

STATE AND CITY SECTION.

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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The new Federal Reserve banking system has not yet been in existence long enough to enable one to express definite conclusions as to either its merits or its defects. It has, however, been in operation a sufficient length of time to demonstrate the utter fallacy of the notion that there exists, or has existed, in this country a Money Power, or a combination of powers, holding the trade and commerce of the country in thrall and that to free the business world from the malign influence of this combination a new banking system under direct Government control offers the only solution.

Among bankers and careful students of affairs it had long been admitted that our banking system was sadly deficient in a number of respects, and that some new measure or measures were necessary to remove the defects. The agitation, however, in the last Congress which led to the enactment of the Federal Reserve Law was not predicated upon considerations of that kind. It was prompted by a feeling so strong as to be tantamount to absolute conviction that whatever the other defects of the old banking system the most vital particular in which it was open to condemnation was that it fostered a Money Trust or a money combination. The Money Trust investigation which preceded the enactment of the new law was founded upon that idea. The notion prevailed, and persisted in spite of an array of facts to the contrary, that this money combination dispensed favors or denied them at its pleasure, and that no one not in its good graces could get needful accommodations for the conduct of business or the promotion of enterprise, no matter how sound the scheme or how ample the security offered. The assertion was that no money could be obtained if those in the inner circle decreed otherwise. All the assaults upon the supposed, though mythical, Money Power, all the bitter invective in denunciation of the same, had as their main theme the hallucination that no considerable undertaking could be put through, or pushed with any chance of success, except with the consent of the select few in whose hands there was concentrated control of the greater part of the country's monetary resources.

It was under this delusion, and in this spirit, that the Federal Reserve Law was conceived and rounded out, and completed. A totally different law, or at least a law different in some of its essential respects and far better and stronger, would have gone upon the statute book except for this erroneous notion that the prime considerations must be the curbing of the supposed Money Power. There was never the least ground for the current assertions that monetary accommodation was lacking or was being withheld in quarters where there was legitimate need for it. For ourselves, we have no hesitation in saying that we do not believe there was ever an instance, in normal periods, where a well-managed business undertaking, having character behind it and resting upon the solid foundation of worth and merit, could not count upon obtaining from the ordinary banks all the financial assistance, within reasonable limits, that might be required.

If may be affirmed without fear of contradiction that business considerations alone have always influenced those holding the purse strings of our monetary concerns. Influence or favor has not counted at all with them. Those who failed to secure loans would have had the same experience under any other banking system, and, indeed, would have the same difficulty under the Federal Reserve system itself, owing to the inherent lack of merit in the enterprise or the irresponsibility and absence of character on the part of those making the application.

It is possible now to apply an accurate test in that respect, since the new Federal Reserve banks have been in actual operation for a period of over six months. Had there been a basis for the allegation that the so-called Monetary Power had been discriminating in the matter of extending money accommodations against the really deserving, evidence of such a state of things must have quickly revealed itself after the Federal Reserve banks got in working order. The inevitable effect would have been that with the organization of the Government-controlled Federal Reserve banks applications would have come pouring in in a way that would have fairly overwhelmed the executives of these new institutions. Has there been such a rush for accommodation? Quite the contrary.

Notwithstanding most insidious coaxing, the new facilities provided, with the view to relieving oppressed borrowers, have not been availed of at all—have, indeed, been in practical idleness. As a matter of fact, the new banking powers have been left largely dormant and the banks themselves treated with indifference, or ignored altogether. According to last Saturday's consolidated statement, these Federal Reserve banks then held an aggregate of \$243,376,100 of gold or gold certificates. This is sufficient for the issuance of half a billion dollars of Federal Reserve notes, but the actual net amount of notes outstanding at the same date was only \$10,859,000. The total of bills discounted and loans of all kinds at the same date was \$34,626,000, while the aggregate of cash on hand was no less than \$280,208,000—this, too, notwithstanding that accommodation was offered and is still being offered at exceedingly low rates, not above 4% being charged for short-date paper (except in two instances) and not higher than 4½%, except in one instance, for maturities running from 60 to 90 days.

Obviously, these figures make it plain that there has been no pressing need for accommodation anywhere throughout the length and breadth of the land. This is in flat contradiction of what must have happened if the allegations so persistently indulged in had been true, that deserving borrowers had been discriminated against in pursuance of a deliberate policy on the part of the supposed Money Power to keep money control centred in its own hands and hold needy borrowers in complete subjection to its will. Thus one more fallacy falls to the ground—a peculiarly vicious fallacy, too—and there is reason for gratification over the fact.

Speaking as the guest of honor at the dinner of the National Association of Manufacturers on Wednesday evening, Mr. Taft stated simply and clearly his objections to the Clayton and the Trade Commission laws. The tribunal created by the

latter is empowered to decide whether any methods discovered in use in trade competition are unfair. If this is meant to authorize it to formulate new restrictions on business which in its judgment needs restraining, "it is certainly a delegating of legislative authority which Congress has no Constitutional power to delegate." It is reasonable to expect that when the Supreme Court has to pass on the subject it will adhere to the laws and to the rule of reason "and will keep the Commission within the path thus limited"; therefore the new body "becomes nothing but a tribunal of investigation for reporting facts."

But, further said Mr. Taft, "the field committed to the jurisdiction of this Federal executive tribunal is so wide, indeed, so much wider than that of the Inter-State Commerce Commission (which is already weighted down with its duties) that the Act essays to do something that is utterly impossible of performance." As for the Clayton Act, while it divides up into a variety of details the offenses already denounced by the former anti-trust Act, "it really adds little in its practical restriction of methods of conducting business and the freedom of combination and the freedom of competition."

Taking these two laws together, Mr. Taft said his objection to them is that "their enactment with such a blare of trumpets and avowals of hostility to capital in general, with little discrimination, had a strong tendency to frighten those whose judgment determines the amount of new investments of capital"; this directly tends to "restrict the normal expansion of our business, due to the re-investment of earnings; it is a mistake to suppose that capital is all owned by rich men."

Certainly that is a mistake—one of the most glaringly bad of mistakes Mr. Taft correctly sees that the chief mischief of these additional laws is their manifestation of misunderstanding and hostility and of the eagerness to truckle to that hostility. The baring of statutory "teeth" and the uncertainty how widely and seriously the teeth will attempt to bite are necessarily deterrent. It is amazing that even the dullest can fail to see how incongruous and futile it is to expect owners of capital savings to rush forward to new ventures and to berate them for hanging back, after adding an unknowable lot of troubles to the ordinary perplexities of business and the extra ones produced by a world-wide war. As one instance, is it not absurd to hint to them that if they do not pretty soon take up the hazards of shipping lines on new and necessarily somewhat uncertain routes of commerce, the Government (with its hold on all the bank accounts in the country and therefore its indifference to the financial results) may step in? Is not the natural effect of such threats to discourage rather than to persuade?

Our foreign export trade again touched a phenomenally high level in April 1915, the value of the merchandise sent out having been no less than 294½ million dollars, or not materially less than the totals for February and March and exceeding the high record for the month in any earlier year (made in 1913) by 94½ million dollars. Under ordinary conditions this continued greatly increased absorption of our products would be occasion for most decided satisfaction. But, as we have frequently stated, the current large expansion in our outward trade finds its explanation in conditions

very far from ordinary—in fact, deplorable from all humanitarian points of view.

In some lines the war has stimulated our exports to a simply marvelous extent. For instance, in the ten months ended April 30 1915, shipments of breadstuffs exceeded those for the similar period of the previous year by approximately 325 million dollars. Horses and mules, never before important items in our outward trade, showed an increase of nearly 50 millions, leather and manufactures a like amount, meats some 30 millions, cotton manufactures 16 millions, automobiles 15 millions wool manufactures 20 millions, explosives 15 millions and chemicals 10 millions. In these few articles, therefore, the war has been largely, if not wholly, instrumental in increasing our trade by over 500 million dollars. On the other hand, cotton, copper, agricultural implements, fertilizers, wood and manufactures, iron and steel manufactures and numerous other articles have gone out less freely. Needless to say, with the countries at war those from which a considerable portion of our imports are drawn, the inflow of many commodities is very much restricted, the most noticeable decline being in cotton manufactures, copper manufactures, precious stones, silk and silk manufactures, breadstuff, tin and art works.

As in March, there was a marked expansion in breadstuffs shipments in April and in provisions as well. Cotton, however (but wholly in consequence of lower prices, quantity being in excess) showed a decrease, as did mineral oils, cotton-seed oil and cattle and hogs. The total value of the merchandise exported in April was \$294,470,199, against \$162,552,576 in 1914 and \$199,814,438 in 1913. For the ten months of the fiscal year the export aggregate at \$2,225,548,068, the high-water mark for the period, contrasts with \$2,045,774,485 in 1913-14 and \$2,107,871,811 in 1912-13.

Merchandise imports in April were of contracted volume, as compared with the corresponding month of 1914, but exhibited an increase over 1913. Specifically they were \$160,675,106, against \$173,762,114 and \$146,194,461, respectively. For the ten months since July 1 1914 the aggregate at \$1,374,189,749 falls 198 million dollars below 1913-14 and 174 millions under 1912-13. The export balance for April reached \$133,795,093, this contrasting with a net of \$11,209,544 on the other side of the account in 1914, and for the ten months of 1914-15 exports exceeded imports by the stupendous amount of \$851,358,319, compared with 473¾ millions in 1913-14 and the previous record mark of 631½ millions in 1907-08.

The outward movement of gold during April was small, amounting to only \$813,706, mainly from New York and almost wholly to the West Indies. Imports, however, were of good volume, reaching \$16,203,028, represented to the extent of 7 millions by receipts at New York from Canada, 4½ millions at San Francisco from Japan and smaller amounts at this port from South America, Holland, &c. The net inflow for the month was \$15,389,322, decreasing to \$54,033,902 the net efflux for the 10 months ended April 30. This latter compares with net imports of \$13,616,143 for the period in 1913-14.

Opportunity for industrial advancement in the United States as a result of the war in Europe

was the dominant theme of the address of Colonel George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, at its twentieth annual convention held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday and Wednesday of the current week. To the upwards of 200 members in attendance, Colonel Pope declared that events have occurred so rapidly that the sensitive nerves of our industries have been tingling, and, although American business genius may hesitate, it is never baffled. The war must bring to this country enhanced prestige. By South and Central America, as well as the European countries our markets must of necessity be patronized to an extraordinary extent, and we should be prepared to meet the emergency, and deliver properly the commodities demanded of us. As our products will be critically examined and rigidly compared with those of other nations, it must be realized, he aptly said, that our opportunity is coupled with great responsibility. In other words "Made in America" should not be merely a shibboleth but a guaranty in every way.

The personnel of the new Coalition Cabinet was announced officially in London on Tuesday evening and it has already taken up the reins of Government. Premier Asquith retains his position as Prime Minister. Lloyd George has been succeeded as Chancellor of the Exchequer by Reginald McKenna, former Home Secretary, who has himself been succeeded by Sir John Simon, a Liberal, who had been Attorney-General since 1913. The Attorney Generalship in turn goes to Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, who recently played such a conspicuous role in raising the Ulster volunteer force. Sir Edward Grey retains his portfolio of Foreign Secretary. Lloyd George assumes new duties as the head of a specially created department to be called the Ministry of Munitions, its duties being solely the organization of the manufacture and supply of munitions of war. It is announced that the former Chancellor has taken charge of the new Department merely because of the urgency of current conditions and that there is no prospect of his retaining the post permanently. Arthur J. Balfour becomes First Lord of the Admiralty, succeeding Winston Spencer Churchill, who has been appointed to the honorary post of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Earl Kitchener continues as Secretary of State for War, although he will be relieved of details regarding the production of ammunition these, as already noted, being now confided to Lloyd George. The Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, assumes the duties of First Lord of the Treasury, while Lord Lansdowne, who was Secretary for War from 1895 to 1900 and Foreign Secretary from 1900 until 1905, is assigned to a place without portfolio and will merely act in an advisory capacity at the Cabinet councils. A. Bonar Law, the Unionist leader, is the new Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Arthur Henderson becomes President of the Board of Education, having been placed in the Cabinet, it is understood, with the hope that he may render assistance to the Minister of Munitions because of his influential labor affiliations. The Marquis of Crewe, who was Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1908 to 1910, and Lord of the Privy Seal in the Cabinet just dissolved, has been appointed President of the Council, Viscount Curzon taking his place. Austin

Chamberlain becomes Secretary of State for India. Walter Runciman remains President of the Board of Trade, while Walter H. Long fills the place of President of the local Government Board and Augustine Birrell becomes Chief Secretary to Ireland. As reconstituted, the Ministry consists of 13 Liberals, 8 Unionists and 1 Labor member. Parliament reassembles on June 3. Admiral Sir Henry Brawardine Jackson has been appointed First Sea Lord of the Admiralty to take the place of Admiral Lord Fisher, who resigned recently, owing, it is said, to differences with Winston Spencer Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty.

At a meeting of the Carlton Club, an important Unionist organization, on Wednesday, the Unionist party leaders enthusiastically indorsed the action of their colleagues in accepting places in the Coalition Cabinet. This action followed very plain speeches, in which Bonar Law, the new Minister for the Colonies, declared that the failure of the new Cabinet would probably mean the ruin of the country and Lord Lansdowne expressed the belief that the country realized that something had been the matter in the conduct of the war. Lord Lansdowne, in his speech referring to the progress of the war, said "We have already experienced not a few disappointments. There have been shortcomings and miscalculations, some perhaps excusable; some, perhaps, not at all. We are all, I suppose, penetrated with the conviction that there has been something amiss with what may be ascribed as the national organization of the country. As to men, we are not sure that we have got enough or that we are getting the right sort of men. As to munitions—I will not dwell on that painful chapter of our history; but it is a matter of common knowledge that failure to supply the essential munitions has not once, but many times, interfered with the due progress of our military operations." Baron Willoughby de Broke expressed the hope that the first act of the Coalition Cabinet will be to provide some sort of conscription. No formal resolutions were adopted at the meeting.

Italy formally declared war on Austria on Sunday, May 23, and on Monday gave her adhesion to the agreement already signed by the Allied Powers not to conclude a separate peace. On Tuesday announcement was made that Germany had declared war against Italy and had recalled Prince von Bulow, her Ambassador at Rome. The German and Austro-Hungarian representatives at the Italian court and at the Vatican left Rome on Tuesday night, having intrusted the interests of their countries to the Spanish Ambassador in Rome. Italy's declaration against Austria was a short document. As presented by the Duke of Avarna, Ambassador to Austria, to Baron von Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, it read as follows:

Vienna, May 23 1915.

Conformably with the orders of His Majesty the King, His August Sovereign, the undersigned Ambassador of Italy has the honor to deliver to His Excellency, the Foreign Minister of Austria-Hungary, the following communication:

Declaration has been made, as from the fourth of this month, to the Imperial and Royal Government of the grave motives for which Italy, confident in her good right, proclaimed annulled and henceforth without effect her treaty of alliance with Austria-Hungary, which was violated by the Imperial and Royal Government, and resumed her liberty of action in this respect.

The Government of the King, firmly resolved to provide by all means at its disposal for safeguarding Italian rights and interests, cannot fail in its duty to take against every existing and future menace measures which events impose upon it for the fulfillment of national aspirations.

His Majesty the King declares that he considers himself from tomorrow in a state of war with Austria-Hungary.

The undersigned has the honor to make known at the same time to His Excellency, the Foreign Minister, that passports will be placed this very day at the disposal of the Imperial and Royal Ambassador at Rome, and he will be obliged to His Excellency if he will kindly have his passports handed to him.

AVARNA.

Virtually no time was allowed to elapse between the declaration of war and actual hostilities between Italy and Austria. Early on Monday morning Austrian aeroplanes, destroyers and torpedo boats descended on the Italian coast of the Adriatic and bombarded towns including Venice, while in the Tyrol and on the eastern frontier Italian and Austrian advance guards immediately came into contact. These various attacks were repulsed. Throughout Austria and Germany there is bitter denunciation of Italy, which for the moment has supplanted England as the most hated enemy. The Italian Government, "believing that Austria-Hungary is using several ports on the Albanian coast for secret commissariat departments," declared a blockade on Wednesday against "that portion of the Austro-Hungarian coast comprised between the Italian frontier on the north and the Montenegrin boundary in the south, including all islands, forts, anchorages and bays, and also the Albanian coast from the Montenegrin limits on the north to and including Cape Kiephali on the south." The Italian advance across the Austrian frontier seems to have met with no serious opposition. The advance is extending along a front of fifty miles towards the Isonzo River and no important battle is expected until the invaders reach the river, where the Austrians have established themselves. King Victor Emmanuel has assumed supreme command of the army and navy. During the King's absence the duties of State will be carried on in the name of the King by the Duke of Genoa (Prince Thomas Savoy), who has been appointed Lieutenant-General of the Kingdom.

The intrusion of Italy as a new enemy does not appear to have caused the German or Austrian troops to relax on the other battle fronts. In Middle Galicia they have resumed the offensive against the Russians along the River San and claim to have met with further successes, while in Flanders and Artois the Germans continue, quoting the French War Office report, to make furious attacks in an effort to regain the ground lost in recent weeks and hold the ground that they have taken from the British in the region of Ypres. A press dispatch from London states that except for the German admission that the British have captured part of their trenches to the northeast of Givenchy the reports of the belligerent headquarters continue to contradict each other, one side claiming gains; the other announces that all attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. The net result appears to be, however, so far as the West is concerned, that the fighting still consists largely of trench warfare and that the rival commanders are hoping to wear down their opponents until a real forward movement will be found possible. In the East the German commander, General Mackensen, is reported from Berlin to have renewed his offenses against the Russians

north of Przemysl and to have on Monday captured 21,000 Russian prisoners.

The campaign to force the Dardanelles is proceeding very slowly, if it is progressing at all. On Tuesday the British battleship *Triumph*, of 11,800 tons, carrying 700 men, was blown up by a submarine while operating in support of the Australian and New Zealand forces on the shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula. A majority of the officers and men, including the captain and commander, are reported to have been saved. On Thursday a Turkish or German submarine torpedoed and also sank the British battleship *Majestic*, a vessel of 14,900 tons, carrying 757 men. All the officers and men were saved. These vessels make a total of four British warships, and one French besides two French submarines and one British submarine that have so far been destroyed in the Dardanelles campaigns. The other British ships were the *Irresistible*, which was torpedoed on March 19; the *Ocean*, also March 19, and *Goliath*, on May 13, while the French battleship *Bouvet* was likewise sunk on March 19. There have also been unconfirmed reports from Constantinople via Berlin of the loss of the Russian battleships *Sinope* and *Panteleimon*. These latter reports have been officially denied in Petrograd.

Another marine loss in the British navy this week was that of the steamship *Princess Irene*, which was blown to pieces on Thursday morning (apparently by an internal explosion) off Sheerness, England. The *Princess Irene* was a new liner of 6,000 tons, bound for the Canadian Pacific Ry. at Dumbarton last year and was taken over by the Admiralty. It is said she has been used for mine laying and was undergoing repairs. There have been almost daily reports of the sinking of British merchant ships.

While the German reply to President Wilson's note has not yet been received at Washington, it is expected to arrive to-day (Saturday). What seems to be a responsible forecast from Berlin suggests that the document will take the form of a serial communication, the first installment to be a statement of all the facts in the several cases involved as seen from the German standpoint, with a courteous request to the American Government to confirm their accuracy in order that a full agreement may be reached on the basic facts which in the *Lusitania* case will, it is reported, include the important point as alleged by Germany that she was an auxiliary cruiser and that her cargo included arms and ammunition; possibly also the claim that the *Lusitania* was armed. Germany's full and definite reply will follow promptly on receipt of an agreement on facts. What appeared for a time to be an incident that might have complicated the entire Washington-Berlin situation was the disabling of the American steamer *Nebraskan* on Tuesday night by an explosion off the coast of Ireland. It has not yet been definitely proven that the damage was a result of a torpedo from a submarine or that the vessel struck a loose mine. The *Nebraskan* reached Liverpool under her own steam and will be examined physically in an effort to discover the cause of the damage. Washington is awaiting a full statement of facts before taking the matter up with the German Government. The German Ambassador has called at the State Department at Washington to disclaim that German loose mines were in the vicinity of the steamer.

As a result of reports to the contrary, President Wilson in his talk with journalists on Tuesday told his callers that there was to be no change in the Administration's policy regarding Mexico. He denied with some asperity published reports that asserted an immediate embargo was to be placed on the shipment of arms across the Rio Grande. The reports stated that this action had been taken after the receipt of the formal report of Duval West, the President's special investigator, of the conditions in Mexico. Mr. West is declared to have told the President that the leaders of the various factions were "more eager for loot than for liberty," and that they could not be trusted. This also the President denied, adding that he had no reason for distrusting the motives of the leaders in Mexico.

Two treaties establishing Japan's influence in the Province of Shantung, in Manchuria, and in Eastern Mongolia were signed on Tuesday by the representatives of Japan and China at Peking. Thirteen notes of explanation also were signed. The incident brought to a conclusion the negotiations which have been going on since last January, when Japan soon, after the fall of the German position of Kiao-Chau, presented her demands to China. The discussion of the Japanese demands is thus terminated until the five articles reserved for future argument are brought out for consideration. Several alterations were sought by the Japanese Government. These included the omission of the words "South" and "Eastern" before Manchuria, and Inner Mongolia respectively.

The London Stock Exchange reopened on Tuesday, after having been closed on Saturday and Monday for Whitsuntide holidays. As a rule, the tone of the market for the week may be called a substantial one, the formal entrance of Italy into the war as an active belligerent having, apparently, produced a favorable impression. Nevertheless, according to London correspondents, the fact that the new addition to the Allies may mean another applicant for credit from the British Treasury is not overlooked in the City, and, taken altogether, there seems to have been somewhat of a lukewarm reception accorded the important news. New capital offerings seem to have met better response. A development in the matter of capital application has been an experiment with redeemable preferred stock by the Northeastern Railway, besides small bond issues by other roads. The Northeastern issue amounts to £1,000,000 in 4½% preferred stock redeemable after ten years. It was offered at 99 and was more than subscribed. The Great Central Railway Company is about to issue £500,000 in 3½ per cent debentures. The London market seemingly has also failed to display enthusiasm over the Coalition Cabinet, the proposed transfer of Lloyd George from the Treasury failing especially to receive commendation. The attack of the Northcliffe newspapers upon Lord Kitchener are resented in London's financial markets. The leading departments of the Stock Exchange there on Friday of last week solemnly burned copies of the "Daily Mail" to express their indignation over the attacks on Kitchener. We have referred more in detail to the British Cabinet changes in a preceding paragraph.

American securities in London have shown a fair amount of activity. On Tuesday there were 133 transactions in Americans in addition to 34 in Canadian Pacifics; on Wednesday the corresponding figures were 106 and 19, on Thursday 116 and 14 and on Friday 105 and 17. The settlement of the Japanese-Chinese dispute failed to exert appreciable influence upon the bonds of those governments. British Consols closed at 66½ without net change for the week. The recent trend of the London market is indicated by the monthly comparisons published by the Bankers' Magazine of that city, showing the aggregate value of 387 securities dealt in on the Exchange as of May 20, compared with a month previous. The more recent total is £3,213,584,000, or a depreciation of £27,404,000 for the month, which is equivalent to 0.9%. This compares with an increase of £35,330,000, or 1.1% in April. American securities showed the second largest decline, seventeen of these issues indicating a loss of 4% for the month, while fifteen South African mine issues indicated a net loss of 4.4%. Meanwhile British and India funds declined 0.1%; foreign government stocks were virtually without change and British railroads declined 0.7%.

On the Paris market there has been comparatively slight activity this week. French enthusiasm over Italy's entrance into the war did not take the practical form of strength in Italian rentes on the Paris Bourse. Italy's decision to join the Allies to quote a well known Paris correspondent, is "expected to add new Anglo-French burdens which will make foreign exchange rates still more adverse to Paris." Captain Edward Thery, widely known in Paris as an economist, estimates that the total military expenditures for the first year of the war will be 50,000,000,000 francs (\$10,000,000,000) for the seven Allies and 37,000,000,000 francs (\$7,400,000,000) for Germany, Austria and Turkey. The total, he figures, will average 7,250,000,000 francs (\$1,440,000,000) a month, 242,000,000 francs (\$48,000,000) a day and 10,000,000 francs (\$2,000,000) an hour. He believes the economic powers of Great Britain, France and Russia can support the strain much more easily than their opponents.

Official bank rates at the leading European centres all remain on a 5% basis, that being the figure in London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and Vienna. While no press cable accounts of the fact were received in this country, bankers have received mail advices that the Vienna rate was reduced from 5½% to 5% on April 12. In London the private bank rates of discount closed without change at 2⅝ for short bills and 2 13-16@2⅞ for three-months bills. Money is still quoted for day to day funds at 1¼@1½%. No private bank discount rates have this week been received by cable from the Continental centres so far as we have been able to learn.

An increase of £30,880, is indicated by the Bank of England's gold item this week, note circulation having decreased £1,055,000; the total reserve thus shows an increase of £1,086,000 and the proportion to liabilities is 21.50%, against 20.50% last week and 42.24% a year ago. Public deposits increased £1,706,000, while other deposits decreased £6,883,000. Lombard Street paid off £6,244,000 net in

loans. The Bank's gold holdings amount to £61,737,814, against £35,947,360 in 1914 and £37,715,627 in 1913. The total reserve is £47,240,000, against £25,463,980 one year ago and £27,896,562 in 1913. Loans aggregate £139,289,000. One year ago the total was £41,461,280 and two years ago £30,688,796. The Bank reported on Saturday last the amount of currency notes outstanding at £43,795,523, against £43,519,019 the week preceding. The amount of gold held for the redemption of such notes remains at £28,500,000. Our special correspondent furnishes the following details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week: Inflow, £1,539,000 wholly bought in the open market; outflow, £1,508,000 (of which £93,000 earmarked Argentina, £125,000 earmarked miscellaneous, £504,000 sold in the open market and £786,000 *net* sent to the interior of Great Britain). We add a tabular statement comparing for the last five years the different items in the Bank of England return:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.
	May 26.	May 27.	May 28.	May 29.	May 31.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	32,947,000	28,033,380	28,269,065	28,954,600	28,572,000
Public deposits.....	132,088,000	10,014,809	13,862,969	20,485,798	14,368,661
Other deposits.....	87,742,000	41,248,004	39,714,758	41,209,314	41,350,049
Government securities.....	51,043,000	11,040,570	12,802,275	14,155,013	14,971,344
Other securities.....	139,260,000	41,461,280	30,688,796	36,485,320	29,523,753
Reserve notes and coin.....	47,240,000	25,463,980	27,896,562	28,856,131	28,931,394
Coin and bullion.....	61,737,814	35,947,360	37,715,627	39,360,791	39,054,054
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	21.50%	42.24%	52.04%	46.76%	51.76%
Bank rate.....	5%	3%	4½%	3%	3%

The Bank of France, which has for some time been a week late in publishing its weekly return, brought the figures up to date this week by furnishing two statements. The first as of May 20 and the second as of May 27. In the first-named a decrease in gold of 8,312,000 francs is shown, while silver increased 1,675,000 francs, note circulation increased 95,278,000 francs, treasury deposits decreased 17,749,000 francs, general deposits decreased 42,214,000 francs, bills discounted increased 1,517,000 francs and advances decreased 6,375,000 francs. The statement for May 27 showed an increase of 6,065,000 francs in gold and a decrease of 1,562,000 francs in silver. Note circulation indicated a contraction of 5,447,000 francs, treasury deposits an increase of 12,677,000 francs, general deposits a decrease of 89,011,000 francs, discounts an increase of 7,279,000 francs and advances a decrease of 4,025,000 francs. The changes thus noted leave the Bank's gold at 3,913,428,000 francs, against 3,730,625,000 francs one year ago, silver at 375,348,000 francs, against 632,650,000 francs and note circulation at 11,829,222,000 francs, against 5,811,868,950 francs a year ago.

The local money situation is still without improvement, supplies of funds in all directions being in excess of current or prospective requirements. Even the preparations for the June dividend and interest disbursements have been without a stimulative influence on rates. Call money on Stock Exchange business seems now to have been pegged at 1¾%, against the former rate of 2%. With the development of the strain in the Washington-Berlin situation there has been less disposition to make applications on the capital market, notwithstanding the complete redundancy of funds. Gold continues to come forward, there having been a number of arrivals from Ottawa this week by local bankers that have not

been turned over to the Sub-Treasury and have been regarded as private banking transactions. Yesterday (Friday) J. P. Morgan & Co. deposited \$2,000,000 of such gold received from Ottawa in the Sub-Treasury. It is understood that additional sums are to come forward in the same way. Last Saturday's bank statement showed the further addition of \$7,073,330 to the surplus reserve, which now stands at the unwieldy total of \$180,314,560. A year ago the total (under the old form of statement then current) was \$47,660,000. The loan item indicated the contraction of \$10,611,000; net demand deposits were reduced \$9,050,000 and net time deposits \$1,813,000. Reserves in "own vaults" increased \$2,761,000 to \$430,183,000, of which \$358,165,000 is specie. Reserves in Federal Reserve banks increased \$757,000, to \$118,691,000, and reserves in other depositories increased \$2,233,000, to \$33,895,000. The Clearing-House statement appears in greater detail on a subsequent page of the "Chronicle."

Referring to money rates in detail, call loans have this week covered a range of 1@2½%. As already noted, the renewal rate, which was reduced from last week's basis of 2% on Tuesday to 1¾%, has since remained pegged at the latter figure. On Monday 2% was the highest and 1% the lowest demand loan rate; on Tuesday the range was 2@1½%; on Wednesday 2½@1¾%; on Thursday 2@1¾%, and on Friday 2@1¾%. Time money closed at 2½@2¾% for sixty days (unchanged for the week), 2½@2¾ for ninety days (against 3% a week ago), 2¾@3% for four months (against 3@3¼%), 3@3¼% for five months (against 3¼@3½%) and 3@3¼% for six months (against 3¼@3½%). Discounts for commercial paper remain 3½@4% for sixty and ninety day endorsed bills receivable and for four to six months' single names of choice character. Names not so well known require 4¼@4½%. The discount rates at the Federal Reserve Bank at New York remain 4% for thirty and ninety day and 5% (for agricultural bills, of which none have yet been purchased) above ninety days.

A reduction in the discount rate of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank on paper having maturities of over thirty days and up to sixty days inclusive has been approved by the Federal Reserve Board. The rate, which had heretofore been 4½%, is reduced to 4%. According to the Minneapolis "Tribune," "this action of the Board to a certain extent removes one of the arguments of the Wisconsin banks which are seeking to be placed in the Chicago district, as it places Minneapolis and Chicago on a par so far as the 60-day discount rate is concerned. At present the only difference between the discount rates of these two banks is ½ of 1% on 90-day paper." Aside from the change noted in the Minneapolis rate, there has been no other change in any of the rates of the Reserve banks; below are the present discount rates of all the Reserve banks:

Federal Reserve Bank.	Maturities of 30 days and less.	Maturities of over 30 days to 60 days, inclusive.	Maturities of over 60 days to 90 days, inclusive.	Agricultural and live-stock paper over 90 days.
Boston.....	4	4	4½	5
New York.....	4	4	4½	5
Philadelphia.....	4	4	4½	5
Cleveland.....	4	4	4½	5
Richmond.....	4½	4½	4½	5
Atlanta.....	4	4	4½	5
Chicago.....	4	4	4½	5
St. Louis.....	4	4	4½	5
Minneapolis.....	4	4	4½	5
Kansas City.....	4	4	4½	5½
Dallas.....	4	4	4½	5
San Francisco.....	3½	4	4½	6

A somewhat more settled tone has marked the foreign exchanges this week. Demand bills on London have not again touched the low level of 4 78 which was reached last week. There has in fact been a gradual, though comparatively slight, strengthening of rates, one influence being the news that J. P. Morgan & Co. have received several consignments of gold from Ottawa. Their total is understood to be not far from \$5,000,000. On Friday they deposited at the Sub-Treasury \$2,500,000 gold thus received earlier in the week. Another firm of bankers is credited with having received \$3,000,000 in a similar way. This gold (aside from the \$2,500,000 just mentioned) has been placed in bank vaults or in the vaults of the bankers themselves and may or may not fully show itself in to-day's (Saturday's) Clearing-House statement. The transactions are reported to be on behalf of the British and French governments, and thus are treated with professional confidence by the bankers. A further direct importation of \$2,000,000 from France was received by Lazard Freres on the French line steamer Chicago from Bordeaux early in the week. This brings the total of definitely reported imports to \$73,665,000. It is not improbable that with the precious metal that has come forward from Ottawa this total now is somewhat in excess of \$80,000,000 since the first of the year.

The more settled condition of sterling exchange may be regarded as in line with corresponding improvement, possibly superficial, in the international situation. There was, of course, a distinct renewal of uneasiness on Wednesday when the news of the damage by mine or torpedo to the American steamer Nebraskan was reported. First reports pointed strongly to the inference that a German submarine had deliberately torpedoed an American vessel and thus further complicated an already strained situation. Later reports placed the cause of the damage in doubt at least. Other events of a more gratifying character during the week was a disposition to regard the formation of a Coalition Cabinet in Britain as a favoring development rather than a source of weakness. Indefinite reports, too, contained a more satisfying forecast of the tenor of the forthcoming German reply to the American note. The formal entrance of Italy on the side of the Allies was interpreted favorably as suggesting a prompter settlement of the war. Meanwhile the continued active export movement is furnishing a steady supply of bills and suggests that any positive strength in the general foreign exchange market must have some measure of arbitrary basis. Last week's statement of foreign trade, as reported by the Department of Commerce, showed excess of exports over imports amounting to \$18,932,596, which compares with \$16,404,000 for the week ending May 15. The thirteen districts in question usually handle about 90% of the country's foreign commerce. Complete returns of our foreign trade for April have become available and are referred to in the earlier part of this article.

In the Continental exchanges Italian lire have shown a steadying tendency, bankers' sight drafts closing at 5 78½, against 5 87½ a week ago, while bankers' cables finished at 5 78, against 5 87; Russian roubles have shown no further decline, demand bills closing at 39, which is without net change for the week. Sterling exchange in Paris

has indifferently responded to the efforts of the Bank of France to stem the weakness, checks on London closing at 25 99½ francs, against 25 97½ a week ago. French exchange in New York closed at 5 41¾ for checks and 5 41¼ for cables, against 5 42½ and 5 41¾, respectively, a week ago, while commercial sight in Paris was weaker, closing at 5 43, against 5 41¾. Bankers' checks on Berlin are 83⅛ at the close against 82⅞ last week and cable transfers are 83¼, against 82 15-16@83. Swiss exchange closed at 5 29½ and 5 28½, respectively, for checks and cables. These figures compare with 5 38 and 5 30 Friday of last week. Check rate on Amsterdam remains at 39½ and bankers' cables at 39 9-16.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday showed some improvement over the low level of the previous day; demand was firmer at 4 78¼@4 78⅞ and cable transfers at 4 78¾@4 78⅞, while sixty days was unchanged at 4 75½@4 75⅝. On Monday rates fluctuated irregularly; after a firm opening, weakness set in, to be followed later by a partial rally, though trading was dull throughout, being restricted by the holiday in Europe; demand ranged at 4 78 5-16@4 78½ and cable transfers at 4 78⅞@4 79; sixty days was again quoted at 4 75½@4 75⅝; Italy's declaration of war had a steadying effect. A slightly easier tendency was evident on Tuesday, when demand receded to 4 78⅞@4 78 7-16 and sixty days to 4 75⅞@4 75½; cable transfers were relatively somewhat firmer at 4 78 15-16@4 79; the volume of transactions was light. On Wednesday the sterling market showed but slight net changes and trading continued very quiet; demand declined fractionally to 4 78 5-16@4 78⅞ and cable transfers to 4 78⅞@4 78 15-16, though sixty days was higher at 4 75½@4 75⅝. Exchange rates on Thursday opened steady without appreciable change and very little business was transacted during the morning session; in the later operations, however, heavy buying by important financial interests induced a rally and the close was firm, with the range up to 4 78 7-16@4 78⅞ for demand, 4 78 15-16@4 79⅞ for cable transfers and 4 75⅞@4 75¾ for sixty days. On Friday the market ruled steady. Closing quotations were 4 75½@4 75¾ for sixty days, 4 78½@4 78 9-16 for demand and 4 79@4 79 1-16 for cable transfers. Commercial on banks nominal, documents for payment nominal. Seven-day grain bills at 4 77⅞@4 77¼. Cotton for payment, nominal; grain for payment, nominal.

The New York Clearing-House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$4,975,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending May 28. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$8,939,000, while the shipments have reached \$3,964,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury operations and the gold imports, which together occasioned a loss of \$769,000, 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 \$4,206,000, as follows:

Week ending May 28.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$8,939,000	\$3,964,000	Gain \$4,975,000
Sub-Treas. oper'ns and gold imports	22,932,000	23,701,000	Loss 769,000
Total	\$31,871,000	\$27,665,000	Gain \$4,206,000

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

Banks of	May 27 1915.			May 28 1914.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	61,737,814	—	61,737,814	35,947,360	—	35,947,360
France..	159,536,320	5,013,820	171,549,840	149,325,440	25,305,800	174,631,240
Germany..	118,918,000	2,400,000	121,318,000	67,668,200	16,634,550	84,302,750
Russia..	171,025,000	5,542,000	176,568,000	178,203,000	7,430,000	185,633,000
Aus-Hung.	51,578,000	12,146,000	63,724,000	52,287,000	12,307,000	64,594,000
Spain..	24,608,000	29,600,000	50,208,000	20,759,000	28,946,000	49,705,000
Italy..	50,606,000	2,500,000	53,106,000	45,767,000	3,100,000	48,867,000
Netherl'ds	25,738,000	184,800	25,922,800	13,509,000	694,800	14,203,800
Nat. Belgd	15,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	8,958,000	4,479,000	13,437,000
Sweden..	6,301,000	—	6,301,000	5,783,000	—	5,783,000
Switz'land	9,624,800	—	9,624,800	6,828,000	—	6,828,000
Norway..	3,437,000	—	3,437,000	2,645,000	—	2,645,000
Denmark.	5,953,000	324,000	6,277,000	4,117,000	300,000	4,417,000
Tot. week	703,503,344	68,304,320	771,808,254	591,697,000	99,197,150	690,894,150
Prev. week	702,803,094	67,753,800	770,556,894	590,316,175	98,843,130	689,159,305

c July 30. d Sept. 21.

ITALY'S DECLARATION OF WAR.

The entry of Italy into the European conflict, though virtually foreshadowed during many months, has been in actual performance one of the most dramatic and spectacular episodes of this remarkable war. It will be worth while at this moment to review the somewhat complicated chapter of events leading up to this week's declaration of war. That will necessitate inquiry into the questions, first, why the Italian people were resolved on war with Austria; second, whether their engaging in such a war was justifiable, and, third, what results it will probably have on the larger European campaign.

The incidents immediately leading to last Sunday's formal declaration of war are familiar. At the end of the prolonged negotiations with Austria, early in the present month, a situation developed in which it was evident that differences of political opinion, in and out of the Salandra Cabinet, were rendering any decisive action difficult. Such difficulty had been greatly increased through the strong opposition of the former Premier Giolitti to the whole idea of war, which was believed to be entertained by the head of the existing Ministry. On Friday, May 14, the Salandra Cabinet resigned; an immense sensation followed throughout Italy. The King made one or two efforts to induce other statesmen to form a new Cabinet, but encountered only refusals. Popular demonstrations in favor of Salandra began throughout Italy; they rose in many cities to the proportions of a riot, and their meaning was unmistakable. It was a threat of revolution if the Ministry's plan were to be balked.

On May 17 the King recalled Salandra to office, his resumption of which elicited enormous enthusiasm on the part of the Italian people. The Chamber of Deputies on May 20 granted war powers to the Cabinet by a vote of 407 to 74, the outside enthusiasm being duplicated in the Chamber. Next day the Senate approved the action of the Chamber by a vote of 262 to 2. At Rome a very spectacular demonstration of the people before the palace of the King was the immediate sequel. Last Sunday evening, May 23, the Government formally declared war on Austria.

The reason for these notable popular demonstrations in favor of the war lies back of the incidents immediately surrounding the present conflict. It involves the more than century-old struggle between the Italian people and the Austrian Empire for the possession of the so-called Trentino—the triangle at the northeastern end of the Adriatic, which includes the city of Trieste and which commands the naval approach to Italy. Having changed hands

on several occasions during the Napoleonic wars, the treaty of 1815 gave to Austria not only the Trentino but even the province of Venetia. In the unsuccessful Italian war against Austria, during 1848, the Austrian Empire further extended its territory into Italy. United Italy in 1866, backed by Napoleon III., defeated the Austrians and re-conquered Venice. But the Trentino was left in Austria's hands, largely because of Napoleon's wish that the new Italian Government should not be too strong.

It is easy to see how, with such a history behind them, with Italian spoken in the disputed provinces, and with the passion for a really united Italy hereditary in every Italian citizen, the popular feeling should have been very strong that this was the moment for realizing the nation's hopes. The address of the Italian King to his troops, on setting out for the war, began by declaring that "the solemn hour has struck for the vindication of Italy's aspirations."

But was Italy justified in making war, under exactly the circumstances which have marked her entry into the field of hostilities? The whole world has asked this question rather doubtfully, and the question is certainly complicated. When war broke out last August Italy, as every one knows, was a member of the Triple Alliance with Germany and Austria—a political combination most unnatural under the circumstances already recited, but arranged, through Bismarck's diplomatic resourcefulness, at a time when jealousy between Italy and France ran high and when Italy was fearful of her future prestige as a Mediterranean power. This alliance having, however, been in terms for defensive purposes only, the Italian Government notified Germany and Austria at the outbreak of the war last summer that Italy would not join them. The Government at Rome did more. Its statement of this week to the foreign Powers declares that Italy warned Austria seriously in July that disturbance of equilibrium in the Balkans, to Italy's disadvantage, could not be permitted. In spite of this, the war with Serbia was provoked by Austria and without notifying Italy.

So far the facts are clear, though the duties arising from them were confused by circumstances. There then began, however, a more obscure and, to Italy, much less creditable chapter. This week's statement of the case, by the Italian Ministry itself, refers to certain special provisions of the Triple Alliance treaty wherein it was declared that if one contracting party were to extend its sphere of occupation in the Balkans, compensation to the other contracting parties was recognized as a right. On this basis, the Italian Government approached Vienna immediately on the beginning of the war; in its own words, it "succeeded in obtaining reluctant acquiescence to the Italian representations." But the negotiations did not move to a satisfactory conclusion. The discussion continued without tangible result from the first days of December until the end of March. Austria offered certain territorial concessions to Italy in the Trentino, demanding in exchange a number of pledges, including assurance to Austria of entire liberty of action in the Balkans. This proposal being rejected, the negotiations continued with varying proposals and counter-proposals, until on the 4th of May the Italian Government declared the Austrian attitude unacceptable and denounced in

diplomatic form the treaty which bound it to the Triple Alliance.

It is easy to see how these negotiations may have been an inevitable sequel to the previously unknown clause of the Triple Alliance treaty. Yet it is impossible for the present-day observer, and it will be impossible for the future historian, to ignore the patent fact that Italy presented extreme demands as an alternative to war, at a time when she knew that war would be a most dangerous alternative to Austria. It cannot be wholly overlooked, first, that Italy had demanded no such compensation when Austria took over Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1908, second that Austria has not yet seized or occupied permanently any Servian territory. This being so, the policy of Italy during the past six months has run perilously close to setting a price on neutrality. The moral position, as most people seem to see it, presented only two alternatives—continued neutrality, or war to recover the Trentino, forced on the Ministry by the Italian people. But the long negotiations of the Italian Government with Austria and Prince Bulow met neither alternative, and placed Italy in a position which certainly has some unpleasantly sordid aspects. These negotiations may have been mere blinds to facilitate delay, and enable Italy to make ready for predetermined war. Yet it must be said that even this explanation would assume a Macchiavellian policy which was at least out of harmony with the disinterested entry of England into war in defence of Belgium and France, or even with the declaration of war by France to fulfill her treaty requirements with Russia.

It is too early to predict the positive results of Italy's entry into the conflict. The Italians have invaded the Trentino, but the military actions reported have as yet been of little consequence, and no decisive movement of troops has been reported on either side. The Italian army is believed by military experts to be now in an excellent state of training and efficiency. It has had the advantage of studying the course of the present war to date and of preparing such branches of military equipment and such special forms of training as events have proved to be nowadays most efficient. The ability of Italy's commanders and the efficiency of their staff organization is, however, for the most part an unknown quantity.

This new turn in the war will certainly weaken both Germany and Austria, to the extent that troops must be diverted from elsewhere to withstand an attack by upwards of one million soldiers, not to mention a highly efficient fleet, both of which have hitherto stood neutral. It is fortunate for Austria that the Russians had been driven back from Hungary before this declaration of war by Italy. But notwithstanding that, it is hard to see why troops will not have to be diverted from the northwestern and northeastern battle fronts as soon as the conflict on the Italian frontier grows to importance. Much, in the meantime, depends on the question where Italy's first full blow will be dealt—whether on the Austro-Italian frontier or in Dalmatia, or in conjunction with the Allied operations around the Dardanelles. Much also depends on what is to be the influence of Italy's action upon other European neutrals. The "Cologne Gazette," a recognized Governmental organ, greeted the news of the war declaration by the remark that "Italy's entry means a new phase of the war; it will lengthen it, increase the bit-

terness of the struggle and probably draw other nations into the arena." This last remark is undoubtedly directed to Rumania and Greece, both of which countries are popularly supposed to have been engaged by a more or less formal understanding with Italy, yet both of which have thus far continued to hold off non-committally on their own account. It is not impossible that the great and decisive struggle for this part of the campaign is impending in the Balkans themselves.

ORGANIZED LABOR GIVES NOTICE.

Representatives of the Federation of Labor in this State and of a large number of other labor organizations had a meeting in Albany on Monday and drew up a list of constitutional changes on behalf of labor, which Mr. Gompers presented in person to the convention on Wednesday. He announced his resignation as a member of the American Association for Labor Legislation, and his optimism does not appear to be quite unclouded; the Central Labor Union of Brooklyn has also prepared its own list of things wanted and issued a call upon organized labor to defeat the new constitution if it does not include those things. This call asked "what can we expect" from a convention "presided over by the reactionary Senator Root and led and manipulated by William Barnes and Morgan J. O'Brien and the class-conscious corporation lawyers of both parties."

Some of the demands handed in by Mr. Gompers are comparatively mild in viciousness and something might even be said in favor of one or two. The first calls for prohibition of the suspension of habeas corpus "at any time and under any circumstances", also "an absolute prohibition against establishing military rule until conditions shall have rendered the sitting of courts of justice impracticable." The second calls for prohibition of "the creation of a State constabulary and the employment of private officers to maintain the peace", and a provision that the militia can be called out only by proclamation issued by the Governor as Commander of the National Guard.

The third demands insertion in Article I of a Section "defining the rights of labor, substantially in accord with the spirit of the Clayton Law enacted by Congress." The fourth demands that there shall be no abridgment of the right or power of the legislature "to enact laws for the protection of the health, safety and comfort of industrial workers"; this is identical (except in the elastic word "comfort") with the amendment slipped through by default in 1913 by a majority of 316,417, out of a total vote, not quite 48% of all the electors voting for candidates at that time.

No. 5 demands that the constitution shall require the Legislature "to provide for the inauguration of an old-age insurance system and insurance against unemployment."

No. 6 demands that the State shall be made the sole agency for compensation insurance, "in accord with the demand made by the labor organizations at the time the compensation law was enacted, doing away with self-insurance, insurance through mutual companies, or through casualty companies," while No. 7 demands that the Labor and Compensation Commission be kept separate and their heads be protected against removal arbitrarily "by making them constitutional officers."

No. 8 is climacteric, demanding that the revised constitution shall provide for initiative, referendum and recall.

This program has the distinct merit of outspoken frankness. Organized labor proposes to break the peace, as heretofore, whenever coercion of employers and employees for the assumed advantage of the latter through the closed shop and unbroken union domination seems necessary, and it serves notice, as very recently in Pennsylvania, that it intends to head off any interference; force against its employment of force is to be made unconstitutional. The exemption clause of the Clayton Act, such as that is, must be repeated in the new constitution. State Socialism in old and novel forms of insurance is to be made compulsory, and competition by any private organization is to be forbidden. Finally, the worst propositions of the time, a three-headed trevesty on government by the people, are to be adopted here.

Now we have notice what the selfishness and brutality of organized labor intends to seize for itself, regardless of consequences to others. The present troubles of Great Britain, a badly labor-ridden country, in her prosecution of the war, offer us an object-lesson along with our own experience. "What is needed", said Mr. Taft to the manufacturers in convention, on Wednesday evening, "to produce a sobering effect upon the truculent labor leaders, intoxicated with their sense of political power, is political courage upon the part of those who seek to represent the people in legislative and executive office and a full and fair discussion of such legislation as these labor unions press upon Congress and the legislatures, with bold and earnest opposition when in such legislation unjust immunity is sought and undue privilege is to be created." These are sound and timely words, but courage is needed in the people themselves as well as in their elected representatives. Continued [inattention and indifference will continue to play into the hands of these men who are determined to get what they want. The sane and thinking people of this State have serious need to bestir themselves, for once, in study of constitutional matters before they are called to vote upon them on November 2.

THE BUSINESS WOMAN AND THE WAR.

Women are steadily invading business, and they are sure to do so in still greater numbers. Many influences tend to sustain the movement. Though their work in many lines is inferior to that of men, it has certain excellences and is on the whole cheaper, at least it can be had for smaller wages. The feminist movement, which is world wide and is characteristic of the age, also has its influence, and the obvious economic advantage to the women themselves is growingly manifest and compelling.

England is already discussing certain features of it which the war is bringing to light. The first and altogether the most significant is not one of those created by the war, like those growing from the absorption of men by the war, it is a fact previously existing, namely that woman's work in the business world has been and is mainly in connection with things that are superficial and relatively trivial, or, to speak with every respect, secondary. These are found largely in the lines of business and of industry which the war has stopped and which

people are quick to discover they can get along without. Hence, the large number of business women who are already out of work. Milliners, dressmakers, feather curlers, makers of artificial flowers, manicurists and the like, are of this class, and in mixed establishments where men are employed alongside of women, women are found to be doing the lighter tasks which are first affected by any stoppage of trade and are most easily dispensed with. All this is so obvious that the consciousness of it has doubtless had no little to do with the energy of the movement to force equal pay for women with men in many employments where both are found, and to open all doors for welcoming women to every class of employment.

Details and statistics are not necessary for our present purpose, which is simply to call attention to the need there is of a more general and specific and thorough education of women for business, using the word in its larger meaning to cover all gainful occupations outside of the home.

Of late years there has been a great change in the education of men. The demand for their vocational training has become imperative, it extends not only to the children of the working classes and to the trade schools; it is taken up by the public school system of the country and begins to have recognized place in the universities. Already we hear complaint of the number of young people applying for positions and thinking themselves in some degree competent who have had merely a smattering of the necessary training. The "business college" is largely a misnomer. Nevertheless, the importance of so much vocational training as can be given even in secondary schools has its value both in awakening specific ambition in certain practical lines in which the service of the young people is likely to fall, but also in stimulating them to intelligent effort and interest, and awakening a laudable ambition for further training.

We have long advocated special advanced commercial education for the sons of our successful business men, such as for some time has been given in all the important cities of the Continent and which some of our American universities are already undertaking, though as yet mainly in a half-hearted fashion. The day of the "rule of thumb" and of learning business by beginning at the bottom, as has been the maxim of the office and the warehouse, has past. Waiting to be taught by experience is largely an appeal to what has been bluntly called the "teaching of fools"—those who have not been willing to learn by a prior and more legitimate teaching. What we now advocate is recognition of the fact that all this has come to apply to women.

In the nature of the case woman's work in the outside world is necessarily casual. Every woman looks forward to marriage, both as possible and as probable. She is made for it and whatever her theories, its desirability abides, and when it comes it is for her a change of function and of status. She does not look upon business life therefore as a man does. Neither she nor the world takes it seriously in the individual case. Others will quickly take her place; and she drops out generally just when she begins to be valuable. As it is now, the positions requiring something of expert training and of experience are for this reason commonly closed to her, as employers cannot afford to train employees for short service; consequently, the cheaper

positions and the more casual service are the only ones readily available, and she is the first to be dispensed with when emergency arises. When most jobs are suddenly made vacant, few women are competent to take them.

The war is going to throw upon an immense number of women the necessity of self support. They will be compelled to enter the business world everywhere. Few, if any more of them, can find employment as teachers or trained nurses or in household labor than are so employed now; indeed, for a while the number will probably be less, as money to pay for such services will be scarcer, and already everywhere lower wages are being talked of as inevitable. For such as seek adequate employment ability to meet the requirements of business on the part of women will be more than ever imperative. Their own support and the support of those left dependent upon them rest upon it. The pressure in the lower ranks will be excessive. It is true that "there is always room higher up"; the difficulty is that very few women are ready to climb there. Their education has hitherto been too generally in "accomplishments", or at least, in the purely cultural lines—most excellent in themselves, we have nothing to say against them; but when women seeking positions are asked, "What can you do?", these do not furnish a satisfactory answer. Many a girl's native cleverness carries her up to a certain point, and there she fails in competition with trained men because of the lack of adequate specific education or sufficient general knowledge.

The vast majority of women become wives and mothers and find their life work within the home. Even their more definite and extensive vocational training is greatly needed and ought to be supplied much more thoroughly and extensively in the course of the education of girls than it is to-day. But for the many girls who must go into business there is now a demand so imperative for a training that will open doors for them otherwise closed that it cannot be disregarded. They need to know how to do well some one thing that has a productive value. In Europe it has not been uncommon to find kings' daughters so taught, no less than kings' sons. If our girls can add to this a wider knowledge and a mastery of one or two modern languages or of business methods and commercial relations, so much the better. Whether they remain in business or not, their whole life will be the richer and happier for it. They will be more intelligent wives and mothers, more companionable and wiser guides of their children. Unhappily, such education is scantily available for any of them to-day. The bewilderment and helplessness of many a woman left suddenly a widow, even with property, are pitiable.

It is high time that the need receives the attention of the community, and that parents, as well as our leading educators, take cognizance of it and recognize the imperative character of the demand. However rooted our traditions and however well justified we may regard our educational theories, there are no traditions and no theories which to-day are not more or less thrust into the melting pot of the social and economic cataclysm which is upon the world. The present demand may be regarded as novel or even revolutionary, but unless we are prepared to sit idle before a distress which will be widely felt and long-enduring, it must be met.

THE LAST OF THE DANBURY HATTERS CASE.

On January 9 last the "Chronicle" reviewed the course of this famous case through its eleven years, ending with the second and apparently final action of the Federal Supreme Court upon it. On April 22 a Danbury journal contained an open letter of remonstrance and warning, addressed to the defendant hatters by the Loewe firm. There stands this confirmed and still unsatisfied judgment, said this letter, and behind the judgment are the attachments long ago filed upon the homes of the individual defendants. The Federation of Labor has given them moral support from the first and is morally responsible; the United Hatters of America entered into a written guaranty with them to hold them harmless and purchased their savings-bank accounts; a small assessment by the Federation could easily pay the judgment, yet the firm was amazed that nothing had been done and not even had any proposition been presented. The firm is most reluctant to push the case against these individual citizens of Danbury, yet it is not wholly a free agent, "because we are in the hands of our creditors." Therefore notice was given that unless some arrangements for a reasonably prompt settlement were made by the end of May the foreclosures must proceed.

No answer was returned to this, and on the 14th of May the United Hatters took the course foreseen and deprecated by the Loewe firm in their letter as tending only to make the situation worse; suits for attachments amounting to \$25,000 were brought against the banks for the interest accrued on the deposits. A week later, the May meeting of the United Hatters (for whose action in the case the proceedings had been halted and waiting) began here, and on last Saturday that meeting voted not to raise a fund for satisfying the Loewe judgment. In form, the resolution by the convention recited that the United Hatters deny that the organization "has agreed with any one to pay the judgment in this case" and declared its purpose "not to apply any of the funds of the organization or any funds we may receive for the relief of our members to the payment or satisfaction of this judgment." The preamble is defiant so far, but "this organization pledges its assistance to the members affected by this judgment" and directs an assessment of one per cent on the dollar "of the weekly earnings of the members of this organization on and after July 1, and the same is hereby assessed and levied, to be collected as other assessments are collected." This money "shall constitute a fund to be used and employed by the officers of this organization in such manner as they may deem best for the relief and benefit of the members affected by said judgment", and the officers and directors are authorized and directed to appeal to the American Federation of Labor "and to labor and other organizations for assistance and contributions to the said fund for the purposes aforesaid."

The United Hatters deny all guaranty and responsibility and refuse to pay the judgment, but they will stand by the individual defendants. The foreclosures may proceed and the judgment may thus be satisfied; then the defendants will be reimbursed. The unionists may take what satisfaction they can in refusing to have any direct dealings with the Loewe company, and as the firm now has notice to proceed, its course seems clear, for whether this verbal pledge

is made good is a matter for the individual defendants in Danbury, whose plea that they did not have knowledge of what was going on in their names was dismissed as untenable by Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court in January.

This may therefore be taken as the last page of the final chapter in this notable fight, and its lesson is that organized labor has not yet established itself as above laws and judicial processes, although it has not given up trying to. Notwithstanding Mr. Loewe seemed at first to have viewed the matter as one of business policy rather than principle, he took his stand upon the principle also, later on, and he is entitled to the credit of courageously holding out in a good and unavoidable fight.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ABILITY TO FINANCE ITS NEEDS.

In its issue of May 15, the "Money Market Review and Investors' Chronicle" of London contained an interesting article under the title "Paying the Bill," in which the magnitude of the financial problem confronting the British Government is dealt with and the means for meeting the same discussed. The article is by the editor, Geo. J. Holmes, and we reprint the same herewith:

PAYING THE BILL.

A fortnight ago we outlined the Interim Budget statement presented a few days later to the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and discussed the ways and means by which the Government would probably decide to provide the huge amount required to meet our colossal current expenditure in connection with the war. The Chancellor's figures bore out our estimates, but although some newspaper comments appeared on the following morning emphasizing their immensity, it is doubtful whether the average man realizes the stupendous task with which we are faced in its financial aspect. Mr. Lloyd George estimates that if the war lasts for another year—i. e., until the end of the national financial year, on April 5 1916—the bill will be 1,156 millions, against which he anticipates a revenue on the basis of the increased income, super and other taxes, of 270 millions, leaving a deficit of 882 millions for a single year. This is equal to the total cost to this country of the Napoleonic wars, which lasted for 22 years. Mr. A. J. Wilson, in his book, "The National Budget," some years ago estimated the total cost of all wars in which Great Britain has ever engaged at 1,256 millions. Another statistician has estimated that all wars of all countries between the years 1793 and 1881 had cost 3,010 millions. A few weeks ago a French statistician calculated that the present war had cost all countries engaged 5,000 millions in eight months. In comparing these figures, it should, of course, be remembered that no previous war had ever extended over so large an area, nor have so many Great Powers been previously engaged in war at the same time. The burden is huge, but there are broad backs to bear it.

Let us, however, consider our own portion of the bill and our ability to meet it. National wealth may be calculated in many ways, but probably the simplest and the most accurate is to take the value of estates proved for probate, and, as in any one year we might have an epidemic among millionaires, we will take five-year periods to secure a fair average. The last four years for which figures are available show that the 507,000 people who annually die in the United Kingdom leave estates worth 235 millions. Taking this as representative of the living population, we have as the latter's total wealth 19,870 millions, the figures per head for England being £464, for Scotland £414 and for Ireland £178. A remarkable fact brought out by statistics regarding deceased estates is the rapidity with which our national wealth has been accumulated in recent years. An average for the five years ending 1860 gives the national wealth at that time as 7,200 millions, the five years ending 1895 give 11,800 millions, and now for the five years ending 1913 we have 19,870 millions. The advance has been thus twice as great in the past eighteen years as in the preceding 35 years. Dividing the national wealth by nine, to arrive at national income, we have 2,200 millions. This is on the basis of estate figures up to 1913. Mr. Lloyd George last week estimated our national income at 2,400 millions, which is approximately the amount at which we should arrive if later estate statistics were obtainable.

We have, however, not only to meet a year's deficit of 882 millions, arising from the direct cost of war, but, as Mr. Lloyd George reminds us, to finance our foreign trade during this period. Normally, our imports show an excess over exports of 130 millions in annual value, against which we have the "invisible exports"—viz., 150 millions from shipping, brokerage, and similar profits, and about 200 millions annually received from foreign investments. Of our working population two million men as a minimum are now under arms, and a further two million are engaged in manufacture of war material. At least four millions who would be normally engaged in trade are, therefore, not at present producing wealth. Mr. Lloyd George estimates that our reduced trade exports and our increased imports of necessities at higher prices will increase the excess of imports over exports this year to 448 millions, to which he adds 300 millions "or more" to represent Government purchases for ourselves and Allies. This gives a total of 748 millions, and deducting 350 millions (assuming that invisible exports—i. e., shipping profits and foreign investment income—remain as before), we have 400 millions to be financed apart from the direct war expenditure. This makes, with the latter, a total of 1,100 millions not yet provided for in estimated Budget revenue for the financial year ending next March. With national annual income now 2,400 millions, as compared with 1,400 millions 18 years ago, this means that we must only go back to the conditions that then prevailed in order to meet the whole of our war expenditure out of revenue, if we could for a year exist on nothing.

It is certain, in any event, that we shall have to pay the bill out of internal resources. There is no financial centre from which we can borrow except New York, which has to provide far too much refunding of its own to have any surplus to spare for Europe. A consoling fact is that borrowing can be effected on very different terms to-day to those which prevailed in the days of Pitt. He, to obtain 430 millions, net toward the cost of the Napoleonic wars, had to issue loans which added 900 millions to the national debt. At present the Chancellor does not seem to have arrived at any definite decision

regarding the proportion of war expenditure that should be provided from revenue and by loan. To equitably adjust any exceptional burden between the present generation and posterity is always difficult. The Napoleonic wars were paid for 55% by taxes and 45% by loans, but the taxation was then spread over 22 years, whereas we have to meet the outlay in a year. The Boer War cost 217 millions, which was met 27% out of revenue and 73% by loans.

As in recent years our national wealth has been increasing annually by 448 millions, it should be practicable to meet, say, 10% of this year's war expenditure by taxation. It must be recognized, however, that increase in indirect taxation means increasing the cost of commodities, and thus driving a larger proportion of people under "the poverty line." If, on the other hand, further additions are made to direct taxation, the amount is drawn from the income or savings of the investing classes, and the question arises how far it is fair and politic to take this by forced imposition rather than in the form of loans. The Chancellor has already levied a large call on the taxpayer, which last year produced £28,000,000 and this year is expected to supply a further £44,000,000. To these demands there has been a cheerful response, but the results attending indicate the danger of burdening the willing horse too heavily. It is above all desirable to maintain the national credit on a 4% basis, or as near to that as may be. It is also fair that the cost of destroying Prussian militarism should be borne very largely by the future generations that will profit thereby.

The bill is stupendous, but our wealth as a nation is great enough to justify us in incurring debt to meet it.

GEO. J. HOLMES.

AUTHORSHIP OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT— CONGRESSMAN CARTER GLASS CORRECTS A NEWSPAPER STATEMENT.

The following letter on the above subject is taken from the "Journal of the American Bankers' Association" for May: To the Editor of the New York "World":

I am altogether disposed to concur in your estimate of Paul M. Warburg as "the ablest scientific banker in the United States." For this reason I was among those who first urged the President to make Mr. Warburg a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

I also concur generally in the statement of facts contained in your leading editorial of March 27 and the deductions therefrom. Hence I think it is a pity that you should have marred the conclusiveness of such an excellent article by asserting that Mr. Warburg "had more to do with the actual drafting of the Federal Reserve law than any other man, either in Congress or out of Congress." There never was a more flagrant misstatement of fact. Mr. Warburg did not draft a sentence of the law. He was in Europe when the bill was being prepared and wrote an adverse criticism of some features of the measure from abroad.

Upon Mr. Warburg's return from Europe he was several times brought into conference upon certain major problems urged by him, such as (1) "piping" the twelve regional banks into three central banks, (2) establishing a system of "domestic acceptances" and (3) permitting Federal Reserve notes to be used as reserve by member banks. If you will examine the statute you will find that not one of these provisions is in it. The Senate adopted two of them, but the House threw them out in conference.

This utterly erroneous statement in your editorial of Saturday is only comparable to an assertion made some time ago by Mr. Harvey in the "North American Review" to the effect that the House Currency Bill was "so radically changed by the Senate as to bear little resemblance to the law as enacted." Such a declaration betrays indefensible ignorance. It is based upon the fact that the Senate made various changes of phraseology in the House bill and some very radical alterations of its essentials; but had Mr. Harvey troubled himself to pursue the course of legislation he would have seen that the House conferees restored every single important feature of the House bill and discarded every fundamental change made by the Senate.

In presenting the conference report to the House I directed attention in detail to the work of the conference committee, showing that the integrity of the House bill had been absolutely preserved in every single fundamental feature, and in the other chamber Senator Owen made a similar statement.

CARTER GLASS.

Lynchburg, Va., March 30.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS CUMBERSOME.

As a means of insurance against panic the Federal Reserve System is criticized as "rather cumbersome and altogether too expensive" in an editorial appearing in the Poughkeepsie "Eagle-News" of the 20th inst. The whole system is described as "a process of pyramiding," with the Federal Reserve banks piled on the National banks, and the Federal Board, with its central reserve gold fund, standing at the apex on top of the Federal Reserve banks. We quote the editorial below:

THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

Undoubtedly the organization and comparatively smooth working of the Federal Reserve System strengthens our national banking system against emergencies. We had to meet the great emergency of the European war last summer without it, to be sure, and the Vreeland-Aldrich Act sufficed. That Act will expire by limitation on July 1 of this year. We rather regret that it has not been given a further extension, but the Federal Reserve System ought to be able to take care of any further emergency. It isn't likely that our entry into the European war, if it should come, would create a flurry of any consequence as our industries are pretty well adjusted to a war basis. The disturbance of commerce and the complete break-down of international exchange which happened last summer couldn't be caused again by any clash between our country and Germany, because we are already pretty well cut off from commercial relations with Germany and German cruisers with possibly one exception have been swept off the seas.

The Federal Reserve System as a means of insurance against panic is nevertheless rather cumbersome and altogether too expensive. There is no sense in maintaining twelve reserve banks with highly salaried officials and well-appointed banking houses when one bank or at most three or four could do the work just as well and at a small fraction of the cost. Many of the national banks that have been compelled to enter the system are already complaining of the unnecessary expense from which they have so far derived no benefit, beyond an added sense of security. The Federal Reserve banks have so far done practically no business. Only two of them have made expenses, we are told, to say nothing of dividends.

It is interesting to note the efforts of the Federal Reserve Board to make the cumbersome 12-bank system work like one bank. The twelve Federal Reserve banks have each been required recently to deposit at least \$1,000,000 in gold with the Reserve Board to establish a "Reserve Board Gold Fund" to effect settlements between the different reserve banks—a sort of extra clearing-house arrangement under Government control, something that ought to be entirely unnecessary. In a sense the Federal Reserve Board itself has been constituted a central bank.

The whole system is a process of pyramiding. The Federal Reserve banks are piled on the national banks and maintained—so far at least—at their expense, and the Federal Reserve Board with its central reserve gold fund stands at the apex on top of the Federal Reserve banks. And side by side with all this we still have the independent treasury and sub-treasury system which costs a lot of money and ought to be abolished. The funds in the sub-treasuries ought to be deposited in the Federal Reserve banks.

FEDERAL RESERVE FREE COLLECTION SYSTEM DOES NOT REQUIRE KEEPING EXCESS BALANCES.

To reassure out-of-town members of the New York Federal Reserve Bank who have hesitated to join the intra-district collection system, Benjamin Strong Jr., Governor of the Reserve Bank, has issued a letter advising them that the plan will not, as some suppose, necessitate the keeping of large excess balances on deposit with the Reserve Bank. As one of the advantages of the system, he points out that member banks joining the collection system will have the privilege of stamping their checks "Collectible at par through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York." His letter follows:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

May 17 1915.

To the Cashier:

Sir—In discussing the intra-district collection system with member banks, it is evident that some of them are under the impression that their acceptance of the plan will require them to keep large excess balances on deposit with this bank. Such is not the case, however. It will only be necessary for a member bank to forward each day's items drawn on other member banks which have joined the collection system to an amount sufficient to offset the checks presented against such member bank by other banks which have joined the system. Consequently, no considerable excess balances, figuring from the books of this bank, need be maintained.

To provide against the possible depletion of reserve balances by charges in excess of the items remitted, it is suggested that member banks joining the system may arrange with their reserve agents to make such regular transfers of funds as experience indicates are necessary to maintain their reserve balances.

On the other hand, upon request, or by standing order filed with this bank, such excess balances as may be built up by a surplus of credits over debits, may be transferred to your New York City reserve agent, thereby preventing unnecessary loss of interest on excess reserves.

Depositors of member banks joining the collection system have the privilege of stamping their checks "Collectible at Par through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York," and may thus enable their customers to avoid the inconvenience or disadvantage of collection charges, as we are advised that checks drawn upon such member banks will be added to the "discretionary list" of the New York Clearing-House Association.

It is believed that the proposed plan for collecting checks, developed along proper lines, and with the co-operation of our member banks, will ultimately afford a desired facility of which experience will demonstrate the advantages.

If you have reached a decision to join the collection system, prompt advice will be appreciated, in order that no unnecessary delay may be made in publishing the initial list of its members.

Respectfully yours,
BENJAMIN STRONG JR., Governor.

GEORGE LA MONTE TO CONTINUE AS DIRECTOR OF PHILADELPHIA RESERVE BANK.

George M. La Monte, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, will be permitted to serve out his term as one of the Class C directors of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, according to an opinion by the counsel of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. Mr. La Monte is a resident of Somerset County, N. J., which goes into the New York District on July 1 as a result of the recent decision of the Reserve Board to transfer northern New Jersey from the Philadelphia District to the New York District. It was thought that as Mr. La Monte's residence was no longer in the Philadelphia District he would be ineligible for a position in that district. His term as a director expires December 31 1915.

FEDERAL CHECK COLLECTIONS—STATE BANKS URGED TO JOIN SYSTEM.

W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board entered into a lengthy and interesting discussion of check clearances in addressing the Alabama Bankers' Association at its annual convention at Birmingham on the 12th inst. Incidentally, Mr. Harding, who spoke along similar lines at the Texas convention on the 20th inst., stated it as his belief that the public, in the course of time, instead of drawing a distinction between national and State banks, will distinguish rather between banks which belong to the Federal Reserve system and those outside its province. We quote the following from Mr. Harding's remarks at the Alabama convention:

The profits arising from exchange charges have always been dear to the hearts of bankers, for the reason that transactions against which these

charges are made are quickly closed up and involve no long tying up of funds. Profits from this source, however, are constantly becoming smaller, so that in the case of many banks, in the larger towns especially, they have so diminished that the exchange account shows a loss instead of a gain. I can remember the time when banks in Alabama charged a premium of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% for their checks upon financial centres, while they would buy at the same time sight drafts upon the same cities at the same rate of discount thus netting a clear 1%. Some of these same banks are now glad to make a net profit of 1-10 of 1%, and in many cases this profit is derived only from the purchase of bills drawn against cotton when that commodity is moving actively, or from the collection of and remittance for B-L drafts drawn against shipments of goods.

Theoretically, exchange may be defined as the rate at which the documentary transfer of funds is made, so that if the debits reciprocally due by two places be equal, the exchange will be at par, but when greater in one than in the other, the exchange will be against that place which has the larger remittances to make, and in favor of the other. It is customary for the seller of goods to forward them at the expense of the purchaser, who is supposed to pay for them in funds current at the place of residence of the seller.

Thirty years ago it was the practice for settlements to be made between parties living in different towns by draft on New York, or some other financial centre, by post office money order, or by shipments of currency by express. In those days the rate of exchange was governed to a great extent by express rates, especially when the amount involved was large, for the remitter would not pay a bank a higher rate for its check than it would cost him to forward the actual funds by express. Merchants would go to their local bank and purchase drafts in favor of their creditors, paying the bank the agreed premium. As the business of the country developed, the local merchant gradually acquired the habit of sending his own check, drawn upon his local bank, to his creditor in New York, Chicago or St. Louis, who would deposit the check in his own bank, which would, in turn, forward it for payment. The local merchant found that by doing this he could avoid paying a premium for a bank draft drawn upon the city where his debt was due. The city dealer found that he could, in most cases, prevail upon his own bank to accept his country checks on deposit without making any deduction, so he soon became accustomed to this method of settlement. In the course of time, when many remittances were being made in this way, the burden upon the banks in the financial centres became very great, and to protect themselves, the crediting bank would impose a charge on country checks deposited with it, so that the cost of remitting funds for settlement of goods purchased had been shifted from the local merchant to the dealer or jobber in the cities. In many cases, however, this cost is borne by neither of the parties to the transaction, but is still absorbed by the city bank which has the dealer's account, although there seems hardly more reason for it to be taxed with the cost of transfer of funds from the buyer to the seller than for it to pay freight upon the goods purchased.

The banker in the smaller towns naturally looks with favor upon this method of settlement, as he exacts his exchange charge from the bank from which he receives the check, and his bank has enjoyed an increased deposit during the time the check has been outstanding. Many abuses have crept in, however, and it frequently happens, particularly where the drawer knows that his check will be outstanding four or five days, that he will forward it before he actually has funds in bank to meet it, relying upon his ability to make the account good by the time the check is returned for payment. The merchant in the small town, therefore, prefers to continue this method of settlement, as it frequently saves him an interest charge.

It often happens, also, that in cases where the bank in the larger city makes a charge against its depositor more than ample to cover the actual cost of collecting a country check, that it seeks to retain all or a part of this as a net profit, and is frequently enabled to do so by taking advantage of competitive conditions in an intermediate town where it has a reciprocal account, so that the expense is in many cases borne by a bank in some local centre which is willing to take business at a loss to prevent a competitor from getting it. The ideal arrangement which the bank in the small town, or the real country bank, likes to make, and one which it is frequently able to make, is to charge its correspondent bank located in a financial centre of its own State, exchange at the rate of 25 cents per hundred on all checks received for collection, at the same time clearing through the same correspondents all checks payable outside of its own town without any expense whatever. I believe, however, that arrangements of this kind are becoming harder to make, and that the greater part of exchange charges now being made in this country are borne by the sellers of goods.

It may be that their profits are sufficient to admit of their bearing this expense, and I have always been impressed with the logic of the contention made by a country merchant when I was a bank clerk in Tuscaloosa, more than thirty years ago. It seems that on one occasion he sent his own check on the local bank to a New Orleans merchant in payment of some sugar, instead of following what was then the prevailing custom of going to the bank and buying its draft on New Orleans. This check was deposited in a New Orleans bank, who sent it for collection to the rival bank in Tuscaloosa, so that the bank on which the check was drawn made no profit out of the transaction. The Cashier asked this merchant what he meant by sending his local check as far away as New Orleans, and suggested that he come in as usual and buy a bank draft. The merchant replied that whenever the New Orleans merchants would pay the freight on their goods shipped to him, he would be willing to pay the freight on their money. Sellers of goods all over the country have for several years past been paying freight on the money paid them for their goods, and the volume of local checks that is transmitted in the mails every day now reaches enormous proportions—certainly \$200,000,000 would not be a high estimate.

When the Federal Reserve Act was being debated in Congress, representatives of those who have been paying exchange charges on checks sent them in payment of goods sold exerted their influence in favor of free check collections, and shortly afterwards, representatives of more than 2,000 country banks went to Washington and appeared before the committee having the bill in charge, and entered a vigorous protest against being deprived of what they regarded as a legitimate profit. The result was that this paragraph was included in Section 16 of the bill as enacted, and is now part of the law.

"Every Federal Reserve bank shall receive on deposit at par from member banks or from Federal Reserve banks checks and drafts drawn upon any of its depositors, and when remitted by a Federal Reserve bank, checks and drafts drawn by any depositor in any other Federal Reserve bank or member bank upon funds to the credit of said depositor in said Reserve bank or member bank. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting a member bank from charging its actual expense incurred in collecting and remitting funds, or for exchange sold to its patrons. The Federal Reserve Board shall, by rule, fix the charges to be collected by the member banks from its patrons whose checks are cleared through the Federal Reserve bank, and the charge which may be imposed for the service of clearing or collection rendered by the Federal Reserve bank."

It seems to have been the idea in Congress that country banks would be appeased by the provision that they might make a charge against those of their patrons whose checks were cleared through the Federal Reserve Bank. In other words, if Mr. Brown of Dothan should draw his check upon

the First National Bank of Dothan in favor of Smith & Co. of Chicago for \$100, and that check should be returned to the Dothan bank for payment through the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, it was thought that the Dothan bank could charge Mr. Brown 15 cents for having paid his check in Chicago funds. The fact, however, was evidently overlooked that Mr. Brown would not look with favor upon this charge, which, if persisted in, would result in the loss by the First National Bank of Mr. Brown's account. Neither is the permission given "to charge for exchange sold to patrons" any more satisfactory to the small bank, for the reason that their patrons have long since got out of the habit of buying bank drafts and make a practice of remitting their own checks. It seems, therefore, in actual practice, that the only charge allowed is for "the actual expense incurred in collecting and remitting funds, which must seem a mere pittance to banks that have been charging 25 cents per hundred. Yet the Federal Reserve banks are required to "receive on deposit at par from member banks or from Federal Reserve banks are required to "receive on deposit at par from member banks or from Federal Reserve banks checks and drafts drawn upon any of its depositors," and the Federal Reserve Board is charged with the duty of carrying out the law.

It has been the earnest desire of the Board to cause as little hardship as possible in making these changes, and after a careful study of the whole subject, and after many conferences with representatives of all Federal Reserve banks and officers of member banks, a plan has been agreed upon which will be gradual in its operation, and which will, it is thought, in the course of time prove effective. Each Federal Reserve bank, in accordance with this plan, has notified its member banks that a check clearing system will be established, but that for the present the system will be a voluntary one, and no bank will be required to be a party to it except of its own free will and accord. In order best to describe the workings of this plan, I will assume that the member banks in Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Savannah, Macon, Mobile, Talladega, Birmingham, New Orleans and Jackson assent, and agree to permit the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to charge against their respective accounts as soon as received checks upon each bank which may come into the hands of the Reserve bank. Such checks will be immediately forwarded to banks upon which drawn, for credit, and any checks not good are to be returned to the Federal Reserve Bank and re-credited by it. Each of the banks agreeing to the plan must carry with the Federal Reserve Bank, in addition to its required reserve, an amount sufficient to provide for the debiting against its account of these checks. We will assume that there are 40 banks which agree to this plan at the start. Any one of these 40 banks having checks upon the other 39 banks will forward them all to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and receive immediate credit. It will, of course, have to stand an immediate debit on the books of the Federal Reserve Bank of all checks drawn upon itself received by the Reserve bank from the other 39 banks, so that the net result to any one bank is merely a balance, and it will at the same time have been convenienceed by having to write only one remittance letter instead of a great many, and by receiving only one incoming letter from the Federal Reserve Bank, instead of perhaps 39. Parties receiving checks upon any of these 40 banks will soon appreciate the fact that they are collectible at once without charge, and, therefore, are as desirable as checks on New York, Chicago or St. Louis have been hitherto. There will thus be established a preference for checks drawn on these banks, and parties remitting in payment of bills checks on banks not connected with this clearing plan will soon be brought to realize that checks drawn on banks in the clearing system are preferred. If a merchant in Talladega finds that, by reason of his bank being a member of the clearing system, his checks are received without question, he will appreciate the facility given him; but if a merchant in Anniston, for instance, finds that by reason of his bank not being a member of the clearing system, he is charged exchange upon the checks that he sends out, while his competitor in Talladega or Birmingham is exempt from such charge, he will soon, no doubt, exert enough pressure upon his own bank to induce it to become a member of the clearing system. If Mobile, Selma, Opelika, as well as Birmingham, should all be members of the clearing system, merchants in all these towns would enjoy the same advantage, and in the course of time the banks in Montgomery, for instance, would find that they would lose business by remaining out, and would, I think, as a matter of business necessity, finally become members of the clearing system. The Federal Reserve Act does not, of course, become entirely effective as far as its reserve requirements are concerned until three years from Nov. 16 1914, or until Nov. 16 1917, after which time the entire reserve of a member bank must be partly in its own vaults and partly with the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. It is thought that during this time there will be a gradual accession to the number of banks assenting to the new clearing plan, and after the fall of 1917 it is not believed that many banks who have customers sending their checks to distant points will fail to become members of the clearing section. As balances with other member banks will then no longer count as reserve, surplus fund will be loaned, rather than kept with other banks to control collections.

We ought to look this matter squarely in the face, and should realize that we must give and take, that we could not in any event have expected permanently to be able to make a charge of from 15 cents to 25 cents per hundred on checks sent us for collection, at the same time collecting all of our out-of-town checks without any cost whatever. The banks in the smaller towns will learn, as the city banks have already learned, to make up losses in exchange by adding to their volume of business, and while at first thought many of you may feel that there is little chance of increasing the volume of business in your towns, I am sure that as the workings of the Federal Reserve system become better known, and the safeguards it offers are more fully appreciated, that any money now being hoarded in your communities will come into sight and be deposited with you, and with the development of your section, your business will expand in a healthy way. You have been given facilities, whether you borrow your money from the Federal Reserve Bank or not, of getting all the re-discounts to which you are entitled at lower rates than ever before. You will soon realize that there is no longer occasion for you to hoard money by carrying abnormally large reserves, and before the new reserve requirements under the Act are fully effective, I am sure that you will all have found that you can more than recoup your losses in the way of exchange profits by the gains derived through a greater volume of business.

What I have just said relates to the clearing of checks between banks in the same Federal Reserve district, but the broader question of exchanges between the respective Federal Reserve banks has also been considered by the Federal Reserve Board. It is proposed to obviate as far as possible the necessity for an actual transfer of currency from one Federal Reserve district to another, and I think we have seen for the last time the stringency which has been recurring every fall during the active crop-moving period. Member banks will no longer be obliged to undertake the expense of, nor to suffer the inconvenience due to, delays attached to shipping in currency from the old reserve cities, but their currency requirements will instead be abundantly and quickly supplied at a minimum cost by their Federal Reserve bank. The money that you will use in handling the crop next fall will consist largely of Federal Reserve notes, which will stay in circulation as long as needed, and when the crop movement is over, and the notes become redundant, they will find their way back to the Federal Reserve bank,

where they will be retired. The abnormally high rates to which we have become accustomed during the closing months of the year will no longer obtain, nor will there be the usual demoralization of rates in the early spring, due to the heavy flow of redundant currency into the great financial centres. Your cotton drafts can, if you wish, still continue to take their usual course, and I presume that you will prefer to send them direct in order to avoid delays in transit. You can, however, instruct your correspondent bank to make deposit with the nearest Federal Reserve bank for the credit of your Federal Reserve bank for your use, and you can order Federal Reserve notes from your own Federal Reserve bank against such deposits as made. Many years will doubtless elapse before uniform interest rates prevail throughout the country. Under present conditions money will continue to command higher rates in Birmingham, Mobile and Selma than it will in New York, Chicago or Boston, but the rates will certainly be stabilized and extreme fluctuations will cease.

Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act provides that:

"The Federal Reserve Board shall make and promulgate from time to time regulations governing the transfer of funds and charges therefor among Federal Reserve banks and their branches, and may at its discretion exercise the functions of a clearing house for such Federal Reserve banks, or may designate a Federal Reserve bank to exercise such functions, and may also require each such bank to exercise the functions of a clearing house for its member banks."

The Board has, accordingly, after conferences with the Federal Reserve agents and the Governors of the several Federal Reserve banks, decided to establish a Gold Settlement Fund to be carried in the Treasury at Washington, and to which each Federal Reserve bank shall contribute \$1,000,000 in gold, gold certificates or gold order certificates, in addition to an amount at least equal to the net indebtedness due to all Federal Reserve banks as of May 24. Each Federal Reserve bank will be required to keep at all times in this fund a balance of not less than \$1,000,000, and this balance will count as a part of its lawful reserve. At the close of business each Wednesday night (or when Wednesday is a holiday, Tuesday night), each Federal Reserve bank will telegraph to the Federal Reserve Board the amounts in even thousands due to the other Federal Reserve banks as of that date, and on each Thursday the Settling Agent of the Federal Reserve Board will make the proper debits and credits in the accounts of each Federal Reserve bank, telegraphing each bank the amounts, in even thousands, of credits to each settlement account, giving the names of each bank from whom received, and also giving the net debit or credit balance in the weekly settlement. Proper debits and credits will then be made upon the books of each Federal Reserve bank. In case the debit settlement balance of any Federal Reserve bank should be in excess of the amount to its credit in the Gold Settlement Fund, such deficiency must be immediately covered either by the deposit of gold, gold certificates or gold order certificates in the Treasury or any Sub-Treasury, or by credit operations, which term includes re-discounts with other Federal Reserve banks which have an excess balance in the Gold Settlement Fund. Excess balances may remain in the fund to the credit of the banks to whom they are due, or they may, if desired, be refunded by the return to the Reserve bank of gold order certificates, properly endorsed, or of gold certificates payable to bearer, and whenever practicable payments will be made by the nearest Sub-Treasury.

I am violating no confidence when I say that the Federal Reserve Board desires earnestly to have the State banks become members of the Federal Reserve System. The Board feels that the membership of the State institutions is essential to the co-ordinated banking system that it wishes to establish and realizes that there can be but one credit system of nationwide extent. It fully appreciates that the strength of the Federal Reserve System must be gauged by the quality of its members, rather than by number, and it will use all the broad discretionary powers vested in it by the Federal Reserve Act to bring about this co-ordination. It seeks to establish only such reasonable standards of admission as will be generally recognized as necessary to protect the Federal Reserve System against the admission of banks which would be a source of weakness rather than of strength, and it intends to prescribe only such regulations governing their conduct as members as will insure a reasonable conformity to the fundamental principles deemed essential to the success of the new banking system.

The banks of this country are beginning to realize that membership in the Federal Reserve System carries with it privileges and guarantees of great value, not only to themselves, but to their customers as well. It is believed that membership in the system will come to be regarded as a test of banking solidity, and that membership, giving as it does, full access to the facilities and resources of the system, will add to the prestige of even the strongest institutions, so that in course of time the public will, instead of drawing a distinction as heretofore between national banks and State banks, will distinguish rather between banks which belong to the Federal Reserve System and the banks which do not belong, so that ultimately little importance will attach to the terms national banks and State banks, and banks will be classified as member banks or non-member banks.

Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act requires that State banks becoming members of the Federal Reserve System must comply with certain general requirements which now apply to national banks. The minimum capital permitted is \$25,000, and this requirement as to capital is raised according to the population of the town in which the bank is located, so that in cities of more than 50,000 inhabitants the minimum capital allowed will be \$200,000. State banks becoming members must also conform to the provisions of law governing national banks regarding the limitation of liability which may be incurred by any person, firm or corporation to such banks, the prohibition of purchases of, or loans upon, their own stock, the withdrawal or impairment of capital, and the payment of unearned dividends. The Board is not disposed to make any hard and fast rules respecting loans upon real estate or mortgages by State banks who wish to become members. It will seek rather to provide reasonable limitations, so that loans or investments of this character will not be so excessive in amount as to endanger the bank's liquid condition.

The important question of examinations has been fully considered by the Board. As admission to the system will be regarded as evidence of a bank's strength, the Board must necessarily have accurate and reliable information regarding the condition of an applying bank and the character of its management. Examinations must, therefore, be under the direction of the Board, but it will as far as possible avoid imposing additional expense upon a bank by adopting a method of joint or supplementary examination in cooperation with State banking authorities. It will use examiners and auditors in the employ of the respective Federal Reserve banks in supplementing the examinations conducted by the Banking Departments of the several States, and in passing upon applications for membership, the Board will appreciate the co-operation of the State banking authorities.

The membership of State banking institutions in the Federal Reserve System differs from that of national banks in being optional, and the Board has felt from the start that the directors of State banks should be given the right to terminate their bank's membership in case they should deem it advantageous to do so. The Board does not believe that State banks after becoming members will wish to withdraw from a system which offers so many advantages, but at the same time it recognizes the responsibilities

attached to the management of the State banks, and having received ample assurances from high legal authorities as to its powers, it will, I think, reach the conclusion that the State bank members may, with reasonable limitations as to the maximum withdrawal of capital and reserves during any one year, surrender their membership should they elect to do so. I am sure that the Board will define its position in this matter clearly within a very short time.

Permit me, in closing, to impress upon you all the fact that we are living in a critical period of the world's history. The sun never sets upon the lands that are sending troops to engage in the most stupendous conflict of all the ages, and the toll in human lives and in destruction of property is enormous. The money cost of this war, and the indebtedness of the nations party to it, are beyond the comprehension of the average mind. No one can predict the duration of this Titanic struggle, nor its ultimate outcome, nor can we foretell what readjustments of capital must be made between the nations after the restoration of peace. We were able last summer to withstand the shock occasioned by the outbreak of war, by putting into circulation over \$300,000,000 of emergency currency, now practically all retired or in process of retirement. After June 30, however, the law will no longer permit such issues, and such currency expansion as may be necessary in future will be in the form of Federal Reserve notes. The Federal Reserve banks can ultimately provide, even without the State banks as members, an emergency issue more than three times as large as the maximum outstanding last year, but it can extend direct aid to member banks only. Those of you who control the destinies of State banks are earnestly invited to bring your institutions under the protecting aegis of the Federal Reserve System, and I confidently believe that in doing so not only will you promote your own interests, but that you will perform at the same time a patriotic act by adding to the power of the world's strongest banking system.

FEDERAL RESERVE ACT FACTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE.

Charles S. Hamlin, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, speaking at Tuesday's session of the Pan-American Financial conference of the development of our foreign trade made possible under the Federal Reserve Act, said in part:

Under the old system the national banks were not able to finance our foreign trade, because under the law they could not lend their credit in the form of acceptances. As a result, our foreign trade had to be financed in London and on the Continent and the expression now so frequently heard—dollar acceptances—was merely an ideal as far removed from practical realization as the moon is distant from the earth.

This lack of co-operative union or confederation between the individual banks and their reserves also weakened the ability of the banks to conserve the supply of gold, the standard of value in the United States, and as a result the movement of the precious metals from the country, even when in strict accordance with the laws of trade and of ultimate advantage to the United States, was looked upon with anxiety as a symptom of financial trouble, causing uncertainty and lack of confidence.

I think it will be realized that, growing out of this new banking Act, the time has come for a marvelous development in our foreign trade, especially with South America, and that an opportunity is given to finance that trade such as has never been possible before.

The resources of the Federal Reserve system will also be greatly augmented in the future by the addition of large resources contributed by State banks and trust companies, which the Act permits to join the Federal Reserve system under reasonable regulations. I venture to express the hope that within the near future the majority of the strong State banks and trust companies doing a commercial business will join this system.

The Federal Reserve Act economizes the use of capital; it makes its use more effective than under the old system by lowering the prescribed reserve requirements; it has released hundreds of millions of capital which will provide additional credit; by its re-discount provisions and by the powers given to the Federal Reserve Board to suspend reserve requirements in cases of necessity, it has practically made a financial panic of the type we went through in 1907 an impossibility.

The banks have been greatly strengthened by these reforms and have enlarged their power to grant discounts to their customers, both in domestic and international trade.

I believe the result will be of lasting advantage and benefit, not only to the people of the United States, but to the people of all nations which engage in trade with us.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP ON OUR PREPAREDNESS FOR EXTENDING BANKING FACILITIES ABROAD.

Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank of New York, who was the only American who spoke in the capacity of a private individual at Monday's session of the Pan-American Conference, in referring to the fact that at the present time the national banks of the United States have a total surplus over the legal reserve requirements of more than \$700,000,000, and that other banks probably have a "similar plethora," said:

The Federal Reserve Act, through the permission it gives for national banks to establish foreign branches, has brought about a happy situation for increasing our foreign trade. And this opportunity is further improved by other things the Act has accomplished in connection with branch banks. Something in this direction has already been undertaken.

The present surplus of the national banks, as indicated by the last report of the Comptroller of the Currency, reaches the enormous total of \$735,000,000. The Reserve Act reduced the legal limit of reserves, and that, in part, explains this great surplus, which is to be compared with a normal excess reserve of something less than \$100,000,000.

This means that the national banks have a perfectly enormous capacity for expanding their loans. On the present reserves we can, I think, expand our loans about \$3,000,000,000. So, if we find ourselves in a state of unpreparedness for war, we find ourselves at least in a state of preparedness for extending our banking facilities abroad. This is a thing to be considered seriously in building up our relations with the Central and South American countries.

The conditions in those countries are just what conditions were with us a generation ago. They need capital for their enterprises, just as until recently we used up all our capital in domestic enterprises, though now we have this large fund for use in the foreign field. So, I say, I look for great things from this conference, in closer relations and more fruitful communications.

SENATOR OWEN ON FEDERAL RESERVE ACT AND RURAL CREDIT LEGISLATION.

Speaking at the annual convention of the Oklahoma Bankers' Association in Tulsa, Okla., on the 14th inst., Senator Robert L. Owen, who assisted in the drafting of the Federal Reserve Act, stated that he "might as well claim to be the author of the Ten Commandments as the Federal Reserve banking law." Senator Owen declared that the plans for that Act were worked out in Europe years ago. While it is true, he continued, that he has advocated its principles for a long time, the thought originated over there. With regard to the operation of the Federal Reserve system, Senator Owen is quoted as saying:

We should not judge the worth of the system by the first few months of its operation. Because it has not earned money, it is in no way an evidence of failure. The reports do not show the immense amount that is kept in reserve. Most of your banks have a reserve of from 30 to 40%, which I truly believe is too much, but the Federal Reserve bank has a much larger reserve than that.

The Federal Reserve system has resulted in millions of dollars of increased deposits in the banks of our nation, and in that way it has helped all of you. People have taken their money from private hiding places and deposited it in banks, knowing that in any crisis the banks can get the money from the Federal Reserve institutions and that the depositors can get their money from the banks. There is now no danger of a financial panic and no danger of a bank, honestly managed, having to suspend business and not pay 100% on the dollar to its depositors.

Senator Owen's discussion centred on "Plans for Federal Legislation on Rural Credits." According to him, it has been the idea of those framing such legislation that a rural credit law "should be drawn on the basis of the Government resting upon the citizens, rather than the citizens resting upon the Government." In describing the provisions of the plans favored, he said:

The bill that we have practically agreed upon at the present time provides for the central bank, through which the other banks are to work. Money will be loaned upon land values. The mortgages upon the land will be used as collateral for the issuance by this central bank of debenture bonds. We struck from the bill a provision requiring the Government to take a portion of these debenture bonds. The committee now in charge of this matter in Congress consists of three members of the Senate Committee on Banking, three of the Committee on Agriculture and a like number from similar committees in the House of Representatives, making twelve members in all.

We began work on two different schemes, dividing the committee for that purpose. These two plans are the landsturm and the personal credit system. I am inclined to believe that the latter system, which has worked successfully in Europe, will be best for this nation. It will work out fine, for it will band men together to underwrite one another and make loans for productive values, not to buy automobiles, but to enable the man who tills the soil to get the greatest possible value out of his land and thereby increase the wealth of the States and the nations, which is a condition we are all anxious to see. It will strengthen the credit of the farmer. Here in Oklahoma it will mean bigger crops next year, and bigger crops the year following, and bigger crops every year thereafter. This will help you bankers of the State and I trust you will add your council to the question so that we can get this legislation through Congress during the coming winter.

AMERICANS URGED TO RESIST INVASIONS FOR TERRITORIAL CONQUEST.

Dr. Santiago Perez Triana, delegate from Columbia, won unstinted applause at the conference on Tuesday when he urged that the Americas be preserved for Americans, and that the people of the two American Continents must be prepared to resist any invasions for territorial conquest by aggressive nations of other worlds; at the same time he advocated the extension of the principle of the Monroe Doctrine so as to make it impossible for one American nation to covet the territory of another. "We in America," he said, "should be prepared to make our inviolability stronger every day. We have seen what that inviolability means by this war. There may be distrust even in loving families. There may be dark corners in the past history of this Continent, but let us see that in the future our harmony is diaphanous, transparent and clear. There may have been failures in the past, but let us forget them. Let the dead past bury its dead. Let the nations here represented in solemn and formal fashion make it manifest that none of them covets the territory of any other, and that the homes and territory of each shall be sacred. Honesty and not convenience guide the policy of nations, and that is the flag of right that we should hold aloft as the flag of this Continent. Then we can tell the other nations of the world that they may come to our fertile valleys but as peaceful multitudes and not as conquerors."

A. Barton Hepburn, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank of New York, who followed Dr. Triana on the speakers' platform, declared that he was glad to hear a representative of the other America advance the idea that the Monroe Doctrine means America for Americans applied to both. "That means," said Mr. Hepburn, "hands off"

to the rest of the world so far as the establishment by any government of a disturbing element. It means the getting together of people with a common sympathy and common purpose."

Mr. Hepburn said that so long as the United States sent its Ambassadors to South America by way of Europe and its commercial transactions were consummated through European banks, there could be little hope of progress or reciprocal success in dealing with those nations. Lack of ships and the failure of American business men to master the Spanish language all have contributed to relatively poor trade relations, he said. He concluded by saying the United States wants nothing from the other republics except their social and commercial good will.

NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK INAUGURATES CHECK COLLECTION SYSTEM JUNE 1.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank will inaugurate its intra-district collection system next Tuesday, June 1. In a circular letter issued this week to member banks announcing the date for the adoption of the plan Governor Strong states that only checks or drafts drawn on and received from the member banks which have joined the collection system will be received, such checks being credited at par to the sending bank and charged and forwarded direct to the bank on which they are drawn.

On June 15 the Bank will discontinue accepting drafts or checks on other Federal Reserve banks for immediate credit, with the exception of those drawn on the Federal Reserve banks of Boston and Philadelphia, which it will continue to receive for immediate credit at par.

A list of member banks which have joined the system accompanies the letter showing seventy banks as affiliated with the plan at the start; of these, thirty are banks in Manhattan, while four are Brooklyn institutions. All but two of the local national banks are embraced in the list, the Harriman National and the Sherman National being the only ones which have not signified their intention of accepting the plan. We print herewith Governor Strong's letter concerning the inauguration of the system:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK,
62 Cedar Street.

New York, May 26 1915.

To the Cashier:
Sir,—

Inauguration of Collection System.

In accordance with the plan outlined in Circular No. 23 dated April 20 1915, the intra-district collection system of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will become effective on June 1 1915.

An alphabetical list of the member banks which have elected to join the collection system is appended hereto. On the first and fifteenth day of each month, if any changes have occurred, a corrected list will be forwarded.

The Federal Reserve Board has announced that it has added to District No. 2 the twelve northern counties of New Jersey. The transfer of the 131 member banks in these counties from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be effected on July 1 1915. These banks, a number of which have joined the collection system of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, will, when transferred, be eligible to join the collection system of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Only checks or drafts drawn on and received from the member banks which have joined the collection system, and which appear on the appended list, will be received. Such checks or drafts will be credited on receipt at par to the sending bank and charged and forwarded direct to the bank on which they are drawn.

Whenever experience may prove that it is necessary, member banks may arrange with their other reserve agents to make such regular transfers of funds as may be required to meet charges against their accounts without impairing their reserve balances with this bank.

On the other hand, upon request or by standing order filed with this bank, such excess balances as may be built up by a surplus of credits over debits may be transferred to a New York City reserve agent, thereby preventing unnecessary loss of interest on excess reserves.

Any member bank joining the collection system is at liberty to extend to its depositors the privilege of stamping their checks "Collectible at par through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York," which will provide for the collection of all such checks at par.

An indorsement stamp for use on all checks or drafts remitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be forwarded to-morrow to each member bank which has joined the collection system.

Checks on Other Federal Reserve Banks.

On June 15 1915 this bank will discontinue accepting checks or drafts drawn on other Federal Reserve banks for immediate credit, with the exception of those drawn on the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston and Philadelphia, which it will continue to receive, as at present, for immediate credit at par.

Checks or drafts drawn on the nine other Federal Reserve banks will be received for "collection" only and will be credited to the account of the member bank depositing them, subject to final payment, in accordance with the following time schedule:

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.....	1 day after receipt
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.....	2 days " "
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.....	" " "
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.....	" " "
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.....	" " "
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.....	" " "
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.....	" " "
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.....	" " "
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.....	" " "

Items drawn on the above-named banks should not be included with other "cash" items forwarded for immediate credit, but should be listed on a separate sheet and forwarded as "collection" items.

Advice of credit will be forwarded on the day credit is made to the member bank's account.

Transfer System.

In order to provide a direct and economical method of effecting transfers of funds by either mail or telegraph, the Federal Reserve Banks are inaugurating a Transfer System simultaneously with their Collection System. Through this Transfer System any member bank may order funds transferred by either mail or telegraph (a) to a member bank within its district, or (b) to a member bank outside its district. Sample forms for ordering such transfers are enclosed and additional forms will be supplied on request.

For transfers by either mail or telegraph within this district, no charge will be made.

For transfers by mail outside of this district, it is not anticipated that a charge will be made, unless the condition of the domestic exchange market should necessitate the shipment of currency to cover such transfers. For transfers by telegraph outside of this district, a charge will be made, covering—

- (a) The cost of telegraphing, and
- (b) Interest at the rate of 2% for the time which would be required to make the transfer by mail, and
- (c) The prevailing charge, if any, for mail transfers.

The development of a Federal Reserve Transfer System, particularly for use between member banks in different districts, is in the interest of sound banking practice, and its use by member banks in this district is recommended whenever practicable.

Member banks in this district are at liberty, as heretofore, to draw on this bank and send such drafts outside of this district, and all other Federal Reserve banks have advised that, for the present, they will receive such drafts from their member banks for immediate credit either at par or at the market rate for New York exchange.

Respectfully,

BENJ. STRONG JR., Governor.

List of Banks Which Have Joined the Collection System of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

June 1 1915.

Albany, N. Y.—		New York, N. Y. (Concluded)—	
First National Bank.....	29-8	East River National Bank.....	1-59
National Commercial Bank.....	29-7	Fifth National Bank.....	1-82
N. Y. State National Bank.....	29-1	First National Bank.....	1-65
Amsterdam, N. Y.—		Garfield National Bank.....	1-81
First National Bank.....	50-135	Gotham National Bank.....	1-244
Brooklyn, N. Y.—		Hanover National Bank.....	1-93
Gramatan National Bank.....	50-668	Importers & Traders Natl. Bk.....	1-53
Brooklyn, N. Y.—		Irry National Bank.....	1-67
First National Bank.....	1-356	Liberty National Bank.....	1-91
Naam National Bank.....	1-118	Lincoln National Bank.....	1-80
National City Bank.....	1-352	Market & Fulton Natl. Bank.....	1-42
Peoples National Bank.....	1-385	Mechanics & Metals Natl. Bk.....	1-4
Buffalo, N. Y.—		Merchants Exchange Natl. Bk.....	1-13
Central National Bank.....	10-24	Merchants National Bank.....	1-3
Marine National Bank.....	10-2	National Bank of Commerce.....	1-23
Third National Bank.....	10-6	Nat'l. Butchers & Drovers Bank.....	1-15
Cazenovia, N. Y.—		National City Bank.....	1-8
Cazenovia National Bank.....	50-685	National Park Bank.....	1-54
Dundee, N. Y.—		New York County Natl. Bank.....	1-71
Dundee National Bank.....	50-607	Seaboard National Bank.....	1-85
Elmira, N. Y.—		Second National Bank.....	1-63
Second National Bank.....	50-108	Union Exchange National Bank.....	1-100
Far Rockaway, N. Y.—		Nyack, N. Y.—	
Natl. Bank of Far Rockaway.....	1-436	Nyack National Bank.....	50-457
Glens Falls, N. Y.—		Ogdensburg, N. Y.—	
First National Bank.....	50-256	National Bank of Ogdensburg.....	50-240
National Bank of Glens Falls.....	50-255	Ossining, N. Y.—	
Granville, N. Y.—		Ossining National Bank.....	50-319
Washington County Natl. Bank.....	50-484	Peery, N. Y.—	
Greenvale, N. Y.—		First National Bank.....	50-463
First National Bank.....	50-748	Port Jefferson, N. Y.—	
Ithaca, N. Y.—		First National Bank.....	50-555
First National Bank.....	50-262	Ridgewood, N. Y.—	
Tompkins County Natl. Bank.....	50-261	Ridgewood National Bank.....	1-437
Lafayette, N. Y.—		Rye, N. Y.—	
Lafayette National Bank.....	50-776	Rye National Bank.....	50-845
Lockport, N. Y.—		Schenectady, N. Y.—	
National Exchange Bank.....	50-223	National National Bank.....	50-90
Newburgh, N. Y.—		Syracuse, N. Y.—	
Highland National Bank.....	50-174	First National Bank.....	50-36
New York, N. Y.—		Salt Springs National Bank.....	50-34
American Exchange Natl. Bank.....	1-21	Troy, N. Y.—	
Bank of New York, N. B. A.....	1-1	Manufacturers National Bank.....	50-64
Battery Park National Bank.....	1-232	Tuckahoe, N. Y.—	
Bronx National Bank.....	1-116	First National Bank.....	50-941
Chase National Bank.....	1-74	Westfield, N. Y.—	
Chatham & Phenix Natl. Bank.....	1-80	National Bank of Westfield.....	50-523
Chemical National Bank.....	1-12	White Plains, N. Y.—	
Citizens Central National Bank.....	1-36	First National Bank.....	50-234
Coal & Iron National Bank.....	1-99		

The above circular is a modification of one issued on Nov. 13 1914 (No. 7) and published in our issue of Nov. 21.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS' RECOMMENDATION ON BANKING AND CURRENCY.

The Committee on Banking and Currency of the National Association of Manufacturers, in its report presented at the annual meeting of the Association held in New York this week, advocates the abolition of the term "lawful money" and the establishment of a Central Reserve Bank, owned and controlled by the Government, the bank to have one branch in each State, instead of the twelve Federal Reserve banks. The recommendations of the committee, the members of which are Ludwig Nissen and James Maynard, are as follows:

1. The abolition of the unlimited legal tender power given to silver dollars, so that our monetary system be based absolutely on gold.
2. The abolition of the useless term "lawful money." No money which is not lawful is supposed to circulate, and there is no use in maintaining a discrimination in theory.
3. The consolidation of all note issues into one only, emanating directly from the Government through a Federal Reserve bank, and guaranteeing it with the same reserves that are guaranteeing to-day the different classes existing.
4. The establishment of a Central Reserve Bank, owned and controlled by the Government, but operated by co-operation of all banks; this bank to have one branch in each State instead of the twelve Federal Reserve banks, and as subsidiaries of each the clearing houses now existing, of which all banks could become members without discrimination.
5. The unification of all banking laws into one only.

6. The extension of the power of acceptance given to banks for domestic purposes also.

7. To suppress the system of cash discounts, except when based on the regular rates of interest for advanced payments.

8. To substitute accepted drafts or signed notes for the present system of open accounts in domestic business.

9. To fix the rates of re-discount at the Federal Reserve banks in accordance with the prevailing rate of interest in each centre.

10. To establish one or more American banks for foreign trade.

We also make the following excerpts from the report:

ADVANTAGES OF ONE CENTRAL INSTITUTION.

One central institution, owned and controlled by the Government, to avoid the so-called danger of a money trust, using the clearing houses as branches, and permitting all banks (national and State) to carry their reserves and re-discount with it, demanding capital from no one, because it is not needed, would be much less expensive to operate, more efficient in control and much more decentralized in scope than twelve units, theoretically linked through an imperfectly welded link.

The reforms of the system as provided for in the Federal Reserve Acts have given the country a better means of using its gold reserves and its credit. The amount of reserves required has been reduced to 18%, 15% and 12%, instead of 25% formerly imposed on central reserve and reserve city banks and 15% on country banks, for demand deposits, and to 5% for all banks on term deposits, instead of 25% and 15%, as was required before. Formerly, the amount of reserve needed (according to figures of statement of September 1914) would have been \$1,460,000,000, and it was, following the provisions of the new law, only \$996,000,000, releasing, therefore, \$464,000,000, which, at an expansion power of 100 to 18 (instead of 100 to 25), would mean an extension of credit of \$2,583,000,000 without uselessly locking up any further amount of currency.

Then the re-discount system combined with the authority to issue Federal Reserve notes against commercial paper has further increased the use of credit. Federal Reserve notes can be issued to any amount provided 40% in gold is held as a reserve. For this reserve the Federal Reserve banks have the amount of their capital in full, and 65% of their deposits (as only 35% is to be held as reserve for these), and this may run into hundreds of millions more.

Finally, the power to accept drafts is a facility which permits the banks to further extend credit for about \$900,000,000 (one-half of their capital and surplus, Section 13). This figure will, of course, grow as and when the capital and surplus of the banks grow.

In all, the added facilities may be considered as representing an increase of credit within the country of not less than \$4,000,000,000.

THE LIMITATIONS ON DRAFT ACCEPTANCES.

It is also inexplicable why the power of accepting drafts has been limited to only transactions involving the importation or exportation of merchandise or products, an absurd discrimination against domestic trade. It is thought that the main reasons for this was to avoid banks facilitating stock exchange transactions. But it is a childish way of doing it, as any bank can re-discount commercial paper or use its acceptances arising from imports or exports to lend money on stocks or bonds, and retain these in its vaults. Unreasonable restrictions only stir the mind to get around them in some form.

These advantages have been made available to the country at a most opportune time, as otherwise the closing of the European markets where we financed a good part of our domestic and foreign trade would have caused us serious trouble. As matters now stand, we can not only finance ourselves, but we can re-purchase much of our own securities held abroad, and thus free ourselves of the tribute we have been paying for the usage of foreign credit. We are also in a position to assist the world in its further development, which we shall do, no doubt, when normality is again restored.

Our domestic needs, as far as banking transactions are concerned, are pretty well taken care of. Legitimate credit for agricultural, industrial and commercial purposes can be said now to be unlimited, and the added accumulation of banking profits which will be retained in the country will certainly increase our financial strength.

EVILS OF OUR DOMESTIC CREDIT SYSTEM.

Notwithstanding our advanced domestic credit system, there is a flaw in our industrial transactions which can and should be removed. It is the high rate of interest paid in the form of cash discounts. As a rule 2% is allowed for payments within ten days, and this means that the manufacturer pays 6% interest per month for receiving his money, or that the buyer pays it for the credit granted. Then 2% is not the highest rate. In dry goods as high as 7½% is paid, 6% being quite common. In many cases the rates are fixed—6% discount ten days, allowing 60 days to pay the net price. Six per cent for ten days is 18% per month, which the manufacturer actually pays, and when a buyer uses the 60 days allowed and fails to take advantage of the cash discount, he actually pays 6% for two months, or 3% interest per month. The buyer who prefers to pay 3% per month for the short accommodation or loses 6% for not paying within ten days must impair his credit. If he cannot do it because his capital is too small, his bank should help him out; otherwise he is at a disadvantage in competing with others who can make 6% additional profit or cut their prices down 6%.

The scaling of prices for jobbers, retailers and consumers sets a terribly high cost for merchandising. It is not uncommon to see that the manufacturer himself does not receive more than one-half of the retail price of his goods.

The jobbers' profit means cost to credit insurance for the manufacturer, as they, as a rule, will buy for cash, taking advantage of all discounts, and will make a substantial profit for credit accommodation to retailers, unless jobbers pay the high rate of discount by not paying cash. In this case the manufacturer assumes the same risk as if he sold to retailers on credit.

It is possible that one of the results of our newly improved credit conditions will be the elimination of the high cost of merchandising, as retailers will be more able to borrow at their banks to buy for cash, or manufacturers will be able to borrow more and sell on reasonable terms of credit without sacrificing so much for the sake of securing cash.

Be it need for cash, when the discount may be figured as an interest, or a desire to avoid the risk, when the expense can be called insurance, the cash discount is an added cost of the goods which the manufacturer must consider in making their prices.

THE COMPLAINT OF RIGGS NATIONAL BANK AGAINST TREASURY OFFICIALS.

Following the conclusion on the 21st of the argument of opposing counsel in the proceedings brought by the Riggs National Bank of Washington against the Treasury officials, Justice McCoy of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia took under advisement the motion of the Government to dismiss the complaint. While the reports last

Saturday had it that the relief sought by the bank was denied in every particular except as to the payment into the Treasury of \$5,000 interest on Government bonds due to the bank and withheld by the Comptroller for failure to make certain reports, it has since been stated that as a matter of fact the case has not yet been tried on its merits, since no opportunity has been given for the admission of testimony through witnesses. The "Journal of Commerce" of the 24th says:

While the Court admitted a few affidavits on the part of the Treasury officials, no opportunity was given the opposing side to rebut these by either cross-examination or by the admission of other witnesses. The question pending before the Court is whether or not to dismiss the bill of the bank upon the motion of the attorneys for the Treasury officials. This crucial question the Court has promised to answer in a decision to be rendered before July 1. In the meantime the Court rendered its opinion upon certain prayers in the bill based upon the record and such evidence as has been offered in the case. According to attorneys who followed the case carefully, any or all of these questions of fact may yet be altered and the decision thereon changed upon the subsequent presentation of witnesses and testimony in a trial of the case in equity.

The temporary order obtained by the bank in April restraining Treasurer Burke from paying into the Treasury the \$5,000 withheld as penalty is continued in full force pending the final ruling of the Court. The prayers which the Court is stated to have denied pending the hearing of the case on its merits concern the injunction asked for to restrain Comptroller Williams from calling for further special reports; the injunction restraining Comptroller Williams and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo from "interfering or meddling" with the bank's property rights, compelling the bank's officers to testify against themselves, and the injunction restraining Comptroller Williams from revoking the bank's designation as a depository for the reserves of other national banks and as a depository for public funds. Justice McCoy in reviewing the evidence stated:

It seems to me on the record as it stands that the Government officials would be remiss in their duty in selecting it as an agent for new applicant banks.

From the evidence here persistent violations of law by this bank began before Comptroller Williams came here, and there is evidence that these violations have continued down to this day. Even if the Comptroller were wrong in his idea about whether this was a commercial or a stock exchange bank, I should say he was quite right in taking out those Government deposits.

SOCIALISTIC TENDENCY OF GOVERNMENT IN ASSUMING OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS.

Pointing out the growing tendency of the United States Government to usurp private business, Osear B. McGlasson, in an address delivered at San Francisco on May 14, expressed himself as fundamentally opposed to Uncle Sam owning any business that competes with private enterprise. Mr. McGlasson, who is President of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association of the United States, gave voice to his views at the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers. To his mind, Government ownership can result in nothing but communism—the holding of property in common. "Communism, Socialism and Governmental ownership," he declared, "are inseparately synonymous, and the interweaving of any of these principles into our form of government would surely destroy our Republic." Mr. McGlasson's discussion in part was as follows:

It is not commonly realized how many private business ventures Uncle Sam has pushed into in the last few years. At the rate we are now drifting, this Government is rapidly developing into Socialistic ownership of the business of the nation.

All of Uncle Sam's time is required to look after the millions of details of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of his Government, and you are handicapping him by putting him into private business.

When Congress passed the law creating the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the railroads and express companies were practically deprived of the constitutional right to handle private property as the owner desired. But public sentiment approved what was almost confiscation of the common carrier's rights on the theory of needful regulation of quasi-public corporations.

Another task, by no means small, has just been imposed on Uncle Sam—that of regulating the business methods of at least a million corporations and concerns doing an inter-State business. The new Federal Trade Commission assumes this work and this law practically compels you to take Uncle Sam into your business as a partner. Let us hope that he will be a helpful partner, and see that Government officials impose no unnecessary burdens on business.

A few years ago the Government entered the private banking field—establishing postal banks, accepting deposits and paying interest just like any ordinary banker. It has been urged and ingeniously argued by prominent Government officials, Senators and Representatives that conditions brought on by the war would justify Uncle Sam in lending millions of dollars to the farmers of the South on their cotton. Recently the banks have been placed under the Federal Reserve Act, under which circumstances Uncle Sam might gracefully retire from the postal savings bank business.

Do you know that the Government of the United States is now engaged in the insurance business—actually issuing policies for premiums paid on war risk assumed by Uncle Sam? Many insurance companies were ready, willing and anxious to take care of this insurance on fair rates and terms, yet Uncle Sam becomes their direct competitor.

For over 12 years Uncle Sam has been operating a steamship line between New York and Panama, carrying passengers and freight for hire, thereby coming into direct competition with American shipping interests. I am

told that there is a steamship line owned by Uncle Sam from San Francisco to Hawaii, and we all know of the desperate effort recently made to push him into buying merchant ships on the pretext of building up American commerce with the nations of the world.

A law was passed recently compelling Uncle Sam to build and operate a railroad in Alaska on the unfounded statement that private capital would not undertake the task. There was no good reason or justification for the socialization of this railroad in Alaska, as we all know private capital would build this road on equitable terms. If Uncle Sam would experiment by buying just one of the transcontinental railroads and furnish passenger and freight service at actual cost to the Government across the continent, how long do you think it would take to demonstrate his utter failure to compete with private capital? For that reason Uncle Sam must buy all the railroads and thereby eliminate competition; that is the only way he can cover up his great inefficiency and enormous loss.

Now we see Uncle Sam performing the function of a retail grocer, actually driven against his will by a few theorists and faddists to the humiliating task of carrying eggs, butter, chickens, vegetables, hams and bacon from the farm to the table, and the foolish part of it all, our Postmaster-General will not even permit him to charge for the actual cost of the service. This parcel post plan of the Government is making it possible to centralize commercial channels into the large cities and is rapidly killing the small merchants in all sections of this Republic. It is a blight on national prosperity and its continuation means utter ruin to a healthy and widespread business growth.

I am fundamentally opposed to Uncle Sam's owning any business that competes with private enterprise; be it the banking business, the purchase of steamships, the running of railroads, the owning of telegraph and telephone systems or the writing of insurance policies. The socialization of these interests would undoubtedly mean poor service and heavy taxation, to make up the great financial loss that would surely result judging from the way Uncle Sam runs the biggest business on earth—his post office.

Can Government ownership result in anything but communism, the holding of all property in common? This, of course, would mean no incentive, no individual effort, no inspiration, no desire to sacrifice, by thinking out valuable inventions and toiling day after day to secure comforts for loved ones. Communism was the form of Government that destroyed Jamestown Settlement. This is the history of all governments founded on communism. Communism, Socialism and governmental ownership are inseparable synonyms and the interweaving of any of these principles into our form of government would surely destroy our Republic.

I feel sure that the American public will resent the Governmental ownership of private interests. I am satisfied that it is not for the general welfare of the country that he be permitted to take on these private ventures, and I hope that American business men will have the courage to demand from their Senators and Representatives that Uncle Sam be left free to direct the affairs of this, the greatest nation on earth, to the end that wherever the Stars and Stripes floats it carries with it a government founded on the constitutional liberty of mankind.

At the convention a resolution was adopted appealing to the Federal Government and State officials for the same character of support to business interests as is given to farmers, and asking for the creation of trade commissions in the several States similar to the Federal Trade Commission.

MR. TAFT VOICES HIS VIEWS ANEW ON EXCESSIVE POWERS OF LABOR LEADERS.

In an address at the banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers, held at the Waldorf on Wednesday, ex-President William H. Taft voiced his objections to the anti-trust legislation enacted during the last year, and the part played by labor leaders in placing these Acts upon the statute books. "The power that the leaders of the American Federation of Labor exercise," said Mr. Taft, "has become excessive and detrimental to the public weal and the good of society, and especially of that of the members of the labor unions." According to Mr. Taft, "what is needed to produce a sobering effect upon the truculent labor leaders, intoxicated with their sense of political power, is political courage on the part of those who seek to represent the people in legislative and executive office, and a full and fair discussion of such legislation as these labor unions press upon Congress and the legislatures, with bold and earnest opposition, when in such legislation unjust immunity is sought and undue privilege is to be created." We quote further from his remarks as follows:

My objections to the Clayton Act and the Trade Commission Act are that their enactment with such a blare of trumpets and avowals of hostility to capital in general, with little discrimination, had a strong tendency to frighten those whose judgment determines the amount of new investments of capital and thus to restrict the normal expansion in our business due to the re-investment of earnings.

It is a mistake to suppose that capital is all owned by rich men. It is made up chiefly of the savings that flow into the great reservoirs of savings banks, life insurance companies, trust companies, into the stock of railroad enterprises and industrial corporations, and the very large percentage of the total capital invested is owned by wage earners, earners of salaries, and men of small or moderate means, who use these agencies to secure profit for their savings and a reward for their prudence and self-restraint.

It is true, however, that in giving effect to the principle of combination the control of these reservoirs of capital and the re-investment of the profits on invested capital are more or less subject to the judgment of the comparatively few to whose custody and management the reservoirs are entrusted.

The aftermath of a crusade and great reform in our political and business condition and a rescue of the country from the dangers of plutocracy is excessive hostility in legislative expressions to success in business and to those who control capital. The hostility has been manifested in all sorts of restrictions, unwise and useless, and the enactment of further restraints in the Clayton Act and in the Trade Commerce Act were much more detrimental to the business interests of the country in frightening investment than in any real effect after they shall have passed the scrutiny of the courts and their essence has been disclosed to the test of actual litigation.

There was in their enactment a political motive that prompted the claim on the part of those who voted for them that they were much more radical than they are. A close examination of the Clayton Act shows that, while

it divides up the offences denounced by the Anti-Trust Act into a variety of details, it really aids but little in its practical restriction of methods of conducting business and the freedom of combination and the freedom of competition.

It adds a useful provision to the law in denouncing as a Federal crime the looting of inter-State railroads by reckless promoting directors charged with the duty of honest, careful management in the interest of their stockholders and the public, offences which had heretofore been denounced only by State laws. The bringing of this offence within Federal jurisdiction, however, because of the greater certainty of enforcement in the Federal courts, will make less likely such mismanagement as that which has been disclosed to the country in a number of our great railway corporations.

It is reasonable to suppose that when the Court comes to determine what an unfair method of competition is, it will look to the rules of law and to the statutes of the United States for guidance, and it will keep the Trade Commission within the path thus limited. In other words, what the Trade Commission will have to do is to confine itself in determining the existence of unfair methods of competition to those which violate our present law, that is, to the restrictions of the Anti-Trust Act. It becomes, therefore, nothing but a tribunal of investigation for reporting facts and the application of the law which can only be made by the confirmation of the Court.

In other words, it is nothing but a glorified bureau of corporations, with large salaries and greater powers of investigation. It is fortunate that the power thus conveyed is not really larger, because the standing and national reputation of the men who have been appointed to fill these large salaried positions as members of the boards are not such as to give great public confidence in their experience or judgment.

Not one of them can be said to have had national standing as a business man or as a lawyer, and while the standard suggested for this Commission when its creation was recommended was that of judges of our national Supreme Court, I regret to say that it has not been met in the actual selection of the board.

While, therefore, the powers of the board will not, in my judgment, under the construction of the Courts, prove to be as formidable as they were heralded to be by those who passed the Act and those who proclaimed a new freedom in business, the thundering in the index, together with the passage of the Act, has had the result of making capital more timid, of restraining investment, of decreasing the wage fund and of throwing upon those least able to bear it the burden of business depression. The Act, moreover, does furnish to these Trade Commissioners inquisitorial powers of very doubtful wisdom and utility.

We have heard a great deal about pitiless publicity and we have noted the eagerness with which legislators rush into investigations for political purposes and at public expense. The history of the investigations by the Democratic House of the last Administration, if any one had the time to summarize it, would show a waste of public money, a waste of Governmental efficiency and a series of personal injustices done through the instrumentality of partisan investigation that would bring to the minds of judicious men the importance of not going to extremes in the inquisitorial methods for the investigation of private business to which this Trade Commission tends.

Fear of the excessive and unjust use of this innovation in the law is a legitimate cause for alarm to the business interests of the country. On the whole, however, my own judgment is that the Clayton Act and the Trade Commission Act add very little to the effectiveness of the Anti-Trust Act.

It was passed for political purposes, to satisfy the demands of the leaders of the American Federation of Labor, with the hope of securing the vote of the labor organizations at subsequent elections.

Nothing is so unfair and unwise as to enact legislation that seriously affects the property and business interests of a class without giving to that class the fullest opportunity to be heard, whether their cause is a just one or not.

The power that the leaders of the American Federation of Labor exercise has become excessive and detrimental to the public weal, and the good of society, and especially of that of the members of the labor unions. But the power their leaders have acquired by the principle of combination in their organization has intoxicated them, and they have exercised a tyranny over society and over their own members that is certainly leading to a reaction and to a restraint of their great powers within proper and lawful limits.

The case of *Loewe vs. Lawler* in the sequel to the judgment has much significance. One hundred and eighty-six defendants, with their houses and earnings subject to the satisfaction of a judgment for more than \$250,000, are now appealing to the United Hatters' Union and to the American Federation of Labor, who spurred them on to their lawless methods, to aid them in the payment of the result of this lawsuit, which was vigorously defended at the instance of the leaders of these organizations in the avowed interest of organized labor. Neither the Hatters' Union nor the American Federation of Labor is willing to raise a fund to relieve these 186 victims of their misguided urging, although they could and did raise funds quite as large for the defence of criminals who subsequently confessed their crimes committed in the supposed upholding of the interests of labor. Such a condition cannot but have a useful influence in bringing to the attention of the rank and file of organized labor the necessity for restraining their leaders in such unwise defiance of the law, and in confining themselves to wise, moderate and lawful methods of maintaining their cause against the opposing interests of capital and employers.

What is needed to produce a sobering effect upon the truculent labor leaders, intoxicated with their sense of political power, is political courage on the part of those who seek to represent the people in legislative and executive office, and a full and fair discussion of such legislation as these labor unions press upon Congress and the legislatures, with bold and earnest opposition when in such legislation unjust immunity is sought and undue privilege is to be created.

ELBERT H. GARY ON THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Ex-Judge Elbert H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the United States Steel Corporation, in his address as President of the American Iron & Steel Institute yesterday, took an optimistic view of the future, in part because of a change in sentiment toward business, which, to him, now seems apparent. His remarks were made at the eighth general session of the Institute, held at the Waldorf. "The lack of continuous business prosperity and success in this country for a number of years," said Mr. Gary, "has, in part, been the direct result of undue, ill-considered, or unjustifiable assaults which have been made by Governmental agencies or by the erroneous and unwise policies of different branches or departments of Governments." "The back of business,"

he declared, "has been badly bent with unnecessary burdens, and in fact has been near the breaking point. There has been an admonition against 'rocking the boat', and we approve of the sentiment; but we submit the business men have not been rocking the boat." Mr. Gary voiced his views in part as follows:

"There has recently been manifested a disposition to blame the business men of the country for not openly and vigorously protesting against influences which were calculated to prevent the natural and reasonable progress of economic effort. Men of prominence and recognized ability have stated in unmeasured terms that it is not only the right but the duty of the business men to boldly and persistently advocate their claims and defend their rights. They have been charged with undue timidity for neglecting to appeal to the sense and fairness of the general public whenever assailed without good cause.

"That there has been some ground for these criticisms will not be doubted; but there is another side to this question. The business man has not been alone in his seeming cowardice. There are others largely responsible for the general conditions, and therefore under obligations to work for the advancement of the public interest, who have been reluctant to express their real convictions. Reference is made to some of the statesmen of prominence and ability, whose disposition for fair play is unquestioned. On occasions when their voices, if heard in legislative halls, would seem to have been influential, they have remained silent.

"There is no intention at this time to modify or minimize anything that has heretofore been said by way of admission that there was need of reform in business methods. On the contrary, the fact should be emphasized that we must be honest and fair in our treatment of all questions submitted to our consideration and decision. But as I have said before more than once, there has been in this country a decided change for better business methods, and, therefore, in the attitude of the general public towards the men in charge of business. There never was any such disregard of the rights of others by business men generally as was frequently charged. It has always been the effort of the large majority to be decent; but all suffered more or less for the misconduct of a few. However, in recent years there has been little cause for complaint; and the general public understands and appreciates these conditions.

"Now the time is come when the business man, even if he represents large interests, may speak frankly and freely about any of the important questions which affect him or those whom he represents. When and while our attitude and conduct are above reproach, others will be willing to heed what we may say concerning any question in which they or we may be interested. Indeed, as heretofore suggested, the leading newspapers of the country have been fair and reasonable in their advocacy of whatever makes for the advancement of the economic conditions of the United States and in their opposition to the efforts of unwise or unthinking or vicious men to the contrary.

"Attention is called to the attitude of Governmental agencies during the last few years toward the business of the country and toward its attempts to develop trade. Has it been wise and judicious? Has it been fair and reasonable? Has it been broad and unbiased, or narrow and prejudicial? Has it been calculated to benefit all citizens alike?

"With the advantages possessed by this country, on account of its location, climate, natural resources and immense wealth, it is not too much to insist that it should have been continuously more prosperous, financially, commercially and industrially, than any other nation on the face of the globe. Capital should have been protected, labor constantly employed at liberal wages, business enterprises encouraged, extensions and improvements continued without interruption, the wealth and population should have increased more rapidly and as a result all the people would have been happier and more contented and more generous towards each other.

"But what can truthfully be said of business conditions in this country during the last ten years? Prosperity has often been interrupted; depressions have been frequent and severe; idleness has been noticeable and its results often distressing. Doubt, misfortune and fear have been prominent in business circles. Capital has been more or less timid and enterprise has hesitated. American investors, and more particularly foreigners with funds for investment, have doubted the value of securities, which under some circumstances, would be considered first-class and have declined to purchase and many have sold those already possessed.

"The opinion is ventured that lack of continuous business prosperity and success in this country for a number of years has in part been the direct result of undue, ill-considered or unjustifiable assaults which have been made by Governmental agencies or by the erroneous and unwise policies of different branches or departments of government. The results have shown to a demonstration that business success has not been fostered or encouraged as it ought to have been; that the vast possibilities of the country for increase in wealth have not been fully utilized. On the contrary, instead of trying to bring about co-operation between the Government and the people in a determined effort to better the conditions of all, there has been, in a substantial degree, an open hostility to business which has paralyzed many of its legitimate efforts.

"Whether or not it is justified, there has been a feeling on the part of a large portion of the people of the United States, and also those of foreign countries, that there has not been a well-defined and persistent policy on the part of the Government to co-operate with and to promote the interests of the business man to the full extent reasonable; and on the contrary, that the policy of some of the Governmental agencies, both national and State, in their effect, at least, have been to interfere with, to delay and obstruct natural progress; to punish and destroy rather than to regulate and encourage.

"The time seems to be opportune, first, to reiterate that the business men throughout the country must give no cause for complaint in the management of their affairs, but must continue to live up to the standards of propriety; and second, to insist that on those conditions the Governments, with all their agencies and influences, shall co-operate with the business interests and aid them in establishing credit, in extending commerce, in increasing capacity, in the development of natural resources, in adding to the comfort of themselves and those with whom they may be connected and for whose welfare they are more or less responsible.

"I will add a few words in regard to present business conditions. As you know, during the last three years I have not been especially encouraged as to the immediate future, but as to the long future I have been a consistent optimist, for reasons which have been given from time to time. Assuredly we may build our hopes and expectations on the opportunities which this country offers. It seems to me at the moment the outlook for improvement in our lines of activity are better than they have been for more than a year. This is undoubtedly in part the result of increased exportations at fair prices, due to the European wars, but in my opinion also because of a change in sentiment toward business, which now seems apparent. The captain of industry is again becoming popular in the United States, and this has been brought about by the efforts of business

men to satisfy the public in regard to the reasonable demands. The individual or aggregation of individuals, or the nation, whose standard of conduct conforms to the golden rule, will, on the average, secure the largest pecuniary success.

"The clouds of distress, suspicion and hostility are breaking. In the rift we may see the sunlight of better things and better conditions."

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION TO HOLD HEARINGS IN NEW YORK AND BOSTON NEXT WEEK.

The Federal Trade Commission has arranged to hold foreign trade hearings in New York and Boston next week. The Boston hearings will take place June 1 and 2 and those in New York will be held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. An announcement concerning the nature of these hearings, made on the 26th inst., said:

The Federal Trade Commission has announced that it cannot prepare a formal program, by topics, for the hearings on foreign trade in Boston and New York next week until its arrival in those cities. This is deemed best because these hearings will be in the nature of conferences between the Commission and the business men as to ways in which the Commission can be helpful in co-operating with the business interests to extend the foreign trade of the United States. Accordingly, it is the desire of the Commission in these preliminary hearings to receive whatever suggestions business men may have to offer. A number of men have been invited to appear before the Commission, and until responses have been received from all these men it would not be possible, in any case, to prepare a formal program. Owing to the nature of the hearings the responses will be used merely to make the necessary general arrangements for the hearings.

One of the important subjects upon which the Commission will desire much information will be the question of co-operation and combination among American business men for the extension of foreign trade. The Commission will, doubtless, find it necessary to give rather extended and very careful consideration to this matter. It is well known that in their efforts to develop foreign markets American exporters meet strong competition from organized manufacturers of other countries. Moreover, under certain circumstances, it is urged that co-operation or combination among American exporters would be highly advantageous in conducting selling campaigns in foreign territory. President Wilson and Chairman Davies have both called attention to the need of giving consideration to the question of permitting combinations among American exporters to facilitate the better marketing of American goods in foreign countries.

In these first preliminary hearings, however, it is not the wish of the Commission that the discussion be restricted to this single topic, but it desires to get the views of business men broadly as to ways in which it can be helpful in connection with foreign trade.

The coming hearings in Boston and New York are the preliminary steps toward a more extended and careful survey of the question of foreign trade which the Commission may be called upon to deal with. In order to develop the subject sufficiently it is probable that other hearings will be held later in other cities, the time and place of which will be announced as they are decided upon.

FIVE PER CENT REBATE ON IMPORTS APPLICABLE TO SHIPS FROM FAVORED NATION COUNTRIES.

The clause in the Tariff Act of Oct. 3 1913, granting a discount of 5% on all duties imported into the United States in American vessels, was upheld by the Court of Customs Appeals at Washington on the 26th inst. At the same time the Court held that all merchandise imported in vessels of nations with which the United States has so-called "favored nation" treaties is entitled to a similar discount. As the United States has favored nation treaties with nearly all important commercial Powers, the effect of the decision, if upheld by the Supreme Court, to which an appeal is expected to be taken, will be to materially reduce the tariff revenues. Approximately \$15,000,000 in duties already collected is required to be refunded under the decision. The intent of the provision has been in dispute ever since the enactment of the Tariff Act of 1913; it stipulates: "That a discount of 5% on all duties imposed by this Act shall be allowed on such goods, wares, and merchandise as shall be imported in vessels admitted to registration under the laws of the United States: *Provided*, that nothing in this subsection shall be so construed as to abrogate or in any manner impair or affect the provisions of any treaty concluded between the United States and any foreign nation." In November 1913 Attorney-General McReynolds expressed it as his view that the provision was inoperative, since in his opinion it was in conflict with existing treaties. Collectors and other customs officers were accordingly instructed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to make no allowance of discount on duties under the provision. A law enacted by Congress at the last session, permitting appeals in cases involving treaty rights, is understood to have been passed especially to meet the conditions in the case. The Customs Court, in its decision of this week, concurs in the findings of the Board of United States General Appraisers so far as it holds that goods imported in vessels of American registry are entitled to the 5% discount; the Board, however, maintained that the proviso did not mean that the discount was to apply to the vessels of nations having favored nation treaties. The decision of the Court of Customs Appeals was handed down by Judge Barber, with Judges Montgomery, Smith and Martin concurring. Judge De Vries, who was a member of the Board of Appraisers before the Court of Customs Appeals was organized, wrote a

dissenting opinion. The majority opinion of the Court is summarized as follows:

(1) That the merchandise involved in these cases, imported in the registered vessels of the United States, is entitled to the 5% discount as held by the Board of United States General Appraisers, whose judgment relating thereto is hereby affirmed.

(2) That as to the merchandise imported in the registered vessels of the said treaty nations, both that which was imported and entered for consumption subsequent to the taking effect of the Tariff Act of 1913, as well as that which was brought to our ports prior thereto and entered in bond for warehousing, subsequently withdrawn for consumption and duties paid, the 5% discount must be allowed, and with respect to such merchandise the judgment of said board is hereby reversed.

(3) That the merchandise imported in vessels of our registry before the Tariff Act of 1913 took effect which was entered in bond for warehousing, subsequently withdrawn and entered for consumption and duties paid, is entitled to the 5% discount thereon, and the judgment of said board with respect thereto is reversed.

(4) That the merchandise from Cuba is entitled to the reduction of 20 per centum ad valorem provided by the Cuban treaty, and the further discount of 5 per centum ad valorem from the amount so ascertained. As to such importations the judgment of said board is affirmed.

In writing the conclusions of the Court, Judge Barber, according to the "Journal of Commerce," said:

We think these treaties are self-executing and that they have been so recognized in each and every one of the tariff statutes passed since their ratification and promulgation by virtue of the proviso to each of the statutes imposing the 10% additional or discriminating duty. We also think, for the purpose of determining the issues here, they were likewise so recognized by the proviso to paragraph J, subsection 7. If this conclusion be unsound, it is also clear to us that the effect of the proviso is to say, if any outstanding treaties, whether the same be self-executing or not, make provision for the assessment of duty upon merchandise imported in the vessels of the treaty nations, which provision would be invaded by the allowance of a 5% discount upon like merchandise imported in our vessels, that there shall be allowed the same discount to the merchandise imported in vessels of the treaty nations. In other words, without reference to the question of whether these treaties are or are not self-executing, the provisions therein for the assessment of duty upon merchandise imported in vessels of the treaty nations is made by statute to control.

In his dissenting opinion Judge De Vries said:

The additional intent being manifested in the provision that this purpose of Congress should not be put into force and effect so long as our treaty obligations stand in the way, I am of the opinion that the statute should be so construed as "will effectuate the legislative intention" when and as soon as possible.

If the gist of these views may be accented in conclusion, it is that the statute in question is an existing law of the land effective in future; that the treaty articles in question are constitutional and even ratified promises addressed to and to be regarded, disregarded, performed or parleyed by the political branches of the Government and not enforced as complete municipal laws of the land.

For these reasons it would seem that the protests of the importers herein are without judicial cognizance and should be dismissed.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS AT THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

The Pan-American Financial Conference at Washington was formally opened on Monday with an address by President Wilson. The gathering, which has for its object a closer trade and financial union of the Americas, has continued its sessions throughout the week. Attended as it has been by Government officials, bankers and business men of South and Central America and the United States, the conference is one of the most notable and important ever held in this country. President Wilson, in greeting the delegates, aptly said we are not "trying to make use of each other, but we are trying to be of use to one another." One of the features of his address which has attracted attention was his reference to the "physical lack of means of communication, the lack of vehicles, the lack of ships, the lack of established routes of trade," and his statement that "if private capital cannot soon enter upon the adventure of establishing these physical means of communication, the Government must undertake to do so." The inference which has been drawn therefrom by some of the papers that the Administration intended to press for passage at the next session of Congress the Ship Purchase Bill has brought from the President a statement to the effect that his remarks were not intended to convey any such meaning. No plan, he said, is under consideration by the Administration for providing ships for overseas trade. At Tuesday's session of the Conference a commission was named to discuss the proposal of Samuel Hale Pearson, delegate from Argentina, that the various countries interested lend their support toward the establishment of shipping facilities, in the event that private capital cannot be enlisted in the matter. The personnel of this commission is indicated in another item, and some of the addresses at the gathering will also be found in this issue under separate headings. President Wilson's opening remarks are given in full herewith:

The part that falls to me this morning is a very simple but a very delightful one. It is to bid you a very hearty welcome indeed to this conference. The welcome is the more hearty because we are so convinced that a conference like this will result in the things that we most desire. I am sure that those who have this conference in charge have already made plain to you its purpose and its spirit. Its purpose is to draw the American republics together by bonds of common interest and of mutual understanding, and we comprehend, I hope, just what the meaning of that is.

There can be no sort of union of interest if there is a purpose of exploitation on the part of any person connected with a great conference of this sort. The basis of successful commercial intercourse is common interest, not self-interest. It is an actual interchange of services and of values. It is based upon reciprocal relations and not selfish relations. It is based upon those things upon which all successful economic intercourse must be based, because selfishness breeds suspicion; suspicion, hostility, and hostility, failure.

We are not, therefore, trying to make use of each other, but we are trying to be of use to one another.

It is very surprising to me, it is even a source of mortification, that a conference like this should have been so long delayed, that it should never have occurred before, that it should have required a crisis of the world to show the Americans how truly they were neighbors to one another. If there is any one happy circumstance, gentlemen, arising out of the present distressing circumstances of the world, it is that it has revealed us to one another; it has shown us what it means to be neighbors. And I cannot help harboring the hope, the very high hope, that by this commingling of minds with one another, as well as commerce in goods, we may show the world in part the path to peace. It would be a very great thing if the Americas could add to the distinction which they already wear, this of showing the way to peace, to permanent peace.

The way to peace for us, at any rate, is manifest. It is the kind of rivalry which does not involve aggression. It is the knowledge that men can be of the greatest service to one another and nations of the greatest service to each other when the jealousy between them is merely a jealousy of excellence, and when the basis of their intercourse is friendship. There is only one way in which we wish to take advantage of you and that is by making better goods, by doing the things that we seek to do for each other better, if we can, than you do them, and so spurring you on, if we might, by so handsome a jealousy as that to excel us.

I am so keenly sure that the basis of personal friendship is this competition in excellence that I am perfectly certain that this is the only basis for the friendship of nations, this handsome rivalry, this rivalry in which there is no dislike; this rivalry in which there is nothing but the hope of a common elevation in great enterprises which we can undertake in common.

There is one thing that stands in our way among others—for you are more conversant with the circumstances than I am; the thing I have chiefly in mind is the physical lack of means of communication—the lack of vehicles, the lack of ships, the lack of established routes of trade—the lack of those things which are absolutely necessary if we are to have true commercial and intimate commercial relations with one another; and I am perfectly clear in my judgment that if private capital cannot soon enter upon the adventure of establishing these physical means of communication, the Government must undertake to do so. We cannot indefinitely stand apart and need each for the lack of what can be easily supplied, and if one instrumentally cannot supply it, then another must be found which will supply it. We cannot know each other unless we see each other; we cannot deal with each other unless we communicate with each other. So soon as we communicate and are upon a familiar footing of intercourse with one another we shall understand one another, and the bonds between the Americas will be such bonds that no influence that the world may produce in the future will ever break them.

If I am selfish for America, I at least hope that my selfishness is enlightened. The selfishness that hurts the other party is not enlightened selfishness. If I were going on a mere ground of selfishness, I would seek to benefit the other party and so tie him to myself; so that even if you were to suspect me of selfishness, I hope you will also suspect me of intelligence and of knowing the only safe way for the establishment of the things which we covet, as well as the establishment of the things which we desire and which we would feel honored if we could earn and win.

I have said these things because they will perhaps enable you to understand how far from formal my welcome to this body is. It is a welcome from the heart, it is a welcome from the head, it is a welcome inspired by what I hope are the highest ambitions for those who live in these two great continents, who seek to set an example to the world in freedom of institutions, freedom of trade and intelligence of mutual service.

REMARKS AT CONFERENCE OF CABINET OFFICERS.

In addition to President Wilson's greetings to the delegates at the Pan-American Financial Conference in Washington on the 24th, Secretary of State William J. Bryan and Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo also delivered addresses of welcome; responses to the speeches of welcome were made by eighteen delegates, each representing one of the republics participating in the conference. Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield and Postmaster-General Burleson also addressed the gathering on the opening day, as did likewise Frank A. Vanderbilt, President of the National City Bank of New York. Continental solidarity of the nations of the Western Hemisphere was the theme dwelt upon by Secretary McAdoo. In part he said:

We are all anxious to achieve practical results. We do not wish this conference to culminate in mere debate. We of the United States earnestly desire that you shall give to us the most complete and authentic information concerning the financial and economic needs of your respective countries and about every problem which you think we may consider to your and our advantage. We realize that each country has its own distinctive problems; that the problems of one country probably do not relate to those of its neighbors; that such problems may concern Governmental or public financing; tariff laws as they affect the United States trade; commercial credits and direct exchange with the United States; ocean transportation, and various other things. Manifestly the specific problems of each country cannot be debated with advantage or benefit in the general sessions of the conference. In order, therefore, to give each country the opportunity of discussing its particular problems with the utmost frankness and freedom, we have adopted the plan of dividing the delegates of the United States into eighteen committees. One of these committees will be assigned to each of the countries represented in the conference. This will bring about a series of group conferences, where the problems of each country may be discussed with a body of representative bankers and business men of the United States who will do their utmost to co-operate in the most effective possible manner with the delegates of the several foreign countries in arriving at tangible and practical results.

Finance and commerce, or trade, march hand in hand. They, in turn, depend upon adequate means of transportation and communication. It is hoped that in the general sessions the delegates from the foreign countries, as well as the bankers and business men of the United States, will discuss these subjects, or any related subjects, in the fullest and frankest manner.

The questions of ocean transportation and improved means of communication are particularly interesting at this time, and a full expression of opinion upon these important phases of the general problem will be of value. Remedies cannot be applied nor the fullest measure of co-operation secured unless complete and authentic information is supplied.

The question of the establishment of branch banks of the United States in the various South and Central American countries, and the establishment by those countries of branch banks in the United States, deserves your earnest attention. Commercial credits and direct exchange, and the facilitation of commercial transactions depend upon the right sort of financial organization. Under our Federal Reserve Act, the national banks of the United States have consolidated and organized their credit resources in such a way that they are, for the first time in the history of this country, prepared to do a large amount of foreign business. They are also, for the first time in our history, authorized by law to establish branches in foreign countries. Already some of our banking institutions have established branches in South and Central America. Under our Federal Reserve Act the Federal Reserve banks themselves may, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, establish agencies in foreign countries. The potentialities of the Federal Reserve Act are not yet fully appreciated, I think, by our own people, but as time goes on its beneficial effects will be more and more felt and more and more realized. We have now the opportunity to become a powerful factor in world finance, not only because of the Federal Reserve Act, to which I have alluded, but because of the strength of our own economic position.

Nothing would so stimulate trade between the Southern republics and the United States and make so certain the investment of United States capital in those countries as laws of substantial uniformity relating to commerce and finance, particularly in such matters as trade marks and patents, consular invoices, bills of lading, regulation of commercial travelers, admission of samples, and many features of the customs laws, bills of exchange, uniform money standard, and various other things it is not necessary to enumerate.

Secretary Redfield in speaking at the conference reverted to the question of transportation, saying:

The nations require better means of transportation. More and better ships are necessary to bring your goods to us and ours to you; aye, to bring you here and take us yonder. It is a vital necessity that if America is to be more closely knit together it should be made as easy and as rapid as possible for us to go and for you to come and for our letters and goods to move frequently and with speed. We are in this country in the humiliating position of doing our foreign trade by the consent of those other peoples who have the ships to carry it. This consent is of course given so long as it is profitable for them to give it. The danger of the situation lies in the fact that our interests may not always be common, and when they diverge they may, if they will, divert the means whereby our commerce lives. So long as they need the things that we produce and can profit by moving them for us, they will of course do it; but if some sterner necessity arose with them they might neither be able nor willing so to do, and then we would suffer. I do not think the people of the United States, when once they realize that it has been by the protection of foreign navies only that we have been able to carry on our foreign commerce in recent months, will be willing long to have it remain so. The question is one for which we are earnestly seeking a solution, and contributions that can be made to sober and to progressive thought upon the subject will be welcome to us from whence-ever they may come.

Postmaster-General Burleson told the delegates at the afternoon session he believed the relations between the United States and the Southern American republics could be advanced by the initiation of domestic postage rates to those countries, and by development of international parcel post. He also told the delegates that lack of transportation facilities, inadequate banking arrangements and the fact that the United States did not have conventions for the exchange of money orders with all those nations explained the lack of closer relations. He made a plea for the establishment of direct exchange and the development of transportation either by Government or private citizens.

PAUL M. WARBURG ADVISES AMERICAN NATIONS TO PUT GREATER RELIANCE UPON THEIR OWN RESOURCES.

The chief lesson which all American nations will have to learn as a result of the experience developed by the war is, according to Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, that it is unwise for the world to place its financial dependence upon any single nation, and that those who can afford to do so should adopt a policy of greater reliance upon their own resources. Mr. Warburg's remarks were addressed to the Pan-American Conference at Tuesday's session, and were as follows:

In August 1914 six European Powers went to war. The anomalous consequence of this event was that all American nations were thrown into a condition of acute financial and commercial disturbance.

Would it have been possible to avoid so disastrous an effect upon nations not directly involved in this struggle and thousands of miles removed from the seat of battle? And, furthermore, by what means may we hope to prevent, in the future, the recurrence of such fatal conditions?

These questions are deserving of the most serious consideration by this conference. The problem affects us all. We have all, whether in the northern, central or southern division of the Western Hemisphere, suffered together. It is of the most vital importance that, if at all possible, a proper remedy be found.

Our sufferings originated in disturbances of three kinds—of shipping of trade and of credit.

These three phases of our economic life are so closely inter-related that a breakdown of one immediately affects the other. A collapse of credit must interrupt trade, and, therefore shipping. On the other hand, disruption of shipping and trade necessarily disorganizes credit, crippling, as it does, the banking machinery, which rests on the fulfillment of contracts, remittances and payments based on commercial transactions.

When, in the face of untoward events, actual experience affords a definite standard by which to judge cause and effect, it seems easy, and often

gratuitous, for the critic to state what steps should have been taken. Retrospect is easier than forecast! Still, it is only by such analysis that we may hope to avoid similar mistakes in the future.

Reviewing, then, last summer's events upon these assumptions, we may say that disruption of shipping, trade and credit in the countries of this hemisphere might have been less disastrous if, instead of relying exclusively upon Europe for their shipping and credit facilities, the American nations had begun in time to develop and organize their own large resources.

It is not within the purview of this address to elaborate the most interesting and important question, what American nations might have done in the past or what there should do in the future in order to secure their own transportation facilities independent of those of others. Confining ourselves to the subject of credit and banking, we may say with confidence that had the United States enacted and put into operation three years ago its Federal Reserve System, not only could our country have weathered the storm without such far-reaching disturbances but we should have been in position to save our American sister republics much loss and inconvenience.

In order to make this point clear, it may be profitable to summarize briefly last year's events as now a chapter of the world's financial history. When the war began England occupied a most advantageous strategic financial position. She had been acting as the banker of the entire world, particularly by her system of acceptance credits, thus financing a vast majority of transactions involving the importations and exportation of goods between nations. The Hindoo, the Chinaman, the Japanese, the Australian, the African from Cape Colony to Egypt, the Canadian, the South American, the citizen of the United States and those of a large number of the European States, all had used the English credit market.

But, when the war broke out, all countries were suddenly called upon to pay their debts and to finance their trade from that time forward wherever they could do it to their best advantage. The consequence of this situation was that England found herself in the position of a credit in calling upon the entire world for the payment of debts due at a time when shipping and trade were disorganized. It was, therefore, impossible within the short time granted for such payment to liquidate obligations by the shipment of merchandise, even though it had been previously sold under contract. At the same time a British debt to foreign countries was shielded by a moratorium, so that the foreigner who happened to be in debt to England, yet unable to collect there any sums due him, found himself able to settle his own debts to that country only by buying sterling remittances at most exorbitant prices or by shipping actual gold. British stock exchanges had been closed, and even those foreign debtors who owned British securities or securities which normally found a market in England, by the sale of which, therefore, they might have created balances with which to pay their debts, found themselves debarred from using these assets for the liquidation of their obligations.

Every country was thrown into confusion. Not one remained sufficiently undisturbed to be able to help the others.

An English writer, now officially connected with the British Exchequer, has written a very able and interesting book wherein he sums up the condition then created as follows:

London was so strong that it did not know how strong it was. Consequently, being a little flustered by the suddenness of the outbreak of the war, on a scale that mankind had never seen before, it made the mistake of asking its debtors to repay it, not the thousands of millions that it had lent in the form of permanent investment, but the comparatively trifling amount—perhaps 150 or 200 millions (pounds sterling)—that it had lent in the shape of bills of exchange drawn on it, and other forms of short credits. Thereby it put the rest of the economically civilized world, for the time being, into the bankruptcy court, and so, finding that none of its debtors could pay, it thought itself obliged to ask for time from its own creditors at home.

It is not for us to criticize England for having acted in the premises from a merely selfish point of view. This may well have been her duty. Her vital interests were at stake, and in view of the great catastrophe which she had to face, it was necessary that she should muster from all parts of the world, not only her military but also her financial reserves. Nor is much to be gained by insisting, with the British authority already cited, that some of the drastic measures which England found it necessary to take, and even her moratorium, might have been avoided if, immediately upon the beginning of the disturbance, she had been adequately prepared to issue without hesitation an ample supply of emergency currency.

We must not blame England; we must blame ourselves for having carelessly placed ourselves in this economically dangerous position.

Without venturing to analyze the problems of other countries, we may say with reference to the United States that the responsibility for having been caught tied hand and foot when the crash came is in two respects our own. As already stated, we should several years ago have reorganized our financial system so as to keep our gold under our own control and so as to enable us to finance with our own resources our import and export transactions. We should, furthermore, have avoided borrowing abroad when we could have financed our requirements at home, even though foreign aid was had at a slight advantage in rate.

The chief lesson, however, which all American nations will have to learn from last year's experience is that it is unwise for the world to place its financial dependence upon any single nation; and, that those who can afford to do so, as for instance, the United States, should from this time on adopt a policy of greater reliance upon their own resources. Those countries which cannot rely exclusively upon their own resources should adopt a policy of dividing the risks of financial dependence as evenly and widely as they possibly can.

Financial dependence expresses itself in two ways: First, in the short-term credit granted to individuals, and, second, in the long-term and corporate credit, particularly that granted to governments.

Dealing first with the problem of individual credits, the United States may be profoundly grateful that just at this time its new banking system has been established. The day of the opening of our Federal Reserve banks will mark the advent of our financial independence. We are now able to finance our own imports and exports by the use of American acceptances. More than that, we are in a position to finance the trade of other nations and to play, in this respect, the part of an international banker that has heretofore been played almost exclusively by England. While it is true that Germany and France, during the past generation, have begun to finance a large portion of their own trade by acceptances of their own banks, the bulk of the business has heretofore been handled by England. There is no doubt that, upon the establishment of peace, there will be a tendency on the part of many nations to emancipate themselves in this respect; and we may add, with profound conviction, that it is precisely in this field that the United States will be destined to play an important future role.

We realize, of course, that it will be an arduous task to procure for our American acceptances the same standing in world markets as is now enjoyed by those of nations that have been in the field for generations past. Their commercial and financial relations are well established, and bankers in foreign countries are more familiar with the names of European than of American acceptors. Moreover, the avenues that lead toward European establishments for the sale or discount of acceptances are clearly

mapped out and at present of reader access than the new paths leading to those of the United States. It is difficult to change well established banking habits. We are well aware, therefore, of the fact that it will be necessary for this country to render the utmost possible assistance in order to facilitate a development so eminently desirable for the future protection of these large continents. This can be done in several ways:

First, by the readiness of our banks and bankers to enter this new field in a spirit of liberality and patriotism. They must be thoroughly imbued with the thought that it is necessary for the financial independence of their country and for the security of our American sister republics that import and export transactions touching this country should in the future be financed by ourselves.

It may be opportune to point out in this connection that the Federal Reserve Act gives ample powers for the development of this business. Member banks may accept and Federal Reserve banks may discount bills arising out of transactions based upon the "importation or exportation" of goods. The Federal Reserve Board has been advised by its counsel that the words "importation" and "exportation" as used in this connection need not be construed as confining these transactions to importations or exportations into or from the United States, but that these transactions may also cover shipments between foreign countries. We shall be in position, therefore, to serve as bankers for our American sister republics, not only in their trade with us, but even in their trade with others.

In order to develop this new avenue of American banking, we need not even draw upon the means heretofore employed for the financing of our own problems. The United States has a gold stock amounting to the phenomenal sum of about \$1,890,000,000, of which, so far, only \$300,000,000 in round figures have been concentrated in the Federal Reserve banks. The Federal Reserve banks need only continue the process just begun, of substituting Federal Reserve notes for the gold and gold certificates now in circulation, in order to gain control of a vast additional financial power which now lies idle. We may confidently expect, therefore, to find ample means to handle this business by the simple process of perfecting our organization and assembling our idle gold.

But, in order to compete successfully in foreign markets, we must have not only banks and bankers of undoubted standing, able and willing to undertake these acceptance transactions, but also discount rates that compare favorably with those of competing nations.

The fact that, within a few months, our banks have been able to accept in the aggregate an amount reported to be in excess of \$120,000,000, permits the conclusion that we have begun on a proper basis and with success. But the test will come when peace shall have been restored and when we shall have to make special efforts to maintain and strengthen our position. It will be one of the functions of the Federal Reserve banks to assist in the establishment of discount rates for these acceptances low enough to render them effective in securing business.

There is one other signal service that Federal Reserve banks can render in this respect; that is, to facilitate the quotation of so-called "forward rates." A bank in a foreign country, when buying a dollar acceptance, must be assured of the rate at which the bill will be discounted when it reaches our country. On this rate, it will largely depend whether the foreign shipper will use his European or his American credit facilities. The Federal Reserve banks are fully alive to the importance of this question, and I may state on behalf of some of the largest of these banks that they will be prepared to give the greatest possible assistance by adopting a liberal policy in quoting such forward discount rates, good for a certain date or for delivery upon the arrival of mail by a given steamer.

The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks have not yet reached any conclusions as to the most efficient method of fixing and transmitting these rates, whether they should be announced locally only at the office of a Federal Reserve bank or whether it would be helpful to cable them to the main banking centres in foreign countries. It is hoped that both our guests and other bankers will consider the matter and give us the benefit of their suggestions.

The Federal Reserve Act, for the first time since the establishment of our national banking system, enabled national banks to open branches in foreign countries. Important branches have already been opened and others are soon to follow. It is hoped that the law may be amended in the near future so as to still further facilitate the establishment of such branches. It is generally felt that these direct connections with foreign countries will tend towards the development of better knowledge and understanding of local conditions and problems and the greater intimacy necessary for the development of cordial and mutually satisfactory business relations.

The vast powers of the Federal Reserve banks will enable them to play a most important part, and they will do all they can to assist in facilitating the growth of a truly American banking system, ramifying throughout our entire hemisphere.

The policy thus outlined as applicable to individual transactions should also apply to corporate and Government financing. It is a source of weakness when a nation depends too largely on one single or several closely inter-related, foreign markets, no matter how attractive may be the terms upon which its obligations may be placed there. For, as experience has shown, such securities can be thrown back upon their makers at a time when it is least convenient. If, during a critical period, one single market or group of markets becomes unavailable, while obligations of a debtor country mature or requirements must imperatively be met, the debtor country finds itself in a most precarious condition.

It is true that one country cannot prevent another from buying its securities, nor would it be advisable hermetically to seal one stock exchange against securities quoted on another for fear that a closing of the one might otherwise force the closing of the other. The advantage of free international interchange is such in peace that we must be willing to bear the disadvantages resulting therefrom in time of war. But every country, in order to be safe, must be prepared for such an eventuality. The financial structure of a country consists of three main parts: funded long-term securities and the organization for marketing them, viz.: the stock exchange; individual short-term credits and the organization for marketing them, viz.: the discount market and the deposit banks; and, finally, the note issuing reserve banks. Every country must be prepared, in grave emergencies, to see the first of these three organs crippled and the stock exchange closed, but there must be such provision that the business of the country shall in that case be carried on by the other two units. In that respect, last August found us still unprepared. The fact that our stock exchange loans became unavailable crippled us. Our Federal Reserve system has since been opened, our organization is now established and any future catastrophe will find us well equipped.

There is no doubt, however, of the vulnerability of any country if too large a volume of its securities be held in one other country. It is certain that the United States will be in a safer condition if, in the future, when placing the securities to be issued for the development of our own properties, we rely to a larger extent than in the past upon our own markets. It is important to state this principle emphatically, even though for the next few years to come it be not likely that Europe could act as a large purchaser of our securities, owing to the stupendous amount of bonds issued by the various European governments, the extraordinary inflation of currency

existing in almost every part of Europe, and the appalling loss of property suffered by those countries. Indeed, it may well be expected that, from now on, the United States will not only have to rely largely upon its own resources for its internal development, but that we shall be called upon to provide means for absorbing the securities previously placed in Europe but now returned to us.

It is impossible to predict how far the death struggle now going on in Europe must proceed before an end is reached, and we cannot, therefore, form any estimate of the extent of the destruction of property and prosperity. But, even at this juncture, it must be apparent to every student of the problem that borrowing nations will have to husband their resources and move slowly in the further development of their capacities until the power of some of these warring nations to save shall have recuperated and European money shall again freely seek opportunities for investment abroad. Upon the degree to which destruction continues will depend the role we eventually shall have to play, not only with respect to our own affairs, but with respect to those of others. No doubt there will be a strong desire on the part of other countries, and particularly of the American nations, to ask of the bankers of the United States Governmental and corporate credits.

Some large foreign loans aggregating more than \$200,000,000 have been recently placed as a beginning. Our country will be prepared to render very substantial service in this respect. But we must bear in mind that, in order to create a broad market for bonds of foreign nations, it is not sufficient that our bankers alone be familiar with these countries. It is necessary that the investor, from his own knowledge have confidence and a sympathetic understanding concerning the borrowing country's conditions. In other words, in order to open a wide market for foreign securities, there must be intimate business relations with the countries which offer such securities for investment. The belief is often expressed that foreign loans create foreign business relations. This is true, but it can be said with equal force that foreign business relations are conducive to the conclusion of foreign loans. I may state with confidence that the United States will prove a strong market, growing in importance from year to year, for the loans of those foreign countries with which we entertain intimate business relations.

Europe has done much in developing both the northern and the southern parts of this hemisphere. European banks and bankers have been our staunch and loyal friends in the past. It would be unbecoming in us, and disloyal at the same time, were we to forget this or to attempt to profit by their misfortunes. But our own growth and development, and the unhappy fate that has overcome Europe, have combined to bring us to a momentous turning point in our economic history. Our own steadily increasing weight and Europe's relatively weakened condition mean that the new world must in the future lean less heavily on the old.

There is no difference of conservative opinion that the United States does not aspire now to take the place of Europe's leading financial powers. Our own field of operation is still too vast to enable us, or to render it even desirable for us, to become the world's bankers at this stage of our own development. But the safety of all countries—and we include England among their number—demands that if again the latter should find herself forced to call upon her debtors for instant payment, there should be at least one country strong and independent enough to shoulder a substantial portion of the burden.

The development of all American nations lies in the same direction, though there will be a difference in degree. It must be the aim of the United States from now on to move rapidly toward entire financial independence. It must be the aim of her sister republics so to divide the credits needed for their further development that the temporary breakdown of one creditor country will not seriously embarrass them. They will enjoy the greatest degree of safety in this respect if their creditor nations are geographically, politically and economically separated from one another as far as possible. So that in case one should become involved, the other may be expected to remain unaffected thereby. Though in normal time set closely connected with Europe, the American continents ought to be so organized as to form a distinct unit in times of emergency—a union whose transportation and credit systems will remain unbroken even though all Europe should go to war.

An American union of this kind will prove of the greatest economic advantage for all nations concerned. If such a union be thought desirable, it must, however, be forged and riveted every day of the year. If it is to stand the test of time and stress it must be a structure of gradual growth, carefully planned and consistently developed and built upon a safe foundation.

MORTIMER L. SCHIFF'S PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING FOREIGN ENTERPRISES.

In pointing out some of the more important requisites necessary to make the securities of South and Central America suitable for our markets, the suggestion was advanced by Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, that in financing productive enterprises in foreign countries the most acceptable form of security is a bond, having a direct lien upon the enterprise itself, and guaranteed by endorsement by the Government, rather than a direct Government obligation. While recognizing the disinclination on the part of many governments to pledge specific security, Mr. Schiff stated that he firmly believed that by doing so and making the bonds to be issued primarily the obligation of the enterprise for whose purposes the proceeds are to be used, the best results can be accomplished and the best market be secured. Mr. Schiff's remarks were made at Tuesday's session of the Pan-American Financial Conference. In addressing the gathering, he said in part:

International finance from the standpoint of the banker may be roughly divided into three classes:

- (1) Government loans, including those to States and municipalities.
- (2) Obligations and shares of transportation, industrial and public service corporations.
- (3) Commercial credits and generally the financing of purchases and sales of goods and commodities.

My training and experience have been primarily along the lines of Government and corporation finance, and I shall, therefore, discuss rather those features of our relationship. I shall not attempt to go into any detailed description of how such financing should be done, as I assume that all of you are well informed as to this. I shall only try to point out some of the more important requisites necessary to make your securities suitable for our markets, and in that connection call to your attention some of the diffi-

cilities with which bankers and issuing houses have to contend and some of the problems which they have to solve. Every country has its own methods of doing business and ours differs in some particulars from those to which you may have been accustomed in London, Paris and Berlin. Our method of distributing and handling securities is not the same as that in use abroad, and this must be borne in mind in determining the type of security and the basis on which it is to be placed. I do not say our methods are better, but they are different, and as a result a security which under normal conditions might find a ready European market might be very difficult to deal with here.

To take up, first, the matter of Government finance, it is very important that the investor should be assured that the borrowing country is economically administered, that in its annual budget, income and expenditures balance, and that the proceeds of any loan wanted are to be used for productive purposes. From the point of view of the investor, dreadnoughts and rifles are not good security. It seems to me that a country should provide out of its own budget through taxation of its own people or by internal loans provided by them for all that might be called its non-productive expenditures, and that it should restrict its foreign borrowing to purposes, such as public works, railroads, irrigation, &c., as may be self-supporting.

I would also venture to suggest that in financing productive enterprises in foreign countries, the most acceptable form of security is a bond, having a direct lien upon the enterprise itself and guaranteed by endorsement by the government, rather than a direct government obligation. I well know the disinclination on the part of many governments to pledge specific security, but I firmly believe that by doing so and making the bonds to be issued primarily the obligation of the enterprise for whose purposes the proceeds are to be used, the best results can be accomplished and the best market be secured. This is, of course, based on the proposition that governments should be administered, like large corporate enterprises, in a business-like manner, and that public works are undertaken, not for political purposes, but because they are needed by the country and will yield a proper return. Where, however, it is not feasible to issue such a guaranteed obligation and a direct obligation of a government is, for one reason or another, the type of bond selected, a definite pledge for the service of the loan of all or a portion of some definite form of governmental revenue will always prove of advantage. This may not always be necessary, and I can well understand that governments dislike doing this, but with countries still in course of development and dependent on foreign financial assistance, the investor seems to feel that he has the right to expect that some definite security be given. While at the start it may be necessary to do this, to open markets and inspire confidence, if in the course of time the record of the borrower justifies it, the normal course of development may permit the placing of loans not specifically secured. Our public has never taken kindly to debentures or other unsecured obligations and has become accustomed to mortgage security. If, therefore, it is desired to interest the American public in foreign securities, it is important that in every instance, where feasible, mortgage security should be given. From this it follows that the laws in foreign countries where these securities are domiciled must be such as to give full protection to the foreign lender, so that, in case of need, he can proceed without difficulty to foreclose upon the property on which he has a lien. Any difficulties in the laws as to this will militate very much against the possibility of placing such securities. Loans to be placed in this country should also if possible bear a definite relation to trade with this country, and the proceeds should be used for such purposes as will best further this. Our investors will give a much more favorable reception to a loan which they feel stimulates our trade than to one issued for purely internal needs of the borrowing nation. The exact form of the obligation is a matter which must be dealt with in each particular instance, and no general rule can be laid down as to this, as it depends almost exclusively upon conditions existing at the time of the negotiation. At certain times a short-term note is the only feasible type, while at others a long-time or a serial bond can be sold to good advantage. As a general proposition, however, it seems to me that short-term securities should be avoided, if it is at all feasible, even if by doing so the borrowing government is obligated to what may seem to be a high rate of interest for a longer period of time. If conditions should change and money be procurable at materially lower rates, advantage can be taken of the redemption provision, which should be embodied in every long-time bond, but, as a matter of fact, experience has shown that, as a rule, there is no economy in short-time borrowing, to say nothing of the danger of running up a considerable debt with an early maturity. For the same reason, a sinking fund should also be provided, if in any way possible, to reduce the amount which must be eventually re-financed. If is, of course, of the greatest importance that such type of security be selected as the issuing houses can unqualifiedly endorse. On the other hand, the issuing houses must co-operate in making the securities of such character as to render it certain that the borrowing nation can surely and punctually meet the engagements it undertakes. A security, even if successfully issued, whose terms are too onerous upon the borrower, is not the proper one to offer to our public, and if, as a result, defaults should occur, the effect may be disastrous upon further placing of foreign loans.

In conclusion, may I point out that it must not be assumed, because a number of foreign loans has recently been placed here, that this country has suddenly become a world market, and is in a position to replace the European markets, upon which you have heretofore, to a great extent, been dependent. It is true that, owing to the war and the great—likely temporary—abundance of money, we have for the time being become the only open financial market, and that, as a result, it has been possible to place some foreign loans here. This has been, however, to a considerable extent, forced placing and the investor has had to be tempted by very high rates of interest. This has held true of European, as well as of South American loans. The better knowledge of this class of securities is, however, steadily growing, and I think we are justified in the expectation that in time we can build up a real clientele for this type of loans. When once the investor is convinced of the safety of many classes of foreign securities, it should become feasible to place such loans on their own merits, and on a basis comparable to our own securities of similar character. This cannot be artificially hastened, and if the normal development is allowed to take place, without too much pressure being brought to hurry or to foster it on an artificial basis, we may look forward with confidence to a sound development of our investment market for foreign and in particular for South American securities. The only relationship that can be lasting and satisfactory is one which is based on mutual understanding and good-will, and if that is once firmly established, the development is bound to be along proper and effective lines. On the other hand, just as the credit of a number of our own enterprises has been seriously damaged through serious mistakes, with a resultant effect on many of our securities, so will irreparable damage be done to the possibility of financing your requirements here if great care be not taken in the quality of the securities which may be placed with the American investors. It takes years and every precaution to establish confidence, but it may be destroyed in a moment. You must also continually bear in mind that investors in this country are still timid as to foreign investments, and have not yet fully learned how to discriminate. They now rely to a great extent upon their confidence in the judgment and standing of the issuing houses, but finally the public itself learns to differ-

entiate between the good and the bad and it is only by a record of solvency and proper managements and administration that its approval can be secured. In order to establish this understanding and discernment by our public, our respective countries must become better acquainted, and in this lies the great value of a conference like the present one. It is a direct indication to our people that both you and we are desirous to know each other better and cement and enlarge our relations with each other. Ours is the greatest hemisphere, and we have no conflicting interests. Our aims and ideals are to a great extent the same, and I, for one, feel confident that if together and in harmony we pursue these steadfastly, we can mutually look forward to a future bright with promise.

PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A PAN-AMERICAN FINANCE COMMISSION.

A plan for the organization of a Pan-American Finance Commission, to advise and assist in the fiscal development of the various countries of the Pan-American Union, was submitted to the Pan-American Financial Congress on Wednesday by Edmund D. Fisher, Deputy Comptroller of the City of New York. Mr. Fisher outlined his proposal as follows:

The Pan-American Finance Commission shall consist of seven members of recognized experience in banking or finance, who shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Union, and whose duty in general shall be to advise and assist in the solution of the fiscal and monetary problems of the various nations of the Pan-American Union. Each member shall serve for ten years, unless removed for cause to be stated in a communication sent to the President of the country of which he is a citizen. His successor shall be appointed in the manner herein provided and shall serve the balance of the term. The Commission shall ordinarily sit and have its headquarters in the building of the Pan-American Union in Washington, but may give hearings and conduct investigations in such cities of North and South America as may be necessary in the conduct and development of its work.

The Board of Directors of the Pan-American Union, after consultation with the Federal Reserve Board of the United States, shall outline a tentative budget of annual expenses of the Commission, including provision for such salaries for its members as will command men of the class as herein provided, compensation for the members of an expert staff and for necessary traveling and office expenses. Each member of the Union assenting to the general plan shall agree to share in the aggregate annual expenses in such proportion, and in such manner as it now shares expenses for the maintenance of the Pan-American Union. The plan shall be effective and binding upon each assenting member for the period of ten years following the formal organization of the Commission.

The Commission shall be organized upon the call of the Director-General of the Pan-American Union. The Commission shall formulate its own by-laws and shall elect from its own membership a President and Treasurer. Its accounts shall be audited at least annually in such manner as may be provided by the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Union.

The specific duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

1. To advise and assist in the fiscal development of the various countries of the Pan-American Union, securing data necessary, and making suggestions in relation to the stabilization of national credit, particularly the payment or re-adjustment of currency debt.

2. To provide, to the extent that may be found practicable, a standard plan for the development of banking and monetary systems for the various countries in the Pan-American Union and the establishment of a uniform currency. Such currency shall be developed by and follow the requirements of trade. Such currency shall be supported by a gold reserve, or an equivalent available credit, in conjunction with a subsidiary coinage based upon an appropriate relation to the requirements of the people.

3. The Commission shall particularly devote itself to investigating and collecting information which would justify individuals, corporations or syndicates in granting loans from time to time for the purpose of making effective the plan herein provided as well as for other purposes.

The plan for the establishment of the Pan-American Finance Commission shall be submitted to the several countries by the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Union, and shall be effective and binding upon each member for the period of ten years after the organization of the Commission, upon the assent and subscription to the plan by at least fifteen members.

Note.—Even if a member of the Pan-American Union, such as the United States, may be regarded as having fiscal, monetary and banking stability, yet its interest in the development of similar principles among sister nations would justify it in bearing its proportionate share of the annual expenses of the Commission.

Growth of domestic commerce in each country is vitally important to the growth and development of its foreign trade. Nothing will more successfully promote such a development than a sound internal banking and currency system. No country can be said to have such a system where there are constant fluctuations in the value of its medium of exchange.

FINAL HEARINGS OF FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

The Federal Commission on Industrial Relations brought its hearings to a close on Thursday; the final hearings were held in Washington. The Commission will meet again in executive session in Chicago next week to plan the drafting of its final report to Congress. John D. Rockefeller Jr. and others identified with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., were on the stand during the closing days of the hearings; the labor situation in Porto Rico was also considered at this week's session. Mr. Rockefeller, who, as stated in our issue of Saturday last, appeared before the Commission on Thursday and Friday of last week, was finally excused as a witness on Saturday, the 22d. Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the Commission, in his final questioning of Mr. Rockefeller, continued in his endeavor to place responsibility for conditions in Colorado upon Mr. Rockefeller, and his father. According to the "Tribune"—

Commissioner Weinstock read into the record a statement summarizing his views of what had been developed in the investigation of the Colorado strike. He was able, he said, to reduce the charges of the strikers to three main propositions, divided as follows: First, that the strikers could not get hearings before the operators; second, that the machinery of the civil govern-

ment was in the hands of the operators; third, that the operators committed the first violence, and that, therefore, all consequent violence was of a defensive nature.

The Commissioner said that he had entered into the investigation with an open mind, but that he had found the testimony on both sides so influenced by bias and hatred that he had been unable to decide as to the responsibility for the Colorado conditions. He then asked Mr. Rockefeller to answer the three charges in turn.

To the first, Mr. Rockefeller stated that at the very outbreak of the strike three delegates of the miners and three representatives of the operators had met in the Governor's office and that the Government had made a proposition to both sides which had been rejected by the miners. To the second charge, he pointed out that the results of last fall's election in Colorado conclusively proved that the people and not the operators controlled the government. In answering the third charge he declared that the first man killed was a mine marshal who tried to prevent some Greek strikers from tearing down a bridge.

This week's hearing was marked by clashes between Chairman Walsh and W. L. Mackenzie King, director of the Industrial Relations Department of the Rockefeller Foundation, and formerly Canadian Minister of Labor. During the course of his examination on Monday Mr. King took occasion to criticize the methods of Chairman Walsh, declaring that he had seen "witness after witness on the stand here treated in a manner that was anything but fair; in the name of labor", he added, "I protest against the way this hearing has been conducted". When questioned by Mr. Walsh as to whether he did not like the way investigations are conducted in this country Mr. King stated that he did not like the way "this hearing has been conducted." The direct question as to whether he did not like "this Commission's conduct of the hearings" brought from Mr. King the response "I do not like the way you, Mr. Chairman, have conducted the examination of witnesses," and he admitted that he exonerated the rest of the Commission. "Is your objection to the examination," asked the Chairman, "based upon your observation of the examination of John D. Rockefeller Jr., and is it caused in part by the statement you heard a witness make here that he was guilty of high treason and should be punished?" Mr. King said he spoke only of the general examination of all witnesses. He was questioned at length about his services to John D. Rockefeller Jr., and to the Foundation. His outburst against Chairman Walsh came in the midst of questioning regarding a plan suggested by him to Mr. Rockefeller for dealing with the situation in the Colorado coal fields. The Chairman sought to show that the plan would have eliminated union representation on Boards of Conference between employers and the miners. Mr. King objected strenuously to any inference that he was unfriendly to organized labor. Another clash between Mr. King and Mr. Walsh came on Tuesday, when the former was again on the stand. Chairman Walsh questioned King as to his investigations in Colorado, but the witness insisted that his investigations were confidential and he could not make public any of his information. He insisted he had seen representatives of both sides of the Colorado struggle in his effort to be absolutely fair. Mr. King later stated that he could definitely fix responsibility for the Colorado strike and that he expected to report his findings where they would have the best effect. He suggested that he should like to give his recommendations privately to Chairman Walsh.

L. M. Bowers, former Treasurer of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. and now a member of the personal staff of John D. Rockefeller Jr., was examined by the Commission on Monday; Ivy L. Lee, also of the personal staff of John D. Rockefeller Jr., in charge of publicity work, testified before the Commission on Tuesday. The New York "Sun" reports that Mr. Lee's examination disclosed the fact "that John D. Rockefeller Sr., was invited to finance the 'Nation's Business', the official publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and that after he had investigated the matter he pronounced it 'impracticable.' The invitation involved a loan from Mr. Rockefeller to the newspaper of \$250,000, to be repaid as soon as the paper was on its feet." The "Sun" states that Mr. Lee "told the Commission that it was expressly stipulated on behalf of Mr. Rockefeller that the fullest publicity was to be given to the matter if Mr. Rockefeller embarked in the enterprise. Mr. Lee said he was convinced the plan would not have put the publication on a paying basis and that John H. Fahey, now President of the Chamber, agreed with him."

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, was one of the witnesses on the concluding day of the hearings. Mr. Gompers, who had previously been given a hearing by the Commission, was recalled to the stand to give him an opportunity to reply to various witnesses who criticised his actions and the Federation. He recited his

experiences as a "victim of attempts to restrict the rights of free speech and free press," and reviewed his difficulties in the Federal courts regarding injunctions and contempt. Mr. Gompers took issue with Daniel Davenport, counsel for the American Anti-Boycott Association, and other witnesses who held that the Clayton Anti-Trust Act did not improve the position of labor before the courts. He presented a paper written by Ex-Attorney-General Wickersham, holding that the Danbury Hatters' case could not have been decided against the union men if the Clayton Act had been in force.

"The Clayton Act," Mr. Gompers said, "takes the voluntary associations of workers out from under the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law where they were placed by misrepresentation of that law by the courts. The Act declares and makes good the declaration that 'labor is not a commodity or an article of commerce.' It is a charter of industrial freedom."

Referring to the case of the McNamaras, and the Federation's course in defending them, Mr. Gompers stated that its action was prompted by the thought that they were innocent of the charges in the Los Angeles dynamite case. He said: "When they pleaded guilty we had no other course than to believe them. American workmen contributed and not only workmen, but many others, because the American people did not believe it was in the heart of human beings to commit such a crime as was attributed to those men."

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST CHAIRMAN WALSH.

Charges alleging that Chairman Walsh of the Industrial Relations Commission has conducted himself in a manner unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in the examination of witnesses were filed with President Wilson by Brainard H. Warner, a Washington business man, on Thursday. While Mr. Warner has declined to make the charges public, they are said to relate particularly to Chairman Walsh's attitude toward John D. Rockefeller Jr. and W. L. Mackenzie King. Mr. Warner has retained Charles A. Douglas as his attorney to press the charges.

SIR EDGAR SPEYER NOT TO BE RELIEVED OF HONORS.

Premier Asquith has written a letter to Sir Edgar Speyer, of the banking house of Speyer Bros. of London, who, as stated in these columns last week, asked for the acceptance of his resignation as a Privy Councillor and the revocation of his baronetcy, in which he says that Sir Edgar is a victim of injustice and that the King will not relieve him of any marks of distinction. The Prime Minister's letter is as follows:

Dear Sir Edgar.—I can quite understand the sense of injustice and indignation which has prompted your letter to me. I have known you long and well enough to estimate at their true value these baseless and malignant imputations upon your loyalty to the British Crown.

The King is not prepared to take any step such as you suggest in regard to the marks of distinction which you have received in recognition of your public services and philanthropic munificence.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. ASQUITH.

Sir Edgar sailed for New York on the 26th inst. on the American liner Philadelphia.

HATTERS' ORGANIZATION PLEDGES ASSISTANCE IN DANBURY CASE.

While declaring that it will not apply any funds toward satisfying the judgment obtained by D. E. Loewe & Co. of Danbury, Conn., the United Hatters of North America, in a resolution adopted in convention in New York on the 22d inst. pledges its assistance to those of its members affected by the judgment. The resolution provides for an assessment of 1% on the weekly earnings of each member, "to be used and employed by the officers of this organization in such manner as they may deem best for the relief and benefit of said members." The defendants were notified last month by D. E. Loewe & Co. that unless the judgment awarded the firm was paid by May 30, foreclosure proceedings would be instituted against the property of the defendants. The damages awarded the firm were affirmed by the United States Supreme Court in January, but the plaintiffs have delayed proceedings for the collection of the judgment pending the outcome of the convention. The attitude of the convention, as set out in the resolution, was decided upon after consideration of correspondence which passed between John W. Scully, President of the Hatters' organization, and Walter Gordon Merritt, representing the Anti-Boycott Association; the latter, under whose direction the suit had been conducted, offered on the 14th inst. to allow the Hatters to pay the judgment in convenient installments.

The union refused to pay the triple damages allowed under the law, but intimated that it would agree to the damages awarded by the Court, namely \$80,000 and costs. With advices from Mr. Merritt to the effect that the association could not change the amount of damages due the firm, further negotiations were suspended. The resolution adopted at the convention says:

The United Hatters of North America deny the statements of D. E. Loewe & Co., and the attorneys for the anti-boycott society that this organization has agreed with any one to pay the judgment in this case and hereby declares it to be our purpose not to apply any of the funds of the organization nor any funds we may receive for the relief of our members to the payment or satisfaction of this judgment.

But this organization pledges its assistance to the members affected by said judgment, and resolves further that an assessment of 1 per centum on the dollar of the weekly earnings of the members of this organization on and after July 1 be and the same is hereby assessed and levied, to be collected as other assessments are collected, and the money realized therefrom shall constitute a fund to be used and employed by the officers of this organization in such manner as they may deem best for the relief and benefit of said members affected by said judgment; and

Resolved further, That the officers and directors of this organization be and are hereby authorized and directed to appeal to the American Federation of Labor and to labor and other organizations for assistance and contributions to the said fund for the purposes aforesaid.

During the convention, a day or two prior to the adoption of the above, President Scully said:

We do not admit or recognize any legal obligation of the United Hatters whatsoever. We have not now, nor did we ever have, a fund which would be applicable to the payment of such a judgment. If certain of our members in Danbury, Bethel or any other place are in distress, naturally we feel that we should assist them, regardless of how the distress was occasioned.

The judgment against the 186 surviving members of our organization, growing out of what has been termed the Danbury case, now amounts to approximately \$300,000, including interest at 6% for over two years. Our present membership is about 9,000, and to raise that amount among ourselves would be a difficult task. If we do come to the assistance of distressed members it will be by individual effort, and it is possible we will ask our friends throughout the United States, through organized labor, to help us. No action has yet been taken, however, along this line.

I desire also at this time to correct an impression that has apparently gained credence throughout the country, that the defendants in the suit voluntarily pledged their property in payment of the judgment. This is not the case. The property of the 250 members of the organization was attached when the suit was filed.

It is pointed out that Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, at a recent appearance before the House Committee on Appropriations, declared that the Federation would not pay the damages for the Hatters' Union lest such action might encourage more suits of a similar character.

On the 14th inst. suit was begun by the Hatters' organization against Norwalk and Danbury banks and D. E. Loewe & Co. to recover accrued interest on the funds belonging to the Hatters which were attached by the firm when the proceedings were first instituted by Loewe & Co. in 1903. The suits are brought with a view to recovering the accruing interest only, the writs stating that "the plaintiff makes no claim to the money represented by * * * several accounts on deposit in said bank on the date of the attachment aforesaid, and makes no objection to the payment of the money then on deposit to said Loewe & Fuchs under virtue of the judgment aforesaid."

GREAT BRITAIN IN EXPLANATION OF DETAINED SHIPMENTS.

With a view to correcting what the English Government believes to be a misunderstanding of Great Britain's attitude toward American ships and American cargoes in other neutral bottoms detained under the Allies' Order in Council, the Foreign Office at London issued on the 20th an explanatory memorandum. American shippers have been restive under the delay in the settlement for American shipments held up under the Order in Council, and there have been reports that the United States has been considering a note of protest to Great Britain on behalf of the shippers. On the 19th inst. it was announced that Ambassador Page had called on the Foreign Office at least three times within ten days to impress on Sir Edward Grey that American shippers owning cargoes running up to an aggregate of \$20,000,000 were asking Washington to see that Great Britain acted promptly. It was stated at the same time that the British Government had been hard at work the preceding week endeavoring to dispose of every cargo in which Americans were concerned. Approximately twenty cargoes had been taken up by the Prize Court since the 14th, it was announced, and of these twelve had been disposed of by the 19th, the British Government in nearly every instance arranging to buy the cargo and fully reimburse the shippers for seizure.

In the explanatory memorandum issued by the Foreign Office on the 20th it was stated that there were then but three American ships detained in England; the number of neutral vessels carrying American cargoes and at present

held up is 36. This explanation is supplemented by a statement that cotton cargoes, which the Government agreed to purchase under the cotton agreement, have all been bought by the Government, and that actual details concerning the payment only await proof of ownership and papers showing the actual contract price. It is explained that as most of these papers must have come from the United States there will still be some unavoidable delays before the owners of the cotton get their money. The memorandum says:

First.—There are at the present moment three American ships detained in this country. Two of them are cotton ships, which are dealt with below. The third is the steamer Joseph W. Fordney. This vessel, with a cargo of foodstuffs consigned to E. Klingener at Malmo (Sweden), was brought into Kirkwall on April 8. She had been sighted by His Majesty's ships about ten miles from the Norwegian coast and had thereupon endeavored, with the evident desire to evade search, to escape rapidly into Norwegian territorial waters, but without success.

On the vessel's arrival in Kirkwall inquiries were at once addressed to His Majesty's Minister at Stockholm with regard to the consignee of the cargo, and a reply was received to the effect that no person of that name could be identified at Malmo, though there was a person of that name who resided at Gothenburg, and was manager of the Gothenburg branch of Hugo Hartvig, and who had stated that the consignments addressed to him on board the Joseph W. Fordney were intended for storage in Malmo.

Second.—The suspicious conduct of the vessel in endeavoring to elude His Majesty's patrols and the known connections of the consignee of her cargo have tended to confirm other evidence which has come to the knowledge of His Majesty's Government that the foodstuffs were in reality destined for Germany. It was accordingly decided that the cargo must be placed in the Prize Court, and the vessel is at present discharging at Portsmouth, England, on the completion of which operation she will be released. His Majesty's Government feel satisfied that, in the circumstances of this case, undue interference with American interests cannot with reason be imputed to them.

Third.—The number of neutral vessels carrying American cargoes and at present held up is 36. Of these 23 carry cargoes of American cotton. The United States Government are aware that since the enforcement of the blockade measures announced in the supplement to the London "Gazette" of the 12th of March last His Majesty's Government have acted as regards shipments of American cotton in accordance with the provisions of an arrangement arrived at in collaboration with representatives of the American cotton interests. The terms of the arrangements are as follows:

A.—All cotton for which contracts sale and freight engagements already have been made before March 2 is to be allowed free transit or bought at the contract price if stopped; provided the ship sails not later than March 31.

B.—Similar treatment is to be accorded all cotton insured before March 2, provided it is put aboard not later than March 16.

C.—All shipments of cotton claiming the above protection are to be declared before sailing and documents produced and certificates obtained from consular officers or other authorities fixed by the Government.

Fourth.—In accepting this scheme, which it may be noted applies to shipments of cotton for a neutral destination only, the principal representatives of the American cotton interests described it to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington as conceding all that the American interests could properly ask. It was never suggested that vessels or cargoes with an enemy destination should be allowed to proceed. His Majesty's Government were, moreover, given to understand that the provisions of the arrangement were acceptable to the United States Government.

Fifth.—It is intended shortly to furnish a statement showing precisely what cargoes or portions of cargoes His Majesty's Government have dealt with under the above arrangement, and as regards those which they have decided to purchase at the contract price under the terms of paragraph "A" of the arrangement, direct discussions have already been opened with the special representatives of the American parties interested in London.

Sixth.—A considerable portion of the cotton has already been sold, and arrangements are being made for handling over the proceeds to the parties entitled to receive them, as a first installment of the completed transaction. It is obvious that all these arrangements require some time for adjustment. Meanwhile, it is not believed that the original owners can, as appears to be apprehended, be suffering acutely by the delay of full payment. It is to be presumed that in accordance with the customs of trade, the owners draw bills to the value of their goods before or at the time of shipment, and, if such bills have been negotiated in the usual way, it is difficult to understand why the drawers should be put to inconvenience on this account at least before the date when the bills fall due.

Seventh.—On an impartial review of the facts it will, His Majesty's Government feel sure, be admitted that no arbitrary interference with American interests has, in regard to these cargoes, occurred, seeing that His Majesty's Government have acted throughout in conformity with the terms of an arrangement agreeable to the interests concerned, and that United States citizens will suffer no pecuniary loss.

Eighth.—As regards other American cargoes, or portion of cargoes, which have been placed in the prize court, His Majesty's Government resort to this measure in cases where either the goods concerned are contraband or there is evidence that, although ostensibly consigned to a person in neutral countries, they are in reality destined to the enemy in contravention of the rules of blockade. The right to submit such cases to the public investigation of a judicial tribunal is one which His Majesty's Government cannot forego, and they feel convinced that the enlightened opinion in the United States cannot adversely criticize their course of action in this respect.

Ninth.—It is true that a number of these cases have been pending in the prize court for some time. This is notably the case in regard to certain vessels carrying large shipments of meat and lard ostensibly consigned to Scandinavian ports. The United States Government are, however, no doubt aware that much of the delay involved in these instances is due to the fact that the negotiations have been carried on for many weeks with a representative of the principal American meat packers for an arrangement designed to limit importation into neutral countries adjacent to Germany to quantities actually required in those countries for bona fide home consumption. The American meat packers have demanded as a part of the settlement to be agreed upon that His Majesty's Government should buy the cargoes of several ships now held up in the prize court. Hence the delay in bringing these cases to adjudication.

The negotiations for an amicable settlement have, unfortunately, come to a standstill, owing to the exorbitant terms insisted upon by the representative of the American packers. This stage having now been reached His Majesty's Government have decided to go on with the prize court pro-

eedings in these cases, and it is not expected that a decision will be much longer delayed.

Tenth.—It may finally be pointed out that repeated complaint as to injury suffered generally by American trade in consequence of interference due to British naval measures derives little substance from the published American trade returns. A table of figures taken from these returns and showing the amount of recent American trade with Germany and with neutral countries supplying Germany is annexed hereto. It certainly tends to disprove any contention that American trade with neutral countries has recently suffered. It will be seen that whereas American exports to Germany and Austria in February 1915 fell by \$21,500,000, as compared with the same month in 1914, American exports to Scandinavia, Holland and Italy rose by the enormous figure of \$61,100,000.

Eleventh.—Similar figures for the month of March have not yet reached His Majesty's Government, but they have received statistics for that month of the value of exports and imports through New York, as issued by the Collector of the Port, and while pointing out a large increase in the value of exports in 1915, compared with those of 1914, as shown in the tables annexed, they desire especially to call attention to a separate statement indicating the increase in the amount of the exports to Scandinavian and Dutch ports of two commodities only, bacon and lard. These figures show that as against 1,253 boxes of bacon and 9,816 tierces of lard exported to the ports noted in the above countries in March 1914, there were exported in March 1915 32,222 boxes of bacon and 95,676 tierces of lard.

Twelfth.—His Majesty's Government consider that the abnormal increase in supplies imported by neutral countries, as shown in these statistics, alone justifies their assumption as to the ultimate destination of many items in cargoes consigned to one or the other of the countries in question in the vessels which they have detained, but they would call attention to the fact that it is only when they have believed themselves to be in possession of conclusive evidence of the enemy destination of a cargo that they have seized such a cargo and that American interests, as for instance, in the case of cotton, have received especially sympathetic consideration.

A formal statement to the effect that the British Government is working toward the early disposition of American cotton cargoes came from the British Embassy on the 20th inst., this statement saying:

The British Embassy are informed that the British Government are doing all they can to expedite the purchase of cotton cargoes and are in direct communication for this purpose with American cotton representatives in London. Payment will be made without delay in each case to proper parties on proof that they are the persons entitled to payment and on their furnishing evidence of contract price. Need for these particulars is now the only obstacle to making payment.

On behalf of the Foreign Trade Advisers of the State Department, Secretary of State Bryan issued a statement on the 21st inst. contradicting an assertion in the above memorandum emanating from the British Foreign Office. In this statement Secretary Bryan declared that whatever had been done to assist the cotton shippers was to be considered "informal and unofficial, and in no way binding the United States to any arrangement reached or to be construed as a recognition of the Order in Council." The Secretary's statement is as follows:

"The Foreign Trade Advisers' attention has been called to the statement of the Foreign Office of Great Britain, published in this morning's papers, an extract from which follows:

"Fourth, in accepting this scheme, which, it may be noted, applies to shipments of cotton for a neutral destination only, the principal representative of the American cotton interests described it to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington as conceding all that the American interests could properly ask. It was never suggested that vessels or cargoes with an enemy destination should be allowed to proceed. His Majesty's Government, moreover, were sworn to understand that the provisions of the arrangements were acceptable to the United States Government."

"The plan referred to is the one which was entered into between the cotton shippers of this country and the British Embassy, a portion of which is quoted in the statement of the British Foreign Office."

"Without discussing at this time the statement that 'it was never suggested that vessels or cargoes with an enemy destination should be allowed to proceed,' the Foreign Trade Advisers, who informally and unofficially represented the cotton shippers in the negotiations which led up to the so-called cotton arrangement, state that it was distinctly understood between Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador at Washington, and Robert F. Rose, the Foreign Trade Adviser conducting this discussion on behalf of the American cotton exporters, that nothing done by the Foreign Trade Advisers should be regarded as official, and that everything done was to be considered as informal and unofficial, and in no way binding the United States Government to any arrangement reached or to be construed as a recognition of the Order in Council to be issued or the declaration of March 1, which had been issued."

"This statement was made to the British Ambassador on March 3, when the first conference in the matter was held, was repeated at each subsequent conference, and each time the absolute assurance from the British Ambassador was received that, in acting for the cotton shippers in any way, the Foreign Trade Advisers were to be regarded as not representing the United States Government in any manner."

The British Embassy, in a statement given out on the 21st, subsequent to that of Secretary Bryan's, declared that the reference in the memorandum in Paragraph 4 was an error, and that there never was any question of a formal or official understanding between the United States Government and the British Embassy. It said:

"The terms of the arrangement quoted in the British statement as telegraphed were arrived at in London between a private representative of the American cotton interests in London and British officials in London. The reference to the British Ambassador in Paragraph 4 is, therefore, an error."

"The arrangement in question formed the subject of conversations between the Ambassador and representatives of the cotton interests in this country. There never was any question of a formal and official understanding between the United States Government and the British Embassy."

On the 22d inst. Messrs. Rose and Fleming, the Foreign Trade Advisers of the State Department, suspended their informal and unofficial negotiations with Sir Richard Crawford, the commercial attache of the British Embassy.

A statement making it possible for the Foreign Trade Advisers to resume their conferences with Sir Richard Crawford was represented to the State Department on Monday by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, and the resumption of the deliberations was made known by the State Department on Wednesday. The British Ambassador's statement was as follows:

"The arrangements with regard to the shipments of cotton and other articles of commerce were agreed on between representatives of the British Government and the representatives of the American interests concerned. The Government of the United States was in no sense a party to these arrangements, and took no part in the conferences. The British Government quite realizes that these unofficial arrangements in no way involve the United States Government, and that they do not and cannot commit either Government to any departure from the views which they have already expressed in their official notes with regard to the declaration of March 1, and the blockade policy adopted to give effect to it."

In announcing the resumption of the conferences, the State Department said:

"The Foreign Trade Advisers announce that the differences having been adjusted, they will resume the informal and unofficial conferences with the British Embassy and will unofficially act as the representatives of American shipping interests in bringing out of those countries at war with Great Britain American-owned goods which have been paid for before March 1, 1915."

"American Importers who have goods in such countries may, if they so desire, submit proof of such ownership to the Foreign Trade Advisers, who will unofficially transmit such proofs to the commercial advisers of the British Embassy."

Five ships, it is understood, have been released since May 19 and their cargoes either sent for final adjudication to the British Admiralty or held for purchase by the Government. On the 27th inst. the following statement was made by the Foreign Office:

The Board of Trade has been in communication with a representative of the American cotton shippers in reference to the seventeen vessels whose cargoes have been purchased by the British Government. The representative in question was informed that the Board of Trade is ready and anxious to pay immediately, but he, however, admitted his inability at present to make a definite claim in respect of any one of the cargoes of those vessels. He has undertaken to obtain all the necessary particulars in order to present the claims as soon as possible.

While the Board of Trade is most anxious to satisfy all claims promptly, it is obvious that the process of arriving at a speedy settlement is delayed by the necessity of establishing real ownership in the case of each consignment and ascertaining whether that ownership passed from shipper to consignee and who is the right person to receive payment. The question is complicated by the fact that the Swedish consignees of a number of cargoes are instituting proceedings here with a view of preventing the purchase by the British Government from American shippers of cargoes which, it is alleged, have already been bought and paid for by Swedish consignees.

A. B. C. POWERS SIGN PEACE TREATY.

The Foreign Ministers of Argentina, Brazil and Chile signed a peace treaty at Buenos Aires on the 25th inst. whereby the three republics agree for five years to submit all differences between them to an international commission, and each binding itself not to declare war nor begin hostilities against either of the other countries prior to the conclusion of an investigation by the commission. The treaty is the result of the mission undertaken by Dr. Lauro Muller, Foreign Minister of Brazil, who has been trying to improve the political relations between his country and Argentina and Chile. Secretary of State Bryan, when asked whether he regarded the signing of the treaty as an evidence of unfriendliness towards the United States, said in part:

On the contrary, it is an evidence of friendliness rather than unfriendliness, because they are doing exactly what we have done not only with these nations but with twenty-seven others, and I may add that there is not the slightest reason for any one to suggest or imagine that the signing of such a treaty by Brazil, Argentina and Chile is intended as a combination against the United States. It is not a combination against any nation, and it is absurd to construe it as an act of unfriendliness toward the United States. Our relations with these three countries were never more cordial than they are now; they could not, in fact, be more cordial than they are.

Each of the three countries is a signatory with the United States to a similar treaty.

FRENCH PASS LAW TO BUY DACIA CARGO.

According to the Paris "Temps" a law was passed by the French Government on the 19th inst. opening a credit for the payment of the cargo of the steamer Dacia which was seized by a French cruiser in February in the English Channel and taken to Brest. The Dacia, which was transferred in January from German to American registry, left Galveston, Texas, on January 31 for Rotterdam, with a cargo of cotton for trans-shipment to Germany. The cargo was not confiscated, owing to an agreement existing between the French and British naval authorities. In regard to the recent

action taken by the French Government, with a view to paying for the Dacia's cargo, the "Temps" said:

The law proposes that the value of the cargo be reimbursed to the American owners, who demand 3,820,756 francs (\$764,151). Whether this amount or a lesser sum will be paid will be determined by a committee of assessors, who will use the cotton market at Rotterdam as a basis of calculation. It was to that port that the vessel was bound. The cargo will then be the property of the French Government, which will be able either to dispose of it at the most advantageous price or keep it for the needs of France.

On March 23 a commission of inquiry into the capture of the Dacia declared the seizure to be valid. The crew of the Dacia was brought back to New York on the French Line steamer Rochambeau in March.

The vessel left Brest on the 24th inst. for Havre where her cargo will be discharged by special dockers. On the 25th Edward N. Breitung, the owner of the Dacia, received a cable dispatch from his representatives in France stating that the French Government has offered to purchase the ship as well as the cargo and was also willing to pay the demurrage claim that has been filed, based on the ships' seizure and delay.

TRIAL OF FRYE CASE EXPLAINED BY GERMANY.

The German Government, in response to an inquiry from the United States, has explained its action in sending before a prize court the case of the American vessel William P. Frye, which was sunk by the German armed cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich on January 28. The United States, upon learning that the Frye case was to go before a prize court, instructed Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to inquire of the German Government if this action was intended as a reply to the American note of April 28, which was sent to Germany following her admission of liability for the sinking of the vessel; the American note opposed the proposition for the submission of the matter to a prize court and suggested the advisability of transferring the negotiations for the settlement of the case to the Imperial German Embassy at Washington. The explanation of the German Government of its action in the case is that the matter was put before a prize court because that was a necessary procedure under German law; the proceedings, it is stated, will be wholly independent of the diplomatic handling of the demand for payment of damages. The following cablegram from Ambassador Gerard was received on the 24th inst. by Secretary of State Bryan:

Foreign Office states that it did not intend to leave unanswered the note in the William P. Frye case, or to reply by sending the ship to prize court. A formal reply will shortly be sent. While under the German laws the action of the prize court in issuing the mention is imperative, it remains totally independent of diplomatic negotiations.

GREAT BRITAIN EXTENDS TIME WITHIN WHICH GERMAN SHIPMENTS MAY BE MADE.

An announcement from Washington on the 19th inst. stated that the British Government had on that day given notice to the State Department that it had extended to June 15 the time within which German goods may be shipped to America from neutral ports, provided they were purchased before March 1 last. Soon after the issue of the Order in Council the British Government undertook to allow the export of German and Austrian goods which had been bought by Americans through neutral ports, such as Holland and Denmark, upon the issue of a special permit in each case. Under the terms of these permits shipments must be made before June 1, and to-day's notice extended that period fifteen days.

MORATORIA AND FINANCIAL MEASURES ABROAD.

Supplementing previous advices regarding foreign moratoria quoted by us from the London "Economist", we print the following from the issue of April 24, concerning moratoria in France, Italy, Nicaragua and Bulgaria:

Further information with regard to moratoria and other financial arrangements in foreign countries is contained in the current issue of the *Board of Trade Journal*. The *Paris Journal Officiel*, it tells us, has published a decree prolonging for a further period of 90 days the moratorium on negotiable securities. The benefits of the decree are granted to negotiable securities maturing before August 1st next, provided they were endorsed before August 4 1914. A new provision provides that the bearer of a bill prolonged by the moratorium must, before May 31st next, advise the debtor that he holds the bill, and that payment can be made to him. Should the bearer fail to make this notification, then the 5% interest allowed under the moratorium will cease to accrue to him from May 31st. In the case of bills falling due after April 30 this action must be taken within one month of the original date of maturity.

The *Gazette Officielle* of Rome announces the prolongation of the moratoria existing in Italy for a further period ending on June 30th next.

In Nicaragua the moratorium is prolonged until August 20th and after that date is to cease.

The Bulgarian moratorium has been indefinitely prolonged.

BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

The public sales of bank stocks this week aggregate 22 shares and were all made at auction. Eleven shares of trust company stock were also sold at auction. One share of Mechanics & Metals National Bank stock was sold at 258, an advance of 13 points over the price paid in March, when the last previous sale was made.

Shares.	BANKS—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
1	Butch. & Drove. Bank, Nat.	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	May 1915—120
6	Corn Exchange Bank	307 1/2	307 1/2	307 1/2	May 1915—310
9	Manhattan Co., Bank of	310	310	310	July 1914—311
1	Mechan. & Metals Nat. Bank	258	258	258	Mar. 1915—245
5	People's Bank	250	250	250	Feb. 1910—274 1/2
TRUST COMPANY—New York.					
11	Fulton Trust Co.	284	284	284	April 1915—280

The New York Stock Exchange is open as usual to-day, a suggestion that it close for an extra holiday in connection with the Memorial Day recess on Monday having been abandoned.

The members of the New York Coffee Exchange voted to close for business to-day.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Co. of this city has just made known the result of its inquiry concerning basic conditions in the United States, particularly with respect to crops and the effect of the European war. Replies received by them are from mortgage representatives, attorneys and financial correspondents of the company in 44 cities located in 20 States in the West and South. The subjects contained in the inquiries sent out by the company, which touch upon the entire country with the exception of the Eastern States and New England, dealt with crop conditions, financial situation, effect of the Federal Reserve System, effect of the European war, real estate and mortgage situation, manufacturing and retail trade conditions, general situation and outlook. President John W. Platten states the general conclusions as follows:

To sum up the entire situation briefly, crop conditions as a whole might be termed very good, while the financial situation is satisfactory. The effect of the establishment of the regional reserve bank system is reassuring. The war has brought about conditions which, generally speaking, are adverse, but has produced stimulation along certain lines. The real estate situation is quiet, but, while loanable funds are abundant, there exists a relatively small demand from desirable borrowers. Manufacturing shows mixed conditions, while retail trade is generally quiet and reduced. As a whole the reports would seem to indicate that the situation is fundamentally sound, though awaiting an adjustment of the European difficulties to permit a movement along all lines toward greatly improved conditions.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America has been called to meet in Denver on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. The Brown Palace Hotel has been selected as the headquarters. The committee having in charge the business sessions has not yet worked out that end of the program. The social features of the convention are practically completed. The meeting will convene Monday, Sept. 20, for the general transaction of business lasting all that day. Monday evening the Denver investment bankers will entertain all delegates on top of Lookout Mountain, some seventeen miles from Denver. This mountain overlooks Denver, and is a part of the "Mountain Park System." The trip will be made both ways by automobile. Tuesday, Sept. 21, the business sessions of the convention will be continued until after luncheon, after which all of the delegates will be taken by automobile to Estes Park, 75 miles from Denver, in the heart of the newly-formed "Rocky Mountain National Park." Dinner will be served at the various hotels to which the delegates will be assigned. In the evening of the 21st, in the auditorium of the Stanley Hotel, will be held the final business sessions, including the election of officers for the succeeding year and the clearing up of all unfinished business. Wednesday morning, Sept. 22, there will be a tour of Estes Park of about 50 miles. The village of Estes Park has extended an invitation to the Association to be its guests at a mountain trout fry in the canyon of the Big Thompson River for luncheon on Wednesday. Immediately thereafter the delegates will leave by automobile for Denver. The convention will close with a banquet in El Jebel Temple.

F. R. Fenton, Secretary of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, has just issued an important bulletin treating on the following subjects: "Michigan Secured Debts Tax Law," "Double Taxation and Intangibles," "New Iowa Blue Sky Law." The bulletin also covers the reports of various committee Chairmen on subjects of great

importance at this time. These subjects have attracted country-wide attention in investment circles for six months or more and reflect in great detail the legislative activities of the Association.

A booklet issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York contains the text of the new secured debts tax law of the State of New York, together with a synopsis of the principal features of the law, and explanatory notes concerning those sections which have just been amended. Copies of the booklet may be had upon application.

Bankers of Bergen County, N. J., have taken preliminary steps looking to the establishment of an organization for their mutual protection and information. It is the purpose of this association, which is to be formed along the same lines as similar organizations in other counties of the State, to meet as frequently as practicable to discuss matters of interest, to establish rules and to keep the members in close touch with one another. A temporary organization has been adopted with Cornelius Doremus, President of the First National Bank of Garfield, as Chairman, and J. F. McKinney, Treasurer of the Palisades Trust & Guaranty Co. of Englewood, as Secretary. These officers will perfect a permanent organization and draft a prospectus.

William H. Smith has been re-appointed Banking Commissioner of Pennsylvania by Governor Brumbaugh. Mr. Smith was appointed to his present position in August 1909 by ex-Gov. Stuart. Prior to that time he had been a State bank examiner for a number of years.

A report for the first quarter of 1915 on the condition of the bank-deposit-guaranty fund of Oklahoma has been issued by the State Banking Board. It shows a reduction of \$17,033 in the warrant indebtedness since the last quarter's report, leaving the total now outstanding at \$751,648. Of this total, \$425,609 has been taken up by various State banks and is being held by the Board in place of other collateral, leaving \$326,039 of the warrant debt unpaid by the Board. According to the report, "this condition has been made possible since our new law permitting State banks to purchase these warrants, the result in so doing being twofold, namely to avoid paying taxes and to purchase the pro rata of your own debt, and we predict that many more State banks will avail themselves of this privilege." It is also pointed out in the report that under the new banking law a demand has been created for warrants of the fund and that it is easy now for State banks to secure surety bonds for public deposits because of the law permitting surety companies to share in the assets of failed banks with the guaranty fund.

The Empire Trust Co. of this city began business on Monday in its new home on the ground floor, Pine Street and Broadway corner, of the Equitable Building. The trust company had been located at 42 Broadway since April 1904, shortly after its creation as a result of the merger of the MeVieker Realty Trust Co. and the Empire State Trust Co. The interior of the trust company's new quarters is done in gray marble and designed according to the latest ideas and conveniences in banking offices. With the opening of the new home this week the officers of the company received many floral tributes and congratulations. The growth of the company under President Le Roy W. Baldwin is shown by a comparison of the statement for the year ending Dec. 30 1905 with this year's returns. On the former date its capital was \$500,000, surplus and undivided profits \$1,079,555 and deposits \$3,551,035, while the institution now has a capital of \$1,500,000, surplus and profits of \$1,451,600 (March 19) and deposits of \$24,117,900 (May 1). The Cedar Street branch of the trust company has been abolished and all departments are now located in the main office.

The directors of the failed Williamsburgh Trust Company of Brooklyn Borough received judgment for about \$110,000 in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn on the 13th inst. in the suit against the estate of the late John G. Jenkins, whose financial dealings were alleged to have been responsible in a measure for the suspension of the institution in 1907. Justice Manning ordered that the trust deed by which Jenkins had placed his real estate holdings in the hands of his sons and son-in-law be set aside, and that the estate pay the \$110,-

000 to the trust company. As previously mentioned in these columns, the final order for the voluntary liquidation of the Williamsburgh Trust, which was accomplished under authority of its stockholders granted in January 1911, was signed on May 8 1913. An arrangement was entered into whereby it borrowed from the Metropolitan Trust Company enough money for the immediate payment of its depositors in cash. A previous loan of \$1,500,000 from the Metropolitan served to bring about the reopening of the Williamsburgh Trust in June 1908, following its suspension in October 1907.

William F. Wyckoff, former President of the Woodhaven Bank of Woodhaven, L. I., which was closed in October 1912, by the State Banking Department, was sentenced on the 24th inst. by Judge Tiernan in the Queens County Court to serve one year in the penitentiary. As stated in these columns last week, Wyckoff was found guilty on the 18th inst. on an indictment charging grand larceny in the second degree, which was returned against him in December 1913. Upon motion of Wyckoff's lawyer, a stay of two weeks was granted during which time he will remain in the county jail. Prior to passing sentence on Wyckoff, Judge Tiernan denied an application for a certificate of reasonable doubt. It is reported that an application will be made to the Supreme Court.

In addition to Robert R. Reed, the speakers at the annual meeting of the New Jersey Savings Banks' Association last week were Hon. George M. La Monte, New Jersey Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, who spoke on the subject of "Limiting the Encroachment of Commercial Banking Institutions upon the Field of Savings Bank Activities," and Edwin B. Goodell, attorney, of Montclair, N. J., who discussed "Court Decisions". Mr. Reed's remarks on "Necessary Safeguards for Municipal Borrowing" were printed in our issue of Saturday last. The New Jersey Savings Banks' Association was formed in 1908; its membership consists of eighteen of the twenty-five banks of the State. Officers for one year were elected as follows: Philander B. Pierson of Morristown, President; Ralph T. Crane of Montclair, Vice-President and Howard Biddulph of Bloomfield, Secretary and Treasurer. New members of Executive Committee are Asa F. Randolph of Plainfield and Henry C. Hurt of Elizabeth. The meeting was held at the Somerville Country Club; Horace Stetson, President, of Orange, presided. At the invitation of James B. Duke, the delegates were entertained by an automobile trip through the Duke Park at Somerville.

Albert P. Fowler, First Vice-President of the First National Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., died on May 20. Mr. Fowler had been ill for several months, and his death, while not unexpected, was a severe shock to all his friends. He was 47 years of age, and all his life had been spent in Syracuse. As a lawyer he was considered one of the leading business advisers of the city. He was a graduate of Cornell University and prominent in its affairs, having been editor of the "Cornell Daily Sun," the "Cornell Era," and the "Cornellian." He was the senior partner in the law firm of Fowler, Vann & Paine.

The stockholders of the Hartford National Bank of Hartford at a meeting on the 26th inst. voted to change the name of the institution to the Hartford-Aetna National Bank. This step was taken as a result of the merger of the Aetna National Bank with the Hartford National, which, as previously mentioned in these columns, was consummated on April 6.

Charles E. Hancock has been chosen a director of the Union Trust Company of Providence.

The stockholders of the Lewes (Del.) National Bank have voted to merge with the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank, a new institution which was incorporated under a bill passed by the Delaware Legislature several months ago. At the time of the passage of the bill it was stated that the new institution had received one of the most liberal charters ever granted. It authorizes the concern to issue capital stock to the extent of more than \$1,000,000; it provides that the principal office must be in Lewes, the organization, however, being permitted to engage in business anywhere in the State. The measure also provided for the merger of the new institution with the Lewes National Bank, in order to give the latter trust company powers.

The directors of the Garfield Savings Bank Co. of Cleveland have authorized the issuance of 500 shares of capital stock to be offered to shareholders pro rata at \$150 a share, \$50,000 to go to capital and \$25,000 to surplus. The additional shares offered represent the unissued stock of the total authorized issue of \$250,000. The bank's paid-in capital will consequently be increased from \$200,000 to \$250,000, and the surplus and undivided profits from about \$305,000 to \$330,000. Warrants for shareholders' rights to subscribe will be issued after May 28 and the subscription books will be open until June 15, payments being due on or before June 30. Stock not taken by shareholders will be disposed of by the directors at a price not less than \$200 a share.

Rudolph C. Keller, President of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago and a former State bank examiner, died on the 15th inst. at the age of 34. Mr. Keller was formerly Vice-President and Cashier of the Colonial Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, which was merged with the Central Trust Co. of Illinois in June 1914. He withdrew from the Colonial Trust & Savings Bank in May 1914 to organize the Guaranty Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Keller was a director of the North Avenue State Bank of Chicago and of the State Bank of Italy, and was formerly a director of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company.

O. F. Paisley has resigned as President of the Edgewater State Bank of Chicago, having sold controlling interest in the institution. Mr. Paisley had been President of the bank since its inception as successor to the Edgewater Bank in April 1914. William Hardy, heretofore Vice-President of the bank, has been chosen to succeed Mr. Paisley as President. Edward J. Werner, a director of the bank, has been elected Vice-President and Nathan William MacChesney, Vice-President and General Counsel. John Orchard continues as Cashier and O. F. Miller as Assistant Cashier. The following new directors have been elected: Charles Buresh, Alfred MacArthur and Nathan William MacChesney.

Steps are being taken in Boise, Idaho, looking to the formation of a new national banking institution to be known as the Overland National Bank, application to organize having been made to the Treasury Department. The proposed institution, which will have a capital of \$100,000, is being organized by J. H. Black, Anna Noble, Ernest Noble, R. F. Bicknell and Lewis C. Merrell. Mr. Noble is President of the Idaho Trust & Savings Bank of Boise and Mr. Black is Assistant Cashier of the Pacific National Bank of that city.

The Tennessee National Bank of Nashville and the Hermitage National Bank of that city have merged, the consolidated institution, which is to be known as the Tennessee-Hermitage National Bank, having opened for business on the 25th inst. in the quarters of the Hermitage bank. The new institution has a capital of \$300,000 and deposits of over \$1,000,000. E. A. Lindsey, President of the Tennessee National, has been chosen to the same position in the merged institution. Watkins Crockett and M. C. McGannon, heretofore First and Second Vice-Presidents, respectively, in the Hermitage National, occupy the same positions in the new bank, and J. W. Charlton, formerly Cashier of the Hermitage bank, is Third Vice-President. The Vice-Presidents of the Tennessee National, George A. Washington, J. O. Leake, W. J. Cude, Henry Sperry and Charles Brower, will serve in the same capacities with the consolidated institution. B. F. Moore, who was President of the Hermitage National, retire to devote more time to his other business interests. He is still a large stockholder and director of the new bank. The directorates of the two banks were combined in forming the new organization. In addition to the officers mentioned, J. L. Campbell will serve the consolidated bank as Cashier. Mr. Campbell was Cashier of the Tennessee National. On March 4 the Tennessee National Bank had a capital of \$300,000, surplus and profits of \$23,236 and deposits of \$364,877, while on the same date the Hermitage National had a capital of \$200,000, surplus and profits of \$127,120 and deposits of \$750,201. The Tennessee National Bank was formed in July 1914 as a conversion of the Tennessee Bank & Trust Co., which began business in February 1913.

John A. Wilkins has been elected President of the new State Bank & Trust Co., which, as stated, in these columns last week, is about to be established in Houston, Tex. Mr. Wilkins has been Assistant Secretary of the Houston Currency

Association. The other officers chosen are Andrew Dow, W. A. Wood, J. Q. Tabor and March Culmore, Vice-Presidents, and Horace M. Wilkins, Cashier. Mr. Horace Wilkins was formerly Assistant Cashier of the Lumbermen's National Bank of Houston. It is expected that the new bank will open on June 15.

Richard Altschul has resigned as Vice-President of the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank of San Francisco, effective June 1. Mr. Altschul, who retires to private life, was advanced to his present position last February from Cashier, which position he held since the Anglo & London-Paris National Bank was formed in April 1909 by a consolidation of the Anglo-Californian Bank, Ltd., and the London-Paris National Bank of San Francisco. Prior to that time he was Cashier of the London-Paris National. Following the acceptance of Mr. Altschul's resignation, the following resolution was adopted by the board of directors:

Whereas, Mr. Richard Altschul has tendered to this board his resignation as Vice-President, which has been regretfully accepted; and

Whereas, in severing relations which have extended over such a long period of years, this board desires to give expression to the esteem in which Mr. Altschul is held:

Therefore, be it resolved, That we recognize in Mr. Altschul a man of high character, unserving fidelity, loyalty and marked ability. We gratefully acknowledge his long years of faithful service to this institution, and extend to him our best wishes for an enjoyable and well-earned respite from his labors.

And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of this board furnish to Mr. Altschul a copy of these resolutions.

The half-yearly statement of the Bank of Montreal for the six months ended April 30 1915 exhibits total assets of \$289,562,678, as compared with \$262,956,419 at that time last year and \$259,481,663 on Oct. 31 last. The bank's deposits also show a marked increase, those bearing interest having increased from \$154,533,644 on Oct. 31 last to \$166,990,565 April 30, while the non-interest-bearing deposits increased in the same interval from \$42,689,032 to \$63,901,200. The report shows profits for the half-year amounting to \$1,030,195.

The annual statement of the Sterling Bank of Canada (head office Toronto) for the year ending April 30 1915 shows profits for the twelve months of \$115,111 (after deducting charges of management, rebate of interest, &c.), which, when added to the balance of \$87,983 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$203,094 available for distribution. Of this \$71,046 was appropriated as dividends, \$28,800 was transferred to contingent account as appropriation for bank premises, bank note account, loans, &c., \$10,464 was applied in taxes and \$40,000 reserved for possible depreciation in securities, leaving \$52,184 as a balance to be carried forward. The total deposits on April 30 were \$6,841,852, while total assets aggregated \$9,508,344. The bank has a paid-up capital of \$1,198,802 and reserve fund of \$300,000.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of May 13 1915:

GOLD.

As had been arranged some time ago, the stock of gold at the Bank of England has been reinforced heavily from abroad, and opportunity has been taken to strengthen further the Treasury currency note reserve, raising the total to £28,500,000. The last item placed to the credit of this reserve was £1,000,000 on March 3. Previous to that date, similar amounts had been set aside weekly for some time. It is common knowledge that the present holding of the Bank does not represent by any means the actual state of its resources, inasmuch as the Bank possesses the power to add to its gold holding in the same way as it has done in the current week. The following amounts were received by the Bank:

May 10—	£8,000,000	in sovereigns from abroad.
10—	125,000	in sovereigns released on miscellaneous account.
11—	8,000	in bar gold.
12—	883,000	in bar gold.
12—	50,000	in sovereigns released on account of Egypt.

Withdrawals were made as under:

May 7—	£40,000	in sovereigns set aside on account of Argentina.
11—	80,000	account of Argentina.
12—	155,000	account of Argentina.
12—	1,000,000	set aside on account of Treasury Note Reserve Fund.

During the week the net increase on balance amounted to £7,791,000.

SILVER.

The market has maintained the steady tone which has been apparent for some weeks. There is a tendency for the price to advance, when the Indian bazaars are buying coincident with other quarters, and a backward movement follows a cessation of bazaar purchases. But the extent of the retrogression has been defined by a reluctance on the part of sellers to part with silver at any considerable reduction in price. The figure of 23½d. is the lowest touched recently in these circumstances. During the earlier part of the week under review the market was dull, but the tendency in the last few days has improved. An Indian currency return for May 7 gives the following details, in lacs of rupees:

Notes in circulation	59.91
Reserve in silver coin	30.54
Gold coin and bullion	7.72
Gold in England	7.65

The stock in Bombay consists of 4,200 bars, as compared with 5,600 last week. The up-country demand is evidently considerable when 1,400 bars are taken off the market in one week. The average for the month of April was 23,709d., and the highest and lowest quotations were 23 15-16d. and 23 3/4d., respectively. No shipment of silver has been made from San Francisco to Hongkong during the week. Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

May 7-23 1/2	cash	No	Bank rate	5%
8-23 9-16	"	quotation	Bar gold, per oz. standard	77s. 9d.
10-23 1/2	"	fixed	French gold coin, per oz.	Nominal
11-23 1/2	"	for	U. S. A. gold coin, per oz.	Nominal
12-23 1/2	"	forward		
13-23 1/2	"	delivery.		

Av. for wk. 23.593 cash
The quotation to-day for cash delivery is 1-16d. above that fixed a week ago.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs Figures brought from page 1849.—The statements 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 Aug. 1 for each of the last three years have been:

Receipts at—	Flour,	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Barley,	Rye.
	bbls. 100 lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 45 lbs.	bu. 56 lbs.
Chicago	154,000	795,000	634,000	1,007,000	212,000	28,000
Minneapolis	1,051,000	123,000	125,000	182,000	18,000	18,000
Duluth	274,000	118,000	12,000	57,000	25,000	
Milwaukee	90,000	164,000	152,000	281,000	108,000	15,000
Toledo		36,000	50,000	313,000		
Detroit	6,000	24,000	127,000	53,000		
Cleveland	13,000	7,000	73,000	55,000		
St. Louis	68,000	270,000	203,000	270,000	5,000	3,000
Pearia	39,000	19,000	283,000	129,000	20,000	2,000
Kansas City		906,000	271,000	100,000		
Omaha		184,000	301,000	106,000		
Tot. wk. '15	370,000	3,730,000	2,345,000	2,521,000	584,000	92,000
Same wk. '14	319,000	3,506,000	2,179,000	3,968,000	739,000	153,000
Same wk. '13	378,000	2,903,000	1,636,000	3,895,000	973,000	125,000

Since Aug. 1
1914-15 16,769,000 356,360,000 212,028,000 240,633,000 79,027,000 185,770,000
1913-14 17,096,000 356,770,000 186,111,000 186,820,000 78,907,000 211,780,000
1912-13 14,969,394 317,638,777 188,239,363 203,989,462 91,084,506 154,570,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended May 22 1915 follow:

Receipts at—	Flour,	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Barley,	Rye,
	bbls.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	265,000	1,297,000	487,000	610,000	10,000	
Boston	45,000	430,000	1,000	65,000		
Portland, Me.		72,930				
Philadelphia	55,000	317,000	208,000	284,000	1,000	
Baltimore	33,000	352,000	248,000	238,000	2,000	17,000
New Orleans	82,000	199,000	91,000	115,000		
Newport News		269,000	114,000	1,878,000		
Galveston		463,000	3,000			1,000
Mobile	4,000	2,000	23,000	3,000		
Montreal	36,000	1,411,000	44,000	480,000	4,000	
Total week 1915	520,000	4,822,000	1,223,000	3,670,000	17,000	72,000
Same week 1914	10,953,000	16,105,000	32,874,000	58,235,000	6,202,000	583,000
Same week 1913	464,040	6,703,000	328,000	1,548,000	296,000	97,000
Since Jan. 1 1914	8,666,000	50,839,000	10,248,000	7,653,000	5,383,000	134,000

* 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 May 22 are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat,	Corn,	Flour,	Oats,	Rye,	Barley,	Peas
	bush.	bush.	bbls.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	1,701,746	410,287	221,583	524,262	144,596	59,192	1,346
Portland, Me.	72,000						
Boston	269,744	200	8,143	400		30,374	
Philadelphia	224,000	9,000	22,000	200		1,000	
Baltimore		365,504	774	20	348,703		
New Orleans	688,000	41,000	18,000	11,500			
Newport News	269,000	118,000		1,878,000			
Galveston	248,000		25,000				
Mobile	2,000	23,000	4,000	3,000			
Montreal	924,000	80,000	77,000	161,000			
Total week	4,308,490	1,036,901	374,509	2,578,182	493,279	90,265	1,346
Week 1914	4,151,096	1,141,697	262,527	891,702	93,569	166,965	2,091

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1915 is as below:

Exports for week and since July 1 to—	Flour		Wheat		Corn	
	Week May 22	Since July 1	Week May 22	Since July 1	Week May 22	Since July 1
United Kingdom	139,400	4,920,659	1,922,393	109,163,243	80,000	3,205,805
Continent	179,929	5,358,500	2,463,187	174,183,572	840,304	29,386,358
Sou. & Cent. Amer.	17,544	1,349,795	10,910	2,956,007	36,000	1,478,287
West Indies	33,534	1,365,647	2,000	43,235	70,707	1,993,012
Brit. No. Am. Col.		68,244			200	11,816
Other Countries	4,103	284,162		608,224	720	34,172
Total	374,509	13,577,305	4,399,490	280,943,741	1,036,901	36,109,540
Total 1913-14	262,527	10,627,118	4,751,676	167,584,149	114,697	3,620,268

The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending May 22 1915 and since July 1 1914 and 1913 are shown in the following:

Exports	Wheat			Corn		
	1914-15		1913-14	1914-15		1913-14
	Week May 22	Since July 1	Since July 1	Week May 22	Since July 1	Since July 1
North Amer.	7,445,000	406,344,000	245,070,000	1,000,000	36,784,000	1,870,000
Russia		12,074,000	149,066,000		4,811,000	13,372,000
Danube		2,347,000	65,442,000		9,431,000	30,807,000
Argentina	4,712,000	74,599,000	40,204,000	1,474,000	126,935,000	149,515,000
Australia		8,996,000	60,026,000			
India	1,376,000	20,708,000	26,784,000			
Oth. countries	66,000	5,945,000	7,168,000			
Total	13,592,000	531,973,000	583,840,000	2,534,000	177,961,000	195,564,000

The quantity of wheat and corn afloat for Europe on dates mentioned was as follows:

	Wheat			Corn		
	United Kingdom	Continent	Total	United Kingdom	Continent	Total
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
May 22 1915			54,060,000			7,532,000
May 15 1915			60,496,000			7,821,000
May 23 1914	20,312,000	24,744,000	45,056,000	3,391,000	8,143,000	11,534,000
May 24 1913	26,264,000	31,336,000	57,600,000	7,505,000	11,603,000	19,108,000

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

- APPLICATIONS TO CONVERT APPROVED, MAY 7 TO MAY 14.**
The State Bank of Carsonville, Mich., into "The First National Bank of Carsonville." Capital, \$25,000.
The Ashley State Bank, Ashley, N. Dak., into "The First National Bank of Ashley." Capital, \$25,000.
The People's Bank of Bennettsville, S. C., into the "People's National Bank of Bennettsville." Capital, \$50,000.
- CHARTERS ISSUED TO NATIONAL BANKS, MAY 6 TO MAY 13.**
10,735—The Citizens' National Bank of Athens, Tenn. Capital, \$50,000. G. P. Lockmiller, Pres.; H. S. Moody, Cashier. (Conversion of the Athens Bank & Trust Co., Athens, Tenn.)
10,736—The First National Bank of Nashua, Minn. Capital, \$25,000. S. R. Kirby, Pres.; Jno. T. Ring, Cashier. (Conversion of the Nashua State Bank, Nashua, Minn.)
10,737—The First National Bank of Rosston, Okla. Capital, \$25,000. B. H. Ross, Pres.; L. B. Flint, Cashier.
10,738—The Columbus National Bank, Columbus, Miss. Capital, \$100,000. B. A. Weaver, President; C. H. Ayres, Cashier. (Succeeds the Banking Department of the Columbus Insurance & Banking Co., Columbus, Miss.)
10,739—The First National Bank of Selma, N. C. Capital, \$30,000. W. E. Smith, Pres.; H. G. W. Evans, Cashier. (Conversion of the Bank of Selma, N. C.)
10,740—The First National Bank of Lakeville, Minn. Capital, \$35,000. F. A. Samuels, Pres.; W. A. Samuels, Cashier. (Conversion of the Dakota County State Bank of Lakeville, Minn.)

- VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.**
4,883—The Lincoln National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., April 30 1915. Liquidating Committee: J. A. Huston, Sewickley, Pa., and J. H. Beal, I. E. Hirsch, C. F. Patterson and M. R. Porter, all of Pittsburgh. Absorbed by the People's National Bank of Pittsburgh, No. 727.
1,409—The National Union Bank of Woonsocket, R. I., May 4 1915. Liquidating Agent: Joseph Hoyle, Woonsocket, R. I. Absorbed by the Woonsocket Trust Co., Woonsocket, R. I.
8,720—The Security National Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., May 4 1915. Liquidating Committee: F. A. Chamberlain, Perry Harrison and L. K. Hull, Minneapolis, Minn. Consolidated with the First National Bank of Minneapolis, No. 710.
5,148—The Lewes National Bank, Lewes, Del., May 12 1915. Liquidating Agent: James T. Lank, Lewes, Del.

INSOLVENT NATIONAL BANK.
6,706—The First National Bank of Perry, Ark., was placed in the hands of a receiver on May 17 1915.

CHANGE OF TITLE.
710—The First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., to "The First & Security National Bank of Minneapolis."

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending May 22 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week of 1914, shows a decrease in the aggregate of 19.1%.

Clearings at—	Week ending May 22.				
	1915.	1914.	Inc. or Dec.	1913.	1912.
Canada—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Montreal	48,906,035	55,460,734	-13.4	62,054,216	57,665,329
Toronto	35,069,354	43,384,433	-17.1	35,718,253	40,617,931
Winnipeg	20,376,604	27,361,630	-25.9	33,112,248	32,634,278
Vancouver	5,305,667	6,650,352	-33.7	13,627,869	12,551,484
Ottawa	3,926,462	4,161,016	-5.7	3,792,528	4,989,449
Victoria	1,508,213	2,733,846	-44.8	3,751,598	3,348,355
Calgary	2,699,314	4,309,655	-33.9	4,837,239	5,499,808
Hamilton	2,764,033	3,126,592	-11.6	3,081,761	2,782,946
Edmonton	1,822,934	3,598,286	-46.4	4,682,171	4,659,523
Quebec	3,430,780	2,353,445	+46.1	3,057,401	3,019,254
St. John	1,432,260	1,434,151	+4.0	1,737,204	1,729,038
Halifax	2,042,029	1,522,078	+6.2	2,122,137	1,601,463
London	1,864,162	1,765,702	+5.6	1,702,731	1,629,679
Regina	1,149,412	1,448,771	-77.8	2,144,254	1,883,343
Saskatoon	680,761	1,120,224	-38.7	2,101,487	2,288,749
Moose Jaw	577,861	976,146	-40.8	1,368,771	1,155,684
Lethbridge	324,526	451,988	-28.1	577,325	665,107
Brandon	557,774	607,805	-8.2	640,602	531,439
Brandon	449,616	500,661	-10.2	641,796	730,037
Fort William	459,260	955,071	-51.9	1,055,225	983,268
New Westminster	281,269	408,075	-31.1	672,751	
Medicine Hat	259,218	463,307	-44.0	660,989	
Peterborough	369,363	Not included		in total	
Total Canada	136,860,591	160,116,201	-19.1	183,072,967	180,979,664

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:
Shares. Stocks. Per cent. Shares. Stocks. Per cent.
10 Cripple Creek Cent. Ry., com. 28
9 Bank of Manhattan Co. 310
12 Cripple Creek Cent. Ry., pref. 31 1/2
4 Dayton (O.) Power & Lt. Co. 35
25 Utica Chen. & Sulph. Vat., guar. 133 1/4
4 Bar Harbor Water Co., 50
50 Oawego & Syracuse RR., guar. 195 1/2 each
25 Albany & Susq. RR., guar. 251 1/4
9 Eureka Pipe Line Co. 220 1/4
37 Rens. & Saratoga RR., guar. 170 1/4
11 Fulton Trust Co. of N. Y. 284
5 People's Bank, N. Y. 250
6 Corn Exchange Bank 307 1/4
1 Nat. Butchers & Drovers' Bk. 120 1/2
1 Mechanic's & Metals Nat. Bk. 258
6 Niagara Fire Insurance Co. 304
6 Gas Engine & Power Co. and Chas. L. Seabury Consolidated 25
4 N. Y. Mutual Gas Light Co. 150
- By Messrs. R. L. Day & Co., Boston:
Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh.
2 Union Nat. Bank, Lowell 135
25 Bigelow-Hartford Carpet, pref. 103 1/4
16 Flint Mills, Fall River, common 100
9 Lawrence Mfg., ex-div. 150
22 Merrimack Mfg., common 23
2 Naumkeag Steam Cotton 201
1-9 Lyman Mills 12 1/4
2 Lancaster Mills 75
1 Peppercorn Mfg. 118 1/4
50 American Glue, common 251
12 Fall River Gas Works 251
11 American Glue, pref. 140
482-473 Lynn Gas & Electric Rights 31e.
1 Charlestown Gas & Elec. 50 per share
135 1/4
14 Reed Prentice, pref. 85

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table listing stocks and shares for Francis Henshaw & Co. in Boston, including Dartmouth Mfg., Naumkeag Steam Cotton, and Potosi Mines.

By Messrs. Barnes & Loffland, Philadelphia:

Table listing stocks and shares for Barnes & Loffland in Philadelphia, including Franklin Grocery Co., Telepost Co., and various other local businesses.

DIVIDENDS.

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

Dividends announced this week are printed in italics.

Main table of dividends with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Street and Electric Railways, and Miscellaneous.

Table of company names and their financial details, including Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Includes a 'Miscellaneous (Concluded.)' section.

Transfer books not closed for this dividend. Payable in common stock. Less British income tax. Correction. Payable in common stock. Payable in scrip. On account of accumulated dividends. April dividend on common stock not to be paid. Also declared 1 1/2% on pref. payable Sept. 1 to holders of rec. Aug. 25. Payable in preferred stock of the Atlas Powder Co. Stock distribution in the proportion of one share for each nine shares held.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the imports at New York for the week ending May 22; also totals since the beginning of the first week in January:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK.

Table with 5 columns: For week, 1915., 1914., 1913., 1912. Rows include Dry goods, General merchandise, Total, and data for the period 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 May 22 and from Jan. 1 to date:

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK.

Table with 5 columns: For week, 1915., 1914., 1913., 1912. Rows include For the week, Previously reported, and Total 20 weeks.

The following table shows the exports and imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ending May 22,

and since Jan. 1 1915, and for the corresponding periods in 1914 and 1913:

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

Complex table with columns for Gold, Silver, Exports, Imports, and weeks (Jan. 1, Week). Rows list countries like Great Britain, France, Germany, etc., and include total weekly and yearly figures.

Of the above imports for the week in 1915, \$5,030,000 were American gold coin and \$... American silver coin.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on May 22.

The statement shows a gain in aggregate gold reserves of 2.3 million dollars, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago reporting the largest additions to their gold holdings.

A slight decrease is shown for the total loans and discounts, including acceptances, held by the several banks. The amount of discounts proper shows an increase from \$23,335,000 to \$24,302,000.

The amount of U. S. bonds held by the banks remains unchanged at \$6,813,000. Short-term municipal securities constitute the bulk of the investments reported by ten banks.

The figures of the consolidated statement for the system as a whole are given below and in addition we present the results for each of the eight preceding weeks, thus furnishing a useful comparison.

STATEMENT OF COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 21 1915.

Large table with multiple columns for dates from May 21 1915 to Mar. 26 1915. It is divided into RESOURCES and LIABILITIES sections, showing various financial metrics like gold coin, legal-tender notes, and reserves.

Table labeled (a) and (b) showing Federal Reserve notes, gross liability, and net liability of Reserve Banks upon outstanding notes for various dates.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 21 1915

Table showing resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.

Statement of New York City Clearing-House Banks and Trust Companies.—The following detailed statement shows the condition of the New York City Clearing-House members for the week ending May 22.

NEW YORK WEEKLY CLEARING-HOUSE RETURN.

Main table with columns: CLEARINGS HOUSE MEMBERS, Capital, Net Profits, Loans, Discounts, etc., Gold, Legal Tenders, etc., and various reserve and deposit figures.

STATEMENTS OF RESERVE POSITION

Table with columns: Averages, Actual Figures, Cash Reserve in Vault, Reserve in Depositories, Total Reserve, etc.

* This is the reserve required on Net Demand Deposits in the case of State Banks and Trust Companies, but in the case of Members of the Federal Reserve Bank it includes also the amount of reserve required on Net Time Deposits, which was as follows: May 22, \$714,050; May 15, \$694,100; May 8, \$665,900; May 1, \$581,000; April 24, \$563,250; April 17, \$528,350.

The State Banking Department reports weekly figures showing the condition of State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House, and these are shown in the following table:

SUMMARY OF STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES IN GREATER NEW YORK, NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARING-HOUSE STATEMENT.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, comparing May 22 and Dec. 24, 1914. Includes items like Loans and Investments, Gold, Currency and bank notes, Total deposits, etc.

RESERVES table comparing State Banks and Trust Companies for Cash in vaults and Deposits in banks and trust cos. as of May 22 and Dec. 24, 1914.

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

Table showing weekly combined results from Feb. 27 to May 22, 1915. Columns include Loans and Investments, Demand Deposits, Specie, Other Money, Total Money Holdings, and Excess Reserve on Deposits.

In addition to the returns of "State banks and trust companies in New York City not in the Clearing House" furnished by the State Banking Department, the Department also presents a statement covering all the institutions of this class in the whole State. The figures are compiled so as to distinguish between the results for New York City (Greater New York) and those for the rest of the State, as per the following:

For definitions and rules under which the various items are made up, see "Chronicle," V. 98, p. 1661.

The provisions of the law governing the reserve requirements of State banking institutions were published in the "Chronicle" March 28 1914 (V. 98, p. 968). The regulations relating to calculating the amount of deposits and what deductions are permitted in the computation of the reserves were given in the "Chronicle" April 4 1914 (V. 98, p. 1045).

STATE BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Table comparing State Banks and Trust Companies in Greater N. Y. and outside of Greater N. Y. for Capital as of Dec. 24, Surplus as of Dec. 24, Loans and Investments, etc.

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

Non-Member Banks and Trust Companies.—Following is the report made to the Clearing-House by clearing non-member institutions which are not included in the "Clearing-House return" on the preceding page:

RETURN OF NON-MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.

Large table showing the return of non-member institutions. Columns include Capital, Profits, Loans, Gold, Legal Tenders, Silver, Nat. Bank Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, Reserves, Excess Due from Reserve Depositories, Net Demand Deposits, Net Time Deposits, and National Bank Circulation.

Philadelphia Banks.—Summary of weekly totals of Clearing-House banks and trust companies of Philadelphia:

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

Table showing weekly totals for Philadelphia banks from Mar. 13 to May 22, 1915. Columns include Capital and Surplus, Loans, Reserves, Deposits, Circulation, and Clearings.

a Includes Government deposits and the item "due to other banks" (May 22 \$135,193,000); also "Exchanges for Clearing House" (May 22, \$12,307,000) Due from banks May 22, \$53,940,000.

Boston Clearing-House Banks.—We give below a summary showing the totals for all the items in the Boston Clearing-House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING-HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table showing weekly totals for Boston Clearing-House members from May 22 '15 to May 8 '15. Columns include Circulation, Loans, Disbursements, Due to banks, Time deposits, Exchanges for Clearing House, Due from other banks, Cash reserve, Reserve in Fed. Res'v Bank, Reserve with other banks, Reserve excess in bank, Excess with reserve agents, and Excess with Fed. Res'v B'k.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—See second page preceding.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 28 1915.

The Money Market and Financial Situation.—Interest in financial matters, especially in anything new, has languished throughout the week now closing. Events in Europe have, it would seem, been sufficiently stirring to cause world-wide excitement were not the world now practically immune from such result. After what has taken place during the past ten months nothing now seems to be of sufficient importance to command more than momentary consideration or comment at this distance from the tragic arena. The actual entrance of Italy into the conflict, reports of important developments in the Dardanelles and East of the Carpathians and serious injury to another American ship in British waters were each sufficient to have resulted in serious disturbance, if not a panic, in less eventful times. But now, happening together in the same week, they have caused scarcely a ripple on the surface of business in Wall Street. Here operations are held in abeyance until the mutual relations of this country and Germany shall be more clearly defined and better understood.

The Government report of foreign trade shows that the exports for April were almost double those of last year, being \$294,470,199, against \$162,552,570. Imports for the same month increased over those for previous months of the year, but indications now point to a balance in our favor for the fiscal year ending June 30th of upwards of \$1,000,000,000, or \$335,000,000 larger than the previous large t in our history. Notwithstanding these facts the foreign exchange market has been firmer this week than for some time past. This is due, no doubt, to receipts of gold from abroad. From Paris direct \$2,000,000 was received on Thursday and a much larger amount earlier in the week from another source, all the facts about which have not been disclosed.

The Bank of England's weekly report shows only slight changes from the previous one, the most important being an increase in its percentage of reserve from 20½ to 21½.

The open market rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange on stock and bond collaterals ranged from 1 to 2½%. The rate on Friday was 1¾@2%. Commercial paper closed at 3¼@4% for sixty to ninety-day endorsements and prime four to six months' single names. Good single names, 4¼@4½%.

The Bank of England weekly statement on Thursday showed an increase of £30,880 in gold coin and bullion holdings and the percentage of reserve to liabilities was 21.50, against 20.50 the week before. The rate of discount remains unchanged at 5%, as fixed August 13.

The Bank of France shows an increase of 6,065,000 francs gold and a decrease of 1,562,000 francs silver.

Foreign Exchange.—The market has ruled somewhat steadier but very quiet during the week. A total of \$2,000,000 gold was received direct from France and a considerable further sum from Ottawa, though only \$2,500,000 of the latter had been deposited at the Sub-Treasury at the close of business yesterday.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 75½@4 75¼ for sixty days, 4 78½@4 78 9-16 for cheques and 4 879@4 79 1-16 for cables. Commercial on banks nominal and documents for payment nominal. Cotton for payments nominal and grain for payment nominal.

There were no rates for sterling posted by prominent bankers this week.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were nominal for long and 5 43 for short. Germany bankers' marks were nominal for long and 83¼ for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 38¼@38½ for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 25.59½ fr.: week's range 25.97¼ fr. high and 25.99½ fr. low.

Exchange at Berlin on London not quotable.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Sterling Actual	Sixty Days	Cheques	Cables
High for the week	4 75¼	4 78¾	4 79 1/16
Low for the week	4 75¾	4 78¼	4 78¾

Paris Bankers' Francs—
High for the week 5 41¼
Low for the week 5 43¾

Germany Bankers' Marks—
High for the week 83¼
Low for the week 82½

Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—
High for the week 39 1/16
Low for the week 39 9-16

Domestic Exchange.—Chicago, 5c. per \$1,000 premium. Boston, par. St. Louis, par bid and 10c. premium asked. San Francisco, 40c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, 6.25 per \$1,000 premium. Minneapolis, 35c. per \$1,000 premium. Cincinnati, par.

State and Railway Bonds.—Sales of State bonds at the Board this week include \$2,000 New York State 4s, 1961, at 100¾; \$1,000 New York State 4s, 1962, at 100¾; \$19,000 New York State 4½s at 108½ to 108¾; \$2,000 New York Canal 4½s at 108½, and \$10,000 New York Canal 4s, reg., 1961, at 100¾.

Lack of enthusiasm on the part of investors has caused a dull week in the market for railway and industrial bonds.

Prices have, as a whole, for reasons mentioned above, moved in a very narrow radius.

Distillers' Securities 5s are exceptional in an advance of over 5 points, a movement for which no reason has been made public. The closing price is, however, somewhat below the highest value. Rock Island deb. 5s, on the other hand, declined 6 points, recovering feebly on the progress made in reorganization. Wabash ref. & ext. 4s made a similar record under practically the same conditions. From a list of 25 other active issues 10 have declined and 8 advanced, the movement in all cases being fractional.

Sales on a seller's 20-day option (s-20-f), representing presumably sales on foreign account, have fallen off greatly, being only \$115,000 as against \$720,000.

United States Bonds.—Sales of Government bonds at the Board are limited to \$1,000 3s, coup., at 101¾; \$10,000 3s, reg., at 100½ and \$9,500 4s, coup., at 111¼ to 111½. For to-day's prices of all the different issues and for weekly range, see third page following.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—There has been a little more activity in the stock market than last week, but fluctuations have been narrower and outside interest has not perceptibly increased. A waiting attitude is, therefore, still in vogue and developments expected in the near future are looked for with interest. Railway issues have been unusually steady, while manufacturing stocks, especially those benefitting by the export demand, have been, as for some time past, conspicuous for erratic movement.

Of the former, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific have been notably weak, on the progress being made in rehabilitating the companies. Canadian Pacific has declined 6 points Reading and St. Paul over a point—while Atchison, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific have registered an advance.

Bethlehem Steel, true to its record, has fluctuated over a range of 9 points and closes with a net loss of 5 points. Amer. Can is 2½ points higher, Cuban-Am. Sugar 5½ and Lackawanna Steel 1½. U. S. Steel advanced 2½ points early in the week but has lost a large part of the gain.

For daily volume of business see page 1823. The following sales have occurred this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

STOCKS. Week ending May 28.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Adams Express	24	84	May 25 84	May 25 80	06 April
Amer Cbles, pref.	19	45¼	May 28 45¼	May 28 45¼	May 00 Jan
American Express	109	85	May 27 85	May 27 83	Feb 07 April
Am Writing Paper pref.	109	9¼	May 25 9¼	May 25 7	Feb 15 April
Brown Shoe	100	24	May 22 24	May 22 23	May 39 Jan
Preferred	100	74	May 22 74	May 22 70	May 32 April
Canada Southern	59	56	May 25 57	May 25 56	April 07 May
Cent & So Amer Teler.	25	118½	May 24 118½	May 24 110	Jan 10 May
Comstock Tunnel	1,900	8c.	May 27 9c.	May 27 8c.	May 0c May
Havana Elec R L & P.	100	81	May 27 81	May 27 71	Mar 01½ May
Preferred	239	97¼	May 25 97¼	May 25 95	April 07½ May
Kings Co B L & P.	160	125	May 22 122½	May 22 120¼	Mar 12½ May
Ontario Silver Mining	25	3	May 24 3	May 24 2	Feb 4 April
Pittsburgh Steel, pref.	100	78	May 22 78	May 22 74	May 40 April
Virginia Iron, Coal & C.	100	38	May 25 38	May 25 35½	Feb 15 April
Wells, Fargo & Co.	4	90	May 25 90	May 25 77½	Jan 100 April

Outside Securities.—Prevailing conditions affecting the "curb" market remain practically unchanged. Transactions were slightly larger in volume the past week, while prices, among the miscellaneous and railroad issues advanced. American Zinc improved from 47 to 48½, dropped back to 45 but recovered and advanced to 49¼. Electric Boat, common and preferred, were bid up from their respective prices of 75 and 97 to 83 and 101, the final quotations, however, being 80 and 100. International Motors com. sold up 1¾ points to 15¼ but weakened at the close to 15, while the preferred moved up 6 points to 38. From 125 Kelly-Springfield Tire advanced to 129, that figure being the final price. United Cigar Stores of Am. was somewhat irregular, rising from 95½ to 102, it dropped to 97½, gained 3½ points to 100 and rested finally at 97¼. Corp. of Riker & Hegeman showed little change, the high, low and last prices being 7¼, 6¾, 6¾. Interborough com., w. i., advanced from 24 to 25¼, to-day's final price being 25. The preferred went up 1½ points to 77 and closed at 76½. Among the Wabash issues, the preferred series "A" was the only one to register over a fractional advance. This lost from 43½ to 41, sold up to 45 and closed the week at 43¾.

Steadiness has been the prevailing feature among Standard Oil subsidiaries. Atlantic Refining Co. from 558 dropped to 555, which was also the closing price. Ill. Pipe Line advanced 1 point to 130, dropped to 127, again reached and closed at 130. Prairie Oil & Gas was a trifle wild. From 310 it jumped to 320, then fell to 308, with the last transaction at 310. South Penn Oil went from 275 to 276, dropped to 271 and closed at 272. Standard Oil of Calif. dropped from 284 to 275. Standard Oil of N. J. was uneven in its fluctuations; from 400 it fell to 396, rose to 400, fell again to 398 and so closed. Other oil stocks showing marked movement were Standard Oil of N. Y., 185-183-182. Union Tank Line, 81-79½-80, and Vacuum Oil, 200-205-203.

Outside quotations will be found on page 1823.

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

Table with columns: STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES (Saturday May 23 to Friday May 29), Sales of the Week Shares, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Industrial & Misc (Cons), Railroad Locomotive, etc.), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), Range for Previous Year 1914 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like 49 1/2, 101 1/4, 142 1/2, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-Rights. a Ex-div. and rights. b New stock. c Quoted dollars per share. d Ex-stock dividend. e Ex-dividend.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly 1817

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

Main table containing bond records for U.S. Government, Foreign Government, State and City Securities, and N.Y. Stock Exchange. Columns include bond name, interest rate, price, and date.

* No price Friday; latest this week. d Due April. e Due May. g Due June. h Due July. i Due Aug. j Due Oct. p Due Nov. q Due Dec. r Option sale.

BONDS		Interest	Price	Week's	Range	N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Interest	Price	Week's	Range
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE						N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE					
Week Ending May 23.		Week Ending May 23.									
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High
Wabash 1st gold 5s.	1933	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	97 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/4	97 1/2	100 1/2
2d gold 5s.	1933	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	86 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	86 1/2	92 1/2
Debutante Series B.	1933			90	June '12						
1st lien equip s fd g 5s.	1921			80 1/2	Mar '15						
1st lien 50-yr g term 4s.	1954	65	75	Apr '14							
1st ref and ext g 4 1/2.	1950	21 1/2	Sale	18 1/2	22	47 1/2	13 1/2	34			
Cent Tr Co 4 1/2.		15 1/2	Sale	13 1/2	18 1/4	34	22	27			
Do stamped.		21	Sale	19	21	30 1/2	18	27			
Equit Trust Co 4 1/2.		19	Sale	17	20 1/2	52 1/2	17	30			
Do stamped.		101	100	May '15			99	100			
Det & Ch Ext 1st g 5s.	1941			80	Aug '12						
Des Moin Div 1st g 4s.	1939			58	May '15						
Om Div 1st g 3 1/2s.	1941			66 1/2	Mar '15						
Tol & Ch Div 1st g 4s.	1941			7 1/2	Apr '15						
Wab Pitta Term 1st g 4s.	1954			64	Sale	5	64				
Cent and Old Col Tr Co 4 1/2s.		2	7	8 1/2	May '15						
Columbia Tr Co 4 1/2s.		3	6	8	Apr '15						
Col Tr Co for Cent Tr Co 4 1/2s.	1951			4	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	8			
2d gold 4s.				8 1/2	May '15						
Trust Co 4 1/2s.				8 1/2	May '15						
Wash Term 1st g 3 1/2s.	1945			81 1/2	Mar '15						
1st 40-yr guar 4s.	1945			91 1/2	65	Mar '15					
West Maryland 1st g 4s.	1952			66	67	67	4	5 1/2			
West N Y & Pa 1st g 5s.	1937			101 1/2	101 1/2	9	100 1/2	101 1/2			
Gen gold 4s.	1943			76 1/2	76 1/2	78	75	78 1/2			
Income 5s.	1913			30	17 1/2	May '15					
Wheeling & L E 1st g 5s.	1926			98	100	Apr '15					
Wheel Div 1st gold 5s.	1928			98	100	Nov '13					
Exten & Impt gold 5s.	1930			62	64 1/2	May '15					
RR 1st consol 4s.	1949			62	64 1/2	May '15					
20-year equip s 5s.	1922			82	84	Apr '15					
Winston-Salem S B 1st 4s.	1960			82	84	Apr '15					
Wis Cent 50-yr 1st gen 4s.	1940			84 1/2	87	84 1/2	84 1/2	87			
Sup & Dul div & term 1st 4s	1930			85	86	85 1/2	Apr '15				

BONDS		Interest	Price	Week's	Range	N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE		Interest	Price	Week's	Range
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE						N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE					
Week Ending May 23.		Week Ending May 23.									
		Bid	Ask	Low	High	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High
Syracuse Light & Power 5s.	1954			85 1/2	June '12						
Trenton & E I 1st g 5s.	1919			101 1/2	June '14						
Un on Elec L & P 1st g 5s.	1932			97 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1	99	101		
Refunding & extension 5s.	1933			89	89	Mar '15					
Utica Elec L & P 1st g 5s.	1950			102 1/2	103 1/2	Mar '15					
Utica Gas & Elec ref 5s.	1957			100 1/2	101	Dec '13					
Westchester Lig gold 5s.	1950			100	102	101	101	101	101		

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

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, categorized by Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining. Columns include dates from Saturday May 22 to Friday May 23, and price ranges for the week and year.

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

Outside Exchanges—Record Transactions

Boston Bond Record.—Complete record of transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange May 22 to May 28, inclusive:

Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Amer Agric Chem 5s, Amer Tel & Tel 4s, etc.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include American Sewer Pipe, Am Wint Glass Mach, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists, is given below. Prices for stocks are all dollars per share, not per cent. For bonds the quotations are per cent of par value.

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Canton Co, Commercial Credit, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Complete record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both incl., compiled from the official sales lists, is as follows:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include American Can, American Radiator, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from May 22 to May 28, both inclusive, compiled from the official sales lists.

Table with columns: Stocks—Par, Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include American Gas of N J, American Milling, etc.

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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 & Foreign Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, U. S. Bonds.

Sales at New York Stock Exchange. Table with columns for Week ending, 1915, 1914, 1915, 1914. Rows for Stocks-No. shares, Par value, Bank shares, Govt bonds, State, Mun. &c. bonds, RR. and misc. bonds.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table with columns for Week ending, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore. Rows for Shares, Bond Sales, Shares, Bond Sales, Shares, Bond Sales.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes entries like American, Amer Exch., Battery Park, etc.

* Banks marked with a (*) are State Banks. † Sale at auction or at Stock Exchange this week.

CURRENT NOTICE.

C. W. Anderson of Chicago has organized the firm of C. W. Anderson & Co. to transact a business in municipal and other investment bonds.

Fred. N. Cowperthwait, in conjunction with Kiely & Horton, will transact a business in unlisted securities, with offices at 30 Broad St., this city.

W. C. Langley & Co., 115 Broadway, New York, have issued a revised compilation regarding the Missouri Pacific Ry. system as a supplement to their summary of July 14 1914.

Inactive and Unlisted Securities

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

Table listing Standard Oil Stocks and Stand Oil Stocks (Conc'd) with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask.

Tobacco Stocks—Per Share. Table with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes American Cigar common, Preferred, Amer Machine & Fry, etc.

Short Term Notes—Per Cent. Table with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer Locomotive 5s, 15 J-J, 5s, July 1916, etc.

Table listing various industrial and miscellaneous stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Exp Co, American Realty, Amer Bank Note, etc.

New York City Notes. Table with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes 6s, Sept 1 1915, 6s, Sept 1 1916, etc.

RR. Equipments—Per Ct. Basis. Table with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Baltimore & Ohio 4 1/2s, Buff Roch & Pittsburgh 4 1/2, etc.

Railroads. Table with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Intorboro Cons com w l, Preferred w l, etc.

Street Railways—Per Ct. Basis. Table with columns for Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Com'wth Pow Ry & L., Preferred, Federal Light & Traction, etc.

* Per share. † And accrued dividend. ‡ Basis. / Flat price. n Nominal. \$ Sale price. % Ex-dividend. % Ex-rights.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS

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

Main table with columns: ROADS, Latest Gross Earnings (Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year), July 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Includes sub-tables for Various Fiscal Years and AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS.

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: Weekly Summaries (Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %), Monthly Summaries (Mileage, Cur. Yr., Prev. Yr., Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %).

Does not include earnings of Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Ry. Includes the Lake Shore & Mich. So., the Chicago Ind. & So., the Dunkirk Allegheny Valley & Pits., 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 Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling Ry. in both years. Includes the Northern Ohio RR. Includes earnings of Mason City & Port Dodge and Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. Includes Louisville & Atlantic and the Frankfort & Cincinnati. Includes the Texas Central and the Wichita Falls Lines. Includes not only operating revenues, but also all other receipts. Includes St. Louis from Mountain & Southern. Includes the Northern Central beginning July 1 1914. We no longer include the Mexican roads in any of our totals.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of May. The table covers 29 roads and shows 9.29% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table with columns: Third week of May, 1915, 1914, Increase, Decrease. Lists various railroad companies and their earnings for the third week of May.

For the second week of May our final statement covers 36 roads and shows 9.02% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table with columns: Second Week of May, 1915, 1914, Increase, Decrease. Lists various railroad companies and their earnings for the second week of May.

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

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current, Previous), Net Earnings (Current, Previous). Lists various railroad and industrial companies with their monthly earnings data.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various railroad companies with their annual earnings data.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Lists various industrial companies with their earnings data.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c As reported to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. d For Apr. 1915 net income, after charges, was deficit of \$85,722, against deficit of \$7,498 in 1914, and from July 1 to Apr. 30 was \$993,273 in 1915, against \$825,499.

Interest Charges and Surplus.

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

New York Street Railways.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year), Net Earnings (Current Year, Previous Year). Rows include Hudson & Manhattan, Interboro R T, Brooklyn Rap, New York Railways, Belt Line, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, Dry Dock E B & B, 42d St M & S N Ave, N Y City Interboro, Southern Boulevard, Union Ry of N Y City, Westchester Electric, Yonkers, Long Island Elec, N Y & Long Is Trac, N Y & North Shore, N Y & Queens Co, Ocean Electric (L D), Richmond Lt & RR, Staten Island Mid'd.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. c Other inc. amounted to \$86,690 in Mar. 1915, agst. \$87,151 in 1914.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with columns: Receipts, Gross earnings, Operations, taxes, &c., Net earnings, Divs. and int. received, Interest discount, &c., Total income, Paid leased companies, Interest on bonds, &c., Impts., extensions, &c., Depreciation of property, Discount, commission, &c., on securities sold, Miscellaneous int., &c., Total, Surplus for year, Add previous surplus, Additions to profit & loss, Total, Consol. Gas Co. guar'y, Div. on pref. stocks, Div. on com. stock, Reserve for contingencies, Securities & acc'ts. receivable written down, Book value of stock & loan written down, Book value of the corp. stock owned of cos. whose charters have been surrendered, Guar. div. on Con. Gas Co. pref. stock, Exp. & taxes (new secur.), Miscellaneous, Total, Tot. surp. at close of yr.

a Total surplus (\$8,222,141) April 1 1914 includes \$5,481,719 surplus of the Philadelphia Co., \$33,638 Equitable Gas Co., \$2,672,086 Monongahela Natural Gas Co. (subject to adjustment from re-valuation of property acc'ts. to be made during year ending Mar. 31 1915), and \$34,698 Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Co. b Includes in 1914-15 increase in book value of securities re-appraised, \$3,217,612, and increase in book value of physical property appraised, \$12,556,441. c Total surplus in 1915 as above includes surpluses of the Philadelphia Co., \$5,324,535; Equitable Gas Co., \$34,153; Monongahela Natural Gas Co. (subject to adjustment; see footnote a in parenthesis above); Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Co., \$566,218; and Philadelphia Oil Co., \$28,448, and the deficit of the Philadelphia Co. of West Virginia, \$143,129. V. 100, p. 1748, 1259.

United Shoe Machinery Corporation, Boston.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Feb. 28 1915.)

Pres. Sidney W. Winslow, May 22, wrote in substance:

Results.—For several months prior to the European war, on Aug. 1 1914, the output of shoe factories in the United States had been gradually shrinking until it has been estimated at less than 90% of the output during the corresponding period of 1913. Subsequently this decline was accentuated still further, and although offset in some degree through foreign orders received by a few American factories, these orders have not been large enough to have material influence upon the trade, the total orders from European buyers during this period having been less than 2% of the normal annual production of shoes in the United States. The lack of activity in shoe manufacturing has been reflected in our royalties, rentals and sales, and the volume of business for the first time since the organization of the company shows a slight decrease from the preceding year.

Industrial conditions have affected the Beverly factory so that it has been necessary to reduce the force of employees already depleted on account of the Government litigation, which made it advisable two years ago for the company to discontinue its policy of leasing certain machines in the General Department. The number of employees in 1911 was nearly 5,000; in 1914 it was 3,664; it is now 2,887. The average weekly wage of productive help is \$16 15—a higher rate than ever before. The number of machines on lease in the United States on March 1 1915 was 98,860, a decrease of 288 machines from the preceding year.

The foreign companies in which the company is interested have in large measure recovered from the temporary setback at the outbreak of the war, and in some instances they are doing a better business than ever before.

Favorable Decision.—On March 18 1915 the Federal District Court in Boston rendered its decision in the suit in equity brought by the U. S. Dept. of Justice in Dec. 1911 for the dissolution of the company. It was ordered that the Government bill be dismissed. The decision of the Court was unanimous; and each of the judges wrote a separate concurring opinion. An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court. We are sending to each of our stockholders and customers a complete copy of the opinions of Judges Putnam, Dodge and Brown, discussing exhaustively the leases of the company and its methods of business. (V. 100, p. 935, 1442, 1598.)

Merger Delayed.—The proposed merger of the United Shoe Machinery Co. with the United Shoe Machinery Corporation, referred to in the circular letter of Feb. 8 1915, has been delayed by a stockholders' suit in New Jersey and the special meeting of the stockholders, to act on the merger, adjourned from time to time, pending the court proceedings (V. 100, p. 1442).

Stockholders.—There are 4,061 holders of common stock only; and 3,120 are holders of pref. stock only, while 1,602 are holders of both pref. and com.

RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING FEB. 28.

Table with columns: 1915, 1914. Rows include: Combined earnings of United Shoe Mach. Corp. and the United Shoe Machinery Co., after deducting proportion applicable to outstanding stock of United Shoe Machinery Co. not held by the Corp., Cash dividends paid, Balance, surplus, for year ending Feb. 28, These earnings apparently compare with those of the Shoe Machinery Corporation, as shown in previous reports, as follows: Machines on lease Mar. 1, Net earnings, Cash dividends, Bal., surp., for year.

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 1.

Table with columns: 1915, 1914. Rows include: Assets: Real estate, Machinery, Patent rights, Secured, oth. est., &c., Cash & receivables, Inventories, Miscellaneous; Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Treasuries, United Shoe Mach. Co. stock not held by corp., Surplus.

a The figure at which stocks and bonds are carried on the books is, in the opinion of the board, less than their actual value.—V. 100, p. 1598, 1442.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports.—The following is an index to all annual reports of steam railroads, street railways and miscellaneous companies which have been published since April 24.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Table with columns: Railroads, Page, Industrials (Continued), Page. Rows include: Chicago & Sarinaw Ry., Cincinnati & Northern RR., Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry., Kanawha & Michigan Ry., New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., Pennsylvania Company, Pittsburgh Wheeling & Ky. Ry., Rutland RR., Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry., Chesapeake (Cuba) Co., Ltd., Halifax, N. S., Carolina Power & Light Co., Raleigh, N. C., Chicago Railways Co., Cities Service Company, New York, Commonwealth Pow., Ry. & Lt. Co., Havana Elec. Ry., Light & Pow. Co., Massachusetts Consolidated Ry., New Orleans Ry. & Light Co., Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Francisco, 1887, 1752, Portland (Ore.) Ry., Lt. & Pow. Co., Tennessee Ry., Light & Power Co., Winnipeg Electric Ry., Aeolian, Weber Piano Co. (of N. J.), New York, Allied-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, Amalgamated Copper Co., N. Y., American Beet Sugar Co., N. Y., American Coal Products Co., N. Y., Amer. Dist. Teleg. Co. of N. Y., Amer. Pneumatic Serv. Co., Boston, Anaconda (Mont.) Copper Mining Co., N. Y., Associated Oil Co., San Fran. & N. Y., Barney & Smith Car Co., Dayton, O., Official Statement Jan. 2 1915, Bush Terminal Co., South Brooklyn, N. Y. City, Butte & Superior Copper Co., Ltd., California Fruit Cannery's Association, San Francisco, Canada SS. Lines, Ltd., Montreal, Canadian Cottons, Ltd., Casco Company of America, N. Y., Chicago Jet, Ry. & Union Stock Yards Co. of N. Y., Colorado Power Co., Denver, Colo., Computing-Tabulating-Record'g Co., Copper Range Consolidated Co.,

Philadelphia Company of Pittsburgh.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending March 31 1915.)

The report of President Reed, the company's income account, balance sheet and stockholdings, and the combined income account of the Philadelphia Co. and the affiliated operating companies, will be found on subsequent pages.

Brown Shoe Company, Inc.

(Report for Six Months ending April 30 1915.)

The report for the half-year ended April 30 says in subst.:

The unsatisfactory showing has been caused by the continued general business depression during the entire six months and especially in the cotton States, from which comes more than half of the company's business. During this period merchandise in stores has been reduced \$840,703. Compared with the same period ending April 30 1914 reduced output of all the factories, \$2,032,511, reduced factory operating earnings about \$150,000, reduced shipments, caused reduced sales earnings about \$75,000 and rapid and radical changes in styles (largely on women's shoes) caused mark-downs on sales during season and on inventory April 30 1915 about \$130,000, a total of \$355,000.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for 6 Mos. end, Year ending Oct. 15 '12 to April 30 '15, Oct. 31 '14, Oct. 31 '13. Rows include Net sales, Sundry income, Total income, Interest, Oper. exp., labor, raw material, &c., Depreciation, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Total deductions, Balance, surplus or deficit.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns for Apr. 30 '15, Oct. 31 '14, Apr. 30 '15, Oct. 31 '14. Rows include Assets (Real est., bldgs., &c., Machin'y & equip., Lasts, Trade names, goods, Investments, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Prepaid exp., &c.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Notes payable, Emp. & pers. acct's, Emp. savs fund., Reserve for taxes, Surplus).

*After adding \$100,000 special surplus.—V. 99, p. 1054.

Oro Electric Corporation, San Francisco.

(Statement for Year ending Dec. 31 1914.)

Table with columns for Calendar Year, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Sub. Co., Total Income, Bond Interest, Divid. & Reserves, Balance, Surplus. Rows for 1914, 1913, 1912.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, INCLUDING SUBSIDIARIES, DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1914, 1913, 1914, 1913. Rows include Assets (Property invest'ts, Unmort. bd. disc., Cash, Accts. receivable, Materials & supp., Miscellaneous) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Bonded debt, Note payable, Accounts payable, Int. accrued, &c., Reserves, Accrued surplus).

United States Realty & Improvement Co., New York. (11th Annual Report—Year ended April 30 1915.)

President Wilson S. Kinnear, N. Y., May 21, wrote in substance:

Surplus.—The amount added to surplus, after paying a dividend of 2 1/2% for the year and after setting aside customary reserves, was \$444,473, which, added to the surplus of \$1,582,659 from the previous year, less special deduction, aggregating \$1,010,355 set aside as reserve for depreciation and contingencies (see "reserves" below), makes the present surplus \$1,016,777.

Reserves.—The customary yearly reserves have been set aside, and in addition thereto a special fund of \$1,000,000 has been appropriated from surplus earnings for depreciation in the value of the company's real estate. The accumulated reserves now amount to \$2,273,234, and are applicable as follows: Depreciation of real estate and buildings, \$1,505,724; possible depreciation in value of securities, \$457,600; doubtful accounts, \$119,384; accident insurance on construction work, \$101,341; contingencies, \$89,182.

Real Estate.—Our real estate is carried on the books at the original cost. The cost of carrying the unproductive real estate has been charged as usual out of income. The James Estate properties, in which we held undivided interests, were sold at auction and the proceeds distributed, your company acquiring No. 400 Fifth Ave. and Nos. 128-132 West 30th St. at reasonable prices. Mortgages on real estate were reduced \$675,000 by payments and increased \$395,000 on the two above-mentioned properties, making a net reduction in this item of \$280,000 for the year. The aggregate of the mortgages on all of the real estate owned is now 43% of the book value.

Stocks and Bonds.—There has been no change in the book value of the securities on hand at the beginning of the year, and those acquired since are carried at cost. To provide for possible depreciation in the value of these securities, a reserve of \$457,600 has been set aside as shown in [foot-note to] the balance sheet.

George A. Fuller Co.—The following is a summary of the George A. Fuller Co.'s business during the year [figures for previous year inserted by Ed.]:

Table with columns for Unfn. Work, New Business, Total Business, Work Completed, Unfinished. Rows for 1914-15, 1913-14.

While the unfinished business on hand is \$6,487,353 below last year, it is expected to produce a greater percentage of profit, for the reason that the method employed in arriving at profits on work in progress, the coming year will receive the benefit of a large amount of work done during the current year. Every effort will be made to continue reducing expenses in proportion to decreased production.

Some of the new contracts taken on during the year are the following: Lumber Exchange Bldg., Chicago; Windsor Station alterations, Montreal; Martha Cook Dormitory, for University of Mich.; City Hall, Waterbury; Park Bldg., Worcester; bank bldg. in Detroit; Evansville, Olean, Durham, N. C., Warren, O., and Grand Rapids, Mich.; office bldg., 8 West 40th St., N. Y. City; Trafalgar Hotel addition and alterations, Boston; William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh; Hippodrome & Arcade Bldg., Youngstown; Garden Theatre, Baltimore; building, Worcester; interior of City Hall, Cleveland; Central Dormitory, Wellesley College, Chit. Pd. Lodge, Ann Arbor; Y. M. C. A. Bldg., 6-20 East 3d St., N. Y. City; Penobscot Bldg., extension, Detroit; residence for Hermann Hollerith, Washington, C. D.; office building, Camden, N. J., for Victor Talking Machine Co.; Memorial Amphitheatre and Chapel, Arlington, Va.; East Wing Wentworth Institute, Boston; Riverside Power Station, Albany.

Engineering and Construction Department.—During the year your company through this department contracted with the city of New York for a further section of the subway extending from 20th to 35th streets, in Broadway. Work is progressing rapidly on all three sections of the subway which this department has under contract, and it is expected the income of the company for the coming year will be increased from this source.

Business On Books. New Total Executed Unfinished. Year Beg. Year. During Year. Business. During Year. End of Year. 1914-15 \$4,090,710 \$2,683,312 \$6,774,022 \$2,709,324 \$4,064,698 1913-14 4,239,043 4,239,043 148,333 4,090,710

Consolidated Construction Work.—Unfinished business on books of the company at this date: George A. Fuller Co. building construction, \$11,198,012

engineering and construction department, \$4,064,698; grand total, \$15,263,710, against \$21,776,075 the previous year.

Regular Income.—The regular income from real estate and other investments continues to be more than sufficient to pay all expenses and the interest upon the company's bonds. The balance of the income from these investments, the profits from the George A. Fuller Co., the real estate operating department and the general construction work will be applicable to dividends.

[For latest list of security holdings see V. 98, p. 1684.]

INCOME ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING APRIL 30.

Table with columns for 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12. Rows include Interest receivable, Income from investments, Real estate, Security of realty cos., Other stocks & bonds, Profit on bldg. contracts, Construction contracts, Profit on realization of real estate & securities, Total income, Deductions, Total deductions, Net income, Interest on deb. bonds, Dividends, Surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET APRIL 30.

Table with columns for 1915, 1914, 1915, 1914. Rows include Assets (Real est. & bldgs., Loans on mortgage, Sec. of realty cos., Other securities, Plant, &c., Bills & notes receivable, Accr. int. & divs., Unexp'd invts., &c., Cash) and Liabilities (Stock, Debenture bonds, Bills payable, Int. & taxes accr'd, Rents rec'd in adv., General accounts, Dividends, Reserves, Surplus).

*After deducting in 1915 \$15,610,000 for mortgages thereon as against \$15,920,000 in 1914, and also in 1915 \$1,505,724 appropriations from earnings for depreciation of real estate and buildings. x Includes in 1915 loans on mortgages, \$1,867,475; securities of realty cos., \$7,119,345; and other securities, \$963,437; total, \$9,506,257; less \$457,600 reserve for depreciation in value. y After deducting \$119,384 reserve for doubtful accounts. z After deducting \$1,010,355 reserve set aside for depreciation and contingencies.—V. 100, p. 1354.

Utah Securities Corporation (of Virginia), New York.

Utah Power & Light Co.—Utah Light & Traction Co.

(Financial and Physical Data as of March 31 1915.)

The Electric Bond & Share Co., N. Y., has issued as an illustrated pamphlet the financial report made as of May 1 by the Utah Securities Corporation, which controls through stock ownership the Utah Power & Light Co. and Utah Light & Traction Co.

President S. Z. Mitchell May 1 wrote in substance:

History.—The Utah Securities Corporation began business in Sept. 1912, acquiring the control of electric generating plants and distributing systems in Utah, Idaho and Colorado having gross earnings for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1912, aggregating \$1,160,305 and net earnings of \$635,300. These properties, which were owned by separate organizations and were disconnected and largely inefficient, were transferred to the Utah Power & Light Co., as an operating company. Subsequently we acquired the control of additional properties, notably the property of the Utah Lt. & Ry. Co., which is now owned by the Utah Light & Traction Co., embracing the electric light and power business and the street railway system in Salt Lake City and vicinity and the gas property and business and an electric light and power business in Ogden, with aggregate annual gross earnings at time of acquisition, in Sept. 1914, of \$2,750,228.

During the past 2 1/2 years your company has completed inter-connecting lines in Utah and Southern Idaho, and has made substantial progress in enlarging and improving the water-storage facilities and the various power plants, and also in rebuilding and extending transmission lines. The advantages of diversification through the inter-connection of the Utah and Southern Idaho plants have resulted in raising the load factor (or average use as compared with the maximum use) of the system to the unusually high daily average of more than 80%.

We have laid out the new power installations and transmission lines, &c., upon a basis which will provide economically as needed for large future growth. A large reservoir has been built at Onedia, also an extensive system of dikes and canals to divert and store the waters of Bear River in Bear Lake, thus providing adequate water for gravity irrigation and for the operation of the hydro-electric plants on Bear River for the generation of power for irrigation pumping.

The construction period for the immediate future and the period of readjustment and reorganization being practically at an end, your company can for the first time proceed along ordinary operating lines. The copper and other mining districts served have been much depressed by the European war, but are now resuming operations along normal lines, and it is expected that business conditions and power output will likewise improve. Neither your company, nor any of its subsidiaries, has any floating debt in the hands of the public except except current liabilities and these are more than offset by current assets.

The Utah Securities Corporation is strictly an investment company, doing no business but controlling the Utah Power & Light Co. through the ownership of all its outstanding capital stock, except directors' shares, Utah Power & Light Co. controls the Western Colorado Power Co., through the ownership of all its issued securities, except directors' shares of stock, and the Utah Light & Traction Co. through the ownership of all its capital stock except directors' shares.

Utah Power & Light Co., Utah Light & Traction Co.

Utah Power & Light Co. was incorporated Sept. 6 1912 in Maine. It owns and operates electric light and power properties, as hereinafter described, and also owns all the issued securities, except directors' shares of stock, of the Western Colorado Power Co., and all the capital stock, except directors' shares, of the Utah Light & Traction Co.

Utah Light & Traction Co. owns the electric light and power and street railway properties in Salt Lake City and the electric light and power and gas properties in Ogden formerly owned by the Utah Light & Railway Co. The electric light and power and gas properties are leased for 99 years from Jan. 1 1915 to the Utah Power & Light Co., which operates them in connection with its own properties. Utah Light & Traction Co. continues to operate its street railway property in Salt Lake City, which embraces (a) 1 1/2 miles of track of substantial construction, thoroughly covering the city and extending into all the important suburbs; (b) 257 passenger and service cars, including 131 double-truck pay-as-you-enter cars.

Utah Power & Light Co. furnishes electric light and power service in 104 communities in Utah and Southern Idaho, including Salt Lake City, Ogden, Provo, Logan, Park City, American Fork, Eureka, Bingham and Lelli,

Utah, and Idaho Falls, Rexburg, Preston and Montpelier, Idaho, and gas service in Ogden, Utah. The Western Colorado Power Co. supplies electric light and power service to Durango, Telluride, Montrose, Ouray and Delta, and other communities in Southwestern Colorado. Markets well diversified, including with the lighting and miscellaneous service. In many communities important long-term contracts for the sale of large amounts of power. The companies furnish power in the principal mining districts in Utah and in Southwestern Colorado, also a gravity water service and power to pump water for irrigation purposes and serve a large farming area in Northern Utah and Eastern Idaho, and Southwestern Colorado with power for lighting and milling purposes.

Among the large power customers under contract are (a) Electric railways, Salt Lake & Ogden Ry., Salt Lake City to Ogden, 67 miles of track; Salt Lake & Utah RR., Salt Lake City to Provo, 51 miles of track; Ogden, Logan & Idaho RR., in Ogden, Brigham, Logan, &c., 104 miles of track in operation and 41 miles under construction to complete the connection between Ogden, Utah, and Preston, Idaho; (b) Utah Copper Co., Union Portland Cement Co., Ogden Portland Cement Co., the Portland Cement Co. of Utah, United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., Salt Lake Pressed Brick Co., Utah Lake Irrigation Co., Mosida Irrigation Co. and the Board of Canal Presidents. Also supplies all the power for the street railway of the Utah Light & Traction Co. in Salt Lake City and vicinity.

Total population served by Utah Power & Light Co. and the Western Colorado Power Co. is estimated at 225,000.

Properties, Business, &c., of Utah Power & Light Co. and Western Colorado Power Co. March 31 1915.

Table with 2 columns: Property/Service and Value. Includes Electric customers (46,797), Gas customers (1,035), Gen. capac. hydro-elec. (93,750), Do steam (26,500), Hydro-electric under construction (20,500), Pole lines (1,003).

x Includes 130,000 volt, double-circuit, steel tower transmission lines, 133 miles; other high-voltage lines (over 6,000 volts) in operation, irrespective of the number of circuits carried, 1,419 miles.

Electric generating stations (a) Owned, including West. Col. Power Co., hydro-electric, 79,800 k.w., steam, 2,000 k.w.; (b) leased from Utah Light & Traction Co., 29,960 k.w. (13,950 k.w. hydro-electric; 16,000 k.w. steam); under another long-term lease, steam, 8,500 k.w.; total owned and leased, 120,260 k.w., of which 93,750 is hydro-electric and 26,500 is steam.

The most important hydro-electric plants owned by the Utah Power & Light Co. are the Grace, Ida. (capac. 33,000 k.w., of which 22,000 new early in 1914), Wheelon (7,125 k.w.) and Olmsted (7,200 k.w.), all in operation, and the Oneida plant, now under construction. All of these plants, except the Olmsted (on Provo River), are located on Bear River, the largest river in Utah. The Oneida plant, now under construction, is to have an initial installation of 20,000 k.w., and is designed and in part constructed for an ultimate installed capacity of 40,000 k.w. In connection with this plant a solid concrete dam, 116 ft. in height is being erected, forming a storage pond of about 600 acres.

Franchises.—Utah Light & Traction Co. franchise in Salt Lake City expires in 1955. Franchise owned by Utah Power & Light Co. in Ogden expires in 1946; in Provo expires in 1940, in Logan in 1936, in Bingham in 1953, in Lehi in 1962 and in Preston in 1956. Others on various dates; no burdensome restrictions.

PROFIT AND LOSS AND INCOME STATEMENTS—PERIODS ENDING MARCH 31 1915.

(1) Profit & Loss Account Utah Sec. Corp., Sept. 10 1912 to March 31 1915. Profit and dividends, \$2,469,848; profit from redemption at a discount of \$8,766,500 gold notes, \$1,352,522. Expenses, \$109,677; interest on gold notes, \$2,617,360; commission on underwriting gold notes, \$585,109.

Balance, surplus \$510,224

(2) Earnings of All Properties Now Controlled (Irrespective of Date of Acquisition) for 12 Mos. ended March 31 1915 and 1914.

Table with 2 columns: Year and Earnings. Shows Gross earnings all sources (Inter-co. chgs. elim'd) and Net earnings for 1914-15 and 1913-14.

(3) Earnings of Utah Power & Light Co.—12 Months ending March 31 1915.

Including the earnings (a) for the entire period of all properties now owned by Utah Power & Light Co. and Western Colorado Power Co., irrespective of dates of acquisition, and (b) since Jan. 1 1915 of the electric-light and power, and gas properties leased from Utah Light & Traction Co.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Shows Gross earnings, Net earnings (after taxes), and Other income for 1915 and 1914.

Total net income \$1,233,600

(4) Combined Net Income All Companies—12 Mos. ended March 31 1915.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Shows Utah Securities Corporation receipts from int. and dividends, Expenses, Net earnings, and Surplus of sub. cos. accruing to Utah Securities Corporation.

Net income \$741,011

Profit on redemption of 10-year 6% gold notes retired, \$1,352,522; less commission paid on underwriting, \$42,865. 1,309,657

Income from all sources accruing to Utah Securities Corporation for the 12 months \$2,050,668

Deduct interest charges on 10-year 6% gold notes 1,063,009

Combined net (surplus) income for 12 mos. ended Mar. 31 1915. \$987,659

SECURITIES IN HANDS OF PUBLIC—ALL COS. MARCH 31 1915.

(1) Utah Securities Corporation—Cap. stock (all one class) voting trust cdfs., auth., \$35,000,000 \$30,775,100

Ten-year 6% gold notes dated Sept. 14 1912, due Sept. 15 1922, but red. on any int. day at 101 and int. Int. M. & S. at Guaranty Tr. Co., N. Y., trustee. Secured by pledge of securities issued by Utah Pow. & Lt. Co. except \$1,000,000 1st M. & S. and directors' shares. Authorized, \$30,000,000; subscribed at par and int., \$27,500,000; v. i. s. issued in payment of calls (75%—no delinquents), \$20,625,000; to subscribers anticipating payments, \$4,460,500; amount subject to call, \$2,414,500. Total amount issued (to subscribers, as above), \$25,085,500; in part payment for property of San Juan Water & Power Co., \$290,000, \$25,375,500, less retired, \$8,766,500 (V. 100, p. 903, 734; V. 99, p. 347, 54; V. 98, p. 1160); balance outstanding March 31 1915 \$16,609,000

(2) Controlled Operating Companies—Utah Power & Light Co. 1st M. 30-year 5% gold bonds of 1914, due Feb. 1 1944 (see V. 98, p. 528) 11,000,000

Utah Light & Traction Co. 30-year 5% First & Refunding M. gold bonds (open mtge., V. 99, p. 971) dated Sept. 18 1914 and due Oct. 1 1944 11,661,000

Utah Light & Power Co. prior lien 5s, \$744,000; 4% consols, \$1,113,000 1,857,000

Consolidated Ry. & Power Co. 5% 1st M. gold bonds 1,472,000

Utah Light & Ry. Co. 5% Consol. M. gold bonds 486,000

Total amount all securities \$73,860,100

Aggregate annual int. charge on notes & bonds March 31 1915. \$2,309,210

The outstanding capital stock of Utah Securities Corporation is in a voting trust terminating Oct. 1 1922; voting trustees, R. E. Bred, Charles Hayden, S. Z. Mitchell and J. R. Nutt; Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., depository

BALANCE SHEETS MARCH 31 1915.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Utah Secur. Corporation, Utah P. & Traction Co., and Utah Light & Traction Co. Total. Lists various assets like Plants, Cash, and Liabilities like First preferred stock, Common stock, etc.

a Includes the Western Colorado Power Co. with inter-co. accounts eliminated. b Includes stocks and notes of sub-cos., \$18,319,966; other securities, \$9,482; cash on deposit with trustee, \$300; total, \$18,329,719, all deposited as collateral for 10-year gold notes. c Includes plants, leaseholds and securities of other cos. d Includes plants, \$47,721,391, and investments, \$388,594. e Also includes advances on acquisitions. f Stock, \$30,775,100 par value outstanding, issued under laws of Virginia for assets valued at \$1,256,029. g All due Utah Secur. Corp.—V. 100, p. 903, 734.

Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co. (14th Annual Report—Year ended April 30 1915.)

Pres. H. S. Holt, May 22, wrote in substance:

Revenue.—The increases in revenues have accrued mostly from the operations of the earlier part of the year, and while the effects of the war have not been so serious for your company as for most industries, we have distinctly felt the effects of the unusually large number of disconnections and the increase in bad debts. For the coming year we have to face war taxes on our imported raw materials and supplies, and while we had hoped to announce further reductions in gas and electric rates, action in this respect must be deferred for the present.

Financial.—There were redeemed \$32,000 Lachine Division bonds and all of the \$37,000 underlying bonds of Royal Electric Co.

Additions and Betterments.—The new gas-manufacturing station and auxiliary steam-turbo electric plant at Lasalle have been completed. The new steel-pole transmission line between Cedars Rapids and Montreal, which, with the hydro-electric plant of the Cedars Rapids Mfg. & Power Co. (in which we have a large financial interest) has been in operation since Jan. last (V. 100, p. 1754, 1260). We shall have considerable capital outlay for cables to certain civic underground conduits for electric distribution in the uptown and downtown sections of the city. The newly constructed conduits on St. Catherine and Bleury streets will, it is expected, be inaugurated in the course of the next few weeks.

Plants, &c.—The properties of the company and its various subsidiary companies have been fully maintained as evidenced by the expenditure on maintenance account of \$383,601, which, with the appropriation for depreciation and renewal reserve, represents a total expenditure and provision in this connection of \$1,033,601 for the year.

War.—Upwards of 50 of our employees have enlisted for overseas service in the European war, and we have an enrollment of over 600 in the Montreal Home Guard. Your company contributed \$10,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and provided liberally for those employees who enlisted.

EARNINGS, EXPENSES AND CHARGES, YEARS ENDING APRIL 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12) and Amount. Shows Gross earnings, Expenses, Net revenue, Int. on bonds & insur., Dividends paid, Deprec. & renewals, Officers, &c., pension fd., Surplus.

* In addition to \$75,000 appropriated for the same purpose during year.

BALANCE SHEET APRIL 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1915, 1914, 1915, 1914) and Amount. Lists Assets (Stocks, bonds, interest, New construction, Investment securities, Bonds in treasury, Accts. receivable, Stores, gas stoves, Coal, coke, tar, &c., Cash on hand and in bank) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Bonds outstanding, Accounts payable, Customers' depos., Acrued interest, Diva. unclaimed, Dividend May 15, Insurance reserve, Contingent reserve, Deprec. & renewals, Sub. cos. sink fds., Gen. suspens. acct., Pension fund, Surplus).

Total \$39,498,921 37,480,919 Total \$39,498,921 37,480,919

a Capital stock in 1915 includes \$18,700,000 on which dividends were paid and \$43,174 employees' stock.—V. 100, p. 1262.

Wm. A. Rogers, Ltd., Toronto. (14th Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1914.)

President S. J. Moore, March 31, wrote in substance:

The depression in business continued throughout 1914 and resulted in a considerably reduced volume of business. Our factories were for a large part of the year operated at the rate of only 50% of their capacity. The actual sales would have permitted of greater production had not an unusually heavy inventory been carried over from the year before. The effect of this was to cause a greater shrinkage in net profits than the reduced volume of business would otherwise have produced. There has been transferred from time to time, out of the profit and loss account, sums aggregating \$175,000 to realty and plant reserve account, to provide against any extraordinary shrinkage in values of the fixed assets. An appraisal made during the year by the American Appraisal Co. shows that the depreciated values of the properties exceed the book values by a substantial amount, and permits the re-transfer to profit and loss account of the \$175,000.

A special reserve has been created of \$70,000, to provide for two years for the company's guaranty of the dividends upon the pref. stock of Canadian Wm. A. Rogers, Ltd. This guaranty runs from Apr. 1 1914. It is hoped that within the two-year period covered by this reserve the conditions in the Canadian business will be such as to make no further provision necessary.

In view of improvements since the end of the year, and the present outlook for business, the directors believe they are justified in continuing the dividend on the common stock at the rate of 6%, and unless conditions become less favorable than they are at the present, they believe that this rate can be maintained throughout the year.

[The company owns factories at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Northampton, Mass.]

Tramways de Barcelona and the undeveloped Ebro concessions). Only £1,000,000 to be at present authorized for sale. The further £1,000,000 only to be sold with consent of committee mentioned below.

(b) To create an issue of £2,000,000 7% Prior Lien "B" bonds, to be redeemed at 110% on or before June 1 1965, by sinking fund or otherwise, as stated for the "A" bonds above. Issue to bank immediately after the Prior Lien "A" bonds, and have the same security, but subject thereto. The interest on these bonds to June 1 1918 incl. to be payable in 5% 10-year notes (see below). These bonds to be applied in discharging bankers' advances to the company, and in acquiring preference shares of the Compania Barcelonesa de Electricidad, held by a French company to the par value of 12,500,000 pesetas (say, £470,000).

(c) The French group to purchase 5% bonds of the Cia. Barcelonesa de Elec. to the par value of 20,000,000 pesetas (say, £750,000), at present held as part collateral for the loan, and the proceeds to be applied in part satisfaction of their advance. The interest on these bonds to June 1 1918 incl. to be payable in 5% 10-year notes.

(d) To increase the issue of 5% 1st M. bonds of the Barcelona Co. from £8,000,000 to £10,500,000, and to extend the date for the commencement of the sinking fund for five years to 1927. The amount of the increase, as well as the bonds returned from the collateral of the banks, will remain in the treasury to be used only with the consent of the committee mentioned below for (a) redemption of 5% 10-year notes; (b) further development.

(e) The payment in cash of interest on the 5% 1st M. bonds of the Barcelona Co., including the interest due Dec. 1 1914 to be suspended until Dec. 1 1918 and the sinking fund to be postponed until June 1 1927, the redemption date nevertheless remaining the same.

(f) To create an issue of 5% 10-year Unsecured Notes redeemable during the last five years at the rate of 20% in each year, the company having the option to redeem them, all or in part, in cash or in an equivalent amount of 5% bonds of the Barcelona Co. The issue to be for a sufficient amount to discharge from time to time:

(1) Any interest due to the banks not satisfied by "B" bonds.
(2) The half-yearly interest accruing up to and including June 1 1918: (a) On the Prior Lien "B" bonds, (b) on the 5% bonds of the Barcelona Co., (c) on bonds of Barcelona Co., par 20,000,000 pesetas (£750,000).

(3) In paying the interest on the notes issued as above during that period.
(g) All securities held as collateral for advances and not taken in part reduction thereof to be released and, except the bonds of the Barcelona Co., to form part of the security respectively for the Prior Lien "A" bonds, the Prior Lien "B" bonds and the 5% bonds of the Barcelona Co. All outstanding engagements with the companies and persons whose advances are to be discharged, as before mentioned, to be canceled.

(h) Provision is made in the estimates for the £550,000 still payable to a Belgian company for the shares of "Les Tramways de Barcelona" which are to be excluded from the security of the bonds of the Barcelona Co. The matter will be taken in hand as soon as conditions in Belgium permit.

(i) The trust deed securing the Prior Lien "A" bonds shall provide for the constitution of a committee to watch over the interests of the bondholders and audit the expenditure of the company. This committee to continue in existence until after all the arrears of interest have been discharged by the notes as before provided and the company has resumed the payment of interest in cash on all the outstanding bonds and continued such payment for a period of one year.

(j) The company would also have the right, with approval of aforesaid committee, to sell the 5% bonds for 20,000,000 pesetas of the Cataluna Co. to complete the road to Tarassa and Sabadell.

Committee of 5% bondholders: A. Ernest Baker of Baker, Mason & Co., James W. Bowhill of Bell, Cowan & Co., Robert Fleming, G. Johnstone of James Capel & Co., H. F. Parshall, E. R. Peacock, V. Pres. of Dominion Securities Corporation, and C. D. Selligman of Selligman Brothers.

Condensed Data from Expert H. F. Parshall, London, March 31 1915.

The total energy generated in 1914 was 148 million k.w. hours, half of which was generated by steam at a cost of £180,000, or .59 pence per k.w. hour. The k.w. hours sold in 1914 were 113,813,000, as compared with 70,543,810 for 1913, (a growth of 62%) and with only 32,000,000 in 1911. The cost of the hydro-electrically generated current at Seros, with only 40% of its estimated output available, was only .018d. per k.w. hour. On this basis, had the entire supply been hydro-electric, there would have been a further economy of £1,000,000. The sale of electricity showed an increase to 220 million k.w. hours after three years operation of the complete hydro-electric installation. This would fully load the plant provided in the estimates. The original plan included a further power station at Barcelona, with a capacity of 180 million k.w. hours. This would cost about £800,000, and to provide this sum a part of the Prior Lien "A" bonds will be set aside. This last should be begun in 1917.

Estimated Net Operation Receipts from the Undertaking as a Whole for Yr. 1914.

From light and power and from Sarria Street Ry.	£325,289
Income from Tramways de Barcelona	£23,064
Taxes and fixed charges of subsidiary companies, including sinking fund and dividends payable to third parties	£348,353
Balance, surplus, for year	119,634

Three of the four hydro-electric plants are practically complete, the k.w. hours supplied in 1914 being Poble 12,000,000, Corbera 6,000,000, Seros 55,000,000. Completion of the Talarn dam (now about 40% finished) so as to store the full 204 million cubic meters should permit Seros to supply 140 million k.w. hours and Tremp (power house only substantially begun) 130 million k.w. hours.

Estimated Surplus Earnings after Meeting Prior Lien "A" Bond Interest (1915-1916) if Present Works are Completed at Once.

1915.	1916.	1917.	Free Mos. 1918.	Total.
£206,750	£409,500	£575,500	£272,300	£1,524,050

The above £1,524,050, together with £850,000 from the issue of Prior Lien "A" bonds, will, after the expenditure of £1,631,000 on construction as per the estimates for completion of present works, distribution lines, &c., leave £743,050 to meet the balance of the cost of the Barcelona Tramway shares, &c. After the expiration of the funding period the annual charges will be £697,150, as follows: 7% on £1,000,000 "A" and £2,000,000 "B" Prior Lien bonds, £210,000; 5% on £7,595,000 1st M. bonds, £375,250; 5% on £2,238,000 funding notes, £111,900.—V. 100, p. 1751.

Boston & Maine RR.—Bill Passed.—The Mass. Senate yesterday passed the bill as agreed to by the legislative conference committee, which provides for the reorganization of the company. The bill now goes to the Governor, having been passed by the House on May 25.

Under the agreement the Senate accepts the House amendment giving the P. S. Commission supervision over the Hampden RR. Corp. and withdraws its opposition to the provision that supplies for the Boston & Maine cannot be purchased from any firm having on its directorate a Boston & Maine director, and to the amendment requiring that the road own as well as pay 4% dividends in order that its securities may be legal investments for savings banks. Compromises were effected on the sections relating to the acquisition of the leased lines and also in other respects. See abstract of bill as originally presented to the Legislature by the board of trustees on Jan. 26 last, V. 100, p. 395.—V. 100, p. 811, 732.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.—Fourth Av. Subway to Open See Rapid Transit in New York City below.

New Advertising Subsidiary.—The company on the termination of its contract with the Inter-City Car Advertising Co., controlled by Ward & Gow, on April 30 last, decided to handle itself the car advertising, vending and news privileges, and announces the appointment as its managing director of Joseph P. Day, the well-known real estate man of Manhattan.

Mr. Day will have associated with him in the enterprise Stanley Eaton Gunnison, who for the last ten years has been connected with Ward & Gow. The Broadway Subway and Home Boroughs Car Advertising Co. was incorporated on May 21 with Joseph P. Day as Pres. and L. C. Sanford Secy-Treas. The contract with the Inter-City Co. called, it is reported, for the payment of \$217,000 annually, and a dispute arose over the terms of renewal. The city is jointly interested in a part of the privileges, viz., those of the New York Consolidated RR., under the dual contracts.—V. 100, p. 1591, 900.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Granted.—The I.-S. Commerce Commission on May 24 approved applica-

tions to continue the operation of the following ferries under the Panama Canal Act:

1. Ontario Car Ferry Co., jointly owned by the Buff. Roch. & Pittsburgh and Grand Trunk Ry., and operated between Charlotta, N. Y., and Cobourg, Ont., connecting the two roads.

2. The Grand Trunk Milwaukee Car Ferry Co., which operates between Grand Haven, Mich., and Milwaukee, connecting the Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry., controlled by the Grand Trunk, with Milwaukee.

The Commission holds in both cases that the existing services by water are in the interest of the public and are of advantage and convenience to commerce and the people affected.—V. 100, p. 732, 228.

Buffalo & Susquehanna RR. Corp.—First Dividend.—An initial dividend of 2% has been declared on the \$4,000,000 4% pref. stock (cumulative from Jan. 1 1915), payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. Books do not close. See statement and map on page 21 of "Ry. & Ind." Section.—V. 100, p. 555, 1006.

Calumet & South Chicago Ry.—Application.—The Ill. P. U. Commission was to hear on Wednesday the application for permission to issue \$500,000 additional 1st M. 5% bonds.—V. 100, p. 1078.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Granted.—See Pennsylvania RR. below.—V. 100, p. 1347, 811.

Carolina Power & Light Co.—Bonds.—W. C. Langley & Co., N. Y., recently purchased and sold at 93 1/4% a block of 1st M. 5% of 1908, due Aug. 1 1938, authorized \$5,000,000, outstanding \$2,582,000. See report, V. 100, p. 1670, 732.

Charlotte (N. C.) Electric Ry.—Stock Reduction.—The company through an amendment in its charter has reduced its capital stock from \$1,250,000 to \$1,000. The railway is now being operated by the Southern Public Utilities Co.—V. 91, p. 1511.

Chicago City Ry.—Application.—The Ill. P. U. Commission was to hear on Wednesday the application to issue \$3,050,000 additional 1st M. bonds.—V. 100, p. 1164.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Payments.—Judge Carpenter in the Federal Court at Chicago on June 26 authorized the redemption on June 1 of the annual installment of \$20,000 Little Rock Bridge bonds at 105.

The court stated that he would hold another hearing before deciding what action should be taken regarding the interest and sinking fund on the bonds of the Consolidated Coal Co. of Indiana and of the Union Terminal Ry. of St. Joseph, due June 1 and July 1, respectively. June 7 was set as the date for the fixing of the receivers' salaries. The hearing on the petition of N. L. Amster, representing minority stockholders, was also adjourned.—V. 100, p. 1671, 1591.

Chicago Railways Co.—Application.—The Ill. P. U. Commission was to hear on Wednesday the application for permission to issue \$3,145,000 1st M. 5% bonds.—V. 100, p. 1745, 1671.

Chicago Utilities Co.—Proposed Sale.—Vice-President Robt. J. Dunham of Armour & Co. is quoted as saying:

Since reorganization of the Illinois Tunnel Co. in the spring of 1910, the owners have spent \$6,000,000 in an attempt to build up an automatic telephone system. The franchise requires a plant serving 30,000 subscribers. In 1911 the Everett Audit Co. reported we had 23,000, but the automatic telephone system never paid operating expenses. (The P. S. Commission recently reported total number of telephone stations 14,883 and the number of subscribers still smaller.)

Experts said we would have to spend \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 in building up a system of 150,000 subscribers at least, in order to make the venture pay. Believing that even if we spent this amount, the people did not want a dual system, we made a contract more than a year ago to sell out to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for \$6,300,000. That contract expires July 1 1916.

The ruinous situation for us is this: A final court decision on the forfeiture clause cannot be obtained before the expiration of the contract. We might as well tear up our contract now, even if we should win in court. Under such circumstances, to force us into litigation after failing to consider our ordinance on its merits, seems inequitable and unjust. Suppose the city succeeds [in causing forfeiture of property and franchise—Ed.], because of an alleged technical violation of the ordinance, Chicago would lose much more than it could possibly gain by reason of the attack on the confidence of investors in all Chicago securities.

Besides, the city has nothing to fear from the sale of the automatic telephone system to the Chicago Telephone Co. The city does not consent to any increase in capitalization of the Chicago Telephone Co. The ordinance is so worded that the city simply permits the sale of tangible property. The city is not asked to agree to any purchase price whatever, and does not commit itself by consenting to the sale to the reasonableness of the purchase price.

For the purpose of rate making in Chicago, the Chicago Telephone Co. could add to its capital account only such part of the purchase price paid as represents the reasonable value of property acquired by it from the automatic system and used by Chicago Telephone Co. in Chicago. It should also be understood that the merger will not confer any additional franchise rights on the Chicago Telephone Co. The enabling Act authorizing the sale does not authorize the sale of the franchise but only of the tangible property.—V. 100, p. 1751, 1256.

Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western Ry.—Foreclosure.

—The U. S. District Court at Cincinnati on May 26 ordered the foreclosure sale of the property under the mortgages to the Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. and Central Trust Co., securing the 1st & Ref. M. and Indiana Decatur & Western M.—V. 100, p. 1256, 641.

Cincinnati (O.) Traction Co.—Decision.

—The Ohio Supreme Court on May 8, affirming the decision of the lower court in Dec. 1911 (V. 94, p. 206), held that the company under the 50-year franchise of Aug. 1896 is accountable to the city for 6% of its gross earnings from all traffic within the city limits, including the part retained by the interurban roads. A judgment was awarded to the city for \$5,410 for additional tax on fares collected in 1905. A demand will, it is stated, be made for similar taxes in later years.—V. 100, p. 732.

Cities Service Co.—See Massillon Electric & Gas Co. below.—V. 100, p. 1588, 1167.

Columbus (Ga.) Electric Co.—Stock Increase.

—This company's subsidiary, the Columbus Gas Co., has, it is stated, applied to the Georgia RR. Commission for authority to increase the capital stock from \$170,000 to \$210,000.—V. 99, p. 119.

Columbus (O.) Ry., Power & Light Co.—Sale of Notes.

—E. W. Clark & Co., Phila., recently offered at 99 1/2% and int., to yield 5 1/4%, \$1,200,000 5% 1-year gold coupon notes, Series "B," dated June 1 1915 and due June 1 1916. Interest J. & D. Authorized, \$1,500,000; to be immediately issued, \$1,200,000. This entire amount has been sold by the bankers and their advertisement, published for record, will be found on a preceding page. A circular shows:

Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in Columbus or Philadelphia, subject to redemption on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Trustee, Commercial Trust Co., Phila. Denom. \$1,000. A direct obligation secured by

deposit of First Refunding & Extension Mortgage 5% gold bonds of The Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co. (due in 1940) at 80% of their face value.

Company owns and operates the city street railway system and the electric-light and power systems (except municipal lighting) of Columbus, O. The electric franchises and certain of the important street railway franchises are considered to be without limit of time. The balance of the railway franchises expire at various periods. Services are furnished at unusually low rates—8 tickets for 25 cts.—on the railway lines, and electricity at a maximum of 7 cts. per k. w. h. for lighting purposes, and as low as $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per k. w. h. for power purposes.

The aforesaid First Ref. and Ext. M. 5% gold bonds are part of an auth. \$20,000,000, none of which are outstanding in the hands of the public. They are issuable only with the approval of the P. U. Commission of Ohio, and are secured by a mortgage on the entire property now owned or hereafter acquired, subject to \$8,529,700 (closed) prior liens.

Earnings of Company for the 12 Mos. ended March 31 1915.
 Gross earnings.....\$3,075,551 Bond interest, &c.....\$445,816
 Net, after taxes.....\$1,211,552 Balance, surplus.....\$765,736
 Interest on these \$1,200,000 notes calls for \$60,000 bal. surp. \$705,736.

Columbus, the capital of Ohio, has a population of about 245,000, and from it radiate no less than 41 interurban railways, which, together with excellent railroad facilities, make it the commercial centre of a large territory.

The Ohio P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$1,739,000 of the new 1st Ref. and Ext. M. 5% bonds, this amount including the \$1,500,000 to be deposited under the \$1,200,000 series "B" notes.—Ed. Compare V. 100, p. 1509, 1256.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Reply.—See Morris & Essex RR. below.—V. 100, p. 1509, 726.

Electric Short Line Ry. Co., Minneapolis.—See Electric Short Line Terminal Co. below.

Electric Short Line Terminal Co., Minneapolis.—*New Project.*—This Minnesota corporation, authorized capital stock, \$2,500,000, in \$100 shares (no bonds) is offering \$500,000 of "full paid" stock. An advertisement says: "The proceeds will be used for the improvement of the terminal properties and the extension of the Electric Short Line Ry. [W. L. Luce, Pres.; line projected from Minneapolis to Hutchinson, 64 miles; in operation at last accounts from Minneapolis to Wayzata and Long Lake, 20 miles]. The Electric Short Line Terminal Co. owns in fee properties starting at 7th St. at 2d Ave. North and extending westerly $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles, with ample acreage for industrial sites. Improvements consist of standard double tracks, 80-lb. steel rails, bridges, culverts, interlocking plant and improved real estate. Property is sufficiently large to take care of several large systems of railways. At present has five sources of income: (1) Perpetual leases guaranteed by the Electric Short Line Ry. and Dan Patch Electric Ry. (Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction Co. (see that company below, and p. 71 of "Elec. Ry. Sec."). (2) Rents from leased industrial sites. (3) Transfer and switching charges. (4) Contract charges against foreign lines desiring to enter Minneapolis over these terminals. (5) Rents from improved properties. Stock is already on an earning basis. By June 1 the Luce and Dan Patch lines will bring into the terminal 50 trains a day. Office, Phoenix Building, Minneapolis.

Fairmount Park Transportation Co.—Sale June 22.
 The property is advertised for sale on June 22 at the company's office, Woodside Park, Phila., by order of the District Court, Eastern District, Penn., subject to the first mtg. of \$750,000, dated April 1 1912. See V. 100, p. 1078, 1672.

Fort Street Union Depot Co., Detroit.—Refunding.—The stockholders will vote June 4 on refunding or extending the obligation represented by the First and Second Mortgage of 1895, maturing July 1 1915 (\$312,000 recently outstanding), and on refunding or extending other outstanding indebtedness incurred for additions and betterments.

There are also \$1,000,000 1st M. $4\frac{1}{2}$ s of 1891, due Jan. 1 1941, listed on the N. Y. Stock Exchange in 1893. Frank H. Alfred is President. See p. 57 of "Ry. & Ind." Supplement.

Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada.—Stock.—The company has applied to the London Stock Exchange for authority to list a further issue of £284,445 4% guaranteed stock and £902,013 perpetual 4% Consolidated Debenture stock, making total amounts listed £12,500,000 and £24,624,455, respectively.

Application Granted.—See Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. above.—V. 100, p. 1432, 812.

Hocking Valley Ry.—New Directors.—Jeremiah Milbank of New York and M. J. Caples of Columbus, Ohio, have been elected directors to succeed DeCarur Axtell and J. H. Hoyt, who resigned.

Suit.—See Sunday Creek Co. under "Industrials."—V. 100, p. 1751, 1257.

Illinois Central RR.—Listed.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has listed \$10,000,000 Ill. Cent. RR. and Chic. St. Louis & New Orleans RR. Joint Ref. M. 5% Series "A" bonds, due 1963, making the total amount listed \$25,000,000. Compare V. 100, p. 397, 474.—V. 100, p. 1257, 474.

Interborough-Metropolitan Co., N. Y.—Success of Plan Assured.—We learned late yesterday afternoon that holders of the common and preferred stock to an amount far in excess of that required had signified their acceptance of the readjustment plan to be voted on by the stockholders on June 1. Compare V. 100, p. 1741, 1672, 1592, 1510, 1437.

Interstate Railways Co. (of N. J.), Phila.—Exchange of Pref. Shares.—Pres. John A. Rigg, May 20, addressing the holders of unexchanged pref. stock, said in substance:

The vote April 23 on the charter amendment making the pref. stock a permanent investment resulted as follows:

Shares issued.....	Pref. (par \$10)	Com. (par \$100)
For amendment.....	100,000 shares	22,912 shares
Against amendment.....	74,632 do	20,366 do
	244 do	None do

The remaining pref. shareholders are accordingly invited to send their old certificates to the Real Estate Title Ins. & Trust Co. of Phila., 523 Chestnut St., Phila., to be exchanged for new certificates issued under the amended charter. The stock, made payable in installments of not less than \$1 annually, was issued to tide over an emergency which is now happily passed, and is of an unusual character and therefore not readily marketable. On the other hand, the new pref. shares, being of the customary kind, would pass without explanation and should therefore have a market and a market value.—V. 100, p. 308, 812, 1168, 1592.

Kansas City Ozark & Southern Ry.—Denied.—Judge Kirby in the Circuit Court at Springfield, Mo., on May 24 denied the application of receiver Braden to issue \$5,500 certificates to purchase a new locomotive. The road has been tied up since May 19 because its engines are useless. An engine, it is stated, will be rented.—V. 100, p. 140.

Kansas City Southern Ry.—Listed.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has listed \$1,000,000 additional Refunding and Improvement M. 5% bonds due 1950, making the total amount listed \$17,000,000.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied as follows: To improvement of terminals, \$50,000; grade revision and changes of line, \$90,000; ballasting, \$560,000; other corporate purposes, \$300,000.

Earnings.—For eight months ending Feb. 28:

Eight Mos.—	Gross Earnings	Net (after Taxes)	Other Income	Fixed Charges	Balance, Surplus
1913-15.....	\$6,813,404	\$2,047,833	\$1,341,953	\$1,348,613	\$831,173
1913-14.....	7,191,781	2,351,602			

Total surplus Feb. 28 1915, \$6,500,420, after deducting two quarterly dividends on pref. stock, paid Oct. 15 1914 and Jan. 15 1915, calling for \$420,000.—V. 100, p. 474.

Lewiston Augusta & Waterville Street Ry.—Notes.—The Maine P. U. Commission, it is said, has authorized the company to issue \$750,000 5% 3-year notes, dated July 1 1915 and due June 1 1918.—V. 94, p. 826.

Lewiston Nez Perce & Eastern RR.—Mortgage.—The company, it is stated, has filed with the Spokane & Eastern Trust Co. a mortgage to secure an issue of \$5,000,000 bonds.—V. 100, p. 1592.

Long Island RR.—Answers in Suit.—The answer of the 13 directors of the company in the suit recently brought by Dick Bros. & Co., charging mismanagement, was served on Wednesday, as were also the answers of the Pennsylvania RR. and Penn. Tunnel & Terminal Co. (V. 100, p. 1257).

All of the charges alleging mismanagement, waste of money and the use of the company's funds for the benefit of the Pennsylvania RR. to the detriment of the Long Island RR., are denied.

The answer of the directors explains at length the needs of the Long Island RR. for new capital to bring it up to standard when the Pennsylvania RR. had purchased control and the manner in which the latter, through its credit has enabled the company to expend since 1900 over \$50,000,000 and has brought the road to a proper point of physical development.

It is stated that the whole development has been, is and will be of great benefit, profit and advantage to the Long Island. The debt is neither unreasonable, excessive or unfair. Relative to the magnitude of the undertaking, it is exceedingly small. The rate of interest has been low, 4%. In none of its dealings with the Long Island RR. has the Pennsylvania RR. been oppressive or unreasonable, or acted inequitably. The directors have committed no waste, they have permitted no waste.

The terms under which the Long Island operates its road into Manhattan are said to be reasonable and fair, and the expenditures to obtain an entrance into Manhattan have been justified by results, gross earnings having increased 190% in 1914, over 1900.—V. 100, p. 1592, 1348.

Manila Electric RR. & Lighting Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Year—	Gross Earnings	Net (after Taxes)	Bond Interest	Dividends	Balance, Surplus
1914.....	\$1,002,401	\$783,587	\$277,717	\$50,000	\$155,870
1913.....	1,698,593	907,807	277,817	350,000	280,190

From the surplus as above there was deducted yearly \$28,250 for sinking fund reserve and \$80,000 for replacements and renewals, leaving \$47,620 in 1914, against \$171,941 in 1913.—V. 100, p. 733.

Massachusetts Electric Companies.—No Dividend.—The trustees have decided to omit the semi-annual dividend on the \$24,123,162 4% cum. pref. stock usually paid on July 1. From July 1910 to Jan. 1915 the full 4% rate (2% semi-annually) was disbursed. In July 1912 the accrued dividends (17 $\frac{3}{4}$ %) were paid in full in pref. stock (V. 93, p. 1462; V. 94, p. 68).

The action, it is stated, is because of unsatisfactory earnings and the uncertainty as to the award to be made by the arbitration board in regard to wages, which has been pending for some time (V. 99, p. 1746).—V. 100, p. 733, 556.

Minneapolis St. Paul Rochester & Dubuque Electric Traction Co.—Notes.—The J. G. White Engineering Corp. and the General Electric Co. interests of New York and Stevens, Chapman & Co. of Minneapolis, have jointly purchased \$750,000 3-year 6% notes secured by a mortgage just filed to the Minneapolis Trust Co., trustee. The proceeds will be used to complete the line into Minneapolis terminal and add to equipment.

New Terminal Company in Minneapolis.—Lease.—See Electric Short Line Term. Co. above.—V. 99, p. 197.

Missouri Pacific Railway.—Note Deposits.—It was officially stated late yesterday afternoon that there had been deposited \$17,200,000 of the \$24,485,000 Extended Three-Year 6% Secured Gold Notes due June 1, under the agreement providing for an extension for one year. Numerous returns from foreign holders which were expected had not yet been received. The Old Colony Trust Co. has been appointed Boston depository for the deposit of notes of the above issue. The assets, it is stated, include the Speyer and Rockefeller holdings.—V. 100, p. 1752, 1672.

Morris & Essex RR.—Reply by D. L. & W.—The Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR., in circular signed by President W. H. Truesdale, May 18, replies to recent allegations (V. 100, p. 1672, 1752), in substance:

Allegations.—The 7% has been paid regularly on the stock since the making of the lease, and we insist that the 1% additional has never accrued under the conditions of the lease.

The stockholders' committee contends that, while the accrual of the additional 1% may not appear from the accounts, such showing is due to the alleged facts: (a) That, at the instance of the lessee, the bonded debt has increased between 1874 and 1914 upwards of \$19,000,000, a large part of which was for expenditures not properly chargeable to construction account, and (b) that there has been an improper division of earnings on through business whereby the Morris & Essex has not been credited with its proper share thereof.

(a) **Bonded Debt.**—It appears clear to us that the meaning of the words "chargeable to construction account," as used in the lease, includes those charges for doing work of an extraordinary nature, as distinguished from the expenditures for maintenance which were assumed by the lessee. On this interpretation on the various expenditures, upon which is predicated the increase of \$19,000,000 in the bonded debt of the lessor, clearly warranted such increase. They included:

Advances by Lessee from 1875 to 1914 incl., for which \$19,642,000 of Morris & Essex Bonds Were Issued.

Sundry advances for construction (prior to Dec. 31 1875).....	\$875,953
Engineering, land, land damages, grading and bridges in connection with completion of Boonton branch, add'l tracks, &c.	3,642,990
Terminal improvements at Hoboken and Jersey City, including filling in of land and land under water and the cost of real estate acquired in 1882, with the proceeds of the real estate 1st mortgage bonds, \$1,500,000.....	3,409,930
roadway buildings, shops, machinery, power house at Hoboken, stations, &c.....	3,097,883
Tunnels.....	4,282,582
Change of line and grade through Newark, Maplewood, Summit, &c.....	3,665,807
Add'l piers & wharves, \$598,238; add'l equip., \$1,534,299.....	2,132,537
Purchases of Sussex stock, \$432,535, and Chester bds., \$100,000.....	532,535
Credit for premiums on bond sales, &c.....	1,639,814

Total (bonds, \$19,642,000; still due lessee, \$358,461).....\$20,000,461

While the "line of road," i. e., the straightaway mileage of roadbed, has not increased, the following table shows the trackage has nearly trebled

	Single Track.	Double Track.	Total Road.	Sundry Sidings.	Total Trackage.
All Track—					
December 31 1868.....	89.00	30.25	119.25	33.50	153.00
December 31 1914.....	18.04	100.95	118.99	251.91	501.85

It is not true that it has been our policy to charge the Morris & Essex Co. with practically all improvements and betterments on their property. Of their proportion of the cost of the present passenger terminal at Hoboken, nearly \$500,000 was absorbed by the Lackawanna Co. All the cost of the new Short Hills station and at least one-half the cost of all other new stations on the leased line has been so absorbed. Of the sums expended since 1880 for improvements on the Morris & Essex and properly chargeable to construction account, upwards of \$9,000,000 has been assumed by us.

Nor is it correct to say that a very large proportion of expenditure made at the instance of the Lackawanna System and not for the benefit of the M. & E. has been made for the benefit of the Lackawanna System and not for the benefit of the M. & E. as a separate corporation. We do not know of any such expenditures. The fact is that a very large proportion of such expenditures has been made for improvements and betterments on that part of the line almost exclusively employed in handling the commutation passenger traffic, which is purely Morris & Essex Company's business.

Had it been our purpose to inflate the interest charge and thereby defeat the accrual of the 1% additional rental, we would have capitalized the entire \$9,000,000 which, as above stated, the Lackawanna Co. absorbed, and instead of refunding with 3 1/2% bonds and absorbing the large discount, the Lackawanna Co. would have sold refunding bonds bringing par.

(b) *Division of Gross Earnings.*—No separate accounts are kept of the earnings of the various railroads in New Jersey operated by this company (except the Sussex RR. and Lackawanna RR. of N. J.), the prorating of earnings being by States and not by lines. The method of dividing revenue on through business is on the usual mileage prorate basis, adopted by the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

The claim of the committee to an arbitrary over the mileage prorate, because of the large investment in the terminal at Hoboken, is not well founded in theory or railroad practice. In theory the basis for arbitraries is the extraordinary expense of operating a terminal, as compared with an interior division. But this cannot be urged in behalf of the M. & E. Co., since it is not under the lease interested in the cost of maintenance or of operation, the rentals reserved being based on gross earnings.

The committee's circular purports to show for the years 1905 to 1914 the gross earnings of the Morris & Essex, the interest charges and "apparent excess of interest charge plus 10% on capital stock over 30% of gross earnings." The gross earnings are over-stated. The figures used represent gross earnings of all our New Jersey lines, except the Sussex and Lackawanna RR. of N. J. The earnings of the Newark & Bloomfield, the Chester and the Morris Extension railroads are properly included in said gross earnings, but not the earnings of the Passaic & Delaware, Passaic & Delaware Extension, Hoptacong and Warren railroads which are leased directly to the Lackawanna Co. Furthermore, the tabulation, while including the earnings of the Newark & Bloomfield and Morris & Essex Extension railroads, shows no deduction from the 30% of gross earnings for the interest on the stock of these railroads, which are obligations of the Morris & Essex Co.

If such deduction were made and a further deduction of the amount paid by the Lackawanna Co. as rental for directly leased lines in New Jersey was also made from 30% of the gross earnings shown (upon the assumption that 30% of the gross earnings of such directly leased lines at least equal such rental charges), the tabulation would show:

Apparent Excess of Int. Charges Plus 10% on Cap. Stock over 30% of Gross
 1905, \$455,552; 1907, \$305,614; 1909, \$366,021; 1911, \$175,510; 1913, \$744,638; 1906, \$18,082; 1908, \$19,637; 1910, \$69,041; 1912, \$501,311; 1914, \$36,420

The marked falling off in the gross earnings from 1912 to 1914, incl., is wholly due to the fact that the Lackawanna RR. of N. J., known as the "cut-off," began to do business in Dec. 1911. This line runs from Netcong, N. J., to Stamford Junction, Pa. Over it passes a large part of the through business which formerly moved via the Warren RR. to the Morris & Essex RR. at Washington, N. J., whereas, since Dec. 1911, such traffic is received by the Morris & Essex RR. at Port Morris, N. J.

Outlook.—The foregoing does not encourage the hope that additional rental will accrue to the lessor in the immediate future, even though there be no increase in bonded debt. Compulsory changes of line and grade are threatened under recent legislation. Electrification of some parts of the line may become necessary. These improvements will result in large expenditures which, under the lease, are to be reimbursed to the D. L. & W. RR. Co. and are likely to increase interest charges.

The stockholders are to be congratulated that they receive 7% on their stock. Their road was not earning its fixed charges in 1868 when the lease was made, and it has not earned and does not now earn 7%, nor any sum approaching 7%, on the stock. We shall, however, do our best to expedite the determination of the questions involved in the suit based on the allegations in question. See also V. 100, p. 1672, 1752.

New England Investment & Security Co.—New President.—Francis H. Dewey, President of the Worcester Consolidated Street Ry. has been elected President to succeed President T. J. Harmer, who resigned.

Mr. Dewey will continue as head of the Worcester Consolidated Ry., but will make his headquarters in Springfield.

Officials of the Springfield and Worcester trolley unions have been holding conferences with the company's officers regarding a new wage scale. Late last week it was generally believed that a hopeless deadlock had resulted and that the final means of arriving at a settlement would be by arbitration. Officials of the New England Investment & Security Co. held out for payment of the Worcester Consolidated lines, which would mean a substantial cut in wages for the Springfield Street Ry. men, who are now paid by the day. The strike on the Springfield and interurban trolley lines which tied up the lines for two days was declared off on April 1.—V. 100, p. 398.

New York Central RR.—Bond Syndicate Dissolved.—It was announced on May 25 that the syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., which underwrote the \$100,000,000 6% convertible debenture bonds, had been dissolved, all except \$5,000,000 of the bonds having been subscribed for by the stockholders. The profit realized by members of the syndicate, it is stated, aggregated, net, 2.45%.—V. 100, p. 1752, 1592.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Bill Passed.—The Mass. House on May 27 by a vote of 129 to 78 passed the so-called validation measure, which goes to the Governor. The bill, which was introduced with the support of commercial interests, to rehabilitate the road, validates all New Haven stock, funds and floating debt and permits an issuance of preferred stock and mortgage bonds. Many legal difficulties in regard to the status of securities issued by New Haven subsidiaries will be settled by the final act, the funding of \$53,000,000 of floating debt now carried by the company at a high interest cost. The annual saving of interest will be about \$1,500,000, which will be available for improved service and additional facilities. The company is permitted, with the approval of the P. S. Commission, to issue bonds up to twice the amount of its capital stock.—V. 100, p. 1752, 1673.

Northern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Consolidation.—The Governor of Mass. has signed a bill authorizing the company to absorb by consolidation or purchase the Connecticut Valley Street Ry. Co.—V. 100, p. 1168.

Pacific Great Eastern Ry.—Loan.—The company, it is announced, has obtained through the British Columbia and Dominion governments about \$3,000,000 with which to complete the line as far north as the Hundred-Mile House in Cariboo, 223 miles from Vancouver. This, it is stated, will take until the end of the year. The road is now in operation between Vancouver and Lillooet, 120 miles.

The money is part of a \$5,000,000 loan arranged last year with the Union Bank, secured by bonds of the company guaranteed by the Province, the bank's advances being at the rate of about 80 cents on the dollar for the

bonds deposited with it. This loan in turn forms part of the \$6,000,000 loan which the Dominion Government last year agreed to make to complete the road. Compare V. 99, p. 1833, 1452, 1301.

Pennsylvania RR.—No Action at Present on Lake SS. Order—Ferry Operation Permitted.—Officials of the company and other roads concerned with the order of the I. S. Comm. Commission made on May 7 directing them to dispose of their holdings in the steamship lines operating on the Great Lakes by Dec. 1 next, have it is reported, decided to take no action at present.

The lake navigation season closes by that time, remaining closed for five months, during which the roads could resort to action in the courts.

The I. S. Comm. Commission on May 21 entered an order granting the petitions of the company and of the Canadian Pacific Ry., permitting them to continue to control the Pennsylvania-Ontario Transportation Co., which operates a car ferry on Lake Erie between the ports of Ashtabula, O., and Port Burwell, Canada. The transportation company is ordered to file tariffs in accordance with the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Act by July 1.—V. 100, p. 1752, 1673.

Pere Marquette RR.—Foreclosure Sale.—Judge Tuttle in the U. S. District Court at Detroit, Mich., on May 24, on application of the underlying bondholders, ordered the foreclosure sale of the road on Oct. 1 next, no satisfactory plan of reorganization having been presented by the consol. mtge. bondholders.

The Court selected June 7 as the date for announcing the formal conditions of sale. The receivers were directed to file a petition on that date asking for the sale of the road to pay its debts, amounting, it is stated, to about \$12,000,000. Judge Tuttle intimated in reply to the objection of bondholders under the consolidated mtge. of 1901 that they would have another opportunity at the hearing on the petition to submit a plan of reorganization as the only alternative. The underlying bondholders, in their application for the sale of the road, guaranteed to bid a sufficient sum to clear away the equipment indebtedness of about \$12,000,000, as well as their own claims of about \$25,000,000.—V. 100, p. 1673, 1438.

Portland (Ore.) Ry., Light & Power Co.—Common Stock When Reduced to \$20,000,000 to Be Still 75% Paid.—

The financial plan adopted May 14 involves a reduction in common stock from \$25,000,000 75% paid to \$20,000,000 75% paid (not "full paid" stock). See plan, V. 100, p. 1511.—V. 100, p. 1666, 1673, 1753.

Public Belt RR., New Orleans.—Bonds Sold.—

See New Orleans in "State and City Department" on a subsequent page.

Rapid Transit in New York City.—Contracts, &c.—

P. S. Commissioner Williams on Thursday expressed the opinion that it is practically certain that the Fourth Ave. (Brooklyn) subway will be formally opened either on June 15 or June 19, the date set for the public celebration. The entire line will be placed in operation as a two-track road for local service. It is expected that the third rails for the express tracks will be ready within a few weeks thereafter. Representatives of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. recently stated that it is ready to place 144 cars in operation. Twenty-two trains will, it is stated, be used.

The P. S. Commission on May 25 awarded to the Oscar Daniels Co., the lowest bidder, for \$863,775 the contract for the construction of Section 2 of Route 49, the first section of the elevated extension of the Fourth Ave. (Brooklyn) subway connecting with the Old Culver Line in 38th St., extending from a point 525 ft. south of Dey Parkway, otherwise 22d Ave., produced over Gravesend Ave. and Shell Road to a point in Shell Road 525 ft. south of Ave. X, produced. Bids will be opened June 15 for building Section 1 of Route 29 in Nostrand Ave. from Eastern Parkway south to a point 220 ft. south of Church Ave., to be a two-track subway branch of the Eastern Parkway subway.

The Commission on May 18 directed its chief engineer to prepare at once plans for the Union Ave. branch of the Eastern Parkway (Brooklyn) subway which will be an extension of the present Interborough subway in Brooklyn. There is no appropriation for this subway, but a large number of property owners have petitioned the Commission to have the line built and paid for by assessment on the property to be benefited.

Governor Whitman on May 10 signed the Patten bill under which the P. S. Commission, with the approval of the Board of Estimate, may acquire the right to operate subway cars over the tracks of the Long Island RR. as far as Corona, L. I. The Governor has also signed the bill permitting the exchange of a strip of land purchased by the Commission for the extension of the branch of the Lenox Ave. subway north of 180th St. for a strip of Bronx Park in order to avoid a dangerous crossing over the tracks of the N. Y. Westchester & Boston Ry.—V. 100, p. 1593, 982.

St. Louis & San Francisco RR.—Plan.—While much of the talk regarding the terms of a tentative plan of reorganization is pronounced unworthy of attention, leading security interests, it is understood, are agreed that the new company should issue 75% in 4% mortgage bonds and 25% in 6% adjustment cumulative income bonds in exchange for the company's Refunding 4s and the guaranteed stock of the Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis.—V. 100, p. 1593, 1259.

San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys.—Reorganization.—John S. Drum, Sec. of the F. M. Smith Advisory Committee, May 15 issued the following:

The San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Rys. will pay the interest due May 19 on the general consolidated mortgage bonds of the San Francisco Oakland & San Jose Consolidated Ry. The complete financial reorganization of the railroads is believed to be necessary, and, in view of the conflicting rumors that have been current, it is desired to announce that all of the engineering and accounting data and other information necessary to be considered in preparing a plan of reorganization have been collected and are now available, but no plan will be determined upon until the Railroad Commission acts on the company's application for an authorized valuation as a foundation. When this valuation is received, a reorganization committee will begin work at once and prepare and submit a plan to the bondholders. Within a few days a letter will be addressed to the security holders by the railway company to acquaint them fully with the condition of the company. Inasmuch as all preliminary valuations give a sum in excess of all of the note and bond issue at par, bondholders are advised not to dispose of their securities at the present market prices.—V. 100, p. 1753, 1653.

San Pedro Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR.—Bonds.—The company has applied to the Cal. R.R. Commission for authority to issue, at not less than \$2,311,000 1st M. bonds, the remainder of the issue of \$861,000 authorized by the Commission a year ago. They are to be given to the Oregon Short Line R.R. Co. and W. A. Clark for advances. Compare V. 98, p. 1994.

Scranton & Binghamton Ry.—Sale of Control.—Control of the road was, it is reported, sold on May 21 by W. L. Connell, T. J. Foster and J. K. Griffith to Mortimer B. Fuller, Pres. of the International Salt Co., E. J. Lynett and M. W. O'Boyle.—V. 98, p. 840.

Southern Pacific Co.—Favorable Decision.—The Appellate Court at Franklin, Ky., on May 25 affirmed the decision of the Franklin Circuit Court in the suit of the Commonwealth against the company and the Louisville & Nashville RR., holding that these companies do not have to pay an organization tax on their original capital stock.

The question before the Court was the construction of Section 4225 of the Kentucky Statutes and its application to the two cases. The Southern Pacific Co. was organized in 1884 with \$200,000,000 authorized stock, but in 1909 was increased to \$376,000,000. The Louisville & Nashville

was capitalized in 1850 at \$60,000,000, but this was in 1912 increased to \$72,000,000. Neither company paid organization tax on the original capital stock because the acts under which they were organized did not require it, and there was no special law on the subject.

The suits were brought to recover the tax on the ground that the law was retroactive. The tax claimed was 1-10 of 1% of the original stock. —V. 100, p. 1673, 1259.

Springfield (Mass.) Street Ry.—Wage Negotiations.—See New England Investment & Security Co. above.—V. 100, p. 1350.

Syracuse (N. Y.) & South Bay Electric RR.—Foreclosure—Reorganization.—The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. recently brought suit to foreclose the mortgage of 1907, under which \$487,000 bonds are outstanding. Ernest Gonzenbach was on May 26 appointed receiver.

A committee consisting of Wilbert L. Smith and William Nottingham of Syracuse and F. W. Roebing Jr. of Trenton, N. J., is, it is stated, working out reorganization plans for the company and Syracuse Watertown & St. Lawrence River RR.—V. 84, p. 1133.

Syracuse (N. Y.) Watertown & St. Lawrence River RR.—Foreclosure.—The Bankers' Trust Co. of N. Y. has decided to bring a suit to foreclose the mortgage, under which \$200,000 bonds are outstanding. See Syracuse & South Bay Electric Co. above.—V. 94, p. 983.

Union Pacific RR.—Listed.—The N. Y. Stock Exchange has listed \$289,000 additional First Lien and Refunding M. 4% bonds, due 2008, with authority to add \$711,000 bonds on notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding sterling bonds, making total amount auth. to be listed, \$39,402,000.

There have been issued 25,500,000 sterling bonds, of which 257,800 have been exchanged for \$289,000, payable in U. S. gold coin, leaving 25,442,200 outstanding, which may be converted into dollar bonds at option of holder.

Earnings.—For year ending Dec. 31 1914:

Table with columns: Year end, Dec. 31 '14, June 30 '14, Year end, Dec. 31 '14, June 30 '14. Rows: Gross earnings, Net (after taxes), Other income, Tot. net income, Balance surplus.

"Other income" as above in the calendar year 1914 includes among other things, interest on bonds owned, \$3,397,135; dividends on stocks owned, \$7,078,190; and interest on loans, short term notes and open accounts (balance), \$3,680,823, against \$2,883,791, \$9,258,794 and \$4,209,339, respectively, in the year ending June 30 1914.—V. 99, p. 1679, 1675.

United Railways of St. Louis.—Negotiations.—The Board of Aldermen on May 21, by a vote of 24 to 3, passed a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five to confer with officials of the company in an effort to compromise the mill-tax cases now pending in the courts.—V. 100, p. 1439, 807.

United Traction Co. of Albany, &c.—Re-hearing.—The P. S. Commission on May 27 began a re-hearing as ordered by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on certain provisions of the Commission's order for improved service. Further hearing was adjourned to June 7.

The re-hearing is confined to two points: (1) The financial ability of the company to purchase at once 12 new modern cars seating 40 passengers, and 30 more cars as early as possible; and (2) Certain modifications in the emergency telephone system prescribed by the Commission's order. The Court said: "Such re-hearing shall be confined to the claimed impossibility or difficulty to raise the money that is necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the order by reason of the foreign war now in progress, and as bearing upon such question the present financial condition of the relation may be shown."

As the time for compliance with certain clauses of the Commission's order has expired, there is also included in the subjects for the re-hearing a new time to be set for compliance therewith.—V. 100, p. 310.

Wabash RR.—Sale June 23.—The property is advertised to be sold at auction at St. Louis on June 23 under foreclosure of the 1st & Ref. M. of 1906 and subj. to the underlying liens.

Spot price, the sum necessary to pay the costs of foreclosure, &c., and to pay principal and interest of the receivers' certificates. As earnest money there must be deposited \$1,700,000 cash or \$3,500,000 1st & Ref. M. bonds. The sale will include in addition to the road, &c., (a) \$1,000,000 stock of the Chicago & Western Indiana, subject to lien of 1st M. of 1889; (b) \$10,000 stock of Moulton Albia & Des Moines RR., \$50,000 stock of Des Moines Union RR. and \$2,000,000 stock of Des Moines & St. Louis RR., all said stocks being subject to lien of Des Moines Div. mortgage of 1899; (c) also, subject to order of U. S. Dist. Court for East. Dist. of Mo. on Jan. 31 1913, the following: \$3,500,000 "A" and \$25,244,000 debenture "B" bonds of Wabash RR., \$20,000 stock (15% paid in) of Keokuk Union Depot Co., \$100,000 stock of Kansas City Excelsior Springs & Northern Ry., \$200,000 stock of Lake Erie Transportation Co., \$729,700 stock of St. Louis Cornwell Bluffs & Omaha RR., \$7,800 stock of Hannibal Union Depot Co. and \$9,996,500 stock of Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Ry. (d) Also the following rolling stock, the title to which has been acquired by trustee of 1st Ref. and Ext. M., namely: 10 Pacific type locomotives, 15 Milkado type freight locomotives, 700 box cars, 500 box cars, 254 gondola coal cars.—V. 100, p. 1673, 1599.

INDUSTRIAL, GAS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Alabama Company, Baltimore.—Coupons.—See and Treas. James E. Whitney on May 13 1915 wrote:

Under the conditions existing at the time the board of directors met, it was thought unwise to pay the May 1 1915 coupon on the 2d M. bonds of the Alabama Consolidated Coal & Iron Co. [the \$1,641,000 5% 1st Consols of 1903, due 1933.—Ed.]. It was deemed conservative not to borrow the money to pay the interest on said bonds, as under the deed of trust the payment of interest was somewhat more favorable. It was considered best not to bank on the chance of improved prices. There has been some improvement since the meeting and it is quite possible that the coupons in question may be paid within the next few months out of the equity on pig iron that is being used as collateral.—V. 100, p. 1594.

American Beet Sugar Co.—New Director.—William Fellows Morgan has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 100, p. 1668.

American Chicle Co.—Dividend, 1%.—A dividend of 1% has been declared on the \$8,000,000 common stock, payable June 21 to holders of record June 14. On May 20 1 1/2% was paid. From May 1906 to March 1915 1% and 1% extra was paid bi-monthly in Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., and in Oct. and Dec. 1914 1% extra was also paid. Compare V. 99, p. 896.

Previous Dividend Record of Common Stock (Per Cent).
Reg. 99, '00, '01, 1902, April 1903—April 1915, May '15.
Extra 1 1/2 % 9 Jan. 2, 12 yearly (1 monthly), 1 1/2 %
Extra 1% bi-monthly, *May '06 to March '15, *
*Also in Oct. and Dec. 1914 1% extra.—V. 100, p. 1512, 311.

Table: American Coal Co.—Earnings. Columns: Calendar Year, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Depreciation, Dividends (6%), Balance Surplus.

American Multigraph Co., Cleveland.—Dividends.—A quarterly dividend of 1% was paid on June 1 on the \$1,000,000 common stock to holders of record May 22, being the same as on March 1 last. From Sept. 1913 to Sept. 1914 1% quarterly and 1/2% of 1% extra were disbursed, and in Dec. 1914 1/2% of 1%. In March and June 1913 and Oct. and July 1912 1% was paid without any extra, and in October 1908 1/2% of 1%. The payments during 1914, therefore, aggregated 5%, the same as in 1913. The company, besides its routine work, is, it is stated, engaged in general machine shop work.—V. 100, p. 903.

American Sugar Refining Co.—Favorable Decision.—The Louisiana Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the Lower Court dismissing the suit brought by the State and to oust the company and restrain it from doing business there. The Court held that the Constitutional Convention of 1913 had no authority to direct the filling of the suit. Compare V. 99, p. 1751.—V. 100, p. 894, 903, 311.

Table: Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Consolidated Earnings. Columns: Calendar Year, Gross Earnings, Net Earnings, Other Charges, Balance.

Atlas Powder Co.—Extra Dividend.—An extra dividend of 1/2% of 1% has been declared on the common stock in addition to the usual quarterly distribution of 1 1/4% (the rate in effect since Dec. 1913), both payable June 10 to holders of record May 29.—V. 100, p. 1595, 1513.

Baldwin Locomotive Co.—No Common Dividend.—The directors on Thursday voted to postpone the semi-ann. dividend on the \$20,000,000 common stock usually paid on July 1. From Jan. 1912 to Jan. 1915 1% was disbursed semi-annually. President Johnson says:

Owing to the depression in business during the past six months, the directors decided to postpone action on the common dividend. That is all I have to say.—V. 100, p. 730.

Barney & Smith Car Co.—Plan.—The stockholders' committee under deposit agreement of Feb. 20 1915 presents a plan of reorganization dated May 24, saying:

In June 1912 the old management retired. The chief order under the new regime was for 5,000 freight cars, on which, in spite of the flood and the receivership, there was a substantial profit. When the flood occurred there were bills and accounts payable of \$1,750,000. Income ceased, resulting in the receivership. The receivers in Oct. 1913, after four months, paid off 25% of the debts, and within 10 months thereafter another 25%. They also installed an additional steel plant, almost doubling capacity, and made other improvements, the total cost being over \$250,000, and have kept up the payment of bond interest.

The statement as of Mar. 31 1915 shows a net value of \$1,577,061, and net profits from operation from June 23 1913 to Mar. 31 1915 of \$137,168 after deducting \$177,222 bond interest. This we regard as satisfactory under all the disturbed conditions and with the steel car addition under construction. The steel plant is now completed and showing good economies. The average output of the properties July 1 1913 to Apr. 1 1915 was about 34 1/2% of capacity. Under the proposed capitalization the operations, we are convinced, will be profitable.

Table: Present Charges vs Proposed Charges. Columns: Bond Interest, 8% on \$2,500,000 pr. stk., Total.

Add \$95,000 for sinking fund to retire bonds and for deprec., total \$300,000. This must be secured from profits. The plant can turn out 15,000,000 of work per year, averaging say 5%, or \$750,000 profit. Operating at 65% of capacity (believed to be a fair average), the profits should be \$487,500, or say \$450,000, leaving \$150,000 available for dividends on the common stock, or 7 1/2%. In former good years, with much smaller output, larger profits have been shown. The stockholders, however, must save the property. We know of no outsiders who would pay enough to give the stockholders any substantial amount in liquidation. While empowered to declare the plan effective when a majority of the shares assents, we do not at present believe it is practicable so to declare unless 75% assent, and sufficient subscriptions are received not later than June 21.

Committee: A. Clifford Shinkle, Chairman; Horace W. Lohmann, Sec.; E. J. Barney, E. L. Heinsheimer and Wm. T. Irwin.

Plan of Reorganization May 24 1915. If the committee bids in the plant, a new company will be formed under the laws of the State of Ohio with the following proposed capitalization: 1st M. 5% bonds, \$2,000,000; being (present bonds assumed) 7% cum. pref. (p. & d.) stock, \$1,500,000. (The articles of incorporation may provide for an authorized issue of \$2,000,000 preferred, with a view to using \$500,000 thereat later on, if it shall be deemed advisable, to retire bonds); common stock, \$2,000,000; total, \$5,500,000, a decrease of \$1,000,000.

Table: Terms of Exchange and Subscription. Columns: Holders of Each \$100 of Existing Stock, If Pay Cash, Will Receive New Pref., New Common.

BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

Table: [Showing est. effect of plan and application of \$1,500,000 new cash.] Columns: At Present, After Reorg., Assets, Liabilities.

x Includes the Milltown Lumber Co., \$315,702; Dayton Realty Co \$80,124; B. & S. Car Co., \$31,700, and C. T. H. & S. E. Ry., \$2,550. y After deducting reserves, \$58,519. See also V. 100, p. 1750.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation.—War Orders.—Unconfirmed newspaper reports of war orders received by the company place the aggregate amount to date at upwards of \$100,000,000, a part of which has been let out in sub-contracts. An order for a large quantity of Lyddite shells was, it is said, recently received from the British Government in addition to earlier ammunition and ordnance contracts. The output of the works has, it is stated, been raised to about 5,000 shells a day, the plant being worked day and night in three 8-hour shifts.—V. 100, p. 1260, 1169.

Birdsboro Stone Co., Phila.—Stock Increase.—The stockholders will vote July 15 1915 on increasing (a) the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, (b) the indebtedness from \$460,000 to \$660,000. Sec., Robert MacBurney, 614 Bulletin Bldg., Phila.

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PHILADELPHIA COMPANY

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 1915.

Office of the Philadelphia Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1st 1915.

The Board of Directors herewith submit their report for the fiscal year ended March 31st 1915.

During the year 6 wells were purchased and 142 wells were drilled, of which 107 were productive of gas, 18 of oil and 17 unproductive; 107 wells were abandoned, having ceased to be productive; 24 wells were sold, and 4 wells were reinstated, making the total number of wells owned or controlled through stock ownership and in use by the Company at this date, 1,617. (This includes the wells of the Monongahela Natural Gas Company, which Company on April 1st 1914 had 155 gas wells and 10 oil wells.)

During the year 81.45 miles of pipe were reclaimed and 152.48 miles were laid and purchased. The total amount of pipe lines controlled by this Company either through ownership or stock ownership in other corporations is now 3,175.17 miles.

This does not include the 188.71 miles of mains of the Allegheny Heating Company, nor the 356.67 miles of mains of our several artificial gas companies.

The Company and the Companies it controls sold during the year 38,720,201,400 cubic feet of natural gas, being a decrease of 1,518,392,300 cubic feet, with decreased receipts from that source of \$186,917 02.

There has been an increase during the year of 3,946 domestic consumers of the natural gas supplied by the companies controlled by this Company, including the Equitable Gas Company, Allegheny Heating Company, Monongahela Natural Gas Company, Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company and The Philadelphia Company of West Virginia, making the total number of domestic natural gas consumers of these Companies 126,900.

As stated in my annual letter dated April 1st 1914, there was expended out of the earnings of the Company, from March 31st 1886 to March 31st 1914, for gas and oil wells, transportation pipe lines outside of the city, pumping stations, telephone lines, tools, etc., \$21,631,931 55, no part of which, until the past year, has been charged to capital accounts.

In order that the capital values represented by such expenditures might more clearly appear upon the books of the Company, it caused valuations to be made of its transportation and distribution lines, service lines, regulators, meters and compressing stations by independent engineers which, after making due allowance for depreciation, have been incorporated in the balance sheet published in the present annual report, amounting to a total increase of \$12,556,441 03.

Also, during the past fiscal year the Company took steps to cause its books to show the actual values of the shares of the Philadelphia Oil Company, the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company and the common shares of the Equitable Gas Company, resulting in an increase in the showing thereof amounting to \$3,217,611 85, which sum more correctly represents the actual value of these shares.

The Company availed itself of the above increase to make a reduction of \$8,924,254 05 in the valuation upon its books of street railway and traction stocks held by it; a reduction of \$1,529,601 16 in the valuation of the stocks of the Pennsylvania Natural Gas Company, the Chartiers Valley Gas Company and the Union Gas Company of McKeesport, whose properties are held by the Company under long leases, and are included in the re-valuation above referred to; a reduction in the valuation of the stocks of and loans to artificial gas companies of \$5,318,651 17 and in the valuation of the preferred stock of the Equitable Gas Company of \$1,546 50, making the total amount of reduction in book values \$15,774,052 88.

During the past year The Philadelphia Company of West Virginia leased for purposes of operation its property to the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company, all of whose capital stock is owned by this Company. The Philadelphia Oil Company was organized, all of its capital stock being owned by this Company, to take over and develop the oil production of the several companies in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

All the employees of the Company and its subsidiary companies have been insured under the group-policy plan of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

The operations of the Street Railway and Electric Light and Power Companies are described in accompanying reports.

Accompanying this report are statements showing the financial condition of the Company.

For the Board,

J. H. REED, President.

PHILADELPHIA COMPANY.

(Including Equitable Gas Company, Monongahela Natural Gas Company, Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company, The Philadelphia Company of West Virginia and Philadelphia Oil Company.)

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 1915.

Gross Earnings:	
Gas	\$7,037,719 49
Oil	217,746 61
Miscellaneous	33,287 04
Total Gross Earnings	\$7,288,753 14
Operating Expenses:	
Prospecting and Lease	\$554,352 02
Gas Purchased	351,666 37
Production	762,793 17
Transportation	429,198 69
Distribution	458,509 05
Commercial	138,765 84
General and Miscellaneous	510,513 35
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,205,799 30
Taxes	201,084 97
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes	3,406,884 36
Net Earnings	\$3,881,868 78
Other Income:	
Dividends and Interest on Stocks and Bonds	
Owned:	
Natural Gas Companies	\$106,560 00
Electric Light Companies	1,236,745 83
Street Railway Companies	459,655 60
Miscellaneous Companies	136 00
Total	\$1,803,097 43
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings	642 20
Interest and Discount	506,116 18
Miscellaneous	2,670 73
Total Other Income	2,312,526 54
Total Income	\$6,194,395 32
Deductions from Income:	
Rent of Leased Properties	\$23,094 49
Guaranteed Dividend on Consolidated Gas Company Preferred Stock	78,194 33
Interest and Discount	202,251 54
Miscellaneous	6,403 27
Total Deductions from Income	310,543 63
Net Income Before Deducting Fixed Charges, Improvements, Betterments, Extensions, etc.	\$5,883,851 69
Fixed Charges:	
Interest on Bonds	\$1,141,582 58
Interest on Convertible Gold Debentures	587,620 82
Interest on Convertible Gold Notes	61,250 47
Interest on Serial Gold Notes	122,500 00
Interest on Common Stock Dividend Serip.	27,593 93
Total Fixed Charges	1,940,547 80
Net Income After Deducting Fixed Charges	\$3,943,303 89
Other Deductions:	
Improvements, Betterments and Extensions:	
New Producing Gas Wells	\$422,982 07
New Producing Oil Wells	71,203 77
New Pipe Lines—Outside City	344,033 98
Total	\$838,219 82
Depreciation of Property	193,575 01
Discount, Taxes and Expenses in Connection with the Sale of Securities	74,941 25
Total Other Deductions	1,106,736 08
Net Income for the Year	\$2,836,567 81
Surplus April 1st 1914:	
Philadelphia Company	\$5,481,719 30
Equitable Gas Company	33,637 53
Monongahela Natural Gas Company	62,672,086 10
Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Co.	34,695 45
Total	8,222,141 38
Additions to Surplus:	
Increase in Book Value of Securities Re-appraised	\$3,217,611 85
Increase in Book Value of Physical Property Appraised	12,556,441 03
Total Additions to Surplus	15,774,052 88
Gross Surplus	\$26,832,762 07
Deductions from Surplus:	
Dividends on Preferred Stocks	\$471,941 00
Dividends on Common Stock—5 1/4% declared and paid	2,049,507 25
Book Value of Securities and loans written down	15,774,052 88
Total Deductions from Surplus	18,295,501 13
Surplus March 31 1915—Per Balance Sheets:	\$8,537,260 94
Philadelphia Company	\$5,324,535 02
Equitable Gas Company	34,153 17
Monongahela Natural Gas Company	62,584,050 89
Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company	566,217 69
The Philadelphia Company of West Virginia	1,443 43
Philadelphia Oil Company	28,447 60
Total	8,537,260 94
a Deficit. b Subject to adjustment from re-valuation of Property Accounts to be made during the fiscal year ending March 31st 1916.	
GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31ST 1915.	
ASSETS.	
Property and Plant:	
Charters and Franchises	\$1 00
Gas Rights	183,542 69
Gas Leases	339,288 11
Gas and Oil Wells	708,350 73
Rights of Way	120,945 34
Compressing Stations	166,944 22
Pipe Lines—Transportation & Distribution	18,941,425 87
Service Connections	1,322,100 43
Meters	1,763,461 77
Regulators	446,062 25
Tools	45,000 00
Horses and Stable Equipment	5,632 05
Telephone Lines	52,155 51
Real Estate	199,098 82
Buildings	93,458 88
Office Furniture and Fixtures	14,850 00
Total Property and Plant	\$24,402,317 70

Brought forward	\$24,402,317 70
Stocks and Bonds of Philadelphia Company in Treasury	247,927 55
Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies Owned:	
Natural Gas Companies	\$10,293,304 00
Oil Companies	1,210,500 00
Artificial Gas Companies	67,218 02
Electric Light and Power Companies	21,562,000 00
Street Railway Companies	29,936,996 00
Miscellaneous Companies	3,400 00
Total	63,073,418 02
Affiliated Companies:	
Notes Receivable Deposited with Trustees	\$2,400,000 00
Duquesne Light Company Contract for Purchase of Brunot Island Property	3,500,000 00
Temporary Loans	953,505 80
Accounts Receivable	539,078 74
Total Affiliated Companies	7,392,584 54
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$1,147,097 40
Notes Receivable	226,087 50
Accounts Receivable	26,923 96
Materials and Supplies	2,652 47
Unexpired Insurance	57 37
Prepaid Interest	8,715 27
Total Current and Working Assets	1,411,533 97
Deferred Accounts:	
Balance of Discount on Securities Sold	\$985,455 12
Well Drilling in Progress	7,855 27
Total Deferred Accounts	993,310 39
Total	\$97,521,092 17

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock:	
Common 780,860 shares	\$39,043,000 00
Preferred 6% Cumulative, 123,432 shares	6,171,600 00
Preferred 5% Non-cumulative, 40,668 shares	2,033,400 00
Total Capital Stock	\$47,248,000 00
Funded Debt:	
First Mortgage and Collateral Trust 5% 50-year Gold Bonds, dated March 1st 1899	\$6,489,000 00
Consolidated Mortgage and Collateral Trust 5% 50-year Gold Bonds, dated November 1st 1901	15,148,000 00
Total Funded Debt	21,637,000 00
Ten-Year Convertible 5% Gold Debentures, Dated August 2d 1909	1,957,000 00
Ten-Year Convertible 5% Gold Debentures, Dated May 1st 1912	9,795,000 00
Two-Year Convertible 5% Gold Notes, Dated May 1st 1911, Extended to May 1st 1915	700,000 00
Serial Collateral 6% Gold Notes, Dated August 1st 1913	1,750,000 00
Common Stock Dividend Scrip, 7%, Due May 2d 1916	673,000 65
Common Stock Dividend Scrip, 7%, Due February 1st 1918	679,842 72
Affiliated Companies:	
Subscription to Capital Stock of Duquesne Light Company	\$3,500,000 00
Notes Payable	500,000 00
Accounts Payable	4,779 80
Total Affiliated Companies	4,004,779 80
Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$1,810,619 45
Accounts Payable	221,102 34
Total Current Liabilities	2,031,721 79
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes	\$134,605 13
Interest on Bonds	340,200 01
Interest on Gold Debentures and Note	252,454 17
Interest on Dividend Scrip	27,432 43
Interest on Current Liabilities	23,616 08
Consolidated Gas Company Guaranty	13,798 00
Reserved for Dividends on Preferred Stocks	163,762 50
Total Accrued Liabilities	954,868 32
Contingent Reserve	765,253 87
Profit and Loss—Surplus	5,324,535 02
Total	\$97,521,092 17

Note.—The Philadelphia Company has a contingent liability for the following bonds, guaranteed both as to principal and interest: Mt. Washington Street Railway Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated April 1st 1903 \$1,500,000 00 Seventeenth Street Incline Plane Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Bonds, dated March 1st 1905 125,000 00 Allegheny Bellevue & Perryville Railway Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated April 1st 1905 500,000 00 The Morningside Electric Street Railway Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated October 2d 1905 200,000 00 Ben Avon & Emsworth Street Railway Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated April 1st 1903 300,000 00 Pittsburgh & Beaver Street Railway Company First Mortgage 50-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated July 1st 1908 750,000 00 Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company Collateral Trust 6% Serial Gold Bonds, dated October 1st 1913 1,350,000 00 The Philadelphia Company has a contingent liability, as endorser, on short-term notes issued from time to time by its Affiliated Companies.

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL STOCK SHARES OF OTHER CORPORATIONS OWNED AT MARCH 31ST 1915.

Natural Gas Companies—	Shares Owned.	Total Shares.
Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Company	30,000	Com. 30,000
The Chartiers Valley Gas Company	29,850	" 29,850
The Philadelphia Company of West Virginia	20,000	" 20,000
Pennsylvania Natural Gas Company	19,822	" 20,000
The Union Gas Company of McKeesport	16,000	" 16,000
Equitable Gas Company	13,927	" 13,927
Equitable Gas Company	5,975	Pref. 5,975
The Allegheny Heating Company	2,664	Com. 4,754
Mansfield & Chartiers Gas Company	500	" 500
Oil Companies—		
Philadelphia Oil Company	40,020	" 40,020
Cosmos Oil Company	2,100	" 2,100
Artificial Gas Companies—		
The Consolidated Gas Co. of the City of Pittsburgh	80,000	" 80,000
The Consolidated Gas Co. of the City of Pittsburgh	802	Pref. 40,000
South Side Gas Company	15,000	Com. 20,000
The Bradock Gas & Light Company	5,000	" 5,000
Electric Light and Power Companies—		
Duquesne Light Company	215,580	" 215,580
Pittsburgh Electric Power Company	200	" 200
Street Railway Companies—		
Consolidated Traction Company	286,824	" 286,980
Consolidated Traction Company	233,117	Pref. 240,000
Pittsburgh Railways Company	50,000	" 50,000
Pittsburgh Railways Company	50,000	Com. 50,000
The Beaver Valley Traction Company	21,500	" 21,500
Seventeenth Street Incline Plane Company	5,000	" 5,000
Pittsburgh & Beaver Street Railway Company	4,700	" 4,700
The Morningside Electric Street Railway Company	480	" 480
Brereton Avenue Street Railway Company	240	" 240
Frankstown Avenue Extension Street Railway Co.	240	" 240
Bates Street Railway Company	180	" 180
Pittsburgh Southern Street Railway Company	162	" 162
Grant & Liberty Street Railway Company	150	" 150
Carrick & Baldwin Street Railway Company	120	" 120

z Total shares issued.

EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY.
GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

Property and Franchises:	
Gas Wells	\$26,266 88
Rights of Way	25,000 00
Compressing Stations	3,707 40
Pipe Lines—Transportation and Distribution	924,854 25
Service Connections	12,824 78
Real Estate	15,077 92
Total Property and Franchises	\$1,008,331 23
Additions to Leased Property	190,734 58
Stocks of Equitable Gas Company in Treasury	4,900 00
Affiliated Companies—	
Accounts Receivable	\$65,232 49
Temporary Loans	110,000 00
Total Affiliated Companies	175,232 49
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$188,272 82
Accounts Receivable	381,406 19
Mortgage Receivable	650 00
Materials and Supplies	301,078 01
Unexpired Insurance	1,935 24
Prepaid Accounts	1,732 51
Total Current and Working Assets	875,074 77
Total	\$2,254,273 07

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock:	
Common, 14,000 shares	\$700,000 00
Preferred, 6,000 shares	300,000 00
Total Capital Stock	\$1,000,000 00
Affiliated Companies—Accounts payable	310,336 42
Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$350,000 00
Accounts Payable	244,408 10
Consumers' Advances	299,558 14
Total Current Liabilities	893,966 24
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes	\$5,397 24
Rental	10,420 00
Total Accrued Liabilities	15,817 24
Profit and Loss—Surplus	34,153 17
Total	\$2,254,273 07

MONONGAHELA NATURAL GAS COMPANY.
GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

Property and Franchises:	
Gas Leases	\$126,417 96
Gas Wells	1,215,803 34
Rights of Way	9,756 65
Pipe Lines—Transportation and Distribution	1,911,793 16
Compressing Stations	250,300 51
Service Connections	637 50
Meters	21,175 82
Regulators	2,163 48
Tools	3,707 03
Horses and Vehicles	3,010 10
Telephone Lines	19,398 03
Real Estate	25,816 19
Buildings	8,444 25
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,217 20
Total Property and Franchises	\$3,599,731 22
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Receivable	218 81
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$15,620 00
Notes Receivable	1,000 00
Accounts Receivable	23,472 47
Unexpired Insurance	725 59
Total Current and Working Assets	40,818 06
Total	\$3,640,768 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock—10,000 shares	\$1,000,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Temporary Loan	\$40,000 00
Accounts Payable	2,283 29
Total Affiliated Companies	42,283 29
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$8,575 81
Consumers' Advances	1,063 10
Total Current Liabilities	9,638 91
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes	\$4,600 00
Interest on Current Liabilities	195 00
Total Accrued Liabilities	4,795 00
Profit and Loss—Surplus	2,584,050 89
Total	\$3,640,768 09

Note.—Subject to adjustment from re-valuation of Property Accounts to be made during the fiscal year ending March 31 1916.

PITTSBURGH & WEST VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY.
GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

Property and Franchises:	
Franchises and Rights of Way	\$3,341 89
Leases and Gas Wells	1,071,220 96
Pipe Lines—Transportation and Distribution	2,125,237 53
Compressing Stations	185,391 73
Measuring Stations	12,670 08
Service Connections	5,223 28
Meters and Regulators	53,874 28
Tools and Fittings	4,439 26
Horses	375 00
Telephone Lines	15,047 72
Real Estate	6,642 84
Buildings	18,305 82
Total Property and Franchises	\$3,503,770 39
Stocks of Other Companies Owned	1,550,500 00
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Receivable	197,378 84
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$27,829 41
Notes Receivable	1,450 13
Accounts Receivable	24,393 97
Materials and Supplies	214,163 46
Unexpired Insurance	1,248 52
Prepaid Taxes	337 50
Total Current and Working Assets	269,422 93
Deferred Account—Well Drilling in Progress	21,185 29
Total	\$5,542,257 45

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock—30,000 Shares	\$3,000,000 00
Serial Collateral Trust 6% Gold Bonds, Dated Oct. 1 1913	1,350,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Rental	\$16,666 66
Accounts Payable	3,992 04
Temporary Loans	400,000 00
Total Affiliated Companies	420,658 70
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$176,650 47
Consumers' Advances	3,943 47
Total Current Liabilities	180,593 94
Accrued Liability, not Due—Taxes	24,787 12
Profit and Loss—Surplus	566,217 69
Total	\$5,542,257 45

THE PHILADELPHIA COMPANY OF WEST VIRGINIA.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

ASSETS.	
Property and Franchises:	
Charter and Franchises	\$70 75
Gas Leases	426,915 51
Gas Wells	793,447 71
Compressing Stations	308,009 85
Pipe Lines	2,639,425 80
Measuring Stations	4,310 29
Meters	22,255 93
Regulators	1,599 68
Horses and Vehicles	775 00
Telephone Lines	17,113 43
Real Estate	28,721 63
Buildings	12,347 89
Total Property and Franchises	\$4,255,083 47
Affiliated Company:	
Account Receivable	000 00
Current Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$1,410 38
Accounts Receivable	4,486 70
Total Current Assets	5,897 08
Profit and Loss—Deficit	143 43
Total	\$4,262,023 98

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock—20,000 Shares	\$1,000,000 00
Affiliated Company:	
Temporary Loan	3,504 80
Current Liability:	
Accounts Payable	1,175 71
Surplus:	
Invested in Property	3,257,343 47
Total	\$4,262,023 98

PHILADELPHIA OIL COMPANY.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31ST 1915.

ASSETS.	
Property and Plant:	
Organization	\$77 90
Oil Rights	1,415,095 94
Oil Wells	612,553 64
Total Property and Plant	\$2,027,727 48
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Receivable	132 67
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$10,696 04
Accounts Receivable	4,157 06
Unexpired Insurance	41 00
Prepaid Taxes	160 50
Total Current and Working Assets	15,054 60
Deferred Account—Well Drilling in Progress	11,388 77
Total	\$2,054,303 52

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock—40,020 Shares	\$2,001,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Temporary Loan	\$10,000 00
Accounts Payable	6,562 70
Total Affiliated Companies	16,562 70
Current Liability—Accounts Payable	6,609 41
Accrued Liability, Not Due—Taxes	1,683 81
Profit and Loss—Surplus	28,447 60
Total	\$2,054,303 52

THE CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 1915.	
Gross Earnings	\$150,235 41
Operating Expenses:	
Production	\$89,250 72
Transportation and Distribution	28,901 32
Consumers'	13,314 07
Commercial	8,119 71
General and Miscellaneous	7,301 00
Total Operating Expenses	\$146,886 82
Taxes	14,861 62
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes	161,748 44
Operating Loss	\$11,513 03
Other Income:	
Interest on Bonds Owned	\$1,250 00
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings	67,904 46
Interest and Discount	291 15
Miscellaneous	6 10
Total Other Income	69,451 71
Total Income	\$57,938 68
Deductions from Income:	
Interest and Discount	\$84,926 62
Miscellaneous	675 42
Total Deductions from Income	85,602 04
Net Deficit Before Fixed Charge	\$27,663 36
Fixed Charge—Interest on Funded Debt	250,000 00
Deficit for the Year	\$277,663 36
Deficit April 1st 1914	1,181,304 14
Deficit March 31st 1915—Per Balance Sheet	\$1,458,967 50

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31ST 1915.	
Property and Franchises	\$7,108,543 78
Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies Owned	4,000,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Accounts Receivable	\$5,388 64
Advances for Construction	23,331 71
Interest on Bonds, Accrued	312 50
Total Affiliated Companies	29,032 90
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand	\$9,073 50
Accounts Receivable	9,264 35
Materials and Supplies	3,236 71
Unexpired Insurance	236 51
Total Current and Working Assets	21,811 07
Profit and Loss—Deficit	1,458,967 50
Total	\$12,618,355 25

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Common, 80,000 shares	\$4,000,000 00
Preferred, 40,000 shares	2,000,000 00
Total Capital Stock	\$6,000,000 00
First Mortgage, 5% 50-Year Gold Bonds, Dated Feb. 1 1898	5,000,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Temporary Loans	\$1,545,000 00
Accounts Payable	3,406 14
Total Affiliated Companies	1,548,406 14
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$8,797 19
Consumers' Advances	2,618 56
Total Current Liabilities	11,415 75
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes	\$16,566 70
Interest on Bonds	41,666 66
Total Accrued Liabilities	58,233 36
Total	\$12,618,355 25

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY.

Office of the Duquesne Light Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1st 1915.

The Board of Directors herewith submit their annual report for the year ended March 31st 1915.

Owing to the depression in general business due to the European war and other causes, conditions in the Pittsburgh district have been severely affected. Notwithstanding this curtailment in general business, your Company has 48,486 contracts in force, an increase during the year of 5,389, representing an increased power load of 12,759 horse power and an increased lighting load of 4,667 kilowatts; and municipal lighting shows an increase of 1,254 lamps.

The installation of the new machinery and the new construction work at Brunot Island is practically finished. The four 18,000 K. V. A. Turbo-Generator Units with auxiliaries and switchboard equipment are in service. Two of these units have been operated very successfully for almost a year. Part of the new installation of boilers and stokers are in service; the remainder are about ready to be put into service. The new equipment for unloading, handling and storing river coal is in successful operation; facilities have been provided for storing one hundred thousand tons or more of coal when it can be delivered by river, during the summer months, at low cost. The other plants have been maintained in good condition and are operating very satisfactorily.

The new equipment at Brunot Island and the improvements and betterments made at other power stations have effected a saving in operation of \$236,645 61, and the power plants are now in better condition for efficient operation than ever before. The department has also been very successful in eliminating smoke, all the plants now being operated well within the requirements of the city ordinance.

The installation of the units at Brunot Island station has enabled the Company to close down the Thirtieth Street power plant on the South Side, and the Suburban power plant. The gas engine plant in Shakespeare Street was also shut down during the year and its load transferred to the East End Sub-station.

Current is now furnished to the Pennsylvania Light & Power Company, enabling that Company to shut down its Ontario Street power plant.

It is expected during the year to install rotary converters at the Manchester and Glenwood power plants to furnish direct current to the Railways Company and these plants will not be operated as generating stations; it is estimated that this plan will effect a very considerable saving.

During the year there were installed twelve 11,000-volt 4-0 submarine cables between Brunot Island and Esplan. These cables were installed by the Company's men and the work progressed without a hitch and without an accident of any kind and was completed under the estimated cost.

During the year a contract was closed with the city of Pittsburgh for its supply of current for street lighting and other municipal lighting and power purposes, resulting in the closing down of its North Side municipal plant and effecting a great saving in operating cost to the city.

During the year there has been sold \$2,500,000 one-year 6% gold notes, dated February 1st 1915, to meet the maturity of a like amount due February 2d 1915, and \$2,500,000 three-year 5% notes, dated February 1st 1915, convertible into 7% preferred stock of the Company at par, the proceeds of the notes to be used for the further betterments, improvements and extensions of the Company's property and to otherwise increase its business.

During the year all the employees of the Company have been insured under the group policy plan of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

The Pennsylvania Light & Power Company has made an agreement with the City of Pittsburgh to pay \$5,000 annually to the city instead of 2 1/2% on its gross receipts, and has also adjusted a claim of the city for pole taxes. This Company is still being operated separately from the Duquesne Light Company and its statement of income and general balance sheet will be found in this report.

Accompanying this report are statements showing the financial condition of the Company.

For the Board,
JAMES D. CALLERY, President.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31ST 1915.

Gross earnings.....	\$4,938,862 45
Operating Expenses:	
Production.....	\$1,377,654 51
Transmission and Distribution.....	455,473 46
Customers.....	61,483 60
Municipal Street Lighting.....	53,357 14
Laboratory.....	24,344 05
Commercial.....	190,293 32
General and Miscellaneous.....	371,687 68
Steam Heating.....	6,023 07
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$2,570,216 83
Taxes.....	167,363 12
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	2,737,579 95
Net Earnings.....	\$2,201,282 50
Other Income:	
Dividends on Stocks Owned.....	\$103,167 00
Interest and Discount.....	155,489 03
Miscellaneous.....	2 00
Total Other Income.....	258,658 03
Total Income.....	\$2,459,940 53
Deductions from Income:	
Rent of Leased Properties.....	\$196,888 55
Rent of Power Stations.....	291,236 42
Interest and Discount.....	158,069 09
Miscellaneous.....	23,842 14
Total Deductions from Income.....	670,036 20
Net Income before Deducting Fixed Charge.....	\$1,789,904 33
Fixed Charge—Interest on Funded Debt.....	20,800 00
Net Income after Deducting Fixed Charge.....	\$1,769,104 33
Other Deductions:	
Discount, Taxes and Expenses in connection with the Sale of Securities.....	\$57,800 02
Deferred Improvements and Betterments Written Off.....	7,946 49
Provision for Depreciation.....	139,207 45
Total Other Deductions.....	204,953 96
Net Income for the Year.....	\$1,564,150 37
Surplus April 1st 1914.....	243,742 67
Gross Surplus.....	\$1,507,893 04
Deductions from Surplus:	
Dividends on Preferred Stock.....	\$46 67
Dividends on Common Stock.....	1,236,729 69
Total Deductions from Surplus.....	1,236,776 33
Surplus March 31st 1915—Per Balance Sheet.....	\$571,116 71

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31ST 1915.

ASSETS.	
Property and Franchises.....	\$11,413,279 77
Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies Owned.....	10,375,055 88
Affiliated Companies:	
Notes Receivable.....	\$1,994,445 00
Accounts Receivable.....	225,352 22
Capital Stock Subscription of Philadelphia Company.....	3,500,000 00
Total Affiliated Companies.....	5,719,797 22
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand.....	\$2,935,016 07
Accounts Receivable.....	222,946 25
Materials and Supplies.....	671,395 73
Unexpired Insurance.....	29,194 03
Prepaid Accounts.....	3,739 14
Total Current and Working Assets.....	3,862,291 22
Deferred Accounts:	
Improvements and Betterments.....	\$95,774 17
Balance of Discount on Securities Sold.....	185,836 60
Total Deferred Accounts.....	281,610 83
Total.....	\$31,652,034 92
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Common—215,580 Shares.....	\$21,558,000 00
Preferred 7% Cumulative—200 Shares.....	20,000 00
Total Capital Stock.....	\$21,578,000 00
Three-Year 5% Convertible Gold Notes, Dated February 1st 1915.....	2,480,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Accounts Payable.....	\$89,429 42
Contract for Purchase of Brunot Island Property.....	3,500,000 00
Interest on Brunot Island Purchase.....	52,500 00
Total Affiliated Companies.....	3,641,929 42
Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable.....	\$2,518,391 75
Accounts Payable.....	206,347 17
Consumers' Advances.....	27,592 02
Total Current Liabilities.....	2,752,330 94
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes.....	\$218,457 49
Rentals.....	50,574 99
Interest on Funded Debt.....	20,666 67
Interest on Current Liabilities.....	25,508 61
Reserved for Dividend on Preferred Stock.....	233 33
Total Accrued Liabilities.....	315,441 09
Depreciation Reserve.....	313,216 76
Profit and Loss—Surplus.....	571,116 71
Total.....	\$31,652,034 92

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

At the close of the year the Company had in force.....	48,486 contracts
An increase during the year of.....	5,389 contracts
Representing an increased power load of.....	12,759 horse power
And an increased lighting load of.....	4,667 kilowatts
Contracts were made for.....	173 new signs
Using the equivalent of.....	73,806 4-c-p lamps

Our municipal street lighting business shows the following increases during the year:

Arc Lamps.....	178
400-c.-p. series Nitrogen Tungsten Lamps.....	59
250-c.-p. series.....	435
100-c.-p. series.....	396
80-c.-p. series.....	186

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRIBUTION.

Thirty high-tension Transformers, aggregating a total capacity of 9,150 k. w., were installed both in the new sub-stations for large power and lighting installations and to increase the capacity of existing power sub-stations.

Six arc regulators and 27 automatic voltage regulators have also been installed in the various sub-stations.

There was added during the year 17,156 feet of subway, consisting of 207,405 duct feet of conduit in various parts of our system.

The system contains 4,304,957 duct feet of conduit, 1,228 manholes and 1,336 junction boxes.

During the year there were constructed:

High-tension aerial lines.....	12 miles
3 and 4-wire 2,200-volt power lines.....	21 miles
2,200-volt lighting lines.....	30 miles
Arc Lines.....	80 miles
Low-tension distributing lines.....	6 miles
High-tension underground cable.....	20.2 miles
2,200-volt single-phase cable.....	2 miles
2,200-volt Poly-phase power cable.....	3 miles

The number of additional new poles set during the year was 3,142.

STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT OF LEASED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES MARCH 31ST 1915.

	Authorized and Outstanding.	Amount Owned by Duquesne Light Co.	Amount in the Hands of Public.
Monongahela Light & Power Co.	\$1,700,000 00	—	\$1,700,000 00
The Allegheny County Lt. Co.	500,000 00	\$500,000 00	—
East End Electric Light Co.	500,000 00	489,000 00	11,000 00
The Southern Ht., Lt. & P. Co.	300,000 00	245,000 00	55,000 00
Pennsylvania Lt., Ht. & P. Co.	150,000 00	—	150,000 00
Total.....	\$3,150,000 00	\$1,234,000 00	\$1,916,000 00

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL STOCK SHARES OF OTHER CORPORATIONS OWNED AT MARCH 31ST 1915.

	Shares Owned.	Total Shares.
Pennsylvania Light & Power Company.....	16,994	17,000
The Allegheny County Light Company.....	15,000	15,000
Southern Heat, Light & Power Company.....	6,000	6,000
Diamond Light & Power Company.....	1,881	1,881
144 Miscellaneous Electric Light and Power Co's.....	9,510	9,510

PENNSYLVANIA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 1915.

Gross Earnings.....	\$202,155 74
Operating Expenses:	
Production.....	\$72,506 70
Distribution.....	17,167 71
Customers.....	4,216 72
Commercial.....	6,499 61
General and Miscellaneous.....	11,285 24
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$111,675 98
Taxes.....	23,076 06
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	134,752 04
Net Earnings.....	\$67,403 70
Other Income:	
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings.....	\$1,763 32
Interest and Discount.....	7,255 35
Total Other Income.....	9,018 67
Total Income.....	\$76,422 37
Deductions from Income:	
Interest and Discount.....	\$1,031 57
Miscellaneous.....	1,424 36
Total Deductions from Income.....	2,455 93
Net Income before Deducting Fixed Charge.....	\$73,966 44
Fixed Charge—Interest on Funded Debt.....	8,776 20
Net Income after Deducting Fixed Charge.....	\$65,190 24
Other Deductions:	
Depreciation of Property.....	\$70,000 00
Improvements and Betterments, written off.....	3,096 25
Total Other Deductions.....	\$73,096 25
Deficit for the Year.....	\$7,906 01
Surplus, April 1 1914.....	194,863 97
Surplus March 31 1915—Per Balance Sheet.....	\$186,957 96

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

ASSETS.	
Property and Franchise.....	\$748,621 96
Stocks of Other Companies Owned.....	297,000 00
Affiliated Company—Accounts Receivable.....	311 53
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand.....	\$197,011 37
Accounts Receivable.....	7,783 43
Materials and Supplies.....	4,030 16
Unexpired Insurance.....	1,510 50
Total Current and Working Assets.....	210,335 46
Total.....	\$1,256,268 95
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock—17,000 Shares.....	\$850,000 00
Pennsylvania Light, Heat & Power Company First Mortgage 6% 15-year Bonds, Dated April 1 1901.....	150,000 00
Real Estate Mortgage.....	20,000 00
Affiliated Companies—Accounts Payable.....	7,233 60
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable.....	\$3,450 53
Consumers' Advances.....	2,087 36
Total Current Liabilities.....	\$5,537 89
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes.....	\$36,517 37
Interest on Current Liabilities.....	22 13
Total Accrued Liabilities.....	36,539 50
Profit and Loss—Surplus.....	186,957 96
Total.....	\$1,256,268 95

PITTSBURGH RAILWAYS COMPANY.

Office of the Pittsburgh Railways Company,
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1st 1915.

The Board of Directors herewith submit their annual report for the year ended March 31st 1915.

Although the territory served by the lines of your system has experienced a very severe industrial depression covering almost the entire year, the loss in Gross Earnings from street railway operation has been more than offset by economies practiced, and reduced cost of power.

A comparison of the results of 1915 with those of 1914 show a decrease in the gross earnings from street railway operation of \$112,768 68, or .95%; the operating expenses have decreased \$280,747 21, or 3.55%, resulting in a gain in net earnings of \$167,978 53, or 4.32%. The per cent of operating expenses to gross earnings from street railway operation is 65.25% in 1915 as compared with 67.01% in 1914. The average passenger earnings per car mile were 31.29c. as compared with 31.45c., a decrease in 1915 of 16-100 cents.

The physical condition of the property and standard of service rendered have been fully maintained.

There has been expended during the year \$1,453,060 73 for improvements, betterments and extensions, on the properties operated by the Company, of which \$1,073,969 95 has been charged to Property Accounts and \$379,090 78 to a Deferred Maintenance Account, to be amortized during the life of the property benefited, and, in addition, there has been expended by the Maintenance of Way Department \$1,183,427 13 for ordinary maintenance of roadway, tracks, bridges and overhead construction, which are in good operating condition.

The Murray Avenue bridge was re-built, which enabled the operation of a through route of cars from the city and East End to Homestead.

During the year there has been installed a crane car, electric shovel, concrete mixer, steam roller, grinders and welders, which have effected considerable economy in track laying and track repairs.

The Traffic Department has given efficient service in checking the number of passengers on the various routes as well as on the railroads and keeping the transportation department posted on all changes in traffic conditions.

During the year route numbers have been placed on all cars and folders distributed to the public.

During the year the Corliss Street tunnel was opened and a new and better route furnished from Sheradon, Ingram and Crafton to the city.

Many improvements have been made at the various car barns, which have enabled the Company to obtain a better rate on its fire insurance, the reduction in the cost for the year amounting to \$7,955 62.

Pending the erection of car barns upon the properties purchased for the purpose at Keating and at Bennett Station, tracks were laid thereon for the temporary storage of cars.

The Manchester shops were combined with the Homewood shops, and only minor repairs are now being made at the former.

During the year the Company has received the one hundred low-floor motor cars mentioned in previous report. Nearly all of these are now in service. The low-floor, low-wheel, side-entrance car has met with the approval of the public, and they have been very satisfactory in operation.

The power supplied by the Duquesne Light Company has been reliable and satisfactory. A portable sub-station has been of great benefit in supplying current at various points on the system in emergency cases and for extraordinarily heavy traffic. At Charleroi a new sub-station was built and new rotaries installed and the old plant dismantled.

During the year the toll bridges operated by your Company have shown an increase in receipts of \$4,874 98, or 20.19%, and a decrease in expenses of \$1,065 50, or 7.24%.

The inclined planes show an increase in receipts and a decrease in expenses. The Castle Shannon inclined plane has recently been equipped with motors for operation by electricity and shows a decided decrease in expenses, sufficient to justify the recommendation that all of the inclined planes be equipped electrically.

A new telephone system was installed on the Washington-Pittsburgh interurban line, eliminating the car telephones, which were not satisfactory.

Owing to the public educational program adopted by the Transportation and Claim Departments, the accidents and expenditures for claims have been greatly reduced. This campaign and the exhibits at the Pittsburgh Exposition were continued throughout the year. The exhibit was also shown in a display window of one of the prominent department stores in the city. The Superintendent of the Claim Department has continued his lectures in the public schools and before many public meetings. The "PLA-SAFE" game and pamphlets have been distributed in large numbers.

The scale of wages for motormen and conductors remains the same as for the former period, having been adjusted by a Board of Arbitrators, and will remain in force until May 1st 1916.

All the employees of the Company, with the exception of the trainmen, have been insured under the group policy plan of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Many conferences have been had with the city administration, resulting in the settlement of street cleaning and other claims, and also in your Company obtaining rights to install

curves at several points which will facilitate the operation of cars in various districts; and the administration seems disposed to co-operate with your Company in its efforts to give improved service to the public.

With this report will be found the general balance sheet and statement of operations.

For the Board,
JAMES D. CALLERY, President.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31 1915.

ASSETS.	
Property and Franchises.....	\$14,687,366 47
Bonds of Pittsburgh Railways Company in Treasury.....	4,395,000 00
Stocks and Bonds of Other Companies Owned.....	9,748,158 82
Affiliated Companies:	
Notes Receivable.....	\$1,259,330 23
Accounts Receivable.....	14,628 00
Temporary Loans.....	105,500 00
Advances for Construction.....	216,411 50
Total Affiliated Companies.....	1,595,869 73
Current and Working Assets:	
Cash at Bank and on Hand.....	\$50,599 05
Notes Receivable.....	6,120 00
Accounts Receivable.....	159,940 87
Mortgage Receivable.....	12,500 00
Materials and Supplies.....	415,147 18
Unexpired Insurance.....	81,766 25
Prepaid Accounts.....	10,648 17
Total Current and Working Assets.....	736,721 52
Deferred Account:	
Extraordinary Expenditures for Improvements, Replacements and Re-alignments.....	864,259 93
Total.....	\$32,027,376 47

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock:	
Common, 50,000 shares.....	\$2,500,000 00
Preferred, 50,000 shares.....	2,500,000 00
Total Capital Stock.....	\$5,000,000 00
Funded Debt:	
General Mortgage 5% 40-year Gold Bonds, dated March 31 1913.....	\$6,000,000 00
Income Debentures, 6%, dated March 31 1913, maturing March 31 1943.....	10,000,000 00
Equipment Trust Bonds.....	624,000 00
Southern Traction Company, First Mortgage and Collateral Trust, 5%, 50-year Gold Bonds, dated Oct. 1 1900.....	4,000,000 00
West End Traction Company, General Mortgage 5% 40-year Bonds, dated January 1 1898.....	981,000 00
Pittsburgh & West End Passenger Railway Company First Mortgage 5% 30-year Bonds, dated July 1 1892.....	343,000 00
Pittsburgh Crafton & Mansfield Street Railway Company First Mortgage 5% 30-year Bonds, dated July 1 1894.....	176,000 00
Coraopolis & Neville Island Bridge Company 6% 30-year Bonds, dated Sept. 2 1895.....	4,000 00
Total Funded Debt.....	22,128,000 00
Affiliated Companies:	
Notes Payable.....	\$875,000 00
Accounts Payable.....	227,565 14
Temporary Loans.....	385,000 00
Interest Accrued on Income Debentures.....	330,738 93
Total Affiliated Companies.....	1,768,304 07
Current Liabilities:	
Notes Payable.....	\$845,684 12
Accounts Payable.....	289,098 65
Total Current Liabilities.....	1,134,782 77
Accrued Liabilities, Not Due:	
Taxes.....	\$594,061 96
Rentals.....	633,902 90
Interest on Funded Debt.....	22,199 17
Interest on Current Liabilities.....	1,132 57
Total Accrued Liabilities.....	1,251,296 60
Contingent Reserve.....	117,719 46
Profit and Loss—Surplus.....	627,273 57
Total.....	\$32,027,376 47

Note.—The Pittsburgh Railways Company has a contingent liability for the following Bonds, guaranteed both as to principal and interest:
Pittsburgh Canonsburg & Washington Railway Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated July 1 1907 \$750,000 00
West Liberty & Suburban Street Railway Company First Mortgage 30-year 5% Gold Bonds, dated Jan. 1 1908 250,000 00

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 1915.

Gross Earnings from Street Railway Operations.....	\$11,670,091 32
Operating Expenses:	
Maintenance of Way and Structures.....	\$1,183,427 13
Maintenance of Equipment.....	733,075 71
Traffic.....	28,017 28
Transportation.....	4,348,328 85
General and Miscellaneous.....	1,286,271 32
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$7,615,120 29
Taxes.....	438,081 83
Total Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	8,053,202 12
Net Earnings from Street Railway Operations.....	\$3,616,889 20
Auxiliary Operations:	
Gross Earnings.....	\$143,532 51
Operating Expenses and Taxes.....	97,098 00
Net Earnings.....	46,434 51
Total Net Earnings.....	\$3,663,323 71
Other Income:	
Rental of Real Estate and Buildings.....	\$16,305 30
Interest and Discount.....	96,487 01
Miscellaneous Income.....	40 09
Total Other Income.....	112,832 40
Total Income.....	\$3,776,156 11
Deductions from Income:	
Rent of Leased Properties.....	\$2,839,920 20
Interest on Current Liabilities.....	115,876 46
Total Deductions from Income.....	2,955,796 66
Net Income Before Deducting Fixed Charge.....	\$820,359 45
Fixed Charge—Interest on Funded Debt.....	389,620 52
Net Income after Deducting Fixed Charge.....	\$430,738 93
Interest on Income Debentures.....	330,738 93
Net Income for the Year.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus April 1 1914.....	736,981 89

now or hereafter existing. Doubt is expressed whether even with these changes the plan can be consummated. Negotiations as to the traction, light and power contract are pending. Compare V. 100, p. 1759, 1678.

United Shoe Machinery Corp.—See "Annual Reports." Extra Dividend.—Pres. Winslow on Monday announced:

At a meeting of the directors it was decided that when the regular (quarterly) dividends are declared in June, an extra dividend will be declared on the common stock. The amount of the extra dividend and whether it will be paid in cash or part cash and part stock will be determined later.

It is rumored that the extra payment will be 10% in stock and 10% (\$2.50 per share) in cash.

Previous Dividend Record of Common Stock (Including Extras).

DIVS.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	11-14.	1915.
Regular	2	5	8	8	8	8	8 y'ly	2.2,—
Extra cash	—	—	25	—	10	10 in July	—	—

—V. 100, p. 1598, 1442.

United States Light & Heating Co.—Plan.

The time for deposit of stock under the plan has been extended to June 19. While the \$2,500,000 new pref. shares have been underwritten, a large majority of the holders of the deposited pref. stock have paid the 15% assessment, entitling them to new pref. to an amount equal to present holdings, and about \$125,000 of cash also has been received from the assessment on common stock. Moreover \$200,000 of the \$500,000 bonds issued have thus far been subscribed for at 87% and int., with 100% bonus in common stock. The outlook for the reorganization is therefore considered favorable. See V. 100, p. 1263.

Utah Copper Co.—Dividend Increased.

A quarterly dividend of \$1 a share has been declared on the \$16,244,900 stock, payable June 30 to holders of record June 11, comparing with 75 cts. from June 1910 to March 1915 and 50 cts. from Sept. 1903 to Dec. 1909, both inclusive.—V. 100, p. 1678, 1354.

Waverly Co. (Electric Vehicle Mfrs.), Indianapolis.

Herbert H. Rice and Wilbur C. Johnson are now President and Vice-President, respectively.

Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn.

"Boston News Bureau" on May 21 said: "We understand that the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. has booked large contracts for rifles and has enough work on hand to keep the company's plants busy for at least two years. The working force is being practically doubled.

The company is making considerable additions to its plant at New Haven. It is capitalized for only \$1,000,000 and the shares are now worth more than 15 times their par value. There has been an advance of about \$400 per share in the market price as a result of the war orders. A year ago they were quoted at \$1.150 bid, \$1.160 asked. On May 11 last there was a sale at \$1.550 and now the bid is at that figure with no stock offered. The company now pays dividends at the rate of 60% per annum, and it is stated that its profits from war orders actually in hand will run between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. The company is said to be planning a total outlay in new buildings close to \$2,000,000, all of which will be paid for out of the big profits assured through war orders.

The Hartford "Daily Courant" also says: "The company has orders for over a million rounds of cartridges, orders for shells for machine guns, machine guns themselves and for rifles of several patterns, including 500,000 short rifles for the British Government, supposedly to be used by cavalry. The largest building constructed since Aug. 1 1914 is of concrete, 600 ft. long, 56 ft. wide, six stories high and cost \$350,000. Altogether since July 17 38 buildings or additions have been added to the plant."—V. 92, p. 468.

World Film Corporation.—Dividends.

Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr. Lewis J. Selznick says: "I will recommend to the directors on May 27 that an initial dividend of 3% be declared on the stock at once and that this dividend be followed by other quarterly dividends of at least as much. This means a rate of at least 12% per year. This will leave the surplus still very large. We have made a contract for our European rights which will net us over \$200,000 per year. The contract calls for 65% of the receipts to us and 35% to the agents. The corporation will get an advance of \$4,000 per week, the rest to be paid later. The advance on our European contract is enough to pay the 12% on the stock."

Net profits at present from domestic business, it is reported, are running between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per week or at the annual rate of between \$720,000 and \$960,000 per year, equal to between 40% and 45% per year on the capital.

The company was incorporated in Virginia on June 27 1914, its authorized stock having recently been increased from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000; outstanding, \$2,500,000; par of shares, \$5. Geo. B. Cox of Cincinnati, who was recently elected a director, has been made President to succeed the late Van Horn Ely. George A. Huhn, Milton C. Work and Wm. A. Brady have succeeded as directors Herbert H. Dean, Wm. Alden Pratt and Fred Edey, who resigned.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—A second and revised edition of Harvey Fisk & Sons hand-book on "United States Bonds" has been issued by the firm for general distribution. The new edition contains all the necessary data regarding the provisions for new issues of Government bonds under existing laws and also a complete description of all United States bonds and the Federal Reserve Act. There is an excellent frontispiece photograph of Harvey Fisk, the founder of the firm which bears his name, and who was in his time one of the most active factors in maintaining the credit of the United States. Harvey Fisk & Sons have been dealing actively in Government bonds for the past thirty years. Readers of the "Chronicle" will be favored with a complimentary copy if they ask for "C-I" when writing Harvey Fisk & Sons, 62 Cedar Street, New York.

—R. M. Grant & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago, are offering, subject to prior sale, \$205,000 Mecklenburg County, N. C., 5% bonds, due serially May 1 1917-1936, at a price to yield a 4.60% basis. These bonds are in coupon form, with privilege of registration as to principal, and both principal and interest are payable at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., New York. Mecklenburg County is the largest county in North Carolina, and City of Charlotte, the county seat, is the largest city in the State.

—The current issue of the "Trend of the Times," which is put out by A. B. Leach & Co., 149 Broadway, this city, contains an interesting analysis of the principal export items of the United States. This analysis shows the exports of this country to Europe in quantity and in value since the outbreak of the war, and gives a comparison of these exports with a similar period during the two preceding years. A copy of the latest issue of the "Trend of the Times" may be had upon application to the firm.

—Price, Waterhouse & Co., New York, have issued their annual "Railroad Statistics," showing in comparative tabular form the operating figures of fifty-three of the principal railroads in the United States for the five years ending June 30 1914. The results are reduced to a mileage and per unit basis, so that inferences may be drawn as to the relative density of traffic and operating efficiency of each property from year to year, and also in comparison with other properties.

—Having sold the entire issue, E. W. Clark & Co. of Phila., Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, are to-day advertising in the "Chronicle" as a matter of permanent record their recent offering of \$1,200,000 Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co. 5% one-year coupon notes, Series II, at 99 1/2 and int., yielding 5.50%. Full details of the offering appears in the record advertisement.

The Commercial Times.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, May 28 1915.

In spite of all drawbacks in the matter of international politics, cold, wet weather, &c., there is in some directions an increased trade. Sales of war supplies are still a conspicuous feature, but home business also increases somewhat. There is in some sections of the United States a shortage of skilled labor. The export trade makes an astonishing exhibit. The United States, alone among nations, is increasing its exports. The trade balance in favor of this country is, therefore, steadily augmenting. The total exports in April of agricultural products, including breadstuffs, cotton, &c., was no less than \$136,613,637, against only \$58,286,982 in April last year. Many industries are more active. Sales of steel rails and some other forms of steel show a tendency to increase, partly for export. Shipbuilding yards are rushed with orders. Money continues easy. A better demand prevails for commercial paper. Collections, though rather slow at the South and in the Pacific Northwest, are on the whole, fairly prompt. The stock market has not shown the degree of depression that was expected in view of the possibility of an unfavorable reply by Germany to the recent Washington note. Industries that have a chance to supply articles ordinarily manufactured in Europe which this country is debarred by the war from importing are beginning to wake up. Wage payments are increasing through the lessening of unemployment. In some industries working overtime is not uncommon. Most drygoods sell more readily for forward delivery than they did a year ago. The outlook for the crops is, on the whole, considered favorable, despite reports of some damage to winter wheat. The fact that Italy has entered the European war may hasten its ending. Of course, there can be no cloaking the fact that there are drawbacks in the situation. Cold, rainy weather has continued to hurt retail trade. The week's exports of wheat are the smallest of the year. The trade in lumber, coal, and, significantly enough, in jewelry is poor. The persistent reports that the American steamship Nebraskan was torpedoed by a German submarine make a bad impression. Yet it is hoped that a way will be found to adjudicate these matters in a manner satisfactory to the public opinion of the United States without recourse to war. Barring war, the business outlook is considered hopeful.

LARD has sold moderately; prime Western 10c., refined for the Continent 10.70c., South America 10.90c., Brazil 11.90c. Lard futures have fluctuated within narrow limits, but latterly have been somewhat easier. Packers have been selling on rallies. To-day prices declined slightly.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	9.62	9.77	9.70	9.67	9.72	9.72
July delivery	9.75	9.87	9.82	9.80	9.87	9.85
September delivery	10.02	10.10	10.05	10.02	10.10	10.10

PORK quiet and steady; mess \$20@21, clear \$20@22, family \$21@23. Beef, mess, \$18 50@19, packet \$17@18, family \$19@20, extra India mess \$31@32. Butter, creamery extras 28 1/4@28 1/2c. Cheese, State, whole milk, fresh flat and twins, colored specials, 16 1/2@16 3/4c. Eggs, fresh-gathered extras 23@24c.

COFFEE has been quiet; No. 7 Rio 7 1/2@7 1/4c., No. 4 Santos 9 1/2@9 3/4c., fair to good Cucta 10@10 1/2c. Coffee futures have moved within very narrow bounds, latterly, however, weakening a little. The issuance of notices for a very moderate amount had a somewhat depressing effect. Cost and freight coffee has been weaker, and the private rate of Rio exchange has latterly been down to 12 5-32d., against 16d. a year ago. Receipts have latterly, it is true, decreased, and the stock, at Santos is only 530,000 bags, or about half what it was a year ago. To-day prices advanced. Closing quotations were as follows:

June	5.45@5.50	October	6.60@6.61	February	6.75@6.76
July	6.56@6.59	November	6.62@6.63	March	6.80@6.81
August	6.57@6.58	December	6.64@6.65	April	6.86@6.88
September	6.58@6.60	January	6.69@6.70		

SUGAR has been stronger, partly owing to continued rains in Cuba. Rains in Java have also delayed the crop. Centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 4.89c. here; cost and freight 3 3/4c.; last half of June 3 15-16c.; July 4c., and molasses, 89-degrees test, 4.12c. spot. Granulated 6c. Sugar futures have been firmer, though latterly the issuance of June notices has had a more or less depressing effect for the moment. June has been transferred to July at 10 to 12 points. Grinding has been delayed very noticeably in Cuba. But the abnormally cold weather, with frost in various parts of this country has been a drawback to refiners. Warm weather stimulates the consumption of granulated. To-day prices were slightly higher. Closing quotations follow:

June	3.94@3.95	September	4.20@4.21	December	3.96@3.98
July	4.04@4.05	October	4.18@4.19	January	3.55@3.70
August	4.13@4.15	November	4.08@4.09	February	3.55@3.50

OILS.—Linseed has been in fair demand at unchanged prices; city, raw, American seed, 67c.; boiled 68c.; Calcutta 75c. Coconut oil steady; Cochin 10 1/4@11c.; Ceylon 9 3/4@10 1/2c. Olive 92@95c. Castor unchanged at 10c. Palm in moderate demand at 8 1/4@9c. for Lagos. Cod, domestic, 42@43c. Cottonseed oil steady at 6.50@7.50c. for winter and summer white. Spirits of turpentine 45 1/4@46c. Common to good strained rosin \$3 45.

Prices were as follows:

Table with columns for dates (May 28), categories (Shipped, Deduct shipments, Total to be deducted, Leaving total net overland), and values for 1914-15 and 1913-14.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 20,074 bales, against 8,731 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 85,213 bales.

Table with columns for categories (In Sight and Spinnings Takings, Receipts at ports to May 28, Net overland to May 28, South'n consumption to May 28) and values for 1914-15 and 1913-14.

* Decrease during week.

Movement into sight in previous years: Table with columns for Week, Bales, and Year (1913-1914).

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 for Week ending May 28, Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on (Saturday to Friday), and locations (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Augusta, Memphis, St. Louis, Houston, Little Rock).

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The highest, lowest and closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for Month (May to March), Range, Closing, and values for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Telegraphic advices to us this evening from the South indicate that over the greater part of the cotton belt rain has fallen during the week, generally to the benefit of cotton, although at a few points the rainfall was rather excessive.

Galveston, Tex.—The general condition of growing cotton in Texas is at present good. Late-planted cotton is said to be in need of moisture but can withstand drought from a week to ten days without deterioration.

Ablene, Tex.—There has been rain on two days during the week, the precipitation being thirty-two hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 71, the highest being 90 and the lowest 52.

Benham, Tex.—There has been rain on four days the past week, the rainfall reaching one inch and eighty-seven hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 80, ranging from 68 to 91.

Cuero, Tex.—We have had rain on two days during the week, the rainfall reaching one inch and eight hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 65 to 92, averaging 79.

Dallas, Tex.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being twenty-eight hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 60, highest 91, average 76.

Henrietta, Tex.—There has been rain on three days during the week, the precipitation reaching three inches and twenty hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 73, the highest being 90 and the lowest 56.

Huntsville, Tex.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall reaching twenty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 79, ranging from 66 to 92.

Kerrville, Tex.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 54 to 91, averaging 73.

Lampasas, Tex.—Dry all the week. Average thermometer 73, highest 90, lowest 56.

Longview, Tex.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 76, the highest being 97 and the lowest 54.

Luling, Tex.—There has been rain on one day of the week, to the extent of four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 80, ranging from 66 to 94.

Nacogdoches, Tex.—There has been rain on two days during the week, the rainfall reaching two inches and seventy-six hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 64 to 97, averaging 81.

Palestine, Tex.—Rain has fallen on one day during the week, the rainfall being eighty hundredths of an inch. Highest thermometer 90, lowest 60, average 75.

Paris, Tex.—There has been rain on four days during the week, the precipitation being two inches and one hundredth. The thermometer has averaged 74, the highest being 90 and the lowest 58.

San Antonio, Tex.—We have had rain on two days during the week, the rainfall reaching thirty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 78, ranging from 66 to 90.

Taylor, Tex.—We have had no rain during the week. Minimum thermometer 62.

Weatherford, Tex.—Rain has fallen on one day during the week, the rainfall being one inch and thirty-six hundredths. Average thermometer 70, highest 88, lowest 52.

Ardmore, Okla.—There has been rain on four days during the week, the rainfall being three inches and nine hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 71, the highest being 89 and the lowest 54.

Mangum, Okla.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall reaching seven hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 69, ranging from 46 to 92.

Tulsa, Okla.—It has rained on three days of the week, the rainfall reaching three inches and seventeen hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 51 to 88, averaging 70.

Eldorado, Ark.—Rain has fallen on two days during the week, the rainfall being eighty-two hundredths of an inch. Minimum thermometer 78, maximum 91, mean 65.

Fort Smith, Ark.—There has been rain on four days of the week, the rainfall being four inches and twenty-four hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 73, the highest being 88 and the lowest 58.

Little Rock, Ark.—There has been rain on two days of the week, to the extent of seventy-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 76, ranging from 63 to 89.

Alexandria, La.—There has been rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being two inches and seventy-five hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 64 to 94, averaging 79.

New Orleans, La.—There has been rain on two days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and forty-six hundredths. Average thermometer 82, highest 98, lowest 66.

Shreveport, La.—There has been rain on two days during the week, the precipitation reaching one inch and fifty-five hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 80, the highest being 91 and the lowest 69.

Columbus, Miss.—There has been rain on one day during the week, to the extent of one inch and thirty-five hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 82, ranging from 65 to 98.

Holly Springs, Miss.—We have had rain on two days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and thirty-three hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 63 to 90, averaging 76.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Rain has fallen on three days during the week, the rainfall being three inches and fifty-nine hundredths. Average thermometer 80, highest 90, lowest 64.

Decatur, Ala.—There has been rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being eighty-one hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 80, the highest being 94, and the lowest 66.

Mobile, Ala.—Crops are clean. The plant is small but healthy. Heavy rains in the interior last night will improve condition. There has been rain on one day during the week, to the extent of fifteen hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 79, ranging from 69 to 84.

Montgomery, Ala.—Needed rains fell during the week. Prospects are good. It has rained on two days of the week, the rainfall reaching two inches and thirty-one hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 65 to 96, averaging 81.

Selma, Ala.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall being fifty hundredths of an inch.

Madison, Florida.—There has been rain on one day during the week, the precipitation reaching twenty-three hundredths of an inch.

Tallahassee, Fla.—There has been rain on one day of the week, to the extent of fifteen hundredths of an inch.

Albany, Ga.—We have had rain on two days during the week, the rainfall being sixty-one hundredths of an inch.

Athens, Ga.—Rain has fallen on three days during the week, the rainfall being thirty-eight hundredths of an inch.

Savannah, Ga.—There has been rain on four days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and six hundredths.

Charleston, S. C.—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall reaching two hundredths of an inch.

Charaw, S. C.—We have had rain on four days during the week, the rainfall reaching ninety-seven hundredths of an inch.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Rain has fallen on two days during the week, the rainfall being eighty-five hundredths of an inch.

Charlotte, N. C.—There has been rain on three days during the week, the precipitation being thirty-two hundredths of an inch.

Goldsboro, N. C.—There has been rain on four days the past week, the rainfall reaching three inches and forty-three hundredths.

Weldon, N. C.—We have had rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being eighty-five hundredths of an inch.

Memphis, Tenn.—We have had rain here on three days during the week, the precipitation reaching two inches and nineteen hundredths.

Milan, Tenn.—There has been rain on three days of the week, the rainfall being two inches and fifty-six hundredths.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table with columns for Cotton Takings, Week and Season, and rows for Visible supply, Total supply, Deduct, and Total takings for 1914-15 and 1913-14.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
a This total embraces the estimated consumption by Southern mills 2,570,000 bales in 1914-15 and 2,592,000 bales in 1913-14.

BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments for the week ending May 6 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

Table showing Bombay Cotton Movement with columns for 1914-15, 1913-14, and 1912-13, including Receipts and Exports.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments with columns for 1914-15, 1913-14, and 1912-13, including Receipts and Exports.

OUR COTTON ACREAGE REPORT.—Our cotton acreage report will probably be ready about the 18th of June.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet on account of the holidays.

Table comparing 1915 and 1914 cotton market data, showing prices for various grades like 32s Cop Tultst and 8 1/4 Ds.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 159,313 bales.

Table of Shipping News with columns for Destination, Date, and Total bales, listing routes to Havre, Liverpool, London, etc.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound: Liverpool, 1.25c; Manchester, 1.25c; Havre, 1.50c; Rotterdam, 1.50c.

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 showing Sales of the week, Total stock, and Amount afloat for May 7, 14, and 28.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing Liverpool market prices for Spot and Futures from Monday to Friday.

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below. Prices are on the basis of upland, good ordinary clause, unless otherwise stated.

Table showing Liverpool futures prices for May 22 to May 26, listing dates and prices.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 28 1915.

Flour has been in the main steady but quiet. Little has been done in new flour as yet. Spring-wheat flour has been at times noticeably firm, with premiums very generally demanded. It is said that some mills have been obliged to close down because of the lack of wheat. Yet latterly the trade in St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and the Northwest has been as a rule very moderate if not dull. Mills are evidently not inclined to take too literally the recent reports of damage to the wheat crop. Towards the close prices in some cases were eased. The total production last week at Minneapolis, Duluth and Milwaukee was 364,070 barrels, against 317,175 barrels in the previous week and 333,605 barrels last year.

Wheat has been irregular, generally within rather narrow confines, until Thursday, when May fell sharply. Early in the week it was considerably lower than last Friday, but later there was a noticeable recovery, actually putting the price of July for a time above that of a week ago; later May broke badly—8 cents in one session, 13c. within 24 hours and 24 1/2c. under the high point of the season, on heavy selling by elevator interests. Unfavorable crop reports from Kansas had some effect at one time. Some Western reports insist that there has been sharp decrease in the indicated crops since the last Government report. The loss is variously estimated at from 50,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels. Heavy and continuous rains had a certain effect. Some are predicting a bullish June Government report. Country offerings, owing to the wet weather, have been rather small. The acreage in the United Kingdom is smaller than was expected. It will be much smaller than last year in France, and the French Government has requisitioned all old supplies of wheat and growing crops. Reserves in France are very moderate and the consumption large. In India seeding of new crop is delayed by drought and hot weather. India is offering wheat freely enough, but for all that its prices have been firm. In Germany the Government has commandeered all growing crops. In Hungary only a fair yield is expected and in some parts rain is needed. At Buenos Aires prices have been strong and the feeling more or less excited, owing to the continued wet weather. Shippers have been buying freely. Importing countries have been competing sharply in Argentina. There are apprehensions that the movement of the Argentina crop may be considerably delayed by the wet weather. The Russian Government has requisitioned all grain stocks at the port of Azoff. The world's stocks are now down to 36,200,000 bushels, or 4,300,000 less than a year ago and 27,000,000 bushels less than at this time in 1913. On the other hand, the export sales have been disappointing. Only moderate quantities have been taken from time to time. Not only is the export demand slack but millers in this country are not buying freely. And Western points like Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis are rushing wheat to Chicago for delivery. It is said St. Louis alone is sending some 400,000 bushels. Chicago's stock is expected to reach 3,000,000 bushels. Elevators sold heavily against these shipments. Cash premiums have disappeared. Though damage reports are rife, as usual at this time of the year, they are beginning to be taken with a grain of salt. Some of the lurid statements are being modified. While the prospects through out the winter-wheat belt have been changed somewhat for the worse since the Government May report was issued, there are still prospects of raising next to the largest crop on record. Some feel that a high-record crop may yet be raised with good weather and average luck with the spring-wheat crop. In the United Kingdom stocks of wheat are increasing. Though Russia needs rain in the Southern districts the Russian crop outlook on the whole is good. That is also the case in Rumania and Bulgaria on an increased acreage. The crop in Greece will be much larger than that of last year. Beneficial rains have fallen in Austria and the outlook is very promising. Italy's chances of raising a good crop are very fair. As a result of all this, prices have sagged, partly, it should be added, owing to the report that the American steamship Nebraskan had been attacked by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland. It was feared that this may possibly bring on a grave crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany if it is found that the vessel was really struck by a submarine, as some reports insist it was. The later months, however, have shown no such weakness as that noticed in the May option. To-day prices were lower, especially on May. Southwestern crop reports were better. Floods are feared in the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio valleys.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	164 1/2	164	165 3/4	157 3/4	152 3/4	154 3/4
May delivery in elevator.....	157 1/2	157 1/2	159	153 3/4	148	143
July delivery in elevator.....	133 3/4	133	134 3/4	133	133 3/4	132 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	151 1/4	151 1/4	155 3/4	150 3/4	145	141
July delivery in elevator.....	127 3/4	126 3/4	128 3/4	126 3/4	123 1/4	126 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	121 1/4	120 1/2	122	120 1/4	121 1/4	120 3/4

Indian corn declined early in the week on good weather, favorable crop reports, dullness of the cash trade and a certain amount of depression in wheat. But later there was rally on covering of shorts in an oversold market. Besides, there were some complaints of excessive rains in Iowa and Nebraska. They caused more or less delay in planting and also in germination of early planted corn. Also country offerings were light. Some export business has been done. Finally, stocks are rapidly decreasing. Last week the decrease was close to 2,600,000 bushels, or about 1,000,000 bushels more than in the same week last year. The falling off from the high level reached last February has been over 25,000,000 bushels. Cold wet weather in Nebraska and Iowa it is said, will necessitate considerable replanting. At Buenos Aires prices have been strong on wet weather, which noticeably affects the grading. There are reports of some American inquiries for corn at Buenos Aires. Frightens there are firm for Europe, but rather weak for America. To-day prices advanced on Western rains and reacted on a forecast of clearing conditions.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 mixed.....	85 3/4	84 3/4	86	85 3/4	85 3/4	85 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	73 3/4	74 1/4	75 1/4	74 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4
July delivery in elevator.....	75 1/2	76 1/4	76 3/4	76	77	76 3/4
September delivery in elevator.....	76 1/2	76 3/4	77 1/4	76 3/4	77 3/4	77 3/4

Oats weakened at one time and then rallied somewhat. But the swing of prices as a rule has been within very contracted limits. Country offerings have been small. The shipments from Chicago have been large. The visible supply is being rapidly reduced. The decrease last week was 2,880,000 bushels, or 650,000 bushels more than in the same week last year. Just now the visible supply amounts to 21,730,000 bushels, or about 200,000 bushels less than a year ago. Liverpool reports that there is a good demand for all feeding grain there at a fair advance in prices. Native oats are offered very sparingly. Argentina prices are firm and it is not easy to buy Chilean oats. France, according to Liverpool advices, is buying freely in America. The stock in Russian ports and elevators is officially stated at 4,720,000 bushels, against 13,000,000 bushels a year ago. On the other hand, the domestic demand has been small, and no reports of new export sales have been confirmed. The country is beginning to offer new oats on a moderate scale. Crop news, on the whole, is favorable. But, on the other hand, there has been no great pressure to sell. May oats at times have been quite strong and early in the week there were rumors that exporters were inquiring for a million bushels here. It may be that they bought to some extent with the stipulation that the fact should not be announced. Exporters the other day took 17,000 bushels of rye. The oats belt is said to need dry, warm weather. To-day prices advanced early. Big elevator interests at Chicago bought May and sold July. Later there was a reaction.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Standards.....	59 1/2	58 3/4	59 1/2	59	59	58 1/2
No. 2 white.....	60	59	60	59 1/2	59 1/2	59

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery in elevator.....	52 3/4	52 3/4	53 1/4	52 1/4	52 1/4	51 3/4
July delivery in elevator.....	50 1/2	50 3/4	51 1/4	50 1/2	50 3/4	50
September delivery in elevator.....	45 3/4	45	45 3/4	44 1/2	45 1/4	44 3/4

The following are closing quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat, per bushel—f. o. b.		Corn, per bushel—	
N. Spring, No. 1.....	\$1 62 3/4	No. 2 mixed.....	f. o. b. 85 1/2
N. Spring, No. 2.....	1 51 3/4	No. 2 yellow.....	c. i. f. 85 1/2
Red winter, No. 2.....	1 55 1/4	No. 3 yellow.....	85 1/4
Hard winter, No. 2.....	Cts. 1 55 1/4	Argentina in bags.....	---
Oats, per bushel, new.....	58 1/2	Rye, per bushel.....	---
Standard.....	59	New York.....	1 28
No. 2, white.....	57 1/2	Western.....	---
No. 3, white.....	57 1/2	Barley—Malting.....	80@85

FLOUR.

Winter, low grades.....	\$5 90@	\$6 25	Kansas straights, sacks.....	\$7 10@	\$7 30
Winter patents.....	7 40@	7 65	Kansas clears, sacks.....	6 75@	6 90
Winter straights.....	7 00@	7 25	City patents.....	8 95	---
Winter clears.....	6 50@	6 75	Rye flour.....	6 25@	6 75
Spring patents.....	7 65@	7 90	Buckwheat flour.....	---	---
Spring straights.....	7 50@	7 80	Graham flour.....	6 25@	6 50
Spring clears.....	7 15@	7 35			

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24.—The influences of weather on the crops as summarized in the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture for the week ending May 24 were as follows:

Winter Wheat.—In the principal States of the winter-wheat belt copious rains furnished sufficient moisture for present needs. In fact, too much occurred in Oklahoma and portions of Kansas, causing too rank growth and damage by lodging and flooding. The crop continues promising in Texas, where it is now ripening, and in Central and Western Kansas, where it is heading. It continues favorable in Nebraska and most of the other northern districts of the belt, and has improved considerably in the southern districts to eastward of the Mississippi and over the Atlantic Coast States. Damage by fly continues in the districts where previously reported, but there appears to have been no marked increase in the area affected.

Spring Wheat.—In the spring-wheat States it continued cool, thus retarding rapid growth, but there is sufficient moisture in the soil and the crop is reported as being in good condition.

Corn.—Wet weather over the northern portion of the corn belt delayed planting and continued cold delayed germination and favored cutworm activity, necessitating much replanting. Over the southern districts the

early planted made good growth and cultivation progressed satisfactorily, except in Oklahoma and portions of surrounding States, where the ground continues too wet and the fields are becoming grassy.

Cotton.—Warm weather prevailed and but little rain occurred in the cotton belt during the week, except in Oklahoma and portions of the adjoining States, where the rainfall was generally heavy. However, the soil in these portions of the belt where little rain occurred is, in most cases, supplied with sufficient moisture for present needs and no harmful effects were produced, except locally in Mississippi and Southern Texas, where the late planted needs more moisture for satisfactory germination, and in Louisiana, where the crop is suffering from the lack of rain. In Oklahoma and portions of Arkansas the soil was too wet for cultivation and the crop is becoming grassy, but in all other portions of the belt the early planted is up to a good stand and well cultivated.

Oats, Hay and Grass.—These crops made satisfactory growth in all districts. Oats are being cut in the South, but the early crop is generally light, except in Texas, where it is reported as excellent. Late oats in the South and the crop generally in the central and northern districts are reported in excellent condition. Alfalfa made rapid growth and cutting of the first crop has extended into the central districts, but some loss has occurred on account of wet weather, while grass is in fine condition in all western and northern districts and is improving in the East. In the Southern trucking districts crops made good progress during the week, except locally where drought prevails.

For other tables usually given here, see page 1809.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports May 22 1915 was as follows:

Table with 10 columns: In Thousands, Amer. Bonded, Amer. Wheat, Amer. Corn, Amer. Oats, Amer. Rye, Amer. Barley, Amer. Sorghum, Bonded, Total. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Newport News, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River.

Table with 10 columns: In Thousands, Canadian Bonded, Canadian Wheat, Canadian Corn, Canadian Oats, Canadian Rye, Canadian Barley, Canadian Sorghum, Bonded, Total. Rows include Montreal, Ft. William & Ft. Arthur, Other Canadian.

Table with 10 columns: In Thousands, Bonded, Amer. Wheat, Amer. Corn, Amer. Oats, Amer. Rye, Amer. Barley, Amer. Sorghum, Bonded, Total. Rows include American, Canadian.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

New York, Friday Night, May 28 1915.

Business in dry goods continues fairly active, although confined chiefly to immediate and near-by deliveries. Buyers are conservative in placing forward contracts, preferring to go thoroughly into the price situation, quality of goods and delivery dates before committing themselves. Leading houses state that advices received from out of town are encouraging, particularly concerning business conditions in the West and Southwest. In the Southeast the outlook is not so good, a bad summer being anticipated as a result of depression in the cotton trade caused by the war. Manufacturers are fairly covered on forward business and are not encouraging new contracts at the expense of values. Raw material is the controlling factor with them, and as the present diplomatic negotiations with Germany might result in a break causing the loss of that market and serious unsettlement in the price of the staple, they prefer to await the result before making up forward price schedules. Buyers are also discouraged from placing forward business for the same reason. Jobbers report an active demand for all seasonable goods. While orders received are not large, they aggregate a good volume. Prompt shipment of all goods under order is being requested, and in some cases jobbers are being asked to advance shipping dates. Local store trade suffered during the week from unfavorable weather conditions, but mail orders have equalled the average of the past few weeks. In some cases jobbers complain that the backwardness of deliveries of mills is making it difficult for them to meet their obligations. Retailers are steadily disposing of goods, and as they are running on a low margin of stock they are constantly in the market for additional supplies. Retailers have as yet given little attention to fall and winter requirements, and are not expected to do much in this direction until well into the summer. In export circles there is a steady flow of shipments against war contracts, but new business is not as heavy as rumors indicate. Exports to regular markets are light, no further inquiries being received from either Red Sea or India buyers. Reports from the Far East are discouraging, it being stated that Japan

has acquired almost complete control of the heavy cotton goods trade of China, and that American manufacturers will be unable to meet their prices.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending May 22 were 5,299 packages, valued at \$376,696, their destination being to the points specified in the table below:

Table with 4 columns: New York to May 22—, Week, Since Jan. 1, 1915, Week, Since Jan. 1, 1914. Rows include Great Britain, Other European, China, India, Arabia, Africa, West Indies, Mexico, Central America, South America, Other countries.

Total the value of these New York exports since Jan. 1 has been \$10,149,764 in 1915, against \$9,962,297 in 1914.

Staple cottons are fairly active and firm. New business is mostly for near-by account, buyers showing hesitancy in placing forward contracts at the prices which manufacturers are asking. Prints and colored goods are decidedly firm, owing to the scarcity of dyes. Staple blacks have been advanced 1/2c. during the week, and most solid colors are becoming so scarce as to require sharp advances or complete withdrawal of the goods from the market. Indigos and reds are to be had in small quantities only, with mills in no position to furnish additional supplies. Demand for these goods, however, is backward, buyers being slow to meet the high prices asked and evidently paying but slight attention to the shortage of supplies. Bleached and brown goods are firm with shipments against standing orders going forward steadily. There is a good business being done in cotton duck for export and the demand for coarse sheeting as a substitute for burlaps is unabated. Gray goods, 38-inch standard, are quoted at 4 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Fall dress goods are moving steadily, although re-orders are slow in coming to hand. Road salesmen handling goods in the piece are sending in better orders and their reports concerning the condition of stocks in the hands of retailers and tailors are encouraging. There is a brisk demand for poplins, supplies of which are beginning to run short, while sales of whipcords and Bedford cords are better than had been expected. The demand for serges and broadcloths, while fair, has fallen off. The dye situation continues to be a source of anxiety to mill owners, who are loath to open the new spring 1916 season. In fact, manufacturers cannot figure on late shipments for the coming heavy-weight season, owing to the uncertainty of wool and dye supplies.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The situation so far as imported lines of dry goods are concerned is unchanged and is likely to continue so while the war lasts. Business in linens is steady, although supplies are so scarce as to restrict trade. Colored dress linens in the desired shades are very hard to obtain, even where buyers are willing to meet the prices asked. Importers can give buyers little encouragement regarding future supplies and are not in a position to accept bookings for more goods than they have assurance will come forward. Demand for housekeeping lines in all grades is good, although the high prices asked are causing many buyers to turn their attention to substitutes. Retail stocks are in need of replenishing. The tendency of prices for burlaps continues upward. While demand is active, business is checked by the smallness of supplies. Light weights are quoted at 6.50c. and heavy-weights at 7.50c.

Importations & Warehouse Withdrawals of Dry Goods.

The importations and warehouse withdrawals of dry goods at this port for the week ending May 22 1915 and since Jan. 1 1915, and for the corresponding periods of last year, were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Manufactures of—, Week Ending May 22 1915, Since Jan. 1 1915. Rows include Wool, Cotton, Silk, Flax, Miscellaneous, Total 1915, Total 1914.

Warehouse Withdrawals Thrown Upon the Market.

Table with 4 columns: Manufactures of—, Total withdrawals, Entered for consumption, Total marketed 1915, Total marketed 1914.

Imports Entered for Warehouse During Same Period.

Table with 4 columns: Manufactures of—, Total, Entered for consumption, Total imports 1915, Total imports 1914.

STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

STATE AND CITY SECTION.

A new number of our "State and City Section," revised to date, is issued to-day, and all readers of the paper who are subscribers should receive a copy of it.

News Items.

Dunkirk, N. Y.—Commission Government Defeated.—The election held May 25 resulted in the defeat of the commission plan of government.—V. 100, p. 1767.

Michigan.—Foreign Municipal Bonds Upon Payment of Specific Tax of 1/2 of 1% Exempted From Further General Taxes.—Governor Ferris on May 17 signed the bill providing that upon the payment of a specific tax of one-half of one per cent, bonds issued by any State, county, township, city, village, school district or good roads district outside of Michigan shall be exempt from further general taxes under the laws of that State. The law, which is given in full below, is an amendment to Act 142 of Public Acts of 1913, which provides for a similar exemption in the case of "secured debts".

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 105.

An Act to amend the title and Sections Two and Four of Act one hundred forty-two of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred thirteen, entitled "An Act to provide for the assessment and the collection of a specific tax upon secured debts other than debts secured or evidenced by mortgages and liens upon real property, and which mortgages and liens are recorded in Michigan, and to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts in contravention thereto."

The People of the State of Michigan enact:
Section 1. The title and Sections Two and Four of Act one hundred forty-two of the Public Acts of nineteen hundred thirteen, entitled "An Act to provide for the assessment and the collection of a specific tax upon secured debts other than debts secured or evidenced by mortgages and liens upon real property, and which mortgages and liens are recorded in Michigan, and to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts in contravention thereto", are hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE.

An Act to provide for the assessment and the collection of a specific tax upon secured debts other than debts secured or evidenced by mortgages and liens upon real property and which mortgages and liens are recorded in Michigan, and upon certain foreign municipal bonds, and to repeal all Acts and parts of Acts in contravention thereto.

Section 2. Any person may take or send to the office of the Treasurer of the county where he resides, any secured debt as defined in Section one of this Act, or any bond issued by any State, county, township, city, village, school district or good roads district outside of this State, or a description of the same, and may pay to the county a tax of one-half per centum on the face value thereof and the treasurer shall thereupon make an endorsement upon said secured debt or municipal bond or shall give a receipt for the tax thereon describing said secured debt or municipal bond, and certifying that the same is exempt from taxation, which endorsement or receipt shall be duly signed and dated by the treasurer or his duly authorized representative. The treasurer shall keep a record of such endorsements and receipts with a description of such secured debt or municipal bond together with the name and address of the person presenting the same and the date of registration.

Section 4. Such secured debts and municipal bonds, upon which the specific tax provided for in this Act shall be paid, shall be exempt from further general taxes under the laws of this State.

Constitutional Amendment Defeated.—The proposed constitutional amendment permitting the issuance of bonds by drainage districts (V. 100, p. 1185) was defeated at the April 5 election. The vote was 191,337 "for" to 198,553 "against."

New York City.—Marginal RR. Bill Signed.—The bill of Senator Thos. H. Cullen of Brooklyn, which permits the establishment by New York City of a marginal freight terminal railroad along the South Brooklyn waterfront, was signed by Governor Whitman on May 24.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment under the present freight terminal law has power to contract with any individual or corporation other to construct, equip and operate, or to equip and operate after construction by the city, or to operate after construction and equipment by the city, its freight terminal facilities. The purpose of the new measure is to allow railroad companies to hold stocks, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness in a freight terminal company which it is proposed to incorporate to operate the terminal facilities in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. At the present time this is prohibited. In signing the bill Governor Whitman said:

The bill is opposed on the following grounds:

First. That the city's proposal to construct and equip a marginal railroad and lease the same to the trunk line railways will result in a large annual loss to the city.

Second. That the estimated cost as submitted by the city officials is inadequate.

Third. That there will ultimately be an investment of \$22,000,000, of which the city will receive interest on only \$7,500,000.

Fourth. That the measure is designed for the benefit of certain land owners and that there have been purchases of unnecessary property at excessive figures and will continue to be.

It seems to me that these objections in regard to cost, the business policy of the city, the question of whether the city has paid exorbitant prices for unnecessary land, and will continue to do so, are not germane to the question of whether I should approve this bill or not.

The objections presented against this bill have reference to the law as it exists at present, and my refusal to approve the measure would not prevent the conditions complained of, if they exist. The measure before me simply vests discretionary power in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and is restrictive in terms.

In the first place, a contract must be entered into between the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and a freight terminal company.

Secondly, such contract must be made pursuant to the provisions of the very Section that this bill amends.

Thirdly, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment must give its consent to a railroad company before the latter may be interested in stocks, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of such freight terminal company, and.

Fourthly, such consent can be given only after notice and a public hearing.

By this proposed amendment, therefore, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will be responsible for the proper, efficient and satisfactory construction, equipment and operation of these terminal facilities.

Furthermore, as the city has already invested a large amount of money in this enterprise, it should not be prevented from securing from this expenditure that benefit which it claims will be obtained through the approval of this bill.

New York State.—Governor Signs Direct Tax and Money Bills.—Governor Whitman on May 24 signed the direct tax bill calculated to raise \$19,500,000 by the imposition of a tax of seven-tenths of a mill on each dollar of taxable property. The bill becomes Chapter 729 of the Laws of 1915. The various appropriation bills were also finally disposed of by the Governor on May 24. As passed by the Legislature these bills provided for new appropriations amounting to \$65,199,898. The Governor vetoed items aggregating \$2,565,360.

In a statement issued on May 24, Governor Whitman explained that he reached a conclusion as to his action on the thousands of items included in the appropriation measures only after many public hearings and careful investigation as to the necessity of the amounts asked for. The finances of the State had been exhausted, the Governor claims, "through failure of the previous administration to provide means for the payment of its obligations, and the State departments hampered and embarrassed by the further failure to make proper provision for their maintenance and operation."

In answer to the criticisms that have been raised, the Governor states in the first place that he has approved only those appropriations that represent actual necessities, and "that the total of these appropriations, no matter what the amount, gives opportunity only for carrying out the functions of the State with decency and the maintenance and protection of structures, canals and highways against wasteful deterioration." The Governor then goes on to say:

"Practically all of the criticism and misinformation and suggestions for illegal budget-making and false economy have come from the City of New York. The subject of the State budget is of great importance to the city because 70% of the direct tax necessary to finance the State appropriations is raised within the Greater City, and becomes an item in the city's annual budget. The citizens of New York City should not forget that, whatever the expenses of the State, the largest items are for the maintenance of State institutions, canals, the Department of Education and the highways.

"The inmates of State institutions almost to the percentage represented by the tax borne by the City of New York are from that city. The maintenance of the canal is of benefit almost exclusively to the cities of New York and Buffalo. I think I am safe in saying that the proportion of benefit to the City of New York is fully equal to the proportion of its cost which the city pays."

Taking up a consideration of the Supply bill, the Construction bill, and other special bills to meet the needs of the State in the present fiscal year, and the Appropriation bill to provide for the cost of government for the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, Governor Whitman cited each appropriation in detail as authorized by the Legislature and his action on each item.

The Governor's action on all the measures before him is shown in the following recapitulation of the detailed statements:

	As Submitted to the Governor.	As Approved by the Governor.	Amount of Vetoes.
Supply bills.....	\$5,592,975 24	\$5,257,920 98	\$335,054 26
Special bills.....	17,247,168 30	16,134,332 15	1,112,836 15
General appropriation bills.....	33,269,733 58	32,588,888 58	\$680,845 00
Sinking funds.....	9,090,020 92	9,090,020 92	
Total.....	\$65,199,898 04	\$63,370,982 63	\$1,828,915 41
Reappropriation bills.....	5,938,707 03	5,202,262 01	736,445 02

Grand total.....\$71,138,605 07 \$68,573,244 64 \$2,565,360 43

The Governor, continuing his financial statement, says: "The larger appropriations of the present year represent not only increased cost of government, due to new activities or increased cost of existing activities, but also grow out of the failure of the preceding administration to appropriate sufficient funds to meet departmental necessities. The failure to grant these allowances relieved the preceding administration of responsibility for providing resources to meet them by the amount of the cuts made, but increased the burden of the present administration to the extent that resources must now be provided to finance the new appropriations granted to make up these deficiencies.

"Every appropriation placed upon the books of the State should be represented by actual or assured resources to liquidate it. Facts submitted to me by the State Comptroller of conditions existing as of May 15, 1915 show that there are appropriations on the books of the State Comptroller's office (exclusive of those made by the present Legislature) which exceeded by \$753,760 24 the actual or anticipated resources of the State up to Sept. 30, 1915.

"This means that without regard to the appropriations of the present Legislature added revenues to the amount of \$753,760 24 must be provided to meet these obligations or that existing appropriations, where possible, must be vetoed when presented for reappropriation.

"I have vetoed items in the Reappropriation bill to the amount of \$736,445 02. Under circumstances ordinarily prevailing in State finances these vetoes would release moneys which could be applied to the liquidation of new appropriations. In this instance their effect is only to wipe out the amount of present deficiency between old appropriations and resources.

"As the result of this deplorable condition of State finance, it is obvious that no provision for the liquidation of the appropriations of the present Legislature can be made from existing State surpluses, or from the resources of the State up to Oct. 1, 1915, which are mortgaged to meet old appropriations.

"To carry on the business of the State we must, therefore, look to the anticipated indirect revenues of the next fiscal year, and to the extent that these anticipated indirect revenues are insufficient they must be supplemented by direct revenues through the imposition of a direct State tax.

"While the liabilities imposed by the appropriations of the present Legislature apply in part to the present and in part to the next fiscal year, the resources to meet them must be drawn wholly from the next fiscal year. These resources, as originally estimated by the State Comptroller, are as follows:

From indirect taxes and miscellaneous sources.....	\$40,000,000 00
From emergency excise tax.....	4,000,000 00
From direct tax.....	15,500,000 00

Total.....\$60,000,000 00

"As previously indicated, the items of the appropriations as approved by me aggregate \$63,370,982 63. I am informed that the anticipated resources from the emergency excise tax may not equal the amount originally estimated. At any rate, the provision for the payments of the obligations of the State as represented by the estimated revenues from direct and indirect sources do not assure a surplus at the end of the next fiscal year in excess of \$130,000, even though the indirect and miscellaneous resources equal the estimated amounts.

"If the canal referendum is approved at the next election, the general fund will be replenished to the amount of the present appropriation for canal construction, an amount which, under the circumstances, may not more than meet deficiencies in other revenues."

Bond Calls and Redemptions.

Frankfort-on-Main.—Bonds Drawn for Payment.—On April 26 certain bonds of Series 1 of the 3 1/2% Loan of 1901 were drawn for payment Sept. 1, 1915 at the City Treasury in Frankfort-on-Main or at the office of Spoyer & Co. in New York City at the rate of exchange of the day. The numbers of the bonds called for are given in an advertisement on a preceding page.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. June 2 by Thos. J. Dalley, Co. Treas., for thirteen issues of 4½% highway-improvement bonds, aggregating \$339,687 50. Int. M. & N. Due part each six months on May 15 and Nov. 15 for 10 years.

VISALIA, Tulare County, Cal.—BONDS PROPOSED.—This city is advocating an issue of \$40,000 auditorium bonds, according to reports.

WAKEFIELD, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Reports state that a loan of \$50,000, due April 15 1916, has been negotiated with Lorin, Tolman & Trupper of Boston at 3.58% discount.

WALKER, Cass County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—On May 17 the \$3,000 6% 15-year funding bonds were disposed of, it is stated.—V. 100, p. 1619.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BONDS AWARDED IN PART.—Of the two issues of 4½% bonds, aggregating \$19,160, offered on May 26, the \$9,800 road bonds were awarded to the Bank of Salem for \$9,810, equal to 100.102—V. 100, p. 1775. Denom. \$490. Date May 26 1915. Int. M. & N. We were not advised as to the sale of the \$9,360 county farm bonds also offered on that day.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bruceville), Knox County, Ind.—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis are offering to investors the \$15,750 4½% \$ 1-6-yr. (aver.) tax-free school bonds offered by the Township on May 10.—V. 100, p. 1456. Denom. \$525. Date May 15 1915. Int. J. & J. Due \$1,050 yrlly. on July 15 from 1916 to 1930 incl. Total debt, incl. this issue, \$34,400. Assess. val., \$1,818,570; real value, \$3,700,000.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Newspaper reports state that the Treasurer will receive bids until 8 p. m. June 21 for \$400,000 4½% city-hall, police and fire bonds, dated July 1 1915 and maturing \$10,000 annually 1916-1955 incl. and \$200,000 4½% school bonds, dated July 1 1915 and maturing \$5,000 annually 1916-1955 incl.

WATERTOWN, Codrington County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.—On May 18 the \$88,000 5% sewer bonds were awarded to R. M. Grant & Co. of Chicago at 101.—V. 100, p. 1619. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1915. Int. semi-ann. Due in 1935; subject to call \$8,000 yearly after 1925.

WAUSEON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wauseon), Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—On May 22 the \$7,500 5% 4-yr. (aver.) coup. school-impt. bonds were awarded to the Brighton German Bank of Cincinnati for \$7,505 (100.066) and int.—V. 100, p. 1619. Other bidders were: Hoehler, Cummings & Prudden, Toledo..... \$7,507 50 Oils & Co., Cleveland..... \$7,500 00
*This bid appears to be higher than that of the purchaser's, but it is so given by the Clerk of the Board of Education.

WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BIDS REJECTED.—The following bids received for the \$6,000 5% 5¼-year (aver.) coupon police and fire-alarm bonds offered on May 15 were rejected.—V. 100, p. 1619: Wisconsin Trust Co., \$6,033 60, int. and attorney's opinion. Fox, Hoyt & Co., \$6,008 76, int., blank bonds, and attorney's opinion.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 12 m. June 4 by Robert A. Patteson, County Comptroller, for the following 4½% bonds: \$120,000 registered sewer bonds, Due \$12,000 yearly on June 1 from 1916 to 1925, inclusive. 323,000 coupon Bronx Parkway bonds. Due \$13,000 June 1 1963, \$20,000 yearly on June 1 from 1964 to 1978, inclusive, and \$10,000 June 1 1979. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1915. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable at office of County Treasurer. Certified check on a national bank or trust company or a State bank or trust company for 3% of bonds bid for, payable to Wm. Archer, County Treasurer, required. Bonds to be delivered and paid for at office of County Treasurer at 10 a. m. June 25, unless a subsequent date shall be mutually agreed upon. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. These bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., who will also certify as to the signatures of the County officials and the seal impressed thereon, and legality will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y. City, a copy of whose opinion will be furnished purchaser. Total bonded debt (not including this issue), \$6,611,051; floating debt, \$883,000. Assessed value, personal, \$8,019,672; real, \$389,806,028.

WEST HARTFORD, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—On May 25 the \$150,000 4½% 30-year refunding and improvement bonds were awarded to Roy T. H. Barnes & Co. and Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler on their joint bid of 105.37—a basis of about 4.18%. Coupon bonds of \$1,000 each and registered at option of holder both as to principal, and as to principal and interest. Interest on coupon bonds payable in Hartford or New York. Interest on full registered bonds transmitted by mail. Date June 1 1915. Int. J. & D. Due June 1 1945.—V. 100, p. 1696.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Town Treasurer has awarded the \$120,000 4% 1-20-year (serial) high-school bonds offered on May 24 to N. W. Harris & Co., Inc., Boston at 100.14.—V. 100, p. 1775.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND SALE.—On May 22 the \$21,100 6% 5¼-year (aver.) highway-impt. bonds were awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago for \$21,540 50 (102.087) and int.—V. 100, p. 1696. Other bidders were: Tilloston & Wolf Co., Cleve. \$21,363 75; Monticello Nat. Bk., Mont. \$21,110 75 State Bank, Monticello.--- 21,348 00; Ed. O'Gara, La Fayette.--- 21,100 00

WIBAUX, Dawson County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held July 1 to vote on the question of issuing \$26,000 water-works and \$13,000 sewer 6% bonds.

WILKINSON COUNTY (P. O. Woodville), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until June 7 by L. Lewis, Chancery Clerk, for \$2,500 5¼% 25-year road bonds, Denom. \$500. A deposit of \$100 required.

WILKES-BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilkes-Barre), Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—On May 27 the \$150,000 4½% coupon school bonds were awarded to the Mellon Nat. Bank of Pittsburgh at 100.30.—V. 100, p. 1620.

NEW LOANS.

\$248,000

County of Fairfield, Conn.,

4¼% 30-Year Court-House Bonds

Sealed proposals will be received until 11 o'clock in the forenoon of **JUNE 18TH, 1915**, by the Fairfield County Court House Building Committee, Bridgeport, Conn., for the whole or any part of an issue of \$248,000 bonds under authority of Resolution of General Assembly of Connecticut and duly approved by the Governor, the same to be used in providing an addition to and improvements in the present Court House.

Said bonds are of the denomination of \$1,000 and bear date July 1, 1915, and mature July 1, 1945, and interest thereon at rate of 4¼ per cent is payable semi-annually, January 1 and July 1.

Both principal and interest are payable at The First National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, or The First Bridgeport National Bank of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Said bonds will be registered or coupon bonds, with the privilege of registering principal only, or principal and interest.

A sinking fund of not less than \$5,000 a year is provided by law.

No sale at less than par can be legally made, and no bid at less than par will be considered.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for one per cent of the principal of the bonds bid for, drawn on some responsible incorporated bank or trust company.

Said checks will be immediately returned to unsuccessful bidders and check credited upon purchase price of successful bidder.

Bonds will be printed under the supervision of The First National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, who will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials signing the bonds and of the seal impressed thereon and their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, Mass., whose opinion, or a duplicate, will be furnished purchaser without charge.

Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked "Proposals for Bonds", with name and address of bidder, and same enclosed in envelope and addressed to Fairfield County Building Committee, Court House, Bridgeport, Conn.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Said bonds will be delivered to successful bidders at the office of County Commissioners, Bridgeport, Conn., on or about July 1st, 1915, and balance of bid must be paid on delivery of bonds.

Further particulars and information will be furnished upon application to

GEORGE W. WHEELER, Chairman,
Court House,
Bridgeport,
Conn.

\$325,000

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. JOSEPH, MO.,

4½% BUILDING BONDS

Bids for \$325,000 4½% building bonds of the School District of St. Joseph, Mo., serial 110, \$15, 20 years, will be received at 2 P. M., **JUNE 7, 1915.**

Certified prospectus on application.
A. L. LOVING, Secretary,
St. Joseph, Mo.

NEW LOANS.

\$800,000

Teel Irrigation District, State of Oregon,

6% 20-YEAR 1ST MTGE. GOLD BONDS.

Sealed bids for the sale of \$800,000 00 of the 6 per cent first mortgage bonds of the Teel Irrigation District, of the State of Oregon, will be received by the Board of Directors of the said District at the Office of the District in Echo, Umatilla County, Oregon, until **TUESDAY, JULY 6TH, 1915, AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.**, when the said Board of Directors will open the bids.

No bids will be accepted for less than 90 cents on the dollar and the Board of Directors of the said District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and no bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check made payable to Mr. E. N. Litsey, Treasurer of the said District, for 5 per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for.

Said bonds shall be each of the denomination of not less than \$100 00 nor more than \$1,000 00, each with interest coupons maturing semi-annually at 6 per cent, principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States in New York or Portland, Oregon, at the option of the buyer.

This District was organized under the Laws of the State of Oregon, and has been approved by Decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

The principal and interest of these bonds will be paid by annual assessment upon the lands of the said District, collected by the tax collector of the County with the other regular State and County taxes.

This notice is published by order of the Board of Directors given the 4th day of May, 1915.

TEEL IRRIGATION DISTRICT,

J. Frank Spinning,

Secretary.

Dated this day of May 1915.

There were no other bidders. Int. payable J. & J. Duo \$10,000 yrly. from 1916 to 1930 incl.

WILLSHIRE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Van Wert), Van Wert County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. June 5 by John Custer, Twp. Clerk, it is reported, for \$12,000 5% 5½-year (aver.) road bonds. Int. semi-annual. Cert. check for \$500 required.

WILMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilmington), New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—On May 17 the \$40,000 4½% 18-year (aver.) coupon building and equipment bonds were awarded to F. D. Lackey & Co. of Wilmington at 100.10.—V. 100, p. 1696. Int. M. & N. There were no other bidders.

WOONSOCKET, Providence County, E. I.—BOND OFFERING.—Further details are at hand relative to the offering on June 10 of the \$150,000 high-school and \$50,000 sewer 4½% 30-year coupon (with privilege of reg.) bonds.—V. 100, p. 1776. Bids for these bonds will be received until 10 a. m. on that day by Arthur J. Follett, City Treas. Denom. \$1,000. Date June 1 1915. Prin. and semi-annual int.—J. & D.—payable at First Nat. Bank, Boston. Bonds to be delivered on June 14 at above bank. The legality of these bonds will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, whose opinion will be furnished purchaser and the above bank will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds.

WORCESTER, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Treasurer has awarded a temporary loan of \$150,000, dated May 26 1915, and maturing Oct. 18 1915, to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York, at 3% discount and a premium of \$5 10.

YORKTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yorktown), Dewitt County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—An election to vote on the issuance of \$10,000 bldg. bonds is being contemplated by this district, according to a local newspaper dispatch.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Of the various issues of bonds offered May 17 (V. 100, p. 1457), the \$200,000 4½% water-works-extension bonds were awarded to Field, Richards & Co. of Cincinnati at 100.4315. Sidney Spitzer & Co. and Stacy & Braun of Toledo, who bid jointly, were awarded the \$35,000 4½% park-improvement bonds, and the remaining issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$100,085.

Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BEDFORD, Que.—BONDS PROPOSED.—There is talk of selling \$35,000 bonds.

CHATHAM, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Council decided on May 6 to issue \$32,452 local-improvement debentures, it is stated.

CHICOUTIMI, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that the Provincial Securities Co. of Montreal has been awarded an issue of \$20,000 6% 20-year school bonds at 92.50.

COLCHESTER NORTH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—An issue of \$6,000 5% 10-installment debentures has been awarded, it is stated, to MacNeill & Young of Toronto.

FERNIE, B. C.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state that this city recently sold an additional issue of \$5,000 5½% 10-year road debentures to W. L. McKinnon & Co. of Toronto at 90 and int.

DEBENTURES TO BE OFFERED SHORTLY.—This city will shortly offer for sale an issue of \$5,000 6% 6-year local-improvement debentures, it is stated.

FORT ERIE, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An election will be held June 7, it is stated, to submit to the voters the question of issuing \$12,500 road debentures.

GREENFIELD PARK SCHOOL MUNICIPALITY, Que.—DEBENTURE SALE.—According to reports, MacNeill & Young of Toronto have been awarded an issue of \$20,000 6% 40-yr. school debentures.—V. 100, p. 1117.

HENSALL, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Reports state this municipality has sold an issue of \$5,000 20-year debentures at 94.

HESELE, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—The \$35,000 water-works debentures voted Jan. 1—V. 100, p. 331—have been awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto at par, it is stated.

HUNTSVILLE, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The issuance of \$15,000 local-improvement debentures will be decided by the voters on May 31, it is stated.

LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lethbridge), Alta.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Goldman & Co. of Toronto have been awarded, according to reports, an issue of \$3,500 6% 10-year debentures.

LYNDEN, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—Reports state that an election will be held May 31 to vote on the issuance of \$4,495 hydro-electric-power debentures.

MIDLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—The Council on May 10 passed a by-law authorizing the issuance of \$20,000 school-building debentures, it is reported.

MONTEAL NORTH, Que.—DEBENTURES OFFERED BY BANKERS.—Bongard, Ryerson & Co. of Toronto are offering to investors an issue of \$76,000 6% 20-year debentures. Date May 1 1915. Int. M. & N. at Bank of Hochelager, Montreal, Nat. Park Bank, N. Y. City, or at Clydesdale Bank Ltd., London, Eng. General debenture debt (excl. this issue), \$70,000, less water debt of \$3,895 97. Net debt, \$6,104. Assess. val. \$1,303,500. True val. (est.) \$3,000,000. Value of exempted property, \$1,825.

NORTH BAY, Ont.—DEBENTURE SALE.—Dispatches state that A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto have purchased at 102.47 an issue of \$35,000 6% 20-installment debentures.

OUTLOOK, Sask.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—The question of issuing \$7,500 college-aid debentures will be submitted to a vote on June 4, it is stated.

OWEN SOUND, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—Newspaper reports state that on May 10 the Council passed a by-law authorizing the issuance of \$10,000 water-main debentures.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont.—DEBENTURES VOTED.—At the election May 17 the \$6,500 road debentures carried, it is stated.—V. 100, p. 1698.

POWASSAN, Ont.—DEBENTURE ELECTION.—An election will be held June 7 to vote on the proposition to issue \$2,500 town-hall and lock-up improvement debentures, it is stated.

STRATFORD, Ont.—DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—On May 18 the City Council authorized the issuance of \$6,000 deficiency debentures, it is stated.

WELLAND, Ont.—DEBENTURE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. June 2 by J. H. Bugar, Town Treas., for the following 5% debentures: \$65,000 debentures, Denom. \$1,000. Due in 10 years. 25,000 hydro-electric-system debentures. Due in 30 years. Int. semi-ann. Separate bids must be made for each issue.

NEW LOANS.

\$105,000

Road District No. 1, Parish of Lafourche, La., ROAD BONDS

Notice is hereby given that Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche, acting through its governing authority the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche, will, on the 10th day of June, 1915, offer for sale 210 negotiable interest-bearing coupon road district bonds of the denomination of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) each; said bonds aggregating One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000), running for a period of four (4) to forty (40) years, and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum from the 1st day of May, 1915, payable annually on the 1st day of May of each and every year from 1916 to 1955, all of which will appear by reference to the ordinance adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche on the 10th day of March, 1915, wherein said bonds were ordered issued.

That, the bonds hereinabove described will be offered for sale by the Road District on the following terms and conditions:

(1) That the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche will accept sealed bids for said bonds, the said bids to be deposited with Charles J. Coulon, the Secretary of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche at Thibodaux, Louisiana, on or before ten o'clock A. M., on the 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1915, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for Two Thousand and Six Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,625) (2½% of the face value of the bonds), payable to Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche.

(2) That the said bonds will not be sold for less than par.

(3) That on the 10th day of June, 1915, the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche will meet in open session, as the governing authority of Road District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche, and open all bids received for the bonds. The awarding of a bid will be made in accordance with Section 5 of Act No. 183 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914, provided that the Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

(4) That, as will appear by reference to the ordinance of the Police Jury of the Parish of Lafourche adopted on the 23rd day of April, 1915, as the governing authority of Road District No. 1, the successful bidder will be allowed twenty days from the awarding of the bid to determine the validity of the bond issue, and in the event same is declared legal, then that he is to pay the amount of his bid into the treasury of the Road District, or in the event said bonds are not declared legal, the Police Jury may have the legality of same tested, all in accordance with the ordinance of the Police Jury adopted on the 23rd day of April, 1915, to which reference is made.

That all information with reference to said bond issue may be secured from Frank L. Barker, Raceland, Louisiana; Chas. J. Coulon, Thibodaux, La.; Raceland Banking Association, Raceland, La.

(Signed) J. L. BASSETT,
President of the Police Jury
the Parish of Lafourche.

BOND CALL.

STATE OF IDAHO BOND CALL

Notice is hereby given that I will pay the following State of Idaho bonds on or after July 1st, 1915:

University of Idaho.....	\$40,000
State Improvement.....	21,000
Soldier's Home Improvement.....	14,000
Inter-Mountain Road.....	50,000
Academy of Idaho Improvement.....	45,500
State Penitentiary Improvement.....	60,000
Albion Normal School Improvement.....	30,000
State Reform School.....	20,000
Capitol Building Nos. 1 to 60.....	60,000

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