the Committee, says the statement, reveal misunderstandings and "do not know or appear not to know that the Federal reserve banks are bankers' banks and not ordinary commercial banks; that they are to hold the reserves and to clear the checks of member banks, make re-discounts for them and engage in certain open-market operations. As a matter of fact, the ordinary every-day banking relations of the community, of business men, and of banks will not be greatly modified or altered. * * Banking and business generally will no more be confined within districts than heretofore and it is simply misleading for any city or individual to represent that the future of a city will be injuriously affected by reason of its failure to secure a Federal reserve bank". We give below the statement in full as issued by the Committee.

Congress imposed on the committee the duty of dividing the country into not less than eight not more than twelve districts and the location of a Federal reserve bank in each. Thirty seven cities asked to be chosen. The committee could select at most only twelve. Necessarily twenty-five cities had to be disappointed.

Following its policy declared at the very outset, the committee refused to be influenced by the purely local and selfish claims of cities or individuals and discharged the duty imposed upon it by Congress, after exhaustive investigation and study of the entire country, with unbiased minds and according to its best judgment. With so many conflicting claims, somebody had to judge. Congress constituted the committee a court and gave the Federal Reserve Board the power of review. Disappointed competitors should seek a remedy through the orderly processes the law prescribes.

Considerable comment has been occasioned by the failure of the committee to create districts suggested by New Orleans, with New Orleans as the location for a reserve bank; by Baltimore, with Baltimore as the location for a reserve bank; by Omaha, with Omaha as the location for a reserve bank, and by Denver, with Denver as the location for a reserve bank.

The committee realized that the division of the country into districts was far more important and complex than the designation of the reserve cities, and that the latter duty was subsidiary and relatively simple, waiving considerations of local pride or prestige. In arranging the districts the consideration of the character and growth of industry, trade and banking, no less than the traditions, habits and common understandings of the people, was much more intimately involved.

It became clear, in the hearings, that comparatively few people realized, or seemed to realize, what the Act was intended to accomplish; what the nature and functions of the reserve banks were to be; and how little change would occur in the ordinary financial relations of the communities, the business establishments and the individual banks.

Critics of the decision of the committee reveal misunderstandings in these directions and either do not know, or appear not to know, that the Federal reserve banks are bankers' banks and not ordinary commercial banks; that they are to hold the reserves and to clear the checks of member banks, make re-discounts for them and engage in certain open-market operations. As a matter of fact, the ordinary everyday banking relations of the community, of business men and of banks will not be greatly modified or altered. The purpose of the system is to remove artificiality, promote normal relations and create better conditions under which everybody will transact business.

Every city can continue to do business with individuals, firms or corporations, within its own limits, or in its own region, or in any other part of the Union or the world in which it has heretofore done business.

Reserves are to be held in a new way and in new places, so far as this Act controls them, but banking and business generally will no more be confined within districts than heretofore, and it is simply misleading for any city or individual to represent that the future of a city will be injuriously affected by reason of its failure to secure a Federal reserve bank. Every city which has the foundation for prosperity and progress will continue to grow and expand, whether it has such a reserve bank or not, and well informed bankers especially are aware of this.

The facts which the committee had to consider will throw light on its decision in reference to these cities.

NEW ORLEANS CLAIMS.

New Orleans selected a district extending from New Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, including all of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and that part of Tennessee south of the Tennessee River.

It was represented by Texas that it would do great violence to her trade to connect her with New Orleans. It was claimed, and evidence was submitted in support of the claim that her trade was with her own cities or with Kansas City and St. Louis. In a poll of the banks of Texas, made by the Comptroller of the Currency, 212 banks expressed a first choice, 121 a second choice and 30 a third choice for Dallas. No bank in Texas expressed a first choice for New Orleans, with only four a second choice and 44 a third choice. The whole State protested against being related to New Orleans.

The banks of Alabama generally desired to be connected either with Birmingham or Atlanta, only three expressing a first choice for New Orleans. The banks of Georgia desired to be connected with Atlanta, none expressing a first or second choice for New Orleans and only 12 a third choice. They

represented that it would do violence to them to be connected with a city to the west, and claimed that their relations were mainly with Atlanta or cities to the northeast. Of 44 banks in Florida 19 gave Atlanta as their first choice, 19 as their second choice and five as their third choice. Only five expressed a first preference for New Orleans, and these were in the western corner; four a second choice and 3 a third choice. No bank in Tennessee expressed a first or second choice for New Orleans and only two a third choice, while seven expressed a first choice for Atlanta, 14 a second choice and 13 a third choice.

Generally speaking, the only banks which desired to be connected with New Orleans and expressed a first preference for her were 25 of the 26 banks reporting in Louisiana and 19 of the 32 in Mississippi. On a poll made from the Comptroller's office of all banks expressing their preference as to the location for a Federal reserve city, 124 expressed a first preference for Atlanta, 232 for Dallas and only 52 for New Orleans. The views of the bankers were supported by Chambers of Commerce, other business organizations and by many business men.

It will thus be seen that if the committee was to give weight to the views of business men and bankers in the section of the country affected, to consider the opposition of the States of Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, and to be guided by economic considerations, it could not have designated New Orleans as the location for a reserve bank to serve either the western or the eastern part of the district that city asked for. The course of business is not from the Atlantic seaboard toward New Orleans, nor largely from the State of Texas to that city, and if Dallas and Atlanta had been related to New Orleans, a better grounded complaint could and would have been lodged by them against the committee's decision than that made by New Orleans.

Some of the banking statistics which the committee had to consider throw light on the problem. It should be borne in mind that the committee could consider primarily only the statistics with reference to assenting banks. In this section of the country, as in most others, the assenting banks were the national banks. In March, 1914, the capital stock and surplus, loans and discounts and individual deposits of the national banks in the three cities named as shown by the sworn reports to the Comptroller of the Currency, were as follows:

	Capital and surplus.	Loans and discounts.	Individual deposits.
Atlanta	\$8,600,000	\$26,038,000	\$24,348,000
Dallas	5,900,000	18,622,000	18,551,000
New Orleans	6,730,000	17,285,000	16,857,000

Even more significant are the statistics of growth from September 1904 to March 1914.

	Capital and Surplus.	Loans and Discounts.	Individual Deposits.
	Sept. 1904.	Mar. 1914.	Per cent Increase.
Atlanta	\$2,410,000	\$8,600,000	256
Dallas	2,676,000	5,900,000	120
New Orleans	6,250,000	6,730,000	8

	Sept. 1904.	Mar. 1914.	Per cent Increase.
Atlanta	\$10,329,000	\$26,038,000	152
Dallas	7,653,000	18,622,000	143
New Orleans	20,088,000	17,285,000	Decrease 13

	Sept. 1904.	Mar. 1914.	Per cent Increase.
Atlanta	\$9,931,000	\$23,348,000	145
Dallas	7,157,000	18,551,000	159
New Orleans	19,425,000	16,857,000	Decrease 13

The loans and discounts in the national banks of New Orleans at the time of the report, March 4 1914, were less than those of the national banks of either Atlanta or Dallas.

While the Committee could not figure on the resources of other than assenting banks which are in this section, the national banks, the following statistics of all reporting banks, including national banks, State banks and trust companies, as of June 4 1913, were regarded as significant and were given consideration:

Atlanta reported capital stock and surplus, \$15,313,000, or \$98 per capita; Dallas, \$9,997,000, or \$108 per capita; and New Orleans, \$20,532,000, or \$60 per capita; individual deposits, per capita: Atlanta, \$183, Dallas, \$269; New Orleans, \$209.

The loans and discounts for all reporting banks for the three cities were as follows: Atlanta, \$33,494,000, or \$216 per capita; Dallas, \$27,517,000 or \$299 per capita; New Orleans, \$64,845,000, or \$194 per capita.

The committee found that the total loans and discounts made by national banks in the cities named in the thirteen Southern States on January 13, 1914, were as follows: Atlanta, \$26,117,000; Dallas, \$19,123,000, and New Orleans, \$19,477,000. While the total loans made by the national banks of Dallas throughout the entire United States on the date mentioned exceeded the loans made by the national banks of New Orleans.

Special reports made under oath to the Comptroller of the Currency also show that on February 14, 1914, the credit balances of the banks and trust companies in the thirteen Southern States with the national banks of Dallas exceeded in amount the credit balances of all banks and trust companies in these same States with the national banks of New Orleans.

In view of the comparisons and criticisms from New Orleans in connection with the designation of Dallas, Atlanta and Richmond and the omission of New Orleans and Baltimore, the following table is instructive:

National Bank Statistics for States of Texas, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi as of March 4 1914, according to sworn Reports Made to the Comptroller of the Currency.

	Area, sq. miles.	Pop. Cen. 1910.
State of Texas, including Dallas	265,780	3,896,542
Virginia, including Richmond	42,450	2,061,612
Maryland, including Baltimore	12,210	1,295,346
Georgia, including Atlanta	59,475	2,609,121
Louisiana, including New Orleans	48,720	1,656,388
Mississippi	46,810	1,797,114

	Capital and surplus.	Individual deposits.	Loans and discounts.
State of Texas, inc. Dallas	\$76,785,584	\$197,663,338	\$215,114,326
Virginia, including Richmond	29,732,696	90,887,858	107,410,063
Maryland, including Baltimore	28,267,420	83,217,376	91,326,942
Georgia, including Atlanta	24,479,735	61,382,061	61,852,579
Louisiana, incl. New Orleans	12,128,866	32,000,621	34,804,354
Mississippi	5,168,192	17,045,324	13,669,200

From the above statement it will be seen that in each item, capital and surplus, individual deposits, and loans and discounts, the national banks of Virginia, including Richmond, largely surpass the national banks of Maryland, including Baltimore.

The capital and surplus of the national banks of the State of Virginia are 60 per cent greater than the capital and surplus of the national banks of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi combined, including the city of New Orleans, while the loans and discounts by the national banks of Vir-

ginia are more than three times as great as the loans and discounts in the national banks of Louisiana including New Orleans.

While the capital and surplus of the national banks of Georgia largely exceed the combined capital and surplus of the national banks of the States of both Mississippi and Louisiana, the loans and discounts made by the national banks of Georgia exceed by \$13,000,000 the loans and discounts of all the national banks of Louisiana and Mississippi combined, including the city of New Orleans.

The capital and surplus of the national banks of Texas amount to four times as much as the capital and surplus of the national banks of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi combined, and the individual deposits in the national banks of Texas also amount to about four times as much as the individual deposits of all national banks in Louisiana and Mississippi, the only States from which New Orleans received as much as half a dozen votes as first choice for the location for a Federal reserve bank.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.

The region in the Middle and Far West presented problems of difficulty. Careful consideration was given to the claims of Omaha, Lincoln, Denver and Kansas City, which conflicted in this region. Denver asked for a district which included Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and the eastern two-thirds of Arizona and Texas, Kansas and Nebraska west of the 100th meridian, and the deadwood portion of South Dakota. The district gave approximately the minimum capital provided by law. Of the territory included in this district Montana unanimously requested to be connected with Minneapolis or Chicago, saying that she had little or no trade relations with Denver. Idaho desired to go to Portland or San Francisco; Arizona preferred San Francisco, and the greater part of New Mexico asked for Kansas City. Western Texas, Kansas and Nebraska unanimously protested against going to Denver. Kansas desired Kansas City; Nebraska preferred Omaha or Lincoln and Texas wanted either a Texas city or Kansas City or St. Louis.

In the poll of banks Denver received 136 first choice votes, of which 112 were from Colorado and 12 from Wyoming. With Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Texas, Kansas and Nebraska in opposition, it was clearly impossible to make a district with Denver as the location of a bank. Part of the territory asked to be assigned to San Francisco and the other part to Minneapolis or Kansas City.

Omaha asked for a district embracing western Iowa, all of Nebraska, part of South Dakota, part of Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. All but eight of the banks in South Dakota insisted upon being connected with Minneapolis; Iowa desired to go to Chicago; Kansas practically unanimously voted for Kansas City; Montana protested against any other connection than Minneapolis or Chicago. The preferences of the other States have already been indicated.

Of the 218 banks which expressed a first preference for Omaha 181 were from Nebraska. The committee had to consider the State of Oklahoma and part of Missouri in connection with this region, and in District No. 10 497 banks expressed a first preference for Kansas City. Western Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas and part of New Mexico especially asked for this connection. Thirty-seven banks in Colorado gave Kansas City as second choice and 26 gave Omaha.

It seemed impossible to serve the great section from Kansas City to the mountains in any other way than by creating a district with Kansas City as the headquarters, or to provide for the Northwestern section except by creating a district with Minneapolis as headquarters. The only other thing that could have been done with Nebraska, under the conditions which presented themselves was to relate her to Chicago, and this seemed to be inadvisable in the circumstances. The Kansas City banks serve a very distinctive territory, and will serve it more satisfactorily than St. Louis could have done. The relations of that territory on the whole are much more largely with Kansas City than with any other city in the Middle West with which it could have been connected. It will, of course, be recognized, by those who are informed, that of the four cities Kansas City is the most dominant banking and business center.

The following statistics as of March, 1914, will throw light on the situation:

	Capital and surplus.	Loans and discounts.	Individual deposits.
Kansas City	\$11,660,000	\$66,205,000	\$40,415,000
Omaha	6,570,000	32,848,000	27,258,000
Denver	7,545,000	28,022,000	34,124,000
Lincoln	1,330,000	6,066,000	4,439,000

The statistics of growth during the nine years from September 1904 to March 1914 are significant:

Capital and Surplus.

	September, 1904.	March, 1914.	P.C. Inc.
Kansas City	\$3,900,000	\$11,660,000	199
Omaha	3,880,000	6,570,000	69
Denver	3,325,000	7,515,000	127
Lincoln	768,000	1,330,000	73

Loans and Discounts.

Kansas City	\$35,598,000	\$66,205,000	86
Omaha	16,218,000	32,848,000	102
Denver	14,146,000	28,022,000	98
Lincoln	3,320,000	6,066,000	58

Individual Deposits.

Kansas City	\$30,730,000	\$40,415,000	31
Omaha	15,728,000	27,258,000	73
Denver	27,798,000	34,124,000	32
Lincoln	3,283,000	4,439,000	35

The loans and discounts of all reporting banks and trust companies in Kansas City on June 4 1913 amounted to \$91,686,000, exceeding by about \$7,000,000 the total loans and discounts of all banks and trust companies in the cities of Omaha, Denver and Lincoln combined.

The loans and discounts of the national banks alone in Kansas City also exceeded the sum total of the loans and discounts of all national banks in the cities of Omaha and Denver combined.

The great preponderance in the movement of trade in district No. 10 is to the East. In order to place the Federal reserve bank for that region in Denver it would have been necessary to disregard these facts and the opposition and the earnest protests of banks—both national and State—throughout the district.

THE RICHMOND DISTRICT.

The committee named as cities for the location of Federal reserve banks New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston and Cleveland. In population these are the six largest cities in the United States; their geographical situation and all other considerations fully justified their selection.

San Francisco and Minneapolis were the first choice of the great majority of the national banks in their respective sections, and their financial, industrial and commercial relations and other factors entitled them to be chosen. Their selection appears to have evoked no criticism, but to have

received general approval. Conditions relating to the Kansas City, Dallas and Atlanta districts have been dealt with.

For the territory from eastern Georgia to the Pennsylvania line the committee, after fully considering all the facts, decided to create a district with the Federal reserve bank at Richmond. South Carolina and North Carolina had protested against being connected with a bank to the south or west. They said that their course of trade was northeast.

It seemed undesirable to place a bank in the extreme northeastern corner or at Baltimore, not only because of its proximity to Philadelphia but also because the industrial and banking relations of the greater part of the district were more intimate with Richmond than with either Washington or Baltimore. The States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina and the District of Columbia had to be considered. North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia preferred to be connected with Richmond; West Virginia was divided in its preferences; Maryland and the District of Columbia, of course, desired Baltimore or Washington.

In the poll of banks made directly by the Comptroller's office, Richmond received more first choice ballots than any other city in the district—167, against 128 for Baltimore, 35 for Pittsburgh, 28 for Columbia, S. C., 37 for Cincinnati and 25 for Washington, D. C. Of the remaining 21 votes, 19 were for Charlotte, N. C., and 12 for New York. Leaving out the States of Maryland and Virginia, Richmond received from the rest of the district three times as many first choice votes as were cast for Baltimore.

District number five is composed of the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia (except four counties), North and South Carolina, and the District of Columbia. These States have always been closely bound together, commercially and financially, and their business dealings are large and intimate. The reports made to the Comptroller of the Currency on March 4, 1914, by all the national banks in each of these States show in every essential respect that the business of the national banks of Virginia, including Richmond, is greater than the business of the national banks of Maryland, including Baltimore, or any other of the five States embraced in district number five, as appears in the following table:

	Capital, surplus and undivided profits.	Loans and discounts.	Total individual deposits.
Virginia	\$33,544,631	\$107,410,063	\$90,887,858
Maryland	31,390,057	91,326,942	83,217,376
West Virginia	18,209,346	56,789,538	61,421,332
North Carolina	13,527,086	44,051,033	36,051,154
South Carolina	10,332,439	28,860,456	23,330,916
District of Columbia	12,685,411	26,253,432	29,520,053

Advocates of New Orleans have criticised the decision of the Organization Committee and have given out comparative figures as to New Orleans, Richmond and other cities which are incorrect and misleading. An analysis and study of the actual figures will be found instructive and can lend no support to the claims of New Orleans.

From the sworn special reports recently submitted to the Comptroller of the Currency, it appears that the national banks in Richmond were lending in the thirteen Southern States on January 13 1914 more money than was being loaned in those States by the national banks of any other city in the country except New York. The total loans and discounts in the thirteen Southern States by the four cities referred to are as follows: Richmond, \$33,473,000; Baltimore, \$6,891,000; New Orleans, \$19,477,000; Washington, \$915,000.

The figures also show that in these portions of District No. 5, outside of the States of Virginia and Maryland, the Richmond national banks are lending twice as much money as all the national banks in Baltimore and Washington combined. They also show that, although Richmond is not a reserve city, the banks and trust companies in the thirteen Southern States had on deposit in the national banks of Richmond on February 14 1914 \$9,876,000, or slightly more than the banks of this section had on deposit in the city of Baltimore, and four times as much as they carried in Washington, although these two cities have long enjoyed the benefits of being reserve cities. That Southern banks should carry larger balances in Richmond, where they could not be counted in their reserves, rather than in Baltimore or Washington, where they could be counted is suggestive.

The figures show that the capital and surplus of all reporting banks—national, State and savings and trust companies—per capita in Richmond as of June 4 1913 was \$131; in Baltimore, \$85; in Washington, \$88, and in New Orleans, \$60, while the loans and discounts made by all banks and trust companies in Richmond on the same date, amounted to \$393 per capita, against \$190 in Washington, \$213 in Baltimore and \$194 in New Orleans.

The amount of money which banks and trust companies in the various parts of the country carried on deposit with Richmond—a non-reserve city—on February 14 1914 amounted to \$10,970,000, or nearly twice as much as the balances carried by outside banks with the national banks of Washington, which on the same day amounted to \$5,516,000, and one and a half times as much as they carried on the same day with the national banks of New Orleans, a reserve city.

The statistics furnished the Organization Committee show that on March 4 1914 the capital and surplus of the national banks of Richmond per capita amounted to more than twice as much as the capital and surplus per capita of the national banks of either Baltimore or Washington and three and a half times as much as New Orleans, while the individual deposits of the national banks of Richmond amounted to \$201 per capita, against \$86 for Washington and \$76 for Baltimore and \$50 for New Orleans. The loans and discounts in the national banks of Richmond on the same date were reported at \$279 per capita, against \$77 for Washington and \$108 for Baltimore and \$51 for New Orleans.

Especially significant are the following statistics showing the growth in capital and surplus, loans and discounts and individual deposits of national banks in the three cities named:

Capital and Surplus.

	September, 1904.	March, 1914.	P.C. Inc.
Richmond	\$3,115,000	\$9,314,392	199
Washington	6,215,000	11,365,000	83
Baltimore	18,262,000	19,205,000	5
New Orleans	6,250,000	6,730,000	8

Loans and Discounts.

Richmond	\$12,946,000	\$35,593,000	175
Washington	15,018,000	25,405,000	69
Baltimore	48,755,000	60,312,000	23
New Orleans	20,088,000	17,285,000	*13

Individual Deposits.

Richmond	\$11,257,000	\$25,705,000	128
Washington	20,017,000	28,491,000	42
Baltimore	40,910,000	42,553,000	4
New Orleans	19,425,000	16,857,000	*13

* Decrease.

In other words, the figures show that the national banks of Richmond were lending on March 4, 1914, twice as much money as all the national banks in the city of New Orleans and 40 per cent more than all the national banks of Washington.

In the original decision of the committee the various economic and other factors which entered into and determined the committee's action were enumerated and need not be repeated here. This statement is made for the purpose of disclosing some of the details which influenced the committee's findings.

An important mass meeting of the citizens of Baltimore was held last Wednesday night, when a vigorous protest was entered against the action of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee in failing to locate a reserve bank in Baltimore, and making that city subsidiary to Richmond by placing it in the district of which Richmond is the centre. Resolutions petitioning the Organization Board to reopen that part of its proceedings in which its judgment was given against Baltimore were adopted, and the committee which called the meeting of protest was continued, with instructions to do everything in its power to give effect to the resolutions. These resolutions are as follows:

Whereas, The banking and other business interests of the City of Baltimore, having learned with great surprise and profound regret that the board charged with the duty, under the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act, of dividing the country into reserve districts and designating in each district a city to be the seat of a Federal reserve bank, has thought it proper to deny such designation to the City of Baltimore, by far the most important banking, commercial and manufacturing centre in District No. 5 as outlined, and has so designated the City of Richmond, Va., a city of one-fifth of its importance both in population and commercial supremacy.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That on behalf of the City of Baltimore and its manifold and great business activities, this mass meeting hereby registers this, its formal protest, against the injustice and wrong done by the Federal Organization Board in these premises, and respectfully petitions the board to reopen that part of its proceedings in which judgment was given against Baltimore for further hearings and action, and for the following reasons:

1. That the decision adverse to the claims of Baltimore was not warranted by the evidence presented in the case.
2. That as evidenced by official announcement in the premises, the points upon which the Organization Board relied in giving its judgment were of relatively minor, if not of trivial, importance.
3. That controlling stress was laid upon banking statistics, when the figures employed were largely those of national banks only, and not those of banking as a whole.
4. That apparently no importance whatever was attached to figures referring to trade and commerce, and its movement, either in volume of value, although the law plainly suggests, if it does not explicitly direct, that the board should have given first consideration to such movement of trade and commerce and the consequent flow of exchange.
5. That it violates a prime rule of business to force any city of greatly superior size and importance to clear its business through a much smaller community, and especially so when the general trend of commerce and business from essentially all parts of District No. 5 is to the northeast and to its largest business centre at a seaport.
6. And for many other reasons which can be urged.

Resolved, That, failing to obtain such re-hearing at the hands of the Organization Board, that appeal be made to the Federal Reserve Board upon its appointment as provided in the Act.

Resolved, That Senators and Representatives in the Congress from this State be respectfully urged to employ all proper methods at their command to secure a review of the decision made by the Organization Board and to otherwise in such manner as they may deem wise to have justice done the chief city of their State and of District No. 5.

Resolved, That the committee which called this meeting of protest, which committee represents the trade interests of the City of Baltimore, be continued, with power to add to its number and with instructions from this meeting to do everything within its power to give effect to these resolutions.

Charles E. Falconer, President of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association; Rufus M. Gibbs, President of the Board of Trade; Eugene Blackford, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Robert J. Beacham, Secretary of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, comprised the executive committee in charge of the meeting; Waldo Newcomer, President of the National Exchange Bank of Baltimore and President of the Baltimore Clearing-House Association, was Chairman of the Bankers' Committee. James H. Preston, Mayor of the city, presided, and Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough was one of the speakers of the evening. Mayor Preston in his opening remarks stated:

I am here to preside over this meeting to communicate the protest of our citizens, far and wide throughout the city, against the selection of Richmond and against the omission of Baltimore—of Baltimore, with its hundreds of millions, with its billions of business, with its \$2,000,000,000 of clearances per year, as against \$430,000,000 for Richmond, with its vast business interests, with its export trade, with its great railroad terminals, with its great shipping advantages, with its great situation on the Atlantic seacoast. In the interest of the South, in the interest of Baltimore itself as well as the interest of Maryland, we are here to raise our voices in protest against the injustice and to impress upon our friends in Washington, who will constitute the Federal Reserve body and will have the final determination of this subject—to impress upon them that we intend to appeal vigorously from the action of the committee—to the action of the Reserve Board—so that Baltimore's claims may be fairly considered either in the selection of a regional bank for Baltimore or for some other position in the enforcement of the National Banking Act, which Baltimore's position in this country justifies.

Mr. Newcomer in referring to the selections made by the Organization Committee stated that had it merely decided not to locate a bank at Baltimore, and justified its action by evidence on the lines laid down in the law, no protest would have been made by Baltimore. "But," he added:

They tell us that Baltimore was ineligible because too close to Philadelphia, but Philadelphia was not too close to New York, and that Baltimore was on the edge of the district, an objection which did not apply to New York, Philadelphia, Kansas City or San Francisco. Furthermore, they state that Richmond banks have loaned \$33,000,000 to the South as against \$6,000,000 loaned by Baltimore banks in the same region. The Baltimore figures are those of the national banks alone, and do not include loans in Baltimore and the State of Maryland, whereas the total loans of all the national banks in Richmond is only \$35,000,000, so they plainly included their local business loans and probably included State banks and trust companies. They are curiously silent about the hundreds of millions of dollars of loans in the shape of credits extended by Baltimore merchants, regarding which they questioned us so closely.

The principal address made at the meeting was delivered by Omer F. Hershey, an attorney, who represented the business interests of the city. In part he said:

The Organization Committee has included Maryland, one-half of West Virginia, the District of Columbia and North and South Carolina in one district, known as Region No. 5. This is a small, though well conceived division. Its business and banking habits and traditions, and the normal customary lines of its trade and commerce are well defined and co-ordinated and all move northward along certain obvious lines of least resistance. With the region itself Baltimore finds no fault.

Having defined the region, the Committee's next duty was to locate the bank. In their official apology they say this was "a purely subsidiary and relatively simple" matter. Let me show you how simple it was in Region No. 5. At one end of the district, where its trade and commerce, its finances and credits converge, was an old city with a population of 700,000; on its western boundary, in the shadow of a sentimental past, was a newly awakened city with a population of 130,000. The one with total banking resources of \$296,853,000, the other \$71,000,000. The one doing a total manufacturing and merchandising business of over \$300,000,000, the other \$180,000,000. The one having a total aggregate assessed property \$700,000,000, the other \$120,000,000. The one spending \$2,000,000 on its schools, the other \$350,000. The one having the fourth largest seaport in the country, the other having no port at all. The one being the city where throbs the financial heart of Region No. 5, and where its commercial and industrial life centres, and where the greatest good of the greatest number and the greatest needs and convenience of all can best be served.

Remember one thing. This meeting of protest does not spring from any spirit of envy or disappointment. We are not attacking Virginia or Richmond. State lines cut no figure in this matter. There is as much of the blood of old Virginia in Baltimore to-day as there is in Richmond. Our affections are still stronger south of the Potomac than they are north of it. Our money helped to build Richmond. We take as much joy and pride in her prosperity as we do in our own. What we are trying to do before it is too late is to rectify a mistake.

Now, let me analyze as briefly as I can these Richmond statistics, which the Committee in their five-thousand-word defense say were so convincing and which Mr. Carter Glass says are so absolutely conclusive. Richmond, they say, loaned \$33,000,000 through this region, against \$6,000,000 by Baltimore. That looks impressive. They do not tell us, however, that these Richmond loans and discounts cover its entire banking field, including Richmond itself and thirteen Southern States. To make the comparison fair all of Baltimore's loans should also be included and not only the few recorded bank loans in this region. Had they done this the true figures for Baltimore would have been on June 4, 1913, \$118,912,252.

To create the impression that Richmond dominates this region, they allege that the resources of the national banks of Virginia, including Richmond, largely surpass the national banks of Maryland, including Baltimore.

The relative banking facilities of different political units are absolutely unrelated facts. But even so, the right figures are overwhelmingly in Baltimore's favor. The total banking resources of Maryland are \$390,795,512; those of Virginia \$244,414,891. That is to say, Maryland's bank resources are \$146,480,621 greater than those of Virginia, including Richmond.

Now, if you compare by cities, Richmond shows up even worse. Her total banking resources of all kinds are \$71,000,000, Baltimore's \$296,853,616. The total resources of Baltimore banks alone are \$52,000,000 greater than the resources of all the banks of the entire State of Virginia and \$225,000,000 greater than those of Richmond.

But fundamentally, these bank figures have nothing to do with the case except to indicate the customary course of trade and commerce. Certainly, the test by which a proper regional bank site must be determined is not one of banks at all. The region and the bank should all be located where the inexorable logic of the situation, the needs of commerce and business, and the best interests of the public indicate. In this the Committee has failed not only in region No. 5 but elsewhere.

Think of skipping every seaport on the Atlantic south of Philadelphia; of not giving a single Southern seaport a bank. Imagine the Richmond bank establishing foreign branches, as the Act contemplates. Think of ignoring the most obvious commercial facts. Why, in this Richmond brief there are 57 pages of statistics to prove that the trend of regional business is all toward Baltimore. The Committee has decided it shall now move the other way.

Certainly it will never move toward Richmond. Why, here on page 27 they tell the Committee that the region they claim to dominate (exclusive of Maryland) produces staple articles of commerce involving a trading business of approximately \$5,000,000,000. And of all this business, Richmond says, it is the commercial centre. Let us see. In another part of this unanswerable document we are told that out of this \$5,000,000,000 of business Richmond does \$80,000,000 in merchandising and \$100,000,000 in manufacturing. Of course it does very little of this \$5,000,000,000 of business because most of it moves northward along the natural highway of commerce, and not westward along provincial byways.

How could Richmond handle it, with admitted total banking resources (national, State and private) of only \$71,000,000? How much of the great phosphate, the great trucking, the great oyster and fisheries, the great cotton, coal and other interests and industries, ever touch Richmond at all? And yet most of this business converges in Baltimore and finances through Baltimore. Why, last year \$152,000,000 of exports and imports went through Baltimore via Hampton Roads.

Numerous telegrams were read at the meeting from those in sympathy with the Baltimore movement, one of this kind having been received from M. B. Trezevant, General Manager of the New Orleans Association of Commerce who has taken an active part in the protest against the failure to name New Orleans as a reserve bank centre. In his message to the Baltimore protestants Mr. Trezevant said:

New Orleans Association of Commerce sends greetings to Baltimore Merchants' & Manufacturers' Association and citizens of Baltimore

generally, assembled in mass-meeting Wednesday night for the purpose of protesting against action of Reserve Bank Organization Committee in omitting Baltimore from the list of regional bank cities. We believe that as great an injustice has been done Baltimore as has been done New Orleans. We are utterly unable to comprehend the reason for these illogical discriminations and we have not been enlightened by the defenses made by the Organization Committee in the public press.

We are answering their apology for the omission of New Orleans to-day. This apology we found so full of a continuation of misstatements, errors and half-truths that we had no difficulty in laying them bare. Milwaukee has joined with us for a militant and aggressive fight and a committee of New Orleans bankers will be in Washington Monday, the 20th, to confer with Louisiana Congressional delegation on the next steps to be taken. By aggressive co-operative activity in this matter we feel certain that an issue can be forced which will cause the correction of the blunders which have been made.

The following resolution adopted by the Baltimore Clearing-House Association was likewise read at the meeting:

Resolved, That this Association desires to unite in the protest to be entered in the premises by the combined business interests of the city of Baltimore at a meeting called for the purpose, it being understood that in connection with such protest it is proposed to appeal to the Federal Organization Board, and if necessary later to the Federal Reserve Board when organized, to re-open the situation in District No. 5 for the purpose of further discussion of the claim of Baltimore City to be designated as a seat of a Federal reserve bank.

A protest in opposition to the inclusion of a part of Wisconsin in the district of which Minneapolis is the centre is voiced in a resolution adopted at Milwaukee on the 10th inst. at a meeting of directors of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' Association held in conjunction with members of the Milwaukee Clearing-House Association and the Wisconsin Bankers' Association. We give the resolution herewith:

Resolved, That we, the board of directors of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' Association of Milwaukee, Wis., strenuously protest against a division of territory which attaches Wisconsin and the upper peninsula of Michigan to the city of Minneapolis, believing such a division to be at once illogical, harmful and contrary to the terms of the Currency Act; and that we earnestly petition the Federal Reserve Board for a re-consideration of the apportionment to the end that the said territory be attached to the Chicago reserve district.

Eltinge Elmore, a member of the board of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' Association, in discussing the movement which has been undertaken in Milwaukee, is quoted as saying:

"The first step we will take will be to get the necessary data and facts in concrete order to present to the Reserve Board when it is appointed at Washington. That the business trend of the State and the upper peninsula of Michigan is centred toward Milwaukee and Chicago is apparent, but a solution as to making up the deficit caused by the withdrawal of \$800,000 capital accredited to this section, and thereby bringing the Minneapolis bank under the \$4,000,000 limit, will be the chief difficulty the Committee will have to contend with."

Thirty banks of Northern Michigan have forwarded a protest to Washington against their assignment to the Ninth District, of which Minneapolis is the centre, and have asked that they be included in the Seventh District, the headquarters of which is at Chicago.

The Oklahoma banks, which have been assigned to the Dallas reserve district, are also protesting against the decision of the Organization Committee, and, it is stated, have announced their intention to appeal to the Reserve Board to have the arrangement changed so that the entire State of Oklahoma may be included in the Kansas City district.

In a resolution of the Omaha Clearing-House Association, a review is asked of the decision of the Organization Committee in so far as it relates to the inclusion of Nebraska and Wyoming in the Kansas City district. The resolution states that "unless, after that review, Omaha be made a reserve city, we respectfully request that, in order to conform to the requirement of the Federal Reserve Act, the States of Nebraska and Wyoming be transferred from the Kansas City district to that of Chicago, where our business naturally goes and where our interests will be effectively served."

At Denver on the 7th inst. the Governors of seven States, delegates to the Western Governors' Conference, went on record as favoring the passage of a law by Congress creating two additional Federal reserve banks—one for the Rocky Mountain States, situated probably in Denver, and another for the Northwest, probably to be situated in either Seattle or Portland. The action was taken on motion of Gov. Ernest Lister of Washington, and was concurred in by Govs. Tasker L. Oddie, Nevada; Joseph M. Carey, Wyoming; Oswald West, Oregon; John M. Haines, Idaho; William Spry, Utah, and E. M. Ammons, Colorado.

The resolution introduced by Senator Hitchcock on the 8th inst., calling upon the Organization Committee to furnish to the Senate all the documents upon which its conclusions in selecting the reserve cities were based, was passed by the Senate on the 14th inst. We print the resolution below:

Resolved, That the Organization Committee of the Federal Reserve Board be, and it is hereby directed to send to the Senate copies of all briefs and written arguments made by each city applying to the Organization Committee for the location of a Federal reserve bank, together with the poll of the banks and the reasons relied upon by the Organization Committee in fixing the boundaries of the reserve districts and locating the reserve cities.

In the House on the 15th inst. Representative Moss of West Virginia submitted a resolution requesting the Organization Committee to transmit to Congress the record of the poll of banks indicating their choice for banking centres. Mr. Moss in offering his reason for the resolution stated that he understood that the poll was not followed in the Cleveland district, where a majority of the banks expressed a preference for Pittsburgh.

The notice issued last week by the Secretary of the Organization Committee, M. C. Elliott, calling upon the banks which have signified their intention of becoming members of the Federal reserve system to send in their subscriptions, has been taken by some institutions as a requirement to make a stock payment. To clear up any misunderstanding in the matter, the Organization Committee on the 13th inst. issued the following further statement in which it points out that it is not its purpose to call for the payment of subscriptions until the details of the organization are more nearly completed and banks are ready to be placed in operation:

The Federal Reserve Act provides that when the Organization Committee shall have designated the cities in which Federal reserve banks are to be organized, and fixed the geographical limits of the Federal reserve districts, every national banking association within that district shall be required within thirty days after notice from the Organization Committee to subscribe to the capital stock of such Federal reserve bank in a sum equal to 6% of the paid-up capital stock and surplus of such bank, one-sixth of the subscription to be payable on call of the Organization Committee or of the Federal Reserve Board, one-sixth within three months and one-sixth within six months thereafter, and the remainder of the subscription, or any part thereof, shall be subject to call when deemed necessary by the Federal Reserve Board, said payments to be in gold or gold certificates.

In compliance with this provision, the Secretary of the Organization Committee has notified all banks which have signified their intention to become members of the system to send in their subscriptions to stock, which notice accompanied notice from the Comptroller enclosing the form of subscription to be executed.

A large number of banks have interpreted this notice to subscribe as a call for the payment of the first installment of such subscription, and checks and currency are being received by the Committee.

It is not the purpose of the Committee, however, to call for the payment of subscriptions until the details of the organization are more nearly completed and banks are ready to be placed in operation.

Accordingly, all such cash payments are being returned promptly and the banks will probably be circularized immediately in order that it may be made clear that notice to subscribe does not constitute a call for the payment of such subscription.

The Executive Committee of the New Jersey Bankers' Association, at a meeting on Thursday adopted resolutions protesting against the arrangement whereby the banks of New Jersey are assigned to the Philadelphia district. Its action followed the presentation to it of a report made by the Banking and Currency Committee of the Association taking exception to the action of the Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee; the Banking and Currency Committee has been authorized by the Executive Committee to prepare briefs on the subject for submission to the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. It was announced a week ago that, in answer to the protest lodged with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in behalf of the New Jersey banks by the Congressional representatives of that State, it was made clear that there was no intention on the part of the Organization Committee to change its arrangement, the only recourse thus open being a petition to the Federal Reserve Board. The contention of the Organization Committee that the New York district would be too large if Northern New Jersey were included in it has been taken up by Walter M. Van Deusen, Cashier of the National Newark Banking Co. of Newark, and Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the New Jersey Bankers' Association. There are about 125 national banks in the northern section of New Jersey which have signified their intention of joining the Federal reserve system and have expressed a preference for alliance with the New York district. Mr. Van Deusen has computed the capital of these institutions and places the figures at about \$30,000,000. The 6% to the capital of the Reserve Bank which each institution is required to subscribe would add, he figures, only \$1,800,000 to the capital of the New York bank, making it about \$22,487,000, and reduce the capital of the Philadelphia bank to \$11,193,000. Mr. Van Deusen points out that, even as it is, New York will be much larger than any of the other districts. Adding less than 8% to its capital would not make sufficient difference, he maintains, to warrant the sacrifice of Northern New Jersey banks.

The Pittsburgh bankers have taken steps toward declaring their opposition to their alliance with the Cleveland district. At a meeting on the 9th inst. of the Executive Committee of Group 8 of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, which includes Pittsburgh and the surrounding territory, it was decided to appoint a committee of three to go to Washington with a view to securing a hearing as to why Pittsburgh was not chosen as a reserve bank centre, or why it was not included in the Philadelphia district.

THE LATEST TRADE AND TRUST PROPOSALS IN CONGRESS.

That President Wilson still holds to his program for the enactment of trust legislation at the present session was again made apparent this week, following reports that, except for the passage of the bill creating an Inter-State Trade Commission, action on the pending legislation was likely to be postponed. After a conference with the President on Monday, Chairman Henry D. Clayton of the House Judiciary Committee, stated that "there is to be no curtailment of the Administration program—the President told us that he would insist on the enactment of the anti-trust legislation he has recommended, and during the present session." New bills were this week offered in the House of Representatives to supplant some of those previously introduced, in accordance with the original recommendations for trust reforms made in President Wilson's message of last January. Representative Clayton of the Judiciary Committee offered on Tuesday (the 14th) a general bill intended to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, his new legislation embodying the tentative bills which had been drawn to cover trade relations, holding companies and interlocking directorates. In addition the present bill also contains several new features which were not embraced in the trust bills heretofore proposed; these newly incorporated provisions relate to the issuance of restraining orders in labor disputes and a trial by jury in contempt proceedings. Legislation of this character was carried in two bills introduced by Representative Clayton in 1912 and passed at that session by the House. An important feature of the newly drafted bill is its provision (Section 6) dealing with labor unions, under which it is stipulated that "nothing contained in the Anti-Trust Laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers', agricultural or horticultural organizations, orders or associations operating under the lodge system, instituted for the purpose of mutual help, and not having capital stock, of conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations."

The provisions dealing with interlocking directorates prohibit a person from serving as director, officer or employee of more than one bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States, when either has deposits, capital, surplus and undivided profits aggregating more than \$2,500,000; and no private banker or person who is a director in any bank or trust company organized and operating under State laws having deposits, capital, surplus and undivided profits aggregating more than \$2,500,000 is eligible as a director in any Federal bank. Furthermore, no bank or trust company organized under Federal laws in a city or town of more than 100,000 inhabitants would be permitted to have as director, officer or employee any private banker, director or other officer or employee of any other bank located in the same place. The newly drafted bill as introduced by Representative Clayton on Tuesday is as follows:

A Bill to Supplement Existing Laws Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies, and for Other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That "anti-trust laws," as used herein, include the Act entitled "an Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," approved July second, eighteen hundred and ninety, section seventy-three to seventy-seven inclusive, of an Act entitled "an Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes," of August twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and an Act entitled "an Act to amend sections seventy-three and seventy-six" of the Act of August twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "an Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes," approved February twelfth, nineteen hundred and thirteen and also this Act.

"Commerce," as used herein, means trade or commerce among the several States and with foreign nations, or between the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States and any State, Territory, or foreign nation, or within the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States.

Section 2. That any person engaged in commerce who shall discriminate in price between different purchasers of commodities in the same or

different sections or communities with the purpose or intent to thereby injure or destroy the business of a competitor, either of such purchaser or the seller, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the Court. Corporations shall be deemed persons within the meaning of this section, and when any corporation shall be guilty of a violation of this section the offense shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors or other officers or employees of such corporation ordering or doing the prohibited act, and upon conviction they shall be punished as provided in this section; provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent discrimination in price between purchasers of commodities on account of differences in the grade, quality or quantity of the commodity sold, or that makes only due allowance for difference in the cost of transportation; and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall prevent persons engaged in selling goods, wares, or merchandise in commerce, from selecting their own customers. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any mine engaged in selling its product commerce to refuse arbitrarily to sell the same to a responsible person, firm, or corporation who applies to purchase.

Sec. 3. That any person engaged in commerce, who shall lease or make a sale of goods, wares, merchandises, machinery, supplies, or other commodities, or fix a price charged therefor, or discount from, or rebate upon such price, on the condition or understanding that the lessee or purchaser thereof shall not use or deal in the goods, wares, merchandise, machinery, supplies, or other commodities of a competitor or competitors of the lessor or seller, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Corporations shall be deemed persons within the meaning of this section, and when any corporation shall be guilty of a violation of this section, the offense shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors or other officers or employes of such corporations ordering or doing the prohibited Acts, and upon conviction they shall be punished as provided in this section.

Sec. 4. That any person, copartnership, association, or corporation, which shall be injured in his or its business or partnership by any person, copartnership, association, or corporation, by reason of any thing forbidden by Section 2 or Section 3 of this act, may sue therefore in any District Court of the United States in the district in which the defendant resides, or is found, without respect to the amount in the controversy, and shall recover threefold the damages by him or it sustained, and the cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Sec. 5. That whenever in any suit or proceeding in equity, brought by or on behalf of the United States under any of the anti-trust laws, there shall have been rendered a final judgment or decree to the effect that a defendant has or has not entered into a contract combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce, or has or has not monopolized, or attempted to monopolize, or combine with any person or persons to monopolize, any part of commerce, in violation of any of the anti-trust laws, said judgment or decree shall to the full extent to which such judgment or decree would constitute in any other proceedings an estoppel as between the Government and such defendant, constitute in favor of or against such defendant conclusive evidence of the same facts, and be conclusive as to the same issues of law in favor of or against any other party in any action or proceeding brought under or involving the provisions of any of the anti-trust laws. Whenever any suit or proceeding in equity is brought by or on behalf of the United States, under any of the anti-trust laws, the statute of limitations in respect of each and every private right of action, arising under such anti-trust laws, and based, in whole or in part, on any matter complained of in said suit or proceeding in equity, shall be suspended during the pendency of such suit or proceeding in equity.

Labor Unions and Agricultural Associations Exempted.

Sec. 6. That nothing contained in the anti-trust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of fraternal, labor, consumers, agricultural, or horticultural organizations; orders or associations operating under the lodge system, instituted for the purposes of mutual help, and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such orders or associations from carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations.

Sec. 7. That no corporation engaged in commerce shall acquire, directly or indirectly, the whole, or any part, of the stock or other share capital of another corporation engaged also in commerce, where the effect of such acquisition is to eliminate or lessen competition between the corporation whose stock is so acquired and the corporation making the acquisition, or to create a monopoly of any line of trade in any section or community.

No corporation shall acquire directly or indirectly the whole or any part of the stock or other share capital of two or more corporations engaged in commerce, where the effect of such acquisition, or the use of such stock, by the voting or granting of proxies or otherwise, is to eliminate or lessen competition between such corporations, or any of them, whose stock or other share capital is so acquired, or to create a monopoly of any line of trade in any section or community.

This section shall not apply to corporations purchasing such stock solely for investment, and not using the same by voting or otherwise to bring about, or in attempting to bring about, the lessening of competition. Nor shall anything contained in this section prevent a corporation engaged in commerce from causing the formation of subsidiary corporations for the actual carrying on of their immediate lawful business, or the natural and legitimate branches thereof, or from owning and holding all, or a part of the stock of such subsidiary corporations, when the effect of such formation is not to eliminate or lessen competition.

Nothing contained in this section shall be held to affect or impair any right heretofore legally acquired: Provided, that nothing in this paragraph shall make legal stockholding relations between corporations when, and under such circumstances, such relations constitute violations of the anti-trust law.

Nor shall anything herein contained be construed to prohibit any railroad corporation from aiding in the construction of branch or short line railroads so located as to become feeders to the main line of the company so aiding in such construction or from acquiring or owning all or any part of the stock of such branch line, not to prevent any railroad corporation from acquiring and owning all or any part of the stock of a branch or short line railroad constructed by an independent company where there is no substantial competition between the company owning the branch line so constructed and the company owning the main line acquiring the property or an interest therein, nor to prevent any railroad company from extending any of its lines.

A violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court, and any violation by a corporation shall be deemed to be also the offense of its individual officers

or directors, ordering, doing, or participating in the prohibited act, and upon conviction they shall be punished as herein provided.

Prohibition against Interlocking Directorates.

Sec. 8. That from and after two years from the date of the approval of this Act, no person who is engaged as an individual, or who is a member of a partnership, or is a director or other officer of a corporation that is engaged in the business in whole or in part of producing or selling equipment, materials or supplies to or in the construction or maintenance of railroads, or other common carriers engaged in commerce, shall act as a director or other officer or employee of any common carrier engaged in commerce, to which he, or such partnership or corporation, sells or leases directly or indirectly equipment materials or supplies, or for which he, or such partnership or corporation, directly or indirectly, is engaged in the work of construction or maintenance; and after the expiration of said period, no person who is engaged as an individual, or who is a member of a partnership, or is a director, or other officer of a corporation which is engaged in the conduct of a bank or trust company, shall act as a director, or other officer or employee of any such common carrier, for which he, or such partnership, or bank, or trust company, acts, either separately or in connection with others, as agents in the disposal of, or is interested in the underwriting of, or from which he or such partnership, or bank or trust company, purchases, either separately, or in connection with others, issues or parts of issues of securities of such common carrier.

That from and after two years from the date of the approval of this Act no person shall at the same time be a director or other officer or employee of more than one bank, banking association, or trust company organized and operating under the laws of the United States, either of which has deposits, capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating more than \$2,500,000; and no private banker, or person who is a director in any bank or trust company, organized and operating under the laws of a State, having deposits, capital, surplus, and undivided profits aggregating more than \$2,500,000, shall be eligible to be a director in any bank or banking association organized and operating under the laws of the United States.

No bank, banking association, or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States in any city or town of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants shall have as a director or other officer or employee any private banker or any director or other officer or employee of any other bank, banking association, or trust company located in the same place.

That from and after two years from the date of the approval of this act no person at the same time shall be a director in any two or more corporations engaged in whole or part in commerce other than common carriers, subject to the act to regulate commerce approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, if such corporations are or shall have been theretofore by virtue of their business and location of operation, competitors, so that an elimination of competition by agreement between them would constitute a violation of any of the provisions of any of the anti-trust laws.

That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of \$100 a day for each day of the continuance of such violation, or by imprisonment for such period as the court may designate, not exceeding one year, or by both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 9. That any suit, action or proceeding under the anti-trust laws against a corporation may be brought not only in the judicial district whereof it is an inhabitant, but also in any district wherein it may be found.

Sec. 10. That subpoenas for witnesses who are required to attend a court of the United States in any judicial district in any case, civil or criminal, arising under the Federal anti-trust laws, may run into any other district.

Sec. 11. That whenever a corporation shall be guilty of the violation of any of the provisions of the anti-trust laws, the offense shall be deemed to be also that of the individual directors, officers and agents of such corporations authorizing, ordering or doing any of such prohibited acts, and upon conviction thereof they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both said punishments in the discretion of the Court.

Issuance of Restraining Orders.

Sec. 12. That the several district courts of the United States are hereby invested with jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of this Act; and it shall be the duty of the several District Attorneys of the United States in their respective districts, under the direction of the Attorney-General, to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain such violations. Such proceedings may be by way of petition, setting forth the case and praying that such violation shall be enjoined or otherwise prohibited. When the parties complained of shall have been duly notified of such petition, the Court shall proceed as soon as may be to the hearing and determination of the case; and pending such petition and before final decree the Court may at any time make such temporary restraining order or prohibition as shall be deemed just in the premises. Whenever it shall appear to the Court before which any such proceeding may be pending that the ends of justice require that other parties should be brought before the Court, the Court may cause them to be summoned whether they reside in the district in which the Court is held or not, and subpoenas to that end may be served in any district by the Marshal thereof.

Sec. 13. That any person, firm, corporation or association shall be entitled to sue for and have injunctive relief, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction over the parties, against threatened loss or damage by a violation of the anti-trust laws, when and under the same conditions and principles as injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause loss or damage is granted by courts of equity, under the rules governing such proceedings, and upon the execution of proper bond against damages for an injunction improvidently granted, and a showing that the danger of irreparable loss or damage is immediate, a preliminary injunction may issue; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to entitle any person, firm, corporation or association, except the United States, to bring suit in equity for injunctive relief against any common carrier, subject to the provisions of the Act to regulate commerce, approved Feb. 4 1887, in respect of any matter subject to the regulations, supervision, or other jurisdiction of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Sec. 14. That no injunction whether interlocutory or permanent, in cases other than those described in Section 266 of an Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3 1911, shall be issued without previous notice and an opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined, which notice, together with a copy of the bill of complaint or other pleading upon which the application for such injunction will be based, shall be served upon the parties sought to be enjoined a reasonable time in advance of such application. But if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Court or Judge that immediate and irreparable injury is likely to ensue to property or a property right of the complainant, and that the giving of notice of the application or the delay incident thereto would probably permit the doing of the act sought to be restrained before notice could be served for hearing had thereon, the Court

or Judge may, in his discretion, issue a temporary restraining order without notice. Every such order shall be indorsed with the date and hour of issuance, shall be forthwith entered of record, shall define the injury, and state why it is irreparable, and why the order was granted without notice, and shall by its terms expire within such time after entry, not to exceed ten days, as the Court or Judge may fix, unless within the time so fixed the order is extended or renewed for a like period, after notice to those previously served. If any, and for good cause shown and the reasons for such extension shall be entered of record, and Section 263 of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3 1911, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. That no restraining order or interlocutory order of injunction shall issue, except upon the giving of security by the applicant in such sum as the Court or Judge may deem proper, conditioned upon the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by any party who may be found to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained thereby.

Sec. 16. That every order of injunction or restraining order shall set forth the reasons for the issuance of the same, shall be specified in terms, and shall describe in reasonable detail, and not by reference to the bill of complaint or other documents, the act or acts sought to be restrained, and shall be binding only upon the parties to the suit, their agents, servants employees and attorneys, or those in active concert with them, and who shall, by personal service or otherwise, have received actual notice of the same.

Sec. 17. That no restraining order or injunction shall be granted by any Court of the United States, or a Judge or the Judges thereof, in any case between an employer and employees, or between employers and employees, or between employees, or between persons employed and persons seeking employment, involving, or growing out of a dispute concerning terms or conditions of employment, unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property, or to a property right, of the party making the application for which injury there is no adequate remedy at law, and such property or property right must be described with particularity in the application, which must be in writing and sworn to by the applicant or by his agent or attorney.

And no such restraining order or injunction shall prohibit any person or persons from terminating any relation of employment, or from ceasing to perform any work or labor, or from recommending, advising or persuading others by peaceful means so to do, or from attending at or near a house or place where any person resides or works or carries on a business or happens to be for the purpose of peacefully obtaining or communicating information, or of peacefully persuading any person to work or to abstain from working; or from ceasing to patronize or to employ any party to such dispute; or from recommending, advising or persuading others by peaceful means to do so; or from paying or giving to, or withholding from, any person engaged in such dispute, any strike benefits, or other moneys or things of value; or from peaceably assembling at any place in a lawful manner and for lawful purposes; or from doing any act or thing which might lawfully be done in the absence of such dispute by any party thereto.

Sec. 18. That any person who shall willfully disobey any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command of any district court of the United States by doing any act or thing therein, or thereby forbidden to be done by him, if the act or thing so done by him be of such a character as to constitute also a criminal offense under any statute of the United States, or at common law, shall be proceeded against for his said contempt as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 19. That whenever it shall be made to appear to any district court or Judge thereof, or to any Judge therein sitting, by the return of a proper officer on lawful process, or upon the affidavit of some credible person, or by information filed by any District Attorney, that there is reasonable ground to believe that any person has been guilty of such contempt, the Court or Judge thereof, or any Judge therein sitting, may issue a rule requiring the said person so charged to show cause upon a day certain why he should not be punished therefor, which rule, together with a copy of the affidavit or information, shall be served upon the person charged with sufficient promptness to enable him to prepare for and make return to the order at the time fixed therein. If upon or by such return, in the judgment of the Court, the alleged contempt be not sufficiently purged, a trial shall be directed at a time and place fixed by the Court; provided, however, that if the accused, being a natural person, fail or refuse to make return to the rule to show cause, an attachment may issue against his person to compel an answer, and in case of his continued failure or refusal, or if, for any reason, it be impracticable to dispose of the matter on the return day, he may be required to give reasonable bail for his attendance at the trial and his submission to the final judgment of the Court. Where the accused person is a body corporate, an attachment for the sequestration of its property may be issued upon like refusal or failure to answer.

In all cases within the purview of this Act such trial may be by the Court or, upon demand of the accused, by a jury; in which latter event, the Court may impanel a jury from the jurors then in attendance, or the Court or the Judge thereof in chambers may cause a sufficient number of jurors to be selected and summoned as provided by law, to attend at the time and place of trial, at which time a jury shall be selected and impaneled as upon a trial for misdemeanor, and such trial shall conform, as near as may be, to the practice in criminal cases prosecuted by indictment or upon information.

If the accused be found guilty, judgment shall be entered accordingly, prescribing the punishment, either by fine or imprisonment, or both; in the discretion of the Court. Such fine shall be paid to the United States or to the complainant or other party injured by the act constituting the contempt, or may, where more than one is so damaged, be divided or apportioned among them as the Court may direct; but in no case shall the fine to be paid to the United States exceed, in case the accused is a natural person, the sum of \$1,000, nor shall such imprisonment exceed the term of six months.

Sec. 20. That the evidence taken upon the trial of any person so accused may be preserved by bill of exceptions, and any judgment or conviction may be reviewed upon writ of error in all respects as now provided by law in criminal cases, and may be affirmed, reversed or modified as justice may require. Upon the granting of such writ of error, execution of judgment shall be stayed, and the accused, if thereby sentenced to imprisonment, shall be admitted to bail in such reasonable sum as may be required by the Court, or by any Justice or any Judge of any District Court of the United States.

Sec. 21. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to relate to contempts committed in the presence of the Court, or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice, nor to contempts committed in disobedience of any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree or command entered in any suit or action brought or prosecuted in the name of or on behalf of the United States, but the same and all other cases of contempt not specifically embraced within Section 18 of this Act may be punished in conformity to the usages at law and equity now prevailing.

Sec. 22. That no proceeding for contempt shall be instituted against any person unless begun within one year from the date of the act complained

of; nor shall any such proceeding be a bar to any criminal prosecution for the same act or acts; but nothing herein contained shall affect any proceedings in contempt pending at the time of the passage of this Act.

There was also introduced this week by Representative Covington of the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee a revised draft of the bill creating an Inter-State Trade Commission. The bill differs but little from the original Covington bill made public last month and given in full in these columns March 21. The principal change is contained in an amendment which provides that in any equity suit brought at the instance of the Attorney-General under the Anti-Trust Law the Court may, on the consideration of the testimony, refer the suit to the Trade Commission to ascertain and report an appropriate form of decree and that upon such report exceptions may be filed. The court may adopt or reject the Trade Commission report in whole or in part. We print below the modified bill indicating in italics the new matter, and showing in brackets the matter embodied in the bill as introduced last month, but which has been omitted in the latest bill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That a Commission is hereby created and established, to be known as the Inter-State Trade Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), which shall be composed of three commissioners, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than two of the commissioners shall be members of the same political party. The first commissioners appointed shall continue in office for terms of two, four and six years, respectively, from the date of the taking effect of this Act, the term of each to be designated by the President; but their successors shall be appointed for terms of six years, except that any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the commissioner whom he shall succeed. The Commission shall choose a Chairman from its own membership. No commissioner shall engage in any other business, vocation or employment. Any commissioner may be removed by the President for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. A vacancy in the Commission shall not impair the right of the remaining commissioners to exercise all the powers of the Commission.

The Commission shall have an official seal, which shall be judicially noticed.

Sec. 2. That each commissioner shall receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, payable in the same manner as the salaries of the judges of the courts of the United States. The Commission shall appoint a secretary, who shall receive a salary of \$5,000 a year, payable in like manner, and it shall have authority to employ and fix the compensation of such other officials, clerks and employees as it may find necessary for the proper performance of its duties and as may be from time to time appropriated for by Congress.

Until otherwise provided by law, the Commission may rent suitable offices for its use.

All of the expenses of the Commission, including all necessary expenses for transportation incurred by the commissioners or by their employees under their orders, in making any investigation, or upon official business in any other places than in the City of Washington, shall be allowed and paid on the presentation of itemized vouchers therefore approved by the Commission.

Witnesses summoned before the Commission shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the courts of the United States.

The auditor for the State and other departments shall receive and examine all accounts of expenditures of the Commission.

Sec. 3. That upon the organization of the Commission and election of its Chairman all the existing powers, authority and duties of the Bureau of Corporations and of the Commissioner of Corporations conferred upon them by the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Department of Commerce and Labor," approved Feb. 14, 1903, and all amendments thereto, and also those conferred upon them by resolutions of the United States Senate passed on March 1 1913, on May 27 1913 and on June 18 1913, shall be vested in the Commission.

All clerks and employees of the said Bureau shall be transferred to and become clerks and employees of the Commission at their present grade and salaries. All records, papers and property of the said Bureau shall become records, papers and property of the Commission, and all unexpended funds and appropriations for the use and maintenance of the said Bureau shall become funds and appropriations available to be expended by the Commission in the exercise of the powers, authority and duties conferred on it by this Act.

That the Bureau of Corporations and the offices of Commissioner of Corporations and Deputy Commissioner of Corporations are, upon the organization of the Commission and the election of its Chairman, abolished, and their powers, authority and duties shall be exercised by the Commission free from the direction or control of the Secretary of Commerce.

The information obtained by the Commission in the exercise of the powers, authority and duties conferred upon it by this section may be made public, in the discretion of the Commission.

Sec. 4. That the principal office of the Commission shall be in the City of Washington, where its general sessions shall be held; but whenever the interest of the public may be promoted, or delay or expense prevented, the Commission may hold special sessions in any part of the United States. The Commission may, by one or more of its members, or by such officers as it may designate, prosecute any inquiry necessary to its duties in any part of the United States.

Sec. 5. That, with the exception of the secretary and a clerk to each commissioner, all employees of the Commission shall be a part of the classified civil service, and shall enter the service under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Commission and by the Civil Service Commission.

Sec. 6. That the words defined in this section shall have the following meaning when found in this Act, to wit:

"Commerce" means such commerce as Congress has the power to regulate under the Constitution.

"Corporation" means a body incorporated under law, and also joint-stock associations and all other associations having shares of capital or capital stock or organized to carry on business with a view to profit.

"Capital" means the stocks and bonds issued and the surplus owned by a corporation.

"Anti-trust Acts" means the Act entitled "An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," approved July 2 1890

also the sections 73 to 77, inclusive, of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government and for other purposes," approved Aug. 27 1894; and also the Act entitled "An Act to amend Sections 73 and 76 of the Act of Aug. 27 1894, entitled 'An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government and for other purposes,'" approved Feb. 12 1913.

"Acts to regulate commerce" means the Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," approved Feb. 14 1887, and all amendments thereto.

"Documentary evidence" means all documents, papers and correspondence in existence at and after the passage of this Act.

Sec. 7. That the several departments and bureaus of the Government when directed by the President shall furnish the Commission, upon its request, all records, papers and information in their possession relating to any corporation subject to any of the provisions of this Act; and shall detail from time to time such officials and employees to the Commission as he may direct.

Sec. 8. That the Commission may from time to time make rules and regulations and classifications of corporations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

The Commission may from time to time employ such special attorneys and experts as it may find necessary for the conduct of its work or for proper representation of the public interest in investigations made by it; and the expenses of such employment shall be paid out of the appropriation for the Commission.

Any member of the Commission may administer oaths and affirmations and sign subpoenas.

The Commission may also order testimony to be taken by deposition in any proceeding or investigation pending under this Act. Such depositions may be taken before any official authorized to take depositions by the Acts to regulate commerce.

Upon the application of the Attorney-General of the United States, at the request of the Commission, the district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction to issue writs of mandamus commanding any person or corporation to comply with the provisions of this Act or any order of the Commission made in pursuance thereof.

Sec. 9. That every corporation engaged in commerce, excepting corporations subject to the Acts to regulate commerce, which by itself or with one or more other corporations owned, operated, controlled or organized in conjunction with it so as to constitute substantially a business unit, has a capital of not less than \$5,000,000, or having a less capital, belongs to a class of corporations which the Commission may designate, shall furnish to the Commission annually such information, statements and records of its organization, bondholders and stockholders and financial condition, and also such information, statements and records of its relation to other corporations, and its business and practices while engaged in commerce, as the Commission shall require, and to enable it the better to carry out the purposes of this Act, the Commission may prescribe as near as may be a uniform system of annual reports. The said annual reports shall contain all the required information and statistics for the period of twelve months ending with the fiscal year of each corporation's report, and they shall be made out under oath or otherwise, in the discretion of the Commission and filed with the Commission at its office in Washington within three months after the close of the year for which the report is made, unless additional time be granted in any case by the Commission. The Commission may also require such special reports as it may deem advisable.

If any corporation subject to this section of this Act shall fail to make and file said annual reports within the time above specified or within the time extended by the Commission for making and filing the same, or shall fail to make and file any special report within the time fixed by the order of the Commission, such corporation shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$100 for each and every day it shall continue in default in making or filing said annual or special reports. Said forfeitures shall be recovered in the manner provided for the recovery or forfeitures under the provisions of the Act to regulate commerce.

Sec. 10. That upon the direction of the President, the Attorney-General or either House of Congress, the Commission shall investigate and report the facts relating to any alleged violations of the anti-trust Acts by any corporation. The report of the Commission may include recommendations for readjustment of business in order that the corporation investigated may thereafter maintain its organization, management and conduct of business in accordance with law. Reports made after investigation under this section may be made public in the discretion of the Commission.

For the purpose of prosecuting any investigation or proceeding authorized by this section the Commission, or its duly authorized agent or agents, shall at all reasonable times have access to, for the purpose of examination, and the right to copy any documentary evidence of any corporation being investigated or proceeded against.

Sec. 11. That when in the course of any investigation made under this Act the Commission shall obtain information concerning any unfair competition or practice in commerce not necessarily constituting a violation of law by the corporation investigated, it shall make report thereof to the President, to aid him in making recommendations to Congress for legislation in relation to the regulation of commerce, and the information so obtained and the report thereof shall be made public [only upon the direction of the President] by the Commission.

Sec. 12. That in any suit in equity brought by or under the direction of the Attorney-General, as provided in the Anti-trust Acts, the Court may upon the conclusion of the testimony therein, if it shall be then of opinion that the complainant is entitled to relief refer said suit to the Commission [any question relating to the relief to be granted or any proposed decree therein, whereupon the Commission shall investigate the matters referred to it and shall make a full report of its investigation to the court] to ascertain and report an appropriate form of decree therein; and upon the coming in of such report such exceptions may be filed and such proceedings had in relation thereto as upon the report of a master in other equity causes, but the court may adopt or reject such report in whole or in part and enter such decree as the nature of the case may in its judgment require.

Sec. 13. That wherever a final decree has been entered against any defendant corporation in any suit brought by the United States to prevent and restrain any violation of the anti-trust Acts, the Commission shall have power, and it shall be its duty, upon its own initiative or upon the application of the Attorney-General, to make investigation of the manner in which the decree has been or is being carried out. It shall transmit to the Attorney-General a report embodying its findings as a result of any such investigation, and the report shall be made public in the discretion of the Commission.

Sec. 14. That any person who shall wilfully make any false entry or statement in any report required to be made under this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000, or to imprisonment for not more than three years, or both fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 15. That any [person] officer or employee of the Commission who shall make public any information obtained by the Commission without its authority or as directed by a court shall be deemed guilty of a misde-

meanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by a fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 16. That for the purposes of this Act and in aid of its powers of investigation herein granted the Commission shall have and exercise the same powers conferred upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the Acts to regulate commerce to subpoena and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence, and to administer oaths. All the requirements, obligations, liabilities and immunities imposed or conferred by said Acts to regulate commerce, and by the Act in relation to testimony before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, approved Feb. 11 1893, and the Act defining immunity, approved June 13 1906, shall apply to witnesses, testimony and documentary evidence before the Commission.

Sec. 17. That the Commission shall on or before the first day of December in each year make a report, which shall be transmitted to Congress. This report shall contain such facts and statistics collected by the Commission, [the publication of which shall not violate the provisions of this Act] as may be considered of value in the determination of questions connected with the conduct of commerce by corporations, excepting corporations subject to the Acts to regulate commerce, including an abstract of the annual and special reports of corporations made to the Commission under Section 9 of this act: Provided that no trade secrets or private lists of customers shall be embraced in any such abstract. The report shall also include [together with] such recommendations as to additional legislation as the Commission may deem necessary. The Commission may also from time to time publish such additional reports or bulletins of facts and statistics relating to corporations engaged in commerce as may be deemed useful and do not violate the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 18. That nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent or interfere with the Attorney-General in enforcing the provisions of the Anti-Trust Acts or the Acts to regulate commerce.

A majority report on the modified bill was made public by Representative Covington on Tuesday as follows:

"The Commission has in no sense been empowered to make terms with monopoly or in any way to assume control of business. Such matters are of a most delicate, complex and doubtful nature, and their advocates seemed all too desirous that the Government should make itself initially responsible for corporate activities conceived perhaps with such subtlety that the dangers to the public might develop only after sad experience. There has been no attempt to deal with the question of maintenance of fixed prices. The Commission has been given no power to pass orders in any way regulating production. It has not been clothed with authority to make a declaration as to the innocuousness of any particular corporation or agreement, even if coupled with the right to revoke such order in the future.

"All those problems are interwoven with the industrial business of the country in such a way as to be effectively legislated upon, if at all, only after the most exhaustive investigation by trained experts. The hearings before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce of a year and a half ago and the hearings before this committee during the pendency of the present bill did not produce any information which would warrant an attempt at an intelligent and sound legislation upon them.

"It must be remembered that this Commission enters a new field of governmental activity. The history of the Inter-State Commerce Commission is conclusive evidence that the best legislation regarding many of the problems to come before the Interstate Trade Commission will be produced from time to time as the result of the reports of the Commission after exhaustive inquiries and investigations. No one can foretell the extent to which the complex interstate business of a great country like the United States may require, alike for the benefit of the business man and for the protection of the public, new legislation in the form of Federal regulations, but such legislation should come by a sound process of evolution. Even the control of the railways in this country by the Interstate Commerce Commission affords no complete parallel to administrative control of the industrial corporations of the country by a Federal commission. It is largely the experience of the independent commission itself that will afford Congress the accurate information necessary to give to the country from time to time the additional legislation which may be needed.

"The whole theory of the creation of the commission has been to make it an efficient and useful independent body, concerned with the maintenance of proper supervisory relations of the Federal Government over industrial corporations engaged in Inter-State commerce.

"Those facts which ought to be the common property and the common knowledge of American business men are for the first time to be gathered and controlled as to their publicity by an independent commission. Powers of investigation, safeguarded by proper constitutional limitations, are taken from a now subordinate department under the control of the Executive and given to this non-partisan body. Where publicity through reports and investigations to promote beneficent legislation are alike in effect to develop better business practices, the existing administrative machinery of the Federal law is fortified by an independent commission which will perform a work in aid of the courts not now authorized anywhere in the Government.

"Having regard for the singular success which the Interstate Commerce Commission has had upon the relation of the railroads to the public, independently of the direct power it has exercised to regulate rates and practices, it would seem that the country may rightfully feel that the interstate trade commission will perform services that will be of inestimable advantage to the business and the future of the country."

A referendum vote on the Inter-State Trade Commission Bill was initiated by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on Tuesday last. It goes to the 543 commercial organizations in 47 States, constituent members of the national chamber, and the votes of these organizations, when recorded, will be made public, and will represent the view of the national chamber with reference to the proposed Commission. The referendum is based on the report of a special committee, appointed in response to a resolution passed by the recent annual meeting of the Chamber in Washington. The committee is composed of two business men: Guy E. Tripp, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. of New York, and Wm. L. Saunders, President of the Ingersoll-Rand Co. of New York City; two economists: President Charles R. Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin, and Professor Henry R. Seager, of Columbia University, and

former President of the American Association for Labor Legislation; two lawyers: Charles F. Mathewson, of the firm of Krauthoff, Harmon & Mathewson, of New York City, and George F. Rublee, of Washington, former member of the law firm of Spooner & Cotton, of New York City; R. G. Rhett, President of the People's National Bank of Charleston, acted as Chairman. The seven definite recommendations to be rejected or supported by the members whose views are sought are:

1. That there be created an Inter-State Trade Commission of at least five members, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, not more than a mere majority of whom shall be of the same political party.

2. That jurisdiction of the Commission in conducting investigation extend to all corporations engaged in Inter-State or foreign commerce, except such as are amenable to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. (It has not been judicially determined whether or not banks are engaged in Inter-State commerce, but it is not understood to be the purpose of the bill creating an Inter-State Trade Commission to include banks among the corporations placed within the jurisdiction of the Commission.)

3. That the Commission should not now be given authority to advise applicants concerning the legality of proposed contracts, combinations, &c., under the Sherman Act.

4. That the annual reports of corporations, if required, should at the outset be confined to those of the larger corporations (say, to those having capital resources of \$5,000,000 or more, or to those having an annual income of \$2,500,000), and to such other classes of corporations as the Commission may officially determine.

5. That in the annual reports made to the Commission, corporations ought not to be required to disclose trade processes, shop costs, classification of sales and profits among particular articles, names of customers, or other like private information.

6. That the publication of facts obtained by the Commission be confined to such as are to the public interest.

7. That Congress should direct the Commission to investigate and report to Congress at the earliest practicable date on the advisability of amending the Sherman Act to allow a greater degree of co-operation in the conduct, and for the protection, of the foreign trade.

"The President's Trust Program" was discussed by former U. S. Attorney-General George W. Wickersham at Rochester on the 11th inst. Mr. Wickersham analyzed the anti-trust legislation which has been introduced in Congress since the President's Message of last January, and particularly the Inter-State Trade Commission bill of last month, which he characterized as "the latest expression of a mania for investigation, which has occupied the legislative mind to such an extent as apparently to exclude all constructive thought." He declared that "the amount of information elicited by investigating committees would fill libraries, but the number of constructive suggestions of sane legislation measurably adapted to reach the evils which have been ascertained could be printed in one small volume." According to Mr. Wickersham there is a widespread feeling that some more constructive program is demanded than that recommended by the President and now under consideration in Congress, which has led the New York Chamber of Commerce and other bodies to demand that the whole program be deferred to a later session of Congress in order that what should be finally determined upon might be the product of mature judgment and likely to inure to the benefit and not to the disadvantage of the interests of the people. Mr. Wickersham pointed out that a national industrial commission would be most useful, first, in assisting in the disintegration of unlawful combinations found by the courts to exist in violation of the Sherman law, thus relieving the Department of Justice and the courts of the burden cast upon them by requiring the enforcement of the law without any legislative guidance as to the method of its enforcement after a decree is pronounced; second, that through such a commission protection might be afforded to parties to contracts, consolidations or mergers, who were willing to submit them to such a commission, with a frank statement of all the surrounding facts, such submission to protect the parties to the agreement from liability for criminal prosecution, unless and until they should fail, upon notice from the commission that such agreements, &c., violated the law, to take steps to cancel the same, and, third, to entertain and decide in a summary way complaints of violations of the anti-trust law and make orders which if complied with by those against whom they are directed, would relieve from the penalties of the anti-trust Act. Mr. Wickersham also added:

It is worthy of serious consideration whether or not, with respect to new co-operative business organizations, including those resulting from the disintegration, pursuant to decree, of unlawful combinations heretofore formed, it would not operate in the public interest to have some administrative body, following the analogy of the Panama Canal Act, clothed with power to investigate and determine whether or not the public interest might not justify the continuance of organizations and co-operative arrangements which, although theoretically constituting an undue restraint of potential competition, yet actually are operating to the advantage of the public. It is the study of affirmative constructive measures of this character which is demanded at the present time, and not the multiplication of additional prohibitions to those already on the statute books, and which have proved effective and susceptible of enforcement.

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

[CONCLUDING ARTICLE.]

We complete this week 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.

A complete index to the steam railroads whose securities have previously been classified will be found in our issue of Feb. 14, page 490, and a full index to the electric railway and public utility securities in our issue of March 21, page 875.

In our issues of March 21 and 28 we classified the bonds of a large number of industrial properties, an index to the former being on page 875 and of the latter on page 965.

We now give, firstly, 27 additional steam roads, as follows:

Atlantic & Western Ry.	Indian Creek Valley Ry.
Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal RR.	Jacksonville Terminal Ry.
Bennettsville & Cheraw RR.	La Crosse & Southeastern Ry.
Butte Anaconda & Pacific Ry.	Marion & Rye Valley Ry.
Carolina & Northwestern Ry.	Middletown & Unionville RR.
Central of Georgia Ry. (correction).	Mineral Point & Northern Ry.
Central Vermont Ry.	Missouri Pacific Ry. (correction).
Dayton Lebanon & Cincinnati RR. & Terminal Co.	Mutual Terminal Co. of Buffalo.
Gainesville Midland Ry.	Nevada Central RR.
Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.	Peoria Ry. Terminal.
Great Southern RR.	Richmond Fredericksburg & Potom. RR.
Green Bay & Western RR. (correction).	St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry.
Hawkinsville & Florida Southern Ry.	Tacoma Eastern RR.
Hudson & Manhattan RR.	Union Terminal Ry. of Dallas.
Hudson Companies.	Williamsport & North Branch RR.

And, lastly, the following 13 additional electric railways:

Buffalo Southern Ry.	Middle West Utilities Co.
Butte Electric Ry.	Pacific Electric Ry. Co.
Carbon Transit Co.	Providence & Fall River Street Ry.
Cleveland Southwestern & Colum. Ry.	Schenectady Ry. Co.
Coast Counties Gas & El. Co.	Southern Traction Co.
Ithaca Street Ry.	Texas Traction Co.
Kansas City Western Ry.	

STEAM RAILROADS.

ATLANTIC & WESTERN RAILWAY.

Interest Payable without Deduction of Federal Income Tax.

First mortgage 5s (\$1,500,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	M-N	May 1 1952 \$300,000

BALTIMORE & OHIO CHICAGO TERMINAL RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

City of Chicago purchase money mtge. 5s. M-N	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
First mortgage 4s (\$50,000,000)-----	A-O	April 1 1960 *28,000,000
Chicago & Great Western first mtgs. 5s. J-D		June 1 1936 6394,000

* A municipal bond and therefore tax-free. a All owned by Baltimore & Ohio RR. b Free of United States taxes.

BENNETTSVILLE & CHERAW RAILROAD.

Interest Payable without Deduction of Federal Income Tax.

First mortgage 5s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	Jan. 1 1941 \$150,000

BUTTE ANACONDA & PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s (\$5,000,000 Feb. 1 1914) F-A	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
		Feb. 1 1944 *\$3,000,000

* Free of all taxes except Federal income tax.

CAROLINA & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s (\$2,500,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	July 1 1957 \$1,700,000
Caldwell & Northern first mtgs. 5s.-----	J-D	June 1 1957 543,000

CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILWAY.

[Correction.]

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

The Central Railroad & Banking Co. collateral trust 5s, due May 1 1937, were included in the official list of the company furnished to us some time ago under the classification of "bonds containing the so-called tax-free covenants," and were accordingly shown in the list of bonds given in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 13 1913, page 1700, among bonds "issued with tax-exemption clauses."

The company, under date of Feb. 24, instructed the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and The Citizens & Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga., at which places interest is paid on the bonds, as follows:

"In the hurry of preparations for 'deductions at the source' under the income tax law, we authorized you to treat as tax-free the coupons of the Collateral Trust bonds of the Central Railroad & Banking Co. of Georgia, May and November, paid by you for our account, and in accordance with our instructions no deductions were made from these bonds in payment of the November coupons. Now that we have had time to consider the matter, we are advised by counsel that these bonds contain no covenant which prohibits the debtor from deducting the amount of the normal tax in payment of these coupons when required by the Income Tax Law and the regulations of the Treasury Department, and that the debtor is under no obligation to pay this amount for account of the coupon holders. You will, therefore, hereafter please treat these bonds as containing no tax-free covenant and make the deduction of 1% in all cases required by the Treasury regulations."

An official advises us as follows: "The bonds have a clause which might be described as a tax-exemption clause, but we are advised by counsel that the language of the clause does not affect the income tax and the deductions required by law. The bonds are not 'issued without reference to taxes,' but the reference to taxes therein is not a reference to the income tax now imposed by law."

We find, upon examination, that the bond contains the following provision: "The principal and interest of this bond are payable without deduction for any tax or taxes now imposed or hereafter to be imposed thereon, either by the laws of the United States or of the State of Georgia, which the said company is or may be required by said laws, or any of them, to retain therefrom, it being hereby provided that the said Railroad & Banking Co. shall pay the same."

We have also examined the mortgages at hand which secure a number of other bond issues stated in our list of Dec. 13 1913 (page 1700) to contain tax-exemption clauses. This provision in these mortgages is as follows: "The principal and interest of this bond are payable without deduction for any tax or assessment which the Railway Co. may be required to pay thereon, or to retain therefrom under or by reason of any present or future law, the Railway Co. hereby agreeing to pay all such taxes and assessments."

CENTRAL VERMONT RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 4s (\$12,000,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	Q-F	May 1 1926 *\$10,732,000
Equipment trust 5s (due \$49,000 s.-a.)-----	F-A	To Feb. 1921 784,000
Cent. Vt. Transp. equip. trust 5s, Ser. A. M-N 15 To May 1921		187,000
Equipment trust 5s, Series B.-----	M-N	To May 1922 833,000
New London Northern first mortgage 4s. J-J		July 1 1940 1,500,000

* The listing statement prepared for the New York Stock Exchange states that principal and interest are payable without deduction for any taxes imposed by the United States, or any State, county or municipality, or of the Dominion of Canada, which the railway may be required to pay or retain.

DAYTON LEBANON & CINCINNATI RAILROAD & TERMINAL CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

20-year 6% gold bonds (March 1914)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	M-S	Mar. 1 1934 *\$300,000

* The company "hereby binds itself and agrees to hold the owner of this bond harmless on account of any income tax assessed and paid on account hereof, under and by virtue of the now existing laws of the United States."

GAINESVILLE MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s (\$1,000,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	M-N	Nov. 1 1935 \$661,000
6% notes-----	A-O	Oct. 1 1916 325,000

GEORGIA SOUTHERN & FLORIDA RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s (\$4,000,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	July 1 1945 \$3,838,000
First consol. mtgs. 4s (\$10,000,000)-----	J-F	July 1 1952 2,000,000
Equip. tr. 4 1/2s Ser. C (due \$25,000 s.-a.) M-S		Mar. 15 1920 300,000
Nevada Central RR. Peoria Ry. Terminal. Richmond Fredericksburg & Potom. RR. St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry. Tacoma Eastern RR. Union Terminal Ry. of Dallas. Williamsport & North Branch RR.		To Aug. 1923 361,000

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s (\$5,000,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	July 1 1925 \$590,000

GREEN BAY & WESTERN RAILROAD.

[Correction.]

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

The Class A and Class B income debentures were shown in the list in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 27 1913, page 1863, as containing clauses providing that the payment of principal and interest of the debentures shall be free from deduction for taxes. The statement was based upon official information, which was nevertheless erroneous, as the indenture under which both classes of debentures are issued has no provision for freedom from taxation of either class of security. The company, therefore, has not assumed and does not pay the normal Federal income tax on the debentures where the holder is taxable.

HAWKINSVILLE & FLORIDA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	A-O	April 1 1952 \$586,000
Gulf Line Ry. first mortgage 5s.-----	M-S	Sept. 1 1937 577,500

HUDSON COMPANIES.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

Secured 6% notes-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	F-A	Aug. 1 1918 \$1,500,000

HUDSON & MANHATTAN RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 4 1/2s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	F-A	Feb. 1 1957 \$944,000
First lien and ref. mtgs. 5s (\$65,000,000)-----	F-A	Feb. 1 1957 36,563,000
Adjustment income mortgage (up to 5%) A-O		Feb. 1 1957 33,574,000
N. Y. & Jersey first mortgage 5s.-----	F-A	Feb. 1 1932 5,000,000

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

Equip. trust 5s, Ser. A (due \$46,000 s.-a.) M-S	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
Equip. trust 5s, Ser. B (due \$25,000 s.-a.) A-O		To Mar. 1919 \$460,000
Equip. trust 5s, Ser. C (due \$21,000 s.-a.) F-A		To Oct. 1920 325,000
		To Aug. 1921 315,000

INDIAN CREEK VALLEY RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-D	June 1 1927 \$265,000

JACKSONVILLE TERMINAL RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	July 1 1939 \$500,000

LA CROSSE & SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY.

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mortgage 5s (\$1,000,000)-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	A-O	Oct. 1 1944 \$300,000

MARION & RYE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

First mortgage 6s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	July 1 1922 \$175,000

MIDDLETOWN & UNIONVILLE RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 6s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	M-N	Nov. 1 1933 *\$200,000
Adjustment mtgs. 6s, non-cum. income. M-N		Nov. 1 1933 *250,000

* Free of all taxes except Federal income tax.

MINERAL POINT & NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 5s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	M-N	May 1 1925 \$450,000

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

[Correction.]

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

The Trust 5s due Jan. 1 1917 were shown in the list given in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 22 1913, page 1469, among bonds "issued without reference to taxes." This statement was based upon official information. We are now informed, however, that while the original mortgage did not contain a provision that the principal and interest should be free from deductions for taxes, the official overlooked the fact that a provision to that effect was inserted in a supplemental mortgage, which governs the matter.

MUTUAL TERMINAL CO. OF BUFFALO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

First mortgage 4s.-----	Int. Maturity Date. Outstand'g.	
	J-J	July 1 1924 \$2,934,000

NEVADA CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage non-cum. income 5s	J-J	July 2 1938	\$750,000

PEORIA RAILWAY TERMINAL.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 4s	J-J	Jan. 1 1937	\$944,000
First ref. mtg. 4 1/4s (\$2,000,000)	J-D	Dec. 1 1941	1,500,000

RICHMOND FREDERICKSBURG & POTOMAC RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Consolidated mortgage 4 1/4s	A-O	Apr. 1 1940	\$500,000
General mortgage 3 1/4s	A-O	Apr. 1 1943	2,680,000

ST. LOUIS & O'FALLON RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Second mortgage 5s	M-S	1928	*\$300,000

* Free of all United States taxes.

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s	A-O	1923	\$203,000

TACOMA EASTERN RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s (\$1,500,000)	J-J	Jan. 1 1923	\$884,000

UNION TERMINAL RY. OF DALLAS.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s	A-O	April 1 1942	*\$2,000,000

* Free of all taxes except Federal income tax.

WILLIAMSPORT & NORTH BRANCH RAILROAD.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 4 1/4s	J-J	July 1 1931	\$545,000

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

BUFFALO SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s (\$2,000,000)	A-O15	Oct. 15 1934	\$600,000

BUTE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Mr. J. H. Anderson, Sec. and Treas. of this company, informs us that the company "assumed the normal income tax of 1% which it is required to withhold at the source from payment of interest on its bonds."

CARBON TRANSIT COMPANY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s	F-A	Aug. 1 1933	\$150,000
Second mortgage 5s (\$100,000)	J-D	June 1 1940	27,000

CLEVELAND SOUTHWESTERN & COLUMBUS RY.

We have been informed by Mr. J. O. Wilson, Sec. and Treas. of this company, that the company "intends to pay the normal income tax on all interest coupons for which it is liable with the exception of the Ohio Central Traction Co. 1st mtg. 5s (\$150,000 outstanding), due in 1919."

COAST COUNTIES GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Coast Counties L. & P. 1st mtg. 5s	F-A	Aug. 1 1946	\$980,000
Big Creek Lt. & P. 1st mtg. 4s			320,000
San Benito Lt. & Pow. 1st mtg. 6s			150,000

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Union Trac. Co. 1st mtg. 5s	F-A	Feb. 1 1935	\$639,000

ITHACA STREET RAILWAY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 6s	J-J	July 1 1922	\$175,000
Consol. mortgage 5s	J-J	July 1 1927	475,000
Second mortgage 6s	J-J	July 1 1922	75,000
Cayuga Lake Elec. 1st mtg. 6s	J-D	June 1 1922	25,000

KANSAS CITY WESTERN RY.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First ref. mtg. 5s (\$5,000,000)	M-S	Sept. 1 1925	*\$1,650,000

* We are advised that under the provision of mortgage the company "is required to absorb income tax on coupon collections."

MIDDLE WEST UTILITIES CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Collateral notes (6%)	J-D	June 1 1916	\$3,500,000
Twin State G. & E. 1st ref. M. 4 1/4s (1906)	A-O	Oct. 1 1926	1,040,000
Dover Gas Light consol. mtg. 5s	M-S	Sept. 1 1925	150,000
Hoosick Falls Illum. mtg. 5s		1935	75,500
Hoosick Falls Elec. Co. mtg. 5s		1930	65,000
Bennington Elec. Co. mtg. 4 1/2s		1935	98,500

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Twin States G. & E. 1st & ref. mtg. 5s		Oct. 1 1953	*\$630,000
Convert. gold notes (5%)	A-O	Oct. 1 1916	500,000
United G. & El. mtg. 5s		Sept. 1 1917	250,000
Brattleboro Gas Lt. mtg. 5s		Feb. 2 1923	73,000
Bennington Wat. P. & Lt. mtg. 5s		1923	64,000
Mortgage 5s		1929	12,500

* Held as collateral for the notes due Oct. 1 1916.

As to the remaining mortgages on the various properties controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co., we have been informed "that the policy of the company is to pay the income tax whether the mortgage provides for it or not." This of course has reference also to the bonds listed just above under the head "Issued without reference to taxes."

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First ref. mtg. 5s (\$100,000,000)	M-S	Sept. 1 1961	\$25,373,000
Los Angeles Pac. Co. 1st ref. M. 4s	J-J	Jan. 1 1950	8,323,000

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
Pac. Elec. Co. 1st mtg. 5s	J-J	Jan. 1 1942	\$8,449,000
Los Ang. & Pas. Elec. Ry. 1st M. 5s	J-J	Jan. 1 1928	1,000,000
Pas. & Mt. Lowe 1st M. 4s	J-D	June 1 1930	500,000
Cal. Pacific Ry. 1st mtg. 5s	J-J	July 1 1941	480,000
Los Angeles Pac. RR. 1st mtg. 5s	J-D	June 10 1928	10,000
First con. mortgage 5s	A-O	April 1 1931	1,465,000
First & ref. mortgage 5s	M-S	Sept. 1 1943	3,451,000
Los Ang. Her. B. & Red. 1st M. 5s	M-N	May 1 1942	74,000
Los Ang. & Redon. 1st mtg. 5s	J-J	Jan. 2 1946	1,273,000
Los Ang. & Redon. 1st mtg. 5s	J-J	Jan. 15 1932	500,000
Riverside & Arl. 1st mtg. 4s	F-A14	Aug. 14 1919	200,000
San Bern. Val. Tr. 1st mtg. 5s	A-O	Oct. 1 1931	44,000
First & ref. mtg. 5s	M-S	Sept. 1 1933	833,000
Redlands St. Ry. 1st mtg. 6s	F-A	Aug. 1 1919	50,000
First mortgage 5s	M-S	Sept. 1 1931	27,000
Redlands Cent. Ry. 1st mtg. 5s	J-J	July 1 1937	110,000

PROVIDENCE & FALL RIVER STREET RAILWAY.

Issued without Reference to Taxes.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s	J-J	July 1 1921	\$165,000

SCHENECTADY RAILWAY CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 4 1/4s	M-S	Sept. 1 1941	\$2,000,000
Consol. mtg. 4 1/4s (\$7,500,000)	M-N	May 1 1953	*1,000,000

* Assumed by the Schenectady Illuminating Co.

SOUTHERN TRACTION CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstand'g.
First mortgage 5s (\$10,000,000)	J-D	June 1 1942	\$6,000,000
Second mortgage	J-D	June 1 1942	500,000

TEXAS TRACTION CO.

Issued with Tax-Exemption Clause.

	Int.	Maturity Date.	Outstanding
First mortgage 5s	J-J	Jan. 1 1937	\$2,000,000
Second mortgage 8s	A-O	April 1 1916	400,000
Den. & Sher. 1st mtg. 5s	J-J	July 1 1927	260,000
Second mortgage 6s	A-O	April 1 1916	185,000

INCOME TAX REGULATIONS AND DECISIONS.

The section of the Income Tax Law exempting religious and other organizations from the payment of the tax is also intended to relieve such organizations from every obligation or requirement imposed upon withholding agents under the law. The following is the decision in the matter made by the Treasury Department:

RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM TAX RELIEVED OF REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO WITHHOLDING AGENTS.

(T. D. 1907.)
Income Tax.

Organizations, &c., exempted by the first proviso of paragraph G of Section 2 of the Act of Oct. 3 1913 from payment of the income tax, are not subject to the provisions of the Income Tax Law as withholding agents.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Washington, D. C., March 25 1914.

To Collectors of Internal Revenue:

This office is in receipt of several communications relative to the duty as withholding agents of religious corporations and other organizations which are specifically enumerated in the first proviso of paragraph G of Section 2 of the Act of Oct. 3 1913.

The language of said proviso is as follows:

That nothing in this section shall apply to labor, agricultural, or horticultural organizations, or to mutual savings banks not having a capital stock represented by shares, or to fraternal beneficiary societies, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself, operating under the lodge system, and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident and other benefits to the members of such societies, orders or associations and dependents of such members; nor to domestic building and loan associations; nor to cemetery companies, organized and operated exclusively for the mutual benefit of their members; nor to any corporation or association organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes, no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual; nor to business leagues; nor to chambers of commerce or boards of trade not organized for profit or no part of the net income of which inures to the benefit of the private stockholder or individual; nor to any civic league or organization not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare.

You are therefore advised that the words "this section" are held to refer to and mean the whole of Section 2 of the Act of Oct. 3 1913, which section comprises the Income Tax Law, and that the words "nothing in this section shall apply to" were intended to relieve such organizations, &c., as properly come within the classifications referred to in the proviso quoted, not only from the payment of an income tax, but from every obligation or requirement imposed by any or all of the provisions of said section upon withholding agents.

ROBERT WILLIAMS JR.,
Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Approved:
W. G. McADOO, Secretary of the Treasury.

AN ENGLISH PARISH CHURCH SEEKING AID.—The following comes to us from a highly esteemed correspondent on the other side:

Noblesse oblige. Many visitors from the United States motor through the village and past the ancient church of Horley, which are situate amid the picturesque scenery of Surrey, half way between London and Brighton. Several descendants of William Brown, 1563-1613, whose wives and children's names are recorded in a genealogical tablet in the church, became clergymen in the United States. Thus the parish of Horley has given of its children for the service of the American Church, and the present Vicar appeals to any chivalrous American who believes in recompense to assist the village by subscribing \$1,000, the expense of warming the church efficiently. A tablet to the memory of the donor would be placed in the church to commemorate the kindly gift. Address the Vicar, Horley, Surrey, England.

BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

Only 35 shares of bank stock were sold at the Stock Exchange this week and no sales were made at auction. No trust company stocks were sold.

Shares. BANKS—New York. Low. High. Close. Last previous sale.
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The bill drawn by the Van Tuyl Commission revising the banking laws of New York State was signed by Governor Glynn on the 16th inst. The bill was passed by the Legislature on March 25. The Commission was created under a law passed a year ago following a recommendation for its appointment by Governor Sulzer's Commission of Inquiry, which at the instance of the Governor had conducted an investigation into the affairs of the failed Union Bank of Brooklyn Borough, and suggested that a revision of the banking laws of the State be undertaken. The report of the Banking Commission was presented to the Governor and the Legislature on February 25 1914. In signing the bill codifying the laws, Governor Glynn on Thursday said:

In my opinion, New York now has the best banking law of any State in the Union. This measure radically revises the banking laws, and for the first time places private bankers under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Banks. Under the new statute, also, State banks and trust companies are enabled to become members of the Federal Reserve Bank to be located in New York City, and in many respects the State laws are made to conform with recent Federal banking legislation; credit unions and a land bank may be formed to assist farmers in obtaining loans, small loan brokers are placed under more strict supervision and to the Superintendent of Banks is given broader powers to investigate violations of the laws.

The Governor also stated that although there were provisions in the new law permitting the formation of a land bank; they were not so broad as those contained in his Land Bank Bill, which failed of passage. He announced his intention of signing the companion bill designed to provide for the formation of co-operative credit unions, although that feature also was taken care of in part in the Van Tuyl bill.

Another statement given out at Albany with regard to the Van Tuyl bill, having particular reference to its provisions affecting private bankers, said:

By signing the new banking law to-day, Governor Glynn has provided the remedy for the evils which have heretofore existed in the management of private banks. The new law will prevent the recurrence of any such financial disaster as the Segel failure. From to-day the depositors who trust their money to private bankers will have the assurance that it is safely invested. Furthermore, the thousands of people who are accustomed to place their small savings with private institutions will have the same protection from the State which has been given to depositors in savings banks.

The Van Tuyl bill regulates the investment of funds of private institutions, and in this way protects the savings of hard-working people, whose money in the past has often been invested improperly, with disastrous results. It is Governor Glynn's opinion that no measure passed by the Legislature of 1914 will protect the interests of so many people as the private bank section of the new banking law.

A separate bill regulating private bankers had been on its way to final passage during the closing days of the Legislature in March, but, inasmuch similar provisions were embodied in the general bill, action on the separate measure (or Pollock Private Banking Bill as it was known) was suspended when it became apparent that the Van Tuyl measure would go through. The reserve requirements under the newly enacted law were given in these columns March 28. In our issue of April 4 we indicated how deposits are defined and what deductions are permitted in the computation of reserves.

Gov. Glynn has signed a bill amending the stock transfer tax law of New York State, in so far as it relates to the requirement that every person, firm, company, association or corporation shall register with the State Comptroller their place of business and the time and place of incorporation. The provisions requiring such registration were originally passed last year, and went into effect on July 1 1913, as set out in our issue of July 5 1913. We give below the newly enacted measure, showing in brackets the matter which has been omitted and in italics the new features; it is understood that it is the purpose of the new bill to correct the defect which had existed in the original bill through its neglect to specifically cover all foreign corporations in the State:

Section 275-a. REGISTRATION; PENALTY FOR FAILURE. Every person, firm, company, association or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the making or negotiating of sales, agreements to sell, deliveries or transfers of shares or certificates of stock, or conducting or transacting a stock brokerage business, and every stock association, company or corporation which shall maintain a principal office or place of business within the State or which shall keep or cause to be kept within the State of New York a place for the sale, transfer or delivery of its stock, shall within ten days after the amendment to this section (this Act) shall take effect, if such certificate shall not have been theretofore filed, or if at the time this Act shall take effect, not engaged in such business or maintaining such principal office or place of business or such a place for the sale or transfer of its stock, within ten days after engaging in such business or after establishing such principal office or place of business or such a place for the sale or transfer of its stock, as the case may be, file in the office of the Comptroller a certificate setting forth the name under which such business is, or is to be, conducted or trans-

acted, and the true or real full name or names of the person or persons conducting or transacting the same, with the post office address or addresses of said person or persons, unless the party so certifying be a corporation, in which event it shall set forth its said principal office or place of business and when and where incorporated. Said certificate shall be executed and duly acknowledged by the person or persons so conducting or intending to conduct said business or by the President or Secretary of the corporation, as the case may be.

In the event of a change in the persons composing such firm, company or association, or of the address of any such person, firm, company, association or corporation, or termination of such business or relationship, a like certificate setting forth the facts with respect to such change or termination shall within ten days thereafter be filed in the office of the Comptroller.

Any such person, firm, company, association or corporation who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

A bill creating a Department of Markets in New York City was vetoed by Mayor Mitchel on the 14th inst. The bill provided for the creation, by a Market Commission of five members, of wholesale terminal markets of not less than one in each of the five boroughs, the markets to be served by railroad spurs. The passage of the bill was an outgrowth of the recommendation of the Commission appointed by the late Mayor Gaynor to inquire into market conditions, with a view to working out a solution for the distribution of food-stuffs at a low cost. In setting out his reasons for vetoing the bill Mayor Mitchell said:

I disapprove this bill with the greatest reluctance. There is great merit in the solution it proposes for a settlement of the market problem and the consequent reduction of the unnecessarily high cost of food. But some opposition to the measure having developed in the Board of Estimate, it was agreed that the bill would be drawn in such form as to be permissive and not mandatory.

Should this measure be amended, which I hope will be done at an early date, there are certain defects of substance in the present draft that should be corrected. The more important of these I now call to attention of the draftsman, so they may be eliminated from the final draft.

In Section 1166F the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to grant connecting spurs from any railroad operating "main line tracks". This language might be construed to apply only to railroads having main line tracks in the city at this time, and thereby create monopolies of service.

Section 1166G of the proposed bill gives the market board power to make rules "regulating traffic in and about terminal and other markets." I am afraid this provision is too broad, and that it would conflict with the Police Department's traffic regulations. The word "about" would be almost certain to cause a conflict of jurisdiction.

A statement defending the stand of President Wilson in seeking the repeal of the canal tolls exemption clause has been made the present week by Secretary of State William J. Bryan. His statement, as given to the press, and made use of in his own publication, "The Commoner," in part is as follows:

"There are three facts to be considered—facts which the friends of free tolls have refused to discuss. First, that there was another plank in the platform, or rather another clause, which was practically a part of the same plank which contained the free tolls declaration. This clause had to do with the encouragement of the merchant marine, and reads:

"We believe in fostering by Constitutional regulation of commerce, the growth of a merchant marine, which shall develop and strengthen the commercial ties which bind us to our sister republics of the South, but without imposing additional burdens upon the people and without bounties or subsidies from the public treasury."

"The merchant marine includes all the ships belonging to American citizens, and it will be seen that the Democratic Party expressed a deep interest in the upbuilding of the merchant marine, and yet, notwithstanding the importance of the subject and the anxious concern felt by the party for the rehabilitation of the merchant marine, it specifically declared against bounties and subsidies as a means of aiding the merchant marine.

"But while the friends of free tolls are able to overlook the plank above quoted, with its clear and ringing declaration against subsidies and bounties, they regard as sacred the following lines in which the party indorsed free tolls:

"We favor the exemption from toll of American ships engaged in coastwise trade passing through the Canal."

"Second, but even if the platform had not contained within itself a complete refutation of the position taken by the advocates of free tolls, the President would have been justified in the position that he took by the changed conditions which confronted him.

"Such a change has taken place since the Baltimore platform was adopted. Had the Democrats in convention assembled been confronted by the condition which now exist and had they known what those now know who voted for repeal, no such plank would ever have been placed in the platform.

"Even if the plank had not been contradicted by another plank in the platform; even if it had not concealed a subsidy policy repugnant to Democratic principles and history; even if it had not rebuked the Democrats in Congress; even if conditions had not changed, still, dealing with an international question, it should be taken as the expression of a wish rather than as the expression of a determination, for no nation can afford to purchase a small advantage in the face of a universal protest.

"If a nation desires to array itself against the world, it should be sure that the thing which it is to gain is worth what it costs.

"The President, knowing that every commercial nation except our own construes the treaty as a pledge of equal treatment, would have been recreant to his trust had he failed to point out to the American people that our diplomatic relations would be seriously disturbed by the carrying out of the free tolls policy.

"The Chief Executive speaks for the nation in international affairs, and it is only fair to assume that he speaks advisedly when he declares that intercourse with other nations is seriously embarrassed by the free tolls law which he seeks to repeal.

At the hearings this week on the tolls-exemption clause before the Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals, Henry White, former Secretary of the Embassy at London, and who participated in the negotiations leading up to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, was a witness. In discussing these negotiations before the Committee, Mr. White is quoted in the "Journal of Commerce" as saying:

There was no suggestion that the coastwise vessels of the United States should be exempted from the payment of tolls or treated in any way different from other vessels. The question, in fact, never arose and was never discussed. I am sure that the understanding was all ships of all nations should be treated alike. Lord Salisbury insisted upon this, and I so cabled to Mr. Hay.

In one of three bills which he describes as "the trinity of his labors while in the Senate," introduced in the Senate on the 13th inst., Senator J. H. Lewis of Illinois proposes to abolish the Inter-State Commerce Commission and to create a new commission of twenty-one members for inter-State commerce and industry. This commission he would divide into three branches, creating three sub-commissions of seven members each, one branch to have inter-State commerce and transportation, railways and steamships; one to have jurisdiction over banking and finance, and the third over factories and inter-State manufactures and inter-shipments of manufactured merchandise. The commissions would be empowered to regulate and supervise the rates charged for the carrying or selling certain inter-State merchandise and commerce, and supervising the wages and compensation to be paid workmen engaged in the different enterprises supervised. With the creation of the commissions he suggests, Senator Lewis would abolish, in addition to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the new Federal Reserve Board and the Bureau of Corporations. Another of the bills submitted by him seeks to empower the United States to take over and lease to private interests all inter-State railroads; while the third would authorize the Government to build 100 ships in American waters, to be chartered in any part of the world as Government merchant marine, and to be an adjunct to the navy in time of war.

The refusal of banks to accept certified checks offered in payment of internal revenue taxes, where indorsed "without recourse" by an internal revenue collector, has resulted in the issuance of instructions by Commissioner Osborn that such qualified endorsement is unnecessary. Notice to this effect is given as following under Treasury Decision 1963:

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFIED CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES.

Treasury Department, Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., March 18 1914.

Sir: This office is in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in reference to certified checks offered in payment of internal-revenue taxes and to the refusal of your depository to accept such checks where you indorse the same "without recourse."

In reply you are informed that such qualified endorsement is unnecessary, and that any instructions on Forms 17, 21 and 647 contrary to this view are hereby rescinded.

In this connection attention is called to the Act of March 2 1911 (p. 108, Comp., 1911), respecting such checks not duly paid by the bank certifying to the same.

Respectfully,
W. H. OSBORN, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
Collector First District, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The practice of discounting commercial paper instead of collecting interest on the same at maturity was begun by the members of the Spokane Clearing-House Association on the 1st inst. in accordance with the following resolution, adopted on March 31:

Whereas, The provisions of the new Currency Law render time paper necessary in order that members may derive full benefit of discount privileges; and,

Whereas, Under the provisions of the Currency Law interest on paper presented for discount must be paid in advance; and,

Whereas, It is already in most parts of the country the prevailing practice to discount customers' paper; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the undersigned agree that on and after April 1 they will discount their customers' commercial paper instead of collecting interest on same at maturity, as is now the prevailing local custom; and the undersigned further agree that, in case it is found necessary to draw any notes on demand, interest on same will, so far as possible, be collected monthly.

Under another resolution adopted by the Association, the members are directed as far as possible to request firms and corporations seeking accommodation to furnish, with their individual statements, reports by some recognized and reputable accountant; such reports to have been made after a thorough examination, and at regular periods, during the past two or three years previous to the time when such accommodation is sought.

Under a ruling likewise put into operation by the Seattle Clearing-House Association on April 1, all banks belonging to it are required to collect interest on time loans in advance

and interest on demand loans monthly, instead of quarterly. Heretofore, it is stated, the bulk of interest on time loans has been collected at maturity. The change is made to conform with the regulations governing the new Federal reserve banks.

A bill taxing transfers of stock in Massachusetts at the rate of two cents on each \$100 of face value or fraction thereof was ordered favorably reported by the Committee on Taxation on the 8th inst. The proposed legislation follows the Stock Transfer Tax Law of New York.

The Assistant Attorney-General at New York has been directed by the Treasury Department to file an application with the United States Court of Customs Appeal for a review of the decision of the Board of General Appraisers, under which it was held that certain wood pulp and paper imported from Canada is entitled to free entry under the only provision of the Canadian Reciprocity Act which is operative. The information is contained in the official Bulletin of the Government—"Treasury Decisions," as follows:

(T. D. 34308).

WOOD PULP AND PAPER FROM QUEBEC.

Appeal directed from decision of the Board of United States General Appraisers of Feb. 26 1914, Abstract 34940 (T. D. 34219), that certain wood pulp and paper imported from Canada were entitled to free entry under Section 2, Act of July 26 1911.

Treasury Department, March 25 1914.

Sir: The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. relative to the decision of the Board of United States General Appraisers dated Feb. 26 1914, Abstract 34940 (T. D. 34219), that certain wood pulp and paper imported from Canada were entitled to free entry under Section 2 of the Act of July 26 1911.

In view of the importance of the issue, you are hereby requested to file, in the name of the Secretary of the Treasury, an application with the United States Court of Customs Appeals for a review of the said decision, in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 29 of Section 28 of the Tariff Act of Aug. 5 1909.

Respectfully,
WM. P. MALBURN, Assistant Secretary.
Assistant Attorney-General, New York.

The bill regulating trading in cotton futures and providing for the standardization of "upland" and "gulf" cottons separately was passed by the United States Senate on March 27. In line, however, with a motion to reconsider the votes by which the bill was passed, entered shortly after the passage by Senator Kenyon, consideration of it was resumed on the 28th ult. long enough to eliminate Section 6, which, according to Senator Kenyon's understanding, would have legalized cotton pools and exactly what the United States Supreme Court condemned in the case against Patten and others associated with him in the so-called cotton pool case. After the provision in question was stricken out the bill was passed in its amended shape by the Senate. The bill provides that no person connected with an exchange shall send through the mails matter promoting enforcement of a future delivery contract, unless the exchange requires all such transactions to comply with certain conditions, among them that contracts must provide for delivery within Department of Agriculture standards. To use the mail or the telegraph lines to send out Cotton Exchange quotations is also forbidden unless the exchange adopts the specified contracts; the sending of such matter through the mails is made a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5 000, or by one year's imprisonment. Another provision of the bill requires that if the cotton sold is middling and the delivery is of another grade the commercial difference in value between the grade delivered and the grade sold must be paid. In its final form the bill reads as follows:

AN ACT TO REGULATE TRADING IN COTTON FUTURES AND PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF "UPLAND" AND "GULF" COTTONS SEPARATELY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled:

Sec. 1. That no person, firm, joint-stock company, society, association, or corporation, their managers or officers, who are members of any exchange, society, corporation, or association in which or through which any contract or contracts for the future delivery of cotton are made shall send through the United States mail any letter, document, pamphlet, or other matter in the promotion or furtherance of the making or enforcing of such contract or contracts unless such exchange, society, corporation or association shall require all such contracts for future delivery of cotton to comply with the following conditions:

That such contract shall specify the number of bales of cotton involved in the contract, the price per pound of middling cotton, hereinafter called the basis grade, at which the cotton is contracted to be bought or sold, the date of the purchase or sale, and the month in which the contract is to be fulfilled or settled, and provide that the cotton therein mentioned or dealt with shall be within the grade limits fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture, to wit, within the limits of middling fair and good ordinary, inclusive, of Government standards, and no other grade or grades, and provide that in the settlement of such contract by the actual delivery of the cotton other than the basis grade, the difference above or below the contract price which shall be paid for such grades shall be determined as hereinafter provided.

That for the purposes of this paragraph the differences above or below the contract price which shall be paid for grades above or below the basis

grade, in the settlement of a contract for the future delivery of cotton by the actual delivery of the cotton involved therein, shall be determined by the actual commercial differences in value thereof, established by bona fide sales of spot cotton of the same grades, respectively, made in the course of actual trade, upon the sixth business day prior to the settlement of the contract, in the market where the future transaction involved takes place and is consummated; and in the event that there be no bona fide spot market in which spot sales are made from day to day, at or in the place in which such future transaction takes place, then, and in that case, the said average differences in value in the spot markets at five places designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, as the said average differences were established by the sales of spot cotton of the same grade, respectively, in such five markets upon the sixth business day prior to the settlement of the contract: *Provided*, that for the purposes of this paragraph such values in the said spot markets be based upon the standards for grades of cotton fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture. That for the purposes of this paragraph the only markets which shall be considered bona fide spot markets shall be such as are designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. That in determining, pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, what markets are bona fide spot markets, the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to consider only markets in which spot cotton is sold in such volume and under such conditions as customarily to reflect accurately the price of middling cotton and the differences between the prices or values of middling cotton and other grades of cotton for which standards shall have been established by the Secretary of Agriculture.

That such contract shall further provide that each bale of cotton tendered for delivery shall be separately marked and tagged before date of delivery, and the date of its arrival and classification indicated thereon, and that no cotton which has been certified for a longer period than one year can be tendered or delivered.

Such contract must further provide that no pro forma tender can be made, but actual delivery of classified cotton shall be made on the day named for delivery in the contract.

Sec. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture to standardize the grades of "upland" and "gulf" cottons separately; and such grades as are established for both "upland" and "gulf" cottons shall not include cotton below good ordinary or above middling fair. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture also to standardize according to grades, stains and tinges.

Sec. 3. That in case long-staple cottons are bought or sold for future delivery the length of the staple shall be designated in the contract, and the cotton shall be, when delivered, as of the grade and length of staple designated in the contract.

Sec. 4. That no person or corporation shall send through the mails or over the telegraph wires any price lists of sales of cotton in any cotton exchange engaged in selling futures which does not use a contract for future delivery of cotton in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 5. That no person whose evidence is deemed material by the officer prosecuting on behalf of the United States shall withhold his testimony because of complicity by him in any violation of this statute, but any such person so required to give evidence as a witness shall be exempt from prosecution in any court of the United States for the particular offense in connection with the prosecution whereof such testimony was given.

Sec. 6. That whoever shall send any letter, paper, publication, or package, or matter of any kind through the mails of the United States contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The eliminated section read as follows:

It is hereby declared to be legal for any number of men or corporations to agree to purchase lint cotton and to further stipulate that the same is not to be sold by or through a cotton exchange which is engaged in selling futures.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives decided on the 23d ult. to make a preliminary inquiry into the official conduct of Daniel Thew Wright, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. On the 21st ult. Justice Wright was charged in the House by Representative Page with being guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors. A resolution asking that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire and report whether action by the House was necessary respecting Justice Wright's alleged official misconduct was introduced by Representative Park and was referred to the Judiciary Committee. We print the resolution herewith:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire and report whether the action of this House is necessary concerning the alleged official misconduct of Daniel Thew Wright; whether he has accepted favors from lawyers appearing before him; whether he has permitted counsel for a street railway company to endorse his notes while said counsel was retained in business and causes before his court; whether he has performed the services of lawyer and accepted a fee during his tenure of judicial office, in violation of the statutes of the United States; whether he has collected and wrongfully appropriated other people's money; whether he has purposely changed the record in order to prevent reversal of causes wherein he presided; whether he has borne deadly weapons in violation of the law whether he is guilty of judicial misconduct in the trial of a writ of habeas corpus to an extent which provoked a reviewing court of the District of Columbia to justly characterize the trial as a "travesty of justice"; whether he has arbitrarily revoked, without legal right, an order of a judge of concurrent jurisdiction, appointing three receivers, so as to favor his friend by appointing him sole receiver; whether he is morally and temperamentally unfit to hold judicial office, and whether he has been guilty of various other acts of personal and judicial misconduct for which he should be impeached.

That this Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths, to employ, if necessary, an additional clerk and stenographer, and to appoint and send a sub-committee whenever and wherever necessary to take testimony for the use of said sub-committee.

That the sub-committee shall have the same power in respect to obtaining testimony as is herein given to the said Committee on the Judiciary; and the Speaker shall have authority to sign and the Clerk to attest subpoenas for any witness or witnesses.

That the expenses incurred in this investigation shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Prior to Representative Park's accusations, charges against Justice Wright were made by W. H. Cooper, a banker of

Washington, D. C., but were dismissed by the House Judiciary Committee on March 10 as "uncorroborated."

Although the annual convention of the American Institute of Banking does not take place until the fall, the program committee is already able to announce a tentative program. This alert committee consists of H. P. May, Assistant Cashier of the City National Bank of Dallas; R. S. Hecht, Trust Officer of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, and T. R. Durham, Assistant Cashier of the Chattanooga Savings Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. The convention is to be held in Dallas on Sept. 22, 23 and 24, and the purpose in announcing the plans relative thereto thus early is to give the banking interests an idea of the nature of the program, with a view to influencing those who had not planned to attend to make the trip and to enable them to arrange their summer vacation plans accordingly. While none of the speakers at the convention has yet been announced, the topics of discussion will be: "The Federal Reserve Bank," "Rural Credits," "One Year's Operation of the Income Tax," "Effect of the Federal Reserve Bank Act on the Commercial Paper and Bond Business," and "The Problem of National River Control." There will also be a symposium on "The New South," and a debate on "Resolved, That Government Ownership of the Telephone and Telegraph Lines would be for the best interests of the country"; a Western chapter will take the affirmative side and an Eastern chapter will treat the resolution negatively. The elaborate social features planned consist of an afternoon and evening entertainment on Tuesday Sept. 21 by the Dallas chapter, including an open-air barbecue and broncho busting exhibition, cabaret and dancing; an entertainment by the Dallas chapter on the evening of the 23rd, an automobile ride on the 24th, followed by a dinner and reception; there will also be a dance at the Country Club. After the adjournment of the convention, a three-days' trip through Texas will be arranged, for which exceptionally low rates will be granted, and which will enable the delegates to form an excellent idea of the history, resources and development of the State. The route for this trip will be as follows: Friday, Sept. 25, visit to Fort Worth and Waco; Saturday, Sept. 26, San Antonio; Sunday, Sept. 27, Houston and Galveston. From Galveston delegates can return either by boat to the East or by train to any section of the country, reaching home about Oct. 1.

In "Lippincott's Magazine" for April, Dr. Edward Sherwood Mead, a financial expert, attempts a simple and lucid explanation of the new Federal Bank Act and its operation. In this and two succeeding articles he proposes to show how President Wilson and his advisers effected something which would not have been deemed possible five years ago—to bring all the national banks into one system and put that system in charge of the large banking interests, which, he claims, are controlled by the only men with sufficient training, intelligence and experience to administer it.

A bill reducing the tax on bank stock to 1%, or about one-half the old rate, passed by the Maryland Legislature before its adjournment on the 6th inst., was signed by Gov. Goldsborough on April 13. The bill passed the Senate on April 3 and the House on the 6th. It is stated in the Baltimore "American" that, when the defeat of the bill seemed imminent in the Senate, a sentiment in its favor was suddenly and unexpectedly created by the report that Baltimore lost its petition for a regional reserve bank because of what was said to be the excessive tax on bank stock. Those working in behalf of the passage of the bill to reduce the tax are said to have claimed that, with the decrease in the rate, there would be an addition of \$20,000,000 to the deposits of Baltimore banks, and that, furthermore, under the more favorable conditions arising from the lower tax, Baltimore would be enabled to enter into competition with banks of other cities, like Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland and New York, in making loans. Under the newly-enacted bill, the bank stock will be assessed on a valuation which is fixed as the aggregate of the capital, surplus and undivided profits, at a uniform rate of 1%, irrespective of the residence of the stockholders.

A negotiable-instruments Act became effective in South Carolina on March 25. It passed the General Assembly on March 4. According to the "Journal of the American Bankers' Association," South Carolina is the forty-seventh State which has passed the law.

A bill providing for the creation of a banking department in Mississippi was signed by Gov. Brewer on March 9. The measure, known as the Kyle bill, was passed by the State Senate on Jan. 29. Amendments to the bill as it passed the House on Feb. 11 sent the bill to conference, and both branches of the Legislature subsequently agreed to the conferees' report. The new law provides for the establishment of a bank deposit guarantee system which is to go into operation on May 1 1915. It also contains a clause under which candidates for the position of bank examiners will be subject to election. The new Commission must consist of an attorney to be named by the Attorney-General, a banker to be appointed by the Governor and an expert accountant to be named by the Auditor. Judge N. C. Hill has been named as the legal member, Lewis E. Crook is the accountant selected, and W. P. Holland, President of the Planters' Bank of Clarksdale, is the banker chosen to serve on the Commission.

While stating that he considered the new legislation a splendid law in some respects, Gov. Brewer, in approving the bill, pointed out some features to which he took exception, as follows:

In the first place, under the bill the bank examiners are absolutely czars as far as the bank is concerned and have the power to place any bank, solvent or insolvent, in liquidation in the State if, in their opinion, it ought to be done. I therefore recommend that you pass a separate statute providing that if the bank examiners should undertake to liquidate any bank, and the officers of the bank should not desire to have it liquidated, that they should be permitted to go in and file with the bank examiners a good and solvent bond for 25% greater than all their liabilities, and obtain an injunction to prevent their liquidation, as under the provisions of this law it would be possible for the bank examiners to liquidate a perfectly solvent bank.

Among other things the last clause of the first paragraph of Sec. 6 of the Act provides: "If the said examiner upon a hearing shall be found to have violated any of the provisions of this Act, or shall be found for any reason to be unfit or disqualified to hold the office of bank examiner, he may, in the discretion of the Board, be removed by it." This clause in my opinion is clearly in violation of the Constitution, as the Constitution provides how an officer may be removed, and this section should be so amended as to conform to the Constitution.

Section 29 of the Act among other things provides: "No corporation except a national bank or postal savings bank shall carry on a banking business except in compliance with this Act." In my opinion those banks that were chartered between 1882 and the adoption of the Constitution of 1890 that are granted irrevocable charters cannot be required to guarantee their deposits, and that therefore that portion of the law that imposes double liability upon their stockholders is violative of their charter rights and would be void, and it looks as though the State were acting in bad faith with them, and while I think the courts will correct this, at the same time I wanted to keep the record straight that the Executive Department has called attention to this feature.

There is another feature of the bill that makes the bank examiners elective. I do not think there is anything that could be done to introduce a more pernicious influence into Mississippi politics than in making a bank examiner elective. But in view of the fact that this would not be operative until after the next general election, and relying upon the wisdom of the Legislature to correct this feature at the proper time, I do not refuse to sign this magnificent law on account of this feature of it.

An application for a pardon on behalf of eighteen of the members of the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Workers, convicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases, was filed with the Department of Justice at Washington on March 17. The petition is said to allege unfairness on the part of Judge Anderson during the trial at Indianapolis in his refusal to grant certain exceptions; the delivery by him of long speeches tending to show the guilt of the defendants; and it is furthermore contended that he intimidated and ridiculed counsel and witnesses for the defence.

Judge O'Brien of the Circuit Court at Houghton, Mich., on March 23 denied a motion to quash the indictment returned in January by the grand jury at Houghton, Mich., against Charles H. Moyer, President of the Western Federation of Miners, and thirty-seven other members of the organization. The indictment grew out of the strikes in the Michigan copper mining districts.

It is announced that under a change made in the by-laws of the Los Angeles Clearing-House Association, savings banks and trust companies are permitted to become members of the association; heretofore their clearings were made through member banks in the association, which comprised only the national institutions.

A readjustment of the interest rates paid to depositors on fixed and other deposits has been put into force this week by some of the city's large trust companies. This is the natural result when the money market is overburdened with loanable funds and low rates prevail for idle money. The old and conservative New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. announced last Saturday that it would reduce the rate on all deposits from 3 to 2½%. The Farmers' Loan & Trust, the United States Trust and the Bankers Trust have done

likewise. Several other trust companies will take definite action later if the money market does not improve. Several companies are taking new business at a reduction of ½ of 1%, but continuing the old interest rate on old business for the present.

George C. Van Tuyl Jr. formally resigned as New York State Superintendent of Banks on Wednesday and was immediately elected President of the Metropolitan Trust Co. of New York City. Shortly after Superintendent Van Tuyl sent his resignation to Governor Glynn, he received notice from the trust company that he had been elected a director, and had afterward been chosen as President of the institution. Superintendent Van Tuyl immediately assumed his duties as President of the Metropolitan Trust Co. Mr. Van Tuyl was appointed Superintendent of Banks by Governor Dix in 1911 and assumed his duties on May 23 1911, so that his term covered a full period of three years, lacking a little over a month. The term of office of Eugene Lamb Richards of New York, the new Superintendent of Banks, does not begin until May 9 next, as Mr. Richards has numerous personal affairs to dispose of before assuming his duties, it is expected that First Deputy Superintendent of Banks George I. Skinner will be the Acting Head of the Department until that time.

The Metropolitan Trust Co., of which Mr. Van Tuyl becomes President, was established in 1881, and is located at No. 49 Wall St., in the heart of the New York financial district. The aggregate resources are \$30,000,000. For many years the President of the institution was General Brayton Ives. He retired some time ago on account of ill-health. Strong financial interests are represented with the new President on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Trust Co.

Mr. Van Tuyl was born in Albany, where he rose in the banking business from the position of messenger to that of President of the Albany Trust Co. He entered the National Exchange Bank, Albany, as messenger, in 1888, and served in all capacities. He was made paying teller in 1893. He resigned from the National Exchange Bank in 1900 to become Secretary and Treasurer of the Albany Trust Co. He was elected Vice-President of the Albany Trust Co. in 1906 and President of the same company in 1908. He served in this capacity until appointed Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York in May 1911. At the time of accepting the position of Superintendent of Banks he was associated with the following institutions: President, Albany Trust Co.; director, First National Bank, Albany; director, First National Bank, Ravena; director, Niagara Falls Trust Co., Niagara Falls; trustee, Albany Exchange Savings Bank; director, Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Albany.

The Lincoln Trust Co. of this city will move next Monday into its own home, a handsome building running through from 204 Fifth Ave. to 1124 Broadway, and devoted entirely to the purposes of the company. It will be one of the very few financial institutions in the district between Union Square and Central Park owning the premises they occupy and it assures the permanency of the location of the Lincoln Trust Co. in the heart of the district it serves and within two doors of the location it has occupied for several years. Since the present management took charge in 1908 the company has about doubled its deposits to \$12,307,750 and its total assets to \$14,039,475. The new building presents a front of Indiana limestone on both Fifth Ave. and Broadway, each front possessing large windows extending the height of two floors. This arrangement supplies such natural light that the banking force will seldom be compelled to resort to artificial illumination, although the offices are supplied with the modern system of indirect lighting, while an effective system of ventilation adds to the comfort of the workers. The building is of fire-proof construction of steel and concrete and the offices are equipped with every up-to-date convenience for the transaction of business. The interior is simple but harmonious in all appointments, being treated to produce the effect of Botticini marble, Caen stone and natural-finish bronze. There are three stories to the new structure. The top floor is devoted to the bookkeeping department, storage vaults, locker rooms and ample toilet facilities. On the second floor are the rooms for meetings of the directors and various committees. On the first floor are the banking offices, with furniture of special steel equipment and every facility for the convenience of clerks and customers. A balcony running around the room serves for the desk room of the officers, correspondence depart-

ment, &c., overlooking on the Fifth Ave. side the spacious extent of Madison Square. The banking room is supplied with the dictaphone on the system of interior telephone service and every other modern facility. Below the first floor are extensive and well-equipped safe deposit vaults. The officers of the Lincoln Trust Co. are Alexander S. Webb, President; Abram M. Hyatt and Owen Ward, Vice-Presidents; Horace F. Poor, Vice-President and Treasurer; Frederic P. Davis, Secretary, and Breckenridge Carroll, Assistant Treasurer. The executive committee consists of Louis Stern, of Stern Bros., Chairman; Abram M. Hyatt; B. Aymar Sands, of Bowers & Sands; W. De Lancey Kountze, of Kountze Bros.; Isaac N. Seligman, of J. & W. Seligman & Co.; George Leask, of George Leask & Co.; Alexander S. Webb and C. Morton Whitman, of Clarence Whitman & Co. The board of directors numbers twenty-six and includes many prominent bankers, merchants and real estate men not included in the executive committee.

Hans Winterfeldt, formerly of Speyer & Co., has been elected managing director of the National Bank für Deutschland of Berlin.

The old-time banking firm of Blake Brothers & Co., which was founded in 1850, has moved its New York offices from 50 Exchange Place to the Bank of America Building, corner of Wall and William Sts. The new offices are more attractive and larger in every way and have the benefit of daylight with outside air on the two street sides. The firm has had to move on several occasions during its long existence to make way for building improvements. At one time it was located in Chauncey Lane, an old forgotten passage way running through from Wall Street to Exchange Place, between Broad and William St. The firm was the first tenant in the old Stevens Building, 18 Wall St., then one of the newest of the modern type of office buildings to be erected in this city, which was recently superseded by the new Bankers Trust Building, and later Blake Brothers & Co. had to move out of 5 Nassau St. to make way for the present Hanover Bank Building. One of the firm's earliest addresses was 54 William St., so at no time in the last sixty-four years has this old concern been situated more than one square from the financial thoroughfare of America.

Schedules in bankruptcy of H. B. Hollins & Co. of 15 Wall Street, which failed on Nov. 13 last, were filed on Mar. 31. The liabilities are placed at \$5,834,643, of which \$4,837,618 are secured, \$738,377 are unsecured, \$257,254 is due on notes which ought to be paid by others, and \$1,394 represents unpaid wages. The nominal assets are given as \$6,829,128, consisting of stocks and bonds, \$6,137,636, of which a good part is worthless; notes and bills of exchange, \$270,840; accounts, \$257,365; claims, \$135,370; cash in banks, \$27,419; cash on hand, \$147, and office furniture, \$357. Some of the larger secured creditors are the Chase National Bank \$951,980; W. K. Vanderbilt, \$546,596; Estate of J. P. Morgan, \$309,850; Hanover National Bank, \$351,485; the Metropolitan Trust Co., \$277,341; National Bank of Commerce, \$204,767; the First National Bank, \$175,340; the International Banking Corporation, London, \$153,739; J. P. Morgan & Co., \$100,233, &c.

The plans for the merger of the Federal Safe Deposit Co. of this city into the Corn Exchange Safe Deposit Co. were ratified by the respective stockholders on Mar. 25 and subsequently approved by Superintendent Van Tuyl. The stockholders of the Corn Exchange Safe Deposit Co. also authorized the issuance of \$100,000 of new capital, thus raising the amount from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

A map showing the boundaries of the new Federal Reserve districts has been issued by the Fourth National Bank of this city. It ought to prove very useful to every one in banking circles. We presume copies can be obtained by applying to the officials of the bank.

William B. Baker has been elected Cashier of the Park Bank of Baltimore, succeeding H. P. Smith, who resigned on March 31. Mr. Baker had previously been Assistant Cashier.

It is planned to reopen the First-Second National Bank of Pittsburgh on April 27. Following the action of the Pittsburgh Clearing House on the 8th inst. in voting to reinstate

the bank to membership, a conference between representatives of the bank and the Treasury Department was held on the 10th inst. relative to the reorganization plans, and this week the opening date was definitely set. The institution closed its doors on July 7 1913. Under the plan of rehabilitation it is to have a capital of \$4,000,000, 75% of which will be owned by the depositors and 25% by those who were already stockholders. The banks will also have a surplus of \$1,000,000. Before reorganization the institution had a capital of \$3,400,000. Lawrence E. Sands, President of the National Exchange Bank of Wheeling, W. Va., has been elected President of the reorganized Pittsburgh institution.

David B. Lyman, formerly President of the Chicago Title & Trust Co. of Chicago, and a director of the institution at the time of his death, died suddenly on the 8th inst. Mr. Lyman served in the presidency from 1895 to 1901. He was seventy-four years of age.

Frederick Weyerhaeuser of St. Paul, reported to be the largest owner of timber lands in the country, died at Pasadena, Cal., on the 4th inst. The various corporations in which he was interested are credited with controlling 30,000,000 acres of timber lands, valued as high as \$1,500,000,000. According to the St. Paul "Journal," he was a heavy owner in the following organizations and at some time or other President of nearly all: Mississippi River Boom & Logging Co., Potlatch Lumber Co., Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Weyerhaeuser Syndicate, Chippewa Lumber & Boom Co., Cloquet Lumber Co., Tacoma Lumber Co., Little Falls Lumber Co., Mississippi River Logging Co., Northland Pine Co., Pine Tree Lumber Co., Musser-Sauntry Co., St. Croix Lumber Co., Shell Lake Lumber Co., Northern Wisconsin Lumber Co., Chippewa Valley Lumber Co., Bonners Ferry Lumber Co., Superior Timber Co., Weyerhaeuser & Denckmann, Weyerhaeuser & Rutledge Lumber Co., Duluth & Northeast Ry., Mesabe Southern Ry., Atwood Lumber Co., Rutledge Lumber Co., Nebagamon Lumber Co. At the time of the consolidation in 1912 of the National German-American Bank of St. Paul with the Merchants' National, Mr. Weyerhaeuser was Vice-President of the first-named institution, and he entered the management of the consolidated institution in a similar capacity. Mr. Weyerhaeuser was in his eightieth year.

A merger of the National Reserve Bank and the National Bank of the Republic of Kansas City, Mo., was effected on the 11th inst. under the name of the National Reserve Bank. The National Bank of the Republic, organized in 1907 as successor to the American National Bank, had a capital of \$500,000 and deposits on March 4 of \$3,947,261. The National Reserve Bank was established in 1910 and took over at the time of its organization the Central National Bank; it has a capital of \$1,200,000, no change having been made in the amount with the consolidation just effected; its deposits on March 4 amounted to \$7,276,337. John T. M. Johnston, President of the National Reserve Bank, is Chairman of the Board of the consolidated bank. William Huttig, who was at the head of the National Bank of the Republic, is President of the new National Reserve Bank; the other officials are: C. B. McCluskey, Amos Gipson, C. B. Gray, John C. Knorpp, J. H. Berkshire, F. G. Robinson, W. E. Halsell and Willis Wood, Vice-Presidents; J. L. Johnston, Cashier; H. E. Huttig, W. G. Catron, Herritt Jeffries, E. H. Gregg and W. R. Coulson, Assistant Cashiers.

Edward B. Pryor has been elected to succeed the late John H. McCluney as President of the State National Bank of St. Louis. Mr. Pryor, who has been a director of the bank for eight years, is receiver of the Wabash RR. and Vice-President of the board of directors of the road.

The stockholders of the Bank of Bremen at St. Louis will hold a special meeting on May 20 to act on the question of increasing the capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

An article on "The Federal Reserve Act," by W. M. Martin, of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, is the subject of a special number of the company's publication issued under the title of "Service." The article is illustrated with portraits of all the Secretaries of the United States Treasury. The magazine will be sent to all those interested who may apply for it.

The Standard Bank of Canada (head office Toronto) has declared a dividend for the current quarter ending April 30 1914 of 3 3/4%, being at the rate of 13% per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of the bank. It is payable on and after the 1st of May to shareholders of record as of the 23d of April 1914.

DEBT STATEMENT OF MARCH 31 1914.

The following statements of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States are made up from official figures issued March 31 1914. For statement of Feb. 28 1914, see issue of March 28 1914, page 973; that of March 31 1913, see issue of April 26 1913, page 1203.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT MARCH 31 1914.

Table with columns: Title of Loan, Interest Payable, Amount Issued, Amount Outstanding (Registered, Coupon, Total). Rows include Consols of 1930, Loan of 1908-18, Loan of 1925, Pan. Canal Loan 1906, etc.

* Of this original amount issued, \$132,449,900 have been refunded into the 2% Consols of 1930 and \$2,307,300 have been purchased for the sinking fund and canceled. # Of this original amount issued, \$43,825,500 have been purchased for the sinking fund and canceled.

DEBT ON WHICH INTEREST HAS CEASED SINCE MATURITY.

Table with columns: Title of Loan, Feb. 28, Mar. 31. Rows include Funded loan of 1891, continued at 2%, called May 18 1900, Interest ceased Aug. 18 1900, etc.

DEBT BEARING NO INTEREST.

Table with columns: Title of Loan, Feb. 28, Mar. 31. Rows include United States notes, Old demand notes, National bank notes, redemption fund, Fractional currency, etc.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary table showing Interest-bearing debt, Debt interest ceased, Debt bearing no interest, Total gross debt, Cash balance in Treasury, and Total net debt for Feb. 28 1914 and Mar. 31 1914.

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

The foregoing figures show a gross debt on March 31 of \$1,339,781,735 16 and a net debt (gross debt less net cash in the Treasury) of \$1,082,261,345.

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

Large table divided into ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Trust Fund Holdings (Gold coin and bullion, Silver dollars, etc.), Total trust fund, Gen'l Fund Holdings, In Treasury Offices, In Nat. Bank Depositories, In Treasury Offices, In Treas. Philippine Islands, In Nat. Bank Depos., In Treas. Philippine Islands, and Reserve Fund Holdings. Liabilities include Trust Fund Liabilities (Gold certificates, Silver certificates, Treasury notes of 1930, etc.), Total trust liabilities, Gen. Fund Liabilities (Disburs. officers' bal., Outstanding warrants, etc.), Total, and Reserve Fund (Gold and bullion).

TREASURY CURRENCY HOLDINGS.—The following compilation, based on official Government statements, shows the currency holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of January, February, March and April 1914.

Table showing Treasury currency holdings for Jan. 1 1914, Feb. 1 1914, Mar. 1 1914, Apr. 1 1914. Rows include Holdings in Sub-Treasuries (Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, etc.), Cash balance in Sub-Treasuries, Cash in national banks, Net cash in banks, Sub-Treas., National bank redemption fund, and Available cash balance.

a Chiefly "disbursing officers' balances." # Includes \$2,965,186 10 silver bullion and \$2,317,601 50 minor coin, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR FEBRUARY.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has issued the statement of the country's foreign trade for February, and from it and previous statements we have prepared the following interesting summaries:

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Foreign Trade Movement of the United States for Merchandise and Gold. Columns for Exports and Imports for 1914 and 1913. Rows for January through December and Total.

Table showing Foreign Trade Movement of the United States for Silver. Columns for Exports and Imports for 1914 and 1913. Rows for January through December and Total.

Table showing Excess of Exports or Imports for Merchandise and Silver. Columns for Merchandise and Silver, with sub-columns for Exports, Imports, and Excess. Rows for January through December and Total.

Table showing Totals for merchandise, gold and silver for eight months. Columns for Merchandise, Gold, and Silver, with sub-columns for Exports, Imports, and Excess. Rows for 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10, 1908-09, and Total.

Table showing Similar totals for the two months since January 1 for six years. Columns for Merchandise, Gold, and Silver, with sub-columns for Exports, Imports, and Excess. Rows for 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12, 1910-11, 1909-10, and 1908-09.

Table with columns: Two Months (000s omitted), Merchandise, Gold, Silver. Sub-columns: Exports, Imports, Excess of Exports.

f Excess of Imports.

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 February, and we give them below in conjunction with the figures preceding, thus completing the results for the eight months of the fiscal year 1913-14.

IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Table with columns: Months, Gold (Coins, Bullion, Total), Silver (Coins, Bullion, Total). Rows for 1913-14 and 8 mos. 1912-13.

EXPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Table with columns: Months, Gold (Coins, Bullion, Total), Silver (Coins, Bullion, Total). Rows for 1913-14 and 8 mos. 1912-13.

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 of London securities prices. Columns: Week ending April 17, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Lists various securities like Consols, French Rentes, etc.

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

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

STOCK OF MONEY IN THE COUNTRY.—The following table shows the general stock of money in the country as well as the holdings by the Treasury, and the amount in cir-

ulation on the dates given. The statement for April 1 1913 will be found in our issue of April 26 1913, page 1204.

Table: Stock of Money Apr. 1 1914. Columns: In United States, Held in Treasury, Money in Circulation. Rows: Gold coin and bullion, Gold certificates, Standard silver dollars, etc.

Total... 3,774,244,237 324,228,810 3,450,015,427 3,339,898,047 Population of the United States April 1 1914 estimated at 98,604,000; circulation per capita, \$34.99. d This statement of money held in the Treasury as assets of the Government does not include deposits of public money in national bank depositories to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, amounting to \$55,642,321.77. b For redemption of outstanding certificates an exact equivalent in amount of the appropriate kinds of money is held in the Treasury, and is not included in the account of money held as assets of the Government.

GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

—Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury, we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for March and the nine months of the years 1914 and 1913.

Table: Government Revenue and Expenditures. Columns: March 1914, March 1913, 9 Mos. 1913-14, 9 Mos. 1912-13. Rows: Receipts (Customs, Internal Revenue, etc.), Pay Warrants Drawn, etc.

Total pay warrants drawn (net) 55,406,827 15 51,173,967 33 531,669,466 20 514,205,290 48

Public Debt

Table: Public Debt. Columns: Bonds, notes and certificates retired, Panama Canal, Pay warrants issued, Total public debt and Pan. Canal dis'bts, Grand total disburse'ts.

BANK NOTES—CHANGES IN TOTALS OF, AND IN DEPOSITED BONDS, &c.—We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit. The statement for March 1913 will be found in our issue of April 26 1913, page 1204.

Table: Bank Notes and Deposited Bonds. Columns: 1913-14, Bonds and Legal Tenders on Deposit for, Circulation Afloat Under—. Rows: Mar. 31 1914, Feb. 28 1914, etc.

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

Table: U. S. Bonds Held Mar. 31 to Secure—. Columns: Bank Circulation, Public Deposits in Banks, Total Held. Rows: 2% U. S. Consols of 1930, 3% U. S. loan of 1908-18, etc.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description of bank notes and amounts. Includes National Bank Notes—Total Afloat, Amount afloat March 1 1914, Net amount retired during March, Amount of bank notes afloat April 1 1914, Legal-Tender Notes, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes March 1 1914, Net amount of bank notes retired in March, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes April 1 1914.

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

Table showing Merchandise Movement to New York and Customs Receipts at New York for the months of 1913-14 and 1912-13. Columns include Month, Imports, Exports, and Customs Receipts.

Imports and exports of gold and silver for the 9 months:

Table showing Gold Movement at New York and Silver—New York for the months of 1913-14 and 1912-13. Columns include Month, Imports, Exports, and Silver—New York.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

- APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED.
The Bank of Aberdeen, Miss., into "The Aberdeen National Bank. Capital, \$50,000.
The Citizens State Bank, Crosby, N. Dak., into "The Citizens' National Bank of Crosby." Capital, \$25,000.
CHARTERS ISSUED TO NATIONAL BANKS APRIL 2 TO 7.
10,503—The First National Bank of Heber, Cal. Capital, \$25,000; Frank Beers, President; B. C. Beers, Cashier.
10,504—The Franklin National Bank of Washington, D. C. Capital, \$25,000. John B. Cochran, President; J. Fendall Cain, Cashier.
10,505—The Sorrento National Bank, Sorrento, Ill. Capital, \$25,000. John W. Beeson, President; J. F. Smith, Cashier. Succeeds The Bank of Sorrento (private), Sorrento, Ill.
10,506—The Russell National Bank of Lewistown, Pa. Capital, \$100,000. George L. Russell, President; Samuel B. Russell, Cashier. Succeeds William Russell & Son, Bankers, Lewistown, Pa.
VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.
9,016—The First National Bank of Glen Ullin, N. Dak., March 10, 1914. Liquidating agent, Wm. Maas, Glen Ullin, N. Dak. Absorbed by The Farmers State Bank of Glen Ullin.
9,468—The State National Bank of Artesia, N. Mex., March 23 1914. Consolidated with The First National Bank of Artesia. Liquidating agent, Albert Blake, Artesia, N. Mex.

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 listing dividends for various companies. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, and various utility and industrial companies.

Table listing various companies and their financial details. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes Street and Electric Rys., American Gas & Elec., American Graphophone, American Locomotive, and many others.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. c Correction. e Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. i A distribution of Balto. & Ohio stock to be made, viz., \$12 par value of B. & O. pref. and \$22 50 par value B. & O. common for each share of Union Pacific common stock held, payment of said extra dividends both cash and stock, being postponed from Apr. 1 to July 1 on account of litigation. j On amount paid in, \$25 per share. k Being a distribution ratably of 300,729 Restricted B Deferred Ordinary shares of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Lt. of Great Britain and Ireland.

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:

By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table listing various securities such as Aetna Ins. Co., Hartford, and Hygeia Dis. Wat. Co., with their respective shares and prices.

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

Table listing securities such as Merchants' National Bank and Lowell Gas Light Co., with their respective shares and prices.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities such as Newmarket Mfg. Co. and Lewia Wharf, with their respective shares and prices.

By Messrs. Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Large table listing numerous securities from Philadelphia, including Central Tr. & Sav. Co., Philadelphia Life Ins. Co., and many others.

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

Table listing securities such as Hornell Electric Co. and Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore, with their respective shares and prices.

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending April 11 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week of 1913 show a decrease in the aggregate of 9.8%.

Table showing Canadian bank clearings for the week ending April 11, 1914, compared to 1913, with columns for 1914, 1913, Inc. or Dec., 1912, and 1911.

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 April 11. The figures for the separate banks and trust companies are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the totals, actual figures at the end of the week are also given:

Detailed table of returns for New York City clearing-house banks and trust companies, including columns for Surplus, Loans, Specte. Average, Legals, On Dep. with C.H. Banks, Net Deposits, and Reserve.

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

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

DETAILED RETURNS OF BANKS.

We omit two figures (00) in all cases.

Large table titled 'Detailed Returns of Banks' with columns: Banks, Capital, Surplus, Loans, Specte. Average, Legals, Net Deposits, and Reserve. Includes sub-headers '00s omitted' and '00s omitted'.

Circulation.—On the basis of averages, circulation of national banks in the Clearing House amounted to \$41,579,000 and according to actual figures was \$41,694,000.

SUMMARY COVERING BOTH BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Summary table covering both banks and trust companies, with columns: Week ending April 11, Capital, Surplus, Loans, Specte., Legals, 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 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 April 11, 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 March 2, Surplus as of March 2, Loans and Investments, Specie, Legal-tender & bk. notes, Deposits, Reserve on deposits, P. C. reserve to deposits, and Percentage last week.

The Banking Department also undertakes to present separate figures indicating the totals for the State banks and trust companies in the Greater New York, not in the Clearing-House. These figures are shown in the table below, as are also the results (both actual and average) for the Clearing-House banks and trust companies. In addition, we have combined each corresponding item in the two statements, thus affording an aggregate for the whole of the banks and trust companies in the Greater New York.

NEW YORK CITY BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Week ended April 11, Clear-House Members, Actual Figures, Clear-House Members, Average, State Banks and Trust Cos., No. Banks, Total of all Banks & Trust Cos., Average. Rows include Capital, Surplus, Loans and Investments, Deposits, Specie, Legal-tenders, Banks: cash in vault, Trust cos.: cash in vault, Money on deposit with other banks, Surplus Cash reserve, % of cash reserves of trust cos.

+ Increase over last week. — Decrease from last week. a These are the deposits after eliminating the item "Due from reserve depositories and other banks and trust companies in New York City" with this item included, deposits amounted to \$69,572,300, an increase of \$4,131,700 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 in all these figures.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Loans and Investments, Deposits, Specie, Legals, Total Money Holdings, Entire Res on Deposit. Rows show weekly data from Feb. 7 to April 11.

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, Specie, Legals, Deposits, Circulation, Clearings. Rows show weekly data for Boston and Philadelphia from Feb. 21 to April 11.

a Includes Government deposits and the item "due to other banks." At Boston Government deposits amounted to \$1,620,000 on April 11, against \$1,605,000 on April 4. b "Deposits" now include the item "Exchanges for Clearing House," which were reported on April 11 as \$19,273,000.

Reports of Clearing Non-Member Banks.—The following is the statement of condition of the clearing non-member banks for the week ending April 11, based on average daily results:

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

Table with columns: Banks, Capital, Surplus, Loans, Discounts and Investments, Specie, Legal Tender and Bank Notes, On Deposits with C.H. Banks, Net Deposits. Rows list various banks like New York City, Manhattan and Bronx, Washington Heights, etc.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the imports at New York for the week ending April 11; also totals since the beginning of the first week in January:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns: For Week, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911. Rows include Dry Goods, General Merchandise, Total, Since Jan. 1.

The following is a statement of the exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New York to foreign ports for the week ending April 11 and from Jan. 1 to date:

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Table with columns: For the week, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911. Rows include For the week, Previously reported, Total 15 weeks.

The following table shows the exports and imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ending April 11 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, Imports. Rows show weekly and total data for Gold and Silver from 1914 to 1912.

Of the above imports for the week in 1914, \$11,430 were American gold coin and \$536 American silver coin.

Banking and Financial.

Municipal Bonds

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Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, April 17 1914.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—The security markets have been subjected this week to the adverse influence of a new and somewhat acute stage in the Mexican situation. The occasion was taken advantage of by operators on the short side of the stock market to temporarily depress prices, but otherwise has had no perceptible effect in Wall Street. The market for bonds has continued active and strong, the large new offerings of the New York Central RR. and New York City having been favorably received. Other than the above, there is nothing new in the general situation.

The results of railway operations and reports from the iron and steel industry are of the same general tenor as for some time past, and at this writing offer little or no incentive to hopefulness. Moreover, the official determination to have new laws enacted looking to a more complete Government control of business, and to extend the present session of Congress for that purpose if need be, has had a depressing influence. Almost no efforts are being put forth in the line of new enterprise, but, on the other hand, old, long-established business in practically every branch is, as is well known, in a languishing condition, partly because of this official attitude. Some relief is hoped for from the year's crops, and these are looked forward to with unusual interest and solicitude.

Referring again to the Mexican episode, it seems quite possible that the rather stirring events of the week will define somewhat more clearly the relation of the two governments and facilitate future negotiations, should any be necessary.

The Bank of England's weekly statement, although substantially more favorable than that of last week, still showed a lower percentage of reserve than the average at this season for a series of years. In other particulars the financial situation, including money markets at home and abroad, is practically unchanged.

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

The Bank of England weekly statement on Thursday showed an increase of £209,624 and the percentage of reserve to liabilities was 41.99, against 40.34 the week before. The rate of discount remains unchanged at 3%, as fixed Jan. 29. The Bank of France shows an increase of 11,041,000 francs gold and a decrease of 2,018,000 francs silver.

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

	1914. Averages for week ending April 11.	Differences from previous week.	1913. Averages for week ending April 12.	1912. Averages for week ending April 13.
Capital	\$ 132,550,000		\$ 133,850,000	\$ 135,150,000
Surplus	212,716,300		204,973,300	199,918,500
Loans and discounts	1,500,190,000 Inc.	6,977,000	1,331,235,000	1,391,394,000
Circulation	41,579,000 Dec.	175,000	46,394,000	48,331,000
Net deposits	1,561,243,000 Inc.	9,485,000	1,324,851,000	1,408,071,000
Specie	338,601,000 Inc.	4,069,000	269,671,000	282,889,000
Legal-tenders	63,484,000 Dec.	2,385,000	74,446,000	75,894,000
Reserve held	402,085,000 Inc.	1,175,000	344,117,000	358,783,000
25% of deposits	390,310,750 Inc.	2,371,250	331,212,750	352,017,750
Surplus reserve	11,774,250 Dec.	1,196,250	12,904,250	6,765,250

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

Foreign Exchange.—The market for sterling exchange has ruled firm but not active during the week, the chief influence being the firmer discounts in London.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 85 @ 4 85 1/2 for 60 days, 4 86 1/2 @ 4 87 1/2 for cheques and 4 87 1/2 @ 4 87 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks 4 84 1/2 @ 4 84 1/2 and documents for payment 4 84 1/2 @ 4 84 1/2. Cotton for payment 4 84 @ 4 84 1/2 and grain for payment 4 84 1/2 @ 4 84 1/2.

The posted rates for sterling, as quoted by a representative house, were not changed during the week from 4 85 1/2 for 60 days and 4 87 1/2 for sight.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 5 18 1/2 less 3-32 @ 5 18 1/2 less 1-16 for long and 5 16 1/2 less 5-16 @ 5 16 1/2 less 7-64 for short. Germany bankers' marks were 94 13-16 @ 94 1/2 for long and 95 3-16 less 1-16 @ 95 3-16 plus 1-32 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40 5-16 less 1-16 @ 40 5-16 less 1-32 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 25f. 16c.; week's range, 25f. 16c. high and 25f. 16c. low. Exchange at Berlin on London, 20m. 45pf.; week's range, 20m. 46 1/2 pf. high and 20m. 45pf. low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

	Sterling, Actual— Sixty Days.	Cheques.	Cables.
High for the week	4 85 1/2	4 87 1/2	4 87 1/2
Low for the week	4 84 1/2	4 86 1/2	4 87
Paris Bankers' Francs			
High for the week	5 18 1/2 less 1-32	5 16 1/2 less 1-16	5 16 1/2 plus 1-32
Low for the week	5 19 1/2	5 16 1/2	5 16 1/2 less 1-32
Germany Bankers' Marks			
High for the week	94 3/4	95 1/4	95 5-16
Low for the week	94 13-16	95 3-16	95 1/4
Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders			
High for the week	40 1-16	40 5-16	40 3/4 less 1-16
Low for the week	40 plus 1-16	40 5-16 less 1-16	40 5-16

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, par to 5c. discount per \$1,000. Boston, par. St. Louis, 30c. per \$1,000 premium. San Francisco, 20c. per \$1,000 premium. St. Paul, 40c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, 62 1/2 c. per \$1,000 premium. Minneapolis, 45c. per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, 5c. per \$1,000 premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board include \$613,000 New York 4 1/2 @ 109 3/4 to 109 1/2,

\$151,000 N. Y. Canal 4 1/2 @ 109 3/4 to 109 1/2, \$15,000 N. Y. Canal 4s, 1962, at 101 1/2, \$1,000 Palisade Park 4s at 101 3/4 and \$131,000 Va. 6s deferred trust reets. at 56 1/2 to 59 1/2.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has again been active and the business reported at the Exchange, averaging \$1,850,000, par value, per day, has been fairly well distributed. Prices, however, were not as well maintained as reported in the outside market this week, for of a list of 25 active issues only two are fractionally higher and three unchanged, while of the twenty which are lower, three at least have declined between one and two points. The latter include Am. Tel. & Tel., New York Railways and Southern Pacifics. Rock Island 4s have been by far the most active bonds and close with a net loss of 1/2 point.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board include \$16,500 4s reg. at 111 1/4, \$500 3s coup. at 101 3/4, \$10,000 Panama 3s reg. at 101 3/4 and \$10,000 2s reg. at 98. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for yearly range see third page following.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stock.—A persistently urgent selling movement throughout the early part of the week resulted in a largely increased volume of business and substantially lower quotations. The movement continued until a later hour on Thursday, at which time several important issues were at the lowest level of the year, including Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, New York Central, Lehigh Valley and a few of the industrial stocks. There was, however, very little, if any, liquidating by actual owners of stocks. The movement was, therefore, limited by the extent to which Board-room traders were willing to take risks, but the reaction which followed did not reach far or continue long. To-day's market was decidedly weak, following the lead of Missouri Pacific, which declined over 5 points on doubts of its ability to meet maturing obligations and Lehigh Valley's drop of 6 1/2 points to-day and of 11 points within the week on rumors of a reduction of its dividend rate. Few issues were able to resist this movement. Almost the entire list closes substantially lower than last night and a long list of active stocks is from 3 to 5 points lower than a week ago.

Several industrials have fluctuated widely. United States Steel declined 4 1/2 points on liberal offerings, some of which suggested real liquidations. Tobacco covered a range of nearly 13 points.

For daily volume of business see page 1236.

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

STOCKS. Week ending April 17.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Adams Express	100	98 1/4 April 14	98 1/4 April 14	91 Feb	110 Mar
Amer Coal Products	100	83 1/4 April 15	83 1/4 April 15	82 Jan	86 1/2 Mar
Brunswick Terminal	400	6 1/4 April 14	6 1/4 April 14	6 1/4 Apr	8 1/2 Feb
Butterick	200	27 April 13	27 April 14	26 Jan	29 Jan
Cent & So Am Telco	3	105 April 15	105 April 15	103 Jan	109 1/2 Feb
Colorado & Southern	100	22 April 14	22 April 14	20 Mar	28 1/2 Jan
Comstock Tunnel	300	8c April 13	8c April 13	6c Jan	10c Feb
Dul S S & Atlan, pref.	50	9 April 16	9 April 16	9 April	11 Jan
Federal Mir & Smelt, pref.	50	37 April 17	37 April 17	35 1/2 Jan	43 Jan
Gen Chemical, pref.	67	108 1/2 April 16	108 1/2 April 16	107 1/2 Feb	108 1/2 Mar
Havana Elec Ry L & P.	10	80 April 14	80 April 14	80 April	84 Feb
Homestake Mining	100	118 April 11	118 April 11	114 Jan	122 1/2 Mar
Iowa Central, pref.	100	13 1/4 April 17	13 1/4 April 17	13 1/4 April	13 1/4 April
K C P S & M, pref.	110	74 1/4 April 14	74 1/4 April 14	65 1/2 Jan	74 1/2 April
Laclede Gas (St Louis)	100	97 1/4 April 11	97 1/4 April 11	95 Jan	101 Feb
Long Island	100	32 1/4 April 16	32 1/4 April 16	28 Jan	26 Feb
Mexican Petrol, pref.	300	76 April 17	77 April 14	76 Mar	87 Feb
N Y Air Brake	100	64 April 14	64 April 14	61 Jan	69 Jan
N Y Chie & St L.	100	37 April 14	37 April 14	36 Mar	45 Jan
Norfolk Southern	40	30 1/4 April 15	30 1/4 April 15	26 Mar	43 Jan
Peoria & Eastern	200	5 1/4 April 15	5 1/4 April 14	5 1/4 April	8 Jan
Pittbone-Mulliken	150	23 April 13	23 April 13	23 April	29 Feb
Pittsburgh Steel, pref.	300	88 1/4 April 14	89 1/4 April 16	88 Jan	93 Feb
Seams, Roebeck & Co, pf	100	124 1/2 April 17	124 1/2 April 17	124 1/2 Jan	124 1/2 Mar
Shaw-Donnell S & I, pref	100	80 1/4 April 15	80 1/4 April 15	80 1/4 April	92 Jan
Southern Pacific rights	39,900	1-64 April 16	3-64 April 16	1-64 April	11-16 Feb
United Cigar Mfrs	150	48 April 14	48 April 14	45 Jan	60 1/2 Feb
United Dry Goods	100	88 April 18	88 April 16	88 April	91 Jan
Virginia Iron Coal & C.	450	45 April 14	46 1/4 April 13	40 Jan	52 Mar
Virginia Ry & Power	400	51 April 15	52 April 13	51 Jan	52 April
Wells, Fargo & Co	7	90 April 17	90 April 17	80 1/2 Feb	94 Mar

Outside Market.—On a moderate volume of business prices in the "curb" market this week, outside the Standard Oil shares, gave way fractionally. The Oil shares were conspicuous for sharp declines generally. Among the more noteworthy breaks were Prairie Oil & Gas with a drop from 480 to 420, the close to-day being at 423. South Penn Oil at 307 shows a loss of over 60 points with a final recovery to 315. Standard Oil (Indiana) went down from 480 to 440 and ended the week at 455. Standard Oil of N. J. declined from 420 to 403. Atlantic Refining fell from 645 to 620 and was traded in to-day at 623. Ohio Oil sank from \$189 to \$175. Pierce Oil lost 17 points to 65, moved up to 90 and back finally to 82. Solar Refining dropped from 330 to 310. United Cigar Stores com. was weak, selling down from 94 1/2 to 92 1/2. Riker-Hegeman fluctuated between 9 and 9 1/4 and ends the week at 9 1/4. Sterling Gum, "w. i.," weakened from 7 to 6 3/4 and closed to-day at 6 3/4. United Profit Sharing was off from 5 3/4 to 4 3/4, ending the week at 5. Maxwell Motors continue active, the 1st pref. declining from 34 3/4 to 32 1/2 and recovering to 33 1/2. An exceptionally heavy business was transacted in the new N. Y. City 4 1/2s, "w. i.," the price going down from 101 15-16 to 101 13-16 and up to 102 3-16, with the close to-day back to 101 15-16. Mining stocks were quiet. Braden Copper advanced from 8 3/4 to 8 1/2, weakened to 8 and closed to-day at 8 1/2. Greene-Cananea sold down from 35 1/2 to 32. Nipissing rose from 6 3/4 to 6 1/2 and closed to-day at 6 1/2.

Outside quotations will be found on page 1236.

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

OCCUPYING TWO PAGES

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

Table with columns: STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES, Sales of the Week, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, Range since Jan. 1, Range for Previous Year 1913. Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BROKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: Banks, Bid, Ask, Banks, Bid, Ask, Banks, Bid, Ask, Banks, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and their current 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. *** 2 1/2% accum. div. Sale at Stock Exchange or at auction this week. † First installment paid. § Sold at private sale at this price. ¶ Ex-div. † Full paid.

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

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday April 11 to Friday April 17), Stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest). Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS' and 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'.

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES—BANKERS' QUOTATIONS.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. & rights. ¶ New 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 1900 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed, and prices are now all—"and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond records for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and N.Y. Stock Exchange. Columns include bond name, interest rate, price, week's range, and range since Jan. 1.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Continued on Next Page.

Miscellaneous bonds section including Street Railway, Street Railway, and other specific bond listings with columns for name, interest, price, and range.

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

Main table containing two columns of bond listings. The left column is titled 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending April 17' and the right column is titled 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending April 17'. Each listing includes a bond description, price (bid/ask), date, and range. The listings are organized into sections such as 'Southern Pacific', 'Miscellaneous', 'Coal & Iron', and 'Telegraph & Telephone'.

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS—Concluded.

Table with two columns: 'Coal & Iron' and 'Telegraph & Telephone'. Each column lists various bonds with their respective prices, dates, and ranges. The 'Coal & Iron' section includes bonds like 'Buff & Susq Iron 1 5/8s' and 'Debutenre 5s'. The 'Telegraph & Telephone' section includes bonds like 'Am Telep & Tel coll tr 4s' and 'Convertible 4s'.

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

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday April 11 to Friday April 17) and stock prices. Includes sub-sections for 'Sales of the Week' and 'CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE'.

Table listing various stocks and their prices. Columns include 'Sales of the Week', 'CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Range since Jan. 1.', and 'Range for Previous Year (1913)'. Lists include Railroads, Miscellaneous, and various industrial stocks.

Chicago Banks and Trust Companies

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Name, Capital, Surp. & Profits, and Dividend Record. Includes entries like American State, Calumet National, and others.

Table titled 'Dividend Record' showing names of companies, capital stock, and dividend details including dates and amounts.

Chicago Bond Record

Table listing various bonds with columns for Name, Interest, Price, and Range since January 1. Includes entries like Am Tel & Tel, Armour & Co, and others.

* Bid and ask prices; no sales were made on this day. † March 4 (close of business) and April 4 (opening of business) for State institutions. ‡ Due Jan. 1. † Due Feb. 1. ‡ Due Jan. 1. § Extra div. ¶ New stock. † 4% of this is extra. * Sales reported beginning April 18. ‡ Dividend paid Q-J, with extra payments Q-F. † Dec. 31 1913. ‡ Ex 24% accumulated dividend. † Increase in capital to \$600,000 authorized Sept. 24, a cash div. of 75% being paid in and 15% in new capital \$1,000,000. ‡ Ex 50% stock div. † Capital to be inc. to \$350,000. ‡ Paid 5% reg. and 1% extra on old capital stock of \$600,000 dividend declared in connection therewith. † V. 98, p. 1132, Jan. 14, 1914.

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.						Sales of Week Shares	BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE		Range since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.		Range for Previous Year 1913.	
Saturday April 11	Monday April 13	Tuesday April 14	Wednesday April 15	Thursday April 16	Friday April 17		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.		
*96 1/2	96 1/2	*96 9/16	*95 5/8	95 1/2	95 1/2	15	Aitch Top & Santa Fe	95 1/2 Apr 16	99 1/2 Jan 26	41 1/2 Oct	105 1/2 Jan	
*100 100 1/4	*100 100 1/4	*100 100 1/4	*100 100 1/4	*100 100 1/4	*100 100 1/4	53	Boston Albany	182 Apr 17	191 1/2 Feb 10	95 1/2 Jly	101 1/2 Feb	
187 187 1/2	187 187 1/2	187 187 1/2	185 185 1/2	185 185 1/2	185 185 1/2	80	Boston Elevated	80 Apr 3	91 1/2 Jan 16	82 Nov	114 1/2 Jan	
80 80 1/2	80 80 1/2	80 80 1/2	80 80 1/2	80 80 1/2	80 80 1/2	351	Boston & Lowell	155 Jan 2	179 Feb 9	159 Dec	197 Jan	
*160 170	*160 170	*160 170	*160 170	*160 170	*160 170	280	Boston & Maine	35 Feb 9	55 Jan 22	35 Dec	105 Jan	
41 41	41 41	41 41	42 42	42 42	42 42	245	Boston & Providence	245 Feb 26	255 Jan 27	238 1/2 Dec	290 Jan	
*246 10 1/4	*246 10 1/4	*246 10 1/4	*246 10 1/4	*246 10 1/4	*246 10 1/4	7	Boston Suburban El Cos.	7 Feb 2	7 1/2 Feb 13	7 Sep	15 1/2 Oct	
55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	55 55	49	Do pref.	55 Apr 13	60 Jan 19	57 1/2 J'n	65 Feb	
*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	*37 39	0 1/2	Boston & Worcester	37 Jan 5	40 Jan 26	5 Feb	7 1/2 Feb	
*161 105	*161 105	*161 105	*161 105	*161 105	*161 105	38	Do pref.	161 Mar 14	163 Mar 15	36 1/2 Dec	45 Jan	
*103 103	*103 103	*103 103	*103 103	*103 103	*103 103	100 1/4	Citic June Ry & N.Y.	100 1/4 Apr 15	106 1/2 Feb 11	103 Sep	109 Feb	
*185 80	*185 80	*175 85	*175 85	*185 80	*185 80	25	Connecticut River	185 Jan 10	200 Jan 24	200 J'y	200 Jan	
*80 82	*80 82	*80 81	*81 81	*81 81	*81 81	45	Fitchburg pref.	80 Jan 10	93 Jan 28	93 Dec	122 Feb	
*120 88	*121 121 1/2	*120 122	*120 122	*120 122	*120 122	100	Ga. Ry & Elec Stpmpl.	120 1/2 Feb 13	122 Mich 17	115 Aug	126 Feb	
*80 88	*80 88	*80 88	*80 88	*80 88	*80 88	100	Do pref.	83 Jan 3	88 1/2 Apr 6	82 1/2 J'y	88 Sep	
95 95	95 95	95 95	95 95	95 95	95 95	200	Mass Central	90 1/2 Jan 5	99 Mich 28	91 Dec	110 Feb	
114 114	114 114	11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11	415	Mass Electric Cos.	11 Feb 14	14 Jan 23	10 1/2 Dec	19 1/2 Feb	
61 61	61 61	60 60	60 60	60 60	60 60	129	Do pref.	60 1/2 Apr 16	66 1/2 Jan 24	63 Dec	79 Feb	
68 68	68 68	68 68	68 68	68 68	68 68	3,693	N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	68 1/2 Feb 4	77 1/2 Jan 2	65 1/2 Dec	130 Jan	
*103 110	*103 110	*103 110	*103 110	*103 110	*103 110	42	Old Colony	103 Jan 17	112 Feb 6	100 Dec	130 Feb	
*155 20	*155 20	*155 20	*155 20	*155 20	*155 20	158	Railroad	152 Jan 10	165 Jan 30	150 Dec	176 1/2 Feb	
*20 24	*20 24	*20 23	*20 23	*20 23	*20 23	24	Rutland	22 Feb 28	30 Jan 8	25 Aug	33 Feb	
*158 158 1/2	*157 157 1/2	*155 156	*156 156 1/2	*154 154 1/2	*153 154	10	Union Pacific	156 1/2 Apr 15	163 1/2 Jan 5	139 1/2 J'y	162 1/2 Jan	
*82 130	*82 130	*83 130	*82 130	*82 130	*82 130	16	Do pref.	82 Apr 17	85 Jan 8	80 1/2 J'n	90 1/2 Jan	
130 130	130 130	130 130	130 130	130 130	130 130	85	Vermont & Mass.	115 Jan 9	130 Feb 25	105 Dec	150 Feb	
70 70 1/2	70 70 1/2	69 1/2 70	69 1/2 70	69 1/2 70	69 1/2 70	87	West End St.	68 1/2 Jan 3	75 Jan 23	67 1/2 Dec	81 1/2 Feb	
*90 91	*90 91	90 90 1/2	90 90 1/2	90 90 1/2	90 90 1/2	147	Do pref.	87 1/2 Jan 8	95 Feb 12	85 J'y	100 Jan	

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

Table with columns: BONDS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending April 17, Price Friday April 17, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and similar columns for another week ending April 17.

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 with columns: SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES (Saturday April 11 to Friday April 17), ACTIVE STOCKS (Baltimore and Philadelphia), and PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE stock lists with Bid and Ask prices.

* Bid and asked; no sales on this day. † Dividend. ‡ \$15 paid. § \$17 1/2 paid. ¶ \$22 1/2 paid.

Volume of Business at Stock Exchanges

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY. Table with columns for Week ending, Stocks (Shares, Par Value), Railroad Bonds, State Bonds, and U. S. Bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGES. Table with columns for Week ending, Boston (Listed Shares, Unlisted Shares, Bond Sales), and Philadelphia (Listed Shares, Unlisted Shares, Bond Sales).

Inactive and Unlisted Securities

Table listing various securities including Street Railways (New York City, Brooklyn, etc.), Other Cities, and various bonds and stocks.

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share, a And accrued dividend, b Basis, c Listed on Stock Exchange but usually inactive, / Flat price, * Nominal, * Sale price, New stock, * Ex-div, * Ex-rights, * Includes all new stock dividends and subscriptions, * Listed on Stock Exchange but infrequently dealt in; record of sales to be found on a preceding page, * Ex-100% stock dividend.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

The following table shows the gross earnings of every STEAM railroad from which regular weekly or monthly return 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-sections 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 (Cur. Yr., Prev. Yr., \$, %).

* Mexican currency. † Does not include earnings of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry. from Nov. 1 1911. ‡ Includes the New York & Ottawa, the St. Lawrence & Adirondack and the Ottawa & New York Ry., the latter of which, being a Canadian road, does not make returns to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. § Includes Evansville & Terre Haute and Evansville & Indiana RR. ¶ Includes the Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling Ry. in both years. †† Includes the Northern Ohio RR. ††† Includes earnings of Mason City & Fort Dodge and Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. †††† Includes Louisville & Atlantic and the Frankfort & Cincinnati. ††††† Includes the Mexican International. †††††† Includes the Texas Central in both years and the Wichita Falls Lines in 1912, beginning Nov. 1. ††††††† Includes not only operating revenues, but also all other receipts. †††††††† 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 first week of April. The table covers 38 roads and shows a 0.23% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table with columns: First week of April, 1914, 1913, Increase, Decrease. Lists 38 roads including Alabama Great Southern, Canadian Northern, Chicago & Alton, etc.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.—Month of December.—1913, 1912, 1913, 1912. Western Express Co.—Gross receipts from operation, Express privileges—Dr. Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND TRACTION COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Name of Road, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), Jan. 1 to latest date (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists companies like American Rys Co., Atlantic Shore, Bangor Ry & Electric, etc.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—In our "Railway Earnings" Section or Supplement, which accompanies to-day's issue of the "Chronicle", we give the February figures of earnings of all steam railroads which make it a practice to issue monthly returns or are required to do so by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

In the following we give all statements that have come in the present week covering a later or a different period from that to which the issue of the "Railway Earnings" Section is devoted. We also add the returns of the industrial companies received this week.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists Bellefonte Central, Tol Peor & Western b, Wheeling & Lake Erie b.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists Amer Power & Lt a, Amer Tel & Tel and assoc cos, Amer Tel & Tel Co, etc.

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

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Table with columns: Roads, Int., Rentals, &c.—Current Year, Previous Year; Bal. of Net Earnings.—Current Year, Previous Year. Lists Bellefonte Central, Toledo Peor & West.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Companies, Int., Rentals, &c.—Current Year, Previous Year; Bal. of Net Earnings.—Current Year, Previous Year. Lists Amer Tel & Tel and assoc cos, Amer Tel & Tel Co, Cities Service Co, etc.

x After allowing for other income received.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists Atlantic Shore, Columbus (O) Ry P & L a, Consumers Pow (Mich) a, Cumb Co (Me) P & L a, Grand Rapids Ry a, Harrisburg Rys, etc.

a Includes earnings on the additional stock acquired May 1 1913. b Represents income from all sources. c These figures are for consolidated co.

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

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists Atlantic Shore Ry b, Columbus (O) Ry P & L a, Consumers Pow (Mich) a, Cumb Co (Me) P & L a, Grand Rapids Ry a, Harrisburg Rys, etc.

Roads.	Gross Earnings		Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Portl'd(Ore) Ry L & P a. Feb	538,236	530,071	278,247	282,714
Jan 1 to Feb 28	1,120,846	1,083,669	583,571	566,103
Puget Sd Tr L & P a. Feb	691,464	655,734	285,696	246,182
Jan 1 to Feb 28	1,445,496	1,367,374	605,996	509,908
St Joseph Ry L & P a Mar	106,168	103,896	46,372	48,157
Jan 1 to Mar 31	323,635	306,865	148,420	137,729
United L & Rys (sub cos) —				
Mar 1 to Feb 28	6,132,719	5,433,735	2,384,196	2,246,976
York Railways Co. b. — Mar	64,716	61,466	28,995	28,020
Dec 1 to Mar 31	267,118	243,219	119,558	111,998

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

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Roads.	Int., Rentals, &c.		Bal. of Net Earnings	
	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Current Year.	Previous Year.
Columbus(O) Ry P & L. Feb	43,880	48,594	—	—
Jan 1 to Feb 28	87,651	104,900	—	—
Consumers Pow (Mich) Feb	72,729	66,184	103,977	73,104
Jan 1 to Feb 28	144,594	127,837	209,465	176,086
Cumb'land Co(Mt) P & L Feb	63,465	59,714	def8,859	6,211
Jan 1 to Feb 28	127,041	113,447	def8,657	20,460
Grand Rapids Ry. Feb	13,662	14,821	20,447	22,181
Jan 1 to Feb 28	27,277	29,557	44,374	52,077
Portl'd(Ore) Ry L & P. Feb	174,880	162,509	103,367	130,205
Jan 1 to Feb 28	348,192	305,530	235,409	260,573
Puget Sd Tr L & P. Feb	152,925	148,364	132,771	97,817
Jan 1 to Feb 28	305,542	294,378	209,554	215,629
St Joseph Ry L & P. Mar	20,320	21,133	26,052	28,024
Jan 1 to Mar 31	60,717	61,368	87,703	77,381
United L & Rys (sub cos) —				
Mar 1 to Feb 28	1,226,893	1,128,069	1,157,303	1,118,907
York Railways Co. Mar	21,783	21,211	7,212	6,809
Dec 1 to Mar 31	86,243	84,532	33,315	27,367

z After allowing for other income received.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Annual Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the last Saturday of each month. This index does not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of March 28. The next will appear in that of April 25.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.

(Special Report by Chairman Elliott, Dated April 11 1914.)

In view of the questions to be voted upon by the stockholders on April 21 1914, particularly the proposed agreement with the U. S. authorities, for which the directors unanimously ask approval, Chairman Howard Elliott has submitted substantially the following statement, not only about this agreement, but also as to the general situation:

Compliance With Suggestions in Special Report of I. S. C. Commission.—Aiming to conform to the suggestions made by the I. S. C. Commission in June 1913 (V. 97, p. 117), the directors have: (1) Changed the management by making Howard Elliott and James H. Hustis Chairman of the Board and President, respectively, coming in Sept. 1 1913. (2) Selected John B. Kerr, Sept. 18 1913, as President of the N. Y. Ontario & Western Ry. Co. (3) Selected L. S. Boers, Dec. 24 1913, as President of the Connecticut Trolley Co. (4) Selected A. E. Potter, Dec. 27 1913, as President of the Rhode Island Trolley Company. (5) Cancelled on Feb. 1 1914 the so-called "traffic agreement" with the New York Central in regard to the Boston & Albany (V. 98, p. 154). (6) Caused withdrawal, Jan. 24 1914, by the New Haven Company from the board and management of Boston & Maine.

Pending Investigations.—On Feb. 7 1914 a resolution was passed in the U. S. Senate requesting the I. S. C. Commission to make a further investigation of the company's financial transactions, with a view to ascertaining what became of the funds of the company invested in various enterprises and corporations, and whether such funds can be recovered on behalf of the stockholders (V. 98, p. 406). The company has given full information to the Commission, with the request that they report promptly.

Rules for Safety, &c.—In view of the North Haven and other serious accidents, the new management at once put into effect revised rules, and on Oct. 18 an amicable adjustment was reached with the employees.

Immediate Financial Situation.—In July 1913, the Mass. law having been amended so as to permit the issue of bonds to an amount equal to twice the capital stock, the directors, in order to fund the floating debt and for purchase of steel passenger cars and other improvements, authorized an issue of \$67,552,000 6% convertible debentures (V. 97, p. 237, 444, 521, 595, 729, 1118, 1209, 1504). The Mass. Supreme Court, however, on Jan. 9 1914 decided that the law did not permit the issue of debentures convertible into stock. To-day, therefore, the company must prepare to meet notes maturing prior to July 26 1914 of nearly \$54,000,000, of which the most important are the 6% notes of Nov. 18 1913, amounting with int. and disc. May 18 1914 to \$46,550,000 (V. 97, p. 1504; V. 98, p. 236).

Estimated Results for Year 1913-14.—The general business conditions in New England, and particularly on its railroads, have been most unsatisfactory, resulting in large decreases in both gross and net earnings. For the eight months ending Feb. 28 1914 there is a decrease in our net income of \$4,735,479, compared with the previous year, after allowing for oper. expenses, taxes, interest, rentals and other fixed charges. Based on the results for two-thirds of the year, an estimate has been made for the year ending June 30 1914 which indicates that for this period there will be only a small surplus after paying fixed charges.

Reasons for Decrease in Income.—(1) Heavy decrease in earnings due to general business conditions. (2) Increase in transportation expenses due to increased wages, to heavy damage claims and outlays arising from accidents in 1913, to increasing demands for service and to severe weather conditions. (3) Increase in maintenance of way expenses due to some increase in wages, to work deferred early in 1913 and to more work upon improved signals, all of which are necessary for safety. (4) Increase in maintenance of equipment expenses due to increased rates of pay, to an additional annual charge to operating expenses of \$500,000 for depreciation, to heavy repairs on freight cars purchased in 1906, 1907 and 1908, and to deferred work on electrical equipment.

(5) Decrease in revenue from outside operations due almost entirely to the transfer of the parlor and sleeping car service to the Pullman Company. In order to provide immediately steel parlor and sleeping car equipment without the necessity for a large investment therein. All parlor and sleeping cars are now of all-steel or steel-underframe construction, and practically all coaches in the through N. Y.-Boston trains are steel (V. 97, p. 1020). (6) Decrease in other income due to a decrease in or cessation of dividends from the N. Y. Ont. & Western (V. 96, p. 1773) from the trolleys, and from the steamships (Compare V. 97, p. 1110), as these companies are affected adversely by the same causes that affect the New Haven Company; also to a smaller amount of interest on bank balances, due to smaller sums on deposit. (See full statement of earnings for 8 mos. ending Feb. 28 1914, V. 98, p. 1149.)

(7) An Estimated Increase of \$2,162,100 in Fixed Charges, Rentals, &c.
Rentals ----- \$387,100
Miscellaneous taxes ----- 10,600
Boston Holding Co. (due to no divs. from Bos. & Me.) 615,530
N. Y. West. & Bos. guar. ----- 86,200
Bos. & Alb. agreement ----- \$103,100
Lit. on loans (increase of 6% notes) ----- \$49,000
Miscell. offset ----- \$1,008,600

The increase in rentals is due largely to the constantly increasing investment in the Grand Central passenger terminal at New York. In 1903 our payment for entrance to N. Y. City and for the use of the passenger terminal was \$1,038,182. For the year ending June 30 1913 it was \$2,983,969, or about 30c. for each passenger. The cost will be more for year 1913-14.

Increases in Rates of Pay.—The company's reports to the I. S. C. Commission for three periods five years apart show as follows (on June 30):

	1903.	1908.	1913.	Inc.
Men employed June 30	No. 31,028	31,735	34,521	11%
Total compensation	\$19,659,087	\$23,876,652	\$28,151,453	43%
Average yrly. wage (on 30 basis)	\$633	\$752	\$815	29%

During the year ending June 30 1914 the increases in rates of pay will have increased the total pay roll about \$800,000 over the previous year. The greater part of these pay roll increases have been the result of awards under the Federal Arbitration Act. If the same rates of pay had been in effect in 1913 as in 1903 the total pay roll for the year would have been less by about \$7,200,000.

Legislative Acts and Requirements.—The Federal nine-hour law, the ship law, the safety appliances law, the boiler inspection law and the full-crow law have increased the expenses of the company nearly \$200,000 per year. The annual cost of accounting \$190,000, 10 years ago, is at present about \$500,000, due partly to the accounting requirements of the commissions. The recent Federal Valuation Act will increase our expenses about \$90,000 per year for several years.

Electrification.—The electrification of the road between New York and New Haven has been very costly, and until the work is completed and full electric service is in operation, any possible economies cannot be realized. Any further electrification must be postponed because of lack of capital. [An official statement dated April 8 expresses the belief that by June 1 1914 electric freight, passenger and switching service will be established between New York and New Haven, the extent of this service being dependent upon the electrical output of the power house at Cos Cob, Conn.—Ed.]

Freight and Passenger Rates.—While the company has had to add constantly to its capital investment and to increase its operating expenses, the freight rates, on the whole, have remained stationary or have decreased. In ten years there has been a reduction of 59-1,000 of a cent in the average rate received for hauling 2,000 lbs. one mile. This very small sum, applied to the freight business for the year ending June 30 1913, would have increased freight earnings \$1,800,000. The increase in wages and decline in freight rates alone make a difference of over \$9,000,000 a year in income, equal to 6% on \$150,000,000 of capital. [On June 30 1913 \$180,017,000 of cap. stock had been issued, but \$22,899,100 of this was in the treasury.] Considering the railroads of the country as one system, two tons of freight are carried for each passenger, but on the New Haven only one-third of a ton is carried for each passenger. During the eight months ending Feb. 28 1914 our earnings from passenger trains were 50.6% and from freight 49.4% of the revenue from transportation; and while the average cost (including taxes) of running all trains one mile was \$2.12, the revenue per passenger train mile was \$1.90 and per freight train mile \$1.17. Our passenger train mileage, moreover, is about double the freight train mileage. The passenger train mile revenue is also adversely affected by the large proportion of "commutation" and "trip" tickets passengers, which comprise 43% of the total passengers and yield only 13.6% of the total passenger revenue.

Taken as a whole, the passenger train service just about pays its operating expenses, but does not contribute anything directly to taxes and interest. Our average revenue net passenger per mile is only 1.77 cents, and average receipts per passenger only 32 cents, due to the large traffic in suburban territory at from one-half cent to one cent per mile. At the same time the expenses of this commutation traffic are particularly heavy, on account of the very burdensome cost of the passenger terminals both at New York and Boston. Notwithstanding the extremely low commutation rates, some of the public authorities seek to reduce them still further.

Mail and Parcel Post.—For the carriage of mail and for other services performed for the P. O. Department, the U. S. Government is now paying about \$725,000 per annum, including \$21,000 for parcel post. This is 9% less than the payments made for the mail service during the four-year period ending June 30 1909, when the parcel post was not in operation. A 400,000 by chartered accountants made three years ago indicated that \$1,400,000 was approximately the sum to which the company was entitled for carrying the mail. Evidently, it was receiving about half that sum, and since then the parcel post has been added, with no corresponding increase in pay, on account of which the railroad is receiving at least \$700,000 per year less than it is fairly entitled to for carrying mail and parcel post. In addition the railroad suffers a further loss in its express earnings, because of the effect of the parcel post and the lower rates prescribed by the I. S. C. Commission (effective Feb. 1 1914) on the business of the express cos.

Grounds for Encouragement.—In considering the estimate of the financial results for the current fiscal year, three things must be borne in mind: (1) The estimate is thought to be conservative. (2) The position of the company with respect to the decrease in net revenue is not peculiar; all other RR. in Eastern territory have suffered a decline in its revenue, with many increases in expenses which are beyond the control of the management. (3) The extraordinary combination of adverse circumstances heretofore suffered by the company is not likely to be repeated. (4) The road is a great property, serving an active, prosperous people and many industries, and, with confidence restored, with help from State and Federal authorities, the results should be much better.

Comparative Results for Seven Months Ending Jan. 31 1914 and 1913.
(1) Per cent of operating revenue. (2) Decrease (%) in net oper. income.
This Co. N.Y.C. P.&E. B.&O. Erie. Penna. B.&M. O.&H. L. I.
1. Op. exp. 1914 76.7 80.9 67.1 76.2 75.1 78.5 83.5 75.0 76.5
& taxes. 1913 70.8 76.5 60.4 73.9 68.6 76.5 80.4 69.1 75.2
2. Dec. in net inc. 26.9 19.3 22.3 13.9 22.3 8.0 16.7 24.0 17.2

Agreement with Department of Justice.—On Dec. 13 the Department of Justice expressed its wish that the New Haven should part with all its stockholdings in the Boston & Maine and with all steamboat and trolley holdings, cancel the arrangement as to the Boston & Albany, and permit the New England RR. Co. to become an independent system.

A counter proposition was made, and on Jan. 10 1914 substantially the following "memorandum outlining a solution of New England transportation problem" was agreed to (V. 98, p. 236):

- The securities (stock, bonds and obligations) of the Boston Railroad Holding Co., now belonging to the N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co., are to be put in the hands of liquidators or trustees, with direction to dispose of all stocks of the Boston & Maine RR.
- The N. Y. N. H. & H. RR. Co. shall dispose of all stock and other obligations held by it in all leased lines of the Boston & Maine RR.
- The agreement with the N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR. Co. for the operation of the lines of the Boston & Albany RR. Co. shall be cancelled.
- The company shall dispose of all stock and other obligations held by it in Merch. & Miners' Transp. Co., Eastern SS. Co., and Maine SS. Co.
- The company shall dispose of all stock and other obligations held by it in the New England SS. Co. and the Hartford & New York Transportation Co. within the time and in the manner to be agreed upon, except in so far as its petition under the Panama Canal Act may be granted.
- The question of the disposition of wharves and terminal facilities acquired in the acquisition of various boat lines to be settled hereafter.
- The company shall dispose of its interest in the New York & Stamford Westchester Street trolley system, Connecticut trolley system, Rhode Island trolley system and Massachusetts trolley system.

Finally, on March 21, the agreement on which the shareholders will vote on April 21 was reached, as outlined in the statement prepared by the Attorney-General (see this outline, V. 98, p. 1000, 1072).

General Conclusions.—If the financial plans of the company had not failed, if general business and the earnings had not shown such discouraging decreases, and if there had been a general friendly sentiment and feeling of confidence throughout New England towards the company, the directors might have been justified in contesting the Government's right to insist upon the dissolution demanded.

Under the conditions, however, confronting the company, the directors felt that a lawsuit, with attacks which would, without doubt, have followed from other sources, would have resulted in a receivership of the property. The directors have felt that it was their duty to the stockholders and to the people of New England to do everything within reason to avoid this, believing that the results of a receivership would be disastrous not only to the properties of the company, but to the welfare of New England. To-day no improvements are being made except those absolutely necessary for safety, and work already authorized is stopped or postponed where

ever possible. Service is being curtailed as much as possible and every economy consistent with safety, and service is being pushed.

In round figures, the properties under discussion represent upon the company's books more than \$135,000,000 of value. The report of the I. S. C. Commission on June 20 1913 said: "In regard to the outside properties: 'They are for the most part of substantial value and in many instances are a kind of property the value of which should improve. The financial condition of the company calls for careful consideration and prudent action, but gives no occasion for hysteria.'" (V. 97, p. 117.)

Your directors, therefore, hope that, with reasonable time, the assets of the company can be preserved, the earning power restored, the physical condition improved and the company made, what it should be, a great and useful servant of New England, a paying property to its owners.

The security holders of the New Haven and its associated companies (as now constituted) number at least 60,000 and the employees about 90,000; with those dependent upon them, they represent more than 600,000 people, or about one-eleventh of the population of New England, and their rights and interests should be considered carefully by representatives in legislative halls and executive positions.—V. 98, p. 1157, 1072

Long Island Railroad.

(Thirty-second Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1913.)

President Ralph Peters, N. Y., Mar. 4 1914, wrote in subst:

Results.—The passenger revenue increased 7.85%, which is about the normal increase due to general growth. The freight revenue, however, decreased 3.32%, due to general depression and to the discontinuance of road-building. The total operating revenues of both rail lines and auxiliary operations decreased \$73,326, or 0.54%, principally due to the new contract with Adams Express Co., effective June 1 1913, for the conduct of the express business have been excluded from the gross revenues from auxiliary operations and has appeared as a separate item, amounting to \$137,832 (including rental for express rights, railroad property held under lease, &c.). The net financial results to this company are equally as satisfactory as when we conducted the express business and improved (through) service has been provided to the public. The contract embraces milk and newspaper, &c., as well as express proper.

Mail Transportation.—The results from the 1913 weighing of the mails will increase our revenues from this source about \$3,000 per year for the four-year period beginning July 1 1913. Every effort is being made to induce the P. O. Department to compensate us adequately for the service performed. We carry mail on 286 trains daily and furnish mail apartment cars on 38 daily trains, and also extra help at terminals and messenger service at many points to insure good mail service. The total compensation to be received on the re-weighing basis is only about one-third of what your company should receive under present conditions. No special allowance has been made to pay for handling the parcel post, which has greatly increased the weights of mail and also adversely affected express traffic.

Traffic.—The passenger mileage increased 41,713,884, or 7.56%, while the passenger train mileage decreased 13,452 miles. The freight ton mileage decreased 7,024,005 ton miles, or 7.55%; freight train mileage 2,611%.

The passenger traffic, so far as it relates to train mileage and car mileage, showed satisfactory results. The new business created by the electrical operations to the terminal at Flatbush Ave., and particularly the new route furnished through the Pennsylvania tunnels and station, is very satisfactory. The number of passengers handled by your company in and out of the Pennsylvania Terminal was in 1911 6,224,429; in 1912, 7,753,958 and in 1913, 9,619,071, but although the service has been a great convenience to the public, it has materially increased your expenses, particularly as it diverted considerable traffic from the 34th St. ferry. With the large number of manufacturing industries located in Long Island City, the continued serious decline in ferry earnings should be arrested.

The freight traffic should naturally increase with the population on the island, but the company is not being adequately compensated for the amount invested in freight facilities or for the public service rendered, and therefore it is very essential as well as equitable that the increase of 5% in freight rates, which is now being considered by the I. S. C. Commission, should be granted to increase your freight revenues.

Operating Expenses and Taxes.—Chiefly on account of the transfer of the express service on June 1 1913, expenses of "auxiliary operations" were reduced \$541,934. Expenses of rail operations, excluding taxes, increased \$713,118, or 7.7%, and including taxes, increased \$732,908, or 8.2%. The increase in cost of operation is due to wage increase, higher prices paid for bituminous and anthracite coal, the greater expense of maintaining traffic with a large amount of improvement work proceeding, and higher costs for renewals and repairs of equipment. Expenses were also increased by charges on account of Federal valuation of your property; increased assessments by N. Y. City account of sewer and street improvements in suburban sections; extra trainmen employed as required by the Full Crew Law; orders of the P. S. Commission; opening the new terminal at Jamaica, and the new electrical operation on the Port Washington branch. It was also necessary to make larger outlays for maintenance of way and structures and for equipment repairs to promote greater safety and efficiency. Taxes amounted to \$792,864, an increase of \$79,709, largely due to settlement of disputes in the franchise taxes, which had been long in litigation.

Income, Additions and Deductions.—Additions to income from other sources aggregated \$730,316, a decrease of \$79,362, principally due to reduction of advances made to subsidiary companies. "Interest, general account," increased \$159,925, and represents interest paid on funds advanced by the Pennsylvania RR. Co. to carry on construction work during the year and on other unfunded debts. Rents increased \$53,182, caused by an increase in taxes on the Pennsylvania Station and tunnels.

Net Revenue.—After providing for the interest on funded and other debt, and all other charges, the amount to the Montauk Steamship Co., Ltd., amounting to \$32,319, the result for the year shows a deficit of \$977,985, compared with a deficit of \$282,690 in 1912. In reviewing the results for 1913, it is necessary to keep in mind that your property has, in that year and previous years, been undergoing a complete physical transformation. The general balance sheets show that approximately \$50,000,000 have been added to the cost of the road and equipment since 1900. This vast expenditure was imperatively needed to place your lines in condition to handle the increased volume of traffic and give the public the benefit of a modern transportation system and equipment.

Additions and Betterments.—These aggregate (net) \$4,634,064, notably Bay Ridge improvement and elimination of Brooklyn grade crossings; \$668,148; electrification, \$414,242; Jamaica improvement, \$1,478,865; North Side division improvement, \$355,702; Woodside-Winfield cut-off (main line improvement), \$219,407; elimination of grade crossings, \$157,202; equipment, \$792,503; real estate, \$779,337. The right-of-way purchased for changes of line on the Manhattan Beach or Bay Ridge line through East New York hill and between Woodside and Winfield, on your main line, and for additions to right-of-way where grade-crossing elimination work is proceeding through Flushing, Bushwick Junction, Queens, Jamaica, &c., have been transferred to your company and explains the increase in this last item. (Among the credit items appear express equipment sold, \$228,831; equipment sold and retired, \$1,709.)

Atlantic Avenue Trolley.—The proposed disposition of the trolley on the avenue by agreement with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. has not been consummated, as the city has not yet granted a franchise for its operation.

Bay Ridge Improvement.—The tunnel section of this improvement between Atlantic Ave. and Central Ave. and the filling in between streets and bridges of the section between Central Ave. and Fresh Pond Junction, resulting in the elimination of four grade crossings, was continued during the year, and this important work will continue during 1914. It is planned to have this completed, including the yard, float bridges, &c., at Bay Ridge, about the time the New York Connecting R.R. is finished, and connection made with your company at Fresh Pond Junction. The expenditures during the year amounted to \$668,148, chargeable to your company. The city has made substantial payments for its proportion of the cost of work already done, leaving but a small amount in dispute.

Jamaica Improvement.—The new station and platforms at Jamaica were put in service on March 9 1913, and very little expense is necessary to finish the entire project. This improvement removed many of the operating difficulties with which your company has had to contend. It facilitates, with increased safety, the movement of trains and passengers, reduces to a minimum the number of transfers between Jamaica and Long Island City, provides headquarters for your operating and maintenance forces and eliminates nine actively used crossings and adds six other new streets passing under the tracks at various points, which were greatly needed in the rapidly growing territory. Jumpovers were also constructed which facilitates train movement and increases safety.

North Side Division.—The electrification to Port Washington was put in operation in October. The work of eliminating grade crossings was nearly

completed. The city and State have paid a portion of the amount due on account of these eliminations.

Woodside-Winfield Cut-Off.—This improvement will take the greater part of 1914 for its completion, as it involves the elimination of 11 heavily-traveled grade crossings and eliminates a bad curve. When completed, there will be no highway crossings at grade between Pennsylvania Station and Jamaica. The city agreed to contribute toward the cost.

Grade Crossings at Other Points.—Further progress was made in eliminating grade crossings at 13 other points, the most important being at Great River, Oakdale, Eastport and Water Mill. The work of eliminating crossings at Bushwick Junction was undertaken during the year and property was purchased for a similar purpose in Queens along the main line. Until the differences in connection with the grade line through Hollis and Queens are definitely settled, actual construction work cannot proceed.

Crossing rates were installed at a number of crossings in Greater New York and crossings were closed by elimination and under grade, but much remains to be done in this direction.

Telephone Lines.—The company now has a complete telephone system for dispatching trains and other purposes.

Maintenance.—There were 180 tons of new steel rails and 231,806 ties used for renewals and 1,994 tons of new rail, 1,443 tons of second-hand rail and 37,321 ties used in the construction of additional tracks and sidings.

Wages.—Your company joined with other companies in submitting the demands of Ironmen, conductors and trainmen for increased wages to the Board of Arbitrators. Awards were made which advanced our scale of wages considerably, and the expenses of 1914 will show the combined results of these wage increases, the limitation of working conditions and other necessary adjustments in wages of other departments.

OPERATING STATISTICS.

Operations—	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.
Miles operated.....	308	4,268,313	3,996,717	3,814,209	3,814,209
Tons carried, No.....	4,147,072	100,879,731	97,476,131	92,951,742	92,951,742
One ton mile, No.....	93,255,726	3,406 cts.	3,443 cts.	3,335 cts.	3,335 cts.
Rate per ton per mile.....	3,569 cts.	37,319.812	33,867,228	30,978,615	30,978,615
Passengers carried, No.....	503,599,966	551,886,082	508,531,804	459,799,314	459,799,314
Passengers 1 mile, No.....	1,330 cts.	1,326 cts.	1,326 cts.	1,374 cts.	1,374 cts.
Rate per pass. per mile.....	109.40	101.46	91.42	92.22	92.22
Pass. per train mile, No.....	154.77	163.04	156.25	159.08	159.08
Tons per train, No.....					

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Lines directly oper.—	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Freight.....	\$3,327,769	\$3,435,643	\$3,257,477	\$3,009,183
Passenger.....	7,814,299	7,245,358	6,781,421	6,225,532
Other transport'n rev.....	127,414	181,530	181,530	145,477
Non-transport'n revenue.....	368,788	333,705	253,373	204,964
Express.....	437,832			
Mail.....	47,706	44,006	43,940	43,960
Total oper. revenue.....	\$12,204,738	\$11,186,656	\$10,517,751	\$9,779,116
Operating expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.....	\$1,595,393	\$1,469,757	\$1,356,663	\$1,154,444
Maint. of equipment.....	1,420,702	1,298,053	1,270,068	1,391,991
Traffic expenses.....	181,071	180,156	181,023	190,297
Transportation.....	5,319,294	4,925,936	4,800,318	4,429,614
General.....	330,703	282,144	277,707	254,261
Operating expenses.....	\$8,847,163	\$8,134,045	\$7,903,779	\$7,420,607
Net oper. revenue.....	\$3,357,575	\$3,052,611	\$2,613,972	\$2,358,509
Outside oper.—net *.....	97,510	646,983	695,003	753,787
Total net revenue.....	\$3,455,085	\$3,699,594	\$3,308,975	\$3,112,296
Taxes.....	762,864	683,074	607,117	555,753
Operating income.....	\$2,692,221	\$3,016,520	\$2,701,858	\$2,556,543

INCOME ACCOUNT.

	1913.	1912.	1911.
Operating income.....	\$2,692,221	\$3,016,520	\$2,701,858
Other income—			
Joint facilities rents, &c.....	\$359,635	\$365,864	\$350,241
Unfunded securities and accounts.....	370,681	*443,814	*185,939
Gross income.....	\$3,422,537	\$3,826,198	\$3,238,038
Deduct—			
Lease of other roads.....	\$674,887	\$605,636	\$590,301
Hire of equipment balance.....	92,812	63,796	113,763
Joint facilities rents.....	415,807	362,025	300,000
Miscellaneous rents.....	293,663	291,503	256,526
Bond interest.....	2,455,257	2,465,040	2,309,209
Other interest.....	434,340	*283,414	*96,546
Miscellaneous.....	33,756	33,874	29,650
Total deductions.....	\$4,400,522	*4,108,888	*\$3,695,955
Balance, deficit.....	\$977,985	\$282,690	\$457,966

Note.—The items marked * having been changed in 1912 for purposes of comparison with 1913 figures, the comparison of those items with 1911 are inaccurate. The final results, however, remain unchanged.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1913.	1912.	Liabilities—	1913.	1912.
Road & equip.....	\$67,975,596	\$3,587,950	Capital stock.....	12,000,000	12,000,000
Secur. of propert'y, &c., osv.....			Funded debt.....	53,416,854	55,416,854
Stocks, pledged.....	175,866	175,866	Equip. trust.....	2,722,000	3,022,000
Bonds, pledged.....	981,317	981,317	Real estate notes.....	2,005,918	1,070,918
Stocks, unpledg.....	926,235	926,234	Construction and equipm.....	91,840	91,840
Bonds, unpledg.....	45,029	42,270	Loans & bills pay.....	14,141,286	8,721,860
Secur. issued or assumed—pledged.....	951,238	951,238	Traffic, &c., bal.....	712,495	721,345
Marketable secur.....	34,393	34,215	Vouchers & wages.....	980,719	1,113,531
Miscell. invest'ns.....	\$341,290	\$41,540	Matured interest.....	36,770	29,209
Cash.....	738,642	490,740	Miscell. accounts.....	547,403	649,030
Loans & bills rec.....	4,645,759	5,197,552	Mat. notes, bond'd & sec'd, unpay'd.....	1,000	1,000
Material & suppl.....	1,272,201	1,161,634	Unamortd int.....	677,527	663,403
Miscell. assets.....	1,648,359	1,606,593	Taxes accrued.....	100,110	96,814
Unamort. int., &c.....	67,552	12,457	Def. credit items.....	1,580	2,343
Temporary advs.....	2,509,881	2,594,556			
Opp. def. deb. items.....	15,380	79,250			
Prep. aband'd c.....	235,899	321,440			
Leasehold estates.....	1,200,000	1,550,000			
Profit and loss, d.....	6,200,966	4,105,050			
Total.....	\$9,435,600	\$4,399,948	Total.....	\$9,435,600	\$4,399,948

a After deducting reserve for accrued depreciation, \$1,071,384.
b Includes physical property, \$30,000, and securities—pledged, \$414,500, and unpledged, \$396,790.
c Chargeable to operating expenses.
d After deducting \$250,000 for additions to property since June 30 1907 through income.—V. 98, p. 912, 890, 236.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad.

(35th Annual Report—Year ending Dec. 31 1913.)

V.-Pres. James M. Schoonmaker, Pittsburgh, says in subst.:

Results.—The total operating revenues were \$19,597,919, an increase of \$1,435,800. Freight revenue was \$17,059,475, an increase of \$1,142,346. The revenue freight carried amounted to 35,359,444 tons, an increase of 2,987,332 tons. Products of mines show an increase of 2,933,417 tons, of which bituminous coal increased 1,416,365 tons, coke 643,483 tons, ores 489,308 tons, and other products of mines 384,261 tons. Manufactured articles show a decrease of 97,077 tons. The rate on iron ore from Lake ports to the Pittsburgh and Connellsville districts was reduced during August by order of the I. S. C. Commission 8 cts. per ton, decreasing the revenues derived from carrying that commodity.

The increase in maintenance of way and structures was due partly to the flood of March 1913, which caused an expenditure for repairs of \$93,778.

having been increased, the company began paying dividends on the common stock (distributing 1 1/2% in May and 1 1/2% in Nov.). In April 1913 a dividend of \$1 per share [2%] was paid on the common shares in June a dividend of 50 cts. per share [1%] and in Sept. another dividend of 50 cts. [1%], amounting to 4% for the year (V. 96, p. 1841). In 1913 we paid both the interest on a large part of the convertible notes and the accrued dividend on the common stock into which these notes were converted. This duplication of payments was special to 1913.

Finances.—The company has no floating debt and as of Dec. 31 1913 its current assets were \$2,844,913 in excess of current liabilities, there being in the treasury \$448,913 cash, \$450,000 notes of Baltimore Sparrows Point & Chesapeake Ry. Co. and \$100,000 notes of Balt. Halohorpe & Elkridge Ry. Co.; also \$2,165,000 of the company's own First Cons. 4s, &c.

There are \$4,000,000 1st M. 5% bonds of Maryland Electric Railways Co. in escrow, available for certain capital expenditures under mortgage. During 1913 \$1,817,000 consols pledged as collateral for the 3-year notes were released when the latter were converted into common stock. We sold \$541,000 of these 4% bonds (V. 97, p. 1824), the proceeds being applied to the purchase of 60 double-track, semi-convertible P-A-Y-E cars, new machinery for power stations and track construction.

Up to Jan. 2 1914, when the option of exchange terminated, \$2,730,600 out of a total of \$3,125,000 of the convertible notes had undergone conversion, and there are now listed on the Baltimore and Philadelphia Stock Exchange and outstanding \$20,461,200 of the common stock.

Total Taxes and Public Charges in 1913.—These aggregated \$1,065,168, an increase of \$72,772.

Wages.—On May 1 1913 motormen, conductors and employees of several departments received an advance in wages.

Bond Interest.—By exchange of stock for convertible notes we reduced our bond interest in 1913 \$83,655.

Income Tax on Bonds.—The board has authorized the payment of coupons on all of its bonds without deduction for the Federal income tax, the right being reserved, however, to change this policy as experience may indicate to be advisable.

Extensions.—In response to a request from residents of Northeast Baltimore, double tracks were laid on East Monument St., between Washington and Chester streets, and a second track on Monument St., between Chester St. and Patterson Park Ave., enabling us to operate the Monument St. line to the eastern city limits, beginning Dec. 14 1913.

During 1913 we were granted authority to lay double tracks on Callow Ave. between North Ave. and a point 125 ft. south of Park Terrace, thence eastwardly over a 30-ft. right-of-way, at right angles to Callow Ave., to the west side of Park Ave. The filling in of the Shallow Creek trestle on Bay Shore line has progressed favorably and is about 50% completed.

Cars.—Sixty double-track semi-convertible cars of the P-A-Y-E type were purchased and placed in service during the year on the Edmondson Ave.-Monument St. line. Five of our lines are now equipped with the P-A-Y-E type of car.

OPERATIONS AND FISCAL RESULTS.

Table with columns for 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Car miles, Revenue passengers, Transfers, Rev. from transport'n, Rev. other than trans., Total revenue, Expenses (Maint. of way & structs., Traffic, Conducting transport'n, General & miscellaneous), Total oper. expenses, Net earnings, Other income, Deductions (Interest on bonds, Park and other taxes, Rentals, Interest and discount, Int. on car trust certs.), Total, Balance, Md. El. Ry. M. sk. fd., Written off for extraord. expenditures subli. to final distribution by board of directors, Exting. disc. on secur., Depreciation, Int. on income bonds & prof. dividends, Common dividends, Bal., surplus for year.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1913, 1912. Rows include Assets (Cost of road, equipment, &c., Investments—bds. and stocks, Cos. bds. in treas., Cent. Ry. conv. 5s, U.R. & E. conv. 4s, Cash, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Supplies and coal, Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Common stock, Pref. stock, Bonds (see "Elec. Ry. Section"), 2d M. Income 4s, Accounts payable, Accrued interest, Accrued taxes, Miscellaneous, Deferred liabilities, Surplus).

y "Deferred assets" embrace real estate, buildings, machinery, cars, equipment, &c., Maryland Elec. Ry. (per contra), \$4,000,000; equipment purchased (ad interim) through Fidelity Trust Co., \$26,250; income bond coupons held by Maryland Trust Co., trustee, against funding bonds under funding agreement dated July 25 1906, \$3,920,000; Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., trustee, 1 1/2% sinking fund, Maryland Electric Ry. 5s, \$262,350; paying commission (suspense), \$58,260; miscellaneous, \$241,389. z "Deferred liabilities" include: Accident reserve, \$106,912; car trust Scales A, \$35,000; Maryland Electric Ry. bonds, obligations under agreement to purchase the leased property for an amount equal to principal of bonds at maturity, \$4,000,000; sinking fund for retirement of Maryland Electric Ry. bonds, \$277,350; reserve for depreciation, \$79,786 (after deducting \$499,898 expended); city paying (suspense), \$58,260; other miscellaneous items, \$23,766.—V. 98, p. 1158, 525.

Pabst Brewing Co., Milwaukee.

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

The income account for the year ending Dec. 31 1913, together with the balance sheet of Dec. 31, are given at length on a subsequent page.

Below we give the usual comparative tables:

INCOME ACCOUNT DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1913, 1912. Rows include Net profit, after providing for depreciation, exp. and all other losses, Divs. and Int. on loans & invest. & miscell. profits, Gross income, Bal., sur. or def. S.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1913, 1912. Rows include Assets (Real est., bldgs., &c., Invest. in Bonds, non Conv. Co., Miscell. Invest'ns., Inventories, Bills & accts. rec., Cash in banks, &c., Miscellaneous) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Bills payable, Accts. payable, Insurance fund, Surplus).

*Real estate, bldgs., &c., in 1913 include real estate bldgs., plant and machinery \$4,595,324; city and outside real estate, \$6,419,261, and Improvements and fixture to leased properties, \$399,613. Includes in 1913 investments in advance to sub. cos., \$670,343, and stocks and bonds of other cos., \$668,838.—V. 94, p. 566

Western Union Telegraph Company.

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

The remarks of former President Vail, who retired this week, will be found at length on subsequent pages. The comparative income account and balance sheets for several years were given in the "Chronicle" last week on p. 1153.

Sulzberger & Sons Co. (including Subsidiaries).

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Sept. 27 1913.)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for 1912-13, 1911-12. Rows include Tot. surp. beg. year, Increase during year, Prof. divs. (7%), Tot. surp. end year.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns for Sept. 27 '13, Sept. 28 '12. Rows include Assets (Property, Invest. in sub. cos., Mds. on hand, &c., Accts. & bills rec., Mtgs. & inv. necs., Cash, Prepaid insurance, Interest, &c.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Debenture notes, Acct. int. on notes, Divs. pay. Oct. 1, Bills pay. domestic and foreign, Accounts payable, Surplus).

—V. 98, p. 1160.

Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. of America.

(Report for Eleven Months ending Dec. 31 1913.)

Secretary John Bottomley says in substance:

Results.—The accounts herewith are in accordance with the amendment to the by-laws made up for 11 months ending Dec. 31 1913.

The balance sheet shows a surplus of \$178,251, and in connection therewith the directors desire to point out that it was necessary during the year to make extraordinary expenditures to a total of \$60,000, owing to: (1) The dismantling of sundry ship and land stations, the latter of which were found to be unnecessary after the consolidation of the property of your company and the defunct United Wireless Co. (2) Increased ship and maintenance expenses necessary to bring ship stations up to the standard required by the Government. (3) Largely increased expenses on account of stock transfers, caused by the issuance of the new stock. (4) Disturbed labor conditions on the Pacific Coast.

A number of large orders unfilled, both on private contracts and contracts with the United States Govt., remained open Dec. 31. These, while showing a profit, could not be properly taken into the account. Since Jan. 1 the majority of the orders have been filled and profits assured for 1914.

New Stations, &c.—The erection of the high-power long-distance stations we hope will be completed early in the summer. (See "Iron Age" of N. Y. for Oct. 23 1913.) As to the Pacific stations, everything seems favorable to our being able to start service with Honolulu prior to June 1. The Imperial Japanese high-power station which is to work in connection with our Honolulu high-power station, is not yet completed and we are unable to learn the exact date when this station will be ready for business.

Nothing much has been done in regard to our proposed Philippine station because of many obstacles which have been placed in the way of our securing rights and concessions. A bill, however, has just been passed by the Philippine Assembly, granting us the right to erect a high-power station which will work with Honolulu, Japan and China, and we hope that at an early date this will receive the approval of the War and Navy Departments, enabling us to proceed with the work.

Land has been purchased at Chatham, Mass., for a transmitting station and at Marion, Mass., for a receiving station, for high-power work with Norway. The Norwegian Govt. station also is now under way.

Satisfactory arrangements have been completed with the Western Union Telegraph Co. under which connection will be made between its main operating rooms in New York, San Francisco, Boston, &c., and our new high-power stations in New Jersey, California and Massachusetts for direct and expeditious exchange of traffic. (The following was given out officially Jan. 27: "This agreement will give the Postal Tel. Cable Co. competition west of San Francisco. At present the Western Union has no Pacific cable, so that all business must be turned over to the Postal in San Francisco. The result is that return business generally goes over the Postal's land lines, too, from San Francisco east. We shall carry the Western Union's cablegrams west of San Francisco for one-third the cable rate.)

Inasmuch as we shall be in competition with all the other cable companies for trans-Atlantic business, we have perfected a business-getting organization and shall have representatives located in New York, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco to keep the public informed of our superior facilities and reduced rates.

The tendency of governments everywhere to enforce and enlarge wireless regulations, making it obligatory for all ocean and lake-going craft to be equipped with wireless, increases the demand for our equipment. In the very severe storms on the Great Lakes last season no losses occurred where ships were equipped with wireless.

During the recent snow-storm in the vicinity of New York, which played havoc with all overhead systems of wires, one railroad (the D. L. & W. R.R.—Ed.) which is equipped with wireless apparatus, was able to run its trains without cessation or delay. We were able to extend aid to other railroads, giving them service with New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Thus the value of wireless on trains as an auxiliary service in time of storm is now generally recognized, and as a result we have had many inquiries from railroad officials, and we expect to build up a substantial business in train wireless.

Wireless as a means of communication in rough and undeveloped countries is also recognized. In Alaska we are arranging to construct several high-power stations along the coast and in the interior, and steel has already been shipped for stations to be constructed at Ketchikan and Juneau for commercial business with Seattle and Astoria, Wash. The prospects are good. We are in negotiation with the Cuban Government to take over and operate on a joint basis several wireless stations which that Government has been maintaining independently.

Decision.—We are gratified to be able to report a favorable decision by Judge Van Vechten Veeder of the U. S. District Court in our suit against the National Electric Signaling Co. for infringement of patents, by which the validity of all three patents on which the suit was brought is fully sustained. By this decision Mr. Marconi is now for the second time officially recognized in this country as the inventor who made commercial wireless telegraphy a possibility. This decision as it stands to-day will have a far-reaching effect on competing wireless companies. (V. 98, p. 916, V. 97, p. 1598.) (The opinion is discussed at some length in the "Electrical World" of March 28 1914.—Ed.)

[At a meeting of Wireless Liquidating Co. (V. 97, p. 1220), it was voted to liquidate the company following the distribution of American Marconi common stock for Wireless Liquidating stock at rate of 28 shares of the former for 65 of the latter.]

RESULTS FOR 11 MOS. END. DEC. 31 1913 AND YEAR END. JAN. 31 1914 AND 1912.

Table with columns for 11 Mos. end., Years ending Jan. 31, 1913, and 1912. Rows include Gross earnings, Other income, Total income, Net, after taxes, and Depreciation.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 AND JAN. 31 1913.

Balance sheet table with columns for Dec. 31 '13, Jan. 31 '13, and Dec. 31 '13 Jan. 31 '13. Rows include Assets (Real est., Plant, Materials, Investments) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Reserves, Miscellaneous).

a Investments and loans (at cost) on Dec. 31 1913 include railway bonds and notes, \$1,832,608; municipal bonds and notes, \$400,000; State notes, \$300,000; foreign government bonds, \$195,625; bankers' time collateral loans, \$99,840; and shares of other companies, \$1,470.—V. 98, p. 916.

Ingersoll-Rand Company.

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

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31.

Income statement table for Ingersoll-Rand Company with columns for 1913, 1912, 1911, and 1910. Rows include Earnings before chg. depr., Depreciation, Net earnings for year, Special div. in mfg. co., Total net income, Interest on bonds, Div. on pref. stock, Div. on com. stock, Special reserve for patents and licenses, Spec. res. for inventories, and Net surplus for year.

x After deducting depreciation set up as reserve against capital assets, \$375,821, and depreciation applied directly to reduction of capital assets, \$219,891.

y There was also paid a stock dividend of 25% (\$1,693,875) on common stock May 1913.

z There was also paid a stock dividend of 25% (\$1,318,625) on the common stock in Oct. 1911.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Balance sheet table for Ingersoll-Rand Company with columns for 1913 and 1912. Rows include Assets (Real estate, Water supply, Buildings, Machinery, Tools and dies, Patterns and dies, Drawings, Furniture and fixtures, Patents, licenses, etc., Investments in mfg. cos. and treas. secur., Materials, etc., Accts. receivable, Bills receivable, Marketable securities, Agents' cash bal., Cash at bank, Def. chgs. to inv.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, First mtgce. gold bonds, Accounts payable, Bills payable, Bond interest accrued, Prof. stock dividend Jan. 1, Depreciation reserve, Patent and license reserve, Special inventory reserve, Surplus).

a The total surpluses as above are the amounts before deducting the dividends on the common stock declared payable in April next following the close of the respective years—see above.—V. 98, p. 1075.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., Jersey City, N. J.

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

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1913.

Income statement table for Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. with columns for Gross profit, Operating and administrative expense, Net operating income, and Total net profit.

* This does not include profit on goods sold and not delivered. Compare report for 1912 under former name of Consolidated Rubber Tire Co., V. 96, p. 1366.

CONSOL. BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1913 (INCL. SUBSIDIARIES).

Consolidated balance sheet table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Plant accounts & patents, trade marks, good will, etc.; Cash and cash items; Notes & accts. receivable; Prepaid charges; Inventories at factory cost; Preferred stock; Common stock; Accounts payable; Reserve accounts; Accrued charges; Stock of subsidiary cos.; Debenture bonds; Surplus.

—V. 98, p. 157

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS.

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROAD.

Ann Arbor RR.—Notes Sold.—A syndicate of New York bankers has, it is reported, purchased \$750,000 2-year 6% notes which were authorized on April 14 by the Michigan and Ohio RR. commissions. The proceeds will be used to pay off a like amount of notes due May 1.—V. 98, p. 1154, 303.

Arkansas Southeastern RR.—Receivership.—Referring to statement published last week we now have the following:

The Security Trust Co. of Detroit, as trustee for bondholders, instituted foreclosure proceedings against the company in the U. S. District Court at Shreveport, La., on March 2, and thereupon A. E. Green (Treasurer of said trust company), D. F. McCullough and J. W. McKee were appointed receivers and are now in possession and operating the road. Subsequently in ancillary proceedings at St. Louis, A. E. Green was appointed receiver by the U. S. District Court there. The St. Louis proceedings were instituted for the purpose of getting possession of the private car Olga, against which attachments had been levied. Upon appointment of the receiver, possession of the car was surrendered.—V. 98, p. 1154.

Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR.—Deposits.—Over 80% of the receivers' certificates have already been deposited under the reorganization plan (see V. 98, p. 1070). The properties are to be sold on April 22, 23 and 24, and immediate action on the part of the remaining holders is urged in order to insure the success of the scheme.

The committee has extended until April 18 the time for (1) the deposit of the receivers' certificates with the Columbia-Knick Tr. Co., 60 Broadway; (2) for the filing of subscriptions by the holders of the other participating securities, for the stock of the new company at Bankers' Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y., or Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, depositaries. It is understood that two-thirds of all the security holders, including the holders of the joint notes and terminal bonds, have assented to the plan and subscribed for their allotment of new stock. See terms in V. 98, p. 1070, 1091, 1067.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Holders of Unified 4s of 1909 Offered Even Exchange for New General Unified 4 1/2s Till Dec. 1 1914.—Secretary H. L. Borden in circular of April 14 says in substance (see also adv. on another page):

The company has closed its Unified 4% gold mortgage dated Nov. 16 1909, and no additional issue of bonds can be made thereunder. The new General Unified Mortgage is practically similar to the closed mortgage in terms and authorized amount, except that bonds issued under same instead of being limited to a maximum interest rate of 4% can be issued in series bearing different rates not exceeding 6%, as may be fixed by the board. Series "A," bearing 4 1/2% interest from June 1 1914, has been authorized, and \$30,847,000 of the said series are hereby offered in exchange, par for par, on or before Dec. 1 1914, to the holders of the \$30,847,000 of 4% bonds of 1909, these last including \$21,330,000 in the treasury of Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co. and \$9,000,000 in treasury of the Atlantic Coast Line Co., all of which will be exchanged for the new bonds. As the new "A" bonds will bear interest at 4 1/2% from June 1 1914, if the exchange be made before June 1, the interest for \$20, due June 1 1914, upon each bond surrendered will be paid in cash when exchange is made. The exchange of bonds must be made at the U. S. Trust Co. of N. Y., 45 Wall St., which is the corporate trustee of the new mortgage, and will issue temporary receipts, exchangeable on and after July 15 1914, for permanent bonds See also V. 98, p. 1154.

Augusta-Aiken Ry. & Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Year, Gross Earnings, Net after Taxes, Int. on Sink Fds., Other Interest, P. Div., Balance, Surplus. Rows for 1913, 1912, and 1911.

—V. 98, p. 688, 154.

Bangor (Me.) Railway & Electric Co.—First Common Dividend.—An initial dividend of 1/2 of 1% has been declared on the \$2,000,000 common stock, payable May 1 to holders of record April 20.—V. 93, p. 1724.

Bituminous Coal Roads.—Status of Negotiations, &c.—

William Green, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, announced at the Indianapolis headquarters on April 15 that unofficial returns received there from the referendum vote taken among the union soft coal miners throughout the country the day before indicate approval by a large majority of the recommendation of the policy committee that the miners remain at work pending the settlement by districts of new wage scale agreements with the operators. The Pittsburgh district, where disaffection over the action of the committee had been most pronounced, supported the recommendation of the committee by a vote of 4 to 1. The official returns which are coming in will remain sealed until April 17.

While the vote is being counted, little work, it is stated, will be done by the men anywhere. In the Pittsburgh district less than 10,000 miners were at work this week out of 45,000. While some operators are anxious to get started on Lake coal shipments, many mines are still well stocked with coal and are not urging the men to return.

Suit has been filed by the Rail & River Coal Co. to enjoin the State Industrial Commission from investigating mine conditions under the (Ohio) Green Anti-Screen Law. An injunction, it is said, would practically deny the constitutionality of the law.—V. 98, p. 1154, 1070.

Boston & Lowell RR.—New Director.—

Philip Dexter, who owns some 2,200 shares as trustee or personally, has been elected a director to succeed Geo. A. Gardner. T. Jefferson Coolidge has also resigned as a director but his successor has not been chosen.

Mr. Dexter, it is reported, is seeking from the Boston & Maine a separate accounting to indicate how much the leased line contributes in operating revenues.—V. 98, p. 234.

Boston & Maine RR.—Important Rate Decision.—

The New Hampshire Supreme Court on April 13 by a vote of 3 to 2 rendered a decision which is expected to clear up the question as to the meaning and scope of the so-called rate-restrictive statutes of 1883 and 1889 and end the litigation which has been going on in the State for six or eight years.

General Solicitor Edgar J. Rich says in substance: "It has been the contention of the railroad that the restrictive statutes of 1883 and 1889 applied to increases in rates as a whole, and not to increases in individual rates. Since 1889 the road has increased many individual rates in New Hampshire, but has decreased vastly more than it has increased. Therefore, the total amount of money collected from shippers and passengers is much less to-day than in 1889, when the last restrictive statute was passed. Computations show that the decreases in freight rates amount to pretty nearly \$5,000 more than the increases, and in passenger rates there has probably been a net decrease of substantially the same amount. This does not show that the New Hampshire rates can be increased \$1,000,000 per annum, but it is possible now to increase rates without getting the consent of the Legislature.

"The deep significance of this is that the Public Service Commission hereafter will be untrammelled by restrictive statutes and can deal justly and fairly with the railroad to the extent indicated. The New Hampshire Commission has a thorough knowledge of the rate situation and is disposed to deal fairly with the road. Last June the New Hampshire Court decided that the restrictive statutes were not applicable to inter-State rates. This decision supplements the former decision and removes for all practical purposes a rigid barrier to rate increases, leaving the adjustment of rates to the intelligence and fairness of a public commission. This is undoubtedly a final disposition of the case, because the Supreme Court of the United States is bound by the interpretation of a State statute put upon it by the State Supreme Court.—V. 98, p. 1155, 1070.

Calumet & South Chicago Ry.—Bonds.—

The Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago, is placing at 95 and int. 1st M. 5% gold bonds of 1908, due Feb. 1 1927, of which \$5,175,000 are now out. A circular shows:

Earnings for year ended Jan. 31 1914, net from operation, \$429,681; other income, \$57,424; total net income, \$487,105; annual interest charge on \$5,175,000 first mortgage bonds, \$258,750. A sum of these bonds were not out during this period, the actual interest amounted to \$232,956.

A first mortgage on 106 miles of track, &c., operated by Chicago City Ry. Co., the managements being identical. The franchise, which runs until 1927, and is substantially the same as those of Chicago City Ry. Co. and Chicago Rys. Co., fixes the valuation on this property as over \$5,000,000 in excess of the amount of the 1st M. bonds, and provides for the payment of 55% of surplus earnings to the city, after allowing 6% on capital invested. The issue of 1st M. bonds is limited to the cost of rehabilitation, improvements and additions, as certified under ordinance.—V. 98, p. 1070.

Central of Georgia Ry.—New Officer.—

Charles H. Markham, who resigned as President and has been succeeded by William A. Winburn, with headquarters at Savannah, has been made Chairman of the Board, a new position, with office at 135 East 11th Place, Chicago.—V. 98, p. 1155, 1452.

Chicago City Railway Co.—New Bonds.—The Merchants' Loan & Tr. Co., Chicago, is offering at par and int. a block of the 1st M. 5s of 1907, due Feb. 1 1927, of which there are now out \$30,450,000. The company has paid regular dividends since 1870. Compare V. 98, p. 911, 905.

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.—Decision.—The U. S. Supreme Court on April 12 affirmed the judgment of the Iowa Supreme Court sustaining an order of the State P. S. Commission against the company, involving the re-shipment of coal carried over the road from Eastern points and trans-shipped at Davenport, Ia., a distributing point.

The Commission made a rate on the coal from Davenport to local points within the State. The company resisted the order, contending that the shipment was an inter-State transaction because the coal had not been removed from the cars in which it had been carried from the East after reaching Davenport before being re-billed to the local points in Iowa. The State Supreme Court issued a mandatory order directing the road to obey the order of the Commission and carry the coal between the two Iowa points for the rate fixed by the Commission.

No Bond Issue at Present.—It was reported this week that negotiations were pending for the sale of a block, possibly \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000, of the new general and re-funding 4½% bonds.

President Earling at the conclusion of a special meeting of the directors on Thursday is quoted as saying that no definite action had been taken on the matter and that he did not know when a decision would be reached. It is generally supposed that steps will be taken in the near future to float a new bond issue to meet the company's requirements for new capital and obligations maturing during the coming summer.—V. 98, p. 838, 689.

Cities Service Co., New York.—New Stock Authorized.—The stockholders voted April 7 to increase the authorized capital stock from \$50,000,000, divided into \$30,000,000 pref. and \$20,000,000 com. to \$65,000,000, divided into \$40,000,000 pref. and \$25,000,000 com. stock.—V. 98, p. 1070.

Colusa & Hamilton RR.—Lease.—The Cal. RR. Commission on March 17 approved the proposal of the Southern Pacific RR. Co. to assign its 5-year lease of this property to the Southern Pacific Co. It is said the line will be extended 61 miles, from Hamilton to Harrington.

Connecticut Company.—Trustees Chosen.—See New York New Haven & Hartford RR. below.—V. 98, p. 990.

Denver & Rio Grande RR.—Trackage, &c.—See U. S. Smelt. Ref. & Min. Co. under Reports above.—V. 97, p. 511.

Denver Tramway Co.—Underlying Bonds Called.—Forty-eight 1st M. 5% gold bonds of the Denver Tramway Power Co. for payment at 105 and int. on May 11 at International Trust Co., Denver.—V. 98, p. 1156.

Detroit River Tunnel Co.—Bonds Sold.—William A. Read & Co. have purchased and re-sold to private investors \$2,000,000 Detroit Terminal & Tunnel 1st M. 50-yr. 4½% bonds, due May 1 1961, guaranteed, prin. and int., by the Michigan Central RR., which are part of an issue of \$30,000,000, \$18,000,000 being now out.—V. 98, p. 1156, 911.

Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction Co.—Earnings. On inquiry, we learn that the item of charges shown last week included for 1913 interest on bonds, \$510,893; interest on floating debt, \$18,531, and taxes, \$57,339 (total \$586,763); while the estimated amount, \$586,837, for 1914, was made up as follows: Interest on outstanding bonds, \$512,384; interest on \$1,200,000 new 6% notes, \$72,000; interest on floating debt, \$2,443. Compare V. 98, p. 1156.

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.—Completion of Line.—The last mile of the main line between Winnipeg, Man., and Prince Rupert, 1,746 miles, was completed on April 7 at a point 371 m. east of Prince Rupert and 1,375 m. from Winnipeg.

The formal opening will take place shortly and it is expected that regular through train service will be begun soon thereafter.—V. 98, p. 522, 73.

Holidaysburg Bedford & Cumberland RR.—Guaranteed Bonds Offered.—Colgate, Parker & Co., N. Y., and Edward Lowber Stokes, Phila., are offering at 94 and int., yielding about 4.32%, \$1,073,000 1st M. 4% gold bonds.

Unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the Pennsylvania RR. Co., both as to principal and interest. Dated July 1 1911 and due July 1 1961. Pay \$1,000 cv. Interest, J. & J. Trustees, Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia. Free of Penn. State tax, and company also proposes to pay interest without deduction for normal Federal income tax. A first mortgage on 80.87 miles of road. The Pennsylvania RR. owns the entire capital stock and the road will be acquired by that company and become a portion of its system, according to the resolutions passed March 1914 (V. 98, p. 695). No more of these bonds will be issued prior to the acquisition by the Pennsylvania RR. Co. and none can be made thereafter as the company will have ceased to exist.

Jackson (Miss.) Light & Traction Co.—Bonds.—The Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co. is offering at 97 and int., yielding over 5.4%, a block of the original issue of \$700,000 1st M. 5s of 1912, due April 1 1922. See V. 94, p. 1566.

Kansas City Mexico & Orient Ry.—Note Offering.—The Columbia-Kniekerbocker Trust Co. and Chas. D. Barney & Co., New York, offered privately at 97½ on April 15 (preferentially to the company's bondholders) a portion of the present issue of \$5,500,000 6% 2-year coupon gold notes brought out by the reorganization committee, of which Lord Monson is Chairman, and forming part of an authorized issue of \$6,000,000. Circulars show:

Extracts from Statement to the Bondholders by Aforesaid Bankers. While the reorganization of the property in the United States, with provision for the completion of the railway to Kansas City and terminals at that point, will involve the raising of some \$15,000,000, the issue of the \$5,500,000 of notes above mentioned will provide sufficient funds to end at an early day the costly receivership and place the railway in a position to be operated to better advantage than heretofore. The entire issue represents an indebtedness of less than \$8,000,000 on the completed mileage now in operation in the United States, with the equipment thereof. If the notes run to maturity, they will yield a return of 7½%, and considerable more if (as seems most probable) redeemed within a year or less.

Condensed Prospectus Issued by Reorganization Committee. Notes.—These will be issued by the new company to be formed as within stated and they will be re-payable at par and int. on April 30 1916, and the whole may be redeemed previously, at par and int., at any time on 60 days' notice, either at the London office, in sterling at 4s. 1½d. to the \$ (equal to £206 5s.), or in N. Y. at Colum.-Knicker. Tr. Co., in currency. Interest payable April 30 and Oct. 31. Trustee for note-holders, Trustees, Executors & Securities Ins. Corp., Ltd., London, and Col.-Knicker. Tr. Co., N. Y.

The amount required to meet the interest on the notes for the entire period of two years will be held by the trustees.

The committee has recently obtained a decree of foreclosure and desires an immediate sale thereunder, and thereby the termination of the costly receivership. The present note issue is being made to provide for the

receivers' certificates and notes; preferential claims, about \$550,000; the proportion of the sale price attributable to the non-depositing bondholders; the costs, charges and expenses of the bondholders' committee of the foreclosure, and the whole interest on the present note issue. The surplus from the present note issue and the unissued notes will be available to improve the permanent way and for improvements to facilitate the handling of traffic, &c.

Until the forced sale is completed and the railroad vested in the new company which will issue the notes, subscribers for the same must look exclusively to the security of the \$18,970,135 1st M. bonds of the present company deposited with the committee, there being undeposited in the hands of the public only about \$2,435,562 of the total bond issue. The members of the bondholders' committee are not to be personally liable for the amount subscribed or interest thereon, but the proceeds will be retained by the trustees to make such of the payments above mentioned under the direction of the committee as may be necessary to enable the notes to be secured by the pledge of all the securities representing the ownership of the 725 miles of railroad in the United States, on which there has been expended, including equipment, \$19,500,000.

When the receivership is definitely terminated, the committee intend to publish a plan of reorganization and invite its adoption by the bondholders of the existing company, but it is not proposed at present to reorganize the company's properties in Mexico. Out of the first moneys receivable under any such plan, sufficient will be retained to re-pay the present note issue at par, and the intention of the committee is to give noteholders a preferential right to an allotment of any prior lien bonds contemplated and to allow security-holders holding these notes to tender their notes in payment of any privileges and assessments under the plan.

The line in the United States has recently been completed to Alpine and is now in operation from Wichita, Kan., to Alpine, Tex.; 737 miles (including trackage rights over 12 miles), and at Alpine connects with the Southern Pacific RR. Access to Kansas City is now obtained over other companies' lines but the committee intends in the plan to make provision for the completion of the line from Wichita to Kansas City, a distance of 207.99 miles, of which 54 have been graded.

The gross earnings in the United States for the year ended June 30 1913 amounted to \$1,808,988, but this affords no indication of the future earning capacity, as the line was operated in disjointed sections by receivers.

Estimate by Experts Kendrick and Conrads of Earnings of Line from Kansas City to Alpine.

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1st Year, 2d Year, 3d Year, 4th Year, 5th Year. Rows: Gross, Net. Values range from \$5,370,000 to \$7,217,000.

Kansas City Terminal Ry.—Additional Bonds Offered.—J. P. Morgan & Co., New York; Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago, and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, are offering, at 93½ and int., yielding 4.33%, an additional \$3,000,000 1st M. 4% 50-year gold bonds dated 1910, making \$33,094,000 outstanding.

Total Auth. Issue, \$50,000,000 (Trustee, Illinois Trust & Sav. Bk., Chicago). Outstanding (including bonds now offered) \$33,094,000. Pledged to secure \$1,000,000 sterling notes (V. 97, p. 49) 6,667,000. Reserved to retire, par for par, all 1st M. 6% bonds of Kansas City Belt Ry. Co., due July 1 1915 2,500,000. Reserved for construction, equipment, additions and impts. 7,730,000.

The present plans include a total of about 188 miles of main and industrial railroad tracks, four local freight stations, passenger, freight and switching yards, roundhouses and shops, as well as the union passenger station, the whole to cost it is estimated, (including real estate) over \$40,000,000. Construction is progressing satisfactorily and it is expected that the passenger station and its approaches will be ready for use during 1914. Compare V. 96, p. 135. V. 97, p. 49.

Lake Shore & Michigan Sou. Ry.—Consolidation Plan.—See New York Central & Hudson River RR. below.

Mortgage to Secure Debentures of 1903 and 1906.—The shareholders will vote June 16 on consenting to the execution of a mortgage by the company to secure the payment of its \$50,000,000 25-year 4% gold bonds of 1903 and \$50,000,000 25-year 4% bonds of 1906. Sec. Dwight W. Pardee says:

The indentures under which these bonds of 1903 and 1906, aggregating \$100,000,000, were issued provide that the company will not make any new mortgage upon its railroad without also thereby including therein every bond issued under said indentures equally and ratably with every bond issued under and secured by any such mortgage. The board of directors has authorized the execution of a mortgage securing these bonds upon its railroad and franchises and upon its leasehold interests in the Erie & Kalamazoo RR., the Detroit Monroe & Toledo RR., the Northern Central Michigan RR., the Kalamazoo & N. W. Pigeon RR., and the Swan Creek RR., and upon such other property, if any, of the company as may be described in said mortgage. (See closing paragraphs of N. Y. Central plan in V. 96, p. 1424.—V. 95, p. 1080, 1060.)

Lehigh Valley RR.—New Director.—Wm. P. Clyde of N. Y. has been elected a director to succeed Charles Steele of J. P. Morgan & Co., who resigned.

Mr. Clyde also becomes a member of the executive and finance committee.—V. 98, p. 912, 763.

Maine Central RR.—Notes Sold.—It was announced on April 11 that the company had sold to Lee, Higginson & Co. and Kidder, Peabody & Co. \$6,000,000 5-year 5% gold notes dated May 1 1914. The notes were offered at 99 with int. adjustment and were all sold on April 14, \$2,000,000 of them being placed in Maine. Further particulars follow:

Notes due May 1 1919 but callable as a whole, but not in part, on any interest date at 102½ and int. Denominations \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Payable in M. & N. currency in Boston and Portland. The company agrees that it will not issue any new mortgage on its franchises or property as long as this issue of notes or any notes given in renewal thereof shall be outstanding and unpaid without including them in such mortgage on the same basis of security as the other mortgage indebtedness.

The purpose of the issue is to provide funds for refunding \$2,000,000 Maine Central notes which matured April 1 1914 and a \$3,000,000 Maine Central note due May 1 1914, and for additions to property.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Capital stock, paying 5% p. a. and quoted around 98 (including \$9,948,067 issued at par in 1913) \$24,774,141; Mtn. bonds on 322 miles of branch lines owned 6,206,500; Mtn. bonds on 424 miles leased 7,841,500; Guaranteed stocks of leased companies 12,520,738; Sinking fund improvement bonds 450,000; Five year 5% notes (this issue) 6,000,000.

Operates 1,206 miles of road, of which 643 miles are owned and 563 miles are operated under leases, the latter embracing 496 miles held under 999-year leases and practically owned. There is no mortgage on 321 miles of main line extending from Portland to Bangor and other principal points in Maine, and no mortgage may be placed thereon without including this issue. For the year ending June 30 1913 the company earned a surplus of \$1,118,544 after meeting rentals and sinking funds. Interest charges on these notes will require \$300,000 per year, but as \$2,000,000 4% notes were retired April 1 1914, the net increase in interest charges will be only \$220,000.

Control (64%) of Capital Stock Now Held by Maine Railways Co.—Pres. McDonald in circular of April 11 says in substance:

In accordance with the votes of the stockholders March 31, Maine Railways Companies, composed of Charles O. Bancroft, Morris McDonald and Harry M. Verrill, as trustees, on April 1 purchased from the Boston & Maine RR. its total holdings of Maine Central RR. Co. stock (\$15,960,100)—64% of the total—at 95½%, amounting to \$15,202,000. This stock was thereupon pledged to Fidelity Trust Co. of Portland, as trustee, to secure an issue of Maine Railways Companies (see that title below) five-year 5% notes, amounting to \$12,202,000. These notes were delivered on April 1 to Boston & Maine RR. in payment of \$12,202,000 of the purchase price of

the stock and the capital of Maine Railways Companies (\$3,000,000 in payment of the balance. The whole arrangement was planned for the sole purpose of removing the Maine Central RR. Co. from foreign control. Whatever profits arise from it will pass automatically into the treasury of the road. Unless the RR. Co. should hold a special meeting prior to Oct. 1914, our annual meeting will be the first occasion upon which the local control will be actually exercised in voting.

Ultimately, the citizens of the State should be allowed to acquire a majority interest, so that they may control the future development of the property. The road ought to earn and pay dividends at the rate of 6% upon its present capital stock, which represents cash for its face amount paid into the treasury. All that the management asks is just treatment. Compare V. 98, p. 1071, 912.

Maine Railways Companies.—Description of Notes.—The 5% notes to be issued by the Maine Railways Companies will be limited to \$12,202,000, will be dated April 1 1914 and will mature April 1 1919. See also Maine Central RR. above.—V. 98, p. 912.

Mesaba (Electric) Ry.—Bonds Offered.—Graham & Co. and W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., both of Philadelphia, are placing at 94 and int., yielding over 5½%, the unsold portion of the initial issue of \$1,100,000 1st M. sinking fund 5% gold bonds, dated March 1 1912 and due March 1 1932, but redeemable as a whole on any interest date, or by lot for sinking fund, at 105 and int. Par \$1,000*. Interest M. & S. Authorized, \$2,500,000; outstanding, \$1,100,000. American Trust Co., Boston, trustee.

Digest of Statement by Pres. Oscar Mitchell, April 3 1914.

Bonds.—Free of normal Federal income tax and Pennsylvania holders will be reimbursed for the four mills Penn. State tax. The remaining \$1,400,000 bonds can be issued at not over 50% of value of new property or securities acquired, but only when annual net earnings are double the interest charges, including bonds proposed. A 1st M. on entire property. Annual sinking fund of 3½% of bonds outstanding begins Jan. 1 1917 and should retire by 1932 about 60% of present outstanding bonds.

Property.—35 miles of electric railway connecting directly and without competition the towns of Hibbing, Chisholm, Buhl, Mountain Iron, Virginia, Eveleth and Gilbert, and intermediate communities of Genoa, Kinross, Kinney, Luelnow and Sharon of the so-called Mesabian Iron Ore Range of Minnesota, serving an all-year average population of more than 50,000. Incorporated under steam railroad laws of Minnesota. About 80% of 23 miles of the road is on private right-of-way (subject to mineral reservation); balance, franchises extending 25 years from 1911 and 1912. The properties of the company are all in first-class physical condition, the roadbed is of standard steam railroad construction; power house, rolling stock and other equipment are entirely modern and ample for the company's requirements. The company has an advantageous contract for its supply of fuel. The management of the company is conservative and efficient and under a supplemental agreement it is required that an annual charge of at least 15% of gross earnings is to be made for maintenance of co's property.

Capital Stock.—Equity is represented by the outstanding stock, viz.: \$550,000 7% non-cumulative pref. (total auth. \$1,250,000) and \$1,575,000 common (total auth. \$2,600,000).

Earnings for First 11 Mos. to Jan. 31 1914 (Complete Oper. began in Mar. '13).
 Gross earnings.....\$232,591 Interest on bonds.....\$50,437
 Net (after taxes).....\$102,595 Surplus.....\$52,158
 —V. 98, p. 1157; V. 94, p. 1317.

Missouri Kansas & Texas Ry.—Dividend Prospects.—In view of the decrease in earnings, there has been much gossip as to the probability that the semi-annual dividend on the \$13,000,000 4% non-cum. pref. stock usually paid on May 10 will be either omitted or reduced.

The estimated gross earnings for March were \$159,437 less than last year, making the total decrease since July 1 last \$536,495. The crop outlook is excellent and the company is expecting the usual heavy live-stock movement this spring.

President Schaff is quoted: "The dividend on the preferred stock will be considered on April 22. Thus far it has not been discussed either formally or informally by the board of directors."—V. 98, p. 1157, 999.

Missouri Pacific Ry.—Fall in Price of Stock—Maturing Notes.—The price of the company's stock on the N. Y. Stock Exchange fell yesterday on sale of 65,000 shares from 24½ to 18¾, closing at 18¾. The secured gold notes were also very weak on the curb. "Evening Post" April 17 said:

President B. F. Bush was in Wall Street to-day and repeated his assertion that the \$25,000,000 notes which mature June 1 would be taken care of. He further said that negotiations with the Guaranty Trust Co. for financing the maturing notes had been broken off, and that it was not hoped that at this late day, and under existing market conditions, long-term bonds for the St. Louis Iron Mt. & Southern Ry. could be sold, as had been expected. He added, however, that arrangements for taking care of the notes temporarily would be made next week.

James Speyer, head of the banking firm which represents the Missouri Pacific, also stated that the \$25,000,000 maturing notes would be provided for. Mr. Speyer said that all interests connected with the property were opposed to default on the notes. He pointed out that the collateral under the notes was more than enough to secure the holders.—V. 98, p. 913.

New York Central & Hudson River RR.—Consolidation Plan Approved by Over 75% of Company's \$90,578,400 Lake Shore Collateral 3½%—Option of Exchange Consolidation M. As Terminates.—Notice was given April 13 that the holders of more than 75% in amount of all the outstanding N. Y. Central & Hudson River RR. Co.'s 3½% gold bonds, Lake Shore collateral, had consented to the consolidation of the company and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. Co., and that the offer to consenting holders of the privilege of exchanging, following consolidation, their 3½% bonds for 4% mortgage bonds, as set forth in letter dated May 14 1913, is withdrawn as to holders of such bonds who had not prior to April 11 1914, given their consent to consolidation. (See V. 96, p. 1424; V. 98, p. 387).

The directors of the two companies will now draw up an agreement for consolidation, which will fix an equitable ratio for the exchange of the shares of the New York Central & the Lake Shore for the stock of the consolidated company. This agreement will be submitted for approval by the holders of two-thirds of the stock of the two companies named and by the railroad commissions of the States through which the two railroads run.

Sale of New Bonds.—J. P. Morgan & Co. recently bought \$40,000,000 of the new 100-year 4½% Refunding and Improvement Mortgage bonds, taking from the company an option good for six months upon an additional \$30,000,000 bonds; and after withdrawing and selling privately \$15,000,000 bonds formed a syndicate on the remaining \$25,000,000, carrying with it the proportion of the option bonds. The sale of these \$70,000,000 bonds will, it is stated, finance the company's requirements for the current year.

The block of \$25,000,000 bonds is offered at 95¾ and int. (yielding 4.70% income) by J. P. Morgan & Co., First National Bank and National City Bank by adv. on another page.

Digest of Letter from Pres. A. H. Smith, New York, April 15 1914.
Bonds.—The \$40,000,000 refunding and improvement, Series "A" 4½% gold bonds which you have purchased are secured by the Ref. & Impt. Mts., dated Oct. 1 1913, to the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee. All of the bonds secured by this mortgage will mature Oct. 1 2013. Series "A" bonds are redeemable at 110 and int. on any interest date, on 3 months' notice. Counsel reports that these bonds are a legal investment for savings banks and trustees in N. Y., Conn., N. H. and R. I. The mortgage-recording tax imposed by N. Y. State has been paid and these bonds are therefore exempt from personal taxation in N. Y. State. (Denom. * \$500 and \$1,000; r* \$1,000 and multiples. Also see V. 98, p. 387.)

The P. S. Commission of N. Y., 2d Dist., and the P. U. Commission of New Jersey, have authorized the present issuance of not to exceed \$70,000,000 4½% Ref. & Impt. M. bonds. As the proceeds of this \$70,000,000 is to be used to meet maturing obligations, the annual interest charges will not be increased.

It is the purpose, through this mortgage, to provide means for future financing in so far as met by issuance of bonds. Bonds may be issued from time to time to retire outstanding prior liens, so that the bonded debt may be gradually unified. The mortgage authorizes the issuance of bonds to an amount which, after adding the outstanding prior debt and deducting the amount of bonds reserved for refunding, shall never exceed three times the outstanding capital stock. This provision limits the present authorized amount to \$76,743,000, of which \$297,211,400 are reserved to refund underlying bonds; if the amount of outstanding capital stock (now \$225,581,150) is increased, the authorized issue under the mortgage is thereby automatically increased; but when the amount of bonds outstanding under the mortgage reaches \$500,000,000, additional bonds may not be issued (except for refunding) unless expressly authorized by a majority vote at a stockholders' meeting, and then only for not exceeding 80% of the cost of work done or property acquired. Furthermore, of the total amount of bonds at any time outstanding, not more than one-third may have been used in the acquisition of bonds or stocks of other companies.

Property Covered.—These bonds are secured (1) by direct general mortgage, subject to \$296,611,400 underlying bonds, on the 1,327.66 miles of line owned in fee, having a total track—exclusive of sidings—of 3,198.18 miles; (2) by pledge of the leasehold interests in the West Shore, N. Y. & Harlem, Beech Creek, Troy & Greenbush, Beech Creek Extension, New Jersey Junction, Geneva Corning & Southern and Walkkill Valley railroads, aggregating 1,191.61 miles of line owned with a total track—exclusive of sidings—of 1,843.19 miles; subject to outstanding underlying obligations amounting in the aggregate to \$80,604,000; grand total, including leaseholds, 3,019.27 miles of line, having a total track of 5,041.37 miles, subject to \$377,275,400 prior obligations, of which \$5,000,000 are now held unissued in the treasury of the N. Y. Central.

The main line from New York to Buffalo is four-tracked throughout, except for about 50 miles of double-track line between New York and Albany—and including the ownership of the double-tracked West Shore RR, the N. Y. Central has practically a six-track road through N. Y. State.

Net Debt per Mile.—The company's Lake Shore Collateral 3½% bonds and Michigan Central Collateral 3½% bonds are secured not only by its new Consolidation Mortgage, but also by specific pledge of all the capital stock which the company owns in these integral parts of its system. This stock, on the basis both of market value and income return, exceeds in value by a large margin the outstanding \$109,914,400 Collat. 3½s, and these two bond issues may therefore be fairly eliminated in calculating the underlying debt per mile. Account should also be taken of the expenditures by the N. Y. Central of over \$45,000,000 on the Grand Central Terminal property in N. Y. City, which in a few years is expected to be self-supporting. Offsetting these two items, amounting to about \$155,000,000, against the underlying debt (\$296,611,400) upon the 1,827.66 miles of line owned in fee, the weight of prior debt, supported by the mileage subject to the Ref. and Impt. Mts., would amount to only \$77,500 per mile of line and \$44,260 per mile of track. Furthermore, the present inventory value of the company's rolling stock, exclusive of that covered by equipment trust bonds outstanding, is over \$84,000,000.

Income and Fixed Charges of the Company for the Last Five-Year Period.

	1909.	1910.	1911.
Gross earnings.....	\$109,082,717	\$120,145,842	\$125,393,616
Gross corporate income.....	\$35,742,357	\$36,459,120	\$40,592,182
Interest, rentals, &c.....	22,046,936	22,170,448	25,257,733
Net corporate income.....	\$13,695,420	\$14,288,672	\$15,304,449
	1912.	1913.	5-Year Aage
Gross earnings.....	\$133,359,692	\$139,352,878	\$125,465,949
Gross corporate income.....	\$40,890,960	\$39,338,754	\$38,604,675
Interest, rentals, &c.....	27,011,122	26,095,195	24,522,288
Net corporate income.....	\$13,879,837	\$13,243,558	\$14,082,387

In addition to the foregoing, the undistributed profits of the Lake Shore & Mich. Sou. alone, to which the N. Y. Central is entitled, have averaged \$5,115,648 per annum during the last five years; adding which, the average gross corporate income of the N. Y. Central, as above, would be increased to over 1½ times fixed charges.

Dividends—Equity.—Since incorporation in 1869 the company has paid dividends of at least 4% per annum, and since 1900 not less than 5% per annum. The equity for the bonds is further shown by the fact that since 1900 the company has sold to its own stockholders nearly \$122,000,000 of capital stock at 100 to 125, realizing in cash in excess of \$126,000,000.

New Directors.—Harold S. Vanderbilt, Ogden Mills and Robert S. Lovett have been elected directors to succeed J. Pierpont Morgan and Geo. S. Bowdoin, both deceased, and L. C. Ledyard, who resigned.

Mr. Lovett represents the stock holdings of the Union Pacific, which since the death of E. H. Harriman has had no representative on the board. Judge Lovett says: "As is well known, the Union Pacific has a substantial interest in the stock of the New York Central and through the extra dividend distribution decided upon some months ago it has practically divested itself of its interest in Baltimore & Ohio. It is natural, therefore, that I should go to the board where we have the larger interest."—V. 98, p. 1157.

New York Connecting RR.—Bonds Sold.—The P. S. Commission on April 14 authorized the company to issue \$5,000,000 additional 1st M. 4½% gold bonds, making the amount outstanding \$16,000,000. J. P. Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who purchased the previous issue (V. 97, p. 1504), have also taken the new block and are selling them at 98 and interest.—V. 98, p. 1072.

N. Y. New Haven & Hartford RR.—Official Statement.
 See "Annual Reports" on a preceding page.

Trustees for Trolley Properties.—Attorney-General Mo Reynolds on April 14 announced the following trustees for the controlled trolley lines to serve "in case the suggested adjustment of the New Haven transportation problem is carried out", until the stock holdings therein are sold, as they must be, by July 1919 (see Reports and V. 98, p. 1000.)

Connecticut Company—Judge Walter C. Noyes of New London, William Waldo Hyde of Hartford, Lyman B. Brainard of Hartford, George E. Hill of Bridgeport and Charles Cheney of South Manchester.

Rhode Island Company—Rathbone Gardner, Thomas Francis Green, John C. Ames, John P. Farnsworth and Chas. C. Munford, all of Providence.

Ex-President Mellen Acquitted.—Judge Tuttle at Bridgeport, Conn., on April 14 on the recommendation of the State Attorney-General, dismissed for lack of evidence the charge of manslaughter against former President Charles S. Mellen, which was returned as a result of the wreck of the Springfield express at Westport, October 2 1912.

Mr. Mellen had been out on bail since his arrest in May 1913 on a bench warrant. Judge Tuttle says: "In a trial it would have been the duty of the State to prove the duty of the accused, the violation by the accused of that duty and that negligence gross in character had taken place. It is this last phase which is hard to prove."—V. 98, p. 1000, 1072, 1157.

Northern Central Ry.—Bill Signed.—Gov. Goldsborough of Maryland on April 13 signed the bill (which while general in its character and following the lines of similar laws in other States) would validate the 40% stock dividend forming a feature of the proposed new lease arrangement. Compare V. 98, p. 1157, 604, 616.

Northern Texas Electric Co.—Bonds.—The bond offering noted last week discloses the fact that the Northern Texas Traction Co. has created, subject to its outstanding issue of \$2,500,000 1st M. 5s, an issue of participating mortgage bonds, of which the entire outstanding amount (\$2,024,000) has been deposited as part collateral for the Northern Texas Electric Co. notes. The total authorized issue of these notes is \$10,000,000, viz.: \$3,053,000 now outstanding, \$62,000 canceled by sinking fund, \$2,500,000 reserved to retire the aforesaid \$2,500,000 (not \$1,500,000) 1st M. 5s of the Traction Co., and \$4,375,000 for further improvements, extensions, &c.—V. 98, p. 1157.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Ry.—New President.—George A. Gaston has been elected President to succeed H. W. Thornton, who resigned.—V. 98, p. 237, 74.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Offered.—Harris, Forbes & Co. and N. W. Halsey & Co. are offering at par and interest the remaining \$2,000,000 of the authorized issue of \$7,000,000 one-year 5% gold notes, due March 25 1915. The proceeds derived from the sale of the notes will be used for general purposes, construction work, &c. Compare offering of original \$5,000,000 issue, V. 98, p. 839.

Year—	Gross Earnings.	Net (after Taxes).	Bond Int., Pref. Divs. &c.	Balance.
1913	\$15,869,006	\$6,871,130	\$4,148,086	\$600,000
1912	14,744,631	6,313,490	3,696,814	600,000

Dividends of 2% (the amount paid in 1913) on the \$32,100,000 common stock outstanding at last accounts (having been increased from \$31,998,759 on Dec. 31 1912) would call for \$502,732, leaving a balance of \$1,320,312 in 1913. In 1912 \$1,520,435 (5%) was paid on common, leaving \$496,241.—V. 98, p. 913, 839.

Pennsylvania Railroad.—Guaranteed Bonds.—See Hollidaysburg Bedford & Cumb. RR. Co. above.—V. 98, p. 840.

Philadelphia & Baltimore Central.—Listed in Phila.—The Phila. Stock Exchange has listed the \$2,200,000 1st M. 4% gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1951. See V. 98, p. 305, 388.

Pittsburgh & Butler Street Ry.—New Bonds.—The stockholders will vote on June 12 on increasing the indebtedness of the company from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, and the issuance of bonds therefor.—V. 84, p. 1552.

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—New Director.—T. De Witt Cuyler has been elected a director to serve until April 1916, to succeed Joseph Wood, who resigned.—V. 98, p. 1087, 1065.

Portland (Ore.) Railway, Light & Power Co.—Sale of \$5,000,000 Notes.—E. W. Clark & Co., Phila., announce the sale at 99 1/2% and int., yielding about 5 1/2%, of \$5,000,000 one-year 5% gold notes, dated May 1 1914, due May 1 1915.

These notes are secured by deposit of the entire issue of \$5,000,000 of the 1st M. sinking fund 30-year gold bonds of Mt. Hood Ry. & Power Co., due in 1937; and of the entire capital stock (excepting only directors' shares) of the Mt. Hood Co. The bonds named constitute a first lien on the water-power, electric-light, power and street railway properties formerly owned by the Mt. Hood Ry. & Power Co., which are situated in the territory adjacent to Portland, Ore.

The Portland Ry., Lt. & Power Co., whose direct obligation these notes are, is paying dividends at the rate of 4% on its \$25,000,000 capital stock, which is 75% paid, leaving \$6,250,000 which can be assessed on the stock. The company reports earnings for the year ended Feb. 28 1914, showing a balance applicable to the interest on these notes of over six times the amount necessary to pay the same. Compare V. 98, p. 1000, 690.

Rhode Island Company.—Trustees Chosen.—See New York New Haven & Hartford RR. above.—V. 98, p. 1001.

Rockland Thomaston & Camden Street Ry.—Purchased.—Maynard S. Bird & Co., investment bankers, Portland, Me., and Hugh J. Chisholm, owner of the Rumford Falls Light & Water Co. and Rumford Falls Power Co., have purchased control of this property.

Wm. T. Cobb, of Rockland, Me., has been made President, it is understood temporarily, and N. J. Neall, Consulting Electrical Engineer of Boston, is Managing Engineer. The purpose is to develop the property on modern lines. No new securities at present. The purchase, it is stated, includes the holdings of G. E. Macomber and P. V. Hill.—V. 74, p. 95.

San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys.—Bonds.—The shareholders voted April 7 to authorize, subject to the approval of the California State RR. Commission, an issue of not exceeding \$35,000,000 "First and Refunding" M. 5s.

Of the new issue, \$20,000,000, it is stated, will be set aside for refunding the old bonds; the remainder will be available wholly or largely for extensions and improvements. See V. 98, p. 913.

Scranton & Wilkes-Barre Traction Corporation.—Bonds Offered.—Bioren & Co., Phila., are offering, at 96 and int., yielding about 6 1/2% income (subject to approval of their counsel) \$1,000,000 collateral trust 6% sinking fund gold bonds dated April 1 1914 and due April 1 1934, but red. on any int. date at par and int. Par \$1,000 (e*). Int. A. & O. Total auth. and out, \$1,000,000. Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., trustee. A circular shows:

Incorporated in Virginia and owns the entire \$1,850,000 capital stock and all the \$5,000,000 1st M. 5s of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley RR.

Capitalization of the Scranton & Wilkes-Barre Traction Corp.	
Coll. trust 5s, due 1951 (p. 124, "El. Ry. Sec.") cum. s. rd. should retire \$400,000 by 1934	\$400,000
Collateral trust 6s, due 1934 (offered herewith)	1,000,000
Prof. stock—divs. 6% to 1917 and 7% thereafter. Authorized (as recently reduced from \$1,250,000), \$1,000,000; outstanding	700,000
Common stock—Authorized (as recently reduced from \$3,000,000) \$1,500,000; outstanding	1,500,000

These bonds are a direct obligation of the corporation, and secured, subject to the \$3,000,000 prior lien collat. 5s, on all the bonds and stock of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley RR. above mentioned. Cum. sink fund, 1916 to 1933, should retire \$350,000 of the issue. Company agrees to reimburse holders for Pennsylvania State tax.

Property.—A high-speed third-rail electric line built by the Westinghouse interests in 1904 and now operating daily 75 trains each way between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre and 60 between Scranton and Dunmore, Pa., handling Inter-State freight as well as a large passenger traffic, &c. Owns 22.63 miles of first track, 20.74 miles of second track and 7.28 miles of yard track and sidings, a total of over 50 miles, including a 1.2-mile tunnel. Built on private right-of-way between Scranton, Pittston and Wilkes-Barre, with a 3-mile extension to Dunmore, Pa. Main road double track with 90-lb. rail, stone ballast, steel bridges. Freight and passenger terminals centrally located in Scranton (about 100 acres), Pittston and Wilkes-Barre. Fireproof power-house at Scranton. Two engine units of 2,000 h. p.

each and one turbine unit of 3,750 h. p. Sub-stations at Avoca and Plains, Pa. Equipment: 2 electric freight locomotives, 4 motor box cars, 1 motor work car, 30 passenger cars, 37 freight cars. Total cost of property, \$7,000,000; total bonded debt, \$4,000,000. Serves an estimated population of 410,000, growing rapidly.

1913	1912	1913	1912
Total gross earnings	\$652,952	\$607,271	Present int. chgo.
Net, after taxes	292,029	256,465	Balance
			\$210,000
			\$210,000

Voting Trust, &c.—The common stock will be held for 5 years by three voting trustees, to be appointed, one by Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., one by Senator William C. Spruill, of Chester, Pa., and one by Bioren & Co., Phila. [Ford, Bacon & Davis in charge of oper.]—V. 98, p. 1, 158.

Springfield (O.) Railway.—Bonds for Refunding.—The P. U. Commission of Ohio on April 8 approved the plan to issue \$1,244,000 1st M. 5s to refund an issue of the same amount made in 1913; also \$143,200 6% pref. stock for betterments and improvements.—V. 98, p. 612.

Underground Electric Rys. of London.—Offering of Sub-Company's Debenture Stock.—The International Financial Society, Ltd., London, E.C., having acquired the entire authorized £350,000 "A" 5% debenture stock of the London & Suburban Traction Co., Ltd., offered the same on or about March 19, and authorized Parr's Bank, Ltd., as bankers, to receive applications therefor at 92%. An adv. shows:

Due April 15 1934, but callable at par (a) for 2 1/2% cum. sinking fund beginning April 1 1914; (b) all or part after Oct. 15 1918. Int. A. & O. 15. Secured by a trust deed, Union Commercial Investment Co., Ltd., trustee, containing a specific first charge on (a) £350,000 4 1/2% 1st M. debenture stock, part of a total issue of £550,000 like debenture stock secured by a trust deed, dated Feb. 5 1913, of which total issue £180,733 has already been issued and £19,267 is at present held in reserve; and (b) the fully-paid shares in the South Metropolitan Electric Tramways & Lighting Co., Ltd., and the Gearless Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd. When the "A" debenture stock now offered is from time to time redeemed and canceled, a proportionate nominal amount of the 1st M. debentures pledged will be released. The London & Suburban Traction Co., Ltd. (share capital issued and fully paid, in £1 shares: 5% cum. pref. shares, £1,596,072; ordinary shares, £1,841,854) was incorporated in Nov. 1912 (V. 95, p. 1609), and has acquired the undermentioned shares, thus uniting the interests named:

Amounts held (Paid-up Value) and Portion Thereof Pledged for 1st M. Deb. Stock—	Amount Held,	Same so Pledged
Metrop. Elec. Tram., Ltd., 5% cum. pref., par £1	451,900	439,800
do ordinary shares, par £1	462,566	458,865
Tramways (M.E.T.) Omnibus Co., Ltd., 200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, 1s. paid	10,000	10,000
Lon. Un. Tram., Ltd., 5% cum. pt. sbs. (for £10 each)	1,212,790	1,201,550
do ordinary shares, £10 each	979,350	977,400
South Metrop. Elec. Tramways & Lighting Co., Ltd., 6% cum. pref. shares, par £1	168,246	—
Ordinary shares, par £1	131,190	—
Gearless Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd., ord. sbs., par £1	12,400	—
Total paid-up value of shares held	3,478,532	3,087,615

Results for 1913, the First Year of the Company's Existence (Subject to Audit)
Income available for debenture service—£103,260
Int. upon £180,733 issued 4 1/2% 1st M. deb. stock for 1913—8,095

Available for int. and s. rd. (total £26,250) of "A" deb. stock—£95,165
The omnibus fleet of the Tramways (M. E. T.) Omnibus Co., Ltd., was not in full service until Aug. 1913. The present issue is made for the purpose of paying temporary loans.—V. 98, p. 906, 914.

Union Pacific RR.—Explanation of Dividend Policy.—Judge Lovett on Tuesday issued the following statement:

There seems to persist some misunderstanding respecting the dividend policy of the company. When the extra dividend was declared last January, it was distinctly stated that, as the stockholders would receive a return of 2.01% per annum from the Baltimore & Ohio stock and cash certificates, the U. P. regular dividend would be reduced to 8% per annum.

While the actual payment of the extra dividend has been postponed, owing to litigation, the condition remains the same, that when the extra dividend is paid, it will be to stockholders of record March 1 and will carry with it all dividends paid on Baltimore & Ohio stock after April 1 and interest earned from that date on the cash part of the dividend. As the stockholders will thus eventually receive the accretions, it is manifestly proper that the next regular dividend on the common stock of this company should be at the rate of 8% per annum.

The next semi-annual dividend of the Baltimore & Ohio will be payable Sept. 1 and will cover a period from March 1. It is hoped that before that date, pending litigation will be disposed of.

Of course if the payment of the extra dividend should be permanently enjoined, I should expect the Union Pacific to pay its stockholders the difference between the 8% and 10% rates, since in that case it would retain the cash and Baltimore & Ohio stock which, through its extra dividend, it has undertaken to distribute.

Appeal.—The appeal of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from the decision of Justice Greenbaum denying a motion for an injunction to prevent the payment of the extra dividend is expected to be heard by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court shortly.—V. 98, p. 1073, 914.

United Railroads of San Francisco.—Earnings.—See United Railways Investment Co.—V. 98, p. 1171.

Car Trusts.—E. H. Rollins & Sons and Union Trust Co. of San Francisco have applied to the Cal. RR. Commission for authority to execute a car equipment trust agreement to cover the purchase of 65 cars at an aggregate cost, it is stated, of \$365,000.—V. 98, p. 1074, 840.

Washington Baltimore & Annapolis Electric RR.—

Calendar Year—	Gross Earnings.	Net Revenue.	Other Income.	Interest, Taxes, &c.	Prof. Div.	Balance, Surplus.
1913	\$931,940	\$408,314	\$10,896	\$289,590	abt. \$87,327	\$42,293
1912	778,287	389,331	6,306	271,537	abt. 87,327	36,723

—V. 98, p. 840, 454.

West End Street Railway, Boston.—Common Stock at Auction.—Notice is given that 5,600 shares of \$50 (total \$280,000) of new common stock will be sold at auction by Francis Henshaw & Co., 97 Milk St., Boston, April 23 1914, at 11 a. m., at not less than the par and div.—V. 98, p. 691, 612.

Westchester Street RR.—Decision.—The Court of Appeals at Albany on March 18 modified the order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court which reversed the decision of the P. S. Commission authorizing the company to issue \$434,000 stock to acquire the Tarrytown White Plains & Mamaroneck Ry.

The last-named was purchased by the N. Y. New Haven & Hartford RR. The company asked permission to issue \$912,023 stock to the N. Y. New Haven & Hartford for the property. Under the modification either party may present further testimony relating to the question of value. The Westchester Street RR. Co. on March 30 filed motion for re-argument, and this motion is still pending.—V. 94, p. 1765.

INDUSTRIAL, GAS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

American Dock Co., New York.—Bonds Offered.—The bankers who in October 1910 (V. 91, p. 872) placed the original \$750,000 American Dock & Trust Co. 1st M. 5s of 1910 are offering an additional lot of these bonds at 95 and int., making outstanding \$900,000 of the authorized \$1,000,000. A circular shows: Tax-exempt in N. Y. State and free from normal income tax.

Property.—Property consists of (a) 30 acres of water front at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y. City, including riparian rights purchased in 1902. Street frontage 370 ft., water frontage 948 ft., at bulkhead and 1,000 ft. at pierhead line, with 40 ft. water on pier line; (b) 5 covered piers, are 350,000 sq. ft.; (c) 30 warehouses, area 8,000,000 cu. ft. of storage space (d) 6,500 ft. standard gauge railroad track connecting all piers and warehouses, etc. Appraised value of property July 1910 over \$1,750,000, since which date about \$500,000 of new improvements have been added.

Earnings for Years ending Aug. 31 (as Certified by Accountants). 1909-10. 1910-11. 1911-12. 1912-13. Gross \$216,323 \$185,452 \$166,724 \$194,356 Net (after tax) applicable to bond int. 149,530 107,507 80,598 104,603 Net earnings for six months ended Feb. 28 1914 applicable to bond interest were at the rate of about \$120,000 per annum; interest on \$900,000 bonds, \$45,000. The piers are now all rented (excepting the smallest one) for a term of years. The rentals alone considerably exceed the bond int. The Federal Govt. has recently extended the pier-head line and we are now seeking the additional riparian rights, which will permit of extending our piers to a maximum length of 1,000 ft. each. [The company's name was changed to Am. Dock Co. some months ago.] See also V. 91, p. 1027.

American Locomotive Co.—Circular.—Isaac M. Cate, of Baltimore, a stockholder, who has previously made two ineffective attacks upon the management, has issued a circular to the stockholders renewing his charges. See V. 98, p. 994, 914.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Sale of Subsidiary Co. Notes.—It is understood that a syndicate composed of J. P. Morgan, Kuhn, Loeb and Baring Brothers, besides Kidder, Peabody & Co. in Boston, are offering privately \$30,000,000 2-year 5% notes of six subsidiary companies, mainly to investors local to the subsidiary companies, which have issued the notes, the localities including Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, &c. A portion of these notes may later be made available for the New York market. The notes are dated, part April 1 and part April 15, with interest payable semi-annually and in denomination of \$1,000.

The notes include: Iowa Telephone Co., \$2,500,000; Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$6,000,000; Nebraska Telephone Co., \$4,000,000; Missouri & Kansas Telephone Co., \$7,500,000; Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co. (sold in London), \$7,500,000; Cleveland Telephone Co. (not yet authorized by the Commission), \$2,500,000.

The sale of the notes is in line with the policy announced by President Vail at the annual meeting of the American T. & T. Co. of raising funds this year and next on direct borrowing by the subsidiary companies. A large part of the proceeds, it is understood, will go into the treasury of the American Co. to repay advances made by the American Co.—V. 98, p. 1074, 1001.

American Tobacco Co.—Sales to Independent Jobbers.—The American Tobacco Co. on Apr. 15 sent out a circular letter notifying independent jobbers in the district between Trenton, N. J., on the south, and Stamford, Conn. (known as the Metropolitan district), that it will sell its products to them direct on the same terms as the Metropolitan Tobacco Co. The P. Lorillard Co. took the same step on Apr. 14, the Liggett & Myers Co. did so about 2 weeks ago, and the R. J. Reynolds Co. has adopted the open market policy within a few days.

Complaints have recently been made to the Department of Justice that the old companies of the American Co. as existing before the disintegration have continued to monopolize the trade in this district, through unfair trade practices, and conferences have been carried on for some time with the view of avoiding a new suit by the Government on the ground of alleged violation of the terms of the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in May 1911 (V. 92, p. 1591). The course adopted will, it is hoped, satisfy the Government.—V. 98, p. 832, 841, 825.

American Utilities Co., Philadelphia.—On 7% Basis.—A quarterly dividend (No. 9) of 1 1/2% has been declared on the \$600,000 pref. stock, payable May 10. The stock, which formerly received 1 1/2% quarterly, became entitled to cumulative dividends at 7% from Feb. 1914.—V. 94, p. 1766.

American Water Works & Guarantee Co., Pittsburgh.—Sold.—At the sale in Pittsburgh on April 15 the property was bid in by H. H. Pierce, acting for the reorganization committee, for \$1,250,000. See reorg. plan, V. 98, p. 914, 1074.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Year— Net Earnings. Int. on Bonds, &c. Dividends. Surp. or Def. Balance.

Associated Oil Co.—Earnings.—For calendar year: Calendar Year— Net (after Maint. &c.) Interest on Bonds. Depreciation Reserve. Balance.

Buckeye Powder Co.—New Trial Denied.—Judge Reilstab in the U. S. District Court on April 11 denied a motion for a new trial of the suit against the du Pont de Nemours Powder Co. in which the jury recently rendered a verdict of "no cause of action."—V. 98, p. 692.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Combined Earnings, Including Superior & Pittsburgh Copper Co.—Calendar Year— Total Income. Expenses. Net Earnings. Exp. at Out- Balance.

Calumet & Hecla Mining Co.—Strike Off.—The workers in the Michigan copper mine district who have been on strike since July 23 on April 13 voted to call off the strike. The strikers waive recognition of the union, practically all of their other demands having, it is stated, been complied with, including better working conditions, an 8-hour day and a minimum daily wage of \$3. There were originally about 13,000 men involved in the strike, but this has been cut down lately to about 6,000 through the return of many to work and the removal of others from the district.—V. 98, p. 692, 239.

Chino Copper Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Year— Gross Receipts. Net Profits. Other Income. Dividends Paid. Balance Surplus.

Cleveland Telephone Co.—Sale of Notes.—See American Telephone & Telegraph Co. above.—V. 95, p. 892.

Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Sale of Notes.—See American Telephone & Telegraph Co. above.—V. 98, p. 239.

Delaware Lack. & West. Coal Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Year— Coal Sales. Net Revenue. Other Income. Dividends Paid. Balance Surplus.

Empire Land Co. of New Jersey.—Bonds Called.—One hundred (\$100,000) 1st M. 20-year 6% gold bonds dated June 1 1903 for payment at 105 and int. on June 1 at Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee. Payment will be made at 105 and accrued interest to date of payment if presented any time prior to June 1.

(E. & T.) Fairbanks & Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend of 1%, usually paid on March 15, on the \$2,500,000 stock, on account of business conditions.

Recent Dividend Record (Per Cent). 1903-'04. '05-'06. '07-'08. '09-'10. '11-'13

General Chemical Co., New York.—Quarterly Earnings. March Quarter— Net Profits. Insurance Reserve. Prof. Diss. Com. Dies. Balance Surplus.

General Railway Signal Co., Rochester, N. Y.—The stockholders will vote on April 27 on increasing the authorized stock from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The present stock issues consist of \$2,000,000 pref. stock and \$3,000,000 common, all out.—V. 98, p. 998, 826.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Earnings.—Net earnings for 3 months ending March 31 were \$306,920, against \$277,245 for same period last year, an increase of \$29,675.—V. 98, p. 307.

(J. B.) Greenhut Co., Inc., New York.—New Name.—See Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper Co. below.

Greenhut Siegel-Cooper Co.—New Name.—Justice Davis in the Supreme Court in this city on April 14 made an order authorizing the company on and after May 18 to assume the name J. B. Greenhut Co., formerly Greenhut Siegel-Cooper Co., Inc.—V. 92, p. 728.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Year— Net Profits on Sugar. Other Profits. Total Net Profits. Dividends Paid. Balance Surp. or Def.

Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.—About \$5,400,000 of the \$6,500,000 Income Bonds Assent.—New Offer.—Treasurer Geo. H. Markell announces as of April 11:

More than the necessary two-thirds of the income bonds has been deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., so that stock will be issued in accordance with the offer of Jan. 31 1914. Delay can be avoided by sending the deposit receipts to the trust company before May 15 1914, so that stock certificates can be issued on that date. Interest on the temporary receipts will cease on May 15 and subscribers will not receive dividends until in possession of regular stock certificates. All of the common stock offered and about 51,000 shares of pref. will be issued. Almost exactly one-sixth of the income bonds will remain outstanding.

Our funded debt is now so small that no difficulty will be encountered in caring for it at maturity, and, therefore, we expect to make no special effort to retire these bonds before they mature. However, upon surrender of each \$1,000 income 6% gold bond at our main office, we will issue therefor nine shares of pref. stock with cash adjustment of accrued interest and quarterly dividend. This offer however is subject to withdrawal without notice. See also V. 98, p. 240, 307, 390, 683.

Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co.—Receiver's Certificate.—Judge Dietrich in the U. S. District Court at Boise on April 12 authorized the sale of \$250,000 receiver's certificates to provide for the completion of the Oxbow plant on the Snake River.—V. 98, p. 1075, 613.

Iowa Telephone Co.—Sale of Notes.—See American Telephone & Telegraph Co. above.—V. 90, p. 1105.

Interlake Steamship Co., Cleveland.—Earnings.—For 9 months ending Dec. 31 1913, earnings from operations, \$1,155,313; interest received from banks and discount, \$26,146; total, \$1,181,459; vessel depreciation, \$250,000; interest paid on bonds, \$180,000; discount on bonds sold, organization expenses, &c., \$186,027; dividends paid Oct. 1 1913 and Jan. 2 1914, \$231,380; balance, surplus, \$334,052.—V. 97, p. 890.

Kansas City Stock Yards Co.—Ouster Suit.—Attorney-General Dawson of Kansas on April 9 filed in the State Supreme Court at Topeka, Kan., an ouster suit against the company to prevent it from assuming the duties and performing the service of a transportation, connecting or terminal railway, and charging railroads for the use of the tracks within the stock yards.

The company is incorporated in Missouri and licensed in Kansas to "maintain and operate stock yards and do other things necessary for the conduct of the business." There is no specific provision for performing any transportation service and the ouster suit is brought to determine whether the company has the right to do switching work for the roads in getting cars of stock to and from the yards.

The company has put into effect a schedule of \$2 a car for switching cars in or out of the yards when the stock yards company furnishes its own motive power. When the railroads furnish the power the charge is 75 cents a car for the use of the 6 miles of track in the yards. The rates went into effect on April 9 and the railroad companies at once tried to get the shippers of live stock to pay the additional charge. That was refused and the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange notified, by circular, all the regular shippers and commission men doing business in the yards not to pay the switching charge. The stock yards company demands that the railroads absorb the switching charges.—V. 98, p. 158.

Kelly-Springfield Fire Co., N. Y.—Plan to Exchange Present Debenture 4s for First Pref. Stock and 7 1/2% Accumulated Pref. Dividends for 7% Second Pref. Stock.—The shareholders, it is understood, will vote May 4 on the changes necessary to carry out the following plan, provided sufficient bondholders assent: (a) Cancel the \$2,500,000 4% income debentures by issuing therefor 6% cum. pref. stock \$ for \$, thus increasing the outstanding 6% pref. stock from \$1,149,500 to \$4,000,000 (the total auth. issue); (b) Refund the 7 1/2% accumulated divs. upon the 6% pref. stock by the issuance of \$902,557 7% cum. 2d pref. stock, such stock to be convertible, at the option of holder, at any time before July 1 1924 for common stock. The common stock is now \$4,000,000 and it would be increased to permit of such conversion. The bonds were originally issued in exchange for 6% pref. stock and the present plan would turn them back into 6% pref. Compare annual report on a preceding page.—V. 98, p. 455, 158.

S. S. Kresge Co. (5 and 10 Cent Stores).—Sales.—1914—March—1913. Inc. 1914—3 Mos.—1913. Inc.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—Stock Increase.—The stockholders voted on April 15 to increase the capital stock from \$36,880,200 to \$44,256,300, by adding \$7,376,100 pref. stock (par \$100), making the latter \$22,769,000. See report V. 98, p. 837, 842, 916.

Mineral Point Electric Light.—Successor Co.—See Mineral Point Public Service Co. below.—V. 89, p. 899.

Reports and Documents.

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
Incorporated.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1913.

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ORDERED TO BE SUBMITTED.

To Stockholders—

A report was submitted to the stockholders at their meeting on October 8 1913, covering the period from July 1 1912 to June 30 1913, and it was then stated that, owing to the fiscal year having been changed to conform with the calendar year, a report would be submitted to the stockholders at the annual meeting in April 1914 for the year ended December 31 1913.

Herewith follows a balance sheet as of December 31 1913 and an income account for the year ended that date, with a certificate attached from the same firm of independent auditors employed in 1910.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1913.

ASSETS.	
<i>Property Account—</i>	
Telegraph Lines and Equipment, including properties controlled by stock ownership or held under perpetual leases and merged in the Western Union System.....	\$131,834,591 84
Real Estate.....	7,770,225 88
Patents.....	108,943 42
Amount recoverable on the expiration of long-term lease in respect of obligations assumed thereunder.....	1,180,000 00
	\$140,893,761 14
<i>Other Securities Owned—</i>	
Stock of Telegraph, Cable and Other Allied Companies operated under term leases (not including securities held as Lessee).....	\$5,885,917 26
Stock of Telegraph, Cable and Other Allied Companies not leased.....	4,880,093 95
Miscellaneous Investments.....	348,682 40
Purchase Money Notes and Obligations.....	6,000,000 00
	17,114,693 61
<i>Inventories of Material and Supplies—</i>	1,960,174 01
<i>Current Assets—</i>	
Bills and Accounts Receivable, including Managers' and Superintendents' balances, &c. (less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts), &c. (less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts).....	\$5,657,849 04
Cash on Special Deposit.....	3,000,000 00
Treasurer's balances, including Cash at Banks at New York and outside depositories and in transit.....	2,278,948 39
	11,936,797 43
<i>Sinking Fund (Cash and Securities).....</i>	141,797 33
Total.....	\$172,047,223 52
LIABILITIES.	
<i>Capital Stock Issued.....</i>	\$99,817,100 00
Less—Held in Treasury.....	30,341 04
	\$99,786,758 96
<i>Capital Stock of Subsidiary Companies not owned by the Western Union Telegraph Company (par value):</i>	
Companies controlled by perpetual leases.....	\$3,432,825 00
Companies controlled by stock ownership.....	446,150 00
	3,878,975 00
<i>Funded Debt—</i>	
Bonds of the Western Union Telegraph Co. 4 1/2 % Funding and Real Estate Mortgage 50-Year Gold Bonds, 1950.....	\$20,000,000 00
Collateral 5 % Trust Bonds 1938.....	8,745,000 00
Bonds of Subsidiary Companies assumed or guaranteed by the Western Union Telegraph Co.....	\$7,000,000 00
Less—Held in Treasury.....	3,143,000 00
	3,857,000 00
	32,602,000 00
Total Capital Liabilities.....	\$136,267,733 96
<i>Current Liabilities—</i>	
Accounts Payable.....	\$3,403,285 20
Accrued Taxes (estimated).....	477,281 23
Interest and Guaranteed Dividends accrued on Bonds and Stocks.....	231,798 31
Unpaid Dividends (including Dividend of \$748,071, payable January 15 1914).....	783,157 98
	4,895,522 72
<i>Deferred Non-Interest Bearing Liabilities, in respect of proceeds of sales of securities and other properties held under lease for terms expiring in 1981 and 2010 from companies in which the Western Union Telegraph Company has, for the most part, a controlling interest, payable only on the termination of the leases.....</i>	12,881,242 95
<i>Reserves—</i>	
For Maintenance of Cables.....	\$1,676,926 10
For Reconstruction Land Lines.....	2,168,084 22
For Employees' Benefit Fund.....	1,000,000 00
	4,845,010 32
<i>Surplus Reserved.....</i>	3,451,921 72
<i>Surplus—At December 31 1912.....</i>	\$9,463,120 23
Add: Balance from Income Account.....	3,234,917 37
	\$12,698,037 60
Deduct: Dividends paid and declared.....	2,992,245 75
	9,705,791 85
Total.....	\$172,047,223 52

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.

We have examined the books of The Western Union Telegraph Company for the year ending December 31 1913, and we certify that, in our opinion, the above balance sheet sets forth the true financial position of the company at that date, and the relative income account is a correct statement of the results of the operations for the year.

March 25 1914.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

INCOME ACCOUNT THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1913.

Gross Telegraph and Cable Earnings.....	\$44,847,775 10
Miscellaneous Earnings.....	935,737 48
Total Earnings.....	\$45,783,512 58

<i>Deduct—</i>	
Operating Expenses, including rent of Leased Lines, Reconstruction, Repairs, Taxes, &c.....	42,327,121 27
Balance.....	\$3,456,391 31
<i>Add—</i>	
Income from Loans and Investments, including Rentals from Real Estate.....	1,115,755 18
	\$4,572,146 49
<i>Deduct—</i>	
Interest on Bonds of the Western Union Telegraph Company.....	1,337,229 12
Balance transferred to Surplus Account.....	\$3,234,917 37

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

The additions in the year ended December 31 1913 amount to \$3,761,496; namely, for—

Land line and ocean cable construction and equipment.....	\$2,194,891
Real estate.....	1,575,726
Less extinguishment of patent values.....	\$3,770,617
	9,121
	\$3,761,496

There have been added to the land line plant 623 miles of poles and 18,458 miles of wire, consisting of an increase of 25,797 miles of copper wire and a decrease of 7,339 miles of iron wire. The Company now has 25,000 independent and joint offices. Considerable work has been performed during the past year in improving and rehabilitating offices, moving them to more desirable locations, and closing others which were not remunerative.

Of the total additions to real estate \$1,293,855 was expended on the New York office building construction referred to in previous reports. The balance expended for real estate, amounting to \$281,871, has been spent in needed improvements for the cable service.

OTHER SECURITIES OWNED.

The total of these assets has decreased \$2,521,316, which is principally accounted for by the payment during the year of three notes aggregating \$2,500,000. The other changes in the value of securities owned are represented by some minor purchases of the shares of allied telegraph companies and the writing down, in book value, of the shares owned in the American Telegraph & Cable Company, pursuant to the resolution of January 2 1913, which was referred to in the last annual report.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES.

Inventories of all materials and supplies in the field and warehouses as of November 30 1913, and the amount shown in the balance sheet is the cost value thereof, less adequate reserves to provide for any depreciation in values.

CURRENT ASSETS.

Included among the current assets is cash on special deposit, amounting to \$3,000,000, which represents a short-term loan at 5 1/2 per cent. The total of bills and accounts receivable has been reduced during this year by \$348,398 as compared with the corresponding amount at December 31 1912.

The litigation between the American Speaking Telephone Company et al and the American Bell Telephone Company on the contract of November 10 1879, was finally concluded in the latter part of 1913, in favor of the former company, and the Western Union Company received, as dividend, the sum of \$3,230,545 on the shares of the American Speaking Telephone Company, which it owned and held as lessee of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company. This dividend represented deferred income, or a profit to your Company, cumulating over a period of years, and was credited to surplus reserved and not to income for the year. Surplus reserved, amounting to \$3,451,921 and stated on the liability side of the balance sheet, is made up as under:

Dividend received December 17 1913 from American Speaking Telephone Co.....	\$3,230,545
Reserve for contingencies, transferred to surplus reserved.....	228,425
	\$3,458,970
Less reduction in book value American Speaking Telephone Co. shares owned by Western Union Co.....	7,049
	\$3,451,921

CAPITAL STOCK OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES.

The capital liability in respect to the above has slightly decreased, owing to the purchase of a few shares of leased companies.

RESERVES.

The reserves for maintenance of cables and reconstruction of land lines together show a small decrease of \$60,822 at the close of the year, after charging the respective reserves with replacements of plant.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

It has been thought advisable to re-classify the income account for the year ended December 31 1913 so as to treat amounts paid other lines for the transmission of mes-

sages and refunds made in connection with services rendered, aggregating \$1,110,517, as deductions from total earnings, rather than as expenses, which has been the practice heretofore.

The total earnings for the year, amounting to \$45,783,512, have increased \$1,720,271, or 3.9 per cent over the total earnings for the year ended December 31 1912, and the total operating expenses, including rent of leased lines, reconstruction, taxes, &c., have increased \$1,738,021, or 4.2 per cent. After allowing for interest on funded debt, the balance of income account transferred to surplus was \$3,234,917, from which was deducted dividends paid and declared at the rate of 3 per cent per annum on the capital stock, leaving a net addition to surplus of \$242,671. The policy of charging operating expenses with betterments to the lines and improvements made to equipment and offices was generally continued during the past year.

GENERAL.

Many inquiries have been made as to the prospects of the Company, either under any possible purchase by or competition of the Government, or as a going concern operating independently of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company.

The relations between the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and your Company have always remained the same as between two entirely independent companies. The organizations of the two companies were entirely distinct and independent and, with the exception of the President and a minority of the Directors, had no officers in common. All contracts and operating arrangements were such as two independent companies could enter into under the interpretations of the existing laws, and the commercial interests of each company were carefully guarded, so that the so-called divorce of the two companies is being accomplished with very little confusion.

As to the Government purchase or operation of the telegraphs: The property of the Company cannot be taken without just compensation, that is, a full and proper equivalent for the property taken must be returned to the owners. In such a case, the shareholders should receive, as a minimum, far in excess of the present market value of the shares.

The other alternative which has been advanced, to take over the long-distance telephone lines and enter into competition with the existing telegraph lines for the purpose of destroying their business, is not only of so questionable a character as to be repudiated when its full significance is realized, but is so utterly impossible and unworkable from a practical point of view as to make it negligible. The owners of the securities of the Western Union may rest quietly and not be scared into the sacrifice of their property. Headline prophecies should be read and regarded in the light of the results which have followed the headline prophecies of the past.

The technical department of the Company has been at work in connection with that of the Bell System in the development of what might be termed mechanical transmission, and there is now in daily use rapid transmission apparatus which nearly, if not quite, quadruples the most effective yet devised, and is giving great results on the trunk lines where there is a concentrated business between large places. There is nothing as yet and not likely to be anything which will supersede the old key transmission of a scattered business distributed to many points on a local line.

The following extracts from a statement made in January 1914 are given as showing the substantial position of your Company:

"Immediately after the American Telephone & Telegraph Company acquired its interest, the Western Union directors had a thorough examination of the plant made, and a thorough investigation of its position from every standpoint. It was found that though the earnings had been impaired, its outstanding capital was well represented by property, but not all of it was in as good condition as it should be.

"The probable earnings of the future were carefully gone into and it was estimated that the 3 per cent dividend could be continued and a very considerably increased amount put into maintenance, improvement, renovation and reconstruction; also that the operating organization should be strengthened, wages improved, and operating conditions bettered.

"It was thought that these improvements and renovations could be completed in from five to seven years from that time.

"This policy was adopted: Substantially all surplus over and above the 3 per cent dividend was set aside for these purposes. The amount so set aside was distributed over different quarters in different amounts, so that no three months' period should show either a deficit or any considerable surplus over dividends. This has been fully set out in the annual reports to the shareholders.

"The results of the working for the three years ending October 31 1913, as compared with the three years ending June 30 1910, are as follows:

Gross cable and land lines revenue	\$125,190,000	
Wages paid, not including cable maintenance, construction or reconstruction wages	38,805,000	or 45%
An increase of	48,000,000	
Construction, excluding real estate	18,566,000	or over 50%
An increase of	3,791,000	
Amount set aside out of earnings for maintenance, improvement, renovation and reconstruction	360,000	or 10.5%
An increase of	*22,624,000	
* Of this amount \$2,660,000 is unexpended and carried in reserve for these purposes.	8,200,000	or nearly 57%

"Of the amount expended for maintenance, renovation, reconstruction, \$2,847,000 could properly have been charged to construction, and will have to be so charged under the present accounting regulations of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which are now in effect, beginning with the current year. This will, if conditions remain unchanged, increase the divisible surplus by that amount during the continuance of the abnormal expenditures.

"It is estimated that these abnormal expenditures will be completed in 2½ to 3 years, when the property of the company will be in good going condition and can be so maintained by normal expenditures.

"The benefits of the work that has been done under this policy are beginning to be realized in the improvement of the spirit and feeling on the part of employees towards the company and in efficiency and economy of operation.

"If these benefits continue under existing conditions, based on experience of the last three months of 1913, it is expected that at least \$1,000,000 a year will be saved in operation.

"The financial condition of Western Union was never better. It has liquid assets in cash, demand and time bills receivable, less current liabilities of some \$15,000,000, sufficient to take care of all construction demands for some years to come, if the surplus revenue is not adequate for that purpose.

"Unless conditions change very much for the worse, the shareholders of Western Union are on the eve of getting some return for their patient waiting, and this return should be continuous and increasing.

"Whatever decrease there has been in the Western Union revenue from private line leases has come from the discontinuance of leasing lines to those who put them to questionable uses and to the fact that in case of a general interruption the Western Union was compelled, when such lines were restored, to use them for its commercial business and thus deprive the lessees of their use for a time.

"The telegraph business had been carried on entirely on the basis of immediate transmission and delivery. This naturally called for operating staff and facilities equal to the peaks of normal demands, and it naturally followed that there were considerable intervals when this operating force and these facilities were idle. New services, not requiring immediate transmission and delivery, were gradually introduced to fill in these idle intervals, with beneficial results both to the public and to the company.

"The new services, in spite of adverse criticism and charges of unfair competition from some quarters, have been revenue-producing and profitable, and of great benefit to the public, and have not, in any way, affected adversely the regular business at regular rates. These were introduced in spite of the belief on the part of many that they would largely affect the long-line telephone business.

"The results have demonstrated that there is a field for them; that with equally available facilities for both, the telephone and telegraph are not competitive, but each has its own distinctive field. If telephone and telegraph facilities are equally available, the public will use that which is best adapted for the particular purposes for which it is used. In case of unequally available facilities, it will use one or the other as an alternative."

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. N. VAIL, President.

ADDENDUM.

New York, April 15 1914.

The stockholders, at their meeting on the 8th instant, approved amendments to the By-Laws, so as to provide:

That the affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Board of twenty-one (21) instead of thirty (30) Directors.

That seven (7) of the Directors, including the President, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with provision that four (4) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of said Committee, and that if a quorum be not present at any meeting, the member or members of the Committee present may adjourn the meeting until a later day or hour, and a minute of such adjournment shall be entered on the records by the Secretary; or the member or members present, whether constituting a quorum or not, at his or their option, shall have the power to appoint a substitute or substitutes from the members of the Board of Directors to act during the temporary absence of any member or members of the Committee.

WM. H. BAKER, Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

DIRECTORS.

Oliver Ames,	Henry W. DeForest,	Edwin G. Merrill,
William Vincent Astor,	Chauncey M. Depew,	Percy A. Rockefeller,
William H. Baker,	William Fahnestock,	Jacob H. Schiff,
Henry A. Bishop,	Edwin Gould,	Mortimer L. Schiff,
Newcomb Carlton,	George J. Gould,	Joseph J. Slocum,
Robert C. Clowry,	Thomas H. Hubbard,	James Stillman,
Henry P. Davison,	Robert S. Lovett,	William H. Truesdale.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William H. Baker,	Henry P. Davison,	Mortimer L. Schiff,
Henry A. Bishop,	Thomas H. Hubbard,	
Newcomb Carlton,	Robert S. Lovett,	

GENERAL OFFICERS.

Newcomb Carlton, President, N. Y.	E. Y. Gallaher, Comptroller, N. Y.
G. W. E. Atkins, Vice-Pres., N. Y.	H. W. Ladd, Auditor, New York.
Belvidere Brooks, Vice-Pres., N. Y.	J. C. Willaver, U. S. Cable Mgr., N. Y.
A. R. Brewer, Treasurer, N. Y.	John F. Dillon, Consult. Coun'l, N. Y.
Lewis Dresdner, Asst. Treas., N. Y.	Rush Taggart, General Coun'l, N. Y.
Wm. H. Baker, Secretary, N. Y.	Geo. H. Fearons, Gen. Attor., N. Y.
F. W. Lienau, Asst. Sec., N. Y.	A. T. Benedict, Asst. Gen. Att., N. Y.

PABST BREWING COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1913.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1913.

Net Profit from Operation, after providing for Depreciation and all other losses and expenses.....	\$900,605 34
Dividends and Interest on Loans and Investments and Miscellaneous Profits.....	96,857 88
Together.....	\$997,463 22
Deduct—Interest on Bonds, etc.....	\$108,415 01
Federal Income Tax.....	8,149 60
Balance, Net Profit for the year, carried to Balance Sheet.....	\$880,898 61

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1913.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Capital Assets—		Capital Stock—	
Real Estate, Buildings, Plant & Machinery.....	\$4,595,324 30	7% Cumulative Preferred Stock—20,000	
City and Outside Real Estate.....	6,419,261 00	Shares of \$100 00 each.....	\$2,000,000 00
Improvements and Fixtures on Leased Properties.....	399,613 15	Common Stock—100,000	
Total Capital Assets.....	\$11,414,198 45	Shares of \$100 00 each.....	\$10,000,000 00
Cash in Hands of Sinking Fund Trustees.....	1,247 63	Less 2,360 Shares in Treasury.....	236,000 00
Investment in and Advances to Bohannon Dredging Co.....	210,387 24		9,764,000 00
Miscellaneous Investments—		4% First Mortgage Gold Bonds.....	\$3,000,000 00
Investments in and Advances to Subsidiary		Less Redeemed and Canceled.....	942,000 00
Companies.....	\$670,343 18		2,058,000 00
Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies.....	668,837 91	Mortgage Payable.....	35,000 00
	1,339,181 09	Total Capital Liabilities.....	\$13,857,000 00
Current Assets—		Current Liabilities—	
Inventories.....	\$1,323,122 02	Bills Payable.....	\$200,000 00
Bills and Accounts Receivable (less reserves).....	1,752,351 15	Accounts Payable.....	514,976 14
Cash in Banks and on Hand.....	207,904 24		714,976 14
	3,283,377 41	Insurance Fund.....	272,560 04
Deferred Charges to Profit and Loss.....	63,510 86	Surplus—Balance at December 31 1912.....	\$1,165,847 89
		Add Profit for the year ending	
		December 31 1913, as per	
		Income Accounts attached.....	\$880,898 61
		Less Dividends paid.....	579,380 00
			301,518 61
			1,467,366 50
	\$16,311,902 68		\$16,311,902 68

We have examined the books and accounts of the Pabst Brewing Company for the year ending December 31 1913, and we certify that, in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and shows the true financial position of the Company at that date, and that the relative Income Account is correct.

Chicago, April 6 1914.

(Signed) PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.,

Certified Public Accountants.

Walpole (Mass.) Tire & Rubber Co.—Sale May 11.—The property is advertised to be sold by the receivers at Walpole on May 11. Upset price for property as a whole or as aggregate bids of separate parcels, \$1,150,000. See V. 98, p. 1172, 933.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Report.—See "Reports".
New President, &c.—Newcomb Carlton was on Wednesday elected President to succeed Theodore N. Vail, who resigned. Other officers chosen were:

Vice-Presidents, G. W. E. Atkins, Belvidere Brooks; Secretary, William H. Baker; Treasurer, A. R. Brewer.
New Executive Committee—William H. Baker, Henry Bishop, Newcomb Carlton, Henry P. Davison, Thomas H. Hubbard, Robert S. Lovett and Mortimer L. Schiff. Resolutions of thanks to the retiring President Theodore N. Vail, were passed.

The board adopted resolutions expressing its high appreciation of the benefits the company has derived from Mr. Vail's administration and as a member of the directorate.

Earnings.—For 2 months ending Feb. 28:

	1914.	1913.	1914.	1913.
Tot. oper. rev.	\$6,754,712	\$6,896,202	Net (aft. taxes)	\$1,247,336
				\$1,241,886

The following statement has been issued: "In view of the change in classification of accounts prescribed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission effective Jan. 1 1914, the directors have decided that this statement and future quarterly statements submitted to the stockholders at the time dividend checks are forwarded shall show the latest available results of actual operations, and that the practice of submitting partly estimated quarterly earnings shall hereafter be discontinued. An annual report for the 12 months ended June 30 1913 was forwarded to stockholders in October 1913 and an annual report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 1913 was forwarded in April 1914."—V. 98, p. 1172, 1153, 1076.

—The "Finance Forum—Public Utility Section" had the pleasure last Monday night of listening to Thomas N. McCarter, President of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. Mr. McCarter discoursed on "The Future of Public Utilities." The address was favorably commented upon. At next Monday evening's session, Samuel Insull, President Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago, will speak on "Centralization of Power Supply," and C. A. Coffin, Chairman of board of directors of the General Electric Co., will preside.

—Harper & Turner, investment bankers, 1001-1012 Stock Exchange Bldg., Philadelphia, are in the market to buy Pennsylvania & Mahoning Valley Ry. Co. 1st and refunding 5s, Metropolitan Electric, Reading, Pa., 1st mortgage 5s, Standard Steel Works 1st mortgage 5s, Lehigh Valley Transit Co. 1st mortgage 4s, Citizens' Light, Heat & Power, Johnstown, Pa., 1st mortgage 5s, and Easton Consolidated Electric Co. collateral trust 5s. See the bankers' advertisement in our advertising columns to-day.

—The formation of a partnership under the firm name of Thomson, Fenn & Co., to deal in bonds, stocks and local securities at 10 Central Row, Hartford, is announced by James L. Thomson and Hart C. Fenn.

—John Nickerson Jr., an investment banker of St. Louis and New York City, has had his engineering department draw up, chiefly as an aid to bond purchasers, a series of tables or charts, based on the unit system, and covering the operations of gas companies, electric-light and power companies, hydro-electric power, and urban and inter-urban traction companies. Most of the cities on the charts have more than 50,000 population.

—The chart just issued by the Merchants' Loan & Trust Co. of Chicago, showing the Federal Reserve Districts and Federal reserve cities in a shape uniform in size with the text of the Federal Reserve Act, which the institution sent to its correspondents several months ago, is naturally meeting with favorable comment, owing to its convenient form and the statistical information which it furnishes for ready reference.

—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Wm. A. Read & Co. of this city are advertising elsewhere in the "Chronicle" to-day their joint offering of \$65,000,000 City of New York 4½% interchangeable bonds, due March 1 1964. These bonds are offered, subject to previous sale and change in price, at 102.10% and accrued interest, to yield 4.15%. See the advertisement for general particulars.

—Charles E. Doyle, formerly with Elijah Woodward & Co., 43 Exchange Place, and Arnold R. Hanson, until lately of Hanson & Didriksen, 34 Pine St., have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Hanson & Doyle at 30 Broad St., this city. The new firm will specialize in Detroit securities and transact a general brokerage business in stocks and bonds.

—The April circular of Hornblower & Weeks, 42 Broadway, this city, describes a selected list of investments yielding from 5 to 6% and will be sent to any one on request. Address Mr. Crane, manager bond department.

—Mr. J. Stuart Auchincloss has withdrawn from N. W. Halsey & Co. Mr. F. Monroe Dyer, who has been associated with Messrs. Halsey & Co. for over ten years, has succeeded Mr. Auchincloss as manager of the sales department.

—John Nickerson Jr. of St. Louis, Mo., announces the opening of a branch office at 60 Broadway, this city, for the purpose of conducting a general bond and investment business.

—On and after April 13 1914, Blake Bros. & Co. will occupy their new offices at 44 Wall Street, New York City. Telephone 2431 John.

—S. H. Pell & Co., 37 Wall St. and 43 Exchange Place, have just issued a new circular on the Atlas Powder Co.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, April 17th 1914.

Recent bad weather has had a tendency with other things to reduce transactions to a small volume. The season in the cotton belt is late. Not a few commodities have declined. The coal trade is dull and the condition of the textile industries is not altogether satisfactory.

LARD has been quiet. Prime Western 10.70c., showing a decline; refined for the Continent 11.05c., South American 11.60c. and Brazil 12.60c. Lard futures have been more or less depressed, reflecting the slowness of the cash trade.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Month, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows: May delivery, July delivery, September delivery.

PORK on the spot has been quiet; mess \$22 75 @ \$23, clear \$19 75 @ \$21 50, family \$25 @ \$27. Beef quiet but steady; mess \$18 @ \$19, packet \$19 @ \$20, family \$20 @ \$22.

COFFEE on the spot has been dull and more or less depressed with No. 7 Rio 8 7/8c., fair to good Cucta 12 3/4 @ 13 1/4c. Coffee futures have also shown weakness. Brazilian offers, despite some decrease in the receipts, have latterly been at easier quotations.

April 8.52 @ 8.54, August 8.82 @ 8.84, December 9.14 @ 9.15, May 8.57 @ 8.58, September 8.91 @ 8.92, January 9.20 @ 9.22, June 8.64 @ 8.65, October 8.90 @ 9.01, February 9.27 @ 9.29, July 8.74 @ 8.76, November 9.05 @ 9.08, March 9.33 @ 9.34

OILS.—Lined quiet but firm; city, raw, 54 @ 55c.; boiled, 55 @ 56c.; Calcutta, raw, 70c. Coconut quiet but firm; Cochin 10 1/4 @ 11c., Ceylon 9 3/4 @ 10c. Olive quiet at 83 @ 85c. Castor easier; No. 2 8 1/4 @ 8 1/2c. Palm is light supply and firm; Lagos 7 3/4 @ 8c. Cod quiet but firm; domestic 38c. Corn firmer on increased demand but prices not notably changed from 6.45 @ 6.50c.

PETROLEUM.—Refined firm; barrels 8.75 @ 9.75c.; bulk 5.25 @ 6.25c.; cases 11.25 @ 12.25c. Crude weak; Pennsylvania, dark \$2 40; second-sand \$2 40; Tions \$2 40; Mercer Black \$1 90; Cabell \$1 97; New Castle \$1 90; Corning \$1 75; Wooster \$1 91; North Lima \$1 49; South Lima \$1 44; Indiana \$1 34; Princeton \$1 40; Somerset, 32-degrees and above, \$1 35; Ragland 70c.; Illinois, above 30-degrees, \$1 45; Kansas and Oklahoma 80c. Spirits of turpentine 46 1/2 @ 47c. Common to good strained rosin \$4 10.

SUGAR.—Raw more active and firmer; centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 2.98c.; molasses, 89-degrees test, 2.33c. The visible supply in the world is 3,960,000 tons, against 3,770,000 tons a year ago. Refined in moderate demand and steady at 3.75 @ 3.90c. for granulated.

TOBACCO has been quiet but steady, particularly for the better grades of both binder and filler. Stocks are only moderate. In a word, there is a very general disposition to trade within very conservative bounds. Manufacturers hesitate to purchase freely at the present basis of prices, and on the other hand, unless there is a noteworthy increase in crops, packers lean to the opinion that no very great change in prices is probable.

COPPER has been quiet and more or less depressed, though latterly the London market has shown rather more steadiness. But trade seems to halt in this country. Lake 14 1/2 @ 14 3/4c., electrolytic 14 3/4 @ 14 1/2c. Tin on the spot has been weaker, coincident with a decline in London and increased offerings here; spot has been down to 36c. here, later rallying to 36.20c. Lead 3.80c. and spelter 5.20c. Pig iron has been quiet and devoid of interesting features. No. 2 Eastern \$14 @ \$14 25, No. 2 Southern \$10 75 @ \$11, Birmingham. In structural iron and steel some slight improvement is reported.

COTTON.

Friday Night, April 17 1914.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 103,419 bales, against 101,022 bales last week and 108,998 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Sept. 1 1913 9,511,122 bales, against 8,889,520 bales for the same period of 1912-13, showing an increase since Sept. 1 1913 of 621,602 bales.

Table showing cotton receipts by city from Sat. to Total. Cities include Galveston, Texas City, Port Arthur, Aransas Pass, etc., New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, etc., Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, etc., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Sept. 1 1913 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table comparing 1913-14, 1912-13, and Stock for 1914 and 1913. Columns: Receipts to April 17, 1913-14 (This Week, Since Sep 1 1913), 1912-13 (This Week, Since Sep 1 1912), Stock (1914, 1913). Rows: Galveston, Texas City, Port Arthur, Aransas Pass, etc., New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, etc., Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, etc., New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table showing totals at leading ports for six seasons (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909). Rows: Galveston, Texas City, etc., New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, etc., Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N., etc., All others.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 95,792 bales, of which 22,567 were to Great Britain, 1,212 to France and 72,013 to the rest of the Continent. Below are the exports for the week and since Sept. 1 1913.

Table showing exports from Great Britain, France, and Continent for the week ending April 17 1914 and from Sept. 1 1913 to April 17 1914. Rows: Galveston, Texas City, Pt. Arthur, Ar. Pass, etc., New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'p't News, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Detroit, San Francisco, Pt. Towns'd.

Notes.—New York exports since Sept. 1 include 9,537 bales Peruvian, 75 bale Brazilian, 37 bales West Indian to Liverpool and 6 bales West Indian to Havre. In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Sept. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below.

Table with 3 columns: Towns, Movement to April 17 1914, Movement to April 18 1913. Rows include Ala., Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Helena, Little Rock, Ga., Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome, La., Shreveport, Miss., Columb'g, Greenville, Greenwood, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Mo., St. Louis, N. C., Raleigh, O., Cincinnati, Okla., Hugo, S. C., Greenville, Tenn., Memphis, Nashville, Tex., Brenham, Clarksville, Dallas, Honey Grove, Houston, Paris, Total, 33 towns.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 38,192 bales and are to-night 5,466 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 6,544 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE SEPT. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Sept. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Sept. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Shipped (April 17-), Via St. Louis, Via Cairo, Via Rock Island, Via Louisville, Via Cincinnati, Via Virginia points, Via other routes, Total gross overland, Deduct Shipments (Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c., Between interior towns, Inland, &c., from South), Total to be deducted, Leaving total net overland*.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 5,459 bales, against 22,588 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 52,693 bales.

Table with 3 columns: 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to April 17, Net overland to April 17, Southern consumption to April 17, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Came into sight during week, North in sight April 17, North'n spinners' takings to April 17.

* Decrease during week. Movement into sight in previous years: 1912—April 20, 1911—April 21, 1910—April 22, 1909—April 23.

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

Table with columns: Week ending April 17, Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on— (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Augusta, Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, Little Rock.

Lowest and closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Our telegraphic reports from the South this evening denote that the weather has been favorable on the whole at the South during the week, and in consequence farm work and planting that had been hindered by the cold spell have progressed very well. Reports from Texas indicate very little damage to the plant from the recent low temperature.

Galveston, Tex.—Very little damage has been done to plants now up in Texas by recent cold spell. Rainfall has been light but indications are for more rain. It has rained on one day of the week, the precipitation being seventy-six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 63, highest 74, lowest 52.

Arlene, Tex.—We have had no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 48, the highest being 64 and the lowest 32.

Dallas, Tex.—There has been rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being one hundredth of an inch. Lowest thermometer 48, highest 64, average 56.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain has fallen on one day of the week, the rainfall reaching one hundredth of an inch. Minimum thermometer 50, highest 64, average 57.

San Antonio, Tex.—There has been rain on one day the past week, the rainfall reaching two hundredths of an inch. Lowest thermometer 44, highest 62, average 53.

Taylor, Tex.—There has been rain on one day of the past week and the rainfall has been twenty-six hundredths of an inch. Thermometer has averaged 54, ranging from 44 to 64.

New Orleans, La.—It has rained on four days during the week, the rainfall reaching thirty-six hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 67.

Shreveport, La.—We have had rain on two days during the week, the precipitation being forty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 64, the highest being 88 and the lowest 40.

Vicksburg, Miss.—There has been rain on one day the past week, to the extent of forty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 61, ranging from 40 to 85.

Memphis, Tenn.—The weather is favorable for farm work, which is progressing rapidly. We have had rain on two days during the week, to the extent of one inch and eight hundredths. Average thermometer 55, highest 84, lowest 37.

Mobile, Ala.—With favorable weather planting is going on rapidly. There has been rain on four days the past week, the rainfall reaching seventy-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 64, ranging from 39 to 78.

Selma, Ala.—There has been rain on three days the past week, the rainfall reaching one inch and fifteen hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 36 to 81, averaging 59.

Madison, Fla.—We have had showers on two days during the week. The thermometer has averaged 66, ranging from 52 to 82.

Savannah, Ga.—We have had rain on two days of the past week, the rainfall reaching thirty-seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 43 to 79, averaging 64.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on one day of the week, the precipitation being two inches and thirty hundredths. Average thermometer 65, highest 78, lowest 51.

Charlotte, N. C.—Rain has fallen during the week to the extent of two inches and seven hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 41 to 73, averaging 57.

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.

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1913-14, 1912-13. Rows include Visible supply April 10, Visible supply Sept. 1, American in sight to April 17, Bombay receipts to April 16, Other India shipments to April 16, Alexandria receipts to April 15, Other supply to April 15, Total supply, Deduct, Visible supply April 17, Total takings to April 17, Of which American, Of which other.

*Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces the estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,070,000 bales in 1913-14 and 1,851,000 bales in 1912-13—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 11,701,664 bales in 1913-14 and 10,980,445 bales in 1912-13, of which 8,359,664 bales and 8,252,445 bales American.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, April 15, Receipts (cantars), Exports (bales), This Week, Since Sept. 1, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12. Rows include Receipts (cantars) This week, Since Sept. 1, Exports (bales) To Liverpool, To Manchester, To Continent & India, To America, Total exports.

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:

Table showing India Cotton Movement from All Ports for April 18, 1914, comparing 1912-13, 1913-13, and 1911-12. Includes sub-tables for Receipts and Exports from Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and All others.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market continues steady for both yarns and 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:

Table showing Manchester Market prices for 1914 and 1913. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 lbs. Shirtings, and Col'n Mid. Upl's.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 95,792 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows:

Table of Shipping News listing destinations (e.g., New York, Galveston, New Orleans, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia) and total bales for each.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table of Liverpool market statistics for the week of March 27 to April 17, 1914, including sales, stocks, and imports.

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 of Spot and Futures market prices for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and 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 market prices for April 11 to April 17, 1914, showing prices for various months.

BREADSTUFFS.

Friday Night, April 17 1914.

Flour has continued quiet for the most part and it cannot be said that prices have shown any general change. The truth is that the market is still in an unsettled and unsatisfactory condition.

Wheat has been irregular and though at times rather stronger it has shown no material advance lately—in fact declining. The shadow of a big winter-wheat crop has been over the market. May, it is true, has exhibited strength which has attracted general attention.

other hand, the small movement from Argentina, India, and, it may be added, Australia, is expected to offset, in a measure at any rate, increased shipments from other sources of supply. To-day prices advanced somewhat, owing to complaints of dry weather in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. The world's shipments for the present week are estimated at only 8,800,000 bushels, against 14,544,000 last year.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 red in elevator, May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery in elevator. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery in elevator. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Indian corn has also been irregular but on the whole inclined to be lower. Cash markets have been quiet, weakness in oats has affected corn to some extent, the weather has been favorable for farm work, the statistics have favored bears rather than bulls, and, finally, Argentina corn has been offered at the lowest price thus far quoted. In Oklahoma, it seems, it has been offered at several cents under the domestic corn. Last week to the American supply decreased only 1,305,000 bushels, or not quite half the decrease in the same week last year, when it was 2,711,000 bushels. The American visible stock is 20,500,000 bushels, against 19,800,000 a year ago and 14,800,000 two years ago. Some confusion has been created by the commencement of trading in new and old-style corn for July, September and December delivery through the adoption by the Chicago Board of Trade of a rule that on and after July 1 Government standards shall be employed at Chicago in the grading of corn. Hereafter, therefore, traders will specify on all corn orders whether they are for old or new grades. This of course does not apply to the May option. To-day prices broke rather sharply at first but rallied later, closing, however, noticeably lower for the day, despite reports of cash sales of 500,000 bushels at Chicago and 200,000 at Omaha.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 mixed. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

Oats have sagged more or less in sympathy with other grain, though, like the markets for corn and wheat, this one has also shown more or less irregularity. Minneapolis it is said, expects to ship 500,000 bushels to Chicago. That was undoubtedly something of a damper. In fact, heavy selling has brought about a new low level of prices. The decline might have gone further but for large buying by shorts. The cash demand has been slow. The weather on the whole has been favorable for seeding and this work is now pretty general throughout the Central West. The crop movement, however, is light. The stock of American has decreased within a week 2,857,000 bushels, as against a decrease in the same week last year of only 1,044,000 bushels. Yet it is a fact that with the visible supply of American oats some 36,000,000 bushels, the total is fully 11,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago and 10,000,000 bushels more than at this time in 1912. To-day prices were steady. It is stated, however, that Texas people who bought 300,000 bushels at Omaha have re-sold the grain. But shorts were covering.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Standards cts., No. 2 white. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: May delivery in elevator, July delivery in elevator, September delivery in elevator. Rows: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

The following are closing quotations:

Table with columns: FLOUR, GRAIN. Rows: Winter, low grades, Winter patents, Winter straights, Winter clears, Spring patents, Spring straights.

Table with columns: Wheat, per bushel—f. o. b., N. Spring, No. 1, N. Spring, No. 2, Red winter, No. 2, Hard winter, No. 2, arrive, Oats, per bushel, new—Standards, No. 2, white, No. 3, white.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 13.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture for the week ending April 13 is as follows:

The past week was unseasonably cold over all portions of the country from the Rocky Mountains eastward; in fact, this condition has prevailed very generally over the same districts since early in February. As a consequence, the season is more or less late and the progress of vegetation has been materially delayed. Over the Far Western districts conditions have been reversed, and the season is now well advanced. Over the winter-wheat-growing States the continued cold weather has not been unfavorable to the growth of the wheat plant, and it is reported as being in excellent condition, with sufficient moisture in the soil for present needs; save in the western portions of Kansas and Nebraska, where rain is now needed. Warm weather also is needed in all portions of the district. In the spring-wheat belt the season is backward, the freezing weather interfering with field work and the starting of vegetation. There has been less precipitation than usual since the 1st of March, and it is probable the soil is somewhat lacking in moisture. Over the cotton belt the cold weather of the past week still further retarded the progress of vegetation already late from the unfavorable weather

of February and March, and outdoor work was delayed as well. The severe cold of the 9th and 10th caused some damage, but the loss is probably much less than would ordinarily have been experienced, due to the backward state of vegetation. The soil is very generally well supplied with moisture due to good rains in February and March.

Over the Atlantic Coast districts from Virginia northward freezing weather occurred, but the damage appears to have been slight. Good rains occurred, especially in the northern portions, but farm work is generally delayed and vegetation is backward.

In the Rocky Mountain region the week was cold and stormy with considerable snow. Vegetation is backward, farm work is delayed and some damage to fruit is reported from the southern portions.

Over the Pacific Coast States the weather was favorable to all interests, the season is well advanced, the ground is moist to a good depth, and the supply of water is sufficient.

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 February and the eight months of the fiscal years 1913-14 and 1912-13.

Table with columns: Ports, February 1914, 8 Months 1913-14, 8 Months 1912-13. Rows: New York, Maryland, Philadelphia, Massachusetts, Other Atlantic, New Orleans, Other Gulf, Oregon, Washington, San Francisco, Chicago, Other border, Total all.

The statements of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since August 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Table with columns: Receipts at—Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows: Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, Tot. wk. '14, Same wk. '13, Same wk. '12, Since Aug. 1 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Apr. 11 1914 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows: New York, Boston, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans*, Newport News, Norfolk, Galveston, Mobile, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, Total week 1914, Since Jan. 1 1914, Week 1913, Since Jan. 1 1913.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Apr. 11 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley, Peas. Rows: New York, Poerland, Me., Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Newport News, Mobile, St. John, N. B., Halifax, Norfolk, Total week, Week 1913.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1913 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for week and since July 1 1913. Rows: United Kingdom, Continent, Sou. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. Nor. Am. Colon., Other Countries, Total.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Apr. 11 1914 and since July 1 1913 and 1912 are shown in the following:

Reports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1913-14.		1912-13.	1913-14.		1912-13.
	Week April 11.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week April 11.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	3,588,000	222,054,000	199,070,000	8,000	1,697,000	34,143,000
Russia	3,376,000	24,794,000	84,261,000	306,000	12,103,000	8,038,000
Danube	1,696,000	47,970,000	46,399,000	1,173,000	24,396,000	11,434,000
Argentina	1,168,000	34,934,000	99,174,000	2,585,000	135,572,000	172,902,000
Australia	1,544,000	52,098,000	34,516,000	-----	-----	-----
India	192,000	26,232,000	45,384,000	-----	-----	-----
Other countries	120,000	6,732,000	6,492,000	-----	-----	-----
Total	11,644,000	514,824,000	515,796,000	4,072,000	173,768,000	226,517,000

The quantity of wheat and corn afloat for Europe on dates mentioned was as follows:

	Wheat.			Corn.		
	United Kingdom.		Total.	United Kingdom.		Total.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
April 11 1914.	27,008,000	22,930,000	49,944,000	3,001,000	5,253,000	8,254,000
April 4 1914.	27,744,000	22,096,000	49,840,000	1,913,000	4,307,000	6,220,000
April 12 1913.	27,376,000	26,464,000	53,840,000	3,375,000	6,996,000	10,371,000
April 13 1912.	32,384,000	21,640,000	54,024,000	3,519,000	6,273,000	9,792,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Apr. 11 1913 was as follows:

In Thousands—	UNITED STATES GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.	
	Amer. Bonded bush.	Amer. Wheat bush.	Amer. Bonded bush.	Amer. Corn bush.	Amer. Bonded bush.	Amer. Oats bush.
New York	204	157	46	722	33	10
Boston	14	704	12	8	23	3
Philadelphia	221	433	107	288	43	6
Baltimore	302	271	63	185	---	---
New Orleans	103	---	68	79	238	4
Galveston	129	---	29	---	---	---
Buffalo	938	---	694	1,316	880	68
afloat	1,246	---	---	411	79	1,264
Toledo	872	---	295	316	---	---
Detroit	224	---	360	56	24	---
Chicago	4,757	---	9,200	8,179	227	343
afloat	70	---	1,309	---	---	---
Milwaukee	134	---	148	121	56	429
Duluth	12,993	1,295	388	1,707	2,259	318
afloat	1,472	---	---	---	226	275
Minneapolis	19,900	---	186	1,655	---	409
St. Louis	627	---	377	829	---	28
Kansas City	5,558	---	1,637	784	---	36
Peoria	93	---	100	839	---	2
Indianapolis	165	---	720	81	---	---
Omaha	657	---	1,809	1,271	58	52

Total April 11 1914.	50,801	2,850	17,546	18,748	3,464	1,452
Total April 4 1914.	51,862	3,286	18,812	19,223	5,744	1,447
Total April 12 1913.	55,457	3,698	17,419	11,649	847	832

In Thousands—	CANADIAN GRAIN STOCKS.					
	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.	
	Canadian Bonded bush.	Canadian Wheat bush.	Canadian Bonded bush.	Canadian Corn bush.	Canadian Bonded bush.	Canadian Oats bush.
Montreal	251	---	11	272	20	744
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	14,000	---	---	6,405	---	---
afloat	4,083	---	---	2,514	---	---
Other Canadian	3,519	---	---	5,907	---	---

In Thousands—	SUMMARY.					
	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.	
	Bonded bush.	Wheat bush.	Bonded bush.	Corn bush.	Bonded bush.	Oats bush.
American	50,801	2,850	17,546	18,748	3,464	1,452
Canadian	21,850	---	11,509	---	20	744

Total April 11 1914.	72,651	2,850	17,557	33,848	3,464	1,472
Total April 4 1914.	71,804	3,286	18,824	32,332	5,744	1,467
Total April 12 1913.	81,218	3,698	17,438	22,025	847	832

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, April 17 1914.

Dry goods markets have been quiet during the week, cool and stormy weather having served to restrict business. Jobbers reported a spotted demand, with store trade poor, but look for improvement as the weather becomes more reasonable. Buyers are arriving from various sections of the country with a view to placing their summer requirements but are very conservative in their operations. Retail buying for spring and summer account is very late this season, and sales so far are below normal. It is felt, however, that buyers cannot delay much longer if they expect to obtain the deliveries they will want. The price situation continues firm with no disposition to force sales by a concession in prices, although much business is offered at prices slightly under the market. Retailers reported good Easter sales and are now expected to turn their attention more fully to their summer needs. Much of the hesitancy among buyers is attributed to the restrictions placed upon them by their superiors, although they are also influenced by the reports of trade depression in other industries. Among manufacturers sentiment is not optimistic, although there is little complaint regarding the absence of business for forward account. The uncertain future course of raw material prices is of most concern to them, and at present prices they are not anxious to book much business very far ahead. Production is still restricted to actual demands, and as there is no accumulation of mill stocks, manufacturers look for at least a continuance of present values. Manufacturers of dress goods and suitings are already heavily booked with business that means very little profit, and in some cases loss, while on the other hand clothiers and cutters-up are seeking lower prices, encouraged in their demands by the presence in the market of extensive lines of attractive imported fabrics which can be had upon short notice. Under these circumstances business is held in abeyance and consists mostly of small amounts for near-by delivery. Export business is quiet with the exception of inquiries for goods at

prices an eighth to a quarter cent under the market, and which manufacturers are not willing to accept. Exports so far this year are far below normal and, with prices continuing firm, no improvement is looked for.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending April 11 were 6,793 packages, valued at \$506,105, their destination being to the points specified in the table below:

New York to April 11—	—1914—		—1913—	
	Week.	Since Jan. 1.	Week.	Since Jan. 1.
Great Britain	64	706	33	404
Other Europe	63	1,080	11	276
China	1,008	26,300	---	19,137
India	---	4,380	6	6,486
Arabia	---	4,265	1,818	10,902
Africa	120	3,245	1,181	9,688
West Indies	995	17,228	834	12,804
Mexico	15	310	102	987
Central America	417	7,191	541	5,235
South America	3,387	18,748	1,313	17,369
Other countries	726	22,474	3,100	20,468
Total	6,793	105,827	8,939	103,756

The value of these New York exports since Jan. 1 has been \$7,863,908 in 1914, against \$7,857,815 in 1913.

Staple cottons are quiet and steady with a moderate business passing from day to day for spot and near-by delivery. Much business is offered for both domestic and export account at prices slightly under those asked, but in view of the uncertain raw material situation manufacturers are not accepting, particularly as the deliveries asked run well into the fall. Many manufacturers are well covered through the summer, and as merchant stocks of staple goods are known to be low, there is no disposition to force business. Sheetings and drills are in a strong position, but more business would be welcomed by makers of cotton duck. Some forward contracts were placed on print cloths during the week at slight concessions, but it is believed they were closed more to encourage demand than through any weakness in the market. Trade in wash dress goods has improved slightly during the week, but it is stated that retailers have far from covered their requirements. With any improvement in the weather jobbers and commission men expect large sales of wash goods. Gray goods, 38-inch standard, are quoted at 5 1/4c. to 5 3/8c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Dress goods manufacturers report a better demand for fall, as well as quite a little late spring business. Broadcloths are proving very popular for the fall season, and both domestic and imported lines have sold well. There are some complaints of poor demand for crepes for the next heavyweight season, but handlers of these goods are slow to admit of their declining popularity. In men's wear a fair duplicating business is being done for fall, despite the recent advances in prices, and the market is very firm on all lines. Some agents are turning their attention to the spring season of 1915, and sales have been reported for this season out of stocks carried over from this spring. Less complaint is heard of the competition of foreign lines, and it is generally understood that a better business has been done than was anticipated.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Dress linens are passing quietly with buyers awaiting warmer weather. Road salesmen state that retailers are poorly covered and that a heavy late demand can be expected. In view of this, jobbers are warning the more prominent retailers to lay in their stocks early in order to secure prompt deliveries. Ramies are selling well but retailers are not enlarging upon their stocks of ratines. Household goods are in steady request, with no accumulation of stocks. Trading in burlaps during the week has been more active at firm prices, in sympathy with higher advices from Calcutta. Lightweights are quoted at 4.80c. and heavyweights at 5.80@5.85c.

Importations & Warehouse Withdrawals of Dry Goods.

The importations and warehouse withdrawals of dry goods at this port for the week ending April 11 1914 and since Jan. 1 1914, and for the corresponding periods of last year, were as follows:

Imports Entered for Consumption for the Week and Since Jan. 1.	Week Ending April 11 1914.		Since Jan. 1 1914.	
	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Manufactures of—				
Wool	1,782	420,208	27,654	8,029,547
Cotton	3,803	932,552	61,605	16,932,957
Silk	1,874	628,035	23,761	11,300,404
Flax	1,761	376,346	26,125	6,319,851
Miscellaneous	3,735	268,945	60,925	5,790,030
Total 1914	12,755	2,626,086	200,070	48,369,789
Total 1913	7,958	1,600,925	170,139	39,559,878
Warehouse Withdrawals Thrown Upon the Market.				
Manufactures of—				
Wool	552	139,151	18,927	4,965,424
Cotton	689	184,546	13,336	3,504,206
Silk	201	102,446	4,388	1,960,805
Flax	426	92,861	8,030	1,912,524
Miscellaneous	2,759	142,184	42,981	2,420,731
Total withdrawals	4,627	661,188	87,662	14,763,690
Entered for consumption	12,755	2,626,086	200,070	48,369,789
Total marketed 1914	17,382	3,287,274	287,732	63,133,479
Total marketed 1913	15,063	2,092,239	238,348	48,451,579
Imports Entered for Warehouse During Same Period.				
Manufactures of—				
Wool	335	113,154	9,846	2,913,777
Cotton	804	236,086	12,303	3,398,261
Silk	282	103,511	4,080	1,810,988
Flax	633	150,475	8,719	2,008,452
Miscellaneous	2,806	72,996	28,144	2,087,676
Total	4,860	676,222	63,092	12,219,154
Entered for consumption	12,755	2,626,086	200,070	48,369,789
Total imports 1914	17,615	3,302,308	263,162	60,588,944
Total imports 1913	11,008	2,104,815	252,702	48,814,239

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

News Items.

Elgin, Bastrop County, Tex.—Commission Form of Government Defeated.—The question of establishing the commission form of government failed to carry, it is reported, at the election held April 7.

Green Bay, Wis.—Voters Favor Purchase of Water Plant.—The election held April 7 resulted in favor of purchasing the local water-system. V. 98, p. 628.

Hawaii.—Bonds to be Offered Shortly.—It is thought probable that within sixty days the Hawaiian Government will have received the necessary authority at Washington to offer for sale about \$1,500,000 4% bonds. By interpretation of the U. S. Supreme Court decision referred to elsewhere in this department, these bonds are now recognized as exempt from all taxes throughout the United States.

Minnesota.—Municipal Territorial Bonds Not Taxable as Part of Assets of Savings Banks.—See item below under "Territorial Bonds Exempt From Taxation."

New York City.—Bond Sale.—For result of bond offering on Wednesday (April 15) see item under "New York City" on a subsequent page.

Mayor Signs Bill Permitting Issuance of Corporate Stock Notes In Anticipation of Tax Collections.—The bill to permit the issuance of corporate stock notes in anticipation of tax collections, given in full in the "Chronicle" of April 4, page 1101, has been signed by Mayor Mitchell and sent to the Governor.

New York State.—Extra Session of Legislature.—The State Legislature will convene in extra session at 8:30 p. m. May 4. The Governor's proclamation calling the special session is as follows:

STATE OF NEW YORK. Executive Chamber. Albany.

PROCLAMATION.

Pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 4 of Article IV of the Constitution, I hereby convene the Legislature in extraordinary session at the Capitol in the City of Albany on Monday, May 4 1914, at half past eight o'clock, post meridian.

In reconvening the Legislature, I wish to call to its attention again the predominant importance of the subject of the State's finances. In my annual message I purposely devoted myself exclusively to that subject and I wish to urge each member of the Legislature to give immediate and continuous personal consideration to the present condition of the State's finances, its sinking funds and the appropriations needed by its various departments, so that, when the Legislature reconvenes, each member will be fully prepared to take an intelligent part in the discussion of this important subject. At regular sessions questions involving the State's finances are ordinarily considered by only a few of the legislators, financial legislation frequently passing each house upon what is known as a "short roll call." This, perhaps, is unavoidable at a regular session, where each legislator is entrusted with important legislation by his constituents, but at this extraordinary session there will be opportunity for each member of the Legislature to give his exclusive consideration to this single subject, and I shall ask not for a mere tripartisan compromise upon the appropriation bill and the supply bill, but for a thoughtful consideration of the broad questions underlying the State's financial policy and the adoption of a comprehensive plan which, for many years to come, will be sufficient to establish the State upon a basis of assured credit.

It is to be regretted that, owing to the failure of the Legislature at its regular session to pass indispensable financial measures, I am compelled to call this extraordinary session. The Legislature during its closing hours passed over six hundred and fifty bills and sent them to me for approval or disapproval; and over fifty requests have been made to me to submit to the Legislature at this extra session fifty subjects for legislation, which the proponents claim to be of importance. We have too many laws, and in recent years we have had too protracted sessions. In urging the Legislature, therefore, to concentrate its consideration upon the question of State finance, I state also my own resolve to confine legislation, at this extra session, strictly to that subject; to submit to the Legislature, at this extra session, no proposition except upon this single subject; and to do all in my power to bring about a short, effective session.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany, this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(Signed) MARTIN H. GLYNN.

By the Governor: FRANK A. TIERNEY, Secretary to the Governor.

Orange, N. J.—Commission Government Approved.—An election held April 14 resulted in favor of the commission plan of government. The vote is reported as 1,855 to 1,612.

Pottsville, Pa.—Charter Declared Valid.—The validity of the city charter of Pottsville was upheld April 11 by Judge Kunkel in the Dauphin County Court. At the November 1910 election the voters decided that the borough should become a third-class city. The new government was attacked on the ground that the petitioners for the special election on the question of becoming a city had secured the order for the election from the Quarter Sessions Court instead of from the Borough Council. It was contended that the proceeding was under an Act of 1907 which was nullified by a later Act of the same session requiring that order for election shall be issued by the Council. Judge Kunkel said, in part:

The sum of the whole matter seems to us to be this: The Legislature of 1907 intended to amend the Act of April 10 1905, in two particulars:

First.—In respect to the origin of the order for the election; and Second.—In respect to the manner of voting and the form of the ballots. It accomplished this object, not by one enactment embracing both amendments, but by the two independent statutes of April 15 and May 28 1907. It is true that this object was at first accomplished by the former statute, for it contained both amendments, but afterward the amendment relating to the manner of voting was enacted by means of the latter statute in somewhat different form. By the construction we have adopted effect is given to both Acts, in conformity to the rule that where two Acts relating to the same subject matter are passed at the same legislative session, they are to be construed together, if possible, so as to give effect to each.

Besides what we have said, it appears by the answer to the suggestion for the writ that the Borough Council joined in the application to the Governor for the letters patent which were issued incorporating the borough into a city of the third class, with knowledge that the order submitting the question to the people had been issued on the petition of 100 qualified electors by the Court of Quarter Sessions, and that the election had been held in pursuance thereto. Thus the Borough Council recognized the election

and acquiesced in all that had been done subsequent to and in pursuance of the order of the Court. This would seem to be a ratification of the whole proceeding.

Sioux Falls School District, So. Dak.—Bond Issue Upheld by Circuit Court.—The Circuit Court has decided in favor of the district the suit brought to enjoin the \$175,000 school-building and \$7,000 athletic grounds bonds (V. 98, p. 850). The case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Territorial Bonds Exempt From Taxation.—The United States Supreme Court on February 24 decided that a State may not tax bonds issued by municipalities in the Indian Territory and in the Territory of Oklahoma as property in the hands of the holders. The decision was upon a writ of error bringing under review a judgment of the Minnesota Supreme Court affirming the judgment of the District Court for Hennepin County in favor of the State in proceedings to collect taxes assessed against the Farmer's & Mechanic's Savings Bank of Minneapolis. The U. S. Supreme Court reverses the lower courts and sustains the bank's contention that about \$700,000 bonds issued by municipalities in Oklahoma and Indian Territories should have been omitted from the list of its personal assets for the reason that bonds of this character are not taxable by the State. The syllabus of the highest Court's opinion is as follows:

Taxation.—Federal Agency.—Bonds of Territorial Municipalities.—1. A State may not tax bonds issued by municipalities in the Indian Territory and in the Territory of Oklahoma as property in the hands of the holders, since this would be to tax the performance of a governmental function by an instrumentality and agency of a governmental body, although the bonds may not have been guaranteed either by the United States or by the central government of the Territory.

Taxation.—Federal Agency.—Bonds of Territorial Municipality.—Effect of Admission of State.—2. The admission of Oklahoma to the Union under the enabling Act of June 16 1906 (34 Stat. at L. 267, Chap. 3335), did not operate to deprive the holders of bonds issued by municipalities in the Indian Territory and the Territory of Oklahoma of the exemption from State taxation which they enjoyed as holders of obligations of an agency of the Federal Government, even conceding that an obligation to pay the bonds was assumed by the new State.

Taxation.—Savings Bank Surplus.—Bonds of Territorial Municipalities.—3. A State, in taxing as credits the surplus of a savings bank, ascertained by deducting from its assets the amount of its deposits and other accounts payable, must leave out of the computation of its assets bonds issued by Territorial municipalities which are exempt from taxation as the obligations of an agency of the Federal Government.

Constitutional Law.—Equal Protection of the Laws.—Taxation of Savings Banks.—Classification.—4. Requiring savings banks to include in the computation of their assets for taxation notes secured by mortgages upon Minnesota real estate upon which the registration tax has been paid, as is done by Minn. Laws 1907, Chap. 328, which at the same time relieves mortgages upon such real estate when otherwise owned from all taxation except the registration tax, cannot be deemed to contravene the equal protection of the laws clause of U. S. Constitution, 14th Amend., in view of the privileges respecting taxation enjoyed by savings banks under Minn. Laws 1905, Chap. 839, accorded to no other person or corporation subject to taxation.

Bond Proposals and Negotiations this week have been as follows:

ABILENE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Abilene), Dickinson County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—There is talk of holding an election to vote on the question of issuing \$50,000 high-school bonds.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 3 p. m. April 23; it is stated, by W. J. Archbold, County Treasurer, for \$25,200 4 1/2% road-improvement bonds. Due each six months for 10 years.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Cambridge), Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 the \$1,500 5 1/4% 8 1/4% year (aver.) coupon site-purchase, building and equipment bonds (V. 98, p. 940) were awarded. It is stated, to the State Bank of Buffalo, Ohio, for \$1,517.50—equal to 101.166.

ALAMEDA COUNTY (P. O. Oakland), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. April 27 by John P. Cook, Clerk Board of County Supervisors, it is stated, for \$200,000 4% highway bonds. Certified check for 10% required.

ALBANY COUNTY (P. O. Albany), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 27 by Isaac La Grange, County Treasurer, for \$300,000 4 1/4% court-house-construction and equipment bonds. Int. semi-annual. Due \$100,000 on May 1 1936, 1937 and 1938. These bonds are part of an issue of \$700,000.

ALBION, Calhoun County, Mich.—RESULT OF BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that the question of issuing the \$55,000 paving bonds (V. 98, p. 1101) carried at the election held April 6, while the proposition to issue the \$7,000 park bonds was defeated.

ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alexandria), Rapids Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$125,000 5% high-school-construction and equipment bonds (V. 98, p. 1102) were awarded, it is stated, to the Ibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans and Cutler, May & Co. of Chicago for \$128,537.57—equal to 102.830.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. April 22 by J. Herman Buetter, County Treasurer, for the following 4 1/2% bonds dated April 25 1914: \$6,160 Marion Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$308. Due in 10 years. 7,040 Pleasant Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$352. Due in 10 years. 15,040 Marion Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$752. Due in 10 years. 13,920 Springfield Twp. No. 1 road bonds. Denom. \$348. Due in 20 years. 18,720 Springfield Twp. No. 2 road bonds. Denom. \$468. Due in 20 years.

ALLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Allendale), Barnwell County, So. Caro.—BOND SALE.—On Apr. 15 the \$15,000 coupon or reg. tax-free school bonds (V. 98, p. 940) were awarded to H. T. Holtz & Co. of Chicago for \$15,011 (100.113) and int.

ALLENHURST, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On April 4 the \$12,000 5% beach-improvement bonds offered on March 28 (V. 98, p. 1012) were awarded to Kean, Taylor & Co. of N. Y. at 100.80. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1914. Int. semi-annual. Due May 1 1944, subject to call any interest date after May 1 1934.

ALLIANCE, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,600 5% refunding bonds offered on March 14 (V. 98, p. 539) were awarded on that day to C. J. Denison & Co. of Cleveland at 105.34 and int. Denom. (1) \$600, (2) \$500. Date March 10 1914. Int. M. & S. Due March 10 1930.

ALMONT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Almont), Espeer County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$60,000 highway-improvement bonds carried, reports state, by a vote of 208 to 40 at the election held Apr. 6.

AMSTERDAM, Montgomery County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$125,000 4 1/2% 20-year reg. tax-free Mohawk River bridge-construction bonds (V. 98, p. 1180) were awarded to Adams & Co. of N. Y. at 104.87. Other bids were: Kean, Taylor & Co., N. Y., 104.888; Barbour & Co., New York, 103.762; Montz, Co. Tr. Co., Amst. 104.57; Equitable Trust Co., N. Y., 103.638; Kountze Bros., New York, 104.192; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., N. Y., 103.57; Amst. m. City Nat. Bk., Amst. 104.15; Parson, Son & Co., N. Y., 103.457; Estabrook & Co., N. Y., 104.057; Lee, Higginson & Co., N. Y., 103.401; Rhoads & Co., N. Y., 103.943; William Salomon & Co., 103.887; New York, 103.389; W. N. Coler & Co., N. Y., 103.834; J. R. Magoffin, N. Y., 103.34; Remick, Hodges & Co., N. Y., 103.793; Folsom & Adams, N. Y., 103.30

AMBLER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ambler), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until April 20, 1914, is stated, by F. C. Weber, Secy. of District, for \$12,000 4½% school bonds.

ANACONDA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—The issuance of \$60,000 bonds was ratified April 4 by a vote of 277 to 93, according to local papers.

ANABEHM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Anabehn), Orange County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$15,000 Broadway school-building-impt. and ground-impt. bonds carried, reports state, at the election recently held.

ARGENDA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$4,000 6% building bonds (V. 98, p. 850) were awarded to G. G. Blymyer & Co. of San Francisco at 100.025. Denom. \$250. Date April 6 1914. Int. ann. in April. Due \$250 yearly April 6 from 1918 to 1925 incl. and \$500 yearly April 6 from 1926 to 1929 incl.

ARLINGTON, Calhoun County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta recently purchased \$16,000 5% coup. sewerage-system installation bonds authorized by vote of 113 to 5 at an election held Nov. 30 1913. Denom. \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1914. Int. J. & J. at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. Due \$1,000 yearly from 1924 to 1939 incl. Bonded debt, incl. this issue, \$33,000. True value 1913 (est.), \$1,000,000. Assessed valuation, \$650,000.

ATHENS, McMinn County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. May 11 by the Mayor and City Recorder for \$30,000 5% 30-year funding and impt. bonds. Auth. election held April 7. Certified check for \$500, including N. Y. exchange, required.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

ATMORE, Escambia County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$20,000 5% 25-year coup. water-works bonds, authorized by vote of 58 to 35 at an election held Nov. 25 1913, was recently purchased by J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta. Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 2 1914. Int. J. & J. at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. Total bonded debt, including this issue, \$33,000. True value (est.) \$313,563; assess. val. 1913, \$438,150.

BARNESVILLE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 11 by E. Waldo Hillis, VII, Clerk, for \$1,891 32 5% Warren Ave. paving (assess.) bonds. Denom. (9) \$200, (1) \$91.39. Date Feb. 16 1914. Int. F. & A. Due \$200 yearly from 1 to 9 years incl. and \$91.39 in 10 years. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to VII, Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

BARNESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Barnesville), Clay County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. Apr. 25 by E. Aamodt, Dist. Clerk, for \$55,000 4½% 15-year school bonds. Int. semi-ann. Cert. check for \$500 required.

BASTROP COUNTY (P. O. Bastrop), Tex.—BOND SALE.—On April 4 the \$50,000 5% Road Dist. No. 1 bridge and road constr. bonds offered without success on Mar. 30 (V. 98, p. 1180) were purchased, reports state, by Judge Sluder of San Antonio for a bond company.

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Belton), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on April 21 of the \$600,000 5% for these bonds will be received until 10 a. m. on that day by the Commissioners Court, W. E. Hall, County Auditor. Authority Chap. 2, Art. 627, Int. A. & O. at Fourth Nat. Bank, N. Y. City. Due in 40 years, subject to call \$15,000 yearly. Certified check for \$15,000, payable to W. S. Shipp, County Judge, required. Bonded debt, this issue; no floating debt. Assessed value 1913, \$14,000,000.

BONDS VOTED.—On March 31 the Belton Precinct voted in favor of the issuance of \$30,000 road bonds. It is stated.

BELMONT COUNTY (P. O. St. Clairville), Ohio.—BIDS.—The other bids received for the \$450,000 5% 44-year (av.) coup. taxable Main Market Road No. 4 impt. assess. bonds awarded jointly on April 10 to Seasonood & Mayer, Cincinnati, and H. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago, for \$458,500 (101.908) and Int. (V. 98, p. 1181) were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Amount. Includes entries like New York Life Ins. Co., Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo, etc.

BELTRAMI COUNTY (P. O. Bandette), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that E. C. Middleton, Deputy Co. Clerk, will receive bids until 4 p. m. April 30 for \$35,000 6% 15-year school-bldg. bonds. Cert. check for 5% required.

BENTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. April 30 by Earl R. Harper, Co. Treas. (P. O. Prosser), for \$1,400 10-year (opt.) school bonds. Int. (rate to be named in bid) payable ann. at office of Co. Treas.

BERNALILLO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, New Mex.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$4,000 6% 10-20-year (opt.) building bonds (V. 98, p. 940) were awarded to Wm. E. Sweet & Co. of Denver at 101 and Int. Purchaser to print bonds. Other bids were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Amount. Includes entries like Causey, Foster & Co., Denver, Keeler Bros., Denver, etc.

BLUFFS, Scott County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 332 to 127, the proposition to issue \$16,825 school-building bonds carried, it is stated, at the election held April 4.

BONESTEEL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bonesteel), Gregory County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On March 26 the \$16,500 5% 5-15-year (opt.) building bonds (V. 98, p. 850) were awarded to E. F. Parr & Co. of Chicago at par and interest. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds. Denom. \$200. Int. J. & J. Date July 1 1914.

BOONE, Boone County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. April 22 (not April 15 as first reported) by Otto Hille, City Clerk, for the \$20,000 4¼% 10-20-yr. (opt.) tax-free water-works bonds voted March 23 (V. 98, p. 1181). Denom. \$500. Int. semi-annual.

BRADFORD, DARKE AND MIAMI COUNTIES, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 8 by W. H. Mont VII, Clerk, for \$2,000 4½% electric-light-bill bonds. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1914. Int. ann. Due \$500 each six months from Sept. 1 1921 to March 1 1923 incl. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to VII, Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. All bids must be unconditional.

BREWSTER VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brewster), Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On March 24 the \$13,000 5% 4-29-year (serial) taxable coupon building-improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 940) were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo for \$13,076, equal to 100.584.

BRIGHTON (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—On March 27 \$20,000 water bonds of this town were awarded to Adams & Co. of N. Y. at 100.25 for a 4.6% issue. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1914. Due \$1,000 yearly April 1 from 1915 to 1934 incl.

BROWNSVILLE, Hayward County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—On April 8 the \$12,000 water-plant bonds (V. 98, p. 1012) were awarded to Mayer, Deppe & Walter of Cincinnati for \$12,395 (103.291) and interest for 6s. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1914. Due May 1 1914, sub ect to call any time.

BRYAN, Brazos County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$12,000 street-paving bonds (V. 98, p. 320) carried, reports state, at the election held April 7.

BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Saginaw), Saginaw County Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 6 this township voted in favor of the issuance of \$40,000 road bonds.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Salem R. F. D. No. 1), Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 3 the \$20,000 5% 6½-year (aver,

coupon road-impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 941) were awarded. It is stated, to the New First Nat. Bank of Columbus at 100.675.

CADIZ VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cadiz), Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 4 the \$3,000 5% 9-year (average) coupon school funding bonds (V. 98, p. 1013) were awarded to the Commercial Nat. Bank, Coshocton, for \$3,041 (101.366) and interest.

CALEXICO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Imperial County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—According to reports an election will be held April 23 to vote on the question of issuing \$55,000 building bonds. Those bonds, if authorized, are to take the place of the \$50,000 issue awarded on Feb. 16 to Wilson, Cramer & Co. of Denver (V. 98, p. 779) but which were subsequently refused because of a technical error found in the proceedings.

CAMDEN, Benton County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. May 6 by A. J. Udey, Town Recorder, for the \$20,000 5% 20-year school bonds voted March 20 (V. 98, p. 1913). Date July 1 1914. Int. J. & J. Cert. check for \$500 required.

CANON CITY, Fremont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—This city will offer at private sale the \$30,000 6% Viaduct Impt. Dist. No. 1 steel-viaduct-construction bonds voted March 14 (V. 98, p. 941). Due one-fifth yearly after 10 years, subject to call after 1924.

CANTREL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cantrel), Van Buren County Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—An issue of \$14,000 school-building bonds, it is stated, has been authorized by a vote of 145 to 87.

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. April 18 by Wm. Heyer, Clerk of District Directors (P. O. Fisher), for \$14,000 building bonds at not exceeding 5% interest, payable annually. Due \$1,400 yearly from 1917 to 1926, inclusive. A draft for \$500, payable to above Clerk, required.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—This city will shortly offer for sale \$50,000 4½% 30-year paving bonds.

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY (P. O. Cheboygan), Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$75,000 trunk-line road (county's share) bonds (V. 98, p. 628) carried, reports state, at the election held April 6.

CHEREVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—\$40,000 high-school-building bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill.—RESULT OF BOND ELECTION.—We are now advised that the election held April 7 resulted in favor of the propositions to issue \$470,000 health-department-building and \$350,000 bathing-beach bonds, while the questions of issuing \$2,500,000 police-dept. bldg., \$1,000,000 fire-dept. bldg., and \$380,000 judgment funding bonds met with defeat. Early returns indicated, as stated last week, that the \$350,000 bathing-beach issue was the only one to carry.

The bonds approved will be issued in denominations of \$500 each, to be dated July 1 1914, each bearing 4% int., evidenced by coupons payable Jan. 1 and July 1. The health-dept. bonds will become due \$25,000 yearly Jan. 1 1917 to 1932 incl. and \$70,000 Jan. 1 1933 while the bathing-beach bonds mature \$20,000 yearly Jan. 1 1917 to 1932, incl. and \$30,000 Jan. 1 1933.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY (P. O. Osark), Mo.—BOND SALE.—On April 8 the \$75,000 10-20-year (opt.) court-house bonds (V. 98, p. 1102) were awarded to H. T. Holtz & Co. of Chicago at par for 4¼s. Denom. \$500. Date June 1 1914.

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 13 the \$100,000 4½% 20-year coup. site-purchase and impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 941) were awarded to the Central Trust & Safe Deposit Co. and Tillotson & Wolcott Co. of Cincinnati, on their joint bid of 101.38. Other bids were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Amount. Includes entries like Mayer, Deppe & Walter, German Nat. Bank, Well, Roth & Co., etc.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY (P. O. Oregon City), Ore.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that a petition has been presented to the County Court asking for an election to be held May 15 to vote on the issuance of \$600,000 road bonds.

CLARK COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 15 the \$42,000 5% 7½-year coup. bonds (V. 98, p. 1013) were awarded to Stacy & Braun of Toledo for \$43,352 (103.219) and Int. Other bids were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Amount. Includes entries like Well, Roth & Co., Breed, Elliott & Harrison, etc.

CLAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Boston), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 1 the \$4,000 5% 6½-year (average) coupon school-improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 851) were awarded, it is stated, to the Ohio Valley Bank of Portsmouth at 100.025.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 13 the \$1,300,000 water-works and \$800,000 electric-light 4¼% 35-year coup. or reg. bonds (V. 98, p. 851) were awarded to Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland; Rhoades & Co., N. Y., and Marcell, Oldham & Co., Boston, at their joint bid of 106.359. Other bids were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Bid Amount. Includes entries like Harris, Forbes & Co., Otis & Co., etc.

COCHISE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. May 4 by A. C. Karger, Clerk of Board of Supervisors (P. O. Tombstone), for \$5,500 6% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-ann. Due \$500 yearly from 7 to 17 years incl. A deposit of 10% of bid, payable to County Treasurer, required.

COLUSA COUNTY (P. O. Colusa), Cal.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on April 25 of the \$60,000 Hall of Records and \$140,000 bridge and culverts 5% gold coupon bonds (V. 98, p. 1182). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 10 a. m. on that day by W. J. King, Clerk Board of Supervisors. Denom. \$1,000. Int. J. & D. at office of County Treasurer. Due \$12,000 yearly on June 15, beginning 1915. Certified or cashier's check for 5% of bid, payable to above Clerk, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 30 days after notice of acceptance of bid. Successful bidder shall have prepared and printed the bonds awarded to him at his own expense. These bonds are part of an issue of \$452,000 voted March 17. Bonded debt, \$452,000. Assessed value, \$14,150,781.

CONTINENTAL, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On Mar. 24 the \$7,000 6% 10½-year (aver.) refunding bonds (V. 98, p. 851) were awarded to Sidney Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at 106.193.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$50,000 5½% 20-40-year (opt.) street-impt. bonds has been purchased by Snithen, Gebbe & Co., of Kansas City, Mo., at par and Int. These bonds are now being offered to investors.

CRYSTAL FALLS, Iron County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 147 to 54, the proposition to issue \$16,000 sewer bonds carried at the election held April 6.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$600,000 school and \$50,000 sanitary sewer constr. bonds (V. 98, p. 1103) carried, reports state, at the election held Apr. 7. The vote was 1,858 to 833 and 1,782 to 630, respectively.

DALTON, Chayenne County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$5,000 6% 20-year water-works bonds carried, reports state, at the election held April 7 by a vote of 39 to 6. These bonds will be offered for sale in about 10 or 14 days.

DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Darby), Ravalli County, Mont.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 4 this district voted in favor of the issuance of building bonds, it is stated.

DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 30 (time extended from April 18) by C. J. Schmidt, Clerk Board of Education, for \$120,000 5% school-property-purchase and improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 1013). Denom. \$1,000. Date April 30 1914. Int. A. & O. in New York. Due \$10,000 April 30 1921 and \$10,000 yearly on April 30 from 1923 to 1933, inclusive. Certified check on a national bank or trust company for 5% of

bonds bid for, payable to "Board of Education," required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 30 days from time of award. Bids must be unconditional.

DEER WOOD, Crow Wing County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 27, it is stated, by J. O. Hoge, Village Recorder, for \$15,000 10-year (average) water-works and \$10,000 14½-year (average) sewer 5½% semi-annual bonds. Certified check for 2½% required.

DES MOINES, Iowa.—WATER BONDS TO BE SUBMITTED.—Local papers state that the question of issuing bonds to purchase the Des Moines Water Co.'s plant will be re-submitted to the voters at the primaries in June. At the recent city election this proposition received a vote of 7,516 "for" to 4,978 "against." It was necessary, however, for the issue to receive a majority of the vote cast at the last previous city election, or 7,921 votes, to carry.

As already stated, the question of purchasing the water property, which was submitted at the recent election along with the bonding question, carried. In this case the vote was 11,261 to 9,147. See V. 98, p. 1100.

DES MOINES, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 5% coup. flood-protection bonds offered on March 25 have been awarded to Chesley, Parsons Co. of Des Moines for \$42,550—equal to 101.309. Denom. \$500. Date March 25 1914. Int. M. & S. at the City Treasurer's office. Due on March 25 as follows: \$3,000 1915, \$3,500 1916, \$3,500 1917, \$4,000 1918, 1919 and 1920; \$5,000 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.

DUNMORE, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On April 5 the \$65,000 4½% coup. bonds (V. 98, p. 1103) were awarded to N. W. Halsey & Co. of New York for \$67,200 (103.384) and int. Other bidders were: Harris, Forbes & Co., New York \$67,075 45; Newburger, Henderson & Loeb, Philadelphia 67,025 00; Merchants' Union Trust Co., Philadelphia 66,630 00; Wm. A. Read & Co., New York 66,104 35; Traders' National Bank, Scranton 65,981 00.

EDGEWOOD (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Dispatches state that the Colonial Trust Co. of Pittsburgh has purchased \$85,000 of an issue of \$100,000 4½% site-purchase and school-constr. bonds voted Mar. 21 (V. 98, p. 1103).

ESCAMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 the \$18,500 4½% coupon tax-free funding bonds (V. 98, p. 1013) were awarded, reports state, to Mayer, Deppe & Walter of Cincinnati 96.08. Other bids were:

A. J. Hood & Co., Detroit 95.69; Weil, Roth & Co., Cin. 94.06; Prov. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Cin. 93.00; Field, Longstreth & Richards, Seasongood & Mayer, Cin. 92.11; Cincinnati 92.45.

FAIRBURY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 130, (P. O. Fairbury), Livingston County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the \$60,000 4½% (aver.) site-purchase and building bonds dated April 1 91 (V. 98, p. 1103) were awarded to the Fairbury Bank at 101 and int. Other bids were:

H. C. Speer & Sons Co., Chicago 102.50 5s; Matheny, Dixon & Co., Springf. 99.50; John Nuveen & Co., Chic. 101 5s; Bolger, Mosser & Wil'n, Chic. 99.40; Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chic. 99.35; A. B. Leach & Co., Chic. 99.20.

Harris Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chic. 100.22; Standard Tr. & Sav. Bk., Chic. 99.00; N. W. Halsey & Co., Chic. 100.00; Wm. R. Compton Co., St. Louis 98.70. *For partial payment. All the above bids, with the exception of those indicated were for 4½% bonds.

FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, Mont.—BOND SALE.—On March 12 the \$20,000 10-20-yr. (opt.) refunding bonds (V. 98, p. 629) were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at 101.125 and int. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1914. Int. A. & O.

FLORA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Moberg), So. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received, it is stated, until 7 p. m. April 18 by O. Clark, Dist. Treas., for \$25,000 5% school bonds. Cert. check for \$500 required.

FORT MILL, York County, So. Caro.—BOND OFFERING.—This town will offer at private sale \$15,000 5% water-works-system-installation bonds. Authority vote of 53 to 11, cast at the election held April 3 (V. 98, p. 1014). Int. M. & N. Official circular states that the town has never defaulted in the payment of any principal or interest on any previous issue of bonds nor in any other manner. Total bonded debt, \$4,000; no floating debt. Assessed value (about), \$325,000.

FOSTORIA, Seneca County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 14 the \$8,600 5% 5-year (av.) street-improvement (city portion) bonds (V. 98, p. 1183) were awarded to Weil, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati at 101.31.

Other bids were: Hanchett Bond Co., Chic. \$8,703 00; Stacy & Braun, Toledo, \$8,682 23; Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cin. 8,695 46; Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cle. 8,658 74; Seasongood & Mayer, Cin. 8,692 00; Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol. 8,657 65; Field, Longstreth & Richards, Cincinnati 8,688 56; Cleveland 8,610 00; Otis & Co. of Cleveland also submitted a bid.

GARDEN TOWNSHIP, Delta County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—Newspaper reports from Escanaba state that this township has voted \$25,000 bonds for highway purposes.

GLADWIN COUNTY (P. O. Gladwin), Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—Road bonds amounting to \$75,000 were authorized, it is stated, at an election held April 7 by a vote of 910 "for" to 806 "against."

GRANGER, Williamson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 116 to 24 the question of issuing \$15,000 sewer-construction bonds carried, reports state, at an election held April 7.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the \$5,000 4½% Geo. Wollam et al Jackson Twp. highway-constr. and improvement bonds were awarded, it is stated, to Gavin L. Payne & Co. of Indianapolis at 100.33. Denom. \$250. Date Oct. 15 1914. Int. M. & N. Due \$250 each six months from May 15 1915 to Nov. 15 1924 incl.

GREENPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for April 21, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$25,000 paving bonds.

GROTON, Tompkins County, N. Y.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—The Village Clerk advises us that this village will shortly offer for sale \$10,000 highway-impt. bonds.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. April 20 by Wm. L. Gorgas, Supt. of Accounts & Finance, for \$140,000 4% coupon city bonds, Series "A" to "J" incl. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1914. Int. M. & S. at office of City Treas. Due series "A" \$50,000 March 1 1919 and one series in alphabetical order for \$10,000 each maturing annually thereafter. Cert. check or cash for 2% of bonds bid payable to City Treas., required. Bonds will be delivered at City Treas. office on or about May 15. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bids must be made on forms furnished by above Superintendent. These bonds will be certified as to genuineness by U. S. Mtge. & Tr. Co. of N. Y. and their legality approved by John G. Johnson, Esq., of Phila., whose opinion or duplicate thereof will be furnished to the purchaser.

HARRIS COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—This district is offering for sale an issue of \$79,000 5% 1-20-year (serial) drainage bonds, it is stated. These bonds were voted Oct. 12 1912.

HOOD RIVER, Hood River County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On Apr. 6 the three issues of 6% 1-10-yr. (opt.) street-impt. bonds, aggregating \$10,805 36 (V. 98, p. 943) were awarded to Geo. A. and J. A. McPherson of Portland at 101 and int. Other bids were: Lumberm's Tr. Co., Port. 10,861 55; Jas. N. Wright & Co., Deny. 10,820 36; Hanchett Bond Co., Chic. 10,856 36; Fidelity Tr. Co., Kan. City 10,805 36; Union Trust Co., Spokane 10,855 36; E. P. Parr & Co., Chicago 10,805 36; Secur. Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., 10,842 36.

HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Sinking Fund Commissioners of Hudson County recently purchased at par a \$10,000 4% 30-year Belleville bridge bond. Date April 1 1914. Interest A. & O.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 3 p. m. May 20, it is stated, by Walter P. Corbett, Chairman of Port Commissioners, for the \$1,500,000 4½% dock bonds recently validated by the State Supreme Court. (V. 98, p. 1101.) Denom. \$1,000. Date Mar. 1 1913. Int. M. & S. Due in installments ending Mar. 1 1943.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. April 21 by Harry Bridges, Co. Treas., for the following 4½% highway-impt. bonds: \$10,800 R. M. Green et al highway-impt. bonds. Denom. \$540. Date April 15 1914.

4,740 Ragsdale et al highway-impt. bonds. Denom. \$237. Date Feb. 16 1914.

Int. M. & N. Due one bond of each issue every six months.

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—A recent election resulted in favor of a proposition to issue \$10,000 Main St. bridge bonds the vote being reported as 3,150 to 1,877.

KEENER TOWNSHIP, Jasper County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on April 17 of the \$11,975 5% school-bldg. bonds (V. 98, p. 1014). Proposals for these bonds will be received until 1 p. m. on that day by Tunis Ship, Twp. Trustee (P. O. Rensselaer). Denom. (1) \$1,000, (1) \$975. Date April 1 1914. Int. annual. Due \$975 June 1 1915 and \$1,000 yearly on June 1 from 1916 to 1926 inclusive.

KEOKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Keokuk), Lee County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue the \$95,000 building bonds (V. 98, p. 1014) carried at the election held April 7 by a vote of 1,618 to 1,467.

KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 183, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$9,000 10-20-year (opt.) coup. bldg. and equip. bonds dated May 1 1914 (V. 98, p. 943) were awarded to the State of Washington at par for 5½%. There were no other bidders.

KING COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$9,500 2-20-year (opt.) coup. bldg. and equip. bonds dated May 1 1914 (V. 98, p. 943) were awarded to the State of Washington at par for 5½%. There were no other bidders.

KIRKWOOD, St. Louis County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—The election held April 7 is said to have resulted in favor of the proposition to issue the \$15,000 city-hall, fire-house and jail bonds.

LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lake City), Wabasha County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the proposition to issue \$10,000 school-improvement bonds carried, reports state.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$39,300 paving bonds carried by a vote of 4,307 to 3,122 at the election held April 6. These bonds are in the denom. of \$100 and will be offered "over the counter."

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,200 4½% Cass road bonds (V. 98, p. 1184) were awarded on April 4. It is stated, to E. F. Parr & Co. of Chicago for \$3,225 92—equal to 100.81.

LARNED, Kansas.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposition to issue \$90,000 municipal-light and power-plant bonds carried at an election held April 7, it is stated.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Ironton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 6, it is stated, by S. A. Bowman, County Auditor, for \$10,000 5% 10-year turnpike bonds. Interest semi-annual. Certified check for 2% required.

LESTERSHIRE, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,700 2-year (aver.) coupon or reg. Main St. county-highway bonds offered on March 25 (V. 98, p. 630) have been awarded to the First Nat. Bank of Lestershire for \$20,725 (100.12) as 4.60s. The bonds are dated April 1 1914.

LITTLE FALLS, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$75,000 city-hall bonds at not exceeding 5% interest (V. 98, p. 1104) carried at the election held April 7 by a vote of 756 to 65.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Cal.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. May 1 by Harry B. Riley, City Clerk, for the following 5% gold coupon bonds:

\$340,000 outfall sewer, Series No. 2, bonds offered but not sold on March 4 (V. 98, p. 408). Denom. \$500. Due \$8,500 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1915 to 1954, inclusive.

35,000 incinerator bonds offered but not sold on March 4 (V. 98, p. 408). Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1915 to 1949, inclusive.

50,000 Thirty-ninth Place pier bonds. Denom. \$625. Due \$1,250 yearly on May 1 from 1915 to 1954, inclusive.

Date Jan. 1 1914, except last issue (\$50,000), which is dated May 1 1914. Interest semi-annually at office of City Treasurer. Certified check on a California bank for 5% of bid, payable to City Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered about June 1. Assessed valuation 1913, \$29,170,797; actual value, \$53,341,594. Official circular states that there has never been any default in the payment of any of the city's obligations, nor is there any controversy or litigation pending or threatened concerning the validity of these bonds, the corporate existence or boundaries of the municipality, or the title of its present officials to their respective offices.

LUCE COUNTY (P. O. Newberry), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the \$100,000 4½% 15-year tax-free road bonds offered on Mar. 3 (V. 98, p. 542) have been sold to C. F. Childs & Co. of Chicago.

McALESTER, Pittsburg County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 2 by Wallace Bond, Commissioner of Finance, for \$30,000 5% 25-year park bonds. Authority vote of 479 to 349 at the election held April 7. Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at fiscal agency in N. Y. Certified check for \$500, required. Bonded debt (including this issue), \$820,210; water debt, \$325,000. Assessed value, 1913, \$6,480,347; real value (estimated), \$8,500,000.

Official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

MADISON, Morris County, N. J.—BONDS PROPOSED.—According to local newspaper reports this borough is contemplating the issuance of \$55,000 joint sewerage-disposal-plant bonds.

MANILLA, Crawford County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received, it is stated, until May 4 by C. A. Sykes, Town Clerk for \$20,000 6% 12-year (aver.) electric-light and power-plant bonds.

MANISTIQUE, Schoolcraft County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 678 to 145, the proposition to issue \$35,000 gravity-main bonds carried at the election held April 6.

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Marion County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$250,000 building bonds (V. 98, p. 1104) carried, it is stated, at the election held April 7.

MASSACHUSETTS.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—According to Boston papers this state recently sold to P. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston an additional lot of about \$4,000,000 temporary notes, maturing in October and November. This makes \$7,000,000 of temporary money borrowed within a few months.

MATAGORDA COUNTY (P. O. Bay City), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing \$30,000 Road Dist. No. 6 and \$35,000 Road Dist. No. 7 bonds carried, reports state, at the election held Feb. 22.

MEDICINE BOW, Carbon County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. May 4 by Jessie Edwards, Town Clerk, for \$5,200 water and \$3,800 sewer 6% coupon bonds. Denom. \$500 each and \$1,000. Int. J. & J. at office of Town Treas. Due part each six months. Cert. check for \$1,000 on water and \$500 on sewer bonds, payable to W. F. Shields, Town Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered about July 1.

MERIDIAN, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held April 24 to vote on the question of issuing \$14,000 7% coup. school-house refunding bonds at not exceeding 5% int. Denom. (14) \$1,000, (1) \$905 72. Date May 1 1914. Int. ann. on May 1 at City Clerk and Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 1 from 1915 to 1928 inclusive and \$905 79 May 1 1929.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. April 24 by M. T. Staley, County Auditor, for the following 5% coupon flood-emergency bonds:

\$3,000 road bonds of an issue of \$43,000. Dated Sept. 1 1913. Due Sept. 1 1916.

\$0,000 bridge bonds of an issue of \$451,000. Date Sept. 1 1913. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$35,000 1918 and 1919 and \$10,000 1920. Denom. \$500. Int. semi-annually at office of County Auditor. Certified check for 3% of bonds bid for, payable to County Auditor, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award; purchaser to pay accrued interest. Bids must be unconditional.

MILAM COUNTY (P. O. Cameron), Tex.—BOND SALE.—Sutherland, Gehde & Co. of Kansas City, Mo., have purchased and are now offering to investors the \$100,000 5 1/2% 22 1/2-yr. (opt. aver.) Road Dist. No. 6 road bonds voted Feb. 22 (V. 98, p. 863). The price paid was 100.50 and int.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—On April 13 the \$47,100 10 1/4-yr. (aver.) Powderhorn Lake Park-impt. certificates of indebtedness (V. 98, p. 1015) were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago for \$47,410 (100.658) as 4 1/8s. The Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. and Wells & Deicy Co. of Minneapolis jointly bid \$47,400 for 4 1/8s. Int. M. & N.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERINGS.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. April 21 by the County Commissioners, Walter H. Aszling, Secretary, for \$3,300 5% coup. Comerditch Improvement bonds. Denom. \$550. Date May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at office of County Treasurer. Due \$550 yearly on May 1 from 1915 to 1920. Incl. Certified check on any solvent bank or trust company for \$100, payable to County Auditor, required. Bids must be unconditional. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on May 1.

Proposals will be received by the County Commissioners, Walter H. Aszling, Secretary, until 10 a. m. April 29, for \$15,000 5% coup. emergency bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at office of County Treasurer. Due \$2,000 yearly on May 1 from 1915 to 1921 incl. and \$1,000 May 1 1922. Certified check on any solvent bank or trust company for \$250, payable to County Auditor, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on May 1. All bids must be unconditional.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the \$9,600 4 1/2% 6-yr. (av.) road-impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 1104) were awarded to the First Nat. Bank of Martinsville at 101 and int. Denom. \$480. Interest M. & N.

NATIONAL CITY, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 the \$10,000 6% 5 1/2-yr. (aver.) gold park-impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 1105) were awarded to N. W. Halsey & Co. of San Francisco at 101.535 and int. Other bids were:

Table listing bids for National City bonds: Wm. K. Staats Co., San Francisco \$10,116.60; Stephens & Co., San Diego 10,040.00; Torrance, Marshall & Co., San Francisco 10,016.50; G. G. Blymyer & Co., San Francisco 10,001.00

NAVAJO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Holbrook), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 4 p. m. May 4 by W. H. Larson, Clerk Board of Supervisors, for the following 6% school bonds:

\$15,000 School District No. 3 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 yearly on May 4 from 1915 to 1929 incl.

5,000 School District No. 6 bonds. Denom. \$1,250. Due part yearly beginning May 4 1917.

2,500 School District No. 16 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due part yearly beginning May 4 1917.

Date May 4 1914. Int. ann. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for required.

NEWARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newark), Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 30 by S. W. Haight, Clerk of Board of Education, for \$20,000 5% building and equipment bonds. Auth. Sec. 7820 Gen. Code. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 30 1914. Int. A. & O. at the District Treasurer's office. Due \$1,000 yearly April 30 from 1915 to 1934 incl. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days after date of award. Certified check for \$300, payable to the Clerk Board of Education, required. A similar issue of bonds was awarded to Farson, Son & Co. of Chicago on Feb. 17 (V. 98, p. 631).

NEW CORDELL (P. O. Cordell), Washita County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:30 p. m. May 4 by J. Reid, City Clerk, for \$55,000 6% 10-25-year (opt.) water-works-ext. bonds. Cert. check for 2% of proposal, payable to City Clerk, required. Bonds are offered subject to approval of the issue at an election to be held Aug. 25. Purchaser to furnish at own expense all legal advice, forms, &c., and furnish blank bonds.

NEWPORT, Ky.—BID.—The only bidder for the \$50,000 4% 20-year coupon refunding bonds offered on April 13 (V. 98, p. 944) was Mayer, Deppe & Walter of Cincinnati, who offered, reports state, par and int., less \$1,240 for commission for selling bonds and other expenses.

NEWPORT, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—On April 9 a loan of \$50,000, in anticipation of taxes, dated April 11 1914 and due Sept. 4 1914, was awarded to Aquidneck Nat. Bank, Newport, at 3.23% discount. Other bids were:

Table listing bids for Newport loan with discount rates: Blake Bros. & Co., Boston 3.23%; R. L. Day & Co., Boston 3.36%; Loring, Tolman & Tupper, Boston 3.45%; Bond & Goodwin, Boston 3.55%; Wm. A. Read & Co., Boston 3.63%; Curtis & Sanger, Boston 3.69%

NEW YORK CITY—BOND SALE.—City Comptroller Prendergast at 2 p. m. on Wednesday (April 15) opened bids for the \$65,000,000 4 1/2% corporate stock described in the "Chronicle" of April 4, page 1105. The award was made to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and William A. Read & Co. of New York at their joint bid of 101.45 for "all or none"—a basis of about 4.18%. The same firms offered par for "all or any part." There were no other bids submitted for the entire issue. In all 232 bidders submitted offers, totaling \$193,187,350. The margin between the amount of the syndicate bid and the aggregate of the highest offerings of the individual bidders was very close, being only \$2,387.63. The average price offered by 147 individual bidders was 101.446, or only 4 mills below the syndicate offer. The price realized by the city at Wednesday's sale—101.45 (4.18%)—compares with 100.159 (4.49%) on \$45,000,000 50-year 4 1/4s sold May 20 1913; 100.747 (4.214%) on \$65,000,000 50-year 4 1/4s sold May 7 1912; 100.90 (4.207%) on \$60,000,000 50-year 4 1/4s sold Jan. 24 1911; 101.28 (4.155%) on \$50,000,000 20-50-year (opt.) 4 1/4s sold March 21 1910; 100.34 (3.98%) on \$12,500,000 50-year 4s sold Dec. 10 1909; 100.71 (3.96%) on \$38,000,000 50-year 4s sold June 8 1909; 101.57 (3.93%) on \$10,000,000 50-year 4s sold March 2 1909; and 102.385 (3.89%) on \$12,000,000 50-year 4s sold Nov. 23 1908. The official list of the bids received for the bonds offered April 15 is as follows:

Table listing bids for New York City bonds with columns for Bidder, Amount, and Rate. Includes Robert W. Daniel & Co., National City Bank, Mann, Bill & Ware, etc.

Main table listing bids for various bonds and loans with columns for Bidder, Amount, and Rate. Includes J. J. Behan, L. Steinhil & Bro., Frank d'Orange, etc.

RENSELAER, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 28 by T. C. Alexander, City Treas., for the following 4 1/2% reg. bonds: \$27,000 Washington Ave. Impt. bonds. Denom. (20) \$1,000. (20) \$350. Due \$1,350 yearly on May 1 from 1915 to 1934 incl.

11,000 Broadway paving bonds. Denom. \$550. Due \$550 yearly on May 1 from 1915 to 1934 incl. Date May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at Rensselaer County Bank, Rensselaer. The legality of this issue will be examined by Caldwell, Masslich & Reed of N. Y. City, whose favorable opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. Cert. check (or cash) on a national or State bank or trust company for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to City Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered at office of City Treas. on May 8 or as soon thereafter as can be completed. Bids must be conditional upon the favorable opinion of Caldwell, Masslich & Reed. Present bonded debt \$310,500, floating debt \$4,443. Assess. val., real estate, (excl. of spec. franchises), \$4,874,821. Assess. val. spec. franchises, \$860,410.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Contra Costa County, Cal.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$75,000 5% 1-30-year (serial) gold coupon or registered tax-free floating bonds (V. 98, p. 1106) were awarded to the First National Bank of Contra Costa County at Martinez for \$75,908, equal to 101.201. Other bidders were: Torrance, Marshall & Co., S.F. \$75,711; Byrne & McDonnell, ----- \$75,101; E. H. Rollins & Sons, San Fr. 75,115; Industrial Accident Comm., 75,000

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Riverside County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On April 8 the \$50,000 5% bldg. bonds (V. 98, p. 1017) were awarded to the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Harris Tr. & S. Bk., Chic. \$50,967; N. W. Halsey & Co., San Fr. \$50,535; A. B. Leach & Co., San Fr. 50,380; Hoehler, Cummings & Prud-Wm. R. Stank, Co., San Fr. 50,330; den, Toledo, ----- 50,453; Torrance, Marshall & Co., S.F. 50,331; Farson, Son & Co., Chicago, 50,125; Denom. \$500. Date Mar. 4 1914. Int. M. & S.

ROANOKE, Randolph County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta, recently purchased \$20,000 5% 30-year sewerage-system-construction bonds authorized by vote of 98 to 56 at an election held May 1 1913. Denom. \$1,000. Date March 1 1914. Int. M. & S. at the Hanover Nat. Bank, N. Y. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$55,000. True val., est., \$2,500,000; assess. val., 1913, \$954,951.

ST. FRANCIS LEEVE DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on April 10 of the \$1,165,000 (unsold portion of an issue of \$1,600,000) 5 1/4% levee bonds (V. 98, p. 1106) Denom. \$500. Date Jan. 1 1914. Int. J. & J. at the First National Bank of Chicago.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—BOND SALE.—On April 8 the \$50,000 4 1/2% 30-year coupon water-works-extension bonds (V. 98, p. 1017) were awarded to Merrill, Oldham & Co. of Boston at 105.789. Other bids were: R. L. Day & Co., Boston, ----- 105.44; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chic. 104,247; Blake Bros. & Co., Boston, ----- 105.40; Farson, Son & Co., Chicago, 104.03; Estabrook & Co., Chicago, ----- 105.13; Northwestern Tr. Co., St. P. 103.87; Curtis & Sanger, Chicago, ----- 105.02; Harris Trust & S. B., Chic. 103.856; Blodgett & Co., Boston, ----- 104.82; Wells & Dickey Co., Minn., 103.33; Geo. S. Ring, St. Paul, ----- 104.30; Kissel, Klincutt & Co., Chic. 103.25

SAN BERNARDINO HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 11 a. m. May 5 by Chas. Post, County Clerk, and ex-officio Clerk to Board of Supervisors (P. O. San Bernardino), for the \$250,000 5% gold poly-technic-high-school-building bonds voted March 19 (V. 98, p. 1106). Denom. \$1,000. Int. A. & O. at office of County Treasurer. Due \$5,000 yearly from 6 to 25 years incl. and \$10,000 yearly from 26 to 40 years incl. Certified check or cash for \$2,500, payable to Chairman of Board of Supervisors, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 20 days after notice of acceptance of bid. Certified copies of abstract of proceedings will be furnished successful bidder and twenty days allowed for examination of same. Official advertisement states that there is no litigation or controversy pending which affects the corporate existence or boundaries of the district or the title of any official to his office or the validity of these bonds. No bonded debt. Assess. val. \$5,648,275; true val. (est.) \$12,000,000.

SANDERS COUNTY (P. O. Thompson Falls), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. May 4 by Frank Foster, County Clerk, for \$38,000 coup. refunding bonds at not exceeding 5% Int. Denom. \$1,000. Date not earlier than June 1 1914. Int. J. & J. at office of County Treasurer. Due in 20 years, subject to call \$10,000 in 5 and 10 years and \$18,000 in 15 years. Certified check for \$300, payable to Commissioners of Montana, required, except with bid from State Board of Land Commissioners of Montana. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 30 days after written notice of acceptance of bid.

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that the bid of \$718,250 and accrued int. submitted Mar. 30 by E. H. Rollins & Sons of Los Angeles for the \$705,000 5% 1-40-yr. (serial) gold municipal water-conservation bonds (V. 98, p. 1106) has been accepted by the City Council.

SAN RAFAEL, Marin County, Cal.—BOND SALE.—On April 6 the \$150,000 5% 19-year (average) improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 1106) were awarded to Torrance, Marshall & Co. of San Francisco for \$150,487—equal to 100.311. The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago bid \$150,262. Denom. (70) \$1,000, (80) \$500, (400) \$100. Date Dec. 1 1913. Int. J. & D.

SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On April 9 the \$180,000 5% 20 1/2-year (av.) gold coup. tax-free site-purchase and bldg. bonds (V. 98, p. 1106) were awarded to Torrance, Marshall & Co. of San Francisco for \$160,001 and Int. There were no other bidders.

SANTA CRUZ SCHOOL DISTRICT, Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—On April 9 the \$30,000 5% 20 1/2-year (av.) gold coup. site-purchase and bldg. bonds (V. 98, p. 1106) were awarded to Torrance, Marshall & Co. of San Francisco for \$30,001 and Int. There were no other bidders.

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sargent), Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—On Apr. 21 an election will be held, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing school-house bonds.

SCURRY COUNTY (P. O. Gate City), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—By a vote of 490 to 405, the proposition to issue the \$50,000 5% road and bridge bonds (V. 98, p. 854) carried at the election held Apr. 11. Due Apr. 11 1954, subject to call after 5 years.

SEATTLE, Wash.—BONDS TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—Reports state that this city will shortly offer for sale \$300,000 water-mains-constr. bonds voted Mar. 4.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On April 8 the \$3,260 4 1/4% coupon tax-free road-improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 946) were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$3,277 (100.521) and Interest. Other bidders were: Gavlin L. Payne & Co., Ind., \$3,276; E. F. Parr & Co., Chicago, \$3,274; 67; Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Ind., 3,275; Fletcher-Am.N.Bk., Ind., 3,267 60

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bellevue), Huron County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 15 the \$15,000 5% 11 1-3-year (average) coupon road district bonds (V. 98, p. 1017) were awarded to the Wright Banking Co., Bellevue, for \$15,170 (101.133) and Interest. Other bids were: Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleve. \$1,165; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol., \$15,081; New First Nat. Bank, Colum. 15,150; Otis & Co., Cleveland, ----- 15,077; Stacy & Braun, Toledo, ----- 15,104

SHIELDS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shields), Morton County, No. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—According to local newspaper dispatches this district recently voted in favor of the issuance of \$2,500 building bonds.

SHILOH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shiloh), Sumter County, So. Caro.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held in this district on April 4 \$3,500 school-bldg. bonds were authorized, it is stated, by a vote of 27 to 1.

SHEREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the \$101,500 4 1/2% 1-40-year (ser.) tax-free public-impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 1179), \$7,000 has been disposed of. Bond No. 1 for \$500 has been canceled, saving \$94,000 yet to be sold.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Bethlehem), Northampton County, Pa.—BONDS PROPOSED.—The School Board of this district is considering the issuance of \$50,000 school-building bonds. It is stated.

SPRINGFIELD, Lane County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—On March 28 \$3,000 6% 10-year bridge bonds were awarded to the Security Sav. Bank & Trust Co. of Toledo for \$3,046 (101.533) and Int. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 1 1914. Int. A. & O.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Petersburg), Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bids were received for the \$60,000 5% 14-year (av.) road-improvement bonds offered on April 11 (V. 98, p. 946): Stacy & Braun, Toledo, ----- \$61,233 30; Well, Roth & Co., Cincln. \$60,612 50; Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleve. 61,074 00; Otis & Co., Cleveland, ----- 60,540 00; Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol. 60,782 00; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., New First Nat. Bk., Col. 60,790 00; Toledo, ----- 60,351 50

STANTON, Stanton County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held Apr. 7 the proposition to issue the \$7,000 5% sewer-constr. bonds (V. 98, p. 1017) carried, it is stated.

STATESVILLE, Iredell County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held June 16, reports state, to submit to a vote the question of issuing \$25,000 school-building bonds.

STEELE CITY, Jefferson County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing \$2,000 town-hall bonds was defeated at the election held April 7 by a vote of 41 to 26.

STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT, Contra Costa County, Cal.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 29 by Wm. F. Huber, Pres. of Sanitary Board (P. O. Rust), for the \$75,000 5% sewer-system-construction bonds (V. 97, p. 1609). Denom. (140) \$500. Due one-twentieth yearly beginning Jan. 1 1915. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

STEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 13 the \$10,000 5% 4 1-8 year (av.) water-main-ext. bonds dated Co. at 100.65. Other bids were: Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleve. \$10,062 50; Well, Roth & Co., Cincln. \$10,012 50; Stacy & Braun, Toledo, ----- 10,056 70; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, ----- 10,007 00; Longstrech & Rich., ----- 10,029 00; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Tol. 10,003 90; Mayer, Deppock & Walter, Cin. 10,026 00; Otis & Co., Cleveland, ----- 10,000 00

SUGARCREEK AND SHANESVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sugarcreek), Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the \$23,000 5 1/4% 15 1/2-year (aver.) site-purchase, construction and equipment bonds (V. 98, p. 1017) were awarded, it is stated, to Sidney, Spitzer & Co. of Toledo at 105.10.

TAUNTON, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 7:45 p. m. April 20 by Lewis A. Hodges, City Treas., for \$15,000 4% reg. sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date Dec. 1 1913. Int. J. & D. Due \$1,000 yearly beginning Dec. 1 1914. Purchaser to pay accrued int.

TEXAS.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following 5% bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ending April 11:

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Place, Purpose, Due. Option. Includes entries for Yoakum, Waco, Dallas County, San Augustine Co. C.S.D. No. 11, City Houston, Bell County, Bell County, Medina Co. C.S.D. No. 9, Kleberg County, Kleberg County, Court House & Jail.

THOMASVILLE, Thomas County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An ordinance has been introduced in Council calling for an election to vote on the proposition to issue \$20,000 additional school bonds.

TIMPSON, Shelby County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The questions of issuing the \$17,000 water-works and \$10,000 sidewalks bonds (V. 98, p. 946) carried, reports state, at the election held April 7.

TIPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tulare County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—A recent election resulted, it is stated, in a vote of 117 to 10 in favor of issuing \$23,000 bonds.

TOLEDO, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 15 the \$98,000 4 1/2% 20-year coupon grade-separation (city's portion) bonds dated Sept. 1 1913 (V. 98, p. 855) were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston for \$102,557 (104.65) and Interest.

TODD COUNTY (P. O. Elkton), Ky.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—The election to vote on the question of issuing \$190,000 road bonds has been indefinitely postponed.

TRENTON, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. April 22 by H. E. Evans, City Treasurer, for \$150,000 4 1/2% 10-year registered street-impt. bonds. Denom. \$100 or multiples thereof. Date May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at office of City Treasurer in N. Y. exchange. Due May 1 1924. Certified check on a national bank for \$3,000, payable to City Treasurer, required. The legality of this issue will be passed upon by Hawkins, DeLafield & Longfellow of N. Y., whose opinion will accompany the bonds on delivery. Official circular states that the city has never defaulted in payment of principal or interest.

TUSCOLA COUNTY (P. O. Caro), Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The question of issuing the \$100,000 court-house-construction bonds (V. 98, p. 326) was defeated at the election held April 6 by a vote of 1,380 "for" to 4,174 "against."

UNION STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Union Star), Dekalb County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 7 the voters authorized the issuance of \$10,000 bldg. bonds.

UNIONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Unionville), Putnam County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—Recently this district voted to issue \$30,000 bldg. bonds, it is stated.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—On April 15 the Common Council authorized the issuance of \$25,000 electric-subways constr. and \$20,000 paving bonds, it is stated.

VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Kaosauqua), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—A proposition to issue \$35,000 county home impt. bonds failed to carry at an election held April 7.

VAN BUREN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Morrilstown), Shelby County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Reports state that proposals will be received until 10 a. m. April 27 by Chas. M. Jackson, Twp. Trustee, for \$16,000 4 1/4% 15-year school bonds.

VENTNOR CITY (P. O. Atlantic City), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Apr. 15 the \$25,000 5% 50-year school bonds (V. 98, p. 1018) were awarded to the Marine Trust Co. of Atlantic City at 101.75 and \$1. Other bids were: Ventnor City Nat. Bank, ----- 101.50; Bull & Eldredge, New York, 100.27; We are advised that the following bonds were also disposed of on Apr. 15: \$75,000 5% 30-yr. sewer bonds dated Apr. 1 1914 to the City Sinking Fund at par and Int. \$25,000 5% 40-year park-impt. bonds dated Feb. 1 1914 to Bull & Eldredge of N. Y. at 100.27 and Interest.

VERMILION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,300 4 1/4% 6-year (average) Wm. Gouty es. al. highway-improvement bonds offered on March 23 (V. 98, p. 945) were awarded on that day to the Fletcher-American National Bank of Indianapolis.

VICKSBURG, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 5 p. m. May 4 by A. M. Paxton, City Clerk, for the \$400,000 5% water-works-construction bonds authorized during February by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners (V. 98, p. 469). Denom. \$1,000. Date May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at Amer. Exch. Nat. Bank, N. Y. City. Due \$5,000 yearly for 19 years and \$305,000 in 20 years. Cert. check for \$5,000 required. The legality of these bonds has been approved by Wood & Oakley of Chicago.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

VICTORIA COUNTY (P. O. Victoria), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—The question of issuing the \$125,000 Road Dist. No. 5 bonds (V. 98, p. 709) carried, reports state, at the election held Mar. 18.

WAKEFIELD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS PROPOSED.—We are advised by the Town Treasurer that this town is contemplating the issuance of \$200,000 high-school bonds.

WALLACE COUNTY (P. O. Sharon Springs), Kans.—BOND SALE —Newspaper reports state that John R. Mulvane of Topeka has purchased the \$30,000 5% court-house-construction bonds voted Feb. 24 (V. 98, p. 633). Due \$1,500 yearly.

WALLER COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—J. D. Harvey, Co. Judge (P. O. Hempstead), is offering for sale the \$15,000 5% 10-10-year (opt.) road bonds registered by the State Comptroller on March 25 (V. 98, p. 1107). Denom. \$1,000. Date Nov. 12 1913. Int. ann. on April 10 at office of Co. Treas. Bonded debt, this issue. Assess. val. 1913 \$1,171,609. (est.) \$4,686,436.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS AWARDED DEFERRED.—The bids received for the three issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$26,800 offered on April 15 (V. 98, p. 1018), were opened on that day and same are being considered.

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wm. Putler, Co. Treas., will offer for sale at public auction at 10 a. m. April 27 an issue of \$58,000 4 1/2% tax-free road-impt. bonds. Denom. \$725. Int. M. & N. Due \$2,900 each six months from May 15 1915 to Nov. 15 1924 incl.

WASHINGTON, Fayette County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 14 the \$2,750 5% 5 1/2-year (average) coupon street-improvement bonds, dated Sept. 1 1913 (V. 98, p. 946) were awarded to the R. L. Dollings Co. of Hamilton for \$2,765 (100.545) and int. Morris Sharp & Co. bid \$2,762.50.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eaton), Preble County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,750 6% 4-year (average) coupon building bonds offered on March 7 (V. 98, p. 784) were awarded on that day to the Farmers' Banking Co. of New Paris for \$3,885.25, equal to 103.686. Denom. (6) \$500, (1) \$750. Date March 7 1914. Int. M. & N.

WATERBURY, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. May 18, reports state, by the City Treas., for the following 4% bonds dated Jan. 1 1914: \$400,000 police and fire bonds. Due \$10,000 yearly from 1924 to 1963 incl. 100,000 school bonds. Due \$5,000 yrly. from 1934 to 1953 incl.

WATERTOWN, Jefferson County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 21 by Frank Walts, City Treas., for \$65,000 4 1/2% 30-year reg. public-impt. bonds. Denom. \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000. Date May 1 1914. Int. M. & N. at office of City Treas. Cert. check for \$1,000, payable to City Treas., required.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. May 4 by Chas. Fahr, County Auditor, for the following 5 1/2% ditch bonds: \$1,560 Canaan-Wayne Ditch No. 208 bonds. Denom. (1) \$500, (2) \$500. Due \$560 April 1 1915 and \$500 on April 1 1916 and 1917. 725 Sheets Ditch No. 196 bonds. Denom. (2) \$250, (1) \$225. Due \$250 on April 1 1915 and 1916 and \$225 April 1 1917. 1,325 Mill Creek Ditch No. 209 bonds. Denom. (1) \$525, (2) \$400. Due \$525 April 1 1915 and \$400 April 1 1916 and 1917. Int. semi-annual. Certified check for 5% of bonds bid for required.

WAYNE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mt. Etna), Huntington County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—On Apr. 8 the \$15,500 4 1/2% school bonds (V. 98, p. 946) were awarded, reports state, to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$15,525—equal to 100.161.

WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Webster Groves), St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 8 p. m. April 23, reports state, by F. B. Miller, Secretary of District, for \$50,000 4 1/2% 10-20-year (opt.) school bonds. Certified check for \$1,000 required.

WEIR, Choctaw County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—On April 10 the \$5,000 6% 10-19-year (serial) agricultural high-school-site-purchase bonds offered on April 7 (V. 98, p. 1019) were awarded to H. O. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago at 100.30. C. H. Coffin of Chicago bid 100.10. Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1914. Int. J. & J.

WESTERNPORT, Allegany County, Md.—BOND SALE.—We are advised that \$20,000 5% general-impt. bonds have been awarded to local investors. Denom. \$500. Date May 1 1911. Int. M. & N. at the Mercantile Tr. & Dep. Co. of Baltimore. Due May 1 1911, subject to call May 1 1915. These bonds are part of an issue of \$100,000, of which \$70,000 was recently sold to Nelson, Cook & Co. of Baltimore. See V. 98, p. 1188.)

WEST NEW YORK (P. O. Station 3, Weehawken), Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On Apr. 14 the \$5,750 4 1/2% 1-5-year ser. playground bonds (V. 98, p. 1108) were awarded, it is stated, to the Sinking Fund Commissioners at par.

BONDS AUTHORIZED.—Reports state that the Town Council on April 14 authorized the issuance of \$75,000 5% coup. or reg. town-hall bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 yearly.

WEST PARK, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. May 16 by Fred. Feuchter, VII. Clerk, for \$3,000 5% 30-year town-hall-impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 15 1914. Int. A. & O. Cert. check on a bank other than the one making the bid, for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to VII. Treas., required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 15 days from time of award. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

WHITEWRIGHT, Grayson County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—On April 7 the questions of issuing \$6,000 funding and \$6,000 water-works bonds carried, it is stated.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78, Wash.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 an issue of \$1,600 1-5-year (opt.) school-building and equipment bonds was awarded to the State of Washington at par for 5 1/4% Denom. (3) \$500, (1) \$100. Date June 1 1914. Int. ann. in June.

WICKENBURG, Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on April 6 of the \$9,900 6% water bonds offered on that day.

WILMINGTON, Del.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 27 by James F. Price, City Treas., for \$75,000 4 1/2% park sinking fund bonds: Denom. \$50 or multiples thereof. Date Meay 1 1914. Int. A. & O. Due \$38,850 April 1 1937 and \$36,150 Oct. 1 1937. Cert. check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to "Mayor and Council" required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for on or before 12 m. May 11.

NEW LOANS.

CITY OF RENSSELAER, N. Y.

\$27,000

4 1/2% Washington Avenue Improvement Bonds

\$11,000

4 1/2% Broadway Paving Bonds

Rensselaer, N. Y., April 10 1914.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned at his office until the 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 1914, at 12 o'clock, for the purchase of \$27,000 4 1/2% registered Washington Avenue Improvement Bonds of the City of Rensselaer, New York, dated May 1st, 1914, maturing serially \$1,350 (one bond of \$1,000 and one bond of \$350) on May 1st, of each of the years 1915 to 1934, inclusive, and \$11,000 4 1/2% registered Broadway Paving Bonds of said city, dated May 1st, 1914, and maturing serially, one bond of \$550 on May 1st of each of the years 1915 to 1934 inclusive. Principal of and the semi-annual interest (May and November 1st) on all said bonds, payable at the Rensselaer County Bank in the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

The legality of the issue will be examined by Caldwell, Masslich & Reed of New York City, whose favorable opinion will be furnished the purchaser.

No bids at less than par and accrued interest will be accepted.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon a national or State bank or trust company, payable to the Treasurer of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y., or by cash, for an amount equal to two per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for, which check or cash deposit will be returned to the bidder, if unsuccessful; otherwise applied to the payment of the sum bid, and forfeited to the City of Rensselaer, N. Y., as liquidated damages in case the bidder fails to comply with the terms of his bid.

Bids must be conditional upon the favorable opinion of Caldwell, Masslich & Reed. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Said bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on the 8th day of May, 1914, or as soon thereafter as the bonds can be completed, at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

T. C. ALEXANDER, City Treasurer.

STATEMENT.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Present bonded debt (\$310,500.00), Floating debt (4,442.88), Cash in sinking fund (20,795.05), Assessed valuation, real estate, exclusive of special franchises (4,874,821.00), Assessed valuation, special franchises (860,410.00), POPULATION (1910 Census), 10,711.

MUNICIPAL AND RAILROAD BONDS LIST ON APPLICATION.

SEASONGOOD & MAYER, Ingalls Building CINCINNATI

NEW LOANS

\$30,000.00

CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

4 1/2% Joint Sewerage System Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that on the 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1914, at 8 o'clock P. M., at the Council Chamber, No. 149 North Avenue, in the City of Plainfield, N. J., the Common Council of said City will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following-described bonds of said city:

\$30,000 Joint Sewer System Bonds, dated April 1, 1914, and maturing \$5,000 annually on the 1st day of April, in each of the years 1917 to 1922, both inclusive. The bonds will be coupon bonds with the privilege to the holder of registering the same, either as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum, payable semi-annually. Both principal and interest will be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness.

All proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to J. T. MacMurray, City Clerk, Plainfield, N. J., and should be marked upon the outside "Proposals for Joint Sewerage System Bonds."

A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the City of Plainfield, N. J., must accompany each bid. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be accepted.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. The bonds will be prepared and certified as to genuineness by the Columbia-Knickerbocker Trust Company of the New York City, and will be delivered to the purchaser on or before May 8, 1914, at 11 o'clock A. M., unless a subsequent date shall be mutually agreed upon between the purchaser and the City Treasurer.

The validity of the bonds will be approved by Messrs. Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, attorneys, of New York City, a duplicate original of whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser. Dated April 7, 1914.

J. T. MAC MURRAY, City Clerk.

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Legal for Savings Banks, Postal Savings and Trust Funds. SEND FOR LIST.

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NEW LOANS.

\$75,000.00

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE,

SINKING FUND 4 1/2% LOAN

Sealed bids will be received until 12 o'clock noon, MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1914, at the office of the City Treasurer, Wilmington, Delaware, for Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) of Wilmington, Delaware, Sinking Fund Four and One-Half Per Cent Bonds.

Said bonds will date from May 1, A. D. 1914, and will be issued in denominations of \$50 or multiples thereof, and bear interest at the rate of Four and One-Half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on October 1 and April 1 of each year, and will mature as follows:

\$38,850 on April 1, A. D. 1937.

\$36,150 on October 1, A. D. 1937. Said issue is being made under authority of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, approved April 18, A. D. 1911, and under authority of an ordinance of the Council of Wilmington, passed April 9, A. D. 1914, and approved April 9, A. D. 1914, and is to provide funds for the purchase and improvement of park lands.

All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the order of "THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON", for two per centum of the amount of the bonds for which bid is made, the same to be forfeited if the bidder fails to accept and pay for the bonds awarded.

The successful bidder or bidders will be required to settle for the bonds awarded, with accrued interest from May 1, A. D. 1914, at or before 12 o'clock noon, Monday, May 11, A. D. 1914.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN J. DONAGHAN, ROBERT D. KEMP, Sinking Fund Commissioners. WELLES E. STOVER, GEORGE E. GRANTLAND, JAMES KANE, Finance Committee.

\$100,000

Flathead County, Montana,

REDEMPTION BONDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Commissioners of Flathead County, State of Montana, at the office of the County Clerk and Recorder at Kalispell, Montana, on MAY 4TH, 1914, AT 10.00 A. M., for the sale of \$100,000.00 bonds for the purpose of redeeming an issue of said bonds for the denomination of \$100,000.00 bonds, the denomination of said bonds to be \$1,000.00 each, payable in twenty years and redeemable in ten years, and to bear interest at not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum. Interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer of said County on the first day of January and July of each year. Bids will be opened at the office of County Commissioners of said County on Monday, May 4th, 1914, at 10.00 o'clock a. m. A certified check for five per cent of bid to accompany each bid. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana. By FRED S. PERRY, County Clerk

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, No. Caro.—BOND ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held June 23 to vote on the propositions to issue \$250,000 liquidating indebtedness, \$250,000 municipal electric-light plant, \$60,000 school, \$50,000 sewerage-disposal, \$50,000 water-plant-improvement and \$50,000 street-improvement 30-year bonds at not exceeding 5% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1914.

WOODBURY, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Reports state that \$30,000 4½% serial water bonds were recently disposed of as follows: \$20,000 to the Merchants' Union Trust Co. of Philadelphia and \$10,000 being taken by the sinking fund.

WOOD COUNTY, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—An election has been called for May 7 to vote on the question of issuing \$40,000 Clay District road bonds.

WOODRIDGE (P. O. Rutherford), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—On April 15 the \$20,000 5% 30-yr. coup. or reg. street-impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 1108) were awarded to William Hoehl of Woodridge at 105.125 and int. Other bids were: M. M. Freeman & Co., Phila. 102.831 R. M. Grant & Co., N. Y., 102.079 H. L. Crawford & Co., Phila. 102.55 Kean, Taylor & Co., N. Y., 102.03 Outwater & Wells, Jer. City, 102.495

WORCESTER, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—According to reports the City Treas. will receive bids until 12 m. to-day (April 18) for \$100,000 notes in anticipation of taxes, dated April 21 1914 and maturing Oct. 16 1914.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The propositions to issue the \$29,000 electric-light-plant and \$11,000 water-works-improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 947) failed to carry at the election held April 6.

YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Wapato), Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held April 8 the question of issuing \$27,000 building bonds carried. It is reported, by a vote of 137 to 1.

YOAKUM, Dewitt County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—On April 7 the \$40,000 5% 20-40-year (opt.) street-improvement bonds (V. 98, p. 1108) were purchased by Sutherland, Gehde & Co. of Kansas City, Mo., at par and int. These bonds are now being offered to investors. Denom. \$1,000. Date April 3 1914. Int. A. & Co. at the Yoakum State Bank or Yoakum Nat. Bank, Yoakum, or at the State Treasurer's office, or at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y.

ZANESVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On April 16 the \$30,000 5% 10½-year (aver.) park-purch. and impt. bonds (V. 98, p. 1019) were awarded to C. E. Denison & Co. of Cleveland for \$31,462.80 (104.875) and int. Other bids were:
 New York Life Ins. Co., \$31,296 Brighton-German Bank, Cin. \$31,117
 Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol., 31,266 E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chic., 31,100
 Weil, Roth & Co., Cin., 31,212 Stacy & Braun, Toledo, 31,083
 Amer. Trust & Sav. Bank, 31,200 Field, Longstroth & Rich-
 Spitzer, Korick & Co., Tol., 31,165 ards, Cincinnati, 31,036
 Seasongood & Mayer, Cinc., 31,150 Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago 31,017
 Prov. S. B. & T. Co., Cinc., 31,131 Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleve., 30,939
 Otis & Co., Cleveland, 31,130 People's Sav. Bank, Zanesv., *6,000
 * For \$6,000.

ZEELAND, Ottawa County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—Reports state that on April 7 this city voted in favor of the issuance of \$15,000 sewer-system bonds.

Canada, Its Provinces and Municipalities.

ARMSTRONG, B. C.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—An issue of \$6,000 debentures, it is stated, is being considered for a bathing tank.

ARNPRIOR, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—An issue of \$5,500 debentures for water-works additions is being offered. It is stated.

ASSINIBOIA RURAL MUNICIPALITY, Man.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. April 28 by Frank Ness, Clerk (P. O. Kirkfield Park) for \$88,779 5% debentures. Due in 20 ann installments.

BERLIN, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—A block of \$67,000 gas-department-additions debentures is being offered for sale, according to reports.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—DESCRIPTION OF LOAN.—As previously stated in these columns, subscriptions were received until April 1 by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in London for an issue of £1,500,000 4½% registered stock at 99. Only one-half of the issue was subscribed for before the lists closed, but it was completely absorbed shortly after, the issue selling at a premium. The proceeds of the loan are to be used for the repayment of outstanding treasury bills and for the public purposes of the Province. Repayable at par on the 1st April 1914. Interest payable April 1 and Oct. 1. Transferable without charge and free of stamp duty. Full six months' interest payable Oct. 1 1914.

Outstanding debt, excluding this issue and treasury bills amounting to £310,000 ----- £2,209,345
 Sinking fund investments ----- 488,058
 Net debt of the Province, per capita, in 1901 was \$36.38.
 Net debt of the Province, per capita, in 1913 was \$17.
 Population in 1901 was 179,500 and estimated at 525,000 in 1913.

CARLETON COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—There is talk of issuing \$20,000 debentures for extraordinary expenses and construction work and \$40,000 for good roads.

CARTWRIGHT, Man.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Current expense debentures amounting to \$6,000 are proposed by this municipality. It is stated.

COMPTON, Que.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—This municipality according to reports, is considering the issuance of \$2,000 building debentures.

DRUMMONDSVILLE, Que.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—No sale has yet been made of the \$52,000 debentures offered on March 27.

EAST FLAMBORO, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Reports state that \$12,500 high-school-building debentures are proposed by this municipality.

EASTVIEW, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that \$35,000 5% 30-year separate school debentures have been sold to J. B. A. Boudreau of Ottawa.

ELKHORN, Man.—DEBENTURE SALE.—It is reported that this place has disposed of \$6,000 5% 15-installment debentures to Geo. A. Stimson & Co. of Toronto.

EMBRO, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The rate-payers on April 24 will decide whether or not they are in favor of issuing \$6,000 30-year hydro-electric-power-distribution debentures, it is stated.

FORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Canadian papers state that this town is considering issuing \$28,000 town-hall-building debentures.

GRIMSBY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Bids are invited, it is said, for \$10,000 drain-construction debentures.

NEW LOANS.

\$400,000

City of Vicksburg, Mississippi
 5% Serial—20-Years
 Water-Works Construction Bonds.

SALE

On **MONDAY, MAY 4TH, 1914**, at 5 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg will sell to the highest and best bidder \$400,000 of Vicksburg Water Works, Steel engraved, 20-years, serial bonds, known as Water-Works Construction bonds, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, dated May 1st, 1914, 5 of said bonds maturing annually for 19 years and the balance—20 years, bearing interest at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually and payable at the American Exchange National Bank of New York City, both the revenues of the city and the water-works-plant being pledged as security for their payment.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. The legality of said bond issue has been approved and certified to by Charles B. Wood of the firm of Wood & Oakley, attorneys, Chicago, Illinois.

Scaled bids, with certified check accompanying for \$5,000, will be received by A. M. Paxton, City Clerk, up to time of sale.

J. J. HAYES,
 Mayor of the City of Vicksburg.

NEW LOANS.

\$218,000

City of Perth Amboy, N. J.
 School and Harbor Improvement
 Bonds.

Sealed offerings will be received by the undersigned at his office in the City Hall, Perth Amboy, N. J., until four o'clock p. m., **APRIL 30, 1914**, for \$115,000 4½% School Bonds, dated May 1, 1914, maturing \$23,000 each in 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years, and \$103,000 (or such smaller amount, not less than \$73,000, as it may be decided to issue) 4½% 50-year Harbor Improvement Bonds, dated June 1, 1914.

Bonds will be issued with coupons, but may be registered.

The opinion of Messrs. Caldwell, Masslich & Reed will be furnished by the City, and the bonds will be engraved and certified in amounts of \$1,000.

Certified check for Two Per Cent of par value of bonds bid for must accompany each bid, which must be made on blank form which will be furnished by the undersigned.

CHARLES K. SEAMAN,
 City Treasurer.

\$30,000

ATHENS, TENNESSEE,
 5% 30-YEAR BONDS

Until **MAY 11TH, 1914**, at 1 o'clock P. M., the Mayor and Recorder of the City of Athens, Tenn., will receive bids for the purchase of an issue of \$30,000 of city bonds, to run 30 years and bear 5 per cent interest—to take up floating indebtedness and for improvement purposes. Each bid to be accompanied by New York exchange for \$500 as guaranty of good faith.

NEW LOANS.

CITY OF WESTMOUNT
TENDERS FOR BONDS

Tenders are invited for the following issues of 4½% bonds of the City of Westmount; delivery to be made June 1st, 1914.

Authorized by	Date of Maturity	Am't. of issue.
By-law No. 282	1st May, 1928	\$50,000
By-law No. 282	1st May, 1958	110,000
By-law No. 283	1st May, 1928	50,000
By-law No. 285	1st May, 1928	175,000

Tenders must be enclosed in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Tenders for Bonds", and filed with the undersigned not later than **MONDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1914**.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the highest or any other tender.

Full particulars as to these issues may be had upon application.

ARTHUR F. BELL,
 Secretary-Treasurer,
 Westmount, Canada.

\$30,000 McAlester, Oklahoma,
 5% PARK BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of McAlester, Okla., until 10 A. M., **SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1914**, for the purchase of Thirty bonds of \$1,000 each, dated May 1, 1914, maturing May 1, 1939. Interest 5%, payable semi-annually at New York. Issued for park purposes.

Assessed valuation \$6,480,347. Real valuation (est.) \$8,500,000. Bonded debt, including this issue, \$820,210. Water debt \$325,000. Sinking Fund on hand \$149,850.53.

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HAMILTON, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—According to reports, this city is considering the issuance of \$125,000 water-works-improvement debentures.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—PURCHASER OF DEBENTURES.—We are advised that the purchaser of the \$15,000 6% hospital-aid debentures awarded on Jan. 31 at 95 (V. 98, p. 1109) was the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto. Denom. \$500. Date April 1 1914. Int. A. & O. Due April 1 1934, subject to call at holders' consent.

KINCARDINE, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Reports state that the issuance of \$46,000 local-improvement and \$35,000 street-lighting debentures is pending.

LINDSAY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received, it is stated, for \$22,000 street and sewer debentures.

LUMSDEN, Sask.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—An issue of \$23,000 electric debentures are being considered by this municipality, according to reports.

MONTREAL, Que.—NEW LOAN.—The Bank of Montreal in London is inviting subscriptions at par for £1,500,000 4½% registered stock of the City of Montreal.

NEW LISKEARD, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On April 22 an election will be held for the purpose of submitting to the ratepayers by-laws providing for the issuance of \$5,880 6% water-main-extension debentures.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—By-laws providing for the issuance of \$12,000 debentures as a bonus to the Dominion Chain Co., it is stated.

ORILLIA, Ont.—BONUS VOTED.—Reports state that the ratepayers voted to give J. R. Eaton & Sons a 10-acre factory site and to loan them \$50,000 for 20 years at 5%.

OXFORD COUNTY, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—An issue of \$19,000 road debentures is being offered, it is stated.

PICTON, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—On April 20 the ratepayers will vote, it is stated, on the issuance of \$25,900 5% 10-year road debentures.

PINCHER CREEK, Alta.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—It is reported that this municipality has under consideration the issuance of \$4,000 debentures.

POINTE CLAIRE, Que.—DEBENTURE ELECTION PROPOSED.—Reports state that the ratepayers will be asked to vote on the question of issuing \$250,000 improvement debentures.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—The issuance of \$45,000 debentures for paying off deficit on water-works is talked of.

PORT CREDIT, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—This place, it is stated, is offering for sale \$10,000 water-system debentures.

PORT ROWAN, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—This place, it is stated, contemplates issuing \$10,000 drainage debentures.

REVELSTROKE, B. C.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An election will shortly be held, it is said, to decide whether or not \$40,000 debentures shall be issued for extensions to electric-light and power-plant.

ST. HYACINTHE, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 4 p. m. June 1 by A. Messier, City Clerk, for \$250,000 5% debentures. Denom. \$1,000. Int. M. & N. Due May 1 1934.

ST. PIERRE-AUX-LIENS SCHOOL COMMISSION, Que.—DEBENTURES NOT SOLD.—No sale was made on March 24 of the \$38,000 5½% school debentures offered on that day (V. 98, p. 949.)

ST. THOMAS, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Park and city-ha debentures amounting to \$12,000 are being considered by this city, it is stated.

SANDWICH, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—This town, it is stated, has sold \$30,000 5½% 15-installment debentures to W. A. Mackenzie & Co. of Toronto.

SARNIA, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 6 p. m. April 24 by James Woods, Town Treas., for \$11,000 and \$9,000 school and \$5,000 5½% coupon debentures. Int. ann. on Dec. 31. Due part yearly on Dec. 31 from 1914 to 1923 incl.

STRATFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—It is reported that \$20,000 light, \$11,500 garbage-disposal-plant, \$10,000 Agricultural Park-improvement and \$62,500 school-impt. debentures are contemplated by this municipality.

STRATHMORE, Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to reports this town has sold \$4,500 6% debentures to Nay & James of Regina at 88.50.

SUMMERLAND, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Geo. A. Stimson & Co. of Toronto have been awarded, it is stated, \$20,000 6% 20-year debentures at 95.

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Nay & James of Regina have purchased \$100,000 6% 30-year debentures at 100.119, according to newspaper reports.

DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An election will probably be held, it is reported, to vote on the issuance of \$41,000 storm-sewer and \$50,000 street paving debentures; also on a \$5,000 grant to the Agricultural society.

TILBURY, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—An issue of \$4,547 50 drainage debentures is proposed by this city, it is stated.

WALLACEBURG, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—Reports state that \$200,000 water-works debentures were authorized on Mar. 30.

DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—A proposition to issue \$30,000 hydro-electric-station debentures is contemplated, it is stated.

WATERLOO, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—The issuance of \$26,000 debentures for the gas and electric department is pending, it is stated.

WESTMOUNT, Que.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until May 4 by Arthur F. Bell, Secy.-Treas., for \$50,000, \$110,000, \$50,000 and \$175,000 4½% debentures. Due May 1 1928, except \$110,000 issue, which matures May 1 1958. Delivery to be made June 1.

The official notice of this debenture offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

WETASKIWIN, Alta.—PRICE PAID FOR DEBENTURES.—We are advised that the price paid for the \$31,000 6% 20 annual installment natural gas debentures awarded to McNeill & Young of Toronto (V. 98, p. 1109) was 98.42. Denom. to suit purchaser. Interest annually in April.

DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—According to reports, \$7,000 water-works debentures are being considered by this city.

WILKIE, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An election will be held in this municipality April 20, it is stated, to vote on the question of issuing \$15,000 6% local improvement and fire-apparatus debentures.

WINDSOR, Ont.—DEBENTURES PROPOSED.—Propositions to issue \$50,000 sidewalk, \$13,000 park and \$75,000 market-building debentures are under consideration, it is stated.

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