



### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

One of the features of the situation that should attract wide attention is the fact that although industrial conditions, stimulated by war orders, have greatly improved since the beginning of the current calendar year, and in the steel trade a positive revival is under way, no evidence of any change in affairs is found in the revenue returns of our great rail transportation systems. In other words, the course of earnings is still on the decline, and further large losses are being experienced on top of the previous heavy shrinkage.

We discuss the matter quite at length in our review of the gross earnings of United States railroads for the first six months of the year on a subsequent page, and the subject is invested with additional importance by the action of the Inter-State Commerce Commission with reference to the proposals of the Western roads for securing additional revenue through certain specific but slight advances in rates. Leaving altogether out of consideration the Commission's ruling in the anthracite cases, where a special factor of unusual complexity had to be dealt with, the decision of the Commission with reference to these Western roads, is disappointing in the extreme, for practically all the substantial demands of the roads are denied on one ground or another, though these demands, according to the Commission's own statement of them, were exceedingly moderate. It follows that those inclined to pin their faith to the Commission as likely to respond to the urgent needs of the carriers, thereby bringing nearer a solution of the grave railroad problem that is confronting the country with a seriousness that the Commission seems unable to realize, have received a new demonstration going to show that their faith is utterly misplaced.

Before proceeding with a discussion of the Commission's action we wish to place on record here the very latest figures showing the course of railroad gross earnings. These figures cover the month of July. Besides our article on the earnings for the six months to June 30, we publish another article to-day in which we furnish preliminary totals for the month of July, and it is from this preliminary compilation that we take the illustrations we are about to cite. Only a part of the railroad systems has yet reported for July. The fact is, however, that nearly all the important companies whose returns are at hand, register decreases this year following decreases last year, a double loss being hence sustained. Canadian roads would seem to belong in a class by themselves, because of the Dominion's intimate connection with the conflict in Europe. Canada is undoubtedly going through a period of great depression, and yet it would be a hasty conclusion to assume that the frightful contraction in revenues which the Canadian Pacific is suffering is to be ascribed alone to the collapse in trade.

The fact of the matter is that zeal of the Governmental authorities in the regulation of rates is now counting as a factor in Canada just as it has so long counted as a factor in the welfare of the railroads of the United States. Until a year ago the Canadian Railroad Commission showed little disposition to imitate the example of our own railroad commissions, and the Canadian roads could not justly complain of inimical action on the part of that body. But in April last year very radical reductions in rates in the

western part of the Dominion were announced to go into effect the following first of September. The reductions were such that the managers of the roads most intimately concerned made most vigorous protests.

Stated in brief, the Canadian Board of Railway Commissioners, after investigation begun two years before, made reductions in freight rates in Western Canada ranging all the way from 5 to 30%, the reductions applying to nearly all classes of goods on the railways operating from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, giving credit to the good intentions of the Railway Board, said that the reductions, "while they might have a semblance of justification some years hence, were such as, viewed in the light of present commercial and transportation conditions, could not but be regarded as unnecessarily and unjustifiably drastic in character." It would be interesting to know how far the further losses in revenues now reported are due to the war and to trade depression, and how far to this cut in rates under last year's order of the Commission. At any rate the Canadian Pacific reports for July 1915 gross of only \$7,447,000, against \$10,041,000 in July 1914 and \$11,993,062 in July 1913.

But United States roads have a tale to tell that differs only in degree from that of the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Hill's Great Northern, for example, earned only \$5,598,154 gross in July 1915, against \$6,840,446 in July 1914 and \$7,694,812 in 1913. In other parts of the United States the story is the same. In the South the Louisville & Nashville earned gross this year of only \$4,452,959, against \$4,803,643 last year and \$4,945,042 the year before. The Southern Railway earned \$5,123,505 this year, against \$5,705,119 in 1914 and \$5,513,213 in 1913. In the Southwest the Missouri Pacific earned \$4,710,000, against \$5,253,000 and \$5,153,374 in 1914 and 1913, and the Missouri Kansas & Texas earned \$2,520,920, against \$2,716,701 and \$2,656,009, respectively. In the Central West the Illinois Central reports earnings of only \$4,700,863, against \$5,396,122 and \$5,357,908, and the Wabash but \$2,408,339, against \$2,649,453 and \$2,737,816. In tabular form the comparisons are as follows:

RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS FOR JULY.

	1915.	1914.	1913.
	\$	\$	\$
<i>Transcontinental—</i>			
Canadian Pacific.....	7,447,000	10,041,000	11,993,062
Great Northern.....	5,598,154	6,840,446	7,694,812
<i>Southern—</i>			
Louisville & Nashville...	4,452,959	4,803,643	4,945,042
Southern Railway.....	5,123,505	5,705,119	5,513,213
<i>Southwestern—</i>			
Missouri Pacific.....	4,710,000	5,253,000	5,153,374
Missouri Kansas & Texas...	2,520,920	2,716,701	2,656,009
<i>Central Western—</i>			
Illinois Central.....	4,700,863	5,396,122	5,357,908
Wabash.....	2,408,339	2,649,453	2,737,816
Grand Trunk of Canada...	4,497,946	4,724,017	5,042,103

In the foregoing we have selected merely a few leading systems. To make the illustration still more conclusive we supplement these figures by drawing off from our article on subsequent pages the totals for the different geographical groups into which we divide the roads in making comparisons extending back a series of years. These group totals contain the roads or systems already mentioned besides a number of smaller companies. In the following we present the comparisons for the four groups and also give the grand aggregate of the same.

## JULY GROSS EARNINGS BY GROUPS.

Group—	1915. \$	1914. \$	1913. \$
Northwest.....	17,524,625	21,418,154	24,466,654
Southern.....	16,701,596	17,563,876	17,169,457
Southwestern.....	12,610,964	13,496,398	13,556,301
Middle West.....	15,684,114	16,812,742	17,399,787
Total (34 roads).....	62,521,299	69,291,170	72,592,199

It thus appears that the 34 roads here represented earned only \$62,521,299 gross in July 1915 against \$69,291,170 in July 1914 and \$72,592,199 in July 1913. Thus we have very conclusive indications of the course of railroad revenues from the very latest returns at hand. If it be deemed strange that railroad revenues continue to shrink at a time when there are multiplying evidences of activity elsewhere, it should be remembered that there can be no genuine prosperity in this country while such a large industry as that of railway transportation remains in such an extremely unfortunate condition. In the railroad world things have been going from bad to worse. It is that circumstance that is responsible for the fact that such revival as has actually occurred in trade has come in spots and been limited to the trades stimulated by war orders. The railroads have been left out in the cold. They have had to contract their outlays in every direction. They could command only limited supplies of new capital for development work and at the same time have been forced to make drastic cuts in expenses. The inability of the roads to carry on their legitimate work has in turn served to prevent any general industrial expansion or revival.

In this state of things there comes the action of the Commerce Commission denying relief to the Western railroads from an intolerable situation and one which threatens to undermine the very foundations of our industrial fabric. To show what a mere pittance the Commission has granted in the case of these Western roads, it is only necessary to state that one of the two Commissioners who have had the sturdy good sense to dissent from the decision of the prevailing opinion estimates that the additional revenue to accrue from the trifling advances permitted will amount to the magnificent figure of \$1,600,000 per annum. As the Commission itself tells us that aggregate freight revenues in the fiscal year 1914 for the 41 roads involved in the proceeding were approximately \$641,000,000, it accordingly appears that the Commission has granted relief to the extent of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%.

Nor should it escape notice that the present is the situation that has prevailed during the whole of the five years since the Commission has had power to veto proposed advances in rates. It has become the habitual practice for the Commission either to refuse altogether requests of that character, or to grant increases only in dribbles. And yet there are some good people who urge that the powers of the Commission should be extended—that it should have complete authority over intra-State rates as well as inter-State rates. What reason is there to think that the Commission would display more liberality and a broader spirit in the one case than in the other? If the Commission were in omnipotent control of all rates, would not the last state of the carriers be worse than the first?

It is only too true that some of the States often deal unjustly with the roads, but at least when they

go too far the carriers can get out an injunction and carry their case to the highest judicial tribunal, which has so often set aside destructive State statutes. But what court will interfere with destructive action on the part of the Commerce Commission? To whom, for instance, can the railroads appeal from all the denials of rate advances during the last five years by the Commerce Board? The U. S. Supreme Court considers rate matters questions of fact which Congress intended the Commission with its supposed superior knowledge of railroad affairs should decide and that the courts therefore have no right to interfere. Thus we have the anomaly of an irresponsible Government body which cannot be called to account in unchecked control of an industry in which 20 billions of capital are invested. Is that a situation that can be allowed to continue much longer?

We notice that Commissioner Harlan in his dissenting opinion takes occasion to say, what is entirely true, that "too much time and labor are expended in these recurring rate contests." No one will rise to deny Mr. Harlan's statement. We are not inclined, however, to agree with him when in suggesting a remedy he seems to think that the only solution possible is that "some way should be found under legislative authority for arriving at results more promptly than is now possible, under our present powers and practices." There is of course no objection to compelling the Commission to do by law what it refuses to do voluntarily, though it is at least doubtful if Congress could be prevailed upon to pass such a law. The fact is, however, that that is by no means the only way out of the dilemma. *Let Mr. Harlan join in getting the Commission to abandon its policy of vetoing in advance all proposed rate increases.* The Commission should allow the carriers to put their new rate schedules into effect and not interfere with them (where they are not on their face excessive) until after they have been given a fair trial and are attacked. When the Commission invites objections from shippers, objections of course are offered. If the schedules were allowed to go into effect, the chances are that they would not be opposed at all. The prevailing method of dealing with the subject is really farcical. The Commission is supposed to be a practical body and to act in a practical common-sense fashion, waiving aside all irrelevant questions just as the business man would in deciding an important question relating to income or outgo. Instead of that the Commission goes into an interminable discussion of matters that have no real bearing on the point at issue.

The report of the Commission in the present case covers nearly 200 pages and contains innumerable charts and statistical tables. As an indication of the nature of these, we may say that one chart is headed "Relative Figures of Commodity Prices and Railway Revenues Per Equated Traffic Unit," and one of the tables treats learnedly of the "Value of Commodities as a Norm of Distributing the Return Above Cost." These are fair samples of many others. In the end of course the Commission arrives nowhere.

There is no decent excuse for this kind of thing and it is really an abuse of the Commission's powers and privileges. Rate increases should not, as an invariable rule, be set aside, and indeed it was never intended by the lawmaker that they should. By changing its policy in that respect the Commission

would relieve itself and the carriers and the public alike of a lot of needless burdens, and at the same time be promoting the welfare of the country.

In discussing a week ago (in our consideration of the policy of the Federal Reserve banks in issuing Federal Reserve notes to acquire gold) the course pursued last summer and autumn in facilitating gold exports in settlement of our obligations abroad at the time when our foreign credits abroad were cut off by the numerous moratorium decrees, a typographical error crept into the figures dealing with the export movement of gold. The print made us say that "the United States had in the months immediately preceding the war parted with nearly \$280,000,000 gold" &c. The figure here given was wrong. Including the gold that went out subsequent to the war we exported altogether in the twelve months ending Nov. 30 1914 \$233,057,825 of gold and of this total \$86,715,656 went in September, October and November in carrying out the policy of meeting our maturing obligations abroad by the shipment of actual gold instead of by an adjustment of credits and through the course of foreign exchange operations. In May, June and July 1914 \$98,611,690 gold was shipped and the greater part of the \$18,125,617 shipped abroad in August was also engaged before the war broke out. In addition, the \$10,000,000 of gold on board the Kronprinzessin Cecilie of the North German Lloyd had also been taken for export but was returned to this country when that liner was obliged to turn back and hence never counted in the export totals.

Since the first of January of the current year we have been getting back considerable amounts of gold, but not to the extent generally supposed, and the spectacular way in which gold has arrived here this week gives an exaggerated idea of the way in which our gold stock is being increased. It may surprise many persons to hear that in the fiscal year ending June 30 1915 our *net* imports of gold amounted to no more than \$25,344,607, notwithstanding the trade balance in favor of the United States on the merchandise movement reached the prodigious figure of \$1,094,422,792.

The Federal Reserve banks last week added still further to the volume of their outstanding notes and the Reserve Bank of New York now has over fifty million dollars notes outstanding—in exact figures \$50,120,000, of which only \$200,000 is secured by commercial paper, all the remaining amount having been put out against deposits of gold. We notice that the "Journal of the American Bankers' Association" in its August issue takes the same view we have expressed, namely that it was never intended by the lawmakers that Reserve notes should be issued for the purpose of accumulating gold. Here is what the "Journal" says on the question:

#### A QUESTION OF ELASTICITY.

An interesting controversy to which the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle" and the New York "Sun" are parties is concerned with the issue of Federal Reserve notes against 100% gold cover and is related, of course, to the question of elasticity of this form of currency. The "Chronicle" pointed out that the Reserve Act makes a provision for the issuance of Reserve notes only against rediscounted paper, whereupon the "Sun" quoted Section 14 of the Act under which the Reserve banks are authorized, among other things, to "exchange Federal Reserve notes for gold, gold coin or gold certificates." The "Chronicle" did not consider this reply effective, and whether or not the issue of notes against a complete gold cover is technically within the construction of the

law, it maintains that it was not within the spirit of the statute, and it certainly was not the intention of the lawmakers that Federal Reserve notes could be so issued.

In this argument the logic is all on the side of the "Chronicle." It is, of course, true that the purpose of the Federal Reserve banks in issuing notes against their gold holdings deposited with the Reserve agent, have as their purpose the impounding of gold and the gathering together of as large a supply of it as possible into the Reserve banks. This is a laudable enterprise in one respect, because it goes almost without saying that it is highly desirable that every ounce of gold in the country should be in the Reserve banks and so become usable as a basis for the credit structure. But it was never intended that gold should be taken out of circulation by the process of substituting Reserve notes for it.

The whole measure of the elasticity of the currency system is in the gold and Reserve notes. As has been frequently pointed out in these columns the other elements in the currency system are practically fixed. With the flow of gold in the direction of the United States, and with no prospect of a change in its direction, Federal Reserve notes have become the single element in the currency system which have any elasticity at all. Just at present the financial situation would be much better if there were less currency in circulation. Any issue of Reserve notes which is not the product of commercial operations translated into the form of rediscounted paper, marks a tendency toward currency inflation.

In securing legal authorization of a form of currency which could be produced with practically automatic precision by trade operations, no argument was so potent as that which was based on the extensive use of checks and drafts as currency. The cancellation of a check marks the termination of its use as currency. The redemption of a Reserve note theoretically marks the completion of the trade transaction out of which it grew. Any process of emitting Reserve notes which is divorced from the operations of trade, takes no account of speedy redemption, which is the essential element in any form of currency supposed to be elastic. It was for this reason that no Federal Reserve bank is allowed to pay out the notes issued by any other Federal Reserve bank. If business is so active that there is a constant demand for the issuance of Reserve notes, the process by which they are redeemed will be equally rapid. Reserve notes issued against a 100% gold fund cannot, in the nature of things, come within the definition of elastic currency. The only means that would force them back for redemption would be to have them carried out of the district in which they originated. Certainly the lawmakers contemplated no such condition as precedent to the redemption and cancellation of Reserve notes. Without criticising the practice of the Reserve banks which have been issuing notes against their gold and without any determination of the point of technical legality, it is a question whether it is either wise or advisable so to issue Reserve notes.

A wheat crop in excess of all former records, a corn yield second only to the bumper production of 1912, and an outturn of oats practically equalling the harvest of 1912 is the prognostication made by the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture with reference to the situation on Aug. 1. In other words, the outlook for the cereal crops of the United States is very gratifying at this time, the official investigations made by the Department failing to fully confirm reports of damage to grain by bad weather, rust, &c., current from time to time during July. On the contrary, a slight improvement in the condition of spring wheat is indicated and the deterioration in winter wheat, oats and corn is found to have been very moderate, and in the last named virtually nil as compared with the important decline during the corresponding interval last year. Furthermore, as indicating the present generally satisfactory agricultural promise in the country on Aug. 1, the Department states the composite condition of all crops (grains, fruits, vegetables, fibres, &c., &c.) as 3.9% above their ten-year average condition on that date, as compared with 2.3% above average on July 1,

indicating an improvement in crop prospects of 1.6% during the month. On Aug. 1 last year, on the other hand, the composite condition of all crops was 2% below their ten-year average, consequently, with a slightly greater acreage in cultivated crops this year, it is easy of discernment that the current general promise of production is quite some better than in 1914.

For corn, the average condition on Aug. 1 is stated by the Department as 79.5, this being a drop of 1.7 points from July 1, but contrasting with only 74.8 at the same time a year ago. The ten-year average is 80.6. The situation in most of the large producing corn States is more satisfactory than in 1914, the exceptions being Iowa, where a condition of 72 is reported against 91 a year ago, and Nebraska, with 77 against 82. This year the improvement in Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Kentucky ranges all the way from 2 points in the first named to 24 points in the last. On the basis of the average condition Aug. 1, the indicated yield per acre is figured as 26.7 bushels, foreshadowing a total crop of 2,918,000,000 bushels, as against 25.8 bushels per acre and an aggregate of 2,673 million bushels, the final result for 1914, and 3,125 million bushels (the high record) in 1912.

Winter wheat, with a condition a little lower, now promises an outcome only slightly less than that forecasted on July 1. The yield per acre is estimated at 16.4 bushels per acre and the aggregate product as 659 million bushels, this being but 16 million bushels below the high record of 1914 and 136 millions greater than 1913.

Spring wheat improvement in July is placed at one-tenth of a point, and at the same time the status of the crop August 1 (93.4) is 17.9 points higher than at date last year and compares with a ten-year average of 78.9. The indicated yield per acre is stated at 16 bushels against only 11.8, the final for 1914, and 13 in 1913, and on that basis the crop figures out 307,000,000 bushels against 206 millions last year, 233 millions in 1913 and 330 millions in 1912—the high record. Parenthetically, with spring wheat area this year nominally larger than in 1912 and condition Aug. 1 some 3 points higher, it seems safe to assume that, with normal conditions hereafter, the record will actually be exceeded. For winter and spring wheat combined, the current official expectation is for a yield of 966,000,000 bushels, or a new high mark, exceeding 1914 by 75 million bushels, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that a 1,000-million total will be reached.

Oats deteriorated moderately during July, but the condition as now reported (91.6) contrasts with only 79.4 in 1914 and a ten-year average of 80.2. A yield of 34.9 bushels per acre is estimated, which on the area under cultivation would give a crop of 1,402 million bushels, against 1,141 millions last year and the 1912 record of 1,418 million bushels, with here again the possibility of a new high mark being established, as condition now is better than three years ago and acreage greater. Barley, rye and rice, too, now promise larger crops than ever before, and the same is true of such an important food crop as potatoes. Finally, the yield of hay is estimated at 75 million tons, or about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million tons greater than the 1912 record.

An insistent—almost uncontrollable—public demand seems to be developing in England to force the

British Government into declaring cotton contraband of war. At a meeting held at Queen's Hall in London resolutions were adopted urging the Government to take such action. Latest advices seemed to point strongly to the belief that in some form the Government will acquiesce in the popular demand. At the meeting Sir William Ramsay, the eminent British scientist, declared that cotton was the only substance required for the manufacture of munitions with which the Germans could not supply themselves. No chemical products, he said, could take the place of cotton in propulsive ammunition, and that ammunition made from used cotton was not as effective as that made from unused cotton. Sir Charles Macara, President of the Master Cotton Spinners' Association of Great Britain, declared that Great Britain must utilize its command of the highways of the sea both practically and diplomatically to prevent cotton reaching enemy countries, while at the same time acting fairly in the interests of neutral countries. He was sure the Government had given anxious consideration to this most complicated problem, and said there was no doubt that during recent months the stocks of cotton accumulating in Liverpool had shown that an improvement was taking place. It was absolutely necessary, however, that strong and well-considered measures should be carried out to keep cotton from the countries with which Great Britain was at war. Cotton was going into Germany by devious routes. It was sold, he said, to Dutch and Swedish companies under a guarantee that it would not be sold to Germany or Austria. While technically this guarantee is not violated, it was in reality a subterfuge, for the Dutch and Swedish consignees sold the shipments to Swiss companies, who in turn sold them to Great Britain's adversaries. He estimated that 1,000 tons of cotton was used every day of the war, and he protested that it was grossly unfair to the English soldiers and their Allies that Great Britain should continue to supply Germany with this commodity. A letter from Lord Beresford was read at the meeting in which he said that had cotton been declared contraband last February the war would now be approaching its final scenes. The solution of the problem proposed by Lord Beresford was that the British Government should buy up the entire surplus American crop and resell afterwards, even if at a loss. The Manchester "Guardian" in its issue of Thursday replies to an implication that the meeting held in London was tainted with commercialism, in that the cotton interests would benefit by such a declaration. "If Manchester men have a policy, it is not for trade or for sectional reasons, but on broadly national grounds," this paper says. "Our own views on the matter are these: Cotton is more necessary for purposes of war than any other article of commerce, and it passes our comprehension how it ever came to be put on the free list." The "Guardian" deprecates the suggestion that England should buy the American crop, if cotton should be declared contraband, arguing that in case loss must be sustained the American growers should be the chief sufferers. When cotton was contraband during the Civil War, it adds, no one bought a supply to relieve the famine in Manchester.

The German advance in the East has not stopped at Warsaw. Russians continue their retirement in Poland, but are making German progress difficult

by counter attacks and stubborn resistance. For the moment the Russian armies appear to be safe, though they still apparently may be called upon to oppose a German attempt to outflank them at Kovno and further north. Some military observers in London are confident that the Germans are now aiming at Petrograd, although it is conceded that there is so great a stretch of marshy country between the present battlefields and the capital as to make the adventure a highly dangerous one. In addition, the Germans would first have to capture Vilna, Dvinsk and Riga, all of which the Russians are defending with strong forces, which at times are able to take the offensive. The Polish city of Siedlee, 55 miles southeast of Warsaw, was yesterday captured by the Germans. A raid by German airships on the eastern coast of England on Thursday night resulted in six killed; 23 were injured by bombs.

Attention seems now to be becoming concentrated on the operations along the Dardanelles, where the commencement of new movements designed to bring practical aid to the Russians have been begun. The latest attempt upon the Turkish position which apparently is in full swing seems to be a concerted one. Attacks, it is said, are being made at the tip of the Peninsula, where a gain of 200 yards on a front of 300 yards has been reported, and at Sari Bair, where an important crest has been occupied, according to General Sir Ian Hamilton, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces. "Elsewhere," General Hamilton's report continues, "a fresh landing has been successfully effected and considerable progress made." A substantial strengthening of Russian credit in England has been indicated by exchange rates.

Meanwhile important developments are expected in the near future from the efforts of the diplomats of the quadruple entente Powers to revive the Balkan League and bring all the Balkan States over to their side. Bulgaria, it is said, is being offered large territorial concessions as an inducement for her to join one side or the other, or to remain neutral. Greece and Serbia are said to be unwilling to concede to Bulgaria parts of Macedonia, which Bulgaria asks as her price for joining the Allies, while Turkey is opposing concessions which Austria and Germany desire her to make to insure the continued neutrality of the Sofia Government. A British submarine in the sea of Marmora recently sank the Turkish battleship *Kehyr-ed-Din Barbarossa* and also the Turkish torpedo gunboat *Berk-i-satvet* and an empty transport. There has been no confirmation by the British Admiralty of the report that the former German cruisers *Breslau* and *Goeben*, now owned by the Turks, have been sunk. The Russians report an important victory over the Turks in the Caucasus, which the military experts in London believe will keep the Turks quiet on that frontier for some time.

Many rumors are current of peace proposals. The report that Germany made such proposals to Petrograd last week through the King of Denmark is denied by the semi-official "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," which, however, adds: "The German Government would not reject reasonable peace proposals if such should be laid before it, but the time to make peace proposals on its part will come only when hostile governments show themselves ready to recognize the failure of their military undertakings against us." The London "Morning Post"

yesterday gave prominence to a note issued by a news agency usually well informed on banking affairs to the effect that Cardinals Gibbons and O'Connell of Baltimore and Boston respectively have called a meeting of neutral Cardinals and Bishops to be held in the course of a few weeks in Switzerland for the purpose of discussing some concrete proposals for arranging terms of peace between the present belligerents. On the other hand, a Rome dispatch to the Chicago "Daily News" declares that the impression prevails in the Pope's entourage that the olive branch of peace is to be offered by Germany, which, to quote the correspondent, "unvanquished and still sufficiently powerful to continue the war, is able to take the initiative in a peace movement without assuming the role of suppliant."

Representatives of the United States and the six Latin-American republics at a meeting at the Hotel Biltmore in this city on Wednesday framed a joint note addressed to the leaders of the Mexican factions. The United States was represented in the conference by Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, and the Latin-American republics by their diplomatic representatives in this country as follows: Ignacio Calderon, the Bolivian Minister; Joaquin Mendez, the Guatemalan Minister; Domicio da Gama, the Brazilian Ambassador; Eduardo Suarez Mujica, the Chilean Ambassador; Romulo S. Naon, the Argentine Ambassador, and Carlos Maria de Pena, the Uruguayan Minister. The note contains a review of the situation in Mexico, outlines the horrors wrought by continued war and appeals to the warring leaders in the name of humanity and for their country's sake to put aside selfish purposes and compose their differences—offering the good offices of the seven countries represented at the conference in effecting a peaceful regime in Mexico. Further, the conferees reached an agreement as to the form the pacification of the country should take. We refer to this matter more at length on subsequent pages—page 500. General Villa, the bandit leader and chief opponent of Carranza, has announced a willingness to sign an armistice with Carranza. President Wilson left his summer home at Cornish, N. H., on Wednesday afternoon for Washington in order to be able to keep in closer touch with Mexican affairs. Three battleships of the fourth division of the Atlantic fleet have been ordered "to Southern waters for any duty that may be required."

General Dartiguenave was on Thursday elected by the National Assembly President of the Haitian Republic, in succession to the late President Guillaume, who was recently shot by revolutionists there. General Dartiguenave received a majority of 72 out of the 116 votes cast. He received 94, while Luxembourg Cauvin had 14, Emmanuel Thezan 4, Dr. Rosalvo Bobo 3, and 1 was blank. Recognition by the United States of the Government in Haiti to be set up by President Dartiguenave will not be considered until the new executive has shown his ability to guarantee the maintenance of peace, the security of life and property, and the adjustment of outstanding foreign indebtedness. In the meantime the American naval forces will remain in control of the situation.

Advices cabled from London indicate that cordial response has been shown to the Government's appeal to the public to use currency notes instead of gold in all transactions wherever possible. The action is designed to increase the gold reserve and to permit the mobilization of the precious metal for use in steadying the foreign exchanges. One of the first indications of the desire to use gold for that purpose was the shipment of substantially \$20,000,000 in gold (\$19,534,200) by the British Treasury by way of Halifax to J. P. Morgan & Co. in New York. In addition, there was a large shipment of securities, estimated at something in excess of \$30,000,000, though the New York bankers refused information either as to the value or character of such securities on the ground that the transaction is for a client, and hence must be maintained in confidence. The prevailing opinion, however, in usually well-informed financial circles is that the securities are to constitute the basis for the British credit which has for so long a period been under negotiation on behalf of the British Government through J. P. Morgan & Co. London advices state that further large exportations of gold and securities to the United States may be expected. A total of \$15,000,000 in the precious metal is understood to be on its way from Australia to Vancouver or San Francisco, while a considerable amount is to be or has been shipped, it is reported, from South Africa which will reach New York either direct or by way of London. The policy of maintaining secrecy as regards the routes of shipment is obviously necessary in view of the temptation that would be so strong on the part of enemies of the British Government to capture or destroy the gold. The consignment of the metal and securities arrived from London at the freight terminal of the New York Central RR. at 33d Street and 10th Avenue at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning from Halifax, which port it had reached, it is understood, on a British cruiser. The train was routed over the Intercolonial Ry. and Canadian Pacific, Maine Central and Boston & Maine to Worcester, Mass., where it was taken in charge by New York Central lines and sent over the Boston & Albany to Chatham, and thence over the Harlem division of the New York Central. The gold arrived at the Sub-Treasury shortly after 11 o'clock and was found to comprise 1,050,000 ounces of United States gold coin.

On Monday the Bank of England decided to try the experiment of stimulating the demand for Treasury bills. It is understood that the results were satisfactory, especially in the direction of encouraging renewals of maturing bills. The Bank increased its fixed rate for the bills to  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  for all dates. The former rates were  $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  for three months,  $3\frac{3}{8}\%$  for six months and  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  for nine and twelve months. The action, according to the London correspondent of the "Journal of Commerce," represents the Government's recognition that the war loan is competing with the Treasury bills. It represents, too, the Government's attempt to control money rates with a view of steadying the American exchange situation. There is no expectation, however, that there will be large sales of new bills. An increase of important proportions in the British currency note issue is predicted in London banking circles in the near future as a result of the Government's recommendations that notes be used in place of gold. The outstanding currency on Saturday last

amounted to £46,729,000. Some statisticians calculate that the total gold in the country is, roughly, £150,000,000, including coin in circulation and in bank reserves. It is not believed that the Government can magnetize the country's entire stock. Hitherto some English economists have been taking pride in the smallness of the British emergency currency. Their attitude has now been modified in view of the prime necessity of national economy and the desirability of accumulation by the Government of a gold reserve for foreign exchange purposes. British export trade continues to fall off, and thus makes the need of greater gold shipments all the more urgent. For the month of July, quoting the British Board of Trade returns as received by cable, a decrease of no less than £9,684,380 from the July figures of a year ago was indicated, while importations registered an increase of £16,171,663. Imports of food and metals were heavier, while the principal decreases in exports were in coal, yarns, textiles and machinery. The following statements summarize the trade of the United Kingdom for July and for the seven months ending with July:

	—Month of July—		—Jan. 1 to July 31—	
	1915.	1914.	1915.	1914.
Imports .....	£75,555,455	£59,383,792	£505,215,881	£435,397,540
Exports .....	34,721,511	44,405,380	224,342,830	299,862,991
Excess of imports.....	£40,833,944	£14,978,412	£280,873,052	£135,534,549

For the year to date, by months, compared with the corresponding months of last year:

	—Imports—		—Exports—	
	1915.	1914.	1915.	1914.
January .....	£67,401,006	£63,005,009	£28,247,592	£47,806,165
February .....	65,268,814	62,053,631	26,176,937	41,261,797
March .....	75,590,918	66,947,315	30,176,066	44,518,661
April .....	73,678,288	61,626,830	32,169,733	39,946,822
May .....	71,604,400	59,099,290	30,618,000	42,051,190
June .....	76,117,000	58,281,652	33,233,000	30,872,976
July .....	75,555,455	59,383,792	34,721,511	44,405,380
August .....	.....	42,362,792	.....	24,211,271
September .....	.....	45,951,034	.....	26,674,101
October .....	.....	51,559,289	.....	28,601,815
November .....	.....	55,987,058	.....	24,601,619
December .....	.....	67,554,960	.....	26,278,928

Comparatively slight activity has been shown in stock exchange speculative circles in London. There is active effort being made to force a movement in war stocks at the British center on the same lines as have so recently become a feature in the New York market. It is stated, however, that while Canadian munition stocks are the most active, the volume of actual business in them is small and professional. The public, it is said, is giving very slight consideration to them. A good investment demand, however, continues in the war loan and transactions having for their object the conversion of Consols into the new war stocks are quite active. Towards the close of the week considerable improvement was noticeable, owing to the reported progress of the Allied troops at the Dardanelles and also to buying of Mexican stocks in anticipation of American intervention. The former influence caused a prompt readjustment of Russian credit in England, causing rubles to rise sharply. Reports were current yesterday that Russia had arranged tentatively for a new credit in the British center.

Very little of a financial nature has come over the cables from any of the Continental centers this week. In Paris Bourse transactions are of small proportions and without particular significance. The Bourse received the news of the fall of Warsaw calmly, the event having been clearly discounted in advance. Rentes closed for the week at 68.56 francs, which compares with 69 francs a week ago. "Agricultural mobilization is just as necessary as industrial mobili-

zation," was the declaration of Minister of War Millerand in speaking on Thursday in favor of a measure intended to give threshers now in the trenches a vacation from their military duties until the middle of September, to enable them to assist in the harvest. The bill was passed by the Chamber of Deputies. Advices from Budapest via Amsterdam state that Hungarians residing in the United States have taken up about 4,000,000 kronen—about \$800,000—of the latest Hungarian war loan. A statement given out by the Overseas News Agency at Berlin indicates that the installments paid on the second war loan have reached 8,979,600,000 marks, or 99.6% of the amount subscribed. The agency states that the sum loaned to the Government by the banks for war purposes has decreased 38,800,000 marks to 315,300,000 marks. A Berlin dispatch states that in a bill voted by the Federal Council for a supplementary Imperial budget for 1915, a new credit of 10,000,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) was asked for. A dispatch from Bucharest dated Aug. 5 declares that the Rumanian Cabinet has approved a new extraordinary credit of 100,000,000 francs for military purposes.

Official Bank rates at all the European centers remain at last week's quotations. In London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, Vienna and Copenhagen the rate is 5%; in Norway, Sweden and Portugal it is 5½%; in Italy and Russia 6%, and in Spain and Switzerland 4½%. In London money is if anything a shade firmer. Rates of discount for short bills are 4¼@4⅞% for sixty-day bills and 4⅞% for three months. These figures show no net change from Friday of last week. Day to day funds in London are 3@4%, against 3½@4% a week ago and 4@4½% a fortnight ago. There have been no private bank rates received by cable this week from any of the Continental centers, so far as we have been able to learn.

The weekly return of the Bank of England indicates an increase of £3,516,292 in the gold reserve and of £4,539,000 in the total reserve, note circulation having shown a contraction of £1,023,000. Public deposits were reduced £4,454,000, while other deposits increased £854,000 and other securities (loans) decreased £7,129,000. The Bank's gold stock now stands at £65,738,047, which compares with £33,014,629 at this date a year ago and £41,069,699 in 1913. The reserve is £51,724,000, against £15,530,389 a year ago, while loans aggregate £148,135,000, against £70,786,586. The proportion of reserve to liabilities has increased to 22.70%, against 20.40% a week ago and 17.02% a year ago. The clearings through the London Bank for the week were £873,840,000, against £260,760,000 the preceding week and £187,317,000 in the corresponding week last year. There was repaid by the British Treasury to the Bank of England last week £64,000,000, making the total of such repayments from the proceeds of the new loan £160,250,000. Treasury bills to the amount of £9,636,000 were redeemed for the week ending Aug. 7, the sales of such bills for the same period having amounted to only £285,000. Our special correspondent furnishes the following details by cable of the gold movement into and out of the Bank for the Bank week: Inflow, £3,916,000 (of which £979,000 bought in the open market, £200,000 released from miscellaneous accounts and £2,737,000

net received from the interior of Great Britain); outflow, £400,000 bar gold sold. 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.	
	Aug. 11.	Aug. 12.	Aug. 11.	Aug. 12.	Aug. 13.	Aug. 14.	Aug. 15.	Aug. 16.	Aug. 17.	Aug. 18.
	£		£		£		£		£	
Circulation.....	32,463,000	35,934,240	29,574,940	29,512,065	29,924,370					
Public deposits.....	142,604,000	7,889,491	9,341,113	16,552,231	7,820,292					
Other deposits.....	85,075,000	83,326,113	42,210,189	43,263,123	43,313,347					
Government securities.....	45,915,000	23,041,152	12,456,539	13,982,472	14,967,286					
Other securities.....	148,135,000	70,786,586	27,240,566	34,141,958	25,626,161					
Reserve notes and coin.....	51,724,000	15,530,389	29,944,759	29,815,227	28,609,272					
Coin and bullion.....	65,738,047	33,014,629	41,069,699	40,878,192	40,083,642					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	22.71%	17.02%	68.07%	49.82%	55.91%					
Bank Rate.....	* 5%	5%	4½%	3%	3%					

An increase of 100,191,000 francs is recorded by the Bank of France in this week's statement, indicating how free continues the exchange of gold for notes. The silver holdings decreased 508,000 francs, note circulation increased 100,419,000 francs and general deposits increased 87,404,000 francs, while bills discounted showed a contraction of 34,910,000 francs. Treasury deposits decreased 129,013,000 francs and the Bank's advances decreased 626,000 francs. The Bank now has on hand 4,322,191,000 francs gold. As the return was suspended last year as soon as the war began, until Feb. 4 1915, corresponding figures are not available. Comparison, therefore, must be made with the latest statement at that time published, namely, that of July 30, which showed a total of 4,141,350,000 francs. The silver stock, according to the current statement, is 357,792,000 francs against 625,325,000 francs last year, circulation aggregates 12,825,719,000 francs against 6,683,184,785 francs. General deposits are 2,365,404,000 francs against 947,571,861 and discounts 2,375,090,000 francs against 2,454,230,425 francs. All of last year's comparative figures are as of July 30.

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, received via London on Aug. 11, showed an increase of gold of 1,997,000 marks and of securities an increase of 4,418,000 marks. The cash item, which includes Imperial and loan bank notes and notes of other banks in addition to coin and bullion, decreased 83,295,000 marks. Discounts, including Treasury paper, decreased 21,694,000 marks. Loans showed a contraction of 3,607,000 marks, note circulation a decrease of 80,674,000 marks and deposits a decrease of 7,012,000 marks. The Reichsbank's gold holdings aggregate 2,401,671,000 marks against 1,509,000,000 marks on Aug. 15 last year. Note circulation stands at 5,130,321,000 marks against 3,882,000,000 marks last year.

The money situation retains the characteristics that have been current for several months. Supplies of loanable funds are in excess of the demand, though the latter seems to be showing some moderate degree of expansion. The renewed activity of speculative operations on the New York Stock Exchange may be regarded as in some measure responsible for this change, while the unquestioned activity in the iron and steel industry is an added influence. Nevertheless, the unexpected arrival of approximately \$20,000,000 in British gold and the definite indication that this sum is to be substantially increased in the near future, suggests clearly that, notwithstanding we are on the threshold of the active crop-financing period, supplies of funds are to continue



adequate for all needs. Mercantile paper is in good demand but in moderate supply. Last Saturday's bank statement registered a decrease of \$16,031,000 in the aggregate reserve and of \$14,325,710 in the surplus held by the banks and trust companies above reserve requirements, these requirements having decreased \$1,705,290 as a result of the expansion in deposits. Net demand deposits showed a contraction of \$12,952,000 and net time deposits an increase of \$1,613,000. Loans were increased \$11,754,000. There was a reduction of \$3,715,000 in reserves in "own vaults" to \$445,288,000, including \$370,851,000 in specie. Reserves in Federal Reserve banks decreased \$2,813,000 to \$130,924,000, while reserves in other depositories decreased \$9,503,000 to \$29,230,000. The Clearing House members now hold a surplus of \$166,058,340 against a deficit of \$43,116,000 under the old form of bank statement one year ago, and a surplus of \$26,427,350 in 1913.

Referring to money rates in detail, the range for demand loans during the week has been  $1\frac{1}{2}$ @ $2\%$ , which is identical with that of the week preceding. The higher figure has been current each day and the ruling rate has remained pegged at  $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ . On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the lowest figure was  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  on each day, while  $1\frac{3}{4}\%$  was the minimum on both Thursday and Friday. Time money rates are fractionally lower, sixty-day funds closing at  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  (against  $2\frac{1}{2}$ @ $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  a week ago), ninety days at  $2\frac{3}{4}\%$  (against  $3\%$ ), four months  $3\%$  (against  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ ), five months  $3$ @ $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  (unchanged) and six months  $3$ @ $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  (against  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ). Mercantile discounts likewise are fractionally easier, closing at  $3\frac{1}{4}$ @ $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  (against  $3\frac{1}{2}$ @ $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ ) for sixty and ninety days' endorsed bills receivable and for 4 to 6 months single names of choice character. Names not so well known are quoted as high as  $4\%$ . The discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks have not been changed, except that on paper maturing in 60 to 90 days at Kansas City the rate has been reduced from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\%$ . The rates below are the current discount rates of all the Reserve banks:

Federal Reserve Bank—	Maturities of 10 days and less.	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.....	3	4	4	4	5
New York.....	3	4	4	4	5
Philadelphia.....	3	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
Cleveland.....	---	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
Richmond.....	---	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
Atlanta.....	---	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
Chicago.....	3	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
St. Louis.....	---	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
Minneapolis.....	---	4	4	5	5
Kansas City.....	---	4	4	4	5
Dallas.....	---	4	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
San Francisco.....	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6

Once again this week has the sterling exchange market established a new low record, notwithstanding that the British Government has forwarded from London to Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., its financial agents in this country, a total of \$19,534,200 in United States gold coin. The rate for demand bills on London has declined to the unexampled figure of  $4\ 70\frac{1}{2}$ , which compares with  $4\ 76\frac{1}{8}$ @ $4\ 76\frac{1}{4}$  the closing price a week ago. The shipment in question, it may be stated, is to be followed by others, including substantial amounts from both South Africa and Australia; a total of \$15,000,000 is understood to be already on the way from Australia to a Pacific port, of which \$5,000,000 is due next week. The British Government not unnaturally is maintaining secrecy as to the movement of the metal while it is on the

seas. In fact the importation of the \$19,534,200 was not announced either in New York or London until it had safely arrived at Halifax. Accompanying the shipment was a considerable volume of securities estimated at something over \$30,000,000, though there is excellent reason to believe that this figure is an overstatement. It is understood that the Bank of England has a gold reserve of about £20,000,000 at Cape Town. The inference in respect of the importation of securities is that they represent American bonds purchased by the British Treasury out of the proceeds of the war loan, and that the gold that already has come, and that which is to come, will in connection with these securities form the basis for the large English credit at this center, which, in the very nature of things, must soon be established unless a gold movement of extraordinary and also of unnecessary proportions is to take place to New York. While money rates in London are a shade easier this week, they remain attractive and indicate that the Bank of England still has the English money situation well under control. Meanwhile, however, the fact must be faced that the season is approaching when the favorable export balance which has already been established will most probably be increased by large shipments of grain and provisions, and that it is necessary to make preparations accordingly. There are some reports that the only hitch in establishing the English credit is a difference of opinion between England and American bankers as to some of the minor details. One point is the indisposition, it is reported, of London bankers to encourage the drawing of bills in dollars against the American credit. The Department of Commerce in its regular report of our foreign trade (through the 13 principal customs districts) shows an export balance for the week ending Aug. 7 of \$13,945,455, the imports having amounted to \$34,294,282 and the exports to \$48,239,737. The current weakness in exchange is due to the pressure of bills. Cotton bills are making their appearance in substantial volume. One banker yesterday estimated that about \$50,000,000 of bills on London are available in the market, and that large offerings also are available of bills on Paris and Rome. The close was demoralized with rates wholly nominal.

Compared with Friday of last week, sterling exchange on Saturday was weak, heavy offerings of cotton and other commercial bills having induced a decline to  $4\ 75\ 13-16$ @ $4\ 76$  for demand bills,  $4\ 76\ 9-16$ @ $4\ 76\ 11-16$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 70\frac{3}{4}$ @ $4\ 71$  for sixty days. On Monday demand sterling established another new low record, breaking to  $4\ 75\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{4}$  cent below the previous low point; the week-end accumulation of bills coupled with an almost total lack of demand was mainly responsible for the weakness; quotations ranged at  $4\ 75\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 75\frac{5}{8}$  for demand,  $4\ 76\frac{1}{4}$ @ $4\ 76\frac{3}{8}$  for cable transfers and  $4\ 70\frac{1}{2}$ @ $4\ 70\frac{3}{4}$  for sixty days. Notwithstanding announcement of a large importation of gold from London to this center, sterling rates showed further declines on Tuesday, and demand receded  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent to  $4\ 75\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 75\ 7-16$ , cable transfers to  $4\ 76$ @ $4\ 76\ 3-16$  and sixty days to  $4\ 70\frac{3}{8}$ @ $4\ 70\frac{5}{8}$ ; the depression was largely due to heavy offerings of cotton bills. On Wednesday the continued pressure of bills caused a further severe drop, this time to  $4\ 74\frac{5}{8}$  for demand,  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent below the previous low record; later the market steadied and there

was a partial rally, with the range 4 75¼@4 75 7-16 for cable transfers, 4 74½@4 75 5-16 for demand and 4 70¼@4 70¾ for sixty days. The foreign exchange market was completely demoralized on Thursday, prices breaking fully 1½ cents in the pound to levels quite without precedent; quotations were little more than nominal, demand ranging between 4 73@4 74½, cable transfers 4 73¼@4 75 5-16 and sixty days 4 68½@4 69½; a heavy increase in the supplies of commercial offerings, together with an absence of inquiry, were the dominating factors in the demoralization. On Friday the market was weak and demoralized owing to the complete absence of buying power. The day's quotations were 4 65½@4 67 for sixty days, 4 70½@4 72½ for demand and 4 71¼@4 73¼ for cable transfers. Closing quotations were 4 71¼ for demand and 4 72 for cable transfers. Commercial on banks nominal, documents for payment nominal. Seven-day grain bills at 4 69¾@4 70¾, closing at 4 69¾. Cotton for payment nominal; grain for payment nominal.

The Continental exchanges have been weak in sympathy with sterling. The London check rate in Paris closed at 27.67 francs against 27.02 francs last week. In New York exchange on Paris closed at 5 88½ for checks and 5 87½ for cables against 5 64¾ and 5 64 respectively a week ago. Bankers' checks on Berlin are 81½ against 82½ last week, and cable transfers are 81½ against 82¼. Swiss exchange finished at 5 36¾ for sight and 5 35¾ for cables against 5 31 and 5 30½ respectively on Friday of last week. Italian liras closed at 6 40 for sight and 6 39 for cables against 6 23 and 6 22 respectively a week ago. Bankers' checks on Amsterdam are ⅓ lower at 40 3-16, while cables are likewise ⅓ lower at 40¾. Greek exchange is without change from 5 26 and 5 25 for checks and cables respectively. Copenhagen checks are 25.85 (unchanged). Norway and Sweden both remain at 25.90 for checks, while Russian rubles have been strong, closing at 34½@35 against 33 last week. The strength in Russian exchange is supposed to be a response to the better outlook for opening of the Dardanelles. In London on Thursday Russian exchange dropped 8 points to 136. The financial expert of the London "Telegraph," however, attributed the improved Russian situation to the expectation of gold shipments to the United States which would form the basis of additional foreign credits to pay for munitions.

The New York Clearing House banks, in their operations with interior banking institutions, have gained \$3,967,000 net in cash as a result of the currency movements for the week ending Aug. 14. Their receipts from the interior have aggregated \$9,546,000, while the shipments have reached \$5,579,000. Adding the Sub-Treasury operations and gold imports, which together occasioned a gain of \$20,661,000, 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 \$24,628,000, as follows:

Week ending Aug. 13.	Into Banks.	Out of Banks.	Net Change in Bank Holdings.
Banks' interior movement.....	\$9,546,000	\$5,579,000	Gain \$3,967,000
Sub-Treas. oper. and gold imports..	\$8,830,000	\$8,169,000	Gain 20,661,000
Total .....	\$98,376,000	\$43,748,000	Gain \$24,628,000

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

Banks of	Aug. 12 1915.			Aug. 13 1914.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England..	£ 65,738,047	£	65,738,047	£ 33,014,629	£	33,014,629
France..	172,890,960	14,713,840	187,604,800	165,033,480	25,013,280	190,046,760
Germany..	120,124,450	2,300,000	122,424,450	87,842,550	16,727,050	104,569,600
Russia..	160,898,000	5,387,000	172,255,000	171,803,000	6,859,000	178,662,000
Aust-Hung.	51,578,000	12,140,000	63,718,000	51,578,000	12,140,000	63,718,000
Spain..	28,158,000	29,493,000	57,651,000	21,811,000	27,937,000	49,748,000
Italy..	45,766,000	4,702,000	50,468,000	45,400,000	2,833,000	48,233,000
Netherl'ds	31,121,000	191,400	31,312,400	13,498,000	534,800	14,032,800
Nat. Belgis	16,380,000	600,000	15,980,000	10,977,000	633,000	11,610,000
Switz'land	9,605,400	-----	9,605,400	8,034,000	-----	8,034,000
Sweden..	6,299,000	-----	6,299,000	5,723,000	-----	5,723,000
Denmark	5,950,000	316,000	6,266,000	4,052,000	300,000	4,352,000
Norway..	3,693,000	-----	3,693,000	3,091,000	-----	3,091,000
Tot. week	723,091,857	69,843,240	792,935,097	602,483,150	95,027,130	697,510,280
Prev. week	715,843,575	70,183,030	785,725,655	596,314,599	98,558,030	694,872,629

c July 30 1914 in both years. h Data in 1915 for Sept. 21 1914.  
\* July 30 1914. x July 23, 1914.

DANGER TO THE SOCIAL ORDER—THE UNDERLYING PERIL.

It is a time of upheaval and many things are at stake. There is one that is chief, namely the existing social and economic order. This is the result of centuries of struggle and sacrifice. The achievement of the past is expressed in customs, laws and institutions, and the public spirit that lies behind and sustains them. These are what are to-day at stake, and not alone in the war. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"; that is, the familiar truism. Some fifty years ago Professor Ihring of Berlin, the famous authority on the history of legislation, wrote a book to emphasize the fact that perpetual struggle is also the price of law. In fact, nothing valuable has been won by human society except at the price of struggle and sacrifice, and nothing can be retained without these. In one direction or another constant effort is made to overthrow existing institutions as one or another is attacked.

For example: Treaties between civilized nations are the late form of a movement which was one of the earliest in the development of human society. Men early found that, if perpetual warfare was not to be waged, some form of compact must be arranged which would be respected by rival claimants, and would bind together neighboring tribes for common defense. This device once adopted, time quickly proved that to have value it must be backed up by good faith that could be relied upon. The solemn international treaty was the result, and a new condition was established for prosperity and progress. It is apparent at once if treaties be now held as "a scrap of paper," a far greater evil is done than the injury to a particular nation; society is turned back to primitive conditions.

The same is true when destruction or plunder is extended to unfortified towns, or when civilians, men, women or children, are attacked. In days of barbarism war was ruthless. Savages slaughtered and destroyed everything in sight. Warfare began in "frightfulness"; warriors painted their faces, wore horrid masks and made themselves as like to devils as possible. Spiked helmets and bear-skin hats are relics of that early stage. In time humanity rose above this and by common agreement among civilized people adopted certain conventions which have acquired validity far more from the sentiments of advancing civilization than from any formal agreements or compacts. Frightfulness, especially as applied to non-combatants, by whomsoever introduced or justified, is to-day a reversion to barbarism

and another attack upon society itself as truly as would be the scalping of a fallen enemy, murdering helpless prisoners or poisoning wells.

The rights of neutrals and belligerents on the sea have been the source of endless conflict. From time to time opinions and decisions have changed with the leg on which was the boot. Who can doubt, for example, that the pressure of Germany and England on the one side and the other of the question of "neutrals" would be promptly reversed if Germany to-day had control of the sea, just as England's attitude was different during our Civil War and Germany's during the Boer War. The fundamental claim and practice of all the maritime nations have in fact been on both sides of nearly every question, and are by one or another as sharply contested to-day as they ever were. There is, however, a definite tendency to agreement. The rights of neutrals and non-combatants have won respect and begun to be embodied in treaties and international law. Society in its progress demands this. Any justification sought in the heat of the conflict, or a claim based on the introduction of a new instrument of warfare, like the aeroplane or the submarine, that would discredit the establishment of the rights of belligerents or neutrals that all should be bound to respect, would, if maintained, be a disaster far more serious than the result of any single attack. It is equivalent to saying that barbarism shall once more emerge and civilization turn back.

All this applies equally to attacks upon the existing forms of government or the existing structure of society. Be these what they may in any community or State, they mark the stage to which that State or community has attained in its development. Such as they are, they are steps toward its further advance. Revolution and violence may at times have been necessary because of certain intolerable evils that had become entrenched in the existing order, but that method of redress is crude and wasteful. It often retards progress rather than advances it, and when it appears for the time successful and necessary it is at the price of losses which are irreparable.

Attacks upon capital, upon corporations, upon the courts, upon the family, upon the State and upon society itself, as in one interest or another they are waged, are to be viewed in same relation. They are attacks in varying degrees of violence upon advancing humanity. That there are in all these forms of human institutions existing evils cannot be questioned. Nothing human is perfect; but that does not justify their destruction, any more than a toothache warrants the pulling of all a man's teeth and his return to infantile conditions in the hope of beginning anew and producing something better.

Take the family as an illustration. No feature of civilized society has been so slow of attainment or is so difficult to secure as the monogamic family as it exists in any Christian community to-day, with its high place given to the wife, its prolonged care and sense of duty to the children, and the tender and honored position of the husband and father with all his accepted responsibilities. That there are so many exceptions even to-day to this accepted ideal only proves how hard it has been to attain. Every social theory, therefore, that attacks the family, however it may be advocated in the interest of any group, becomes so far a public enemy.

The same is true of attacks upon the courts, upon the State and upon property. These institutions as they exist with us have a direct lineage of more than a thousand years of Anglo-Saxon civilization, although they all are, of course, the outgrowth of primal conceptions in human society. They represent not only the accumulated wisdom of the centuries, the result of instincts and impulses implanted in humanity at the beginning, but they also are the products of an experience that has been non-intermittent, always costly and often sacrificial.

The late Professor W. G. Sumner of Yale University, writing in 1872 of "the mad passions of men which appear on the one hand in fanatical devotion to effete institutions and rotten traditions, and on the other side in the senseless love of ruin," says: "If this is the true manifestation of the so-called modern spirit, then an enemy to civilization is abroad on the earth, compared with which the barbaric lust for destruction of the Huns and Vandals sinks into insignificance."

In justification of revolutionary attack upon one institution or another, appeal is constantly made to earlier conditions, as of a Golden Age in some remote period, or to the early days of Christianity. Nothing is more unsound as an argument. The Golden Age is a myth, and even a casual reading of the New Testament shows how completely Jesus and His disciples took the world as they found it, instead of attempting to overthrow its civil or economic institutions. They raised no question as to the form of the State or its methods of administration, the rights of conquest, or even as to human slavery. The world was an old world then. Man's progress had been slow and painful. Much that he had done had already perished; but existing institutions were the foundations of human society and so much material for its higher development. Its legislation, its literature, its art, its lines of business, its civil and social structure, even its ethics and its religions, all had their value, all went to make up its life. Christianity, far from destroying these, accepted them, tested them, refined them, separating the wheat from the chaff and pushing on the upward movement of the world. It contented itself with sowing the seeds of a spiritual life which was to be a renewing leaven both in men and in human society; with the result that in three centuries Christianity was established as supplying the permanent canons and standards of civilization.

The institutions to which we have referred are doubtless undergoing a change, for all are living institutions in the service of living communities. They are in their present form the outcome of incessant criticism and daily use. They have had to be fought for incessantly. When they are attacked to-day, singly or collectively, it is to be recognized that the attack, whether it is in the mighty conflict of nations or in the form of Socialism or Feminism or any other scheme of society, is far more than the attempt to substitute one experiment for another; it is, so far as any alternative is offered, the attempt to substitute a theory, however plausible, for an institution which embodies no small part of the life of humanity. Here is where we are to look for the real stake at issue in the conflict of men and of ideas which has waged from the beginning, but which to-day is so all-embracing, so destructive, and to the extent to which in one direction and another it hopes to succeed, so irreparable.

*THE COMMERCE COMMISSION AND THE  
WESTERN RATE INCREASE.*

The action of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the latest rate case may not be quite the tender of a stone in response to a cry for bread, but it grudgingly yields a fragment instead of the loaf; it is also worse because the roads had not asked a blanket increase, but one upon certain products (chiefly food products), and if there is prosperity anywhere in this country at present it is with the farmers. Further, while nobody desires increase of burdens for the increase's sake, the question is the unavoidable one of fairly distributing burdens which cannot be mitigated now, and although the law that the consumer pays all expenses is naturally irrevocable, the consumer could not have been reached by the advances sought. For the packers themselves argued at the hearings that the smallest increase they could make would be one-eighth of a cent, and the freight increase asked would be less than one-fourth of that eighth.

At the outset the majority report of the Commission takes false grounds in citing possible findings of an impossible "valuation" which is scarcely begun. As this work is not sufficiently advanced to furnish any "definite knowledge of the true value of properties involved in this proceeding," they have to go on without "authoritative valuations of the carriers' property." Here we must interpose (without stopping to argue or enlarge) the demurrer that such real valuations, however "authoritative" they may be considered, cannot possibly be obtained, and that they would have no relation to the rate problem if they were at hand. Then, after deploring this lack of definite knowledge, the report cites the proof of increased operating cost in 1910-14, but affirms that still these 41 roads "are earning a fair rate on a reasonable valuation of their properties as a general rule"; by assuming three average valuations per mile, ratios of return from 4 to 8.4% are deduced. The Commission admits that it has no valuation figures yet; then discounts the valuation itself by guessing at an average; then offers this guess as a quasi evidence that the roads are doing very well; then (further along in the report) repeats the remark that there are no sufficient data about the value of the properties. But, without seeming to perceive any incongruity, the majority remark that the carriers share with other industries the necessity for paying advanced interest rates as well as higher prices for materials and labor, but also that "these carriers in meeting increased costs with increased prices for service are subject to certain disabilities not similarly encountered in many other industries," and also they note "a growing disinclination to accept the prospect of dividends as a sufficient incentive to assume the risk of railroad proprietorship." Evidently the writer of the majority report was unable to keep an equal mind throughout the whole composition.

Have we not here, once more, the non possumus plea which has become familiar in the miscalled arbitration hearings upon the demands of the railway employees for their periodic wage increases? The virtual declaration that the judges are unable or naturally incompetent to intelligently pass upon one side of the case, and therefore unhesitatingly grant the contention of the other side? Suppose it fully true "that the credit of these carriers as a whole has not suffered an impairment not common to comparable industrial enterprises," is that a sound reason for

not restoring their credit when it is possible to do so, and is not the offering of the non possumus plea as to finding an absolute and just method of determining their needs a reason for not assuming to guess where one cannot know? To say, in effect, "we cannot find how we ought to decide, and therefore we decide adversely to the appeal" does not seem to match well.

Are we not led to agree with Commissioner Daniels, who says in his vigorous dissent that it appears irresistibly to him that the reluctance to confess the justice of increased rates "is largely rooted in an unwillingness to find that the revenues of the carriers as a whole are smaller than is demanded in the public interest"? An "unwillingness to find" certain things, if this goes past the human regret over what may be deemed intrinsically undesirable, is not a characteristic of the judicial temperament. Yet the Commission—as we cannot justify ourselves in forgetting—has long held an attitude as if its members regarded themselves as counsel or defenders of the shippers. The relation of Mr. Brandeis to that body, as nominally expert adviser yet always against the roads when they came as petitioners or remonstrants, has been anomalous; can we imagine a representative of one of the parties to a case in court openly acting as confidential private counsellor to the judges or sitting close to the ear of one of them on the bench? And here is Mr. Clifford Thorne, quoted now as declaring that the action of the Commission is a great victory "for his side," and that he is delighted because nine-tenths of the desired increases in which Iowa is interested were denied. Mr. Thorne has his right to an individual view, but Mr. Thorne is also mentioned as "chief of the counsel representing the shippers" at the hearing, and he is also Chairman of the Iowa Railway Commission. Here is a blending, in his person, of incompatible relations such as ought to be deemed intolerable in any procedure to find real facts and reach real justice; it would be so deemed, would it not, if the country had not been gradually made blunted and wonted to it?

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*THE ATTITUDE OF LABOR AND DEFENSE  
PROVISIONS.*

While the labor troubles continue unabated, the most specific objective of the leaders being avowedly to secure an eight-hour day, two incidents in this week project a strong light once more upon the far-reaching and permanent bearing of this persistent antagonism upon the industrial and social welfare of the entire country. Mr. Gompers has frankly announced a nation-wide campaign to obtain liberty for John Lawson, a Colorado strike leader who is serving a sentence to life imprisonment. To unionists affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, with a claimed membership of two millions, he has sent a manifesto recounting the familiar assertions of a conspiracy of capitalists to enslave the miners of Southern Colorado, and he says that now for the first time in the country's history an officer of a union "has been convicted of murder because of violence which grew out of a strike, convicted even though he was not accused of personal participation in the violence." This, he asserts, "is a principle of tremendous importance to the whole labor movement," and it "must not be allowed to stand." Organized labor in the whole country must come forward "to make known the solidarity and fraternity of the labor move-

ment in condemnation and protest against this injustice to the leaders of the unions of Colorado and demand that the great wrong done to Lawson and his fellow-victims shall be righted."

Herein Mr. Gompers shows once more his inability or his refusal to see beyond the union side of any matter, and he and his fellows have no difficulty in denouncing the courts as corrupt and in urging that large owners of capital (especially the Rockefellers) ought to be themselves imprisoned as criminals against the age. Upon his contention about Lawson, few words need be said. The oldest rule of law, based upon primary views of justice, is that whoso does an act per another whom he employs and sets on does that act himself, and it was never supposed that the notorious ex-policeman who paid the death penalty so very recently was a murderer in his own individual person. The Gompers plea is a demand that organized labor rise, assert itself, and open the prison doors to one of the union instruments, doing this by the familiar menace of "solidarity" at the polls against all political aspirants who refuse to obey labor. If Lawson were to go free, so should the man concerned in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles newspaper, and it should be recognized that prosecution of any person "because of violence which grew out of a strike" is a waste of effort. The country, very slowly and apparently reluctantly and fearfully, is in course of determining whether organized labor is immune from prosecution for offenses which are still punishable if committed by others, and able to dictate statutes and browbeat judges. If this avowed object is already attained, we may better admit that frankly and know where we are. A tyranny which exists is not harsher for being accepted; if it is not to be attacked and overthrown, submission may tend to incline it towards mercy.

The other incident to which we refer is that this Government seems to have become aware of the interest which the country itself has in this struggle over war material, when considered with respect to national defense. The War Department announces that inasmuch as the Government arsenals alone could not produce an adequate supply of war material to meet an actual emergency, it has been the practice, in time of peace as in war, to purchase from private concerns. This policy requires ascertaining from such concerns from time to time a statement of their productive ability. In view of the present extraordinary demands by belligerents, the Ordnance Department has had to correspondingly increase its own activity. No purchasing of war material is contemplated immediately, there being no funds available for that special purpose; yet a "stage has been reached which renders desirable general inquiry as to the manufacturing facilities now in existence." So letters are going out, with forms for detailed reply.

This is suggestive and does not need enlarging. It raises anew the very timely question whether this country would find itself in a condition of distress if emergency should arise, and it has a direct bearing on the present feeling towards better preparedness, a feeling which lately sent into a training camp as volunteers and examples, a number of prominent and wealthy men of military age. It also raises anew the question whether the country will not be compelled to treat a voluntary entering upon labor in certain lines (transportation has been mentioned as one of such) as being a public service that involves a quasi military obligation.

#### IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION IN 1914-15.

It is hardly necessary to state that the flow of aliens toward the United States in the fiscal year ended June 30 1915 was so abnormally small that we have to go back very many years to find an equally meagre movement. In fact not since 1879 has there been so light an inflow of aliens (immigrant and non-immigrant combined) in this direction in a twelve-month period as in 1914-15 and when allowance is made for the outward movement of the foreign-born during the same time, it is probable that not since the earlier years of the 19th century has there been in any year so small an addition to population through this movement.

This result, however, is in no way surprising in the light of the situation abroad and, furthermore, is certainly not to be deplored in view of conditions here. The present is not a time when the United States can very readily assimilate any considerable volume of immigration. If it were possible to arbitrarily control the distribution of the arriving aliens, the situation would be entirely different, but as that is not possible under our laws, it is well that the movement should continue of negligible volume until conditions improve. The farmers of the West and South have been calling for help for years, but get very little, the majority of the arriving aliens sticking quite close to the seaboard, where there is already a dearth of employment.

The alien arrivals at the various ports of the United States in June 1915 totaled only 28,499 (made up of 22,598 immigrants and 5,901 non-immigrants), this comparing with 85,094 in 1914 and no less than 198,457 in 1913, and it is a notable fact that over one-quarter of this year's aggregate came across the border from Canada—notable because of the unusual size of the proportion, but not surprising when conditions to the north of us are considered. For the six months ended June 30 the number of aliens admitted into the country was but 158,350, against 572,337 for the same period of the previous year and 786,159 in 1913. For the full fiscal year 1914-15 (July 1 1914 to June 30 1915), the decline from the preceding twelve months is very heavy, 434,244 contrasting with 1,403,081, and the loss from 1912-13 is somewhat greater. Against the inflow in the latest year we have to set a smaller volume of departures than usual, the emigrant and non-emigrant outflow aggregating 384,174 against 633,805 and 611,924, respectively, in the two previous years. Accordingly, the net gain in foreign-born population in 1914-15 is comparatively nominal—50,070—and contrasts with 769,276 in 1913-14 and 815,303 in 1912-13.

With such a decided drop in both the gross and net inflow of aliens in 1914-15, it is but natural to find that the decrease has been generally shared in, though in varying degree. For instance, the gross inflow from Canada was not materially less than in 1913-14, and as a greater proportion than usual remained, it follows that the net arrivals from that country were no less than 47,047 (against only 1,626 a year ago), leaving only 3,023 as the contribution of all other countries to our net growth in foreign-born population. This showing by the official immigration bulletin confirms recent reports of a large return movement to the United States from Canada, owing to most unsatisfactory conditions in the Dominion.

As regards the influx from Europe, there is not much to be said, the war that is raging there having

served to keep the movement down to a minimum. From Italy the total arrivals for the year were only 66,669, against 323,863 in 1913-14, and this year the outflow was in excess by 71,373, whereas a year ago the net inflow was 184,704. Polish net arrivals in 1913-14 were 74,306; this year the net efflux was 581. Of Russians we gained net 19,169 in 1913-14 and lost 10,699 in 1914-15. Of Germans, net arrivals of 18,401 in 1914-15 compare with 60,191 in 1913-14; of Greeks, 3,254 with 28,231; of Hebrews, 24,892 with 128,482, and of Ruthenians 1,205 with 29,986. In two instances, aside from the movement to and from Canada, gains over 1913-14 are shown, war being the controlling factor in one case and absence of it in the other. We refer to the fact that the net arrivals of Mexicans in 1914-15 were 15,973 against 12,912 in the previous year, and of Scandinavians 23,393 against 19,995.

Heretofore it has been our practice to review some of the many other interesting compilations in the annual immigration bulletin, but with the movement so small in 1914-15 comment upon it is not required.

#### *RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1915.*

In reviewing the earnings of the railroads of the United States for the first six months of 1914, we made the remark that the half-year had been a poor one from the railway transportation standpoint. The same remark may be made with reference to the first six months of 1915, only with greater emphasis. The falling off in gross revenues does not reach quite so large a sum, but derives additional significance from the fact that it is the second successive year of shrinkage—that the loss of 1915 comes on top of and is additional to the loss in 1914.

One of the remarkable circumstances connected with the present very remarkable period is that though business conditions in the United States, stimulated by the large war orders from abroad, considerably improved during the six months and tone and sentiment changed very decidedly for the better, no reflection of the fact is found in the revenue returns of the country's railroad transportation systems. In the West and Southwest some instances of considerable gains are recorded, but these arise out of the fact that last season's abundant harvests contrasted with the very poor harvests of the previous season, giving the railroads in those favored parts of the country a greater agricultural tonnage in 1915 than they had had in 1914. But the great railroad systems of the East, which are dependent mainly for the course of their traffic and revenues upon general manufacturing and industrial activity, give no evidence of revival in trade sufficient to affect very materially the course of traffic or revenues. The New York Central, it is true, made some recovery (outside of the lines where the mineral traffic largely predominates, such as the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie) but, on the other hand, the Pennsylvania Railroad, which is usually considered a typical railroad system and representative of the country's varied activities, suffered a further considerable shrinkage on top of the shrinkage of the previous year.

The explanation is doubtless found in the circumstance that the war orders acted as a stimulus to only a limited number of industries and these mainly industries which do not tend to produce a large volume of traffic for transportation over the

railroads. It was the general complaint during the six months of 1915 that where the war orders were not an influence, general business was in unsatisfactory shape. Yet these war orders undoubtedly are responsible—are alone responsible—for the undisputed revival in the steel trade which occurred during the half year. Considerable amounts of steel are required in the manufacture of war materials and in addition there was more or less demand on foreign account for steel itself in various forms, doubtless for conversion into war material on the other side. In such circumstances the revival in the steel trade is not difficult to understand; and as evidence of the revival there is the fact that the leading steel plants of the United States at the end of the six months found their capacity employed to nearly 90%, as against less than 40% when the year opened. Furthermore, the U. S. Steel Corporation reported unfilled orders on June 30 on the books of the subsidiary companies aggregating 4,678,196 tons, against only 3,836,643 tons December 31 1914. One would imagine that this return of activity in the steel trade would have served to bring a recovery in railroad traffic, but it apparently did not to any material extent, and the coal traffic, which, as a rule, is a pretty good index of industrial activity, was further reduced in 1915 in the case of such an important system as the Pennsylvania Railroad, after the reduction already sustained in 1914.

Another curious fact may be noted. Western agricultural interests have been exceedingly prosperous. They had excellent crops last season and by reason of the huge foreign demand for the same they have been able to realize almost fabulous prices for the same. It may be contended that the increased consumptive power of such an important part of the population should have stimulated general industrial activity, but the fact is it did not. The comment is general that good crops and the prosperity of the agricultural classes lie at the foundation of business activity and the statement is accepted as almost a truism. The real fact is that there are other things that are a great deal more important than good crops. On the present occasion the railroads themselves have continued in a state of extreme depression. Not only have they had to curtail their new capital outlays by reason of their impaired credit, but they have had to cut down their expense accounts in every direction, first because of the continued loss in traffic and gross revenues, and secondly because any further great shrinkage in net results might have been attended with very serious consequences, and hence had to be avoided at all hazards.

We are to-day speaking only of the gross earnings. The showing as to net for the half year, when it comes to be presented three or four weeks hence, will be entirely different. There will be a substantial increase in face of the further loss in gross earnings. But the fact will be significant only in showing that expenses have been cut to the bone, out of a fear that net income would otherwise be reduced to such a basis as to invite disaster. Thus, the railroads were obliged to limit their buying in every direction and that fact itself explains why business has remained stagnant outside of the lines of trade stimulated by war orders and why these war orders themselves have not been more potent in inducing general trade revival.

In ordinary discussions, the part played by the farming industry upon the general economic condition of the country is always very much exaggerated. In the farming districts themselves good or bad crops are relatively of great importance and so are other circumstances bearing upon the farmer's welfare, as witness the depression caused in the South by the great decline in the price of cotton. In other parts of the country, however, these matters are of comparatively little importance. On this occasion, it is true, high prices for farm products have encouraged extravagance on the part of the agricultural classes, inducing, among other things, extensive purchases of automobiles. The automobile manufacturers certainly have been extremely busy. Added to the home demand for cars there has been a very exceptional foreign demand, growing out of the needs of the belligerents in the European War. Here again, however, the beneficial influence in stimulating activity has been very limited, for the automobile industry is concentrated within a very narrow area of the country.

Stated in brief, the loss in the gross earnings of the railroads for the first six months of 1915 reaches \$41,423,035, as compared with the first six months of 1914, the total of the gross in 1915 having been \$1,388,472,003 and in 1914 \$1,429,895,038. As already pointed out, the importance of the falling off is accentuated by reason of the circumstance that it follows an even heavier loss in the previous year. In 1914 our compilations showed a loss of \$84,601,109, as compared with 1913. For the two years combined, therefore, the shrinkage has been over \$126,000,000. The further loss in 1915 is less than 3%, but as against this it must be remembered that the grain movement was very much larger this year than last and likewise the cotton movement. Furthermore, there was an almost complete absence of a number of special disturbing conditions such as existed in the previous year. The present year there were no labor troubles of great consequence. On the other hand, in 1914 labor troubles of one kind or another were unusually prominent—not in the railroad field, but in trades furnishing considerable traffic to the railroads. The disturbances in the copper mining regions of Lake Superior were also a feature in 1914 during the greater portion of the half-year, the strike not being terminated until April. The mining troubles in the coal fields of Southern Colorado lasted through the whole six months.

Besides this, there was last year an extensive suspension of mining in many districts of the bituminous coal regions of the Middle and Middle Western States, beginning with the first of April, due to differences between miners and operators regarding new wage scales.

All these special adverse circumstances, which affected unfavorably various roads in different parts of the country last year, were fortunately missing the present year. There was more or less advantage also in a number of other circumstances in 1915. For instance, the revival of activity in the steel trade had the effect of increasing the iron ore traffic. This is evident from the larger lake shipments of Lake Superior iron ore. This ore moves from the upper lake ports to the lower lake ports, whence it is carried by rail to the furnaces. From the beginning of navigation to June 30 these Lake Superior ore shipments reached 11,521,283 tons in 1915 against only 9,624,116 tons in 1914, but comparing with 16,125,042

tons in 1913. The tonnage of freight passing through the Sault Ste Marie canal was also somewhat larger than in the preceding year, though only slightly. On the other hand, owing to the absence of general trade activity, coal traffic, speaking of it as a whole, was smaller than in 1914 and yet smaller than in 1913. Thus the shipments of anthracite to tidewater for the six months of 1915 were only 31,595,304 tons against 32,945,789 tons in the corresponding period of 1914 and 34,851,854 tons in 1913.

In similar manner, bituminous coal and coke shipments fell off. Taking as a measure of this the movement over the Eastern lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad, we find that aggregate shipments of anthracite, bituminous and coke combined were only 30,684,163 tons in the half year of 1915 against 32,730,336 tons in the six months of 1914, showing a decrease of 2,046,173 tons and that this came after a decrease of 2,650,214 tons in 1914 compared with 1913. The grain traffic and the cotton traffic, speaking of it collectively, was considerably heavier in 1915 than in 1914. Weather conditions were not much of a drawback anywhere in the early months of the year, the winter having been open and mild in 1915 as it had been indeed in 1914 and in 1913. On the whole, therefore, except so far as concerns the unfortunate plight of the railroads themselves, conditions were more satisfactory in 1915 than they had been in 1914.

While in both 1915 and 1914 gross earnings record considerable shrinkage, there was as a matter of fact little permanent growth in railroad revenues in the first six months of the years immediately preceding. 1913, with its increase of \$136,097,376, recorded a fairly satisfactory addition to gross earnings; but this addition was less significant than it otherwise would have been, inasmuch as it followed only a moderate increase in 1912 and an actual loss in 1911. For the first six months of 1912 our compilation registered an increase of no more than \$51,012,535, or 3.99%. In the first half of 1911, as stated, there was an actual falling off in gross earnings, the amount of the loss reaching \$26,557,747, or 2.03%. It is necessary to go back beyond 1911 to get really satisfactory results and really striking ratios of improvement. In 1910, when trade activity was in full swing, the addition to the gross revenues reached no less than \$173,044,812, or 14.85%, while in 1909, when there was a recovery following the tremendous shrinkage that occurred after the panic of 1907, the increase was \$122,730,709, or 11.86%. On the other hand, in 1908 the loss, according to our tabulations, was \$197,085,791, or 16.65%; but the figures related to only 202,172 miles of road, and we estimated that the total falling off must have reached \$235,000,000. Prior to 1908 the country was in the full flush of prosperity and the trend was almost uninterruptedly upward for a full decade. The table we now insert gives the comparisons for the first six months of each year back to 1897.

Jan. 1 to June 30.	Mileage.			Earnings.		Increase or Decrease.	
	Year Given.	Year Preced.	Per cent.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	\$	%
Year.	Miles.	Miles.	%	\$	\$	\$	%
1897	159,295	157,433	0.52	473,034,024	475,393,350	-2,359,326	0.46
1898	159,775	157,702	0.85	536,375,776	477,055,482	+59,320,294	12.44
1899	161,166	159,805	0.51	555,326,344	523,231,211	+32,095,133	6.32
1900	166,704	162,190	2.79	645,342,043	565,393,611	+79,948,432	13.78
1901	175,371	171,257	3.40	704,538,792	642,321,514	+62,217,278	9.89
1902	179,065	176,459	1.47	749,023,005	701,683,284	+47,339,721	6.74
1903	173,655	169,747	2.36	847,034,318	745,037,476	+101,996,842	13.55
1904	177,673	173,495	2.41	794,329,168	810,131,933	-15,802,765	1.87
1905	185,912	183,320	1.41	910,027,259	846,375,228	+63,652,030	7.52
1906	196,571	194,005	1.32	1,049,355,672	922,896,920	+126,458,752	13.72
1907	209,352	197,715	1.52	1,185,196,050	1,150,957,076	+34,238,974	3.00
1908	202,172	200,083	1.04	987,005,757	1,184,091,548	-197,085,791	16.65
1909	239,022	227,369	1.12	1,157,598,747	1,034,778,038	+122,730,709	11.86
1910	235,452	231,104	1.85	1,328,344,396	1,165,299,694	+163,044,702	14.85
1911	235,293	230,824	2.25	1,284,282,115	1,310,839,862	-26,557,747	2.03
1912	239,020	236,245	1.16	1,329,686,560	1,278,674,015	+51,012,535	3.99
1913	243,704	240,522	1.32	1,470,556,115	1,334,458,737	+136,097,376	10.16
1914	247,619	245,056	0.79	1,379,095,321	1,463,690,430	-84,695,109	5.78
1915	248,150	246,338	0.74	1,388,472,003	1,429,895,038	-41,423,035	2.90

Note.—Neither the earnings of the Mexican nor Canadian roads nor the mining operations of the anthracite coal roads are included in this table.







based are accepted as tokens of the near return of general prosperity.

The truth is, the railroad industry continues to lag behind, and all the statistics furnish testimony to the fact. Our preliminary statement registers a loss in the gross for the month of \$7,283,605, this covering 89,704 miles of road in 1915. The ratio of decrease is over 10%, which emphasizes the unsatisfactory nature of the showing, inasmuch as the present loss is additional to a loss on the same roads in the corresponding month of last year.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS IN JULY.

Table with columns for 'Increases.', 'Decreases.', and 'Representing' various roads. Includes Chesapeake & Ohio, Western Maryland, and Canadian Pacific.

a These figures are for three weeks only.

As already remarked, the present year's shrinkage in the July railroad revenues does not stand alone. It follows a loss in the corresponding month of 1914, speaking of the roads collectively. This loss last year, however, was not quite so large as that of the present year; still it amounted to \$4,061,048, or 5.22%.

Large data table with columns: July (Year, Roads, Miles, etc.), Mileage (Year, Year, In-crease), Gross Earnings (Year, Year), and Increase (+) or Decrease (-) in Dollars and Percentages.

Note.—Neither the earnings of the Mexican roads nor the mining operations of the anthracite coal roads are included in this table.

The Western grain movement fell far below that of last year, weather conditions having interfered with the free marketing of the crops. There was a very heavy loss in wheat and also a considerable loss in oats.

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

Table showing Five weeks end. July 31 for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Rye. Columns include quantity in bushels and receipts in dollars.

Total of All— 1915... 1,292,000 19,532,000 14,757,000 14,739,000 3,271,000 266,000

The cotton movement is not very heavy in July, but ran a little ahead of that for last year. In this we have reference to the receipts at the Southern out-ports, which amounted to 137,624 bales in the month this year as against 85,173 bales in July 1914.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN JULY AND FROM JANUARY 1 TO JULY 31 1915, 1914 AND 1913.

Table with columns: Ports, July (1915, 1914, 1913), Since January 1. (1915, 1914, 1913). Rows include Galveston, Texas City, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Georgetown, Wilmington, Norfolk, Newport News, etc.

To complete our analysis we furnish the following six-year comparisons of the earnings of leading roads arranged in groups.

EARNINGS OF NORTHWESTERN AND NORTH PACIFIC GROUP. Table with columns: July, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Canadian Pac., Chic Gt West, Duluth S S & A, Great North'n, Minn & St L., M St P & SSM.

\* Includes Mason City & Fort Dodge and the Wisconsin Minnesota & Pacific. a Includes Iowa Central.

EARNINGS OF MIDDLE AND MIDDLE WESTERN GROUP. Table with columns: July, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Buff Roch & P, Chicago & Alt., Chic Ind & Lou, Grand Trunk, Gr Trk West, Det G H&M, Canada Atl., Illinois Cent., Tol Peor & W., Tol St L & W., Wabash, Western Md., etc.

c Includes earnings of Indianapolis Southern beginning with July 1910.

EARNINGS OF SOUTHERN GROUP. Table with columns: July, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Ala Great Sou., Ala N O & T P, N O & N E., Ala & Vicks., Vicks Sh & P., Ches & Ohio c., Lou & Nash b., Mobile & Ohio, Southern Ry., Yazoo & M V., etc.

b Includes the Louisville & Atlantic and the Frankfort & Cincinnati. c Includes Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana beginning July 1 1910.

EARNINGS OF SOUTHWESTERN GROUP. Table with columns: July, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910. Rows include Colo & South., Deny & Rio Gr, Mo K & Tex a., Mo Pacific, St L Southw., Texas & Pacific, etc.

a Includes Texas Central in all the years and Wichita Falls line from Nov. 1 1912.

We now add our detailed statement for the month of July, comprising all the roads from which it has been possible to procure returns for that period up to the present time.

GROSS EARNINGS AND MILEAGE IN JULY. Table with columns: Name of Road, Gross Earnings (1915, 1914, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)), Mileage (1915, 1914). Rows include Alabama Great Sou., Ala N O & Tex Pac, New Ori & NorE'n., Alabama & Vicks., Vicks Shrev & Pac., Ann Arbor, Bellefonte Central, Buffalo Roch & Pitts., Canadian Northern, Canadian Pacific, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, Chicago Great West., Chicago Ind & Louisv, Chic New Ori & T Pac, Colorado & Southern, Denver & Rio Grande, Denver & Salt Lake, Detroit & Mackinac, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Road, Gross Earnings (1915, 1914, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)), Mileage (1915, 1914). Rows include Duluth So Sh & Atl., Georgia South & Fla., Grand Trunk of Can, Grand Trunk West, Det Gr Hav & MI, Canada Atlantic, Grand Trunk Pacific, Great Northern, Illinois Central, Louisv & Nashville, Mineral Range, Minncap & St Louis, Iowa Central, Minn St P & S S M, Mo Kan & Texas a., Missouri Pacific, Mobile & Ohio, Nevada-Cal-Oregon, Rio Grande Southern, St Louis Southwest, Southern Railway, Tenn Ala & Georgia, Texas & Pacific, Toledo Peor & West, Toledo St L & West, Wabash, Western Maryland, Yazoo & Miss Valley, etc.

Total (46 roads) 64,741,032 72,024,637 -7,283,605 80,704 83,140 Net decrease(10.11%)

a Includes Texas Central in both years. y These figures are for 3 weeks only.

THE ESTIMATES OF LOSSES IN THE EUROPEAN WAR.

The statement of war casualties given in our issue of July 10 and reprinted by us from the daily papers, continues to excite adverse criticism. On July 24 (page 250) we published a letter from Slason Thompson of Chicago calling attention to their obvious inaccuracy, and communications in the same strain have come to us from European subscribers, of which the following is a sample. We took the figures just as we found them, not claiming to have any special knowledge on this subject, but knowing the difficulty of obtaining reliable statistics, we took the precaution to say that "even their approximate accuracy could not be guaranteed." It is quite apparent now that the table ought not to have been reproduced at all.

Edinburgh, 28th July, 1915.

The Editor, The Commercial and Financial Chronicle, New York.

Dear Sir—In your issue of 10th inst., at page 73, there appeared a somewhat remarkable table of estimated casualties in the different European armies, which was stated to be taken from press dispatches from London from official sources. The figures given were so contrary to what one understood was the truth, that I thought it worth sending them to one of our leading experts, who replies that the figures given have no reference to reality at all. From the official statements made within the last few days as to the British casualties, you will have seen that your table largely over-estimates the casualties, especially amongst the killed; and, as another example of the apparent inaccuracy of the figures, I may mention that the number of Austrian prisoners captured by Russia alone up to the end of March was over 700,000, where your table gives the total of prisoners and missing as 183,000. On the other hand, the German casualties are substantially less than one takes to be the truth, and looking at the table all round, one is inclined to ask whether it was really supplied from a British source at all, and whether by some means it has not been passed off on you from a German agency with the object of giving a false impression of the truth. One is accustomed to read your columns in order to get a fair and unblinded opinion on current matters of all kinds, and the appearance of a table which is so obviously inaccurate may make people on this side hesitate about the credibility of other statements made, unless some explanation or correction is being inserted in a later issue.

Yours faithfully, ALEX. FRASER.

STATE BANKING INSTITUTIONS AND FEDERAL CONTROL.

In an address before the Kansas State Bankers' Convention at Wichita, Breckinridge Jones, President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company of St. Louis, made an aggressive assertion of the right to continued independence of State banking institutions, and insisted that, inasmuch as local needs and requirements differ in different sections of the country, these institutions cannot afford to yield up the principle of local supervision and local domination of their affairs. He does not argue in favor of the State institutions remaining out of the Federal Reserve system, but contends that they should be admitted on terms and conditions such as will render it unnecessary for them to make any sacrifices in that respect.

He asserts that if the doors are not opened to the State institutions in the proper way, "and there becomes crystallized a marked difference between the State banks and the national banks, it will be only a few years until we see again the same sort of public agitation and fight against this system that Andrew Jackson had against the old United States Bank." He undertakes to show that the State banks are important feeders of the national banks, and that under

present conditions these latter are getting more from the State institutions than such institutions are receiving in return. To him it seems also that with the right of Federal note issue taken away from the national banks, the State banks will stand on the same plane of advantage as the national banks. In Mr. Jones's view, the country is soon to be confronted with a great political issue. On that point he says: "That issue is, whether the States are to preserve their individuality as States or practically become in effect but counties of the great United States. In these great imperial States—and each of them is equal almost in production to a foreign nation—in our great differences of latitude and longitude, we have local questions and conditions that need to be met, and we must not let our form of government drift into becoming so centralized that everything is going to be dependent on Washington, with our purely local affairs under officers down there and far away from our control. Think of the difference whether the ruling comes from the Comptroller at Washington or from your local officer here. The officer at Washington knows nothing as to your general local situation, and every move he makes is upon the idea that he must demonstrate the domination of Federal power and increase the great Federal respect for Federal laws. Unless there is a change in tendencies, our children will see an issue that will be as fundamental almost as was the question in the Civil War—namely, whether the States are to preserve their rights of individual action, or whether everything is to be controlled from Washington."

The address is as follows:

We may have a paramount interest in our own institution, and yet, as bankers, we know that its welfare is interwoven with that of other institutions, not only in our own community, but throughout the country. In 1853 the banks in New York recognized the weakness of purely individual action and shortly thereafter came together in a clearing-house association, through means of which they unified their resources and gave the strength of all to every acceptable member. From that time the lessons that came from that unification of resources have been appreciated and sought to be crystallized into law. One of the great weaknesses of the national bank system was the disconnected reserves of so many thousand units, with no recognized legal means of connecting these reserves with a common reservoir. There was no opportunity to bring the strength of the system to each of its members. That defect in the law was sought to be remedied in the Federal Reserve Act. The importance of that result was evidenced by the effort to bring into the system not only the national banks, but the State banks. When the Aldrich bill first came from the Monetary Commission, there was no provision in it for State banks and trust companies, but Senator Aldrich soon recognized the error and enlarged the scope of the bill so as to include them. The importance of the State institutions coming in will be clearly demonstrated when you look at a few figures that I will give you. I do not mean to give you a talk of statistics, but merely to mention a few general propositions that will, I think, demonstrate the necessity for bringing the State institutions into any system that pretends to meet the financial needs of this great country.

The figures are as of the 30th of June last, as brought together by the Comptroller of the Currency. There were 7,325 national banks and 19,240 State banks. The term "State banks" includes State banks, trust companies, private banks and savings banks. The national banks had resources of 11,000 millions, while the State banks had resources of 15,000 millions. The national banks had individual deposits of 6,000 millions, while the State institutions had individual deposits of 12,000 millions. The capital, surplus and undivided profits of national banks were 2,049 millions, against 2,358 millions of the State institutions. The larger part, in number and resources and individual deposits, was on the side of the State institutions. There was due from national banks to State banks—that is, the State banks had on deposit with the national banks—over 1,022 million dollars, whereas all the national banks in the country had on deposit with other national banks about 1,018 millions. The deposits of the State institutions with the national banks were greater than the deposits of the national banks with other national banks. Now, while the State institutions had on deposit with the national banks, say, 1,000 millions of dollars, the national banks in return had on deposit with the State institutions only about 74 millions. These figures clearly bring out the fact that the State institutions have buttressed up the national system and have been of material value to it in preserving and accentuating its importance.

Shifting the reserves of the national banks and the effect of the Federal Reserve system in that respect on the national banks was one of the most important and difficult problems before Congress. You all recall the great discussion about how the national banks in the reserve and central reserve cities would have their assets depleted and would be greatly embarrassed if the deposits of the national banks suddenly were taken away from them. As a result of the agitated discussion there was worked out a system by which the reserves of the national banks would be gradually withdrawn from the reserve and central reserve cities.

That was one of the most difficult problems, and one that caused the national banks the greatest anxiety. When you keep that in mind, and when you realize that the amount of money kept on deposit with the national banks by the State banks was greater than the reserves carried by the national banks with their reserve agents, you can appreciate the reasons why the great national banks in reserve and central reserve cities did not wish the State banks to come into the Federal system. And you can appreciate, now, why they will tell you that they are in because they have to be; but you can see a very enlightened self-interest there when they give you, as a State institution, advice not to go into that system.

The Government has on deposit with the national banks something like 66 million dollars, and you know the talk and feeling there is about the value of that great deposit and how sensitive the national banks are about the question of when those deposits will be withdrawn. If they are so sensitive about the withdrawal of 66 million Government deposits, how much more sensitive are they to the facility that the law would give the State institutions for coming into the system, the net result of which, if all come in, would be that there would be 1,000 millions of dollars taken out of the national banks. And it may be that one of the great reasons why the Federal Reserve Board at Washington has been so slow in formulating rules and regulations under which State banks may come in was that the Board

thought it wise to protect the national banks from the sudden withdrawal of the thousands of large deposits of the State institutions.

The mention of the subject is enough to let you appreciate its importance. You realize that the Federal Reserve Board at Washington is altogether in an atmosphere dominated by the national banks, its members inclined, whether consciously or unconsciously, to view everything from the national bank's standpoint; that they look upon the national banks as the financial agents—part of the fiscal system—of the United States. Having that viewpoint, you can appreciate how anxious they are not to do anything with the State banks that will enable the State banks to do something that might greatly embarrass the national banks. No national banker would draw attention to that, and the Federal Reserve Board, in its discretion, has not drawn any attention to it. Yet, if you go back to the discussions that took place before the committees during the time that the Reserve Act was being considered by Congress, you will find that the national banks were keenly alive to the question of shifting reserves from them.

I wish you would keep that question in mind whenever you think of what would be the effect if the Federal Reserve Board had so construed the Act as to have especially invited and facilitated the State banks in coming into the Federal system. May not that question of shifting the reserves of the State institutions have been one of the deciding questions that has led to the action of the Federal Reserve Board in the way it has delayed the matter of formulating the rules and regulations as to the way the State institutions should be admitted? Later, when I come to that question, I am going to bore you somewhat by reading a legal argument showing that the reason why the State institutions have not gone into the system is not so much a defect in the law as a defect in the construction given to the law by the Federal Reserve Board. The written argument, as I will give it to you, was submitted to the Reserve Board apparently without effect. I submit it here to you, hoping that your influence will aid in inducing the Reserve Board to do what I claim the law intended it should do—that is, admit trust companies and State banks to the Reserve system under their existing charters and under such limitations only as were expressly set out in the Federal Reserve Act, and especially under Section 9 thereof.

Now, having given you these figures as regards the United States at large, it might be interesting to you to see the facts as to District No. 10, your own district. In District 10 there are 836 national banks and 2,588 State banks. The national banks in District 10 have capital, surplus and undivided profits of 105 millions, as against 88 millions in the State institutions; individual deposits in national banks amount to 385 millions, as against 326 millions in the State banks. So that, as regards the capital and surplus and individual deposits in this district, there is a preponderance in favor of the national banks. But the State banks of this district have on deposit with the national banks 57 million dollars, while the national banks, in return for that splendid help, have on deposit with State institutions 2 million, 848 thousand dollars. You can see in all of these figures how the State institutions feed the national banks and what a meagre return they get. Now the State institutions in this district have on deposit with other State institutions 14½ million dollars; and, in return for that, the State institutions have with other State institutions in this district a return of 10½ million dollars. So, while you give 57 millions to the national banks, you get in return from them 2 million, 848 thousand; you give to the State institutions 14½ millions, you get in return 10½ millions.

It would seem there should be a lesson in that for the State bankers, showing that they get a bigger return in reciprocal business from the State institutions than they get from the national institutions.

At this time and under the laws that are in force in the great financial centres, notably Chicago, New York, St. Louis and Kansas City, that the State institutions are in position to give you a far more ample return for the business you give them than it is possible for a national bank to do under the limitations under which it is operating. A little head work on the part of the State bankers in this district might cause such a readjustment of their balances, and the return would be so substantial, that, when applied to the State of Kansas, you would find that you would have much of your own money back here at home to meet your actual demands at the seasons of the year when you require it. When you put 14½ millions with State institutions you get back 10½ millions. Why continue to put 57 millions with national banks when you get back less than 3 millions?

In the State of Kansas you have 218 national banks and 931 State banks. The national banks have capital, surplus and undivided profits of 21 million dollars, in round figures; the State institutions 30 millions. In individual deposits, national banks have 67 millions, as against 98 millions in State institutions. You can see that in Kansas your State institutions represent a far greater power and influence with the people than the national institutions, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the national system has been in force for more than fifty years; and yet, with all the advantages that could come from being in the national system, the needs of the State of Kansas have called for something that they could not get from a national bank, and the response to that call is 931 State institutions. These State banks, under your own law, are more responsive to your local needs, in closer touch with all of your affairs, than the national banks could possibly be, because the national bank must operate under the same general law whether it is in Maine, Florida, Kansas or California. In the very nature of the case it cannot be so flexible and so readily responsive and adjustable to the needs of the community as can be your State institutions. I think that is demonstrated by those figures.

In Kansas your State banks have on deposit with national banks over 16 million dollars. How much deposits have the State banks in Kansas from national banks as against this 16 millions? The magnificent amount of 541 thousand dollars.

Think of all the agitation about banking that there had been in this country prior to 1850. The great political upheavals that there had been about banking. The defects of the system. How interested all the people were—and yet you have to-day in Kansas deposits in your State institutions greater than were the deposits of all the State banks in the United States in 1850. Do you realize your power? Do you recognize what might be the benefits of active and intelligent co-operation?

Now, what has been the history of national banks in Kansas, so far as having a solidity that was better than the State banks? There have been organized in Kansas, since the National Bank Act has been in effect, 359 national banks. One in ten of all the national banks ever started in Kansas has failed. Thirty-seven of them went into insolvency and 108 of them have liquidated. There are 145 national banks out of 359 that have gone out of existence, leaving 214 now in existence.

When you get the above figures definitely before you, you can see how important it will be to the Federal Reserve system to have the State institutions in that system, especially when the Federal Reserve Act purposes to establish a national clearing-house system—to do the clearing for its member banks; and when it expressly provides on its face for the collection of checks by these Federal regional banks. There are to-day, I believe, less than a baker's dozen of State institutions members of the Federal Reserve system. Last April there were eighty-odd applications, but those applications have materialized only to the extent, I think, of about a dozen. The Federal Reserve banks may be able to live, but they can never meet the full

fruition of those who drafted the Act and meet the general financial needs of this country until the door is open so wide and under such favorable conditions as will induce the State banks to come into that system.

I believe it can be demonstrated that it was the intention of the Congress of the United States in passing that law to have the State institutions in, and Congress expressed the limitations that it wished to put on, and they were livable limitations—conditions that we could submit to; but the Federal Reserve Board has gone beyond that. For instance, in a letter that it sent to State institutions, it asked: "What part of your charter powers do you propose to exercise?" Congress said that State banks and trust companies, whether incorporated under general or special laws, could come in under certain specified conditions. The Federal Reserve Board has gone beyond that, and I will read to you in a few moments just what they have said on that subject. If it had construed that law as I think Congress intended it to be, there are only two or three or four reasonable objections that I can see to the State institutions going in. Some of these objections could be readily removed; some of them are inherent in the system itself. For instance, you speak of having to take stock in the Federal Reserve Bank, and whether that would pay. That is a question that you cannot avoid, and you have to stand equally if you go in with the national banks. And, as I view it, that is not so material. The amount of stock you would take is not so large that the reduction of the earnings on that particular part would be embarrassing.

But Federal control and examination from Washington, with all that is meant in non-resident control, in the very nature of the case spells a control not responsive to local conditions. That is an inherent objection. It cannot be entirely removed, but it can be mitigated. Instead of having these reports made to the Comptroller and the examination made by his representatives, if the examinations were made by the regional banks under examiners subject to their control, we would have a much improved condition. A majority of the directors of the regional bank—control of the board of directors of the regional banks—is in the hands of the member banks in the district. Those constituting this majority are bankers familiar with local conditions and responsive to the local situation. Instead of you bankers in Kansas being under an examiner appointed by the Comptroller at Washington and responsible only to him, you should be under an examiner appointed by and reporting to the regional bank at Kansas City, which regional bank is controlled by bankers selected by the member banks in States around you. I think you would not be subject to insuperable difficulties if you were sure that the man who examines your Kansas bank or trust company was a man experienced in the laws of Kansas and familiar with conditions there; but, if you go in under the national law as it now is, the examiner who comes to examine you may be from across the continent. An ex-national bank examiner, whose entire experience had been in Texas, told me he was once sent to examine a Minnesota bank. The result necessarily was embarrassing both to the bank and to him. That is one of the defects of the system. I do not mean, in any way, to reflect on the character, intelligence or good faith of the members of the Federal Reserve Board or the Comptroller. I am discussing the system and not individuals.

The national banks are not subject to so much embarrassment, the laws relating to national banks being the same throughout the country. But each State has its own individual laws affecting its banks and trust companies. What would be your chagrin if you were a Kansas trust company and a member of the Federal Reserve system and the Comptroller at Washington should send to examine you a national bank examiner from Florida? How could he take your measure with a national bank yardstick?

If you, as a Kansas bank, became a member bank, your discounts will go to your regional bank; the rate of discount is there; there your reserves are kept; and there your reports must go to enable the regional bank to pass on your credit. Why should the appointment of the examiners come from Washington and absolute domination of the examiners come from Washington?

Without going into the whole question of what the collection system is going to be, it may be said in passing that there will be, I think, a very distinct effort on the part of the Federal Reserve Board to so handle that power and that system of collections as to put the State banks at a disadvantage and try to force them into the Federal system. And it may be, unless the doors are open so that we can come in, the State institutions will be forced into having a State clearing house, possibly as planned in Georgia at this time, or into making up a system of their own that will enable them to transact business in a way so that they can readily compete with the national banks; and, if these doors are not opened, and there becomes crystallized a marked difference between the State banks and the national banks, it will only be a few years until we see again the same sort of public agitation and fight against this system that Andrew Jackson had against the old United States Bank.

Now, if Congress will make a few amendments, and the Reserve Board will construe that we may come in as Congress intended that we should, under our charters as they are, subject only to the limitations mentioned, then I think the doors will be open and we can safely go in; and when that is done, I can see no reason why a bank should be a national bank at all. The right of issue having been taken away, the main Federal reason for its existence is gone. The State institutions would be free to do everything that the national bank can do. But it is the fear of that question that keeps the great men in Washington from acting in this matter. Under the national bank system, as you know, they all act and work together. One whip cracks and every trace stretches all along the line. The State institutions are not that way.

This meeting gives me great pleasure. It is the first bankers' convention I have ever seen, whether it was State or national, that was not dominated by the national banks. I wish to cordially commend the action which you have taken. I think it is distinctly to the interests of the State institutions that you should have your State association. I wish we had one in our State. With only your State banks in your association, you view things from your own standpoint and you are laying the foundation for a part in a great political issue that soon is going to be before our people. That issue is, whether the States are to preserve their individuality as States or practically become in effect but counties of the great United States. In these great imperial States—and each of them is equal almost in production to a foreign nation—in our great differences in latitude and longitude, we have local questions and conditions that need to be met and we must not let our form of government drift into becoming so centralized that everything is going to be dependent on Washington, with our purely local affairs under officers down there and far away from our control. Think of the difference whether the ruling comes from the Comptroller at Washington or from your local officer here. The officer at Washington knows nothing as to your general local situation, and every move he makes is upon the idea that he must demonstrate the domination of Federal power and increase the great Federal respect for Federal laws. Unless there is a change in tendencies, our children will see an issue that will be as fundamental almost as was the question in the Civil War, namely, whether the States are to preserve their rights of individual action or whether everything is to be controlled from Washington. And if the State bankers in the other States of the Union will take the initiative and come along and do things from the State's viewpoint,

as you bankers in Kansas have done, I think you will have rendered a great State service.

**FURTHER SLIGHT DECREASE IN NUMBER OF IDLE CARS.**

The number of idle cars on the railroads of the United States continues to diminish very slowly. On the 1st of August the number idle was still 265,131, which compares with 198,998 a year ago, when the number was already large. During the month just passed the decrease was only from 276,421 to 265,131. These figures are taken from the latest statement of the American Railway Association, which we print below in full:

**THE AMERICAN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.**

New York, August 10 1915.

The committee presents herewith Statistical Statement No. 7 giving a summary of freight car surpluses and shortages for Aug. 1 1915, with comparisons:

Total surplus	{ Aug. 1 1915.....	265,131
	{ July 1 1915.....	276,421
	{ Aug. 1 1914.....	198,998

The surplus for Aug. 1 1915 shown above includes figures reported since the issue of Statistical Statement No. 6.

The decreases in surplus under July 1 1915 are chiefly in Groups 2 and 4 (East) in coal and gondola cars. There are also decreases in the surplus of box cars in Group 5 (Southeast) and Group 8 (Central), which are offset by an increase in the surplus of box cars in Group 6 (Central North).

Total shortage	{ Aug. 1 1915.....	888
	{ July 1 1915.....	785
	{ Aug. 1 1914.....	2,333

The figures by classes of cars follow:

Classes—	Surplus.	Shortage.
Box.....	132,342	352
Flat.....	12,666	99
Coal and gondola.....	74,488	414
Other.....	45,635	23
Total.....	265,131	888

ARTHUR HALE, Chairman,

Committee on Relations Between Railroads.

**GAINS AND LOSSES IN THE FOREIGN TRADE.**

The Government under date of Aug. 10 published the foreign trade figures showing the exports and imports between the United States and each of the leading nations of the world for the month of June and for the twelve months ending with June. The disappearance of our exports to Germany continues to be a striking feature of these foreign trade statistics, the total value in June 1915 being but \$1,767, as against \$16,678,846 for the corresponding month in 1914. Similarly our exports to Austria-Hungary and Belgium are visibly affected, the former having dwindled to nothing in June 1915, as against \$1,438,221 in 1914, and the latter to \$1,583,746 in June 1915, against \$4,384,664 in 1914. On the other hand, the value of our exports to France, the United Kingdom and Italy registers marked increases; in the case of the last-mentioned country, where our exports in June 1914 were only \$5,705,570, for June 1915 they reach \$15,182,873. Our exports to France increased from \$6,885,033 in 1914 to \$43,107,426 in June 1915, while to the United Kingdom our exports have risen from \$36,434,342 to \$88,181,045. Russia, too, is now taking goods and commodities on a considerable scale, our shipments thence for June 1915 having been valued at \$13,914,312, against only \$1,601,508 in June 1914.

In many instances the value of our imports from the different nations of the world also show substantial changes. From Belgium we received in June 1915 imports valued at only \$51,717, as compared with \$3,072,054 in June 1914. Our imports from Germany fell from \$14,826,509 in June 1914 to \$1,827,889 in June 1915.

As showing the complete collapse of our direct foreign trade with Germany since the outbreak of the war, it should be noted that for the twelve months ending June 30 1915 United States exports to Germany reached only \$28,863,354, against no less than \$344,794,276 in the previous fiscal year, and the exports to Austria-Hungary were only \$1,240,167, against \$22,718,258, while the imports from Germany were valued at \$91,872,711, against \$189,919,136, and from Austria-Hungary \$9,794,418 against \$20,110,834. Of course, much trade with the Teutonic Allies was done through other countries. Accordingly, it is found that our exports to the Netherlands were \$143,267,019 against \$112,215,673; to Norway \$39,074,701 against \$9,066,610; to Sweden \$78,273,818 against \$14,644,226, and, most important of all, to Italy \$184,819,683 against \$74,235,012, though now that Italy has also joined the Entente Powers that country is no longer available for transshipment of supplies to Germany. Belgium being prostrate, its commerce has also dwindled to small proportions, exports thence having been only \$20,662,315 against \$61,219,894, and imports \$10,222,860 against \$41,035,532. On the other hand, our exports to the United Kingdom and to France have mounted to prodigious figures. To the former they have been \$911,792,454 against \$594,-

271,863, and to the latter \$369,397,170 against \$159,818,924. In the import trade, however, France fared scarcely better than Germany, the French importations into the United States in the latest year having been only \$77,158,740 against \$141,446,252, while even the British imports hence in the latest year have not quite reached the previous year's figures, being \$256,351,675 against \$293,661,304.

The table as compiled by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce follows:

	—Month of June—		—12 Mos. ended with June—	
	1915.	1914.	1915.	1914.
Imports from—	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Grand Divisions:</b>				
Europe	44,613,923	69,100,120	614,354,645	895,602,868
North America	50,061,885	44,447,186	473,078,796	427,399,354
South America	26,210,389	17,118,282	261,485,563	222,677,075
Asia	26,715,195	21,260,120	247,770,103	286,932,486
Oceania	5,516,429	4,113,917	52,522,552	42,144,398
Africa	4,577,319	1,489,825	24,953,081	19,149,476
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,695,140</b>	<b>157,529,450</b>	<b>1,674,169,740</b>	<b>1,893,925,657</b>
<b>Principal countries:</b>				
Austria-Hungary	226,233	1,314,963	9,794,418	20,110,834
Belgium	51,717	3,072,054	10,222,860	41,035,532
France	5,350,919	9,359,121	77,158,740	141,446,252
Germany	1,827,889	14,826,509	91,372,710	189,919,136
Italy	5,288,992	5,096,014	64,973,726	56,407,671
Netherlands	2,610,206	2,006,920	32,518,860	36,294,010
Norway	462,871	687,243	10,668,864	9,197,265
Russia in Europe	148,189	960,917	2,512,381	20,831,184
Sweden	845,269	1,214,321	11,661,337	11,590,107
United Kingdom	23,134,111	24,679,263	256,351,675	293,661,304
Canada	14,862,880	15,276,397	159,571,712	160,689,709
Mexico	8,325,238	8,313,462	77,611,691	92,690,566
Cuba	22,137,394	16,989,960	185,707,901	131,303,794
Argentina	7,639,905	3,793,469	73,776,258	45,123,988
Brazil	8,695,678	5,656,906	99,178,728	101,329,073
China	4,166,776	3,048,855	40,156,139	39,382,978
India, British	7,577,699	5,311,048	51,982,703	73,630,880
Japan	7,695,792	7,399,675	98,882,638	107,355,897
Australia	2,769,547	1,343,190	23,705,010	17,088,534
<b>Exports to—</b>				
<b>Grand Divisions:</b>				
Europe	181,487,096	90,310,794	1,971,432,182	1,486,498,729
North America	46,637,985	42,193,673	477,081,320	528,644,962
South America	13,744,090	7,573,487	99,323,957	124,539,909
Asia	18,648,403	7,252,349	114,467,505	113,425,616
Oceania	9,534,777	7,437,711	77,764,725	83,588,417
Africa	3,495,065	2,304,030	28,519,651	27,991,515
<b>Total</b>	<b>268,547,416</b>	<b>157,072,044</b>	<b>2,768,589,340</b>	<b>2,364,579,148</b>
<b>Principal countries:</b>				
Austria-Hungary	—	1,438,221	1,240,167	22,718,258
Belgium	1,583,746	4,384,664	20,662,315	61,219,894
France	43,107,426	6,885,033	369,397,170	159,818,924
Germany	15,182,873	16,678,846	28,863,354	344,794,276
Italy	7,651,762	10,745,970	184,819,683	74,235,012
Netherlands	1,107,216	466,615	39,074,701	112,215,673
Norway	13,914,312	1,601,508	37,474,380	30,088,843
Russia in Europe	2,019,448	1,048,847	78,273,818	14,644,226
Sweden	88,181,045	36,434,342	911,792,454	594,271,863
United Kingdom	29,561,783	28,231,548	300,692,405	344,718,981
Canada	3,904,174	2,497,056	34,164,447	38,748,793
Mexico	6,035,267	5,288,486	75,530,382	68,884,428
Cuba	5,230,300	2,324,289	32,549,606	45,179,089
Argentina	3,213,078	1,734,508	25,029,555	29,963,914
Brazil	1,879,800	2,329,113	16,462,475	24,698,734
China	1,196,310	1,095,605	11,696,094	10,854,599
India, British	4,510,360	1,670,961	41,514,792	31,205,526
Japan	5,658,213	4,034,589	43,620,676	45,775,216
Australia	—	—	—	—

Another set of figures in connection with our foreign trade equally interesting is the classification of the imports and exports in groups, so as to show the amounts consisting of crude materials, of foodstuffs and of manufactures. The exports of foodstuffs in June 1915 were no less than \$72,348,811 as against only \$31,122,280 in June 1914. For the twelve months ending June 1915 the foodstuffs total runs far above that for 1914, being \$959,832,339 as against \$430,713,457. Our exports of manufactures for the twelve months ending June 1915 amounted to \$1,166,093,728 as against \$1,099,132,210.

	—Month of June—		—12 Mos. ending with June—	
	1915.	1914.	1915.	1914.
Imports—	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Crude materials for use in manufac'g.</b>				
Crude materials for use in manufac'g.	61,347,388	50,735,653	575,143,070	632,865,860
<b>Foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals</b>				
Foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals	18,079,203	18,317,964	223,787,245	247,947,621
<b>Foodstuffs partly or wholly manufac'd</b>				
Foodstuffs partly or wholly manufac'd	29,558,073	27,404,077	284,970,346	227,644,329
<b>Manufactures for further use in mfg.</b>				
Manufactures for further use in mfg.	24,590,056	25,412,120	237,946,316	319,275,488
<b>Manufactures ready for consumption</b>				
Manufactures ready for consumption	23,651,230	34,585,915	336,263,458	440,318,214
Miscellaneous	469,190	1,073,721	16,059,305	16,874,145
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>157,695,140</b>	<b>157,529,450</b>	<b>1,674,169,740</b>	<b>1,893,925,657</b>
<b>Exports—</b>				
<b>Crude materials for use in manufac'g.</b>				
Crude materials for use in manufac'g.	30,478,641	32,872,355	509,436,254	792,716,109
<b>Foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals</b>				
Foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals	25,954,226	11,047,074	507,064,610	137,495,121
<b>Foodstuffs partly or wholly manufac'd</b>				
Foodstuffs partly or wholly manufac'd	46,394,585	20,075,216	452,767,729	293,218,336
<b>Manufactures for further use in mfg.</b>				
Manufactures for further use in mfg.	40,242,472	31,755,039	357,459,326	374,224,210
<b>Manufactures ready for consumption</b>				
Manufactures ready for consumption	110,376,849	68,070,674	808,634,402	724,908,000
Miscellaneous	10,698,278	285,102	80,816,144	7,122,249
<b>Total domestic exports</b>	<b>264,145,051</b>	<b>154,105,460</b>	<b>2,716,178,465</b>	<b>2,329,684,025</b>
<b>Foreign merchandise exported</b>				
Foreign merchandise exported	4,402,365	2,966,584	52,410,875	34,895,123
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>268,547,416</b>	<b>157,072,044</b>	<b>2,768,589,340</b>	<b>2,364,579,148</b>

The increase in the exports for June 1915 in the item "miscellaneous" of over 10 million dollars arises from the exportation of horses in that month to the value of \$8,093,419, and of mules to the value of \$2,542,302. The total value of horses exported during the twelve months ended June 30 1915 was \$64,046,534, of mules \$12,726,143, and of seeds \$3,757,079.

**DECISION OF COMMERCE COMMISSION IN WESTERN RATE ADVANCE CASE.**

The decision rendered on Wednesday by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the application of 41 roads in Western Classification territory for increases in rates on a limited number of articles is very disappointing, as the total amount of the advances allowed is so small as to afford practically no relief. According to the prevailing (majority) opinion, the aggregate freight revenues received by the 41 roads in the fiscal year 1914 were approximately \$641,000,000 and the total increases asked were \$7,604,247. The opinion does not give any estimate as to the aggregate increase of revenue permitted, but one of the two dissenting Commissioners, Mr. Daniels, says that it will hardly exceed \$1,600,000, or about one-quarter of 1% of the total freight revenue of the carriers for 1914.

The Commission summarized its findings in the case as follows:

1. Proposed increased carload rates on grain and grain products considered as one commodity, not justified.
2. Proposed increase from 30,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds in the minimum carload weight of grain products, justified.
3. Proposed increased carload rates on livestock, not justified.
4. Proposed increased carload rates on packing house products and fresh meats, except as indicated between points on the Missouri River, not justified.
5. Proposed increased carload rates on fertilizer and fertilizer materials, not justified.
6. Proposed increased rates on bituminous coal, except as to South Dakota points, justified. The rates on coke proposed, which are the same as on coal, justified.
7. Proposed increased carload rates on brewers' rice and less than carload rates on domestic rice, justified.
8. Proposed increased carload rates on broom corn, not justified.
9. Proposed increased import rates and proposed increases in carload minima from Gulf ports, justified.
10. Proposed increased carload rates on fruits and vegetables, justified.
11. Proposed increased carload rates on hay and straw, where not in excess of Class C, justified.
12. Proposed increased any-quantity rates on cotton piece goods and proposed increased carload rates from points in Texas, not justified.

The general region in which the increases were proposed includes the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Indiana, Kentucky and Alabama are also affected as regards coal traffic. The greater part of the territory involved is comprised within well defined districts subject to the jurisdiction of three distinct agencies—the western trunk line committee, the southwestern tariff committee and the trans-Missouri freight bureau. The new rates become effective Sept. 30 1915.

The record is, as the Commission says, very voluminous, hearings having been in progress since November 1914. The proceeding is the fourth in a series of requests for general increases in freight rates. In the first two, decided in February 1911 the proposed increases were denied. In the third or so-called five per cent case, the Commission in July 1914 granted permission to increase certain rates in central freight association territory, but in a very restricted way and by a supplemental finding it extended this permission to increase rates to trunk line territory as well, also with important qualifications. In the case just decided, the roads acting upon the suggestions of the Commission in the five per cent case, instead of asking for a uniform percentage basis of increase, singled out "a relatively small number of articles of heavy movement in the territory affected," which it is claimed are not now carrying their equitable share of the costs of transportation. These, it is stated, move mainly in carloads, and specified increases in rates thereon were proposed as well as changes affecting minimum weights. In other related proceedings pending before the Commission increased charges are proposed for special services, also increased rates on a number of miscellaneous articles as well as increases in passenger fares. It will be seen from the citations below that the dissenting Commissioners, Messrs. Daniels and Harlan, hold that the roads acted in entire good faith in making their request and should have been accorded the relief asked for by them.

The following quotation from the majority report is of interest:

The aggregate additional revenue which would annually accrue to the carriers by reason of the proposed increase in freight rates was originally estimated by them at \$10,000,000. This estimate, however, apparently included savings that would arise from the elimination of certain special transportation services and revenue from higher charges collected for such services. As previously indicated, these special services have been transferred to another docket; and the proposed increase in passenger fares is also suspended in another proceeding. From various estimates of record made by witnesses for the protestants and the respondents, and based upon the higher figure where the estimates disagreed, the following table is compiled as indicating roughly the annual increase in the carriers' revenue were the tariffs involved in this proceeding allowed to go into effect:

Grain and grain products.....	\$2,940,237
Live stock.....	1,500,000
Packing-house products and fresh meats.....	1,500,000
Hay and straw.....	175,000
Broom corn.....	31,623
Coal.....	1,226,122
Fruits and vegetables.....	134,265
Rice.....	42,000
Import rates.....	55,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,604,247</b>

For the 41 roads included in the carriers' exhibits, the total freight revenues received in the fiscal year 1914 were approximately \$641,000,000. It appears, therefore, that the increases proposed in the present proceeding would fall within 2 per cent of the total freight revenue. Such additional freight revenue as might accrue from tariffs under suspension in Investigation and Suspension Docket No. 606 might possibly bring the total increase to 2 per cent of the carriers' freight revenue for 1914. The amount of additional revenue from proposed increases in passenger fares is not of record in this case.

Inasmuch as the work of railroad valuation by the Commission has not as yet sufficiently advanced to afford definite knowledge of the true value of the railroad properties involved in this proceeding, we are confronted at the outset with the problem of finding an appropriate method, if such there be, which might aid in determining the reasonableness and propriety of the proposed increased rates. It is hardly necessary to say that the duty of determining the justice and reasonableness of rates devolved by law upon the Commission prior to the authorization by Congress of the work of valuation, and that the Commission has been obliged to determine this issue without having available for its use authoritative valuations of the carriers' property. In approaching this problem we shall first study variations in the operating ratio for recent years. We shall next analyze the investments of carriers since 1907 and the concomitant variations in the revenue returns. Our accounting rules have been in force since that date, and the statements of additions and betterments to property and the contemporaneous revenue returns are believed to be substantially accurate. We shall thereafter analyze the variations in the carriers' revenues as compared with the book cost of their property, a procedure hitherto employed, but always with acknowledgment of the unverified character of the book cost in 1907 and the infirmity which its inclusion in subsequent figures of book cost entails. Next in order will come an analysis of such evidence as is of record with reference to valuations made by State commissions, by the carriers themselves in some instances, and by engineers who have testified in this case. Finally, before undertaking the study of increases proposed on individual commodities, we shall scrutinize the evidence bearing upon the financial experience of the carriers as regards their returns and their credit.

We also cite further from the majority report:

There remains to be mentioned the possibility that particular carriers, by reason of financial mismanagement reflected in their operating methods, have been uneconomical and wasteful in expenditure and have thus unnecessarily increased their operating ratios. It does not appear that any uniform relationship can be traced between the present level of the operating ratios of carriers whose financial administration has been culpable and of the remaining carriers. Similarly, instances of notable increases in the operating ratio do not seem to be confined to roads such as the Rock Island or the Frisco. The negative conclusion reached in this connection is but confirmatory of the fact that the general increase in the operating ratio is traceable to deep-seated underlying causes which have affected carriers generally through increased operating costs.

It may be urged that the financial experience of carriers in this period has been that of industry generally; and unquestionably it is true that they often encounter and should be expected to encounter the same ups and downs of financial fortune as affect industry at large. A complete comparison of the relative prosperity of the carriers as against industries in general is not possible from data of record. But there is force in the consideration that public service industries are under some disabilities from which private industries are exempt. The former may not discontinue operation even though net earnings decline or vanish; nor may they meet rising costs with as free a hand as other industries which advance their prices without the possibility of governmental restraint. Transportation, moreover, unlike many branches of manufacture or commerce, is a quasi public function, indispensable to industry generally. So long as the service is entrusted to corporate administration and the funds supplied by private investors, revenues sufficient to afford a return which will adequately remunerate the investment and secure the facilities required by the community have a justification which does not equally attach to every branch of private undertaking.

The lengthy dissenting opinion of Commissioner Daniels, which, as above intimated, vigorously opposes the views of the majority, says in part:

In the essential outcome of the majority's report I am unable to concur, believing that on the record the carriers have in general sustained the burden of proof cast upon them by the statute and are of right entitled to increases in rates productive of revenue far in excess of what they are accorded by this decision. The reasons for my concurrence or non-concurrence in particular findings will be stated later in some detail, but my inability to acquiesce in the general tenor of the report is due to a fundamental divergence from the views of the majority, as I understand them, with reference to certain important considerations which should control in the determination of a case of this character.

While it is nowhere explicitly stated in the majority report, I am unable to escape the conviction that the reluctance to find that increased rates have been more generally justified is largely rooted in an unwillingness to find that the revenues of the carriers as a whole are smaller than is demanded in the public interest, and also in the belief that the financial exigencies of many of the carriers are traceable to financial maladministration, and that if due economy and integrity had been uniformly observed the difficulty over the attested decline in revenues would have been readily surmounted.

Among the particular carriers involved in this proceeding the Rock Island and the Frisco have recently attained unenviable notoriety by reason of

financial mismanagement and other roads parties hereto, such as the Alton, have in the past been wrecked or plundered. There can be no question of these facts. There can be nothing said in extenuation or mitigation of them. And it has therefore resulted that a widespread disbelief exists in the general integrity of railroad management, and that a skeptical attitude has been assumed by many toward the plea advanced that railroad earnings are inadequate and that increased rates are warranted.

It would nevertheless appear that, while the severest condemnation of these practices should suffer no particle of abatement, the time had at last come to take a discriminating view of the effect of refusing rate increases otherwise just and reasonable because of a widespread resentment at evils perpetrated in the past by dishonest or designing railroad officers or their allied financiers. Such a policy visits in large measure the same penalty upon the proprietors of a railway conducted with integrity and honesty as upon the luckless shareholders of a looted road. In either case those who suffer from its effects are not those who have profited by the wrongs perpetrated in the past. It is therefore suggested that the appropriate remedy is the prosecution and punishment of the individual offenders, not the continued withholding of adequate rates to the carriers as a whole. In bank management this distinction has in large measure been recognized. The bank official who misapplies or misappropriates funds can do so only under the shadow of the penitentiary. But because there have been numerous instances of banking defalcations, no one would seriously suggest that banks generally should be prevented by law from raising the rate of discount in case competitive conditions warrant. Similarly in considering propositions involving more or less general increases of rates, the question should be judged in the light of the evidence of the adequacy or inadequacy of the carriers' revenues as a whole, and in the light of the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the particular rates proposed, and neither prejudged nor complicated by considerations of individual instances of corporate mismanagement.

In all these particulars the carriers now before us have avoided or have sought to avoid the criticism leveled at the carriers in the Five Per Cent case. Instead of advancing rates generally by a uniform percentage, they have selected particular commodities which they aver do not bear their fair share of the cost of transportation. Instead of proposing no increase in passenger fares they have proposed a systematic increase in those fares, and the hearing thereon in a separate but related proceeding has already been had. Instead of leaving untouched their rules and regulations relating to minimum weights and similar matters, the carriers have overhauled these rules and regulations, and have proposed their change or amendment, in part in the instant case and in part in related cases, some of which have already been heard and some of which are scheduled for speedy hearing. The carriers in the present case, moreover, have opened their books of account freely to the representatives of the State Commissions and of this Commission and permitted free access thereto to the accountants and examiners in the employ of the State Commissions. It is not apparent how the carriers could have complied more fully with the suggestions of this Commission made in the Five Per Cent case as to the propriety of a plan of procedure.

The short dissenting opinion of Commissioner Harlan contains the following remarks which, because of their fairness, also deserve particular approval and attention:

While the record shows that the Southwestern lines are less strong financially than other lines in this western country, it also shows that the respondent carriers as a whole are in need of additional revenues. It is therefore but just to the owners of these properties that there should be some increase in their rates and the public interest requires this if the present high standard of service is to be maintained. Aside, however, from the financial condition of the respondent carriers my examination of the record has led me to the conclusion that the increases in rates proposed by the respondents have been justified. Unlike the course pursued by the carriers in the Five Per Cent Case, 31 I. C. C. 351, the respondents have not attempted a horizontal increase in all their rates. On the contrary, they have proposed an increase on but 10 commodities.

Following the suggestions of our original report in that case, they have examined their rate structures and have selected commodities on which the present rates seem unduly low; they have also proposed charges for special services now being performed free or without adequate charge. Manifestly, each commodity moved over their rails and every special service performed for a shipper should be made to contribute reasonably and equitably to the revenues of the carriers. This is a principle insisted upon in the original report in the Five Per Cent Case, *supra*, and I am satisfied from the record that the respondents have endeavored in good faith to act upon that basis in the tariffs here under suspension.

Several thoughts are suggested by the immense record before us in this proceeding: (a) Too much time and labor are expended in these recurring rate contests, and some way should be found under legislative authority for arriving at results more promptly than is now possible under our present powers and practices. (b) The Commission should have authority, as we have often pointed out, to fix the minimum as well as the maximum rate. The sincere efforts of carriers toward a fair and non-discriminatory rate adjustment often fail because of the necessity of submitting to the rates and practices dictated by weaker and more circuitous lines in their pursuit of traffic. (c) The time is rapidly approaching when the public interest will demand a more effective control by the Commission over rates initiated or compelled by State authorities. With respect to a great volume of traffic inter-State commerce is now bearing a burden under rates admittedly reasonable that should be spread over State commerce, as well. (d) A uniform classification upon a normal basis, applicable throughout the entire country, and with it a normal rate structure in some such form as was prescribed in the Express Case, 24 I. C. C. 380, having sufficient elasticity to allow for varying operating costs, density of traffic, circuitous routes, competitive and other conditions under which transportation is conducted in different parts of the country, may be possible of attainment, and I am satisfied that some effort looking to that end should be made.

#### COMMERCE COMMISSION REDUCES RATES ON ANTHRACITE COAL.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission, as the result of a general investigation made pursuant to an order of the Commission on June 10 1912, on Thursday rendered a decision which is of vast importance to the railroads engaged in the transportation of anthracite coal. Under the order the investigation was to cover the rates, practices, rules and regulations governing the transportation of anthracite coal from the Wyoming, Lehigh and Schuylkill regions in Pennsylvania

to tidewater ports and interior points on the lines of the initial anthracite carriers, and also the question as to whether such coal is mined or produced by or under the authority or control of common carriers engaged in the transportation thereof, or whether said common carriers are directly or indirectly interested in the production or sale of the anthracite coal which they transport. These rates, practices, rules and regulations have, it is said, been, since 1890, the subject of several formal complaints to the Commission, and many informal complaints by shippers of anthracite coal. The order of June 10 1912 named all carriers in official classification territory, but the Commission says that it was found impracticable to extend the inquiry beyond the financial affairs and operations of the eleven initial anthracite carriers. The railroads, which were made respondents in the case are the Central RR. of New Jersey, Philadelphia & Reading, Delaware Lackawanna & Western, Lehigh Valley, Erie, Wilkesbarre & Eastern, New York Susquehanna & Western, New York Ontario & Western, Pennsylvania, Northern Central and the Delaware & Hudson. Of these the Pennsylvania is the least affected. Its rates to tidewater and to interior points having been lower than those of the other roads, are not changed, except in some of the joint rates affecting the Northern Central.

The Commission finds that the present rates are unreasonable because they yield too great a profit on the operating cost and orders a reduction on the rates from the producing districts in the Wyoming, Lehigh and Schuylkill regions of Pennsylvania to tidewater and to certain interior points of from 5 to 80 cents per ton. The new rates are to go into effect on Oct. 1. The principal reductions ordered have been summarized as follows:

## DELAWARE LACKAWANNA &amp; WESTERN.

	Prepared Sizes.		Smaller Sizes.	
	Old Rate.	New Rate.	Old Rate.	New Rate.
Hoboken, (tidewater).....	\$1.60	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.35
Paterson, N. J. ....	1.60	1.35	1.45	1.22
Newark, N. J. ....	1.60	1.40	1.45	1.30
Binghamton, N. Y. ....	1.65	.90	1.60	.82
Elmira, N. Y. ....	1.65	1.25	1.60	1.14
Corning, N. Y. ....	1.90	1.35	1.65	1.17
Dansville, N. Y. ....	2.00	1.60	1.75	1.40
Syracuse, N. Y. ....	1.90	1.40	1.65	1.22
Utica, N. Y. ....	2.00	1.50	1.75	1.31

## LEHIGH VALLEY.

Jersey City, (tidewater).....	\$1.60	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.35
Newark, N. J. ....	1.60	1.40	1.40	1.30
Waverly, N. Y. ....	1.65	1.15	1.50	1.05
Ithaca, N. Y. ....	1.65	1.45	1.50	1.32
Depew, N. Y. ....	2.00	1.95	1.75	1.71
Rochester, N. Y. ....	1.90	1.85	1.65	1.61

## ERIE RAILROAD.

Jersey City, (tidewater).....	\$1.60	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.35
Paterson, N. J. ....	1.60	1.35	1.45	1.22
Newark, N. J. ....	1.60	1.40	1.45	1.30
Middletown, N. Y. ....	1.60	1.05	1.45	.95
Rochester, N. Y. ....	2.00	1.60	1.75	1.40
Rochester, N. Y. ....	2.00	1.85	1.75	1.61

## CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW JERSEY.

Jersey City, (tidewater).....	\$1.60	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.35
Elizabeth, N. J. ....	1.55	1.40	1.40	1.30
Somerville, N. J. ....	1.55	1.20	1.40	1.09

## DELAWARE &amp; HUDSON.

Windsor, N. Y. ....	\$1.65	\$0.85	\$1.40	\$0.92
Ninevah, N. Y. ....	1.65	.90	1.40	.79
Oneonta, N. Y. ....	1.75	1.20	1.50	1.03
Albany, N. Y. ....	1.95	1.60	1.60	1.31
Troy, N. Y. ....	1.95	1.60	1.60	1.31

Rates for intermediate points will be arranged on a similar basis.

A different schedule of rates is given on shipments consigned free on board vessels or for re-shipment by water. Under this class of shipments the Central RR. of New Jersey's rates of \$1.55 on prepared sizes and \$1.40 on smaller sizes to Elizabethport, N. J., are reduced to \$1.40 and \$1.30 respectively. Reductions for the other roads on this class of shipments are as follows: Philadelphia and Reading to Port Reading, N. Y., from \$1.55 and \$1.40 to \$1.40 and \$1.30.

Lehigh Valley RR. to Perth Amboy, N. J., from \$1.55 and \$1.40 to \$1.40 and \$1.30.

Erie RR. to Weehawken, N. J., from \$1.60 and \$1.45 to \$1.45 and \$1.35. Joint rates by the Erie and the New York Susquehanna & Western RR. to Undercliff, N. J., from \$1.60 and \$1.45 to \$1.45 and \$1.35.

Joint rates by the Wilkesbarre & Eastern RR. and the New York Susquehanna & Western RR. to Undercliff from \$1.60 and \$1.45 to \$1.45 and \$1.35.

The Delaware Lackawanna & Western to New York lighterage stations from \$1.58 and \$1.43 to \$1.45 and \$1.35.

New York Ontario & Western to Weehawken, N. J., from \$1.60 and \$1.45 to \$1.45 and \$1.35.

Joint rates of the Delaware & Hudson, the Erie and the Susquehanna to Weehawken from \$1.60 and \$1.45 to \$1.45 and \$1.35.

Joint rates of the Delaware & Hudson with the Ontario & Western to Weehawken, N. J., from \$1.60 and \$1.45 to \$1.45 and \$1.35.

The joint rates for the Delaware & Hudson, the Delaware Lackawanna & Western, the Pennsylvania and the Northern Central to South Amboy from \$1.55 and \$1.40 to \$1.40 and \$1.30.

In naming the rates which are to be put into effect, the Commission says:

To all points intermediate or related to the points specified herein the carriers will be required to establish rates in harmony with those here prescribed, giving due consideration to distance.

The above schedules would seem to indicate that the rates of the Delaware & Hudson have been cut relatively more than those of the other roads.

The aggregate reductions ordered, it is estimated by experts, will amount to about \$8,000,000 a year. The decision, however, also puts into effect changes in other respects which may have a far-reaching effect on the relations of the anthracite roads to their allied coal-producing companies. For instance, the carriers are directed to establish through routes and publish joint rates, of which independent shippers may avail themselves in a manner that will offset the "undue" advantages said to have been heretofore enjoyed by the operations of the coal companies allied to the railroads. The roads are also ordered to discontinue practices followed by them in granting the exclusive use of their piers, docks and storage plants to their allied coal companies at "inadequate" rental charges and under conditions which constitute a "discrimination" in their favor. The findings of the Commission on these matters, as expressed in the syllabus, are as follows:

The respondents, by means of trackage arrangements and the free transportation to junction points in the mining regions of coal exchanged by their allied coal companies, have extended the advantages of interline transportation to their coal companies, to the prejudice of other coal shippers to whom interline transportation at joint rates has been denied. Respondents required to establish through routes and publish joint through rates applicable thereto.

Anthracite coal is a low-grade commodity, which is transported in vast quantities in trains of maximum tonnage. The tonnage loaded in each car is much greater than the loading of most other classes of traffic. Most of the anthracite tonnage is shipped from collieries whose daily production, measured in carloads, is very large. These conditions tend toward lower operating costs.

Concessions and offsets granted by respondents to their allied coal companies in the form of interest charges, royalty earnings, the use of valuable property at inadequate rentals, the free use of the carriers' funds and credit, or by other means, are as pernicious as direct cash rebates. Such concessions and offsets are unlawful.

Lateral allowances paid to a coal shipper in accordance with an agreement, alleged to be additional compensation for the use of a facility furnished by the shipper, are unlawful rebates.

It was pointed out yesterday that the decision in no way rescinds the 25% advance in anthracite freight rates to Chicago and Buffalo, put into effect about a month ago. This increase will be very profitable to the roads that have their own rails direct to those points and do not have to prorate with other lines. It has been estimated that the increase will, in the case of the Erie alone, amount to between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

The Commission, as in former decisions, reiterates its adherence, where possible, to the principle of employing, as a basis in rate-making, the valuation of physical properties. None of the roads made respondents in the case were, it is stated, able to furnish data as to cost of construction of property, the present organizations not being in possession of the construction books of the original lines.

The question of the return of empty cars having been raised, the Commission held that various elements of extraordinary expense in transportation must be based on the cost of the service, and not by adjustments of average revenue. There being no basis in the evidence for an adjustment according to cost of property or an approximate figure of cost, the Commission dismissed from consideration the questions as to cost of properties to the present operating companies. The Commission, however, discusses a number of examples which throw light on this view of the case, and the general conclusion is reached that, owing to manipulation with construction companies, the book cost of the majority of the roads is very greatly exaggerated, the amounts given in some cases being, it is claimed, double the actual value of the working property. A factor in this phase of the case is mentioned under the head of unproductive betterments and the investment of the Pennsylvania RR. in its New York terminal is referred to as bearing on the matter of coal rates, and also as affecting the public in regard to the price of the commodity.

As to the alleged excessive operating revenues of the anthracite roads, over-capitalization, &c., the Commission says in substance:

The operating revenues of four of the anthracite carriers averaged per mile in 1913 more than \$40,000 each, viz.: Central RR. of New Jersey, Reading, Delaware Lackawanna & Western and Pennsylvania. The average for the Lehigh Valley was \$29,665; for the Delaware & Hudson, \$28,155; Northern Central, \$28,241; Erie, \$27,147; Susquehanna & Western, \$18,954, and Ontario & Western, \$16,715.

The Commission says that of all the roads in the United States with annual operating revenues of \$1,000,000 or more, only three besides those mentioned above had revenues in 1913 and 1914 averaging \$40,000 a mile or more, the three exceptions being the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, the Bessemer & Lake Erie and the Bingham & Garfield Ry.

The Commission further finds that the earning capacity of the principal anthracite carriers is exceptional when compared with the average operating revenue per mile of other representative carriers. The New York Central's average in 1913 only \$30,776, the Baltimore & Ohio's \$22,789 and the Chesapeake & Ohio's \$15,126.



The Commission contends that the net corporate income of most of the anthracite carriers has enabled them not only to pay substantial dividends but also to set aside large amounts for the purchase of additional property and as additions to surplus. The earnings of the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna, the Lehigh Valley, Reading and Central of New Jersey are especially mentioned in that regard.

In dealing with the less prosperous of the anthracite roads the Commission contends in regard to the Erie that its failure to earn satisfactory net income is found partly in its high capitalization.

The Susquehanna & Western, it is said, shows a higher cost of property per mile than any of the other anthracite carriers, and it also is overcapitalized.

The Commission contends that it has been the policy of the anthracite carriers for years to gain a monopoly of the production and sale of coal. The Commission says further on this point:

Those whose property they coveted were at their mercy, as they must either pay the toll and freight rates which these carriers choose to exact or accept a price for their product which the carriers or their coal companies elect to pay.

The relations of the roads to their coal-producing companies is severely criticized, the Commission contending that recent reorganizations of the coal-producing properties have been merely subterfuges to circumvent the commodities clause of the Hepburn Act. In regard to the Lackawanna and its organized coal company the Commission says:

If there was a bona fide divorcement of the business of a carrier and shipper it is inconceivable that the shipper would elect to pay a higher rate on the larger tonnage of coal it ships to tidewater.

As to the Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co., the Commission says that here, as in the Lackawanna arrangement, the carrier's treasury provided the capital required by the coal-selling company.

Regarding the earnings and investments in allied companies, the Commission says:

Counsel for the coal carriers has frankly admitted that the cost of transporting anthracite coal is so low that the revenues resulting from the anthracite coal rates are sufficient not only to pay the costs chargeable to the anthracite traffic but to take care of the general costs which other traffic cannot take care of because of lower rates assessed for the transportation of other traffic. \* \* \*

The transportation of this low grade commodity anthracite coal has been termed by these carriers "their backbone traffic." They are engaged in producing and selling as well as transporting it. We cannot overlook the fact that some force has brought the production and sale of most of the tonnage of this commodity under their control. If they established excessive rates on anthracite they became the beneficiaries of conditions which were prejudicial to the business of the individual operator or shipper. The power to fix freight rates on this commodity was the opportunity to confiscate property if the carrier so willed.

It is established in the records that these carriers for many years have found it necessary or expedient to extend to the coal companies which they own and control concessions from and offsets against their tariff rates on anthracite coal. When by such conduct these carriers have admitted that their tariff rates are excessive exactions on the greater portion of the anthracite tonnage shipped, can we regard their rates as reasonable for the smaller shippers, who are not recipients of such concessions or offsets and to whom the tariff rate is a real factor in the distribution of the coal production to the consumer?

A number of these coal companies, in whose stocks the carriers have invested large sums of money, have never paid to the carriers dividends on their stocks. Would these carriers year after year allow their capital to be tied in that manner if they were receiving no income on such investments? Manifestly the return on such investment accrues to the carriers in extra profits from the freight rates charged on the tonnage shipped by the coal company. But the individual operator or shipper who must compete with the coal company so financed by the carrier obtains none of the profits that are in the freight rates, and freight rates established to produce such extra elements of profits in addition to legitimate transportation costs and profits are fatal to the successful conduct of the business of the individual operator or shipper. If freight rates have not absorbed more than their fair share of the profits of the coal business why do these carriers guarantee the bonds of their controlled companies, and why do deficits result from the operations of so many of the controlled coal companies?

In this case, as in the 5 per cent case, the carriers have submitted evidence to show that the rate of return in income on their property investment is declining; that their operating expenses are increasing because of increases of wages, taxes and prices of materials and supplies; that the return upon new capital invested in their properties during recent years has been inadequate, and that they must in the near future make extraordinary expenditures for the elimination of grade crossings.

Our railroad properties should be kept in a high state of efficiency and freight rates should be sufficiently remunerative to permit it. Necessary improvements should be made to the properties. The carriers respondents in this case command a traffic of exceptional volume and density, and all these results can be accomplished by them without imposing excessive and unreasonable rates.

Much has been asserted by the carriers as to the uncertainties of their financial outlook, and yet these carriers appear to have financial resources which enable them to provide not only for their transportation requirements but to make large investments in other properties and to assist their controlled coal companies to obtain capital.

Since 1908 the Delaware & Hudson Co. has invested \$15,000,000 in the securities of electric railways and \$6,000,000 in anthracite coal lands. We have heretofore referred to the Erie's bond issue of \$32,000,000 in 1901, representing its investment in the Pennsylvania Coal Co., and the bond issue of the Lehigh Valley RR. in 1905, representing its investment of \$17,000,000 in the property of Coxe Bros. & Co. We have also referred to the fact that several of these carriers are guarantors of the bonds of the Temple Iron Co. The Central RR. Co. of New Jersey is guarantor of \$16,000,000 bonds issued by the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Co., and the Lehigh Valley RR. Co. is guarantor of \$11,500,000 bonds issued by the Lehigh Valley Coal Co.

Giving consideration to these matters and to the investments made by these carriers in the stocks and bonds of the coal companies and the unsecured loans and advances they have extended to the coal companies, it is apparent that the capital borrowed by these carriers is not only the

capital required for their transportation needs, but also the capital required to mine and market 80% of the 70,000,000 tons of anthracite coal produced annually.

As to the alleged inherent unlawfulness of the rates and practices established, the Commission says:

The importance of this case cannot easily be overstated. After a careful review of the record we are impressed with the inherent unlawfulness of the rates and practices established by these carriers, which clearly are the outgrowth of past conditions wherein the carriers were producers, shippers, transporters and vendors of the commodity. If the rates they established for transportation were excessive it resulted in no hardship to their mining and selling operations because the excessive profits from the transportation services offset the absence of profits in their mining and selling operations and high rates eliminated the competing shipper from the markets.

If the record in this case were barren of evidence as to income revenues and low operating costs resulting from the transportation of this commodity, the mandatory language of the Act to regulate commerce would require removal of the unlawful discriminations, preferences and advantages which have for many years been extended by these carriers to their allied and controlled coal companies and which operate to the prejudice of the individual shippers of this commodity. The conduct of these carriers, extending over a long period of years, in granting to their allied coal companies concessions from and offsets against their established tariff rates presents very strong evidence that the rates on anthracite coal which these carriers established are excessive.

Their coal companies ship 80% of the total production, and if a substantial reduction is made in the tariff rates its full effect will fall upon but 20% of the tonnage shipped. If the great purpose of the Act to regulate commerce is to be carried out, we must require that such tariff rates on this commodity shall be established as can be maintained on the shipments of all shippers.

The operations of several of these carriers have for many years produced a very large income for their stockholders. Having these results before us in the Five Per Cent case, we held:

"The financial condition of the various railroads composing the 35 systems varies greatly as disclosed by their net corporate income as well as by their net operating income. The condition of some of them is so prosperous that they clearly do not need a higher net income; the condition of others is such as to preclude the expectation of a return upon outstanding capital stock or the possibility of raising much additional capital without a thorough reorganization."

As to the inadequacy of rental charges paid by the allied coal companies, the Commission says:

Several of the respondent carriers have granted the exclusive use of some of their piers, docks, storage plants, retail delivery trestles and other properties to their allied coal companies at inadequate rental charges and under conditions which constitute substantial discrimination in favor of such coal shippers. The exclusive right to operate certain of the carriers' public docks and piers has also been granted to such coal companies, who in operating such properties gain information as to the shipments of their competitors handled over the docks and piers, which section 15 of the Act to regulate commerce prohibits common carriers from giving to shippers and prohibits shippers from receiving from common carriers.

It has often been held that it is the object of the Inter-State Commerce Act and the Elkins Act to prevent favoritism by any means or device whatsoever and to place all shippers upon equal terms. We assume the carriers will at once adjust these practices to remove the discrimination and conform with the requirements of the law.

The evidence shows that several of these carriers have in the past declined to establish joint rates for all shippers, while the coal production of their allied coal companies has been accorded an interline movement by means of trackage arrangements and the free transportation to junction points of the coal production exchanged by the coal companies controlled by the carriers. Such a practice is unlawful and is discriminatory in its worst sense, since the discrimination results to the benefit of the carriers. The carriers will be required to establish through routes and to publish joint rates, of which other shippers may avail, such as will neutralize any such undue benefit heretofore enjoyed by the coal operations of railroad ownership.

Commissioner Harlan, who dissents from the views of the other Commissioners on the ground that the reduction in coal rates is rendered inequitable by reason of the earlier decision in the five per cent case, says in part:

In my judgment the record before us here justifies a modification of many of the present rates, but for the future a rate structure on anthracite coal based upon the general standard of the Moeckler case, surcharged, so far as that would result in a reasonable rate schedule, with the 5% increase that has been imposed in the 5% case upon substantially all other traffic in official classification territory, would seem to be a more consistent disposition of the case.

It should be noted that the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission on Dec. 21 ordered a reduction in freight rates for anthracite coal carried to Philadelphia from the Schuylkill, Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys, and that an appeal from the order is pending in the courts. This matter is referred to in our "Investment News" columns of Dec. 26 1914, page 1911, and Jan. 16 1915, page 230.

#### INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION VETOES RULES DISALLOWING THROUGH SERVICE ON COMBINATION TICKETS.

The proposed rules on railroads prohibiting the through checking of baggage and sale of through parlor or sleeping car tickets on combination tickets used in connection with joint fares from junction points were condemned by a decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission handed down on the 10th inst. The railroads involved are directed by the Commission to cancel the proposed rules. It is pointed out that for a number of years travelers from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other trunk line territory points, going to points in the South and Southeast have been able to check their baggage through to destination and to secure through Pullman car accommodations on combinations of

tickets good only to and from the gateways to Southern and Southeastern territory. The Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroads proposed to abolish the practice for protection of their joint fares and to conserve their revenues. The rules were to apply to combinations of all forms of tickets issued by the roads and by their Southern connections, to and from the gateways involved, but were aimed mostly, however, at combinations involving the use of mileage books of Southern railroads or Southeastern Passenger Association interchangeable mileage exchange orders, by which lower fares are effected than the published joint through fares. The railroads contended that the real purpose of mileage books and reduced rate tickets was to provide lower fares "within defined and limited territories" and that they were not intended for use in combination with tickets issued by other lines to defeat reasonable joint fares; they also contended that their use in combination tended sooner or later to force joint fares down to the combination rates. Retail merchants, chambers of commerce and travelers in the South and East protested against the inconvenience of detaining at Washington and other Southern gateways to recheck baggage and secure Pullman accommodations for the remainder of the journey. The majority of the Commission declared in substance:

While it may be that the Pennsylvania Railroad, for example, could lawfully restrict the use of its own reduced rate inter-State transportation in combination with foreign lines' issues by withholding, under appropriate provision, through baggage checking and Pullman accommodations, that is not the purport of its proposed rule. The latter provides that "no tickets or ticket orders issued by foreign lines will be honored as forming part of through transportation for the checking of baggage, sale of parlor car or sleeping car tickets, or for reservations in parlor cars or sleeping cars to points beyond" specified junctions with foreign lines. This restriction is laid, not upon any of the issues of the respondent carrier, but in terms upon those of foreign lines, and is not even confined to the reduced rate transportation of those lines. Under the proposed rule, therefore, a traveler presenting two straight fare tickets for transportation from a point on respondents' line to a Southern or Southeastern destination on a connecting foreign line, for which he had paid a sum in excess of the joint fare, would be denied through baggage checking and Pullman accommodations. The rule proposed by the Baltimore & Ohio would operate in the same way as to the checking of baggage.

Such a provision is, we think, obviously unjust and unreasonable. It operates to subject the holders of all such tickets to an annoying and often prohibitory inconvenience, and goes beyond the avowed purpose of respondents to protect the joint through fares in which they participate. In our view, no carrier receiving the equivalent of its full local fare to the junction may, in respect of combinations of tickets severally subject to the act, whatever the character of the transportation issued and accepted by the connecting line, lawfully withhold provision for incidental services so constantly and universally in demand as those at which the proposed rules are directed.

Commissioner Harlan dissented from the majority opinion. He said:

It has been the common understanding that when a published through fare, for example, between New York and Atlanta, is non-discriminatory and reasonable and includes the usual and reasonable baggage, sleeping car, and other privileges attending the through service, all the rights that a traveler between those points may demand under the act to regulate commerce are fully met and protected, and he has no legal ground for complaint. But it now seems that when, having provided himself with tickets to and from an intermediate point in his journey, he seeks to enjoy the through service at less than the through fare, the law also protects him against the annoyance of regulations designed to prevent this. In other words, the majority report permits the Southeastern lines, as a matter of right, to enforce the respondents unwillingly into an arrangement that gives the traveler a through service, with its attendant conveniences, at less than the through fare which all the carriers in the route have joined in establishing.

#### LATIN-AMERICAN ENVOYS FRAME PEACE APPEAL TO MEXICO.

Secretary of State Lansing and the diplomatic representatives from the six Latin-American Republics who have been in conference with a view to finding some solution for the Mexican problem signed an appeal for peace on Wednesday addressed to the leaders of all factions in Mexico. As noted in these columns last week, the conference, which included representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chili, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, began in Washington last week, the final session being held in this city Wednesday. The note which was framed at the conference contains a review of the situation in Mexico, points to the havoc wrought in that country by continued warfare, and makes an appeal to the warring leaders in the name of humanity and national patriotism to end civil strife and meet in a peace conference. It was stated yesterday that the message to the Mexican leaders will go forward from the State Department as soon as the names and addresses of those to whom it is to be communicated have been accurately compiled. The communication, it is said, will be given the widest publicity throughout Mexico and will definitely ask for a reply. At the conclusion of the conference on Wednesday, Mr. Lansing made the following statement:

We agreed or assented to a proposition that a communication be addressed to the different factions in Mexico urging them to compose their differences. Also, we agreed upon the form which we will recommend to our govern-

ments with reference to the recognition of some form of government in Mexico.

Eliseo Arredondo, head of the Carranza agency in Washington, addressed a note to Secretary of State Lansing on Wednesday, in which the United States was virtually warned against any interference with the course of the evolution in Mexico, either with or without the co-operation of the Latin-American Governments. The text of this note, which was sent in accordance with instructions from General Carranza, was made public by the agency along with copies of telegraphic communications sent by Carranza to the Presidents of the A B C Governments. The following letter was sent to Mr. Lansing by the Carranza agent:

Upon hearing of the conferences which were to take place between your Excellency, as Secretary of State of the United States of America, and the representatives of the republics of Argentina, Brazil, Chili, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, my natural impression was that they would have for a purpose to examine the Mexican situation from the point of view of international law in order to estimate the value and respective positions of the parties and contending factions, to the end that recognition of one in which the requisites and conditions demanded by the international practices in such cases would concur; but the persistence with which the press has been informing that the parleys referred to have had for an object and have even agreed now on a plan for the pacification of Mexico and the declarations attributed to your Excellency by the press of to-day have caused the Constitutional Government to feel justly alarmed; and therefore I have been instructed by Mr. Carranza, to say to your Excellency that, although he has not an exact knowledge of the character of the above-mentioned conferences, he has been informed that Mexican affairs, with a view to solving, have been discussed.

Mr. Carranza and the persons who co-operate with him are of the profound conviction that, if the American Government would know the true situation in Mexico, it would understand that the only possible, just and acceptable solution would be to leave the revolution to follow its natural course until the complete victory of the party representing greater necessities and popularity.

The Constitutionalist Government, represented by Mr. Carranza, abstains from passing any comment on the conferences that are being held, because it has no knowledge of their character and of the conclusions which may have been reached, and because it does not want to afford the supposition that they are tacitly consenting in it; but at the same time it considers it our duty to inform the American Government of the displeasure with which the Mexican Government and people would view any act which would tend to frustrate the success practically accomplished against the reactionary factions by the Constitutionalist army, representing the hopes and ideals of the Mexican people.

I renew to your Excellency the assurance of my high consideration.

Similar communications were sent by Carranza to all the Latin-American representatives participating in the conference. They were told that any attempt to solve the internal situation in Mexico "would involve an act which could not be looked upon with levity, as it would mean on the part of the Latin-American nations the acceptance of the precedent that they can take part in any internal affairs of a sister nation with the co-operation of the United States, something absolutely undesirable, not only in so far as it may affect the relations between the Latin-American nations themselves, and also, because it might involve the moral support of any future decisions which grow out of similar conferences."

The notes to Argentina and Chili were identical and said in part:

Inspired by the purest patriotism and desirous that the realm of liberty and democracy be insured in all America, I, in the name of the Mexican people and as First Chief of the Constitutionalist army, depository of the executive power of the nation, beg leave to invite your attention to the dangers which may ensue from a new policy of interference by one or various nations of this hemisphere in the internal affairs of another and of the exclusive province of the sovereignty of any such nations.

As the nation worthily presided over by you has a representative in the above-mentioned conferences, I trust that his action may be inspired by the ideas I have just set forth. Contrary action would serve to annul the complete triumph which the Constitutionalist Government of Mexico has just accomplished by the force of its arms in order definitely to establish a regime of freedom and justice. The far-reaching consequences for all the Latin-American nations make it desirable that the proposals as set forth for a joint or separate interference in the affairs of Mexico should be rejected by all of the component Latin-American Powers.

I avail myself, Mr. President, of this opportunity to convey to you the warm sentiments of cordiality and sympathy of the Mexican people for the people of your nation.

Carranza's communication to the President of Brazil said in part:

The people of Mexico have heard with gratification that your representative in Washington has declined with dignity to take any part in the project of interference. By this action he has set an example which may serve as a precedent for that harmony and fellowship which ought to prevail between the Latin-American nations, whose destinies are so closely intertwined. In the name of the Mexican people, I beg leave to express my appreciation for this act of justice and sympathy.

In reply to the Carranza note, the Argentina Minister for Foreign Affairs sent the following to the Constitutionalist leader:

General Venustiano Carranza, Vera Cruz:

The President of the Republic has received the telegram you addressed to him on account of the conference held in Washington between the Secretary of State and the representatives of various American countries, calling the attention of the Argentine Government to the dangers which may result from a policy of interference in the internal affairs of that country.

I am directed by the President to reply to you that the Argentine Government in having a representative at that conference, has done so not only in accordance with its traditional policy of respect to other sovereignties but also to reaffirm it in the face of a problem which by affecting the destinies of Mexico, will equally affect the great American family. The above-mentioned conference has been based from its inception on the un-

derstanding that any act or design which might mean an interference in the internal affairs of Mexico should be eliminated beforehand, and above all any purpose of armed intervention. Once the opinion of the people were united within this fundamental idea, the Washington conference offers a lofty inspiration of Pan-American solidarity, and instead of finding any cause for alarm, the Mexican people should see in it a proof of the friendly consideration that her fate evokes in us, and calls forth our wishes for her pacification and development. I assure you of my distinguished consideration.

JOSE LUIS MURATURE;

Minister for Foreign Affairs

#### TRADE COMMISSION HEARINGS IN MINNESOTA— CENSORSHIP OF CABLEGRAMS.

As a result of information brought before the Federal Trade Commission in its Minneapolis hearing a request was sent on the 3d inst. by the board to the Department of State asking that an immediate protest be lodged with the British Government against its censoring and interference with cablegrams sent by Minneapolis millers to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and other countries. President A. C. Loring of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, John Crosby and W. G. Crocker of the Washburn-Crosby Company and H. P. Gallaher of the Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company told the Commission of delays of eight days or longer to cablegrams held up by the London censor, of how the cablegrams are written out in plain language and all code words omitted and how Minneapolis mills are losing great opportunity for export business in consequence of the censor's interference. Mr. Crocker said:

Just this morning we got a cablegram through from Christiania that had been sent July 16. We have no assurance that anything we send will get past London. We have taken it up with the State Department, British Embassy and Norwegian Ministry in Washington. We could do a big business right now if some stupid censorship in London could be eliminated. It is costing the milling industry dearly and we are powerless.

Chairman Davies stated that the matter would be taken up vigorously and asked the millers to prepare specific instances of delays or total failure to deliver cablegrams. Many prominent men in the milling industry testified before the Commission. They traced the decline of the export flour trade over a long period of years and stated that it was due to the carrying abroad of wheat at lower rates than flour. The present condition of the industry, the losses of trade with Finland and Denmark and the development of the trade with Greece and France were points touched upon at the hearing. F. A. Chamberlain, President, and Donald Mackerchar, Vice-President of the First and Security National Bank of Minneapolis closed the hearing.

Two members of the Federal Trade Commission conducted a hearing in St. Paul on the 3d inst., following the closing of the Minneapolis session. It was not the intention of the Commission to have a hearing in St. Paul but the request of the St. Paul Association of Commerce for a visit to that city was acceded to. The hearing lasted for two hours and was conducted by Chairman Davies and William H. Parry, a member of the Commission. W. O. Washburn, Manager of the American Hoist & Derrick Co. offered suggestions for developing trade with South America based on the experience of his company. Mr. Washburn gave it as his opinion that if the United States' trade with South American countries ever amounts to anything, American manufacturers must get together and adjust the matter of finances and credits, or else the Government must do it for them. H. H. Bigelow of Brown & Bigelow told of some of the difficulties which his firm has encountered in dealing with South America and also emphasized the question of credits and finances. All those who appeared before the Commission urged the necessity of some action towards the development of closer trade relations with South American countries.

#### LARGE SHIPMENT OF GOLD AND SECURITIES FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

A large shipment of United States gold coin of a total value of \$19,534,200, together with securities for many millions of dollars, arrived in this city on Wednesday from Great Britain. The gold and securities were consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co., who are acting as the fiscal and commercial agents for the British Government in this country. The shipment was conveyed from England to Halifax on a British battleship and was shipped from the latter place to this city by special train. The treasure arrived at the terminal of the American Express Company in this city early Wednesday morning and was immediately carted to the Wall Street Sub-Treasury in motor trucks, where the gold coin was counted and stored away. The securities were taken directly to the vaults under the building of the Morgan firm. W. P. Hamilton of J. P. Morgan & Co. made the following statement regarding the shipment:

The gold shipment was made up of 1,050,000 ounces of United States gold coin, worth \$18.604 per ounce, so its total value was \$19,534,200.

Mr. Hamilton refused to say anything as to the value of the securities.

#### RE-DISCOUNTING FOR NON-MEMBER BANKS.

An informal ruling by the Federal Reserve Board on the question of the re-discounting with a Federal Reserve bank of notes held by a bank not a member of the system is given in the August number of the Federal Reserve Bulletin. The Board holds that:

Assuming that the paper offered by a member bank for re-discount is eligible under the regulations prescribed by the Board, it would be necessary in each case for the officers of the Federal Reserve Bank to determine whether or not the proceeds of such discount are to be used for the purpose of making a loan to a non-member bank. If the money thus borrowed is to be re-lent to a non-member bank, re-discount should not be accepted without the permission of the Federal Reserve Board. If, on the other hand, a member bank had in good faith acquired from a non-member bank by re-discount notes which are eligible under the regulations of the Board for re-discount with the Federal Reserve bank, and such notes were held as a part of the assets of the member bank, there would seem to be no objection to the Federal Reserve bank's accepting such re-discounts, provided the officers are satisfied that the transaction is a bona fide transaction and that the member bank did not extend accommodation to the non-member bank with a view of re-discounting notes so acquired with the Federal Reserve bank.

This is one of the cases which must be left very largely to the judgment and discretion of the Federal Reserve bank officers; and a determination must be reached by them on the facts in each case.

#### FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD HOLDS MEETING IN NEW YORK.

The members of the Federal Reserve Board held a conference on Tuesday at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. After the meeting the following official statement was given out:

The Federal Reserve Board to-day held a session at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. After the meeting was over it was stated in response to questions that the meeting had been called for the purpose of clearing up matters of pending business which had been held open on account of the absence of several members of the Board from Washington. As New York was within easy reach of those who were absent, a session in this city was determined upon.

Those present were Governor Hamlin, Comptroller of the Currency Williams and Messrs. Miller, Warburg and Harding.

The Executive Committee of the Governors of the Federal Reserve banks also held a meeting at the New York Reserve Bank on Tuesday. The committee declined to make any statement as to what took place at the conference. Those present were: J. P. McDougal of Chicago, Chairman; Benjamin Strong Jr. of New York; Alfred L. Aiken of Boston; Charles J. Rhoads of Philadelphia; E. R. Fancher of Cleveland, and George J. Seay of Richmond.

#### THE FRENCH DECREE PROHIBITING GOLD EXPORTS.

It appears that the French decree prohibiting the exportation of gold does not apply to the Bank of France. The decree, as published by "L'Economiste Francais", in its issue of July 10 1915, is as follows:

Art. 1. There is prohibited the exportation as well as the re-exportation, under any rule or custom whatsoever, of gold in the mass, in bullion and in bars, of gold dust, broken up articles of gold and gold coin.

This provision is not applicable to the exportations of the Bank of France.

Art. 2. The Minister of Finance is charged with the execution of the present decree.

Drawn up at Paris, July 3 1915.

#### CLEARING HOUSE PLAN FOR HANDLING OUT-OF- TOWN CHECKS GOES INTO EFFECT.

The department in the New York Clearing House which has been established for the collection of out-of-town checks began operations on Monday, Aug. 9. As previously noted, a resolution authorizing the formation of this department was adopted at a meeting of the Association on July 21. The new plan does away with the old system whereby each New York bank was compelled to send separately for collection each day to the respective banks outside the city the out-of-town checks it had received drawn upon them. The department for the present will collect items drawn on banks which have agreed to remit at par on day of receipt, there being 388 such institutions on the discretionary list, which embraces banks and trust companies in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York. It is reported that 42 of these institutions were added to the list through their entrance into the Federal Reserve Bank check collection system. Under the amendment to the rules of the Clearing House which was passed last December, items which are received at par by the reserve bank are at once placed on the Clearing House discretionary list. The new collection system provides that the members of the Clearing House send to its office each day all the items on banks in the States covered which have agreed to remit at par on day of receipt by draft on the New York Clearing House

stitutions or cash. Each member bank receives a ticket for the number of items sent in. The checks are sorted and all those drawn on any one institution are forwarded under one cover. The new system will not only effect a saving to the New York banks, but will also relieve the out-of-town banks of the necessity of remitting to a number of banks in the city. It is pointed out that the new system will eventually be extended to banks in States other than the ones mentioned.

The new collection department has temporary quarters in the offices on the first floor of the Clearing House building, which were formerly occupied by the Chase National Bank. The fourth floor of the Clearing House is being fitted up for the use of this department. We give herewith the circulars issued by the Clearing House concerning the inauguration of the plan:

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.  
77-83 Cedar Street.  
New York, July 27 1915.

To the Members of The New York Clearing House Association—  
Gentlemen—On July 21 the members of the New York Clearing House Association passed a resolution authorizing the Clearing House Committee to proceed with the organization of a "Collection Department." The committee has decided that for the present the department shall accept from the member institutions for collection such checks as may be presented to it each day by said institutions at their option, drawn upon those banks and trust companies located in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, that have notified the Manager of the New York Clearing House Association that they will remit for such items at par, on the day of receipt, by draft on New York Clearing House institutions or cash.

In order to place the facilities of this department at the disposal of the members at the earliest practicable moment, it is proposed to inaugurate the work temporarily in the lower floor of the Clearing House Building, pending the completion of certain alterations to the entire fourth floor of the building, which will eventually be occupied by the department as its permanent headquarters.

In the interest of beginning the work of clearing these par point items, with the least possible friction, it has been deemed wise to establish the accompanying rules and regulations governing the manner in which the members are desired to send such items as they elect to clear to the department, the hours during which they will be received for transmission the same day, and certain other important details in connection therewith. A strict compliance with these rules and regulations by the members will be of immeasurable assistance in expediting the work of the department.

The hour after which it would be impracticable to accept further checks for transmission the same day can, of course, best be determined by experience. For the present, however, checks of any denomination on the points mentioned will be received between the hours of 9:30 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m. on each business day except Saturday, when the hours will be from 9:30 o'clock a. m. to 1:30 o'clock p. m. Between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock on full business days and 1:30 and 2 o'clock Saturdays, only checks of \$200 or over will be accepted.

In this connection it is quite evident that the work of the department will be greatly facilitated if the member banks will recognize the importance of sending their checks to the Clearing House at intervals during the day, rather than permitting them to accumulate and depositing them all together at the last minute, and they are hereby urged to assist in this respect by making at least two deposits each day, the first not later than 1:30 o'clock p. m.

It is most desirable that the form of letter employed by the banks in listing their items for the department should be uniform in all respects. Accompanying this communication, therefore, is a form prescribed for this purpose. The information contained in these letters as to the name and location of the payer bank, and the amount, will constitute the sole record of the department as to checks which it has handled.

It is proposed that the depositing bank shall sort the items which they desire to handle through the department as to States, and that these items shall be listed on letters bearing the abbreviations of the respective States. The department will furnish 100 of these forms for each State to each institution, but when these are exhausted members will be expected to provide their own. If desired, these forms may be ordered through the Clearing House.

The endorsements on all checks should be carefully scrutinized as to their completeness before they are sent to the Clearing House, for it will be manifestly impossible to have this done by the department.

The form prescribed for endorsement by member institutions is as follows:

RECEIVED PAYMENT  
through Collection Department  
New York Clearing House  
July 1915  
Endorsements Guaranteed  
125 \_\_\_\_\_ Bank

As it is important that the Clearing number of each member institution should appear in connection with this stamp in as prominent type as is practicable, an endorsement stamp will be furnished by the Clearing House to each member. All checks deposited with this department must bear the endorsement of a member institution as above.

The respective institutions will present with each letter containing checks to be handled by the department a "Due Bill" in the form suggested herewith:

Mass. ....	New York,	191 .
R. I. ....		
Conn. ....	Collection Department	
N. Y. ....	New York Clearing House Association.	
N. J. ....	Received from Chase National Bank	
	Cash items for collection said	
Total .....	to amount to .....	\$ .....

This receipt may be charged against the Collection Department through the morning exchanges of.

WILLIAM SHERER, Manager.  
By \_\_\_\_\_

These "Due Bills" will be signed by the Manager of the Clearing House or his representative and will constitute a receipt for the expressed total.

The Collection Department has been assigned Number 200, and will take part in the regular morning clearances. All "Due Bills" will be charged through the exchanges in the usual manner to the department on the morning of the second business day following their issue, and the department's

credit exchanges will consist of the remittances received in payment of items forwarded. Any deficiencies due to delayed remittances will be covered by temporary loans to the department by some designated member institution, who will receive interest therefor, such interest to be charged to the expenses of the department. Checks returned unpaid for any reason will be charged back to the depositing members through the exchanges.

The limited amount of time which the clerical force of the department will have at its disposal in which to handle the principal volume of the work will make it necessary that extreme care be exercised in the preparation of these deposits by the members. To insure this accuracy as far as possible, a scale of fines has been established, as enclosed.

For the present, the Committee has decided that the expenses of the Collection Department shall be borne by the members of the New York Clearing House Association pro rata in the proportion that the number of items cleared by each institution through the department shall bear to the whole number of items cleared by it.

The department will be prepared to receive checks for collection at 9:30 a. m. Aug. 9 1915.

Yours respectfully,  
ALBERT H. WIGGIN, Chairman,  
New York Clearing House Committee

**RULES, REGULATIONS AND FINES.**

New York Clearing House Collection Department.

1. In receiving the checks and drafts herein referred to, the Collection Department will act only as the collecting agent of the sending bank, will assume no responsibility other than for due diligence and care in forwarding such items promptly, and is expressly authorized to send such items for payment direct to the bank on which they are drawn, or to another agent for collection at its discretion.

2. The hours for the deposit of checks will be from 9:30 o'clock a. m. to 4:00 o'clock p. m., except on Saturdays, when the hours will be from 9:30 o'clock a. m. to 2:00 o'clock p. m.

No check under \$200 will be received on full business days after 3:00 o'clock and on Saturdays after 1:30 o'clock.

A fine will be imposed for deposits received after these hours, and deposits offered after these hours may be rejected by the Manager.

Fine for failure to observe this rule, \$2 00.

3. Members are expected to make deposits at frequent intervals during the day, and in no case should the first deposit be made later than 1:30 o'clock p. m.

4. Checks must be accompanied by letters of transmission upon forms prescribed by this Department.

Fine for failure to observe this rule, \$2 00.

5. Checks must be sorted according to States and a separate letter of transmission made for each State; the totals of these letters must be entered upon a due bill which must accompany each deposit.

Fine for failure to observe this rule, each offense, \$1 00, but in no case to exceed \$5 00 in any one day.

6. All checks must bear the endorsement of the depositing Clearing House member in the form adopted by the Clearing House Committee.

Fine for failure to observe this rule, \$1 00.

7. All deposits must be delivered to the Collection Department either enclosed in an envelope or securely wrapped.

8. All stationery must be identical in size and form with that prescribed by the Department.

9. Items under \$10 00 will not be protested.

10. No items bearing Special Instructions in connection with their payment can be handled by the Department.

11. Each morning the name and location of each bank whose remittance has not been received will be posted on the bulletin board of the Collection Department.

NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE.  
77-83 Cedar Street.  
New York, July 27 1915.

Gentlemen—The New York Clearing House Association having authorized the establishment of a department for the collection of out-of-town items, it is intended to commence business in that department on Monday, Aug. 9, 1915, and on and after that date items payable at the institutions whose agreements are now on file at the Clearing House, deposited for collection through the Collection Department by Clearing House members, will be forwarded direct to such institutions.

Remittances for the total of items forwarded by the Collection Department may be made by check (payable through the New York Clearing House), to the order of the Collection Department.

As the due bills given by the Manager for items deposited must be cashed at a specified time from the proceeds of the out-of-town items, it is expected and you are earnestly requested to see that remittances are made promptly on day of receipt.

Very truly yours,  
A. H. WIGGIN,  
Chairman Clearing House Committee.

WILLIAM SHERER, Manager.

**AMERICAN DOLLAR IN SPAIN.**

Consul Paul H. Foster at Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, writes under date of July 3:

Through the efforts of this consulate, the local newspapers now publish in their daily exchange quotations the exchange on American dollars as well as British pounds sterling and francs. As at the present time dollars produce more pesetas in proportion than either pounds or francs, several of the local wine shippers are beginning to quote in that medium. As a means of standardizing the dollar as a medium of exchange, it appears to be useful.

**EXPLANATION OF BRITISH EMBARGO ON COAL EXPORTS.**

According to the New York "Sun," the London Foreign Office on the 8th inst. issued a statement explaining the recent Order-in-Council forbidding after Aug. 30 the exportation of coal except to British possessions and protectorates. The statement says that the order does not mean a total prohibition of the trade to countries other than those specified, and states that firms making shipments to such places will merely be required to obtain a special license. It is said that the order was necessary in consequence of legislation regulating the price of coal in Great Britain. It was stated in dispatches last week that the Order-in-Council would stop the shipment of coal to Great Britain's allies.

**BANKING, LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL NEWS.**

Sales of bank stocks at the Stock Exchange this week aggregate 31 shares. No bank or trust company stocks were sold at auction.

Shares.	BANK—New York.	Low.	High.	Close.	Last previous sale.
31	Commerce, Nat. Bank of	160	160	160	Aug. 1915—160 $\frac{1}{4}$

A New York Stock Exchange membership was posted for transfer this week, the consideration being \$55,000, an unchanged figure from the last preceding sale.

The final announcement of the four personally conducted tours to the 41st Annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association in Seattle is being made on another page by William J. Henry, Secretary of the New York State Bankers' Association, under whose direction the trains are being run. Full particulars concerning these tours as regards route, &c., were previously given in detail in these columns. The "trains de luxe" are being operated by the New York Central Lines.

An organization known as the "Robert Morris Club" and composed of credit men from various banks throughout the country has been formed by the National Association of Credit Men. The general letter of the Association for August has the following to say regarding the new club:

As an association, we have felt that something specific should be done to arouse greater interest upon the part of banks in credit work, particularly as related to commercial credits. The Federal Reserve System makes this step imperative in authorizing certain requirements which increase the need in banking institutions of definite and well systematized credit departments. To this end, at a conference of the representatives of credit departments of banks at the Salt Lake City convention, a permanent organization was effected under the name "The Robert Morris Club." J. K. Calhoun, Corn Exchange National Bank, Chicago, was elected President; A. F. Maxwell, National Bank of Commerce, New York, Vice-President; and Alexander Wall, First National Bank, Milwaukee, Secretary-Treasurer.

The purpose is to bring together credit managers and their assistants in banking institutions for a more definite study of credit problems and the development of sincere relations between their departments and those of mercantile institutions. The project is progressive and sound. All bank members are eligible to take out special membership in the Robert Morris Club and are urged to do so at once.

A plan to protect State banks in Kansas from burglars and bandits was launched at a meeting of the executive committee of the Kansas State Bankers' Association on the 6th inst. in Topeka. It was decided that the State bankers should carry their own burglary insurance under the Kansas inter-insurance laws. This plan will result in the employment by the bankers of a detective force of their own. It is stated that in the past the State bankers have been patronizing commercial bank burglary insurance companies at rates double those which they expect to pay for protection under the proposed inter-insurance plan.

With regard to the recent reports that the Chatham & Phenix National Bank of this city contemplated relinquishing its national charter and entering the State system, the following official denial has been given out:

Editor Financial Chronicle:

New York, Aug. 11 1915.

There has come to my notice several times during the past week a rumor that this bank contemplated retiring from the national banking system as well as from the Federal Reserve system, becoming a State bank.

The persistence of this statement has been such that I think it justifies an official denial, as there is no foundation for this rumor. In this connection we are able to advise that this bank has concluded negotiations involving a large acquisition to its business, which will make it one of the most important financial institutions in New York City. This, however, is purely a matter of healthy expansion, and does not involve our retiring from the national banking system or the Federal Reserve system, and we shall continue as members of both.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in giving the proper publicity to this announcement through your columns, I am,

Very truly yours,

L. G. KAUFMAN, President.

Charles H. Clark has resigned as Cashier of the People's Bank of East Orange, N. J., and has been succeeded by Frank C. Ferguson, heretofore an examiner in the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

The Lodi Trust Co. of Lodi, N. J., was granted a charter on the 9th inst. by Commissioner of Banking and Insurance George La Monte. The capital will be \$100,000 and the company will begin business with a surplus of \$50,000. The names of the incorporators are Archibald C. Hart, President of the First National Bank of Lodi; Arno Rinck, T. S. Marshall, David A. Himadi, G. Kueger, H. H. Brevoort, George S. Davenport, E. E. Conover, J. H. Behrens, T. J. O'Hare and W. R. Hudson.

Robert M. Chalmers was elected a director of the First National Bank of Albany, N. Y., on the 11th inst. to succeed ex-Governor John A. Dix who resigned. Mr. Chalmers is a member of the John G. Myers Company, a dry goods concern.

Creditors of the American Exchange National Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., which suspended in February 1904 received checks on the 2d inst. from the Comptroller of the Currency covering the sixth and final dividend in the liquidation of the bank's affairs. The payment amounted to 5% and makes a total disbursement to the creditors of 95%. The defunct bank had a capital of \$200,000 and deposits on January 22 1904 of \$237,052.

Stockholders of the Aetna National Bank of Hartford, which has been in voluntary liquidation since its merger with the Hartford National Bank in April, have received notices that a final dividend of \$7.25 per share will be paid, the disbursement being available after August 2. As previously stated in these columns the Aetna and Hartford National have consolidated under the name of the Hartford-Aetna National Bank. With the payment of the final dividend, the total distribution to the stockholders of the Aetna amounts to \$307.25 per share. The Hartford-Aetna National has a capital stock of \$2,000,000, surplus and profits of close to \$2,000,000 and deposits of over \$8,800,000.

The Ninth National Bank of Philadelphia celebrated on the 3d inst. its thirtieth anniversary. The institution is reported to be the largest out-lying bank in that city. It has a capital stock of \$300,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$766,309 and deposits (July 31) of \$4,109,000. The officers of the bank are Ira W. Barnes, President; Joseph T. Pearson, Vice-President; John G. Sonneborn, Cashier and E. Henry Thurman, Assistant Cashier.

Joseph Wayne, Jr., President of the Girard National Bank of Philadelphia, celebrated on the 4th inst. the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the institution. Mr. Wayne became President of the bank in October 1914, succeeding Richard L. Austin, who resigned to accept the appointment as Class C director and Reserve Agent of the Philadelphia Reserve bank. Prior to that time Mr. Wayne was Vice-President and Cashier of the Girard. The following resolution commending the service which Mr. Wayne has rendered to the bank was adopted by the directors on the 3d inst.:

Resolved, That the directors do hereby express their deep appreciation of the services rendered to this bank by its President, Joseph Wayne, Jr., throughout the twenty-five years in which he has been connected with its affairs. In the various positions he has occupied he has performed every duty devolving upon him with the utmost fidelity to the bank's interests; and his energy and ability have contributed in a marked degree to its prosperity and to the financial standing it now enjoys in this community and in the country at large. It is our earnest hope that he may for many years continue in the position he now so ably fills as President of this bank.

Liquidation of the assets of the German National Bank of Pittsburgh which failed on March 4 last, has begun through the First-Second National Bank of that city. Receiver William L. Wilson of the defunct bank was granted permission on the 10th inst. by Federal Judge W. H. S. Thomson to sell the real and personal property of the institution. The plan of liquidation which has been approved by a majority of the stockholders and depositors of the failed bank, provides that the depositors are to receive 85% of their balances in a checking account at the First-Second National and 15% in a certificate of deposit bearing 3% interest to be issued by the liquidating committee. It is proposed that the liquidating committee, which was recently named by the stockholders and depositors' committees of the failed bank, purchase the real and personal property of the institution and then turn over to the First-Second National certain of the assets which, together with the cash now held by the Government, will be sufficient to protect the First-Second National in the payment of 85% to the depositors. The petition granted by the Court on the 10th inst. stated that stockholders owning \$475,000 of the total stock of \$500,000 of the German National have assented to the proposal for liquidation and that a fund of \$450,000 has been raised by the liquidating committee. The petition also grants permission to sell the real estate of the defunct institution at public sale during next month, the exact date to be announced later. The following statement was issued on the 6th inst. by H. T. Fraunheim, Chairman of the liquidating committee:

In undertaking the liquidation of the German Bank the First-Second National has a guarantee fund of \$1,300,000. President L. S. Sands of the First-Second National said that the chief interest his institution had in the matter was that the deposits of the German Bank will be retained by the First-Second.

After sufficient of the assets have been liquidated to reimburse the First-Second National the 85% advanced by that institution to pay the depositors, the remaining assets will be controlled and disposed of by the liquidating committee which will apply the proceeds, first, to the payment of certificates of deposits in full with 3% interest, and then re-payment of the stockholders who have paid in the assessment of 100% of their holdings. The balance will be distributed among all the stockholders.

A. H. Peiter has resigned as Secretary and Treasurer of the Guardian Trust & Savings Bank of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Peiter has held this position since the organization of the bank in 1913. Prior to that time he was Assistant Cashier of the National Bank of Commerce of Toledo.

The Dime Savings Bank of Detroit, Mich., is increasing the size of its branch office at 1491 Woodward Avenue in order to handle the growth of business attending the rapid development of the North Woodward Avenue district. William Livingstone, President of the institution, some months ago purchased the adjoining frontage to the branch at 1493 Woodward Avenue. The building which was secured is a three-story brick structure. It is being reconstructed and the entire ground floor of the site will be occupied by the branch bank. Edward Herzog is Manager of the branch.

The Atlas Exchange National Bank of Chicago has opened for business at the corner of Harrison and Halsted streets and Blue Island Avenue. As heretofore stated the bank has a capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$30,000. Daniel M. Healy, who was receiver for the Bank of America, which failed in February 1906, is President of the new national bank. He is assisted in the management by C. L. Caswell, Vice-President; Nicholas Kyriakopoulos, Cashier, and James Callans, Assistant Cashier. The territory served by the new bank has a large Greek population.

The Peoples Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago has transferred \$100,000 from undivided profits to surplus, making the latter now \$200,000. The institution has a capital stock of \$500,000 and on June 23 showed surplus and profits of \$269,189 and deposits of \$7,258,180.

The Bowmanville National Bank and the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank, two institutions situated in the outlying districts of Chicago, recently began the payment of dividends to their stockholders. The former adopted a 6% annual basis for its \$50,000 capital, declaring a quarterly disbursement of 1½%. The Mercantile bank placed its capital stock of \$250,000 on a 4% yearly basis by declaring a quarterly payment of 1%.

Thomas M. Jackson, liquidating agent of the defunct Chicago National Bank, which failed in December 1905, died on the 4th inst. Mr. Jackson was formerly Cashier of the failed institution.

As a result of a reorganization in the First National Bank of McAlester, Okla., William P. Freeman, who has been President of the institution since 1910, becomes President of the board of directors. Robert P. Brewer, heretofore Cashier of the bank, succeeds Mr. Freeman as President, and F. M. Sowle of St. Louis becomes Cashier. The other officers in the institution retain the same positions. Mr. Sowle was formerly special agent for the Mechanics-American National Bank of St. Louis. The First National Bank of McAlester has a capital stock of \$100,000, surplus and profits of close to \$40,000 and deposits of about \$800,000.

Thomas J. Kavanaugh, Credit Manager of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, has been elected a director of the Robert Morris Club, the new credit organization mentioned in these columns this week. Mr. Kavanaugh has been with the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. several years, having entered its service as private secretary to its President, Breckinridge Jones.

The Quarter Savings Bank of Wheeling, W. Va., opened its new building at the corner of Market and Sixteenth Streets for public inspection on July 31. The institution began business in its new home on the 2d inst. The building

is three stories high, part of the first floor being used by the bank.

The German-American Bank and the First National Bank of Carrollton, Ky., were merged on the 5th inst., the consolidated institution doing business under the name of the latter bank. The new institution has a capital stock of \$100,000. J. A. Donaldson, President of the First National, continues as head of the combined banks. E. C. Smith, President of the German-American Bank, becomes a director in the First National and Forest Butcher, former Cashier of the German-American, takes the position of Teller in the new bank. Prior to the consolidation the First National had a capital stock of \$60,000, while the German-American had a capital of \$25,000.

The defunct Jefferson County Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala., which suspended on Jan. 28, has been reorganized and was opened for business on the 2d inst. as the Jefferson County Bank. The new institution has a capital of \$500,000. As heretofore stated in these columns, the savings bank was taken over by the State Banking Board, owing to certain rumors which had become current as to its condition. The defunct institution had a capital of \$500,000 and on Dec. 1 1914 deposits of \$1,638,021. As a result of the reorganization of the affairs of the old Jefferson County Savings Bank, every depositor, both commercial and savings, will receive all deposits in full, and interest will also be paid on the savings deposits for the time the bank was closed. The new bank is located on the ground floor of the Jefferson County Bank Building. The savings bank moved into this new 25-story office building last summer, and it was stated at the time of the bank's suspension that its inability to rent its offices in the building was one of the contributing causes of its difficulties. The reorganized bank has new officers and directors. A. E. Jackson, who is President of the First National Bank of Hartselle and Vice-President of the City National Bank of Decatur, is head of the new bank. T. M. Jones and Senator Frank S. White are Vice-Presidents, and W. C. Sterrett and W. W. Hutton Assistant Cashiers. Among the directors of the new institution is J. L. Hutton, President of the Mercantile National Bank of Memphis.

The Bank of City Point, Inc., a branch of the National Bank of Petersburg, Va., opened for business on July 29. Robert F. Jackson, former paying teller of the latter bank, is Cashier of the new institution and Robert C. Jones is Assistant Cashier.

Howard A. Cleaver has resigned as Manager of the bond department of the Inter-State Trust & Banking Co. of New Orleans to accept the position of Manager of the buying department of Devitt, Tremble & Co., investment bankers of Chicago.

W. B. Paddock, who was appointed receiver of the Fort Worth Savings Bank & Trust Company of Fort Worth Texas, which closed its doors on July 23, resigned on July 30 and has been succeeded by Brown Harwood. Two petitions in bankruptcy against the defunct institution have been filed in the Federal Court of that city. One petition asks that the institution be declared a bankrupt on the ground that it is insolvent and not a corporation but a partnership. The other one, which was filed on July 29, alleges that the Fort Worth Savings Bank & Trust Company was not chartered to do banking business but was merely authorized to accumulate and lend money, act as trustee, executor, receiver, etc. The petition furthermore states that the institution was not vested with banking or discounting privileges, carrying no checking accounts but only time deposits.

J. D. Collett has been appointed Assistant Receiver of the defunct institution. The Traders' National Bank of Fort Worth has been designated as the depository for the funds of the savings bank.

The Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. of Dallas, Texas, has taken over the Merchants National Bank of that city, the enlarged institution having opened for business on the 3d inst. The Citizens bank continues in its old quarters at 1003 Main Street. J. H. Blocker, Cashier of the trust co., has given out a statement showing that the enlarged bank has deposits of \$844,797, surplus and profits of \$31,585 and total resources of \$1,096,382. The capital remains unchanged at \$150,000. The present officers and directors of the Citizens will continue in their respective capacities.

R. C. Ayres is President; J. P. Smith and M. E. Martin, Vice-Presidents; J. H. Blocker, Cashier and W. H. Leftwich, Assistant Cashier. H. W. Jester, formerly Cashier of the Merchants, will be associated with the enlarged institution looking after the accounts of his former customers. The Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. began business on May 31 1913 with \$150,000 capital. The Merchants National started on Feb. 26 1913 and had a capital of \$250,000.

Hume Blake of Toronto and R. O. McCulloch of the Goldie & McCulloch Co., Ltd., Galt, have been elected directors of the Union Bank of Canada to fill vacancies caused by the deaths of Samuel Barker and E. E. A. Du Vernet.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co., of London, written under date of July 29 1915:

GOLD.

The movements have been in favor of the Bank of England. The following amounts were received by the Bank:

- July 23—£65,000 in sovereigns released on Egyptian account.
27—62,000 in bar gold.
28—725,000 in bar gold.

Withdrawals were made as under:

- July 26—£250,000 in sovereigns set aside on miscellaneous account.
During the week the net increase amounted to £602,000.

The Argentine Conversion Office receives gold and gives paper dollars in exchange at the rate of \$1 paper to 44 cents gold. The gold may be paid into the Conversion Office free of charge, or may be deposited in the Argentine Legations abroad, in which case the corresponding paper dollars are delivered the following day, less commission at not exceeding 2%, any change in rate of commission being subject to 15 days' previous notice. The following are the coins received at the Conversion Office or Legations: Sovereigns, American eagles, 20-mark pieces and Swiss, French and Italian gold coins of the equivalent of 20 francs.

SILVER.

The tone has become somewhat flabby and the scantiness of supplies has barely veiled the disinclination on the part of buyers to come forward. The quotation fell to 22 3/4, a lower figure than any recorded this year. A slight rally ensued, in the course of which 22 1/2 was quoted on the 26th and 27th inst., but dullness reasserted itself, and prices fell away lower still, to 22 5/16, the quotation of to-day.

The market has again received a measure of support from Continental and trade orders, but enquiry from the Indian bazaars has been slight, and from China non-existent. It is not surprising that Indian consumers should be sparing in orders at the moment, for rain is scanty in the Panjab, and the irregular character of the monsoon causes some uneasiness, though even should the rain continue to hold off, real anxiety need not be entertained for some weeks to come. An Indian currency return for July 23 gives details in lacs of rupees as follows:

Notes in circulation.....6,718 Gold coin and bullion..... 780
Reserve in silver coin.....3,923 Gold in England..... 615

The stock in Bombay consists of 5,200 bars, as compared with 5,700 last week. A shipment of 300,000 ozs. was made from San Francisco to Hongkong during the week.

Quotations for bar silver per ounce standard:

Table with columns for date, type of silver (cash, fixed, forward), and price per ounce. Includes entries for July 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

The quotation to-day for cash is 1/4d. below that fixed a week ago.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF STEEL CORPORATION.

The United States Steel Corporation on Tuesday, August 10, issued its regular monthly statement showing the unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations at the close of July. From this statement it appears that the aggregate of unfilled orders on July 31 was 4,928,540 tons, recording an increase of 250,344 tons from last month, when the amount of outstanding orders was 4,678,196 tons. This is the highest figure since Feb. 28 1914, when the amount of outstanding orders was 5,026,440 tons. In the following we give the comparisons with previous months:

Table showing tonnage of unfilled orders for Steel Corporation from July 31 1915 back to March 31 1912, with columns for date and tons.

The figures prior to July 31 1910 were issued quarterly only. These, extending back to 1901, were given in the 'Chronicle' of March 13 1915, page 876.

ANTHRACITE COAL PRODUCTION.—Shipments of anthracite coal to tidewater during July 1915 aggregated 4,934,205 tons, against 5,391,857 tons for the same month last year, 5,487,852 tons in 1913, 6,285,153 tons in 1912

and 4,804,065 tons in 1911. In the following we give the shipments by the various carriers for the months of July 1915 and 1914 and for Jan. 1 to July 31 this year and last:

Table of shipping tonnage by route (Philadelphia & Reading, Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, etc.) for July 1915, July 1914, and Jan. 1 to July 31.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

- 9,698—The First National Bank of Yates, P. O. Fort Yates, N. Dak., July 8 1915. Liquidating agent, J. L. Haas, Fort Yates, N. Dak. Succeeded by the First State Bank of Fort Yates.
CHANGE OF TITLE JULY 23.
8,966—The Third National Bank of Fitzgerald, Ga., to the 'Ben Hill National Bank of Fitzgerald.'

Canadian Bank Clearings.—The clearings for the week ending August 7 at Canadian cities, in comparison with the same week in 1914, show a decrease of 15.5%.

Table of Canadian Bank Clearings for the week ending August 7, 1915, compared with 1914, 1913, and 1912. Lists cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not usually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were recently sold at auction in New York, Boston and Philadelphia: By Messrs. Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table of auction sales including shares of Cent. States Elec. Corp., Huguenot Trust Co., and bonds of Batopilas Mfg. Co., etc.

By Messrs. Francis Henshaw & Co., Boston:

Table of auction sales by Francis Henshaw & Co., including shares of National Shawmut Bank, National Union Bank, etc.

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

Table of auction sales by R. L. Day & Co., including shares of Merchants' Nat. Bank, 20 Beverly (Mass.) Nat. Bank, etc.

By Messrs. Barnes & Loffand, Philadelphia:

Table of auction sales by Barnes & Loffand, including shares of Pleasantville, N. J., Trust Co., Millville, N. J., Trust Co., etc.

DIVIDENDS.

The following shows all the dividends announced for the future by large or important corporations. Dividends announced this week are printed in italics.

Table of dividends for various companies including Railroads (Alabama Great Southern, Aitch. Top. & S. Fe., etc.), Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh, Canadian Pacific, etc.

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

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Miscellaneous (Continued).

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. b Less British income tax. c Corporation. d Payable in stock. e Payable in common stock. f Payable in scrip. g On account of accumulated dividends.

Imports and Exports for the Week.—The following are the reported imports at New York for the week ending August 7 and since the first of January:

FOREIGN IMPORTS AT NEW YORK. Table with columns: For Week Ending Aug. 7, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912. Rows: Dry Goods, General Merchandise, Total.

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK. Table with columns: Week Ending Aug. 7, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912. Rows: For the week, Previously reported, Total 31 weeks.

The gold and silver exports and imports for the week and since January 1 have been as follows:

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK. Table with columns: Week ending Aug. 7, Exports, Imports, Gold, Silver.

Of the above imports for the week in 1915, \$1,636 were American gold coin and \$173 American silver coin.

The Federal Reserve Banks.—Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on August 7:

A decrease of over 2 million dollars in total reserves, of over 5 millions of gold in vault and a gain of about 2.8 millions in other cash on hand is indicated by the Federal Reserve Board's weekly bank statement as at the close of business Aug. 6 1915. New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco report the largest losses of gold for the week. The loss of gold by the New York bank is partly offset by a gain in other cash. The holdings of commercial paper show a decrease of about 250,000 dollars, the losses of the Atlanta, Dallas and San Francisco banks accounting mainly for the decrease in the total. The aggregate amount of bankers' acceptances held increased about \$448,000 and constitutes at present almost 30% of the combined amount of commercial and bank paper held. The New York bank reports the largest share of this increase. Nearly one-half of the bank paper held was either accepted or indorsed by member banks. Of the total commercial paper on hand, 10.3 per cent matured within ten days, and 31.9 per cent within 30 days, as against 29.7 per cent shown at the end of the previous week. About 68.3 per cent of the paper (as against 63.1 per cent) showed maturities of 60 days and less. The amount of agricultural and live-stock paper maturing after 90 days (i. e., after Nov. 4) stands now at slightly over 2 millions, and constitutes only 5.1 per cent of all the paper on hand, as against 13.9 per cent shown at the end of the previous week. U. S. bonds on hand increased about \$600,000; Boston, Cleveland, Chicago and San Francisco reporting an additional purchase of 2 and 3 per cent bonds. Of the total of about 8.5 millions dollars held by eight reserve banks, about 6.6 millions are 2 per cent and 1.9 millions 3 per cent bonds. The latter are held by the Cleveland and Chicago banks only. A still larger increase of about 2 million dollars is shown for municipal warrants on hand, New York alone reporting an increase of about 1.5 millions, mainly of Boston city paper. The combined total of bills and investments stands at 67.5 millions, as against 61.3 millions at the end of the previous week, and constitutes 124.3 per cent of the combined capital of the banks, as against 119.5 per cent shown the week before. But little change is shown in the aggregate net deposits of the banks, a gain of about 1.9 millions by the New York bank, being more than offset by a loss of over 2 millions shown for the Chicago bank. Federal Reserve Agents report a total of 138.7 millions of notes received from the Comptroller of the Currency and a total of 101.7 millions net issued to the banks. Against the latter amount they hold 84.3 millions of gold and 17.4 millions of commercial paper. The banks give their total note circulation as \$7.5 millions and their net liability thereon as 15.4 million dollars.









Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Aug. 13 1915.

**The Money Market and Financial Situation.**—The prevailing optimistic sentiment in Wall Street seems to be wholly undisturbed by increasing complications in Europe and Mexico and the apparent certainty that the war in Europe will be prolonged indefinitely. It has, on the other hand, been influenced by increasingly favorable crop prospects, by expectations, which proved to be groundless, that a substantial increase in freight rates would be granted the Western railroads and by the Commerce Commission's decision reducing very substantially the rates on anthracite coal from the mines to tidewater. As a result of these more or less conflicting influences railway shares have resumed their former relative importance in Stock Exchange operations and the mania for speculation in manufacturing issues, which has flourished for some time past, has suffered a corresponding decline. The effect of these changes in individual cases is referred to somewhat in detail below.

Reports from the iron and steel trade show that unfilled orders are increasing and from the wheat fields of the Northwest to-day state that the harvest is progressing under most favorable conditions and with excellent prospects. A report from Chicago after the close of business yesterday to the effect that large contracts for wheat to be shipped to Europe next month had been canceled excited considerable curiosity as to the cause. No explanation of the matter has been given out to-day, however, and its importance has doubtless been exaggerated.

The present international exchange situation is illustrated by the receipt this week from London of \$19,500,000 in U. S. gold coin, and American securities said to aggregate about \$30,000,000, although the amount could not be officially confirmed, and a concurrent decline in sterling exchange to a small fraction above 4.72. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Bank of England increased its gold holdings \$17,500,000 and even more remarkable that the Bank of France should report an increase of \$20,000,000 in gold within the week. This makes a total of nearly \$80,000,000 which the Bank has added to its gold holding in response to its call upon the people in July to exchange gold for bank notes.

**Foreign Exchange.**—The market for sterling exchange gradually weakened during the week and closed in a more or less demoralized condition, there being virtually no buyers for the large offerings of bills. An importation of approximately \$19,500,000 in gold from the British Government reached this market on Wednesday by way of Halifax.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4 65½ @ 4 67 for sixty days, 4 70½ @ 4 72½ for checks and 4 71¼ @ 4 73¼ for cables. Commercial on banks nominal and documents for payment nominal. Cotton for payment nominal and grain for payment nominal.

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

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were nominal for long and 5 91 for short. Germany bankers' marks were 81½ for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 39½ for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 27.67 francs; week's range, 27.35 francs high and 27.67 francs low.

Exchange at Berlin on London not quotable.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Sterling, Actual—Sixty Days.		
High for the week	Checks.	Cables.
4 71	4 76	4 76 11-16
Low for the week	4 65½	4 71¼
Paris Bankers' Francs—		
High for the week	5 66½	5 66
Low for the week	5 89	5 88
Germany Bankers' Marks—		
High for the week	82½	82¼
Low for the week	81½	81¼
Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—		
High for the week	40 5-16	40¼
Low for the week	40 3-16	40½

**Domestic Exchange.**—Chicago, 10c. per \$1,000 discount. Boston, par. St. Louis, 5c. per \$1,000 discount bid and 5c. premium asked. San Francisco, 40c. per \$1,000 premium. Montreal, \$2 50 per \$1,000 premium. Minneapolis, 20c. per \$1,000 prem. Cincinnati, par. New Orleans, commercial, 50c. per \$1,000 disc., and brokers, \$1 premium.

**State and Railroad Bonds.**—Sales of State bonds at the Board include \$2,000 New York 4½s at 109½, \$1,000 New York 4½s, 1965, at 104½, \$23,000 Virginian 6s deferred trust receipts at 58 to 58½.

The market for railway and industrial bonds has been somewhat more active and generally strong. Of a list of 30 prominent issues 20 are higher and some notably so.

As was the case last week activity has been most pronounced in some of the newer bonds including du Pont Powder, Distilling Securities, Lackawanna Steel, Inter. Mercantile Marine and Westinghouse. The latter have been dealt in on an enormous scale, advanced early in the week but reacted later, and close with a net loss of ½ point. Du Pont Powder advanced nearly 4 points and Bethlehem Steels are a point higher on limited transactions.

Railway issues have generally been strong as only a few sold for foreign account. These sales reported at the Stock Exchange as "s.-20-f" or "s.-30-f" have steadily diminished of late, having been for the weeks ending July 23d \$1,223,000, July 30th \$1,091,500, Aug. 6th \$1,063,500 and to-day, Aug.

13th, \$849,000 as against an average of \$2,561,000 for the 3 preceding weeks.

**United States Bonds.**—Sales of Government bonds at the Board include \$11,000 4s comp. at 110¼ to 110½, \$1,000 3s coup. at 100¼, \$3,000 3s reg. at 101½ and \$10,000 Panama 3s reg. at 101½.

**Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.**—While the speculative fever in war-supply stocks has subsided considerably the volume of business at the Exchange has increased to a daily average of over 900,000 shares. Coincident with the falling off in the craze for industrials there has sprung up a demand for railway issues which is more than an offset and prices for the latter advanced, in many important cases, from 2 to 10 points.

The climax of the advance was reached on Wednesday when Canadian Pacific showed a gain within the week of 10¼ points and was over 20 points higher than during the last week in July. This was followed by New Haven, Union Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Northern Pacific with weekly gains of from 3 to 4½ points. A part or the whole of these gains have, however, been lost in a reaction which followed the Inter-State Commerce Commission's report in the matter of advancing rates on Western roads, which was disappointing, and later by a decision from the same source largely reducing the rates on coal.

As a result of the latter the coal carriers opened to-day from 2 to 4 points below last night closing prices. Some of this drop was regained later in the day but throughout the entire session the market was irregular and unsteady.

Bethlehem Steel has covered a range of 14 points and closes near the lowest. Crucible Steel shows a similar record while General Motors, with a previous high record of 198, has sold at 221 and closes only 3 points lower. Max. Motors closed to-day 9 points above its selling price on Monday. These movements illustrate the ragged condition of the market after several weeks of the wildest and most unreasonable speculation in recent years.

For daily volume of business see page 519.

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

STOCKS. Week ending Aug. 13.	Sales for Week.	Range for Week.		Range since Jan. 1.	
		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
Adams Express	1,300	95	Aug 7 99¼	Aug 13 80	Jan 99¼ Aug
American Express	200	97	Aug 13 97½	Aug 13 83	Feb 97½ Aug
Am Writing Paper, pref.	400	7	Aug 11 8¼	Aug 13 5	July 15 Apr
Assets Realization	300	5	Aug 9 5	Aug 11 5	Jan 9 Apr
Brown Shoe	275	26	Aug 26 26	Aug 12 23	May 39 Jan
Preferred	250	64	Aug 9 73	Aug 13 64	Aug 82 Apr
Butterick	20	28	Aug 13 28½	Aug 9 27	Feb 32¼ Apr
Canada Southern	10	57	Aug 9 57	Aug 9 54	Aug 60 May
Case (J I), pref.	100	78¼	Aug 10 78¼	Aug 10 74½	June 83¼ Apr
Chicago & Alton	1,200	8	Aug 11 15	Aug 13 8	May 15 Apr
Consolidated Tunn	1,500	7c.	Aug 10 7c.	Aug 11 7c.	May 31c. June
Detroit Edison	10,114	4	Aug 11 114¼	Aug 11 111½	Feb 115¼ Mar
Duluth S S & Atlantic	700	4	Aug 10 5½	Aug 11 2	July 5¼ Aug
Preferred	1,170	8	Aug 12 10	Aug 12 4	July 10 Jan
Havana El Ry, L&P, pref	250	100¼	Aug 12 100¼	Aug 12 95	Apr 100¼ Aug
Morris & Essex	10	160	Aug 12 160	Aug 12 160	Aug 180 May
Nashv Chatt & St Louis	100	120	Aug 10 120	Aug 10 120	June 126 Jan
N Y Chicago & St Louis	800	31	Aug 9 33½	Aug 11 30	June 36¼ Apr
First preferred	130	75	Aug 11 75	Aug 11 75	Aug 75 Aug
Ontario Silver Mining	130	2½	Aug 11 2½	Aug 11 2	Feb 4½ June
Pearl & Eastern	100	9	Aug 13 9	Aug 13 4	Jan 11 Apr
Phila Co Pittsburgh	2,900	76¼	Aug 13 79	Aug 12 71	Apr 81¼ July
Pittsburgh Steel, pref.	250	90	Aug 13 90	Aug 13 85	May 90 July
Sloss-Sheffield S & L, pref	100	90	Aug 10 90	Aug 10 85	May 90 July
So Porto Rico Sugar	100	75	Aug 10 75	Aug 10 40	Feb 75 Aug
Texas Co full-paid recs.	100	135	Aug 12 135	Aug 12 123	June 135 Aug
Tobacco Products, pref.	600	101	Aug 11 101¼	Aug 13 95	May 102¼ Apr
Tol St L & W pt tr recs.	100	7	Aug 13 7	Aug 13 6	July 7½ June
United Dry Goods, pref.	100	56	Aug 12 56	Aug 12 56	Mar 59 Mar
U S Realty & Imps.	100	38	Aug 13 38	Aug 13 35	June 59 Jan
U S Reduction & Ref'n'g	500	2½	Aug 9 3	Aug 7 1¼	Apr 10¼ June
Vulcan Detm'ng	100	7	Aug 11 7	Aug 11 5	Jan 15 Aug
Wells, Fargo & Co	600	108½	Aug 10 110¼	Aug 11 77½	Jan 110¼ Aug
Western Maryland, pref.	200	40	Aug 10 42	Aug 10 25	Jan 42 Aug

**Outside Market.**—Dealings in the "curb" market this week were broader than usual, though trading was accompanied by considerable irregularity. Aggregate business continues fairly good. The so-called war stocks, among which the Canadian issues were especially prominent, furnished a large part of the business. Electric Boat, as usual, was a feature. The com. closed last week at 440 and sold this week as low as 424 and up to 450, with the close to-day at 435. The pref. from 442 dropped to 425, recovered to 455 and ends the week at 445. The new pref., w. i., was active between 43½ and 46½, with the close to-day at the low figure. Canadian Car & Foundry was a good second, the com. advancing about 15 points to 119 and the pref. 15 points to 128. The close to-day was at 116 and 127, respectively. National Steel of Canada rose 9 points to 56 and eased off finally to 50. Cramp Shipbuilding, after an early gain of 2 points to 78, dropped to 70 and finished to-day at 71. Int. Motors was strong, the com. moving up from 19 to 28 and the pref. from 42 to 49½, with the close to-day at 25¼ and 48, respectively. Kelly-Springfield Tire gained some 14 points to 185 and ends the week at 183. Oil shares were only a little less active than last week and irregular. Atlantic Refining gained 10 points to 605. Prairie Oil & Gas improved about 16 points to 386 and eased off finally to 385. Prairie Pipe Line rose 12 points to 181 and closed to-day at 180. South Penn Oil advanced from 320 to 335. Standard Oil (California) sold down from 310 to 293, ex-div. Standard Oil of N. J. declined from 419 to 415, with a final recovery to 416. Bonds dull. Mining stocks were active and irregular. Chili Copper weakened from 19 to 18½. Kennecott Copper gained over a point to 37¼ but reacted to 36½.

Outside quotations will be found on page 519.



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

STOCKS—HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALE PRICES.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday Aug. 7 to Friday Aug. 13), Stock Name, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for Industrial & Misc. (Con) and NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Less than 100 shares. ‡ Ex-rights. § Ex-div. and rights. ¶ New stock. †† Quote dollars per share. ‡‡ Ex-stock dividend. §§ Ex-dividend. ¶¶ Par \$25 per share.

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

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

Table with two main sections: 'BONDS' (left) and 'BONDS' (right). Each section lists various bond issues with columns for price, range, and other details. The left section includes 'U.S. Government', 'Foreign Government', and 'State and City Securities'. The right section includes 'Chico Bunt & Co. (Cons.)', 'Gen'l Bond 4 1/2 Series A', and 'U.S. 5 1/2'. The table is highly detailed and spans most of the page.

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





Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PERE MARQUETTE (CON.)' with columns for price, date, and yield.

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

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Aug. 13. Table with columns: Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 13, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ending Aug. 13. Table with columns: Bond Name, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 13, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

No price Friday; latest bid and asked. a Due Jan. d Due April. # Due May. b Due June. k Due July. l Due Aug. p Due Nov. g Due Dec. \* Option Sale

SHARE PRICES—NOT PER CENTUM PRICES.

STOCKS BOSTON STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1.

Range for Previous Year 1914.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, organized by sector (Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining) and listing daily price ranges from Saturday to Friday.

\* Bid and asked prices. a Ex-dividend and rights. b Ex-stock dividend. c Assessment paid. d Ex-rights. e Unstamped. f 2d paid. g Half paid.

Outside Exchanges—Record Transactions

Boston Bond Record.—Complete record of transactions in bonds at Boston Stock Exchange August 7 to August 13, both inclusive:

Table with columns: Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Am Tel & Tel 4s, 20-yr conv 4 1/2s, Atl G & W F S S L 5s, Cudahy Packing 5s, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Complete record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange from Aug. 7 to Aug. 13, both incl., compiled from the official sales lists, is as follows:

Table with columns: Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include American Radiator, American Shipbuilding, Booth Fisheries pref, Chic Pneumatic Tool, etc.

a 50% stock dividend. x Ex-dividend.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—The complete record of transactions at the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange from Aug. 7 to Aug. 13, 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: Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include American Sewer Pipe, Am Wind Glass Mach, Am Wind Glass, etc.

x Ex-dividend.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Philadelphia Stock Exchange from Aug. 7 to Aug. 13, 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 all per cent of par value.

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

x Ex-dividend

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Complete record of the transactions at the Baltimore Stock Exchange from Aug. 7 to Aug. 13, 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: Friday Sales, Week's Range (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Baltimore Elec, Commercial Credit, Cons C, E L & P, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Sales, Week's Range, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1. Includes data for various bonds like Ga Car & Nor 1st 5s, 1929.

Volume of Business in Stock Exchanges

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

Table showing weekly and yearly transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Week ending Aug. 13 1915, Stocks, Railroad Bonds, State, Mun. & Foreign Bonds, U.S. Bonds.

Table showing sales at the New York Stock Exchange, comparing 1915 and 1914 for various categories like Stocks, Bank shares, Bonds, Government bonds, etc.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Table showing daily transactions at the Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore exchanges, with columns for Week ending Aug. 13 1915, Shares, Bond Sales, etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing New York City banks and trust companies, including names like America, Amer Exch, Atlantic, Battery Park, Bowers, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

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

Inactive and Unlisted Securities

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

Table listing inactive and unlisted securities, including Standard Oil Stocks, Anglo-Amer Oil, Atlantic Refining, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Table listing Tobacco Stocks, including American Cigar, Amer Machin & Fdry, British Amer Tobac, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Table listing Ordnance Stocks, including Aetna Explosives, Atlas Powder, Bliss (E W) Co, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Table listing Short Term Notes, including Amer Leconote, 6s July 1916, 5s July 1916, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Table listing New York City Notes, including 6s, Sept 1 1915, 6s, Sept 1 1916, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Table listing RR. Equipments, including Baltimore & Ohio, Buff Roch & Pittsburgh, Canadian Pacific, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

Table listing various other securities and companies, including Erie, Hocking Valley, Illinois Central, Kanawha & Michigan, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial details.

\* Per share, b Basis, d Purchaser also pays accrued dividend, / Flat price, n Nominal, \* 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 (Current Year, Previous Year), July 1 to Latest Date (Current Year, Previous Year). Includes sub-tables for 'Various Fiscal Years' and 'AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly'.

AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS—Weekly and Monthly.

Summary table with columns: \*Weekly Summaries, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, %; \*Monthly Summaries, 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 & Pitts., 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 & Fort 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 Iron 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.—For the fourth week of July our final statement covers 37 roads and shows 7.61% decrease in the aggregate under the same week last year.

Table with columns: Fourth Week of July, 1915, 1914, Increase, Decrease. Lists various roads and their earnings for the week of July 1-7, 1915, compared to July 1-7, 1914.

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

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists monthly earnings for various roads from April to July 1915.

\*Excludes interest on notes held by the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co. and not credited to income of that company.

Table with columns: Roads, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists earnings for roads like Lehigh Valley, Norfolk & Western, Northern Pacific, etc.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Earnings Current Year, Gross Earnings Previous Year, Net Earnings Current Year, Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists earnings for companies like Keystone Telephone, Utah Securities Corp.

a Net earnings here given are after deducting taxes. b Net earnings here given are before deducting taxes. c After allowing for miscellaneous charges and credits to income for the month of June 1915, total net earnings were \$308,580, against def. \$74,630 last year and for the period from July 1 to June 30 were \$1,934,328 this year against \$712,138.

Interest Charges and Surplus.

Table with columns: Roads, Int., Rentals, &c. Current Year, Int., Rentals, &c. Previous Year, Bal. of Net Earnings Current Year, Bal. of Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists interest and surplus for various roads.

INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Companies, Int., Rentals, &c. Current Year, Int., Rentals, &c. Previous Year, Bal. of Net Earnings Current Year, Bal. of Net Earnings Previous Year. Lists industrial companies like Keystone Telephone.

z After allowing for other income received.

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Canadian Express Co., Globe Express Co., Revenue from transportation, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, etc. Lists financial data for express companies.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND TRACTION COMPANIES.

Table with columns: Name of Road, Latest Gross Earnings Week or Month, Current Year, Previous Year, Jan. 1 to latest date Current Year, Previous Year. Lists earnings for electric railway and traction companies.

New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad & Subsidiary Companies.

Large table with multiple columns: Operating Revenue, Operating Expenses, Operating Income, Other Income, Gross Income, Int., Rentals, &c., Net Corp. Income. Lists detailed financial data for the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad.





BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1915 and 1914, divided into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Road and equip't, Improvements on leased property, Stocks, affil. eos., Bonds, Advances, etc. Liabilities include Common stock, Preferred stock, Mortgage bonds, Equip. tr. oblig'ns, Loans & bills pay., Traffic, etc., bal., Audited accounts, and wages.

a Accrued depreciation included in 1915 on road, \$150,800 and on equipment, \$2,149,524, against \$115,120 and \$1,912,901 respectively in 1914, and also in 1915 of equipment leased property, viz.: Allegheny & Western Ry., \$176,045; on Clearfield & Mahoning Ry., \$21,046 and on Mahoning Valley RR., \$6,287, against \$154,718, \$18,648 and \$17,583 respectively in 1914.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

(Preliminary Statement for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1915.)

EARNINGS, EXPENSES AND CHARGES.

Table with columns for 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12, and 1910-11. Rows include Miles operated, Passenger, mail & express, Freight, Total earnings, Operating Expenses, Total expenses, Net earnings, and Other income.

Total earnings... 42,987,044 44,650,310 44,470,619 43,739,021 39,735,237
Operating Expenses... 5,738,074 4,998,612 4,998,612 5,542,960 4,816,378
Total expenses... 27,831,816 30,135,407 29,955,716 28,573,421 25,689,839
Net earnings... 15,155,228 14,514,903 14,514,903 15,166,500 14,045,398

St. Louis Southwestern Railway.

(Statement for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1915.)

Table with columns for 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12, and 1910-11. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. expenses & taxes, Uncollectibles, Operating income, Other income, Total net income, Fixed chgs., rentals, &c., Int. on 2d mtge. bonds, Div. on preferred stock, Per cent., Balance, and Company deducts dividends.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

(Statement for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1915.)

The results for the fiscal year were as follows:

Table with columns for 1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13, 1911-12, and 1910-11. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, SS. earnings in excess of amts. in mthly state's, Total net income, Fixed charges, SS. replacement fund, Pension fund, Transferred to special income account, Div. on com. (7%), Div. on preferred (4%), Int. on installments on new stock subscrip., Balance, surplus.

\* Includes the net earnings of the Pacific Coast steamships, commercial telegraph and news department transferred to special income account.
a Also 3% extra yearly (3% quarterly) from special income.
The above statement does not include special income from interest on land sales and from other extraneous assets, amounting to \$10,969,332 in 1914-15, against \$8,587,870 in 1913-14, \$6,598,151 in 1912-13 and \$5,158,585 in 1911-12.

The regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2% has been declared on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 (including 1/4 of 1% extra from sales and extraneous assets) to holders of record 1 p. m. Aug. 21.—V. 100, p. 2009.

The Columbus (O.) Railway, Power & Light Company.

(Report for Year ending Dec. 31 1914—Bal. Sheet May 31 '15)

Pres. Samuel G. McMeen, Col., July 24, wrote in subst.:

Construction Expenditures During Year 1914.—Track and roadway, \$161,647; buildings, \$11,095; power stations, \$68,094; cars, \$179,117; overhead lines, power and light, \$88,528; new installations, power and light, \$36,586;

furniture and fixtures, \$3,178; miscellaneous, \$29,525; executive and engineering supervision, \$11,699; total expenditure, \$589,269; less renewals and replacements, \$122,020; total charged to property acct., \$467,249.

Stockholders.—As of June 3 1915 there were 2,546 stockholders, the 114,358 shares of stock being held as follows: In Columbus, 63,491 shares; Cincinnati, 8,992 shares; Philadelphia, 8,083; Chillicothe, 2,445; New York, 2,366; other cities, 28,981.

Merger.—On Feb. 2 1914 your company became the owner of the entire local street railway system in Columbus, including the lines formerly owned by the Columbus Railway Co. and the Columbus Traction Co., and also the electric light and power property previously owned by the Columbus Edison Co. (See V. 99, p. 1839; V. 97, p. 1425, 1662; V. 98, p. 452.)

Since the end of 1914 the sale of the Columbus Light, Heat & Power Co. (V. 100, p. 53, 397) to your company also has been completed, thus finishing what was intended by the original plan. The complete ownership thus brought about has simplified operations in a number of ways, principally in the practice of economies.

Exchange of Bonds for Pref. Stock.—During 1914 your officers made application to and secured proper orders from the Ohio P. U. Commission for the creation and issuance of 4% prior preference stock to be exchanged for outstanding 4% bonds of the Columbus Railway Co., and similarly for the exchange of 6% Series A pref. stock for 6% bonds of the Columbus Electric Co. The retirement of these bonds by this method of exchange offers to Ohio holders the advantage that those stocks are tax free.

New Mortgage.—We have also authorized the issue of \$25,000,000 First Refunding and Extension bonds for retiring underlying bond issues and providing for new property as provided by growth of system. (V. 98, p. 1766.)

Plant and Business.—The railway department operates 147.36 miles of track in Columbus and its suburbs, of which the company owns 133.15 miles, and operates under contract 14.21 miles. In 1914, short-platform cars were remodelled as standard pay-as-you-enter cars with entrances and exits at both ends.

During 1914, 455 unwired houses were wired and electrical appliances were sold to a total amount of over \$26,000. Increased quantities of electricity also were sold for use as power in manufacturing and other industrial establishments in and about Columbus.

A modern schedule of rates for light, power and heating service has been placed in service. All discrimination is excluded and the prices paid by the customer is duly proportional to the use he makes of our property. This schedule has brought us many new customers, such as factories, mills, quarries, &c.

Improvement in generating equipment in power stations and substations, particularly at the end of 1913 and further during 1914, reduced operating costs over 1913 by more than \$35,000. Motor generators and rotary converters were added to stations and substations. A central load-dispatching system was installed, placing all power stations and substations under one man at all times.

Fire Insurance.—During the year over \$260,000 additional insurance was placed upon the properties at a decrease in premiums of more than \$2,500 as compared with the previous year.

Results.—Railway receipts fell off during the latter part of 1914 and operating expenses were reduced accordingly, every care being taken to maintain the property in good condition. There are evidences of a return to normal prosperity generally throughout the United States. As that improvement comes about, your company's results will improve. The process of reorganization has, however, already been amply justified by improvement in results.

[As to sale in May 1915 of \$1,200,000 5% 1-year gold notes, part of an authorized \$1,500,000, see V. 100, p. 1831, 1917.]

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1914 AND 1913.

Table with columns for 1914 and 1913. Rows include Railway oper. rev., Pow., Lt. & Heat, Non-oper. revs., Total gross rev., Total deductions, Net (after taxes), Dividends paid as rentals, Pref. divs., Ser. A, Dividends on common stock.

Total dividends... \$587,229 \$435,908
Available for renewals, depreciation and financial requirements... \$112,863 \$135,587

RESULTS FOR 1914 COMPARED WITH 1913, 1912, 1908 AND 1904.

Table with columns for 1904, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1914. Rows include (1) Income Account—Total revenues, Operating exp. & taxes, Gross income, Int. & other deductions, Net income, Dividends, Common stock, Total dividends, Bal. available for renewal, depr. & finan. require'ts. (2) Statistics—Railway—Revenue passengers, Transfer passengers, Total passengers, Per cent. of transfers, Rev. per rev. passenger, do. including transfers, Car mileage, Power & Light Dept.—Kilowatt hours sold, Number of customers, Connected load.

\* Fare reduced from 7 tickets for 25c. to 8 tickets for 25c., April 1 1912.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET MAY 31 1915.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Road and equipment, Sinking fund, Cash, Special deposits, Accounts receivable, Material and supplies, Other current assets, Prepaid insurance, Unadjusted debits. Liabilities include Bills payable, Vouchers and wages, Accrued interest, Other current liabilities, City levee damage account, Deposits—Employees & cust's, Accrued taxes, Operating reserves, Injuries and damages, Other items, Acrued depreciation, Tickets outstanding, Unadjusted credits, Reorg. temporary liability, Profits and loss.

Columbus St. Ry. Co. 1st cons. 1932, \$3,000,000; Crosstown St. Ry. Co., 1923, \$572,000; Central Market St. Ry. Co., 1922, \$391,000; Columbus Electric Co., 1922, \$447,000; Columbus Edison Elec. Lt. Co., 1929, \$300,000; Columbus Lt., Heat & Power Co., 1924, \$511,000; Columbus Public Service Co., 1924, \$182,000.

Union Oil Co. of California.

(Special Report for Six Months ended June 30 1915.)

Treas. John Garrigues, Los Angeles, Aug. 5, wrote in subst.:

Sales.—Our sales show a decrease of about 10% from the first half of 1914, due to the lessened exports of fuel oil, chiefly to the west coast of South America, and also to a decrease of about 5 cts. per bbl. in the selling prices on fuel oil. Lower prices also ruled in all refined products, particularly in gasoline, but the volume of business in refined products shows a

healthy and satisfactory increase. Reduced selling prices have been offset by more efficient operation...

Production of Crude Oil.—The company and its subsidiaries produced for the six months 620,000 barrels less than for the first six months of 1914...

Financial Results.—The gross profits in all departments, including our proportion of the earnings of controlled companies, amounted to \$2,817,367...

Vessels.—Two new tankers are now in course of construction of the same general type as the Lyman Stewart...

Decrease in Liabilities.—During the half-year current bills payable decreased \$550,000; interest accrued decreased \$11,763...

Capital Stock.—As intimated in the annual report for 1914 (V. 100, p. 897), a modification of the contract with Messrs. Weir & Smith was arranged...

Dividend Prospects.—The company has now reached a condition where, so far as its own affairs are concerned, it is clearly in a position to resume dividends very early in 1916 on a strictly moderate basis...

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 6 MOS. END. JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1915 and 1914, showing trading profit, miscellaneous revenue, and deductions for expenses and taxes.

The company's proportion of the net profits of controlled companies included in the above statement for the six months ending June 30, 1914...

BAL. SHEET JUNE 30 1915—UNION OIL CO. OF CAL. & OWNED COS.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1915 and 1914, listing assets like oil lands, stocks, and liabilities like stock issued and bonds.

Also guarantees bonds of Producers' Transportation Co., in \$1,392,000 outstanding June 30, 1915...

Nevada-California Power Co., Denver, Col.

(Eighth Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1914.)

Pres. Delos A. Chappell, Denver, says in substance:

Nevada-California Electric Corporation—New Financial Plan.—Several months ago you were advised by circular letter of the forming of the Nevada-California Electric Corporation...

Our operations will in the future be merged in a combined report of the Nevada-California Electric Corporation...

The development of public service corporations such as yours requires not only time but the expenditure of large sums of money...

Under the new plan of financing for increasing the generating capacity and for extension of transmission and distributing lines...

History of Enterprise.—It seems proper at this time to make a record of some of the causes which have contributed toward our enlarged operations...

The Nevada Power, Mining & Milling Co. was organized in Dec. 1904 primarily to supply the mining districts of Goldfield and Tonopah, Nev.

capital brought about the organization in Jan. 1907 of the Nevada-California Power Co. of Wyo., which purchased all of the property and assets...

The mining industry of to-day in Nevada is larger than ever and the development of a pumping load for irrigation is making a steady progress...

Results.—During the years 1913 and 1914 the interest on bonded debt was largely increased on account of the bonds of the Southern Sierras Power Co. and this caused a reduction in the earned surplus...

The Southern Sierras Power Co.—This company, our principal subsidiary, showed a net profit for the year 1914, after paying all expenses and interest charges, of \$80,377...

Extracts from Report of Public Accountant.

Working Capital.—The working capital was \$91,114 at time of organization; on Dec. 31 1914 it was \$1,372,329.

Advances to Associated Companies.—The year's expenditures of associated companies for additions to property and equipment were provided for almost entirely by advances from this company...

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Income account table with columns for years 1914, 1913, 1912, and 1911, showing gross earnings, expenses, and dividends.

\*After crediting in 1914 \$27,888 interest earned against \$41,407 in 1913.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Balance sheet table with columns for 1914 and 1913, listing assets and liabilities.

RESULTS FOR EIGHT CAL. YEARS—THE CO. AND ALL SUBSIDI.

Table showing results for eight calendar years from 1907 to 1914, with columns for Gross Earnings, Net Interest After Taxes, and Earned Surplus.

Total dividends paid to date by Nevada-California Power Co., \$1,026,605.

The net earned surplus of all companies in 1914, after deducting all fixed charges, adjustments, depreciation and bond int., was \$409,901, as follows:

Table listing profit of Nevada-California Power Co., profit of Southern Sierras Power Co., and other subsidiary profits.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Consolidated balance sheet table with columns for 1914 and 1913, listing assets and liabilities.

In the above balance sheet the entire capital stock of the sub. cos. or associated cos., and also the bonds of the Interstate Telegraph Co., are eliminated, as they are owned by associated cos.—V. 99, p. 193.

Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co. of New Jersey. (Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30 1915.)

Treasurer A. H. Noble, Aug. 5, wrote in substance:

The capital stock was increased by \$1,236,200 during April, May and June, in exchange for scrip surrendered; the amount out is now \$3,285,600. Of the \$1,000,000 5% serial gold notes issued Feb. 1 1912, \$500,000 were paid in 1913, \$300,000 in 1914 and on Feb. 1 1915 the balance, \$400,000. The capital stock of the company and the average during the year of its surplus aggregate \$4,700,000. The net income for the year as below, before deducting dividends, was \$623,239, being about 18.97% on the outstanding capital. This statement does not include this company's share of the undivided earnings of the Industrial Company of Porto Rico or of the Porto Rican Leaf Tobacco Co., in which it holds stock.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDING JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914-15, 1913-14, 1912-13) and various income/expense categories like Sales, Net earnings, Dividends, etc.

x Dividends in 1914-15 include three quarterly dividends of 5c paid in scrip and one quarterly dividend of 4c paid in cash; in 1913-14, four quarterly dividends of 5c each paid in scrip, and in 1912-13 two quarterly cash payments of 4c each and two of 5c in scrip.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1915, 1914, 1915, 1914) and various asset/liability categories like Real estate & bldgs, Cash, Capital stock, etc.

Midwest Oil Co. (of Arizona), Denver, Col. (Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1914.)

Pres. L. L. Aitken, Denver, Feb. 24, wrote in substance:

Sale.—On March 1 1914 the refineries and the refining business of the company were sold to the Midwest Refining Co., a company organized in Maine, with a capital stock of \$20,000,000 (\$18,000,000 issued and outstanding), of which your company received and distributed among its shareholders \$12,000,000 (V. 98, p. 760, 766, 1003). By this sale your company became a producing company only, and entered into certain 20-year contracts and agreements to sell to the Midwest Refining Co. its entire production from the Salt Creek Oil Field. (See report for that company below.)

The Midwest Oil Co. holds a lease on 560 acres of patented land, known as the Wyoming Central Association land; it owns 120 acres of land in the east half of Section 25, which is patented and known as the Stock Oil Co. land, and also has a lease on 240 acres of land in Section 36, known as the School Section, belonging to the State of Wyoming. Your company also owns about 1,200 acres of located land, distributed in forty-acre tracts throughout the field, subject to certain reservations and charges in behalf of those from whom the property was acquired.

Results.—The earnings for the year 1914 were \$440,553. During that time the following dividends on preferred stock were paid: Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10, amounting to \$180,000; and a dividend of 2%, amounting to \$80,000, was paid on the common stock.

A depreciation charge of \$388,678, as well as a total charge of \$928,589, which latter amount represents the cash investment in that part of the company's property which was transferred to the Midwest Refining Co., leaves a net surplus to the Midwest Oil Company's account of \$230,287.

Suit.—On Feb. 23 the U. S. Supreme Court rendered a decision which upheld the authority of the President to withdraw certain lands throughout Wyoming and California. (V. 100, p. 737, 1514; V. 99, p. 410). The suit was brought by the Government at the request of the company so that progress could be made in title matters. The decision directly affects 160 acres of land lying outside of the really valuable oil-producing area. As to the really valuable lands, our contention is that we were in possession, in process of development, prior to Sept. 27 1909, the date of the withdrawal order and, therefore, that said lands are unaffected by the withdrawal or the decision. The result is to require of the owners a different and more extended line of proof as to the time and circumstances of the initiation of title to the oil placer claims.

Outlook.—Owing to the overproduction of crude oil in Oklahoma during the past year, the prices of all refined products have been very low, and unless there is considerable decrease in the production from this field it is not reasonable to expect that the earnings of the company will be so good during the current year as for 1914. With an improvement in the price of refined products, the earnings would be materially increased.

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS, EXPENSE AND SURPLUS ACCOUNTS.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911) and various earnings/expense categories like Earnings from all sources, Less—expenses, Total credit to surplus, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1914 (Total each side \$6,771,146).

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911) and various asset/liability categories like Real estate and leases, Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.

The Midwest Refining Co., Denver, Colo. (First Annual Report—10 Months ending Dec. 31 1914.)

Pres. O. H. Shoup, Denver, Feb. 15, wrote in substance:

In the first semi-annual report, issued Sept. 28 1914, there appeared a surplus of \$47,730 as of Mar. 1 1914. The net earnings from all sources during the 10 months to Dec. 31 amounted to \$1,184,349, thus making a total surplus as of Dec. 31 1914 of \$1,232,055 created before charging depreciation. In view of the 20-year leases held on oil-producing lands in the Salt Creek field, the directors have authorized a depreciation charge of \$493,760, being 2.75% of the book value of the property, thus leaving a net credit to surplus on Jan. 1 1915 of \$738,295.

In the report issued Sept. 28 1914 the following statement was made: "These results have been obtained during a period which has been one of universal business depression and this has been particularly true as to the prices obtainable for the refined products of oil." These conditions remain practically unchanged at this time.

On Jan. 30 1915 the company paid its first dividend of 1 1/2% on \$15,000,000, the outstanding capital stock, to stockholders of record Jan. 10 1915.

Data from Report of C. A. Fisher, Consulting Engineer, Feb. 15 1915.

Source of Oil Supply.—The two largest oil fields in Wyoming, namely, Salt Creek, which now supplies the refinery, and Grass Creek, a proven but undeveloped field. A third field, known as Buffalo Basin, has been shown to contain gas in large quantities. In the Salt Creek field the company holds 20-year leases upon the tracts of producing companies owning practically all the oil-producing lands in the field, while in the Grass Creek field the company holds leases on at least 50% of the productive territory. The same is true with respect to Buffalo Basin field, where only gas has been thus far developed.

The Salt Creek field, which has been producing only four years, is an artificial type of field. It contains about 5,600 acres of proven oil-producing territory, and a much larger shale oil-producing area. The First Wall Creek, the one from which the production is at present obtained, is about 125 feet thick and saturated with oil throughout. It lies at a depth of 1,000 to 2,000 ft. below the surface. The Second Wall Creek lies 200 feet below the First Wall Creek, is 30 to 40 ft. thick, and occurs from 1,200 to 2,200 ft. below the surface. The Third Wall Creek lies 500 ft. below the First Wall Creek at a depth of 1,500 to 2,500 ft. below the surface. In the Salt Creek field only about 8% of the proven territory has been drilled, on a basis of one well to about every five acres. The average producing life to date of wells now flowing is less than two years. Owing to the strong gas pressure, none have to be pumped. Present equipment of company in Salt Creek field in connection with the transportation of crude oil to the tank farm at the refinery (in Casper, Wyo.): Mileage of pipe line of all sizes, 150; number of pumping stations, all sizes, 22; crude storage capacity in field, barrels, 425,440; crude storage capacity of tank farm, barrels, 330,000; permanent camps, including Salt Creek, 5.

Production.—There are 80 commercial wells in Salt Creek field, with production ranging from 20 to 1,000 barrels daily, all flowing by gas pressure, either continuously or periodically. The decline in yield of wells ranges from 1% to 15% a year. The total daily production as of Dec. 31 1914 was 13,000 barrels, and perhaps 12,000 barrels is transported daily through an 8-in. main pipe line to the tank farm at Casper. The amount of crude oil in storage is about 375,000 bbls. The total production of the field from the beginning of operation to Dec. 31 1914 is 6,983,076 bbls.

New Territory.—In June 1914 the company acquired a perpetual lease on prospective oil land in the Grass Creek field, in the southern part of Big Horn Basin, Wyo. On Nov. 1, when operations were closed for the winter, the Midwest and other companies drilling in the field had proven about 1,500 acres of land, of which about 50% is held by the Midwest Refining Co., including seven wells, of which five obtained oil. The wells range in depth from 700 to 1,200 ft.

In June 1914 we also acquired similar leases on 2,240 acres of located prospective oil land in the Buffalo Basin field, which is situated about six miles northwest of the Grass Creek field, near Metolite, Wyo. One test hole, 1,655 ft. deep, was drilled, which penetrated four sands and the fifth to a depth of 52 ft., and obtained a large flow of gas, estimated at 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 cu. ft. every 24 hours. I would recommend continuing this well to a greater depth in order to penetrate lower sands.

From Report of Gen. Man. R. D. Brooks, Feb. 15 1915.

During the 10 months' refinery operations ending Dec. 31 1914, the total amount of crude oil refined [at the refineries at Casper, Wyo.] was 2,972,662 bbls. The yield of various products from this crude and the shipments from the refineries for this period were (in bbls.):

Table with 4 columns: Product (Gasoline, Naphtha, Fuel oil, etc.), Production, Shipments, and Loss.

The capacity of our refineries, based on 24-hour runs of the crude still charging capacity, is 17,800 barrels. Total refinery tankage, 1,413,365 bbl.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR 10 MONTHS ENDING DEC. 31 1914.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911) and various earnings/expense categories like Gross earnings, Deduct—Depreciation, Balance, surplus, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1914.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911) and various asset/liability categories like Assets (Total \$21,264,991), Property, leases & contracts, etc., Liabilities (Total \$21,264,991), etc.

Capital stock authorized and full paid, \$20,000,000; treasury shares, \$2,000,000; total outstanding Dec. 31 1914, \$18,000,000. Par, \$50 each. Directors (and officers): O. H. Shoup, President; H. M. Blackmer, V.-P.; K. C. Schuyler, General Counsel; B. H. Hopkins, Secretary; R. D. Brooks, Gen. Mgr.; Thos. A. Dines, Treasurer; N. S. Wilson, Gen. Supt.; Vernon Z. Reed, Tyson S. Dines, Baron Raymond d'Aiguay, Prince Jacques de Broglie, Rene Recaps, Henri de Balincourt, E. Thierry Delanoue and Jean Bartholom.

Registrars of stock, Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y., and International Trust Co., Denver. Transfer agents, N. Y. Trust Co., N. Y., and McMahon Audit Co., Denver. See also Midwest Oil Co. above.—V. 100, p. 737.

Canada Foundries & Forgings, Ltd., Brockville, Ont.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1914.)

Pres. John M. Gill, Brockville, Feb. 9, wrote in substance:

The trade depression was continued throughout the year, and when war was declared, an acute disturbance of trade conditions set in, resulting in a rapid decline in sales, a shrinkage in value of stocks on hand, and increased losses through bad debts. Against all these unfavorable circumstances, it was not to be expected that profits could be earned. The prospects for the new year, however, are distinctly encouraging. Orders are now on the books for immediate delivery to a total of over \$600,000. Additions chargeable to capital accounts have been made to the amount of \$29,219.

RESULTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911) and various earnings/expense categories like Net earnings, Depreciation, Bond, & interest, etc.

Balance, surplus or deficit..... def. \$19,756 sur. \$9,540 sur. \$25,680

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1914, 1913, 1912, 1911) and various asset/liability categories like Assets, Real estate, bldgs., machinery, patents, etc., Liabilities, Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.

—V. 100, p. 983, 736.

Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1914.)

Pres. D. Lorne McGibbon, Montreal, Apr. 6, wrote in subst.:

Results.—The volume of business done in 1914 maintained that of 1913, when the production made in selling price is considered. The volume of sales was only 7.98% less than in 1913, while reductions in prices were made of a larger percentage on all rubber goods. This maintenance of volume was obtained, notwithstanding what was probably the most discouraging year that Canada has experienced, due to the great European war and also the disappointing conditions west of the Great Lakes. Losses by bad debts were only slightly increased and ample provision therefor has been made. The stocks of raw materials as well as manufactured goods show little change on the whole. There is a considerable reduction of investments in footwear and materials therefor, but this is offset by increases of automobile tire stocks and raw materials therefor. The plan of selling direct to the trade has continued to demonstrate its usefulness. The plant of our Dominion Tire Co. has been in operation throughout the year further strengthening our standing with the buying public of Canada.

Acquired.—During the year your directors acquired all the remaining outstanding shares of the Canadian Rubber Co. of Montreal, Ltd., and the fixed assets of that company are being mortgaged to the Royal Trust Co. as trustees for your bond issue. Your company is now the owner of the whole capital stock of each of its constituent companies.

Outlook.—For 1915 your directors anticipate a continuance of the confidence which the retail trade has in the past given to your company. Under existing conditions, no heavy increase in sales should be looked for, but there is reason for the expectation of another fairly prosperous year. Prospects for 1915 automobile tire sales are very encouraging.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1914 and 1913, and sub-columns for 1914 and 1913. Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods, Net profits, Other income, Gross income, and Balance, surplus.

\* Includes cost of goods, selling and general expenses and taxes. a Includes \$78,389 profit on the sale of land. b Includes also cash discounts to customers, provision for bad debts and interest on borrowed money. c Includes pref. dividends at the rate of 7% and common dividends at 3%.

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1914 and 1913, and sub-columns for 1914 and 1913. Rows include Assets (Property & plants, Investments, Invt. mfd. goods, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

Acme White Lead & Color Works, Detroit.

(Report for Fiscal Year ending Nov. 30 1914.)

Sec. A. M. Woodward, Detroit, Dec. 29 1914, wrote in subst.:

During the early part of the year the volume of business was good, but with the approach and outbreak of the European war, commenced to decline, and conditions have not been entirely satisfactory since. In addition we have had to face considerably higher prices for imported materials. However, we are in excellent condition to take care of an increased volume, we believe, at a fair margin of profit, and look forward hopefully toward the coming year.

The bonded debt has been reduced by \$250,000 to \$1,450,000 through the withdrawal of this amount from the underwriters. There has also been set aside in a reserve fund to redeem maturing bonds \$29,163, and it is expected, as conditions warrant, to add to this reserve from time to time, in advance of the maturity of bonds.

Inventories have been valued on the same sound and conservative basis as heretofore, and, in addition, much time and expense have been devoted to the installation of new systems and methods, whereby it is hoped eventually considerable economies may be made.

The directors again congratulate the stockholders on the successful accomplishment of the bond issue prior to the trying financial period that the country has been passing through. At no time during that period has the company suffered any embarrassment from lack of funds.

RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30.

Table with columns for 1913-14 and 1912-13. Rows include Net, after deprec'n., Other income, Total, Deduct Bond, &c., interest.

\* In 1913 the company deducted the common dividend from the accumulated surplus, but it is shown above for the sake of simplicity.

BALANCE SHEET NOVEMBER 30.

Table with columns for 1914 and 1913, and sub-columns for 1914 and 1913. Rows include Assets (Real estate, bldgs., trade marks, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

a Notes receivable (\$120,173) in 1914 was after deducting \$30,136 bonds sold but undelivered. b Includes in 1913-14 reserves for bad debts, \$30,000; for depreciation, \$60,772; for general purposes, \$202,849, and for redemption of bonds, \$29,163. c After adding \$34,350 miscellaneous investments (not formerly recorded) and recovery through withdrawal of bonds from market, and adjustments, \$251, and deducting \$29,163 appropriated for reserve for redemption of bonds.—V. 99, p. 405.

American Smelters Securities Co.

(Report for 10th Fiscal Year, ended Dec. 31 1914.)

Pres. Daniel Guggenheim, New York, in March 1915 wrote in subst: [See offering on a subsequent page.—Ed.]

Results.—When the internal national difficulties began in the Republic of Mexico, the directors were able to declare to the stockholders that the operation of the company's properties outside of Mexico had an earning capacity more than equal to the dividend requirements. Large expenditures, extending over many years, on the plants located in the United States, and in the purchase of new properties, have increased the operating capacity and have reduced the cost of smelting and refining. So long as conditions

remained normal, these improvements continued to show their effect in increased net earnings in all directions except in Mexico, but the declaration of war in Europe on Aug. 1 brought about temporarily an absolute cessation of buying in virtually all of the metal markets of the world. After this date and up to Dec. 31 the company suffered from a large reduction in the output of the principal lead and copper producing mines, but since the opening of the present year the demand has shown such very satisfactory improvement that these mines are now increasing their output.

The condition of affairs in Mexico continues to cause the directors anxiety. About Aug. 1 it seemed that most of our plants and mines in Mexico would soon be able to resume operations, at least to a limited extent. The resumption of operations, however, proved to be only temporary. The cost of such damages as have been inflicted on the properties, together with the large extra expenses in Mexico, have been absorbed in the current profit and loss account and are reflected in the decrease in earnings. It will be well, however, not to lose sight of the possibilities of these properties in Mexico.

Property Account.—During the year there has been expended for improved facilities and new properties \$555,995, which has been charged to property account. This account has also been credited with a depreciation charge of \$750,800, so that the property account shows a decrease from last year of \$194,805. It was thought best, on account of possible financial difficulties that might result from the war in Europe, to reduce the capital expenditures during the last portion of the year to such work as was nearing completion or was a prime necessity. The present financial condition of the company, however, warrants the belief that many new activities will be undertaken during the coming year, installing processes which will be notably profitable in connection with the use and marketing of various by-products and constructing plants which will increase and broaden the metal products of the company.

Metal Stocks.—On account of the reduced ore receipts, the various plants have been able to work up many accumulations of ores and furnace by-products and to convert their metal contents into refined and marketable products. On Dec. 31 the total value of metals on hand, in process of treatment or refined and ready for the market aggregated \$8,522,631, a decrease for 1914 of \$2,329,263. The ore on hand produced from our mines is valued in the inventory at cost of production; all other metals on hand at conservative quotations.

Securities Retired.—There has been purchased for the sinking fund of the 6% debenture bonds during the year but \$153,500, for the reason that we had purchased during 1913 at low prices \$447,000 in excess of the sinking fund requirements. As a result of agreements made during 1912, we were able to reduce the outstanding "A" pref. stock \$170,000, or 1%.

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS—YEARS ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1914 and 1913. Rows include Net earnings of smelting and refining plants, Total net earnings of operating properties, Gross income, Total deducts., Net inc. for year, Less dividends, Balance, surplus.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1914 and 1913, and sub-columns for 1914 and 1913. Rows include Assets (Property account, Invest. in other co., Metal stocks, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Series "A", etc.).

x Ore, bullion and factory product on hand and in transit, \$23,571,559; less approximate value of metals purchased and on hand, payment of which is to be made in refined metals and not in cash, \$13,324,080, and unearned treatment charges, \$1,724,847; balance, \$8,522,631. y \$108,500 additional debentures in treasury and \$1,540,500 held by sinking fund trustees.—V. 98, p. 764.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

RAILROADS, INCLUDING ELECTRIC ROADS.

Alton & Jacksonville (Electric) Ry.—New Securities.—An order was entered by the Illinois P. U. Commission as of July 8 granting this company authority to issue \$192,000 stock and \$450,000 bonds, but this order, we are informed, has not as yet been accepted by the company. Successor of the Alton, Jacksonville & Peoria, foreclosed. C. A. Caldwell, Alton, Ill., Treasurer of the Alton Gas & Electric Co. (controlled by the East St. Louis Suburban), is stated to be the Treasurer of the Alton & Jacksonville. See V. 99, p. 1831.

American Railways Co., Philadelphia.—Dividend Reduced.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1% (50 cts. per share) on the \$6,713,150 common stock, payable Sept. 15 to holders of record Aug. 29. This compares with 1 1/4% quar. from Dec. 1914 to June 1915 and 1 1/2% from Dec. 1902 to Sept. 1914.

Dividend Record of Common Stock (Per Cent). 1900. 1901. 1902. 1903 to 1913. 1914. 1915. 1 (Dec.) 4 1/4 5 1/4 6 5 1/4 1 1/4 1 1/4. An official statement says: "The falling off in earnings of the subsidiary companies, due almost entirely to business depression and the rainy summer, and very little to Jitney competition, made the board of directors feel that the conservative thing to do was the reduction of the common stock dividend to a basis of 4% per annum."—V. 100, p. 1347.

Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Ry.—New President.—Asa G. Chandler of Atlanta, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President to succeed A. B. Steele, who resigned.—V. 98, p. 1535.

British Columbia Electric Ry.—Dividends Omitted—Operating Agreements.—Owing to the large decrease in the earnings since the turn of the year, the directors are unable to recommend the payment of any further dividend on the pref. or deferred ordinary stocks.

Sperling & Co., London, in their monthly circular say: "The approximate net earnings of the company and its subsidiaries for the six months ending Dec. 31 1914 amounted to £190,534, a decrease of £61,252, or 24%, as compared with 1913. For the six months to June 30 1915 the approximate net earnings show a still greater decline of £152,379, or 65 1/2%, as compared with the same period in 1914, making an approximate decrease

In the net earnings of the year of £213,631, or 44%. The approximate net earnings for the 12 months to June 30 amount to £270,588. In the last days of 1914, owing to the stagnation of business brought about by the war, an extraordinary form of competition suddenly arose; a large number of motor cars, most of them privately owned, started plying for hire in opposition to the company's cars at ordinary train fares. The number of these cars rapidly increased to hundreds, and they are able to compete on a very unfair basis. In an endeavor to meet this competition the company has recently, as an experiment, reduced some of its fares. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to enable a conclusive opinion to be formed as to the ultimate result of this step, and whether it in itself will prove effective or whether the company will be forced to try other expedients in order to cope with this competition.

The shareholders will vote Aug. 19 on ratifying the agreements dated March 31 1915 between: (a) The company and the Vancouver Fraser Valley & Southern Ry. Co., and (b) the company and the Vancouver Power Co., Ltd., providing for the operation by the company of branch lines owned by these subsidiary companies.—V. 100, p. 1751.

**Canadian Northern Ry.—Notes Offered, Secured by 133 1-3% of 4% Bonds Guaranteed by Dominion Government and Convertible at Holders' Option into Sail Bonds at \$5 Till June 1 1917.**—William A. Read & Co. have placed at 98½ and int., to net about 5¾%, \$11,500,000 two-year 5% collateral trust gold notes dated Sept. 1 1915 and due Sept. 1 1917. Interest M. & S. Prin. and int. payable in U. S. gold, New York; also payable in Toronto. Coupon notes of \$1,000. Columbia Trust Co., N. Y., trustee. See advertisement on another page. A circular shows:

Total authorized issue \$11,500,000, the direct obligation of the company, specifically secured by pledge of \$15,333,334 (133 1-3%) of Canadian Northern Ry. gen. mtge. 4% bonds, due Sept. 1 1934. The Dominion of Canada unconditionally guarantees both principal and interest of the pledged bonds.

The notes are convertible at par and interest into the pledged guaranteed bonds at \$5 and int., at the option of the holder, on or before June 1 1917, on ten days' notice. The pledged bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$45,000,000, secured by direct general mortgage lien on the Canadian Northern Ry. (V. 98, p. 1600, 1918; V. 99, p. 341, 536, 1129, 1450; V. 100, p. 307, 1591).

The Dominion of Canada owns \$40,000,000 of the outstanding \$100,000,000 Canadian Northern Ry. Co. capital stock.—V. 101, p. 46.

**Carolina Atlantic & Western Ry.—Merger Plan.**—See Seaboard Air Line Ry. below.—V. 100, p. 2009.

**Chicago River & Indiana RR.—Sale of Bonds.**—The Chicago Junction Railways & Union Stockyards Co. (which has no stock interest in the road) has sold the entire outstanding \$765,000 1st M. 40-year 5% gold bonds of the company, dated 1911, but to whom is not made public.—V. 96, p. 1296.

**Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Gen. M. Bonds Called.** One hundred and twenty-eight (\$128,000) 6% gen. mtge. bonds of 1882 for payment Sept. 1 at 105 at office of J. P. Morgan & Co. V. 101, p. 448.

**Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western Ry.—Foreclosure Sale.**—The company's property will be offered for sale at auction in Indianapolis on Sept. 9 as follows:

(a) To the extent of some 262 miles of road with 3 locomotives; 15 passenger, passenger and baggage, mail and baggage and baggage coaches; 1,346 freight cars and 12 miscellaneous cars, &c. Under foreclosure of the Indiana Decatur & Western Ry. 1st mtge. of Nov. 1 1895. List price, \$1,400,000. (b) Entire road (361 miles), &c., under foreclosure of Cincinnati Indianapolis & Western Ry. 1st & 2nd Mts. of 1902, subject in part (262 miles, &c.) to lien of Indiana Decatur & Western mtge. Upset price, \$2,100,000. See reorganization plan, now operative, in V. 100, p. 2054; V. 101, p. 47, 129, 448.

**Everett (Wash.) Railway Light & Water Co.—Sale.**—See "Everett" in "State and City" Dept.—V. 95, p. 110.

**International Traction Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Plan for Retirement of 4% Pref. Stock (with Accumulated Dividends thereon) by an Issue New 7% Cum. First Pref. Stock, Share for Share.**—At the request of the holders of a large amount of the \$5,000,000 4% cumulative pref. stock the directors have brought out a plan for the retirement of said existing 4% pref. stock, together with the accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon, by an issue of new 7% Cumulative First Preferred stock. Under this plan the holders of the existing preferred stock will be asked to deposit their stock subject to the right of the company to acquire the same for retirement, together with all the accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon. The company will pay for the stock so acquired by issuing its 7% Cumulative First Pref. stock in exchange therefor, share for share. An authoritative statement says:

The adoption of this plan by the stockholders will result in the elimination of the accumulated unpaid dividends on the existing preferred stock, thereby increasing the company's credit and the value of its outstanding securities. This accumulation of dividends came about through the restrictive provisions of the original Collateral Trust indenture of the company, which prevented the International Ry. Co. (the operating company) from issuing any securities to enable it to provide for the necessary improvements and extensions required by the rapid growth of its business. The readjustment of the indebtedness of the company, which took place in the autumn of 1912, obviated this situation.

Since the aforesaid readjustment took place the company has paid the regular 4% dividend on its preferred stock. The greater part of both the preferred and common stockholders of the company have expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of the foregoing plan, which they believe will materially advance the credit of the company and the value of its securities.

Data from Circular Signed by Pres. R. E. Griscom Aug. 5 1915.

The existence of the 42% of accumulated and unpaid dividends on the \$5,000,000 4% cumulative pref. stock is detrimental to the interests of the company, the value of its securities and the company's credit. In order to remedy this unsatisfactory condition, the company, at the request of large holders of the pref. stock, proposes to create an issue of \$5,000,000 7% cumulative first pref. stock of the par value of \$100 per share, which shall have priority in all respects over the existing 4% cumulative pref. stock. To the extent that the holders of the existing 4% cumulative pref. stock shall consent to an exchange, share for share, the company will have outstanding its 7% cumulative first pref. stock without any accumulation of dividends thereon. As a result of this transaction, there will be no increase in the capital stock, as for each share of 7% cumulative first pref. stock issued, a share of 4% cumulative pref. stock will be acquired and the capital stock decreased accordingly.

It is confidently believed that the earnings will be more than sufficient to pay the dividends on its proposed issue of 7% cum. first pref. stock. A dividend will be declared and paid on the 4% cum. pref. stock at the rate of 4% per annum from the date of the last dividend payment thereon to the date from which the dividends on said 7% first pref. stock will accrue.

Holders are requested on or before Sept. 15 to deposit their shares of 4% pref. stock under this agreement, with proxies authorizing the plan (which calls for a favorable vote of two-thirds of each class of stock), with the Commercial Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., as depository, or the Manufacturers & Traders' Nat. Bank of Buffalo, the Bankers' Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., or the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co. of Louisville, Ky., as sub-depositaries thereunder.—V. 99, p. 1832, 1748.

**Kansas City Viaduct & Terminal Ry.—Extension of Bondholders' Protective Agreement.**—The protective committee for the 1st M. 4½s has called a meeting of the holders of its certificates of deposit for Sept. 9 at the office of Maitland, Coppel & Co., 52 William St., N. Y., to consider a proposition, already approved by a large percentage of the depositors, to extend the life of the protective agreement which expires by limitation Jan. 1 1916, for a period of two years, within which period the committee hopes to procure a purchaser for the property.

**Digest of Statement by Protective Committee (Appointed by Agreement of Sept. 1910) Aug. 12 1915.**

At our appointment the books were in a chaotic state, there were many suits pending, a number of unpaid accounts were long overdue and the then President was promoting a terminal adjunct and had incurred indebtedness therefor without informing the board. This project was abandoned as impracticable. We succeeded in liquidating some assets not needed by the company, thereby discharging some overdue accounts. Cost of operation was reduced to a minimum. Several suits remained to be dealt with, notably the right-of-way incidents below mentioned.

A judgment in favor of Federal Investment Co. for \$300,000, in condemnation proceedings, was a claim prior to the lien of the bonds. The land in question comprised about three-fifths of all the land occupied by the structure, and the committee after investigation thought it wise to settle this claim for \$192,000 for fear a new trial might result in a still larger judgment. A similar claim for \$18,000 was also settled, and the judgments were assigned to the committee, who deposited them, together with all the bonds as security for a loan. This loan is still outstanding, and now amounts to \$240,000, and is, of course, a lien prior to your bonds, the increase being due to the fact that the net earnings of the company, after payment of taxes and insurance, have not been sufficient to pay the interest and the commissions required to obtain its renewal from time to time.

In June 1911 the Metropolitan Street Ry. of Kansas City went into the hands of receivers and very promptly efforts were made by them to reduce the toll charged for the use of the viaduct structure by the street cars from 1 ct. to ½ ct. per passenger. The directors declined to accept this reduction, whereupon the street car service upon the structure was stopped and has not been resumed since.

Negotiations for disposal of the structure have been carried on unfruitfully with various prospective purchasers, but have proven so far abortive. Until the Metropolitan Street Ry. property is reorganized, no plan can be intelligently worked out for the rehabilitation or sale of your co.

The structure itself is in fine physical condition, and but for painting and paying requires practically no maintenance. It was built under a guaranty for maintenance for 10 years, which is now about to expire, and the charges in this regard will be therefore heavier than they have been in the past. (Committee: William C. Lane, R. Walter Leigh, Lawrence E. Sands and Richard C. Storey, Chairman, with William G. Dooley, Secretary, 25 Broad St., N. Y.—V. 100, p. 566.)

**Keokuk & Des Moines Ry.—Petition to End Lease—Bondholders' Committee.**—The receivers of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railway have petitioned the Court to abrogate the lease under which this property is operated, and have asked the Court for authority to operate same as a separate entity.

The Keokuk & Des Moines Ry. has no working capital, and, as it is not certain that under the separate operation it will show its interest charges earned, it has been deemed wise by the large bondholders to organize a committee, which is composed of the following gentlemen, who represent a very substantial proportion of the issue:

F. J. Lissman, Chairman; Capt. E. H. R. Green and Frank W. Matteson, trustee of the estate of John Nicholas Brown, Providence, R. I.

No deposit of the bonds will be called for at this time, it being the committee's intention to watch the situation and take such actions as may be deemed necessary hereafter.—V. 100, p. 2085.

**Lake Erie & Pittsburgh Ry.—Bonds.**—

The company has applied to the Ohio P. U. Commission for authority to issue \$3,540,000 1st M. 5% bonds to be guaranteed by the New York Central RR. and the Pennsylvania Co.—V. 95, p. 680.

**Louisville & Nashville RR.—Bonds Called.**—

Twenty-five (\$25,000) 1st M. 6% bonds of the Pensacola Division for payment at 105 and int. Sept. 1 at the company's office, 71 Broadway, New York.—V. 100, p. 1918.

**Macon (Ga.) Terminal Co.—New Company—Bonds Sold.**

The company has sold to a New York banking house, subject to the approval of the Georgia RR. Commission, \$1,600,000 of an authorized issue of \$3,000,000 1st M. 5% bonds, dated July 1 1915 and due July 1 1965, without option of earlier redemption. Interest dates J. & J. Principal and interest payable in gold. Columbia Trust Co., New York, trustee. These bonds are unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement as to both principal and interest, jointly and severally, by the Central of Georgia Ry., the Georgia Southern & Florida and the Southern Railway, which own the entire capital stock of the new company and will use the property, paying as rental, on a wheelage basis, sums sufficient to provide for all the charges, including interest on outstanding bonds. The mortgage will cover all property now owned or hereafter acquired. The terminal will be used as a union passenger station.

**Montreal Tramways Co.—New Stock.**—

Stockholders of record Sept. 10 are offered the right to subscribe until 4 p. m. Oct. 25 for \$1,000,000 common stock in the proportion of 1 share for every 3 shares held. Subscriptions payable 10% or \$10, on Oct. 25 and the balance in assessments on two months' notice.—V. 101, p. 444, 370.

**Morris & Essex RR.—Cash Contribution—Despot of Stock.**

The stockholders' protective committee is asking all those who desire to participate in the benefits of any proceedings taken by the committee to contribute \$1 for each share of stock held by them respectively. Circular Aug. 4 says:

At the annual meeting on June 30 an entire new board of directors, representing your interests exclusively, was elected by a large majority (V. 101, p. 131, 48). On July 6 1915 William Clark and Henry V. Poor resigned as directors and were succeeded by E. E. Loomis and Frank D. Pavey of N. Y.

As the lease makes no provision for the expenses of maintaining the organization of your company, the new organization imposes an additional burden and expense upon the committee, but the advantage is very great both in facilitating the preparation of the suit and in enabling us to safeguard the interests of stockholders on bond issues.

If the committee succeeds fully in its contentions, not only will stockholders receive immediate substantial return for the extra dividends withheld in the past, but the assurance of the extra dividend for the future will probably add considerably to the market value of each share of stock. In such case the expense of each share of stock under the deposit agreement will be not more than \$1 a share, while on the other hand, if the committee's efforts are not successful, the expense incurred by each stockholder will not exceed 25 cents a share, the balance to be returned to them. In the meantime, stockholders will receive their dividends as usual without deduction.

Under the terms of the lease, the dividends are payable directly to the Morris & Essex stockholders. The cause of action of stockholders for increased dividends is therefore a direct cause of action in their favor against

the Lackawanna, and is not based upon rights of the Morris & Essex. Any recovery will therefore—at least as to dividends for past years—be limited to the parties to the suit and to the stock represented by the committee. The Lackawanna's promise of equal treatment to all stockholders is not legally binding and could not be enforced by the stockholders.

The answer of the defendants to the suit brought under the direction of the committee was filed July 22 1915 and contains various technical defenses, including a plea of the statute of limitations. As the period of limitation is running all the time against stockholders, it is essential that they should promptly co-operate with the committee in order that they may recover the amount of dividends in arrears for as long a period in the past as possible. Compare V. 100, p. 1672; 1752; 1832; 2010; V. 101, p. 48, 131.

#### Pere Marquette R.R.—Decision.—

Judges Knappen, Denison and Sessions on Aug. 5 denied the application of holders of consol. M. bonds for a preliminary injunction restraining the enforcement of the 2-cent passenger rate. The rate, it was claimed, is confiscatory. Permission was given to file an amended application.

The opinion states that as the consolidated M. is about to be foreclosed by the Federal court, the character and rights of the security have been entirely changed and instead of being a future interest-bearing security it is now a present investment, dependent entirely on the proceeds of the foreclosure. It is further stated that the bondholders cannot obtain an injunction merely by a declaration that the 2-cent fare is confiscatory, but they must prove that the mortgage sale will not realize enough to pay the bondholders in full, and also that a higher rate of fare would benefit directly the holders of securities. This, it is stated, might not be consummated, even though a court order was made to compel the revenue from an increase to be turned over to the bondholders, as the Federal court has already ordered the property sold.—V. 101, p. 289, 213.

#### Philadelphia & Western Ry.—Earnings.—

June 30	Gross	Oper.	Net	Taxes	Other	Bond, &c.	Bal.
Year—	Earns.	Exp.	Earns.	Paid.	Deduc.	Int.	Surp.
1914-15	\$422,806	\$210,040	\$212,766	\$9,390	\$909	\$137,130	\$65,426
1913-14	371,856	208,377	163,479	11,100	1,065	136,939	14,374

#### Rapid Transit in New York City.—Contract.—

The P. S. Commission on Aug. 11 awarded to the Dock Contractor Co. the lowest bid, for \$1,692,370, the contract for the construction of Section 2 of Route 20. This section is a 2-track subway on Nostrand Ave. (Brooklyn), from Church to Flatbush Aves., being a branch of the Eastern Parkway subway running under Nostrand Ave. from Eastern Parkway to Flatbush Ave. The contract for the first section, from Eastern Parkway to Church Ave., had been previously awarded (V. 101, p. 213).—V. 101, p. 371, 213.

**Rates.—Decision in Western Rate Case—Reduction in Articulate Coal Rates.**—See editorial columns on a previous page.—V. 100, p. 1919.

**Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Financial Plan—Merger—New Mortgage.—Sale of Bonds.**—The directors in Baltimore Aug. 9 took favorable action upon a comprehensive financial plan, worked out and proposed by the Chairman of the board, S. Davies Warfield. The plan contemplates the remodeling and simplifying of the financial structure of the road and the welding of the company and its tributaries into an enlarged and improved system so as to enable the company to secure the best financial results in the sale of its securities. The program includes the addition to the system, by a consolidation, of considerable new mileage—chiefly main line—adding outlets to two additional seaports, and it secures as a result a second track over an important part of the system.

The new company will execute a mortgage authorizing an issue of \$300,000,000 bonds, of which there will now be issued \$25,643,000 series "A." Of the latter amount, \$2,750,000 will be retained in the treasury. Mr. Warfield has negotiated the sale and exchange of the remaining \$22,893,000 of these new bonds.

#### Announcement Issued by Chairman Warfield Aug. 9.

The financial requirements of the Seaboard Air Line for the present and future have been provided for:

- (1) By creating a physical railroad structure for the enlarged Seaboard system, far-reaching in its benefits to the South and to the railroad, and thereby securing greater economies in operation.
- (2) By creating a mortgage thereon securing bonds issueable in series, which may be of varying maturity, interest and redemption rates—thereby providing in turn a security meeting investors' requirements and insuring to the railroad the best result under changing financial conditions.
- (3) By the sale of bonds under the new mortgage for the purposes hereinafter mentioned—of great importance to the welfare of the railroad and of the holders of its securities.

#### Proposed Merger.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will be consolidated with the Carolina Atlantic & Western Ry. under the corporate name of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. The Carolina Atlantic & Western Ry. is a recent consolidation (V. 98, p. 1155; 1692; V. 100, p. 1591; 1751; 2009) of the North & South Carolina, the Charleston Northern and the South Carolina railroads, operating a total of 418 miles. The Carolina Atlantic & Western Ry. recently acquired the Georgetown & Western R.R., operating from Lanes to Georgetown, S. C., and from Andrews to the Pee Dee River, S. C., a distance of 70 miles. The Charleston Northern Ry. is the line recently completed, connecting the North & South Carolina R.R. with the City of Charleston, giving the Seaboard entrance into Charleston, and now becoming a part of the main line of the consolidated system. The new terminals at Charleston are admirable, both as to location and facilities. [Compare map on p. 16 of "Railway & Industrial" Section.]

The line will be extended from Charleston to Savannah by the immediate construction of 85 miles of railroad with a maximum grade of only 3-10 of 1%. This new line will also become part of the main line of the consolidated system.

This will give the Seaboard Air Line Railway Co.—the new company growing out of the consolidation of the above-mentioned properties—a low-grade line from Hamlet, N. C., to Savannah, Ga. By this new line the Seaboard will reach Georgetown, S. C., Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, will tap a rich and fertile territory, highly productive in cotton and tobacco, will admit of the Seaboard's running time to the South being shortened; will create a line with maximum grade of only 1/2 of 1%, as compared with 1 1/2%—the maximum grade of the present line to Savannah—and will permit the increase of the full-train-load 127 1/2%. In effect, this will give the Seaboard, through South Carolina, from Hamlet, N. C., to Savannah, Ga., two lines (the other lines running via Columbia), each one self-supporting in its own territory. In this way also will be obviated the necessity of double-tracking the Hamlet-Columbia line, where traffic is becoming congested. The territory to be opened up between Charleston and Savannah is generally well adapted to the growing of vegetables, corn, rice and sea island cotton, and will put the Seaboard immediately into Charleston's heaviest vegetable-producing section.

#### New \$300,000,000 Mortgage.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway Co.—the new company—will have a first and Consolidated Mortgage, securing an authorized issue of \$300,000,000 bonds, of variable interest rates and maturities. This mortgage will be immediately a first lien on the 416 miles of main-line track between Hamlet and Savannah, via Charleston, Lanes and Georgetown, S. C., and on the lines running from McBee, S. C., located on the Hamlet-Columbia line, to Florence, Poston, Sumter and Timmonsville, S. C. There will be pledged as collateral for this mortgage a majority—\$22,361,000—of the outstanding refunding 4% bonds of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

There will be issued presently under the new first and consolidated mortgage \$22,893,000 6% 30-year gold bonds. A part is to be used in exchange for underlying bonds of constituent companies. The balance has been sold, the proceeds to be used for the construction of the new line from Charleston to Savannah; for the retirement of equipment trust obligations falling due during the year ending June 30 1916; for the retirement of the

\$5,000,000 3-year notes due March 1 1916; for the acquisition of certain new property; and for improvements, betterments, &c.

It was believed to be to the best interests of the property to make immediate arrangements for the near future, as well as for present financial requirements. In the financing of the nations at war, interest rates have already materially increased, necessitating the procuring of large amounts of money for American enterprises on an increasing interest basis. Subject to the carrying out of agreements for the exchange of Bonds of the underlying railway properties to be consolidated with the Seaboard Air Line Ry., arrangements have been made for the sale of the bonds of this issue—Series "A"—as above stated.

The directors have left the details in connection with the general plan to the finance committee, of which Mr. Warfield is also Chairman. The Continental Trust Co. of Baltimore was appointed agent of the railway to carry out the details of the consolidation.

#### Sale of \$22,893,000 New Bonds to a Syndicate.

The new issue of bonds has been sold to a banking syndicate headed by the Guaranty Trust Co., National City Bank, Chase National Bank and Bankers Trust Co. of New York; the Continental Trust Co. of Baltimore; and other financial institutions in New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Savannah, Atlanta, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Detroit, Louisville, Columbus, Seattle, Denver, New Orleans, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, Wilmington, Newark and Albany.

[The scales of the present Seaboard Air Line Ry. will be retired through exchange for shares of the new Co. on a basis now being determined. The new preferred stock will be entitled to dividends at the rate of 6% before the common can participate in the earnings. The present preferred is limited to dividends at the rate of 4%, until a similar rate is paid on the common, and then the preferred receives an additional 2%, the common being entitled to any surplus remaining. There is outstanding \$23,894,100 preferred and \$27,019,400 common. From Nov. 15 1913 to Aug. 15 1914, dividends at the rate of 4% were paid on the preferred, but none has ever been paid on the common shares.]

One of the purposes of the change of the pref. shares from a 4 to a 6% stock is so that the new preferred stock may be partly used in the future, whenever thought desirable, for the financing of the company's requirements. The new Seaboard Air Line Railway Co. will be an operating company, the same as the present company—not a holding co.]

#### Views of Directors and Others Regarding Plan.

Robert F. Maddox, a well-known banker of Atlanta, and one of the directors, after the meeting, said: "Mr. Warfield to-day was congratulated by his fellow-directors in having worked out a comprehensive plan for the Seaboard, which will be recognized as a decided financial achievement. As an evidence of the thoroughness and skillfulness of his work, he has negotiated, in these times, the sale of many millions of new bonds to make effective the results of his efforts and foresight. He has thus helped our entire Southern country in devising means for the greater development of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. and the South, and he has placed the railroad in firm financial position."

Franklin Q. Brown, of the firm of Redmond & Co., bankers, of New York, another director of the Seaboard, said: "Mr. Warfield has accomplished a fine piece of constructive work for the Seaboard and the South, as well as for the security holders of the railroad."

The success of such a large undertaking in these times by a Baltimore financier, it is stated, was very well resolved in financial circles in Baltimore. It was pointed out that Mr. Warfield's plan had its inception three years ago when he acquired, for himself and associates, the large block of Seaboard preferred and common stock, then owned by the Cumberland Corporation. It is said that he is now the largest single owner of Seaboard stocks. By this purchase he brought the South into a commanding position in the Seaboard management. Not only was the entire executive management of the company transferred to the South, but among others entering the board at that time were such well known Southern men as Robert F. Maddox, Atlanta; Mills B. Lane, Savannah; A. H. Woodard, Birmingham; J. P. Galloway, Jacksonville; George W. Watts, Durham, N. C.; F. H. Reid, Norfolk, Va., and W. J. Harahan, now President, and C. R. Capps, now Vice-President, of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., both of Norfolk. In the board were also J. William Middendorf and Townsend Scott of Baltimore, and Mr. Warfield, who became Chairman of the board and of the executive and finance committees.

The directors believe that the program approved at to-day's meeting will be recognized as not only one of the most important pieces of railroad financing accomplished for some time, but also as significant of a policy of far-reaching benefit to the various States traversed by the Seaboard system.—V. 99, p. 1834, 1452.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Regular Dividend.**—Notwithstanding recent rumors, the company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 50 per share on the capital stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Aug. 31.—V. 101, p. 214.

#### Southern Pacific R.R.—Decision.—

The I. S. Commerce Commission on July 25 granted the company permission to continue its ownership and operation of the Sacramento Transportation Co., which operates 8 steamers and about 24 barges between San Francisco and the head of navigation on the Sacramento River, or 148 miles above Sacramento.

The Commission held that the operation of the boat lines by the railroad is in the interest of the public and of advantage to the convenience and commerce of the people; that its continued operation by the transportation company, in which the company is interested through stock ownership, will neither exclude, prevent nor reduce competition on the route by water and that a continuance of such operation should be permitted.—V. 100, p. 2011.

**Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.—New Bonds.**—The shareholders will vote Sept. 8 on authorizing an issue of bonds, to be secured by a mortgage on the property, &c., in the amount of not exceeding \$10,000,000, and to fix the term, rate of interest and other provisions thereof. See V. 100, p. 1511, 982; V. 99, p. 1750.

#### Toronto (Can.) Ry.—Bonds Called.—

Seventy-nine 4 1/2% currency bonds of \$1,000 each and 305 sterling bonds of £100 issued under 1st M. dated Sept. 1 1892, have been drawn for redemption at par and int. on Aug. 31. Payment will be made at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.—V. 100, p. 727.

#### Union Pacific R.R.—Decision in Ogden Gateway Case.—

The I.-S. Commerce Commission on Wednesday sustained the action of the company in 1914 in discontinuing the interchange with the Denver & Rio Grande Ry. at Ogden of passenger business to or from points on the Oregon Short Line.

The D. & R. G. contended that as these rates had been in effect for about 18 years, they should not be canceled. The U. P. maintained that it had a legal right to retire from an agreement which short-hauled its own lines and was entitled to the long haul on passenger traffic to and from territory served by the Oregon Short Line. The principal reason assigned was the large expenditures made by the U. P. in the construction of branch lines, particularly the Yellowstone Park and in Oregon Short Line territory, the testimony indicating that in recent years \$100,000,000 was expended in the construction of branches to enable the U. P. to serve Idaho and adjacent territory, while the D. & R. G. had not invested any money in Oregon Short Line territory.

Commissioner Harlan, who announced the majority opinion of the Commission, said:

In addition to the shorter mileage, the service of the Union Pacific in point of time is much superior. The fastest train over its rails from Omaha reaches Ogden in 18 hours and 55 minutes, less time than the best train between the same points over any route in connection with the D. & R. G. The situation before us is a very practical one. The D. & R. G. route, as hereinbefore pointed out, is longer by nearly 400 miles and is 19 hours longer in point of time. Under such circumstances, if no through route were now open, an order, based on the record before us, requiring the U. P. System to short-haul itself by establishing the present parity of fares over the D. & R. G., would be illogical and arbitrary in the highest degree. It would be no less so should we undertake to exercise our power under the same provision of law, by compelling the U. P. to continue a rate adjust-



The directors of the company unanimously recommend the prompt acceptance of the plan, the stock to be deposited for that purpose with the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston or the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. The committee of directors having the matter in charge will act in conjunction with an advisory committee consisting of Philip Stockton, Eugene V. R. Thayer, Henry B. Binney, Alexander Hemphill and Albert H. Wiggan.—V. 100, p. 1439, S22.

**American Writing Paper Co., Springfield, Mass.—Notice to Bondholders.**—Touching the payment of overdue interest mentioned last week, the Bondholders' Protective Committee, Elbert A. Harvey, Secretary, in a circular says:

"The board of directors at its meeting on Aug. 4 1915 voted to pay at once the interest and sinking fund due July 1 1915 on the bonds of the company. When the funds are provided by the company, the bondholders' protective committee will make arrangements for the collection and distribution of payments of coupons on deposited bonds. It is expected, however, that the formation of plans for the reorganization of the company will be proceeded with. In order to be fully informed of the facts necessary to advise the bondholders as to how their interests may best be protected, the committee is conducting an investigation of the condition, value and management of the properties of the company. When this investigation is completed, the committee will communicate with you."—V. 101, p. 450, 49.

**Booth Fisheries Co.—Listed.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized to be listed \$706,000 additional first preferred stock, making the total authorized \$2,906,000. The additional stock was issued to acquire the cannery properties and operative inventories of Gorman & Co., which have been transferred to the Anacortes Fisheries Co., a new company incorporated in Washington April 15 1915, with \$1,000,000 capital stock. The properties consist of canneries, machinery, docks, real estate, &c., at Anacortes, Port Angeles, Neah Bay and San Juan Co., Wash., and Kasan and Shakan, Alaska. The Anacortes Co. is engaged in producing, curing and canning salmon, its principal output being high-grade Puget Sound sockeye salmon.—V. 100, p. 2169.

**Butte & Superior Copper Co., Ltd.—Earnings.**

—3 Mos. end. June 30—		—6 Mos. end. June 30—	
Quarters ending—	1915.	1914.	1915.
Net val. (zinc concentr's)	\$2,509,230	\$704,781	\$4,301,664
Net val. (lead concentr's)	230,294	161,540	442,651
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,739,524</b>	<b>\$866,321</b>	<b>\$4,744,315</b>
Other income	11,899	2,896	18,619
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$2,751,423</b>	<b>\$869,217</b>	<b>\$4,762,934</b>
Operating costs	644,270	531,974	1,492,624
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,107,153</b>	<b>\$337,243</b>	<b>\$3,270,310</b>

Balance, surplus, \$2,107,153. The above earnings are computed upon the basis of 12.683 cents per lb. for spelter for the quarter ending June 30 1915, against 4.94 cents for the same quarter in 1914. During the quarter ending June 30 the last few hundred dollars par value remaining outstanding of the bond issue were converted into capital stock, so that the mortgage could be discharged and the property is therefore now free from bonded debt.—V. 100, p. 1835.

**Canada Bread Co., Toronto.—Earnings.**

Year—	Mfg. Profits	Other Income	Bond Interest	Depre. (7%)	Pf. Div.	Surplus	Balance
1914-15	\$227,195	\$11,530	\$72,235	\$50,000	\$87,500	\$88,990	
1913-14	254,097	12,819	73,432	50,000	87,500	55,984	

**Canada Iron Foundries, Ltd.—\$10 Shares.**—Letters patent were issued in Canada dated July 27 1915, subdividing the existing shares of the capital stock of \$100 each into shares of \$10 each, so that the existing capital stock, namely \$4,500,000, shall consist of 450,000 shares of \$10 each.—V. 100, p. 1754.

**Chickasha (Okla.) Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.**—McCoy & Co., Chicago, are offering at 88 and int., to yield 6.10%, First and Ref. M. 5% bonds, dated Jan. 1 1914 and due Jan. 1 1934, but callable, all or part, on any interest date at 105 and int. Denom. \$1,000 e\*. Interest J. & J. at Central Trust Co., Chicago, trustee (Wm. T. Abbott, co-trustee.) without deduction of normal Federal income tax. A circular shows:

**Capitalization.** Capital stock authorized and outstanding (\$250,000 is preferred) —\$750,000. First M. serial gold 6s, due annually March 1 1913 to 1928 incl., \$5,000 in 1913 and increasing \$1,000 per annum until 1928, when final \$20,000 are due. Original issue, \$200,000; retired at maturity, \$18,000; outstanding 182,000. First and Ref. M. gold 5s, due 1934, authorized, \$400,000; reserved to retire above 1st M. 6s, \$182,000 and for 75% of cost of additions, betterments, &c., or to retire \$ for \$, mortgage debt on after-acquired property, \$98,000; outstanding, including \$60,000 in the treasury 113,000.

No additional bonds can be issued unless for 9 months preceding net earnings are 1 1/2 times the interest requirements, including bonds then to be certified. Yearly, beginning Dec. 31 1919, a sum equal to 2% of the par value of all bonds then outstanding (for not less than six months) must be credited to a depreciation fund, and may be invested in extensions and betterments to increase the security for these bonds 30% before 1934. **Property, &c.**—By a special Act of Oklahoma Legislature of Jan. 1914, acquired entire property of Chickasha Light, Heat & Power Co. Furnishes without competition all the gas and electric current used in the city. Franchises for electric light and power expire in 1935; gas franchise in 1955. Owns (a) water power plant of 975 k.w. capacity on Washita River, which is operated most of the year; (b) auxiliary steam plant of 1,055 k.w. capacity; (c) gas plant with generating capacity of 350,000 cu. ft. per day and 15 miles of mains.

**Earnings.**—For year ending Dec. 31 1914: Gross earnings, \$84,168; net earnings, \$29,596; bond interest, \$13,783; surplus, \$15,812. **Chickasha.**—Population (in 1910), 10,320. The five banks have an aggregate capital and deposits of over \$2,100,000. Centre of a rich agricultural district. Over 79% of county is improved farm land. **Ownership.**—Controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co. (Samuel Insull, President. See V. 100, p. 2006.)

**Combination Bridge Co., Sioux City, Ia.—Status.**—There are no railroads at present using the company's bridge across the Missouri at Sioux City, the structure being used only as a foot and wagon bridge and by the local traction company for its line to South Sioux City, Neb. The bridge in times past has been used by the Burlington, the Great Northern and the Pacific Short Line.—V. 101, p. 287.

**Continental Coal Companies, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Reduction of Interest from 6% to 3% Until, and Including January 1 1917.**—The proposed reduction of interest from 6% to 3% on the \$2,100,000 outstanding 1st M. 6s of 1911 will continue till and including Jan. 1 (not July 1) 1917, provided the holders of 80% of the bonds assent. See V. 101, p. 450.

**Continental Gas & Electric Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—H. F. Bachman & Co., Phila., have purchased a block of First Lien sinking fund 5% gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1912 and due Nov. 1 1927, but red. at 105 and int. on any interest date. Interest M. & N. in N. Y. and Cleveland.

Capitalization—	Authorized, Outstanding
Common stock, paying 2% .....	\$5,000,000 \$1,491,000
Preferred stock, paying 6% .....	5,000,000 406,700
First Lien sinking fund 6s (See V. 96, p. 138; V. 99, p. 750, 897, 1217) .....	5,000,000 1,390,500

Secured by a first lien upon the property, rights and franchises of all the subsidiary companies through the deposit of practically all of their securities, both stocks and bonds. Under the terms of the mortgage additional First Lien sinking fund 5% bonds may be issued only for 80% of the cash cost of additional properties when the annual net earnings are twice the interest charges, including bonds proposed to be issued. Sinking fund provision, now operative, to retire bonds, an amount semi-annually equal to 1% of the minimum amount of all bonds outstanding at any one time.

The company, organized in 1912, serves 40 communities in Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska, forming six groups, three in Iowa, with Red Oak, Shenandoah and Missouri Valley as their centres, and three in Nebraska with Beatrice, York and Norfolk as their pivotal points. Combined population, about 100,000; situated in the heart of one of the best agricultural districts in the United States. The replacement value of its properties, exclusive of franchises and intangible assets, is estimated at \$2,712,949, or practically double the amount of bonds outstanding.

**Annual Earnings for Cal. Years 1913 and 1914 and for Year End. Apr. 1 1915.**

	1913.	1914.	1914-15.
Gross earnings	\$316,940	\$550,330	\$552,759
Net earnings (after taxes)	133,397	197,462	199,275
Interest on outstanding bonds—		5,790	5,790
Of subsidiary companies		5,790	5,790
Of Continental Gas & Electric Corporation	37,125	64,525	64,525

Balance, surplus, \$90,482 \$127,147 \$128,960 Compare annual report in V. 100, p. 639.

**Eastman Kodak Co. of New Jersey.—Extra Dividend.**—An extra dividend of 2 1/2% has been declared on the \$19,532,800 common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Aug. 31, making with previous extra distributions, viz., 10% in March, 2 1/2% in April, 5% in June and 2 1/2% in July, a total of 22 1/2% "in extras," thus far declared or paid in 1915. Compare V. 101, p. 291.

**Electric Boat Co., N. Y.—Exchange of Stock.**—The committee named below in circular dated at New York, Aug. 12 1915, says in substance:

A substantial majority of the holders of the outstanding stock of Electric Boat Co. (or voting trust certificates representing shares of such stock), have co-operated in organizing under the laws of N. Y. State the Submarine Boat Corporation, with authority to issue 500,000 shares without par value. The new company offers to exchange 10 shares of its stock for each share of stock, common or preferred, of Electric Boat Co., whether represented by a stock certificate or a voting trust certificate.

During the past year the business of the old company has greatly increased in volume and, by reason of the attention lately attracted by submarine or submersible boats, is believed to have acquired greater stability than it has heretofore possessed. As the company owns foreign as well as domestic patents controlling the construction of the Holland type of submersible craft, and has valuable associations abroad with certain manufacturers who utilize such patents, it is the expectation of those heretofore associated with the management of the business that it will continue to expand, regardless of the duration of the present European war. Because the business is of such character as not to require the construction and maintenance of elaborate and expensive plants, it seems probable that the value of its tangible property may not increase in a degree commensurate with the increase in the value of its patents and good-will, and the enlargement of its general earning capacity.

Because of the rather unusual nature of the business and of the fact that, by reason of their long experience therein, the management of the old company includes the most efficient experts in its field, it has been deemed desirable that such management be assured as long as possible. It is most essential that such management be assured as long as possible. It is most essential that such management be assured as long as possible. It is most essential that such management be assured as long as possible. It is most essential that such management be assured as long as possible.

Holders must deposit their certificates of stock or voting trust certificates with Bankers Trust Co. of 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. Opportunity to take advantage of the present offer will remain open until the close of business on Oct. 1 1915. Committee to carry out plan: Elihu D. Frost, Lawrence Y. Spear, Henry R. Sutphen, Stacy C. Richmond and Thomas C. Dawson. Compare V. 101, p. 451, 373.

**General Gas & Electric Co., N. Y.—Earnings.**—Pres. W. S. Barstow in a circular dated Aug. 2 1915 says in subst.: As the annual report will not be published before the end of the year, and as your company has recently been greatly enlarged by the acquisition of the Atlantic Gas & Electric properties, it may be of interest to you to receive at this time a brief interim report. Accompanying this report is a pamphlet giving detailed description of the properties of the various companies. A controlling interest in the Atlantic Gas & Electric properties was acquired April 29 1915.

**Combined Earnings of Controlled Companies for May and for the 12 Months.**

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. end. May 31—	
	1915.	1914.	1915.	1914.
Oper. revenues	\$182,234	\$168,357	\$2,260,172	\$2,132,423
Oper. exp. and taxes	119,523	107,090	1,462,246	1,361,120
<b>Net after taxes</b>	<b>\$62,711</b>	<b>\$61,267</b>	<b>\$797,926</b>	<b>\$771,303</b>
Other income	1,953	1,059	18,338	16,977
<b>Total net income.</b>	<b>\$64,664</b>	<b>\$62,326</b>	<b>\$816,264</b>	<b>\$788,280</b>

This increase in income has been produced in spite of extraordinary expenses necessarily attending a change of management, widespread business depression and, during last winter, exceptionally unsatisfactory conditions for the water powers of the company, due to an unprecedented drought now thoroughly broken. The outlook for increased earnings is excellent.

On the basis of 1913 operating revenue, the acquisition of the Atlantic Gas & Electric Co. properties has decreased the proportion of street railway earnings to the total earnings from 34 1/2% to 15.8%. It has increased the proportion of light and power department earnings from 36% to 63%, and has decreased the proportion of gas earnings from 29 1/2% to 21.2%. The Atlantic Gas & Electric properties include no street railways. The possible competition of "jitneys" is therefore negligible so far as these properties are concerned. The proportion of earnings for our original properties from gas and from electric light and power, as compared with those from railways, is steadily increasing. Decided progress has been made in reorganizing and improving the forces of the newly-acquired companies. When taken over, some of the Atlantic companies were involved in lawsuits. We already feel assured that all important legal matters will soon be satisfactorily settled.

We have to-day more than 800 stockholders. The stock is readily scattered and its stock held in small lots for investment. Our various properties are situated in prosperous communities in Penna., N. Y., N. J., Ohio and Vt. In some of these communities there are particularly good opportunities for additional business.—V. 100, p. 1922.

**General Water Supply Co., Camden, N. J.—Sale.**—See Collingswood, N. J., in "State and City" Department.

**Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., Chicago.—Dividends.**—A quarterly dividend of 2% has been declared, payable Aug. 15, comparing with 2% and 1% extra on May 15 and 8% in Feb. last (the last from earnings of 1914), making 13% thus far paid during 1915. On Feb. 15 1914 and 1913 annual payments of 6% each were made, and in 1912 10%, also a 10% special dividend. Irregular payments have been made since incorporated, those in recent years being reported as follows: 1911, 23 1/2% cash and 20% stock; 1910, 32 1/2%; 1909, 24%; 1908, 18%; 1907, 12%.—V. 100, p. 1909, 1922.

**Guggenheim Exploration Co.—Sale of Stock Held.**—See American Smelters Securities Co. above.—V. 100, p. 2170.



**Hendee Mfg. Co. (Indian Motorcycles), Springfield, Mass.—Large Foreign Orders—More Pending.**

The company has received orders for 2,600 motorcycles, which amounts to over \$500,000 and has negotiations on for over 10,000 more machines. Foreign motorcycle factories are making arms and ammunition; and it is thought, therefore, there will be a large motorcycle business for American manufacturers.—V. 100, p. 559.

**Hoosac Cotton Mills, North Adams, Mass.—First Div.**

An initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$750,000 outstanding 6% cum. pref. stock has been declared, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record. Aug. 6. Checks will be mailed by the Old Colony Trust Co., transfer agent.—V. 93, p. 473.

**International Mercantile Marine Co., N. Y.—Earnings.**

Receiver Philip A. S. Franklin, in his report to the Court, says in substance:

The European war has made it necessary to discontinue the services between the United States and the ports of Southampton and Antwerp, and to find other employment for the steamers formerly operated in these services. The receiver has deemed it advisable, however, not to abandon completely the administrative organization of the services at these ports, and has therefore incurred certain expenses in connection therewith.

The war has affected the conduct of the business in many ways. Some of the foreign flag steamers have been requisitioned by the British Government. The congestion of shipping in the foreign ports caused delays and consequent heavily increased operating expenses. The cost of all supplies and repairs has also materially increased, and it was found necessary materially to increase the wages of the crews of steamers for the war zone.

The earnings from the passenger traffic on the foreign flag steamers have been most unsatisfactory, but this has been counterbalanced by the increased earnings from the freight traffic.

The American Line steamers have been re-converted into first, second and third class passenger carriers, instead of being confined exclusively to second and third class passengers. This change has been appreciated by the traveling public, as it offered facilities for all classes of passengers on American flag steamers during these unusual times, and notwithstanding the heavily increased cost of operation, the results are satisfactory. The steamers have all been continuously operated free from accident.

Previously the company carried its own marine insurance, but on taking over the properties the receiver covered all the steamers with marine insurance placed with outside underwriters, and has also placed a certain amount of war risk insurance on the steamers.

The Panama Pacific Line, a new service from New York to San Francisco through the Panama Canal, carrying first class and intermediate passengers, and also freight, began its operation during the receivership, with very satisfactory results, the SS. Kroonland and SS. Finland being regularly employed in this service.

While the cost of operating the steamers has been much greater than in previous years, the net earnings have been larger. The general expenses not included in the operation of the steamers show a material reduction.

*Earnings of American Line Steamers (Directly Oper.) Quarter ending June 30.*  
Operating earnings (partly estimated) \$1,655,233  
General expenses (partly estimated) 260,486

Net result of operation (partly estimated) \$1,394,747

In this statement no allowance has been made for depreciation. The earnings given are solely those of the steamships operated by the receiver and do not include any earnings of the companies whose stock is pledged under the mortgages of the International Mercantile Marine Co. The receiver has not received dividends from any of these companies.

Regarding the earnings of all the properties owned and controlled (the receiver's statement covering only the American Line steamers directly operated), Charles E. Haydock, Secretary of the Reorganization Committee, says in part:

One must bear in mind that the income of the company is derived, (1) from the earnings of the American Line, the ships of which line are owned outright; (2) from the earnings of the White Star Line, the Atlantic Transport Line (Ltd.), the Dominion Line (English companies), the Red Star Line (a Belgian company), and the Atlantic Transport Line (an American company), the stock of which lines is owned by the Mercantile Marine Co.; (3) from the earnings of the Leyland Line, all but a few of the common shares of which company, and \$2,847,095 (at \$1.85 per £) of the 5% pref. stock out of a total of \$6,859,698 outstanding, are owned by the Mercantile Marine Co.; and (4) from dividends paid by the Holland-America Line, one-fourth of the entire capital stock of which is owned by the White Star and the Atlantic Transport Line.

The average annual net earnings for the six years (1909 to 1914, inclusive), after deducting a full depreciation charge of 5% per annum, and all fixed charges except interest on the 4½% bonds and 5% bonds, as stated by the reorganization plan (V. 101, p. 451) to have been \$2,656,387, and attention is called to the fact that while that statement includes all the earnings of the American Line, the Red Star Line, the White Star Line, the Atlantic Transport Lines and the Dominion Line, it only includes the dividends actually received from the Leyland Line and the Holland-America Line during said period.

It might be said, however, as the company owns all but a few of the Leyland common shares, that all the earnings of that line less the amount required for 5% dividends on the pref. stock of said line not owned by the Mercantile Marine Co., should also be included in estimating future earnings. Owing to requirements for the payment of accumulated and unpaid dividends on its pref. stock, the creation of a reserve fund, as provided by the company's charter, in respect of its pref. stock and its building requirements, all of such past surplus earnings have not been available to the Marine Co.

The abnormally large earnings of the current year, however, have enabled the Leyland Line to pay all the accumulated and unpaid dividends on its pref. stock, and will, no doubt, enable it to provide the aforesaid reserve fund. Such surplus earnings of the Leyland Line will, therefore, hereafter be available to the new company. On the basis of the past three years (1912-13-14) earnings of the Leyland Line, the net earnings of the new company will be increased by approximately \$1,352,336, which being added to the above mentioned average annual earnings of \$2,656,387, gives a total average of \$4,008,723.

The SS. Britannic, moreover, now practically completed for the White Star Line, is nearly all paid for, and the SS. Belgenland, for the Red Star Line, well over half completed, has been about half paid for, which investments at present yield no return.

The earnings for the current year are abnormally large, and of course only temporary, and as stated by the committee, were not considered a proper foundation upon which to base the reorganization either as to fixed charges or total capitalization. The current earnings indicate an amount which made unnecessary the substantial assessment of the stock originally thought of as necessary.

The returns of all the properties, including the Leyland Line, for the first six months of the current year, indicate that the current earnings for such six months will approximate to \$11,000,000 after deducting depreciation charges for such six months on the basis of an estimated annual depreciation charge of \$5,500,000 (approximately 5%), the amount required for dividends on the pref. stock of the Leyland Line not owned and setting aside a proportion of the amount required by the reserve fund in respect to the pref. stock of the Leyland Line.

The companies have tonnage under construction and contracted for, which, after the amount already paid on account thereof, leaves building obligations of about \$15,000,000, which it is expected can be paid for out of accumulated earnings and subscriptions of stockholders under the plan.—V. 101, p. 451.

**International Steam Pump Co., N. Y.—Plan of Reorganization.**—The joint reorganization committee announces in our advertising pages to-day a plan of reorganization dated Aug. 5 which has received the approval of the committees representing the various classes of securities of the company and its subsidiaries. Deposits must be made on or before Sept. 13.

Committee: Charles H. Sabin, Chairman; Lewis L. Clarke, Thomas B. Gannett, L. T. Haggin, George G. Henry, Percy Jackson, R. Walter Leigh, H. J. De Lanoy Meifer and Allen T. West, with Cravath & Henderson as counsel and Arthur B. Hatcher, Secretary, 140 Broadway, N. Y.

*Depositories under Plan.*

For bonds of International Co., Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. For stock of International Co., Columbia Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. For preferred stock of Worthington, Franklin Trust Co., 46 Wall St. For bonds of Holly Mfg. Co., Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., and Commonwealth Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Introductory Statement.**

The plan now submitted is based upon a most thorough expert examination of the properties and business of the company. The principal defects which brought about the receivership, notwithstanding the excellent condition of the plants, were the following: (1) Inadequate working capital resulting primarily from too liberal dividends on a heavy capitalization. (2) Excessive fixed charges in the way of interest and sinking fund payments and dividends upon underlying bonds and pref. stocks. (3) Restrictions resulting from the existence of subsidiary companies, preventing complete consolidation in manufacture. (4) The lack of an executive management having a direct financial interest in the company. (5) The failure to make improvements in its products and methods.

*Valuation of Properties as a Going Concern Sept. 30 1914, \$1,289,000.*  
[After allowing for depreciation, obsolete inventories, bad debts, &c., but without allowance for patents or goodwill.]

Plants \$10,537,000  
Investments (chiefly in English companies) 1,181,000  
Funds on hand, cash, 90,000

Carriage inventories, accounts and bills receivable, work in progress, net, June 30 1915 (\$7,657,794) 7,481,000

For years ending Sept. 30 1914 the annual sales of the company and its subsidiaries and the profits available for interest, dividends on preferred stocks of subsidiaries and surplus, after deducting adequate reserves for depreciation, were reported to be as follows:

	Sales.	Profits.
Year ended March 31 1910	\$10,550,652	\$1,636,941
18 mos. end. Sept. 30 '11, reduced to yearly basis	11,919,500	1,489,583
Year ended Sept. 30 1912	10,543,221	925,988
Year ended Sept. 30 1913	11,018,238	779,224
Year ended Sept. 30 1914	9,663,311	565,554

Yearly average—\$10,847,940 \$1,116,742  
From Sept. 30 1914 to July 31 1915, under the receivership, orders booked were reported as \$7,650,000, the orders for May, June and July being reported as approximately \$1,000,000, \$940,000 and \$1,200,000, respectively. In spite of the reduced volume of sales and the unusual depression of the past year in all the lines which the company manufactures, there is every reason to believe that during the receivership the company has at least maintained its relative position in the trade.

The committee believes that the plan of reorganization now submitted goes far toward meeting the difficulties which embarrassed the old company and providing for the successful conduct and development of the business in the future. The new money to be furnished by the stockholders, or to the extent of their failure to participate, by the underwriters, is deemed to be adequate to provide for such of the underlying securities as it may be advisable to retire and also to provide sufficient working capital to enable the company to deal with a substantially larger volume of business than it has hitherto done. The new capital will also provide for the considerable expenditures required to bring the company's factories and manufacturing facilities up to date and for the re-designing of the company's products which is necessary for carrying out a progressive manufacturing policy. Provision is made for reducing or eliminating the subsidiary organizations and effecting the needed consolidation of operations.

As the company will have no bonded debt (except such liability as it may assume on two small underlying issues aggregating \$692,100), it will be in a position to face periods of depression without anxiety, and it is believed that the added strength to its position, due to the absence of a considerable fixed charge, will enable it to pay full dividends upon the pref. stocks more readily than it could earn interest at a lower rate upon an equal amount of bonds.

Charles H. Sabin, Lewis L. Clarke, George G. Henry and Percy Jackson have consented to act as voters under a 5-year trust. As provided by the plan, this number of voting trustees may be increased.

Out of the \$1,000,000 new common stock which will be distributed under the plan to the syndicate managers, Messrs. William Salomon & Co. will retain \$500,000 thereof for their services as such managers.

**Plan of Reorganization.**

*Summary of Existing Securities, Aggregating \$42,739,596.*

International bonds, incl. \$78,932 accr. int. to Nov. 1 1915—\$10,126,892  
Subsidiary bonds (Holly, \$492,100; Leeds, \$200,000) 692,100  
Subsidiary pref. stocks (Worthington, \$2,000,000; Blaks & Knowles, \$460,556), with accrued dividends to Nov. 1 1915—2,808,504  
Stock of Internat. Co., pref., \$11,350,000, com., \$17,762,500—29,112,500

*Cash Requirements.*—To pay receiver's certificates, etc., for expenses of reorganization, additional working capital and improving the plants, &c., there will be required about \$3,600,000. This sum is to be met by payments of \$12.50 per share by the preferred and common stockholders of International Steam Pump Co., participating in the plan, the preferred stockholders to make such proportion of the payments of non-participating common stockholders as the par amount of their preferred stock bears to the total par amount of preferred stock outstanding, and subscriptions for such cash requirements to be underwritten.

*Securities to Be Created by New Company.*

**Class A Preferred Stock**, entitled to cumulative annual dividends at 7% and to a preference in assets and dividends over Class B pref. stock and common stock, but such preference over Class B pref. stock to continue only until both classes of pref. stock shall have received full dividends for three consecutive years; redeemable at the option of the new company at 115 and accrued dividends. Auth. issue, \$10,000,000; \$4,369,937 reserved for additional capital to be issued only for cash at not less than par. Present issue to be—\$5,639,937

**Class B Preferred Stock**, entitled to annual dividends at 6%, non-cumulative for three years, then cumulative, and to a preference in assets and dividends over the common stock, redeemable at the option of the new company at 105 and accrued dividends. Auth. issue, \$11,000,000; \$873,108 reserved for additional capital. Present issue to be—\$10,126,892

**Common Stock**, Auth. issue, \$15,000,000; reserved for new capital, \$2,076,963. Present issue to be—\$12,923,037

The new company will also guarantee the payment of the principal of new first mortgage bonds of Holly Mfg. Co., on the surrender of the present bonds of said company under the plan, the principal amount of these new bonds to be 90% of the principal of the present bonds so retired and to mature at the same date, and will also guarantee the payment of interest at the rate of 5% per annum from July 1 1915 on these new bonds so guaranteed. The total liability for principal on this guarantee will, therefore, not exceed \$442,890. The mortgage of Holly Mfg. Co., securing these bonds will also provide (a) that the bonds may be redeemed at par and int., (b) that the new company will not make any mortgage or other lien to secure any issue of its obligations, without first paying off these guaranteed bonds; and (c) that the property shall be required by the new company in consideration of the above guaranty, and, except as to the plant at Lockport, N. Y., shall be free from the lien of the mortgage, and that such lien shall be released from said plant only on a sale thereof at its market value, the proceeds to be applied toward the redemption of the bonds.

The authorized issue of the stock of any of the above classes shall not be increased except on vote of the holders of two-thirds of each class of stock. No mortgage or other lien to secure any issue of obligations of the new company shall be retained, except on vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of each of the above classes of preferred stock.

If and when the Class A pref. stock shall lose its preference over Class B pref. stock, the stock of both classes shall be treated as of the same class for every purpose except the difference in dividend rate and redemption.

The common stock may, in the committee's discretion, be created without nominal or par value, and in that case the common stock outstanding on the consummation of the plan shall consist of the number of shares necessary to permit one share thereof to be issuable in lieu of each \$100 par value of common stock of the new company otherwise issuable hereunder.

*Disposition of New Securities.*

**Class A 7% Preferred Stock** (to be issued now, \$5,639,937)—At par to the holders of 7% pref. stock of Henry R. Worthington upon surrender thereof (to be represented by certificates of the new company), giving to the syndicate managers herein mentioned the right at any time within six months from issue to pay such holders cash for said new stock at 105% of its par value and its accrued dividends—\$2,000,000

At par to the holders of International common stock upon making the cash payment of \$12.50 per share, and to the holders of International preferred stock upon making the cash payment of \$12.50 per share and of such amount as is required in respect of non-participating International common stock, and to the underwriters upon making payments not provided for by stockholders. \$3,639,063

**Class B 6% Preferred Stock** (to be issued now, \$10,126,892) To be issued at par to the holders of the International bonds for their principal and interest. \$10,126,892  
**Common Stock** (to be issued now, \$12,923,037) To holders of International pref. stock (on making cash payment of \$12.50 per share and of such amount as is required in respect of non-participating International common stock, for which new Class A 7% pref. stock will be issued at par), 34% of present holdings, and to holders of International common stock (on making cash payment of \$12.50 per share for which new Class A 7% pref. stock will be issued at par), 17% of present holdings. \$6,878,625  
 To holders of International bonds, 35% of prin. & accrued int. \$3,544,412  
 To the syndicate managers in consideration of the underwriting of the cash requirements. \$1,000,000  
 Reserved in treasury to be used for securing the aid of new interests in the management of the new company or otherwise for its benefit. \$1,500,000  
**Holly Mfg. Co. 1st M. guar. 5s. exchange at 90%** \$442,800

**Subsidiary Cos.—No Precision Made for Assumption—Disposition Left Open.** First Mfg. 5% bonds of Jenneville Iron Works Co. \$200,000 00  
 Pref. Cumulative 8% stock of The Blake & Knowles Steam Pump Works (with unpaid divs. computed to Nov. 1 1915) 528,104 21  
 If consummation of the plan is delayed to a date later than Nov. 1 1915, the present issue of Class B pref. stock will be increased by the amount of the accrued interest from Nov. 1 1915 on the International bonds and the amount of common stock will be increased by 35% of the amount of such accrued interest. If the plan should be consummated prior to Nov. 1 1915, said stocks will be correspondingly decreased. In addition to the foregoing securities, there may be issued such additional amounts of any class of stock as may be desirable of accurate statement, but in no event expected to exceed \$200,000 in the aggregate) as may be required to provide for miscellaneous unsecured claims.

**Terms of Exchange.**

Each \$1,000 of Existing—	Will Receive New Stock—
International bonds with \$83 int. accrued to Nov. 1 1915) NH	\$1,033 33 \$379 17
Worthington pref. stock NH	\$31,000 (and cash for acc. divs)
Into national pref. stock \$12.50	7125
International common stock 12.50	125
Holly Mfg. Co. bonds.—See above.	170

z Syndicate managers may at any time within 6 mos. from issue pay this off at 105 and dividends.  
 y These amounts will be increased to the extent that the pref. stockholders are required to make the payments not made by the common shareholders.

**Underwriting of Plan.**—William Salomon & Co., as syndicate managers, have secured underwriters for the cash requirements of the plan up to \$3,889,063, who have agreed to make the payments of \$12.50 for each share of International stock, aggregating \$3,639,063, which are not made by the stockholders, and also to provide up to \$250,000 the cash which shall be distributable from the proceeds of any sale to such of the International bondholders as do not elect to participate in the plan. The underwriters will receive the new stock that would otherwise go to the stockholders and bondholders who do not participate in the plan, and will also receive a cash commission of 5% on such aggregate obligation of \$3,889,063. The syndicate managers will receive \$1,000,000 common stock of the new company as provided in the plan.—V. 101, p. 216.

**Manhattan Shirt Co., New York.—Common Div.**—A dividend of 1/2 of 1% has been declared on the \$5,000,000 common stock, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Sept. 1. A distribution of the same amount was made on June 1 1915.—V. 100, p. 1514.

**Maxwell Motor Co., Inc.—Second Dividend, Including One Account Accumulations.**—A quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% has been declared on the \$12,279,332 1st pref. 7% cum. pref. stock (cumulative from Jan. 1 1913), payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10; also an additional dividend of 3/4 of 1% on account of accumulated dividends. Similar payments were made on June 1 last.—V. 100, p. 1076.

**McCroyst Stores Corporation.—Sales for July.**—  
 1915—July—1914. Increase. 1915—7 Mos.—1914. Increase.  
 \$438,209 \$490,504 \$37,705 \$2,882,926 \$2,849,746 \$33,180  
 —V. 101, p. 134.

**Middle West Utilities Co.—Subsidiary Company Bonds.** See Chickasha Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 100, p. 2006.

**Nevada-California Electric Corporation.—Status.**—This company, incorporated in Delaware on Dec. 14 1914 to control and finance the Nevada-California Power Co. (V. 99, p. 193) and its subsidiaries, through the issue of first collateral loan bonds, has not as yet, we understand, made any offering of its securities, though it has acquired and now holds a majority interest in the stock of the Nevada-California Power Co. see report of that company on a preceding page.

<b>Capital Stock of New Corporation—</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Presently</b>
Common stock (par \$100)	\$20,000,000	\$5,000,000
Pref. stock (par \$100), preference rights, div., 1915, 4%; 1916, 5%; 1917, 6%; 1918, 7% yearly, cum.		
Not subject to redemption	10,000,000	5,000,000

President, Delos A. Chappell; Sec., W. E. Porter; Treasurer, Lawrence C. Phillips Jr. Compare V. 99, p. 194; V. 100, p. 144; V. 101, p. 374.

**New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Offer.**—See Providence Telephone Co. below.—V. 101, p. 452, 291.

**Nipa Bay Co.—Earnings.**—For year ending June 30:  

Year	Net Interest & Preferred Dividends	Depr. on Equip. & Def. on Def.	Sur. or Def.	
1914-15	\$2,164,718	\$380,504	(8%)\$360,503	\$380,290 sur.
1913-14	750,079	418,097		304,106 sur.
1912-13	374,017	420,038	(2%)\$40,000	def. 80,021

 The company's sugar mill produced 120,247,960 lbs. of sugar and 3,114,041 gallons of molasses in 1915, against 147,732,480 lbs. of sugar and 3,168,952 gallons of molasses in 1914, and 118,330,812 lbs. of sugar and 2,847,021 gallons of molasses in 1913.—V. 101, p. 217.

**Ohio State Telephone Co., Columbus, O.—Guaranteed Bonds—Property Now Owned.**—See Akron (O.) People's Telephone Co. above.

**Earnings.**—Covering period July 23 1914 to June 30 1915:  
 Total revenue \$2,881,788 Interest on bonds \$486,753  
 Net income (for taxes) 1,082,348 Preferred dividend 201,408  
 Balance unassigned \$304,181  
 —V. 100, p. 906.

**Old Dominion Co. of Maine.—Output.**—  
 1915 (lbs.)—July—1914. (lbs.) Increase. 1915 (lbs.)—7 Mos.—1914. (lbs.) Dec.  
 3,199,000. 2,982,000 237,000 14,571,000 20,841,000 6,270,000  
 —V. 100, p. 1836.

**Ontario Steel Products Co., Gananoque, Ont.—Earnings.**  

Year	Net (after Deprec. &c.)	Bond Interest	Preferred Dividends	Balance	Total
1914-15	\$36,600	\$36,600	(1%)\$37,500	\$39,218	\$50,188
1913-14	\$6,437	36,000	(7%)\$52,500	17,937	112,937

 \* After deducting \$1,000 patriotic fund contributions.—V. 99, p. 1803.

**Penn-Mex Fuel Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Status—Company Controlled by South Penn Oil Co.**—A circular issued by W. C. Coles & Co., successors to Ackermann & Coles, and Pouch & Co. of N. Y. and Jo. P. Cappeau & Sons of Pittsburgh, Pa., shows:

**Organization.**—Incorporated in Delaware in 1912. Capital stock, authorized and outstanding, \$10,000,000, in \$25 shares. No funded debt. Control of 51% of the stock owned by the South Penn Oil Co., a former subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), and the field management is the same that has made the South Penn Oil Co. a leading dividend payer.

**Properties.**—Controls between 280,000 to 300,000 acres of leases and fees in and near the present developments in the Panuco, Topila, Juan Casiano, Los Naranjos, Tres Hermanes, Potrero del Llano and Chiflos Fields of Mexico. In the Alamo field holds a solid block of over 72,000 acres of leases on which there are two producing wells and three wells shut down on top of sand. A 24-hour test of No. 2 well with the rate valve less than 25% open, made 30,250 barrels, and it is thought not improbable that a production of 80,000 to 100,000 barrels per day could be obtained by completing one or more of the wells on this property, or allowing the present wells to produce to capacity. Also has two producing wells in the Panuco and Chiflos fields in the North fields. An 8-inch line, 28 miles in length with a normal capacity of 40,000 bbls., which, if forced could handle 60,000 bbls. per day, has been completed from the Alamo field to the Gulf of Mexico; where it connects with the company's tank farm of over 1,000,000 bbls. capacity and with its deep-sea-loading terminals, which will have, when fully completed, four loading connections, each with a capacity of 1,800 to 2,500 bbls. per hour, loading four tankers at one time. Has a 14-mile narrow-gauge railroad from Zapotal to Alamo. Expert oil men value and believe the property will become one of the great producers.

The company is now shipping on a contract with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey for 5,000,000 bbls. of oil, which will not the company about 30 cts. per barrel, and has other contracts closed, which will take practically its entire production. At the present rate of shipments, the company should not over \$1,250,000 and it is expected will double its shipment in the near future. The gravity 22 1/2% Baume in the Alamo field, is the highest grade that is being shipped from Mexico. Penn-Mex commenced shipments from Tuxpan Terminals March 27 1915 and is loading at the rate of 350,000 to 400,000 bbls. per month, which will be increased as rapidly as additional tankers can be secured and the contracts of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey with other American companies expire.

**Officers.**—President, J. C. Treese; Vice-Presidents, E. E. Crocker and Arthur F. Corwin; Sec., H. S. Reeser; Treas., S. J. Hoffman.

**Port of Havana Docks Co.—Scrip for Interest.**—

While the net earnings during the past year have, it is stated, exceeded the amount of the interest on the 1st M. 30-year 6s. it was announced at a meeting of the directors held July 15 1915 that the company had been unable to make arrangements for the renewal of its loan of \$75,000 from the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., maturing Aug. 1 1915, and that it would be necessary to make other arrangements for the payment of the coupons which mature Aug. 1 1915, upon the aforesaid bonds. The directors have accordingly issued a circular letter in which they request bondholders to accept notes in lieu of cash in payment of the coupon, such notes being payable on Aug. 1 1917, but subject to extension at the company's option until Aug. 1 1918, and carrying interest at 5% per annum, payable at maturity. The notes will be payable at office of Dunn, Fisher & Co., London, or Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y., at the exchange rate of \$4 86 2-3 per pound sterling without deduction for any U. S. taxes. Scrip certificates issued at Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., N. Y.—V. 97, p. 1598.

**Providence (R. I.) Telephone Co.—Exchange of Stock.**—

The shareholders are offered the privilege of exchanging their stock for stock of the New England Tel. & Telegraph Co. on or before Nov. 10 on the basis of \$250 of Providence stock for \$400 New England stock, provided the holders of \$2,500,000 of the \$4,000,000 stock outstanding assent and deposit their certificates with the Industrial Trust Co., Providence, on or before Nov. 1. Fractional shares will be settled by sale or purchase at \$96 per share for Providence and \$120 for New England.

Pres. Dexter B. Potter in circular of Aug. 7 says in substance: "The Providence Telephone Co. and the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. are affiliated companies handling the telephone business in adjacent sections of New England, but the business between them is handled by a third company. If the two companies can be combined to form one company handling all the business in and between Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, thus eliminating a third company, the resulting organization would be beneficial to the telephone-using public. Providing that 50,000 shares of the Providence Telephone Co. stock is so offered the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. will exchange stock on the basis of four shares of its stock, par \$100, paying dividends of 7% for five shares of the Providence Telephone Co., par \$50, and paying dividends of 8% (\$4 per share). I have agreed to deposit my own stock for exchange upon this basis and recommend to my fellow stockholders also to accept this proposition. (The New England T. & T. Co. is said to own about one-third of the Providence Tel. Co.'s stock, formerly held by Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. No bonds outstanding.)—V. 94, p. 634.

**Sharp Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Common Div.**—

An initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the \$900,000 common stock, payable Aug. 14 to holders of record Aug. 4. The company was incorporated in 1910. On April 22 1914 7 1/2% stock was paid on the \$800,000 preferred stock (making a total of 13 1/2% for the year) in full for accumulations.—V. 91, p. 877.

**Spring Valley Water Co.—New Notes.**—The company on Aug. 3 applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue:

- (a) Promissory notes for \$1,000,000 secured by pledge of \$1,334,000 bonds, in order to redeem the outstanding two-year 5 1/2% collateral trust gold notes dated Dec. 1 1913, called for payment Sept. 1 at 100 1/2.
- (b) Two-year 5% collateral trust gold notes of the aggregate face value of \$2,500,000, secured by pledge with the Union Trust Co. of San Francisco, or other satisfactory trustee, of \$3,334,000 of the company's bonds. These last-named notes are to be sold at not less than 98%.

**Purposes for which the Proceeds of the \$2,500,000 2-Year Notes Are Applicable.**

Redemption of the aforesaid promissory notes to be executed before Sept. 1 1915, for the redemption on Sept. 1 1915 of the outstanding 5 1/2% gold notes dated Dec. 1 1913	\$1,000,000
Construction of Calaveras dam, Oct. 1913 to June 30 1915	349,455
City pipe system, meters and miscellaneous capital expenditures, Oct. 1913 to June 30 1915	170,060
Twin Peaks Ridge tunnel expenditures: Three assessments, May 21 1914 to Dec. 27 1915	498,829
Mortgage note payments, Oct. 1913 to June 30 1915, on lands purchased in New England	161,576
Mortgage notes payable during 1915 and 1916 for lands purch. Estimated expenditure on construction of Calaveras dam from July 1 to Dec. 31 1915	266,000
Estimated expenditures in extensions of mains in San Francisco, July 1 to Dec. 31 1915	150,000

The Calaveras Valley dam will, it is stated, cost \$1,500,000, and for this the company has already incurred a debt of \$468,955, and \$615,455 is now necessary to reimburse its treasury for this sum and to continue the work until Jan. 1 1916. The company is also making extensions of its system in San Francisco and raising its Lake Honda reservoir, adding 6,000,000 gallons storage capacity at a cost of \$150,000.—V. 101, p. 292.

**Submarine Boat Corporation.—Official Circular.**—See Electric Boat Co. above.

**Officers and Directors.**—These are as follows:  
 E. B. Frost, L. Y. Spear, Henry R. Sutphen, Gregory C. Davison, Vice-Presidents; Thomas C. Dawson, H. W. Sheridan, Norman Johnson, George W. Hoyt, Stacy C. Richmond, H. Winslow, Lanier & Co. (temporary Treasurer) William H. Kenick and Andrew Fletcher. The president and all technical staff of the present directorate is made up largely of members of the technical staff of the old Electric Boat Co.—V. 101, p. 452, 873.

For Other Investment News, see page 534.

## Reports and Documents.

## BUFFALO ROCHESTER &amp; PITTSBURGH RAILWAY COMPANY

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1915.

The Directors of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Company submit to the Stockholders the following report for the year ending June 30 1915:

ROAD OPERATED.			
	1915.	1914.	Increase.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Owned	367.06	367.06	—
Leased	89.90	89.90	—
Trackage rights	129.52	129.52	—
Total length of road operated	586.48	586.48	—
Second track	208.33	207.32	1.01
Sidings	372.71	360.48	12.23
Total miles of tracks, all steel rail	1,167.52	1,154.28	13.24

The tracks were increased by 1.01 miles of second track, constructed at Creekside, Pa., and 12.23 miles of new sidings.

INCOME.			
	1915.	1914.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-).
Operating Income—			
Revenues	\$9,479,935 75	\$10,734,691 00	-\$1,254,755 25
Expenses	6,935,252 30	7,965,117 27	+1,029,864 97
Net revenue	\$2,544,683 45	\$2,769,573 73	-\$224,890 28
Tax accruals	230,000 00	234,000 00	-4,000 00
Uncollectible revenues	596 27	—	+596 27
	\$230,596 27	\$234,000 00	-\$3,403 73
Income	\$2,314,087 18	\$2,535,573 73	-\$221,486 55
Miscellaneous income	450 43	Dr. 362 89	+813 37
Total operating income	\$2,314,537 61	\$2,535,210 84	-\$220,673 18
Non-operating income	718,195 23	820,587 10	-102,391 87
Gross income	\$3,032,732 89	\$3,355,797 94	-\$323,065 05
Deductions for interest and rentals	2,120,013 33	2,001,013 78	+118,999 55
Net income	\$912,719 56	\$1,354,784 16	-\$442,064 60
Appropriations—			
Pension and Fire Insurance Funds	\$21,508 47	\$16,432 49	+\$5,075 98
Special appropriations	111,211 09	348,351 67	-237,140 58
Total appropriations	\$132,719 56	\$364,784 16	-\$232,064 60
Surplus available for dividends	\$780,000 00	\$990,000 00	-\$210,000 00

A special appropriation of \$111,211 09 was made from Net Income, being part of the \$125,000 paid into the Sinking Funds under Equipment Agreements, Series A, B and C, out of which \$45,797 26 was applied to retire \$46,000 of Equipment Bonds Series C, and the balance was reserved for the purchase of new rolling stock.

Profit and Loss account was charged with \$536,380 61. Of this amount, \$14,284 45 is the remaining part of the payments into the above-mentioned Sinking Funds, including accrued interest, and is also available for the purchase of new rolling stock; \$216,298 83 represents the cost of Equipment Bonds Series D, E and F paid off during the year, less one-half of the principal refunded by 4½% Consolidated Mortgage bonds held in the Treasury of the Company; \$180,797 33 covers the full amount paid into the Sinking Funds, including accrued interest, to retire bonds under Equipment Agreement Series G; and \$125,000 is the principal of Series H bonds paid off during the year.

DIVIDENDS.			
Dividends in cash were paid on:	1915.	1914.	
Preferred stock	\$6,000,000 6%	\$360,000 6%	\$360,000
Common stock	10,500,000 4%	420,000 6%	630,000
Total	\$16,500,000	\$780,000	\$990,000

Since the close of the fiscal year your Board of Directors has declared semi-annual dividends of three per cent on the preferred stock and two per cent on the common stock, payable August 16 1915.

## CAPITAL STOCK.

There has been no change during the year in this account. The total outstanding Capital Stock of the Company amounts to \$16,500,000, and consists of \$6,000,000 preferred stock and of \$10,500,000 common stock.

## FUNDED DEBT.

In accordance with the provisions of the Consolidated Mortgage of 1907, \$1,020,000 00 4½% bonds were received from the Trustee to apply on payments made for improvements and betterments, and the securities placed in the Treasury of the Company. The Trustee also delivered to the Company \$205,000 00 Consolidated Mortgage 4½% bonds, representing 50% of Equipment Bonds Series D, E and F retired during the year.

These bonds added to those in the Treasury of the Company made a total of \$2,400,000 00, of which \$1,000,000 00 were sold during the year for corporate purposes, leaving a balance of \$1,400,000 00 held in reserve.

Under the terms of the Sinking Funds for the redemption of Equipment Bonds, \$640,000 00 were retired, as follows: \$46,000 00 Series C; \$115,000 00 Series D; \$117,000 00 Series E; \$178,000 00 Series F, and \$184,000 00 Series G.

Also the first annual installment of \$125,000 00 Series H bonds was paid, as provided for in that Equipment Agreement.

The net result is an increase of \$235,000 00 in the bonded debt of the Company outstanding on June 30 1915.

## COST OF ROAD.

Capital account has been charged during the year with \$882,008 80 for investment in road, as follows:

Lands for yard tracks, Rochester, N. Y.	\$121,617 64
Other lands	4,639 65
Storage warehouse, Rochester, N. Y.	163,318 88
Subway, Saxton St., Rochester, N. Y.	24,931 36
Elimination of grade crossing, Scottsville, N. Y.	23,431 00
Increased weight of rails, frogs and fastenings	64,856 87
Stone ballast	18,459 05
Improving bridges and culverts	80,272 97
Automatic block signals	70,641 45
Power plant building and machinery, Du Bois, Pa.	128,711 00
Power transmission and distribution system, Du Bois, Pa.	27,954 35
Shop machinery	16,453 94
New station, Sykes, Pa.	6,237 88
Yard extensions, sidings, etc.	130,482 76
Total	\$882,008 80

The six-story concrete storage warehouse at Rochester, N. Y., referred to in last year's report, was completed and is now in operation.

Automatic electric block signals were installed between Buffalo Creek, N. Y., and Ashford, N. Y., a distance of 45 miles, making 139.64 miles of single track and 137.68 miles of double track, a total of 277.32 miles, under this system, being 47% of the entire main line mileage of the road.

The new power house at Du Bois Shops, Pa., was completed April 1 1915. It accommodates new electric machinery now furnishing sufficient power to meet the growing needs of the plant at that point.

A new station was constructed at Sykes, Pa.

Among the important work still in progress may be mentioned:

- Subway, Saxton Street, Rochester, N. Y.
- Strengthening of steel bridges.
- Replacing of timber bridges, trestles and culverts in permanent form.

## COST OF EQUIPMENT.

Expenditures were made for new rolling stock as follows:

Seventeen locomotives	\$407,639 91
Five hundred steel underframe box cars	433,135 32
Five hundred steel underframe gondola cars	454,630 33
One locomotive crane hoist	7,524 80
Steel underframes applied on two thousand two hundred and twenty-four freight cars	149,542 13
Steel side stakes applied on one thousand eight hundred and fourteen freight cars	26,840 86
Sundry other betterments, including re-classification or transfer of three passenger cars and eighty-four freight cars	122,958 18
	\$1,602,281 53

There was credited for equipment sold, transferred or destroyed the following values charged in part to Operating Expenses, and the balance representing the depreciation since June 30 1907 charged to Accrued Depreciation account:

Seven passenger train cars	\$59,828 99
Nine hundred and ninety-eight freight train cars	472,970 63
Ten work equipment cars	4,374 62
	537,184 24

Making a net increase of \$1,065,097 29

The total tractive power of engines aggregates 11,627,535 pounds, an increase of 984,280 pounds over last year.

The average tractive power of each engine increased 1,217 pounds, being 35,999 pounds as against 34,782 pounds last year.

The total carrying capacity of cars in freight service now amounts to 751,531 net tons, an increase of 14,033 tons over last year.

The average carrying capacity or efficiency of each freight car increased .90 ton, being 43.19 tons as against 42.29 tons last year.

The reserve for accrued depreciation of equipment on June 30 1915 is as follows:

On equipment owned	\$2,149,524 00
On leased equipment	203,377 98
Total	\$2,352,901 98

## PASSENGER REVENUES.

The gross passenger revenue amounted to \$1,101,980 50, a decrease of 6.96 per cent, or \$82,436 49, caused chiefly by the shrinkage of local travel in the mining regions.

The average rate received per passenger per mile increased .057 cent, being 2.186 cents as compared with 2.129 cents a year ago.

The average distance each passenger was carried decreased .07 mile, being 26.94 miles, against 27.01 miles last year.

Passengers carried in 1915.....	1,871,323
Passengers carried in 1914.....	2,059,683
A decrease of 9.15 per cent, or.....	188,361
Passengers carried one mile in 1915.....	50,415,391
Passengers carried one mile in 1914.....	55,632,097
A decrease of 9.38 per cent, or.....	5,216,706

FREIGHT REVENUES.

The average rate received per ton per mile increased .15 mill, being 4.77 mills as compared with 4.62 mills last year.

The average distance each ton was hauled decreased 7.21 miles, being 153.83 miles, against 161.04 miles a year ago.

The revenue tonnage moved was as follows:

	1915.	1914.	Increase.	Decrease.
Bituminous coal.....	7,107,857	8,176,430		1,068,573
Coke.....	362,403	393,358		30,955
Iron ore.....	417,178	699,702		282,524
Pig and bloom iron.....	258,461	265,521		7,060
Other freight.....	2,782,136	2,760,038	22,098	
Total.....	10,928,035	12,295,049		

A decrease of 11.12 per cent, or.....	1,367,014
Tons moved one mile in 1915.....	1,681,022,418
Tons moved one mile in 1914.....	1,980,012,951
A decrease of 15.10 per cent, or.....	298,990,533

The result for the year is a loss of 12.36 per cent, or \$1,131,251 63 in gross freight revenue.

Coal and coke traffic decreased 1,099,528 tons, or 12.83%, due to the disturbed business conditions in the territory served by your shippers.

The depression in the iron and steel industry existing throughout the year, caused a reduction of 289,584 tons, or 30.00% in iron ore, pig and bloom iron.

Other freight shows a slight increase.

The decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, granting an increase of not over five per cent in freight rates, became effective at various dates after December 16th 1914. This did not apply to coal, coke, iron ore and other specified commodities. A careful estimate indicates that such increases added about \$41,000 to our revenues this year.

EXPENSES.

Operating Expenses decreased \$1,029,864 97, or 12.93 per cent, in which each primary expense account participated, as follows:

	Decrease.	Per Cent.
Maintenance of way.....	\$180,698 99	12.48
Maintenance of equipment.....	80,839 83	3.65
Traffic.....	8,786 70	5.84
Transportation.....	735,562 36	18.96
Miscellaneous operations.....	12,326 13	45.82
General.....	11,580 96	4.76
Total.....	\$1,029,864 97	12.93

The reduction of train mileage was a large factor in accomplishing the above decrease, but the increased efficiency resulting from previous improvements, and the enforcement of economies wherever practicable, contributed their share to the saving made. In attaining this result the Company did not depart from its policy of maintaining roadway and equipment at its usual high standard.

The operating ratio decreased 1.04 per cent, being 73.16 per cent, against 74.20 per cent last year.

The percentage of each group of operating expenses to operating revenues for the past five years is as follows:

United Coal Mining Co. (of Ill.), Chicago.—Status.—

The \$250,000 2-year convertible 6% gold notes offered at par by the Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co., the trustee for the issue, are dated Aug. 1 1915 and due Aug. 1 1917, but red. at 101 and int. on any interest date. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c<sup>s</sup>. Interest F. & A. in Chicago and N. Y.

Capitalization—Capital stock auth. \$1,000,000; outstanding.....\$680,000. 1st M. bonds, \$1,000,000; issued, \$556,000; less canceled by sinking fund, \$204,500; balance outstanding.....351,500 This issue of notes authorized, all outstanding.....250,000

Digest of Letter from Pres. C. M. Moderwell, Chicago, July 16 1915.

These Notes.—The proceeds of this issue will retire \$200,000 6% notes maturing Aug. 1 1915, will provide in part for the purchase of about 600 additional acres of coal land, as well as add somewhat to the working capital. The notes are a direct obligation of the company, and are secured by a 2nd mtge. on all of its property. The trust deed allows the company to issue escrow bonds under its first mortgage, but this would automatically increase the value of the property behind these notes. These notes are also convertible into the common stock of the company at par, \$250,000 treasury stock having been deposited with the trustee for this purpose.

Property.—Consists of about 4,000 acres of coal land in Franklin County, Ill., of which about 300 acres have been exhausted. Two fully-equipped mines, one of which, with a daily capacity of 2,500 tons, has been in operation since organization in 1906. Second mine, completed in 1912, has a daily capacity of 4,000 tons, and is one of the largest producers in Illinois. We are now completing the purchase of between 600 and 700 acres of land adjacent to the present property. The coal in this district is known as Seam No. 6, and averages about 8 ft. 6 in. in thickness about 500 ft. below the surface, and covers a district about 25 miles square.

Based on engineers' reports in recent years, the physical value, including the additional acreage above mentioned, is something over \$1,500,000, or about 2 1/2 times all funded debt. The \$680,000 capital stock represents actual investment in the company at par or more, constituting an equity above the bonded debt. Since 1906 more than \$350,000 has been charged off for depletion and depletion of coal lands, which undoubtedly is more than is necessary.

Earnings.—Net earnings during the past six years after deducting depreciation of equipment, but before deducting sinking fund charge of 6 cents per ton of coal mined, have averaged more than three times the interest charges on both the 1st M. bonds and notes now outstanding. The past two years, 1913 and 1914, have been far below normal in the coal business so that the company has not had an opportunity to derive full benefit from its large mine completed late in 1912, but in spite of these conditions, the independent audit for the fiscal year ending March 31 1915 shows a balance,

	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.
Maintenance of way.....	13.37	13.49	14.23	12.52	12.57
Maintenance of equipment.....	22.53	20.65	19.74	18.94	19.35
Traffic.....	1.50	1.40	1.30	1.26	1.44
Transportation.....	31.17	36.15	32.71	32.88	32.11
Miscellaneous operations.....	.15	.25			
General.....	2.44	2.26	2.05	2.14	1.81
Total.....	73.16	74.20	70.03	67.74	67.28

The average cost per ton per mile is 3.21 mills, being .02 mill less than last year.

The average number of revenue tons carried one mile per revenue freight train mile, excluding the mileage of helping engines, increased 13.56 tons, being 707.16 tons, against 693.60 tons a year ago.

The average number of revenue tons carried one mile per revenue freight engine mile, including the mileage of helping engines, increased 23 tons, being 477, against 454 a year ago.

The averages for the past ten years are as follows:

Year.	Train Load.	Engine Load.	Year.	Train Load.	Engine Load.
1906.....	525	418	1911.....	635	430
1907.....	543	435	1912.....	647	439
1908.....	530	371	1913.....	710	462
1909.....	597	400	1914.....	694	454
1910.....	638	420	1915.....	707	477

The average number of revenue passengers carried one mile per revenue passenger train mile is 37, being 3 less than last year.

The non-revenue traffic not included in any of the other figures of this report is as follows:

	1915.	1914.
Number of passengers.....	275,504	323,720
Number of passengers carried one mile.....	11,522,375	13,098,629
Number of tons.....	867,023	1,106,032
Number of tons carried one mile.....	83,299,093	108,941,868

FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

The assets of this fund were increased \$1,468 03 during the year, and now amount to \$283,975 50 in interest-bearing securities and cash.

PENSION FUND.

The assets of this fund, created July 1 1903, were increased \$9,623 70 during the year, and now amount to \$207,199 62 in interest-bearing securities and cash.

There were sixty-one pensioners upon the roll on June 30 1915, a net increase of four during the year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Ontario Car Ferry Company, Limited, paid a dividend of 5% for the year ending December 31 1914. The sum of \$12,485 received on the \$249,700 of this Company's stock was credited to Non-operating Income account.

The second boat under construction for the Ferry Company, referred to in last year's report, is to be delivered about September 1st next.

On November 16 1914 Mr. O'Donnell Iselin was elected a Director to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Lewis Iselin.

Comparative statements and statistics of the operation of your road for the year, in which the figures for the preceding year were recast as far as possible to agree with the new classification prescribed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, effective July 1 1914, are submitted herewith.

The acknowledgments of the Board are renewed to the officers and employees for their faithful and efficient services. By order of the Board.

WILLIAM T. NOONAN, President.

Rochester, N. Y., July 31 1915.

after deducting depreciation of buildings and equipment, of \$127,528, applicable to interest and sinking fund, and the corresponding figures for the year ending May 31 1915 are \$150,575 (deduct interest on funded debt, \$36,090; balance, surplus, \$114,485). A fair estimate of net earnings on that basis for a normal year would be from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Management.—Still in the hands of original owners, who have spent their lives in the coal business. Output sold exclusively by C. M. Moderwell & Co. (entire capital stock owned by United Coal Mining Co.) over an unusually wide territory, including Texas, La., Ark., Mo., Kan., Neb., North and South Dakota, Minn., Ia., Wisc. and Ill.—V. 101, p. 452.

United States Steel Corporation.—Orders July 31.—

See "Trade and Traffic Movements" on a previous page.—V. 101, p. 366, 288.

Wolverine Copper Mining Co.—Report Yr. end. June 30:

Fiscal Year—	Total	Net	New Con-	Dis. on	Balance.
	Year.	Earnings, struct., &c.	Stock.	Sur. or Def.	
1914-15.....	\$929,193	\$318,201		\$360,000	def. \$41,799
1913-14.....	484,061	95,353	\$14,278		sur. \$1,075
1912-13.....	1,326,501	601,514		600,000	sur. 1,514

During the year ending June 30 1915 there were produced 7,250,866 lbs. of refined copper, against 3,435,459 in 1913-14; total cost in 1914-15, 8.43c. per lb.; average selling price, 12.81c.—V. 99, p. 834.

CURRENT NOTICE.

—A. E. Lewis of Los Angeles, who has heretofore been connected with the bond department of Torrance, Marshall & Co., has gone into business for himself, specializing in municipal and corporation bonds. Mr. Lewis was associated with Newborg & Co. of this city prior to his going to the Pacific Coast. He has offices in the Security Building, Los Angeles.

—Mr. Brandell Kenmore of Brandell Kenmore & Co., Providence, R. I., has joined a number of business and professional men who have gone to the military training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., for a four weeks' strenuous rest.

—Redmond & Company are offering a list of assorted investment securities, including railroad bonds to yield 4.45% to 6.05%, public utility bonds to yield 5.05% to 5.85%, and municipal bonds to yield 4.20% to 4.70%.



In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named. We add similar figures for New York.

Table with columns: On Shipboard, Not Cleared for— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Const.-wise, Total), and Leaving Stock. Rows include New Orleans, Galveston, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, New York, and Other ports for August 13 at and Total for 1915, 1914, and 1913.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has still kept within narrow bounds and prices weakened for a time, owing to rains in Texas, Georgia, and elsewhere in the belt, some depression in Liverpool and rumors that England is to put cotton on the contraband list very shortly. Later came a rise on renewed complaints of drought east and west of the Mississippi. But one of the greatest obstacles to a big, sustained advance is the continued dulness of the export trade coincident with abnormally large supplies at home and abroad. And there is beginning to be some talk to the effect that the draft on skilled labor in Europe has been so great that the producing powers of big manufacturing nations have been noticeably reduced. The war news too has been of a character to suggest the prolonging of the struggle rather than any prospects of any early ending. The impression, moreover, is that the crop has recently improved rather than deteriorated in not a few sections of the belt. Liverpool's spot sales, which for many weeks were 10,000 to 15,000 bales a day and even as high on one occasion as 18,000 bales, have latterly fallen off to 8,000 bales. The South, Wall Street and apparently the West have sold to some extent, and latterly Liverpool has not bought on the large scale here, in undoing straddles, that it did for several weeks previously. Meantime speculation has been quiet. People in many cases are "mixed" as to the general situation. They are undecided. That means that pretty much everybody is keeping close to shore. Speculative business is in the main for moderate turns. In fact, it is what is commonly known as a "traders' market." There is quite a little to be said on both sides of the case. If stocks are large and exports poor, it is no less true that the price is unusually low and consumption to all appearance is large. Which factors in the long run are to shape the course of prices. Some think that when the crop begins to move on a liberal scale, the South will sell freely, and that hedge selling will also tell very noticeably the price. Some think that military conscription is bound to be introduced in England before very long and that this will have the effect of reducing British takings of American cotton. The South shows no little anxiety on the question as to how the crop is to be financed, and what is to be done about the prospective loss in exports to Germany and Austria of about 3,000,000 bales. In the English newspapers the plan is advocated of making this loss good to the South in some way. This dubious outlook for foreign sales and the belief that the season's supplies are to be very large are considered, however, a stumbling block in the path of a bull market. On the other hand it is insisted that the Federal Reserve banks will help the South in financing its cotton to such an extent as to obviate any serious loss in the price. Meantime the South is not pressing its cotton on the market. Current guesses on the world's consumption this season run as high as 15,000,000 bales, or, roughly, something like a million bales larger than that of last year, according to a recent estimate. Although Texas has had rains, some reports insist that it needs still more moisture. Also the fear has not entirely disappeared of a weather scare this month. Yet, after all, the cotton market nowadays is a rather monotonous affair. Both bulls and bears have arguments in favor of their positions which sound plausible enough, but there is no escaping the fact that neither side has the courage of its convictions to such a degree as to cause aggressive trading either for the rise or for the fall. Both sides are really awaiting further developments, but shorts have latterly shown nervousness over the Government reports of drought in Texas, Georgia and other important cotton States like Alabama, Mississippi, &c. To-day prices declined, owing to good rains in parts of Texas. A demoralized foreign exchange market with sterling and francs at an abnormally low point, also had a more or less depressing effect. Spot cotton closed at 9.30c. for middling uplands, showing a decline for the week of 15 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Aug. 12 quotations of the nine markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences established for deliveries in the New York market on Aug. 19.

Table showing price differences between cotton grades: Middling fair (1.01 on), Strict good middling (0.73 on), Good middling (0.49 on), Strict middling (0.24 on), Middling fair (0.43 off), Low middling (0.35 off), Strict good ordinary (1.30 off), Good ordinary (2.12 off), Strict good mid. (0.25 on), Good middling "yellow" (0.24 off), Middling "yellow" (0.31 off), Strict low mid. "yellow" (0.39 off), Low middling "yellow" (0.55 off), Middling "blue" (0.82 off), Strict low mid. "blue" (1.21 off), Low middling "blue" (1.75 off), Middling "stained" (1.20 off).

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table for NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS. Shows quotations for 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

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

Table of futures prices for August through July, showing Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Week closing prices for various months.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, as well as the afloat, are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Large table of cotton supply figures. Columns: 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912. Rows include: Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat for Europe, Amer. cotton afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Stock in U. S. ports, Stock in U. S. interior towns, U. S. exports to-day, Total visible supply, and breakdowns for American, East India, &c., and Total American.

Continental imports for past week have been 40,000 bales. The above figures for 1915 show a decrease from last week of 297,469 bales, a gain of 1,264,060 bales over 1914, an excess of 2,062,119 bales over 1913 and a gain of 2,097,607 bales over 1912.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below.

Table with columns: Towns, Movement to Avg. 13 1915., Movement to Avg. 14 1914., Receipts, Shipments, Stocks. Lists various towns like Ala., Rufaula, Montgomery, Selma, etc.

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: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows for October, November, January, March, May, and Tons.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH—Telegraphic advices to us this evening from the South denote that further beneficial rains have fallen in most sections during the week and as a result crop reports are more favorable.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 18,641 bales and are to-night 304,364 bales more than at the same time last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table with columns: Shipped, 1915, 1914, Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows for Via St. Louis, Via Cairo, Via Rock Island, etc.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 14,370 bales, against 22,538 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 20,125 bales.

Table with columns: 1915, 1914, Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows for Receipts at ports, Net overland, Southern consumption, etc.

Table with columns: Week, Bales, Since Aug. 1. Rows for 1913-Aug. 15, 1912-Aug. 16, 1911-Aug. 18.

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

Table with columns: Week ending August 13., Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows for Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.

Gabeston, Tex.—Severe drouth continues to prevail in the Southwestern part of Texas. Elsewhere in the State scattered showers occurred.

Abilene, Tex.—There has been rain on one day of the week, to the extent of two hundredths of an inch.

Brenham, Tex.—It has been dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 74 to 101, averaging 88.

Cuero, Tex.—It has rained on one day of the week, the precipitation being six hundredths of an inch.

Dallas, Tex.—We have had rain on three days of the past week, the rainfall reaching ten hundredths of an inch.

Henrietta, Tex.—We have had rain on three days of the week, the rainfall reaching eighty-eight hundredths of an inch.

Huntsville, Texas.—There has been good rain on three days the past week, to the extent of two inches.

Kerrville, Tex.—It has rained on one day of the week, the precipitation reaching ninety-four hundredths of an inch.

Lampasas, Tex.—We have had light rain on one day during the past week, to the extent of eight hundredths of an inch.

Longview, Tex.—There has been rain on two days of the week, to the extent of one inch and twelve hundredths.

Luling, Tex.—There has been no rain the past week. The thermometer has averaged 86, ranging from 70 to 102.

Nacogdoches, Tex.—Dry all the week. The thermometer has ranged from 68 to 94, averaging 81.

Palentine, Tex.—It has rained on two days of the week, the rainfall being thirty-six hundredths of an inch.

Paris, Tex.—It has rained on three days during the week, the rainfall having reached one inch and forty-nine hundredths.

San Antonio, Tex.—There has been rain on two days the past week, the rainfall being sixty-five hundredths of an inch.

Taylor, Tex.—It has been dry all the week. Minimum thermometer 68.

Weatherford, Tex.—We have had rain on two days the past week, the rainfall being twenty-eight hundredths of an inch.

Ardmore, Okla.—The week's rainfall has been twenty-four hundredths of an inch on two days.

Mangum, Okla.—We have had rain on three days during the week, the precipitation being seventy-seven hundredths of an inch.

Tulsa, Okla.—It has rained on four days of the week, the precipitation being three inches and thirty-one hundredths.

Eldorado, Ark.—We have had rain on two days of the week, the precipitation being one inch and eighty hundredths.

**Fort Smith, Ark.**—We have had rain on three days during the week, the precipitation being one inch and two hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 79, the highest being 92 and the lowest 66.

**Little Rock, Ark.**—There has been rain on three days during the week, the rainfall reaching two inches and seventy-seven hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 79, ranging from 65 to 92.

**Alexandria, La.**—There has been rain on one day during the week, to the extent of thirty-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 70 to 96, averaging 83.

**New Orleans, La.**—Rain has fallen on two days during the week, the rainfall reaching two inches and forty-six hundredths. Average thermometer 82, highest 94, lowest 70.

**Shreveport, La.**—We have had rain on one day of the week, the precipitation reaching ten hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 84, the highest being 98 and the lowest 70.

**Columbus, Miss.**—There has been rain on one day during the week, the rainfall reaching eighty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 80, ranging from 59 to 100.

**Holly Springs, Miss.**—It has rained on four days of the week, the rainfall reaching three inches. The thermometer has ranged from 69 to 94, averaging 81.

**Vicksburg, Miss.**—Rain has fallen on one day during the week, the rainfall reaching nineteen hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 80, highest 92, lowest 69.

**Decatur, Ala.**—There has been rain on four days during the week, the precipitation being one inch and fifty-three hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 76, the highest being 90 and the lowest 62.

**Mobile, Ala.**—Copious rains in the interior have benefitted crops. Cotton is opening rapidly. There has been rain on three days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and eighty-nine hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 80.7, ranging from 70 to 92.

**Montgomery, Ala.**—Prospects continue encouraging. Rain has fallen on one day of the week, the precipitation being forty hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 70 to 96, averaging 83.

**Selma, Ala.**—Rain has fallen on three days of the week, the rainfall being one inch and twenty hundredths of an inch. Average thermometer 81, highest 95, lowest 69.

**Madison, Fla.**—There has been rain on one day during the week, the precipitation being one inch and ten hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 81, the highest being 92 and the lowest 73.

**Tallahassee, Fla.**—It has rained on three days during the week, the precipitation being one inch and ninety-hundredths. Thermometer has averaged 81, ranging from 71 to 90.

**Albany, Ga.**—It has rained on two days during the week, the rainfall reaching ninety-five hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has ranged from 70 to 97, averaging 83.

**Athens, Ga.**—Rain has fallen on three days during the week, the rainfall reaching one inch and sixty-one hundredths. Average thermometer 77, highest 95, lowest 58.

**Savannah, Ga.**—We have had rain on four days of the week, the precipitation reaching three inches and ninety-five hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 82, the highest being 94 and the lowest 70.

**Charleston, S. C.**—There has been rain on two days during the week, the rainfall reaching eighteen hundredths of an inch. Thermometer has averaged 83, ranging from 72 to 93.

**Cheraw, S. C.**—We have had rain on three days during the week, the rainfall reaching one inch and thirty-five hundredths. The thermometer has ranged from 62 to 92, averaging 77.

**Spartanburg, S. C.**—We have had rain on two days the past week, the rainfall being two inches and seventeen hundredths. Average thermometer 77, highest 95, lowest 60.

**Charlotte, N. C.**—There has been rain on two days during the week, the precipitation being one inch and forty hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 79, the highest being 91 and the lowest 67.

**Goldsboro, N. C.**—There has been rain on three days during the week, the rainfall reaching one inch and thirty-two hundredths. The thermometer has averaged 78, ranging from 62 to 93.

**Weldon, N. C.**—We have had rain on one day during the week, the rainfall reaching twenty-five hundredths of an inch. Thermometer has ranged from 62 to 90, averaging 76.

**Dyersburg, Tenn.**—There has been rain on four days during the week, the rainfall being one inch and sixty-eight hundredths. Average thermometer 78, highest 92, lowest 64.

**Memphis, Tenn.**—Rain has been general in this territory and very beneficial. There has been rain on two days during the week, the precipitation being ninety-four hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 78, the highest being 89 and the lowest 68.

**Milan, Tenn.**—It has rained on two days during the week, the precipitation being sixty-eight hundredths of an inch. The thermometer has averaged 77, ranging from 62 to 92.

**COTTON CROP CIRCULAR.**—Our Annual Cotton Crop Review will be ready in circular form about Thursday, Aug. 19. Parties desiring the circular in quantities, with their business card printed thereon, should send in their orders as soon as possible, to secure early delivery. Publication of this annual review has been deferred this year to a somewhat later date (after the close of the cotton season) than has been our practice heretofore in order to afford more time for the investigation of the situation abroad.

**WORLDS SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.**

Cotton Takings. Week and Season.	1914-15.		1913-14.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Aug. 6.....	4,553,242		3,054,506	
Visible supply Aug. 1.....		4,633,210		3,176,816
American in sight to Aug. 13.....	81,146	152,611	58,164	120,029
Bombay receipts to Aug. 12.....	612,000	30,000	10,000	20,000
Other India shipm'ts to Aug. 12.....	63,000	9,000	7,000	13,000
Alexandria receipts to Aug. 11.....	6,200	1,200	100	200
Other supply to Aug. 11 *.....	63,000	6,000	3,000	8,000
Total supply.....	4,653,928	4,832,021	3,132,670	3,338,045
Deficit.....				
Visible supply Aug. 13.....	4,255,773		2,991,413	2,991,413
Total takings to Aug. 13. a.....	398,155	576,248	141,257	346,632
Of which American.....	177,955	435,048	114,157	238,432
Of which other.....	120,200	141,200	27,100	108,200

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.  
 a This total embraces the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 120,000 bales in 1915 and 108,000 bales in 1914—includes not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 455,248 bales in 1915 and 238,632 bales in 1914, of which 315,048 bales and 130,432 bales American.  
 b Estimated.

**MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.**

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures. Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday.....	Quiet.....	Firm.....	---	---	---
Monday.....	Quiet.....	Steady.....	---	---	---
Tuesday.....	Steady, 20 pts. dec.	Steady.....	10	---	10
Wednesday.....	Steady, 20 pts. adv.	Firm.....	---	---	---
Thursday.....	Quiet.....	Steady.....	---	---	---
Friday.....	Steady, 15 pts. dec.	Steady.....	---	---	---
Total.....			10	---	10

**BOMBAY COTTON MOVEMENT.**—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments for the week ending July 22 and for the season from Aug. 1 for three years have been as follows:

July 22. Receipts at—	1914-15.		1913-14.		1912-13.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay.....	18,000	2,621,000	14,000	3,736,000	12,000	2,699,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Conti- nent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Conti- nent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1914-15.....		22,000	23,000	78,000	304,000	1,325,000	1,707,000	
1913-14.....		26,000	13,000	35,000	72,000	1,269,000	2,610,000	
1912-13.....	1,000	24,000	5,000	30,000	20,000	489,000	970,000	1,479,000

**ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.**

Alexandria, Egypt, July 21.	1914-15.	1913-14.	1912-13.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	8,337	1,300	700
Since August 1.....	6,341,259	7,636,556	7,466,586

Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.....	1,252	208,486	---	210,600	1,250	207,288
To Manchester.....	---	149,429	---	225,598	---	207,362
To Continent & India.....	1,155	280,632	2,000	459,855	2,500	114,664
To America.....	1,150	164,067	---	86,303	---	125,870
Total exports.....	3,557	802,614	2,000	982,356	4,550	955,184

**MANCHESTER MARKET.**—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that yarns and cloths are very quiet, the demand having been checked by longer delivery. We give prices for to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1915.				1914.				
	32s Cop Twtst.	8½ lbs. Shri- tings, common to finest.	Col'n Mtd. Upp's	32s Cop Twtst.	8½ lbs. Shri- tings, common to finest.	Col'n Mtd. Upp's	32s Cop Twtst.	8½ lbs. Shri- tings, common to finest.	Col'n Mtd. Upp's
July 25.....	8¾ @ 9	6 @ 7	5.36	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 11	4½ @ 5	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 7	7.58
July 2.....	8¾ @ 9	6 @ 7	5.20	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 11	4½ @ 5	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 7	7.46
July 9.....	8¾ @ 9	6 @ 7	5.17	10 @ 11	6 @ 11	4½ @ 5	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 7	7.33
July 16.....	8¾ @ 9	6 @ 7	5.15	10 @ 11	6 @ 11	4½ @ 5	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 7	7.35
July 23.....	8¾ @ 9	6 @ 7	5.13	9 15-16 @ 10	6 @ 11	4½ @ 5	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 7	7.38
July 30.....	8 5-16 @ 9	6 @ 7	5.34	9 11-16 @ 10	6 @ 11	4½ @ 5	10¼ @ 11¼	6 @ 7	6.66
Aug. 6.....	8¾ @ 9	5 @ 7	5.53	No quo- tations					6.50
Aug. 13.....	8¾ @ 9	6 @ 7	5.43	No quo- tations					6.50

**SHIPPING NEWS.**—Shipments in detail:

	Total bates.
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Aug. 11—Den of Ogil, 21 West	188
Indian—Aug. 12—Laplans, 167 Peruvian.....	5,700
To Havre—Aug. 7—Strathallan, 5,700.....	5,700
To Barcelona—Aug. 6—Montevideo, 500.....	500
To Genoa—Aug. 7—Casorta, 850.....	850
Aug. 11—Taormina, 1,025.....	1,025
Aug. 10—Capri, 2,185.....	2,185
To Vladivostok—Aug. 6—Indradeo, 3,000.....	3,000
To Venazcos—Aug. 11—Caracas, 50.....	50
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Aug. 11—Nestorian, 8,084.....	8,084
To Copenhagen—Aug. 10—Tasmanic, 200.....	200
To Barcelona—Aug. 10—Port Sonachan, 3,463.....	3,463
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Aug. 7—Chancellor, 740.....	740
To Manchester—Aug. 11—Kalyndra, 1,159.....	1,159
To Barcelona—Aug. 11—Balmes, 665.....	665
To Genoa—Aug. 7—Avanguardia, 6,443.....	6,443
To Mexico—Aug. 7—City of Tampico, 750.....	750
SAVANNAH—To Manchester—Aug. 6—Inca, 432.....	432
To Havre—Aug. 12—Vigilancia, 2,058.....	2,058
BOSTON—To Liverpool—Aug. 3—Canadian, 1.....	1
To Yarmouth—Aug. 7—Prince George, 113.....	113
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Aug. 7—Tenyo Maru, 500.....	500
To China—Aug. 7—Tenyo Maru, 300.....	300



	Total bales.
SEATTLE—To Japan—Aug. 6—Minnesota, 700	Aug. 10—Tamba
Maru, 3,371	Aug. 11—Idem, 1,100
To China—Aug. 10—Tamba Maru, 105	5,171
To Vladivostok—Aug. 6—Minnesota, 150	150
TACOMA—To Japan—Aug. 6—Canada Maru, 2,097	2,097
To China—Aug. 6—Canada Maru, 400	400
Total	46,329

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

	July 23.	July 30.	Aug. 6.	Aug. 13.
Sales of the week	50,000	52,000	52,000	-----
Of which speculators took	5,700	6,000	6,000	-----
Of which exporters took	900	3,000	2,000	-----
Sales, American	47,000	45,000	44,000	-----
Actual export	16,000	13,000	3,000	13,000
Forwarded	89,000	63,000	60,000	69,000
Total stock	1,574,000	1,452,000	1,414,000	1,348,000
Of which American	1,369,000	1,198,000	1,155,000	1,097,000
Total imports of the week	52,000	15,000	15,000	17,000
Of which American	38,000	4,000	10,000	5,000
Amount afloat	50,000	63,000	80,000	-----
Of which American	28,000	40,000	41,000	-----

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:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12 1/2	Quiet.	Good demand.	Moderate demand.	Fair business doing.	Fair business doing.	Moderate demand.
P. M.	5.53	5.47	5.36	5.37	5.46	5.43
Mid. Upl'ds	5,000	10,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,000
Sales	500	1,000	1,000	800	2,000	500
Spec. & exp.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Futures.	Quiet at 1 @ 1 1/2 pts. dec.	Quiet at 2 @ 2 1/2 pts. adv.	Weak at 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2 pts. dec.	Quiet at 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2 pts. dec.	Quite at 5 @ 6 1/2 pts. adv.	Steady. unch. to 1 1/2 pts. dec.
Market, opened	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Market, 4	Steady at 1 1/2 @ 2 pts. adv.	Easy at 9 @ 10 1/2 pts. dec.	Quiet at 4 1/2 @ 5 pts. dec.	Quiet at 1 1/2 @ 2 pts. adv.	uQuiet at 2 @ 4 pts. advance.	Quiet. 3 @ 4 1/2 pts. decline.
P. M.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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.

The prices are given in pence and 100ths. Thus, 5 40 means 5 40/100.

Aug. 7 to Aug. 13.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thursday.	Friday
	12 1/4 p.m.	12 1/2 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.	12 1/4 p.m.
August	d. 5 40	d. 35 1/2	d. 29 1/2	d. 24 1/2	d. 25	d. 27
Oct.-Nov.	5 51	47 1/2	41	36	36 1/2	35 1/2
Jan.-Feb.	5 64	69 1/2	55	49 1/2	50	49 1/2
Mar.-Apr.	5 72	68 1/2	63	57 1/2	58	58
May-June	5 79	75 1/2	70	64 1/2	65	67
July-Aug.	5 85	81 1/2	76	70 1/2	71	73

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, August 13th 1915.

Flour has been in somewhat better demand. That is, old flour has sold more readily at firm prices. It is believed that Southwestern shipments of new flour will be later than usual. In the meantime buyers are supposed to be carrying smaller stocks than usual. In fact some think they are smaller than for years past. At any rate the tone has been stronger partly owing to the high premiums on cash wheat and the recent small receipts of wheat.

Wheat declined, owing to better crop reports and larger receipts. The latest Government crop report points to a yield of 966,000,000 bushels, against 891,017,000 last year, 763,330,000 in 1913, 730,267,000 in 1912 and 621,338,000 in 1911. The condition of spring wheat on Aug. 1 was 93.4%, against 75.5 last year and 93.3 a month ago, in spite of the loud talk during July of rust and what-not at the Northwest. The ten-year average for spring wheat is only 78.9, so that present prospects are unusually favorable. A year ago, it may be repeated, the spring wheat condition was only 75.5. The outlook now is for a spring wheat yield of next to the largest on record, i. e., 307,000,000 bushels, against 206,027,000 last year, 239,819,000 in 1913 and 330,348,000 in 1912, which was the banner year for spring wheat. In 1911 the yield was only 190,682,000 bushels, so that enormous strides have been made since that time. The winter wheat crop is estimated at 659,000,000 bushels, against 684,990,000 last year and 523,561,000 in 1913, so that the present yield, like that of spring wheat, is next to the largest ever known judging from present appearances. The total wheat acreage is 59,417,000 acres against 53,541,000 last year. The total area this year was never before equaled. The yield of potatoes of 431,000,000 bushels marks a new high record. And the rice harvest promises to be 30,000,000 bushels, which also will be the largest ever known. Latterly reports from the Northwest have been generally favorable, backed up, as will be seen, by the August Government report. Prices have fallen, owing partly to the Government statement, although that document does not encourage the idea of a billion-bushel crop. But it brings out one point very clearly, namely that in spite of the recent prolonged rains the loss in the winter-wheat crop indication during the month was only 9,000,000 bushels. Moreover, favorable private crop reports from the Canadian as well as the American Northwest, and heavy receipts, had a more or less depressing effect. And wheat is already being out in Canada over a large tract of territory, a fact on which no little emphasis has been laid.

Yet at times Liverpool prices have been very strong, partly owing to bad weather in the United Kingdom, where heavy

rains have prevailed, causing lodging; English country markets have been strong, with light supplies. And in Russia over a large harvest area there have been continued rains. Italy, too, has had heavy rains and high winds, and in the Balkan States the weather has been unsettled. In Argentine the weather has been clear, with frost in some parts. Liverpool has laid stress on the fact that in all or most of the harvesting countries bad weather has delayed the new crop, that in Argentine dry weather has continued, that world's shipments have been small and inadequate and that millers in the United Kingdom are readily absorbing offerings, while country markets have been firm. In Germany the weather has been bad for harvesting. Harvest results are poor in Greece and the mills are waiting for imports of wheat. Greece will have to import foreign wheat freely. In Holland grain harvests are very moderate and the potato crop is poor. In France crop prospects are not good. There has been too much rain for one thing. Harvesting is now in progress there and the results confirm previous estimates of a smaller crop. Also the French reserves are small. The French Government has adopted the proposal of increased flour extraction to 74% and to mix rice meal with flour for bread making in order to economize the use of wheat. Latterly there has been some increase in export demand in this country. Chicago dealers are said to have suddenly canceled orders for 2,000,000 bushels for export, owing, it is said, to peace talk, or the prospects of forcing the Dardanelles and opening up supplies of Russian wheat. To-day prices declined.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery in elevator	123 1/2	123 1/4	123 1/4	127	128 1/2	122
October delivery in elevator	117	116	116 1/4	119	120 1/2	117

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator <th>Sat.</th> <th>Mon.</th> <th>Tues.</th> <th>Wed.</th> <th>Thurs.</th> <th>Fri.</th>	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	107 1/2	108 3/4	107 1/2	109 3/4	111 1/2	107 1/2
December delivery in elevator	108	107 3/4	108 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	107 1/2
May delivery in elevator	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	111 1/2

Indian corn declined, owing to better weather and a sharp increase in the receipts. Also the latest Government report points to the largest crop ever known with one exception. That is, the indications now are for a yield of 2,918,000,000 bushels against 2,762,804,000 last year, 2,446,988,000 in 1913 and 3,124,746,000 in 1912. The rye, barley and buckwheat harvests are also enormous, noticeably exceeding anything on record with one exception. That of barley is 217,000,000 bushels against 194,953,000 last year. Nothing like this was ever known except in 1912, when the yield was 223,824,000 bushels. The rye harvest promises to be the largest on record, i. e., 44,000,000 bushels against the previous high record, last year, of 42,779,000 bushels. The bushwheat harvest points to 18,000,000 bush., the largest ever raised except that of 1912, when it was 19,249,000 bush. This with a high record crop of potatoes—431,000,000 bush.—shows unusually favorable crop conditions in this country, at a time when the world surely needs big harvests in America. The condition of corn on Aug. 1 was 79.5 against 81.2 on July 1 and a ten-year average of 80.6. But a year ago the condition was only 74.8 and the corn acreage this year, moreover, is 109,273,000 acres, which is the largest in American history. Last year it was only 103,435,000 acres. Yet in Liverpool prices at times have been strong, owing to dearer quotations on River Plate offerings and a good demand on the spot in Liverpool. Predictions of decreased receipts at American markets have at times had a strengthening effect. To-day prices were lower in sympathy with wheat. Weather and crop reports were generally favorable.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 mixed.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	91	91	91	90	90	89 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator <th>Sat.</th> <th>Mon.</th> <th>Tues.</th> <th>Wed.</th> <th>Thurs.</th> <th>Fri.</th>	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	75	74 1/2	75	75 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2
December delivery in elevator	64 1/2	63 1/2	64	64 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2
May delivery in elevator	66 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2

Oats declined, partly owing to better weather for harvesting. For that matter too the Government report was bearish even if not quite so much so as had been expected. It put the condition on Aug. 1 at 91.6, against 93.9 on July 1, 79.4 on Aug. 1 last year and a ten-year average of 80.2. That looks in all conscience like a favorable enough report. And indeed the harvest prospect now indicates next to the largest crop ever known. That is, it points to 1,402,000,000 bushels, against 1,141,060,000 last year, 1,121,768,000 bushels in 1913, and 1,418,337,000 bushels in 1912, which was the high record year. And the hay crop promises to be the largest on record, i. e., 75,000,000 tons, against 70,071,000 tons last year. The previous high record was in 1912, when it was 72,691,000 tons. But later came firmness of prices, due mainly to a noticeable increase in the seaboard demand. Cash houses have been rather inclined to look for higher prices for September oats. Country offerings have not been excessive. Under the circumstances prices have held up very well. To-day prices declined with other grain. Stop loss orders were caught. Country offerings were large.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Standards	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	67 1/2	67 1/2	66 3/4	66 3/4	69 1/2	70
No. 2 white.	68	68	67	67	70	70 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery in elevator <th>Sat.</th> <th>Mon.</th> <th>Tues.</th> <th>Wed.</th> <th>Thurs.</th> <th>Fri.</th>	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
cts.	40 1/2	39	39 1/2	41	41 1/2	39 1/2
December delivery in elevator	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2
May delivery in elevator	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2





## STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENT.

## News Items.

**Collingswood, N. J.**—*Water Company Offers to Sell Plant to Borough.*—An offer has been made to sell to the Borough of Collingswood the water supply plant of the General Water Supply Co. (Collingswood Water Co.) for the sum of \$350,000, the company to take 4½% bonds of the borough for the full amount of the purchase. The matter is under consideration by the Borough Council of Collingswood at the present time. Council is considering obtaining an expression of views of the voters as to the advisability of taking over the plant.

**Denver, Colo.**—*Municipal Water Works, Contract Let for Preliminary Surveys.*—The Public Utilities Commission of Denver on July 20 entered into a contract with the Van Sant-Houghton Engineering Co. of San Francisco to make the preliminary surveys, plans and specifications for the construction of a municipal water works. The total cost of this work to the city of Denver, it was agreed, shall not exceed \$150,000. This expense will be met with \$150,000 of the \$8,000,000 water bonds voted in 1910 (V. 100, p. 1280). Under the terms of the contract, according to Mr. A. Lincoln Fellows, Pres. of the Public Utilities Commission, "the engineers are to be paid in municipal water bonds for services rendered, but they have the option of paying cash for bonds up to \$150,000, and if this is done they themselves are to be paid in cash for services rendered."

The commissioners stated that as soon as the surveys are completed, steps will be taken to let the contracts for the construction in much the same manner, payment to be made in bonds.

**Georgia.**—*Legislature Adjourns—Extra Session in December.*—The Georgia Legislature adjourned Aug. 11. The fact that the House adjourned without waiting for the Senate to act on the general appropriation bill will make an extra session necessary. The Governor announces that he will call the extra session to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

**Idaho.**—*Act Relating to Bonding Power of Municipalities.*—An Act was approved March 10 (Chapter 44, Laws of 1915) amending Section 2315 of the Revised Codes of Idaho relating to powers of cities, towns and villages to issue municipal bonds. The law limits the borrowing capacity of such places to 6% of the full cash valuation and specifies for what purposes bonds may be issued. No substantial change is made in this section, but we print the same in full as a matter of record, placing the new portion in italics and indicating with brackets the part of the old law which has been eliminated.

Sec. 2315. (a) Every city, town or village, incorporated under the laws of the Territory of Idaho or of the State of Idaho shall have power and authority to issue municipal coupon bonds not to exceed at any time, in the aggregate six (6) per cent of the assessed full cash valuation of the real estate and personal property in said city, town or village, according to the assessment of the preceding year, for any or all of the following purposes:

1. To provide for the laying, constructing, equipment and maintenance of sewers and drains.
2. To provide for the grading, paving, curbing, side-walking or otherwise improving streets and alleys, building or constructing of sewers, drains, grading, curbing, sidewalks, crossings and cross walks, or otherwise improving the intersections of streets and alleys, constructing and laying out of streets and alleys, and the construction or aid in construction of bridges, across streams within or contiguous to or within one (1) mile of the exterior limits of any such city, town or village.
3. To provide for the funding, refunding, purchase and redemption of the outstanding indebtedness of such city, town or village.
4. To provide for the establishment and maintenance of hospitals, pest houses and canteeneries either within or without the corporate limits of such city, town or village.
5. To provide for the purchase, improvement, equipment and maintenance of lands for the use of public parks, either within or without the corporate limits of such city, town or village.
6. To provide for the purchase, erection, construction and furnishing of public buildings and building sites for the use of such city, town or village.
7. To provide for the establishment, equipment and maintenance of a fire department and for the purchase of suitable and necessary apparatus and buildings and building sites for the use thereof and for all other necessary public improvements.

Bonds may be issued under the third (3rd) subdivision of this section for the purpose of funding, refunding, purchase or redemption of the outstanding indebtedness of any such city, town or village, when the same can be done to the profit and benefit of such city, town or village, and without incurring any additional liability without the submission of the question of issuance of such bonds to the electors of the city, town or village.

(b) Every city, town or village, incorporated under the laws of the Territory of Idaho or of the State of Idaho shall have power and authority to issue municipal coupon bonds in a sufficient amount to provide for the construction of, or the purchase of, a municipal water-works plant and supply the same with water for the purpose of furnishing water to such city, town or village, and the inhabitants thereof, for all purposes *acquire, by purchase or otherwise, a waterworks plant for such municipality and a water supply therefor.*

Every city, town or village, incorporated under the laws of the Territory of Idaho or of the State of Idaho, shall have power and authority to issue municipal coupon bonds in a sufficient amount for the purpose of the construction of, or the purchase of, a suitable electric light plant and system and supplying the same with electric current and power for the purpose of furnishing electric light and power to such city, town or village, and the inhabitants thereof, for all purposes *acquire, by purchase or otherwise, a light and power plant for such municipality.*

The amount for which bonds may be issued for [the construction of, or purchase of, water or electric light plants] *acquiring water plants, and light and power plants, or either, as herein provided, shall be determined by the Council or Board of Trustees and stated in the ordinance therefor.*

**Nashville, Tenn.**—*Chancellor Vacates Order for Receiver.*—On Aug. 7 Chancellor Allison issued an order vacating his previous order for the appointment of a receiver for the city of Nashville. The reason given is that conditions in municipal government have materially changed for the better and the personnel of said government has been added to and thereby strengthened and improved. The order of the court in full is as follows:

R. Miles Burns et al. vs. City of Nashville et al.  
In view of the fact that since the appointment of Robert Vaughn, clerk and master, receiver of the municipality of Nashville, conditions in its

municipal government have materially changed for the better and the personnel of said government has been added to and thereby strengthened and improved, and chaos and confusion "superseded" by orderly, competent government; and said municipal government, since said receiver was appointed, having virtually placed the current expenditures of the municipality under the control of the chancellor of the court; therefore, upon the court's own motion, it is ordered and decreed that the order of the chancellor made in vacation, appointing Robert Vaughn, clerk and master, receiver of the municipal corporation of the City of Nashville, be, and hereby is, vacated and set aside, but reserving the right to the complainant taxpayers to move the court for the appointment of a receiver or receivers for said municipal corporation hereafter, if conditions in the financial affairs of said municipal corporation should in the judgment of the court require the appointment of such receiver or receivers.

(Signed) JOHN ALLISON,  
Chancellor of Part I.

August 7 1915.

**New Mexico.**—*Decision Rendered in Road Bond Case.*—The State Supreme Court on July 28 granted the writ of mandamus directing State Auditor W. G. Sargent to draw a warrant on the state treasury in favor of the state highway commission for \$17,798 62. According to the Las Vegas "Optic" this is the first test suit to test the legality of the arrangements made for the sale of the \$500,000 4% bonds to Arthur Seligman and Kelly & Kelly at par, on condition however, that banks and counties make up the difference between the market value of the bonds, which is 95, and par, which the law demands must be paid for them.

The arrangement with the banks was such that in return for their contribution they were to have the deposit of the \$500,000 to be drawn upon by the state highway commission as needed. State Auditor Sargent declared that it would be illegal for him to draw a warrant on the state treasurer for the half million dollars in favor of the state highway commission, so that the commission might deposit the money at once in the banks it would designate. To test this the highway commission sought to draw the present road fund, \$17,798 62, out of the treasury. Auditor W. G. Sargent refused to draw the warrant and the state highway commission filed in the state supreme court a petition for a writ of mandamus directing the auditor to draw a warrant in the sum of \$17,798 62 against the state road fund, being the whole of said fund.

**North Dakota.**—*Money and Credits Tax.*—The Legislature of 1915 passed an Act making "money" and "credits" subject to an annual tax of two mills on the dollar. The Act in full is as follows:

## CHAPTER 255.

III. B. No. 331—Burgett and Westdal.  
MONEY AND CREDITS TAX.

An Act relating to the taxation of personal property known as money and credits.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Section 1. *Definition—Tax Rate.*—"Money" and "credits" as the same are defined in Section 2074 of the Compiled Laws of 1913, are hereby exempted from taxation other than that imposed by this Act, and shall hereafter be subject to an annual tax of two mills on each dollar of the fair cash value thereof. But nothing in this Act shall apply to money or credits belonging to incorporated banks situated in this State.

Sec. 2. *How Listed.*—All "money" and all "credits" taxable under this Act shall be listed in the manner provided in Section 2095 of the Compiled Laws of 1913, but such listing shall be upon a separate blank from that upon which other personal property is listed.

Sec. 3. *Tax Commission to Prepare Instructions—Form of Return—Blanks.*—The North Dakota Tax Commission shall annually prepare instructions for bringing in the lists required by the preceding section. They shall prepare and distribute through the County Auditors to the Assessors a form for the return which the taxpayers are required to make by this Act. This form shall state the rate of taxation and be printed on a separate sheet, and shall be entirely distinct from the forms prepared for the returns of other classes of property. Such forms shall require only aggregate sums of credits and of moneys.

Sec. 4. *Litigated Taxes.*—Any assessment of money and credits heretofore made, the legality of which has been placed in litigation and the collection of the tax thereon has been enjoined and is now pending in the court may be compromised and settled by payment at the rate of twenty-five mills on the assessed valuation of such moneys and credits.

Sec. 5. *Emergency.*—Whereas, this Act should be effective upon the assessment of taxes for the year 1915, an emergency exists and this law shall go into effect upon its passage and approval.

Approved, March 9 1915.

**Springfield, Greene County, Mo.**—*Vote.*—The vote cast at the election held Aug. 2, which resulted in favor of the question of establishing the commission form of government, was 1,967 "for" to 1,962 "against."—V. 101, p. 466.

## Bond Calls and Redemptions.

**Denver School District No. 1 (P. O. Denver), Colo.**—*Bond Call.*—Payment will be made on Aug. 1 at the office of the District Treasurer of the following bonds of former school districts numbered 17 and 21, in the County of Arapahoe, Colo.:

Bonds Nos. 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 and 183 of the first issue of Schop District No. 17, dated Dec. 20 1897, and in the denomination of \$1,000 each.

Bonds Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the second issue of School District No. 17, dated May 15 1902, and in the denomination of \$1,000 each.

Bonds Nos. 54 and 55 of the first issue of bonds of School District No. 20, dated March 15 1898 and each in the principal sum of \$1,000.

**Lancaster School District (P. O. Lancaster), Schuyler County, Mo.**—*Bond Call.*—Payment will be made on Aug. 1 at the Schuyler County Bank, Lancaster, of nine 5% building bonds for \$500 each and dated July 1 1908.

**Moberly, Randolph County, Mo.**—*Bond Call.*—Payment will be made at the Bank of Moberly on July 1 of all outstanding funding bonds of the issue of July 1 1905, payable at the above bank, of the denom. of \$500, each, bearing interest at 4%, numbered from 1 to 100 incl.

**Wheeling, W. Va.**—*Bond Call.*—Call was made for payment July 1 at the Bank of the Ohio Valley, Wheeling, of the following bonds:

Refunding loan of 1902, Series "D," bonds Nos. 141 to 146, inclusive, to the amount of \$6,000.

Main St. bridge bonds (First Series), bonds of \$500, Nos. 108 and 132.

Loan of 1885, bonds Nos. 38, 43, 75, 100 and 109, for \$500 each, and Nos. 120, 121, 154, 169, 195, 258, 274 and 300, for \$1,000 each.















by the Board of Public Instruction, J. W. O'Hara, Secy., (P. O. Live Oak for \$70,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$500. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Co. Treas. office. Due Jan. 1 1914. A sufficient bond or cash for \$1,000 required.

**SWEETWATER, Monroe County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.**—The question of issuing the \$5,000 street improvement and \$10,000 school-building bonds carried at the election held July 22.—V. 101, p. 154.

**SYLVANIA, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Press dispatches state that George Cook, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until noon Aug. 30 for \$22,000 semi-annual 5 1/2% 25-yr. water bonds. A certified check for 5% is required.

**TABOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (P. O. Tabor), Bonhomme County, So. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 3 the \$12,000 8 1/2-year aver. building bonds were awarded to the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis at 100.50 and blank bonds for 5 1/2%—V. 101, p. 393. Other bids were:

Table with columns: Bidders, For 5s., For 5 1/2s., For 6s. Includes entries for A. J. Hood & Co., Detroit; C. O. Kalman & Co., St. Paul; Chas. S. Kidder & Co., Chicago; Percival Brooks Coffin, Chicago; Powell, Garand & Co., Chicago; C. H. Coffin, Chicago; H. C. Speer & Sons Co., Chicago; Hanchett Bond Co., Chicago; Wells & Dickey Co., Minneapolis.

Merchants' Loan & Trust Co., Chicago. \* And blank bonds. a Providing district furnished bonds.

**TAFT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kern County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 4 the \$60,000 6% 10-14-year (ser.) site-purchase, building and equipment bonds were awarded to Byrne & McDonnell of San Francisco at 102.185—a basis of about 5.75%.—V. 101, p. 393.

**TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.**—The question of issuing \$10,000 fire-house-construction bonds at not exceeding 5% int., carried by a vote of 180 to 64. Due \$1,000 yearly July 1 from 1918 to 1927 inclusive.

**TEHAMA COUNTY (P. O. Red Bluff), Cal.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is reported that an election will be held in this county on Sept. 3 to vote on a proposition to issue \$140,000 5% bridge bonds.

**TEXAS.—BONDS PURCHASED BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—On July 13 the State Board of Education purchased bonds amounting to \$57,437.50. Of this sum, \$4,000 was paid on new issues and \$53,437.50 on issues contracted for at previous meetings of the Board. A print below a description of the bonds purchased, showing in each case the total issue and amount of same taken by the State in July.

Table with columns: County Common School Districts, Date, Due, Option, Total Issue, Purchased in July. Lists districts from Angelina No. 25 to Zavala No. 4, including independent school districts like Bronson, Carrollton, Celina, etc.

**County Road District—** Guadalupe No. 2, April 10 1915, 40 yrs., 10 yrs., 75,000, 7,500. **Consolidated School District—** Florence Hill No. 83, Dallas Co., June 1 1915, 40 yrs., 10 yrs., 10,000, 1,000.

**County Bonds—** Bell County (bridge repair), May 15 1915, 35 yrs., 10 yrs., 1,900, 225. Italy (sewerage), Sept. 10 1914, 40 yrs., 10 yrs., 17,000, 1,500. Milford (street), July 10 1914, 40 yrs., 20 yrs., 4,000, 500. Milford (street), Dec. 8 1914, 40 yrs., 20 yrs., 10,000, 1,000. Palacios (road, bridges and street), Nov. 1 1913, 40 yrs., 15 yrs., 4,000, 1,000. Shamrock (water wks.), Jan. 1 1913, 40 yrs., 10 yrs., 15,000, 2,000. The Guadalupe County Road Dist. No. 2 bonds bear 5 1/2% interest, while the remaining issues all carry 5%.

**TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 18 by Henry C. Haskett, Co. Treas., for \$3,440 4 1/2% 5 1/2-yr. (aver.) Wm. Eller et al. road, Cleero Twp. bonds. Denom. \$172. Date July 6 1915. Int. M. & N. Due \$172 each six months from May 15 1916 to Nov. 15 1925, incl.

**TOTOWA, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The bids received Aug. 9 for the \$60,000 5% 20 1/2-yr. (aver.) water bonds (V. 101, p. 393) were as follows: Hamilton Trust Co. Patern. \$61,578; Silk City S D & Tr Co. Patern. \$60,780; German Amer Tr Co. Patern. \$61,200; R. M. Grant & Co. N. Y. 60,792; H. L. Crawford & Co. N. Y. 61,147; Ludwig & Crane, N. Y. 60,151.

**TROY, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 12 the \$100,000 5% 2-month certificate of indebtedness or revenue bonds (V. 101, p. 472) were awarded to Goldman, Sachs & Co. of N. Y. at 100.45716. The following bids were also received: H. Lee Anstey, New York, 100.447; Manufac. Nat. Bk., Troy, 100.41665; Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Farmers' Loan & Trust, New York, 100.445; Co., New York, 100.4105; Bond & Goodwin, New York, 100.436; National City Bank, Troy, 100.1833.

**TULARE SCHOOL DISTRICT, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 3 the \$12,500 6% building bonds were awarded to Blyth, Witter & Co. of San Francisco at 107.864 and int.—V. 101, p. 393. Other bids were:

Byrne & McDonnell San Fran \$54,000; Stockton Sav. Bank, \$647.00; Amer. Nat. Bk., San Fran, 921.00; Sweet, Cansey, Foster & Co., Wm R Staats Co. San Fran, 762.50; Denver, 408.75; Denom. \$500. Date July 1 1915. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) at the County Treasurer's office. Due \$500 yearly July 1 from 1921 to 1925, inclusive, and \$1,000 yearly July 1 from 1926 to 1935, incl. Total bonded debt, this issue. Assessed value 1914, \$251,105; actual value, \$500,000. Legality of issue to be approved by Longfellow, Bells, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco.

**TWO HARBORS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Two Harbors), Lake County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.**—The question of issuing to the State of Minnesota the \$30,000 4% high-school-building bonds carried by a vote of 29 to 3 at the election held Aug. 9.—V. 101, p. 472.

**UBRICHSVILLE, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 7 the \$25,000 5% 5 1/2-year average coupon Dawson St. improvement bonds were awarded to the Fifth-Third Nat. Bank of Cincinnati at 100.651, a basis of about 4.365%.—V. 101, p. 314. Other bids were: Seasongood & Mayer, Cin. \$25,088.00; Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Cleveland, \$25,052.50; Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cin. \$25,085.00; Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati, \$25,047.50; Stacy & Braun, Toledo, \$25,066.08; Davies-Bratton Co., Cin. \$25,066.00; R. L. Dollings Co., Ham- ilton, \$25,063.15; Otis & Co., Cleveland, \$25,032.00.

**UNITY TOWNSHIP, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 30 by John H. Irwin, Twp. Clerk, (P. O. East Palestine) for \$40,000 5% road imprt. bonds. Auth. Secs. 7033 and 7052, Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 1 1915. Int. A. & O. Due \$1,000 each six months from Apr. 15 1916 to Oct. 15 1934, incl. and \$2,000 April 15 1935. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 5 days from time of award. Cert. check for 2% of bonds bid for, payable to the Twp. Treas., required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

**UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 12 m. Aug. 18 by A. M. Burke, City Compt., for the following 4 1/2% reg. tax-free public-impt. bonds—V. 101, p. 472: \$15,000 school bonds. Due \$1,500 yrly. on July 1 from 1916 to 1925 incl. \$12,000 street-improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 yearly on July 1 from 1916 to 1927 incl.

Denom. to suit purchaser. Date July 1 1915. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at office of City Treas., or, at request of registered holder, will be remitted in N. Y. exchange. Cert. check for 1% of bonds bid for, payable to City Treas., required. Bids must be unconditional and upon forms furnished by said City Compt.

**VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Masontown), Preston County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.**—Well, Roth & Co. of Cincinnati were awarded at par on March 15 the \$25,000 5% 10-20-yr. (opt.) coupon bldg. bonds.—V. 100, p. 249.

**WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.**—Preliminary steps are being taken, a local paper states, toward calling an election to vote \$100,000 sewer bonds.

**WALNUT GROVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Altona), Ill.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 5 the \$15,000 5% high-school-building bonds offered July 31 were awarded at par to the Bank of Altona. Bonds will be issued from time to time as money is needed. Denom. \$1,000. Int. ann. on March 1. Due \$1,000 yearly on March 1 from 1916 to 1930 incl. Other bidders were: John Nuveen & Co., Chicago—\$15,085; entire issue to be delivered Sept. 1 1915. Bolger, Mosser & Willaman, Chicago.—\$15,065; entire issue to be delivered Sept. 1 1916.

**WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 5 the two issues of 4 1/2% 5 1/2-year (aver.) coupon tax-free road bonds, aggregating \$9,600, were awarded to J. F. Wild & Co. of Indianapolis for \$9,611.69 (100.12) and int.—a basis of about 4.475%—V. 101, p. 315. Breed, Elliott & Harrison also submitted a bid.

**WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. Aug. 20 by William H. Butler, Co. Treas., for the following 4 1/2% 5 1/2-yr. (aver.) gravel-road-improvement bonds: \$12,000 Maple Grove Cemetery road, Boon Twp., bonds. Denom. \$600. 5,000 Lee & Bruce et al road Boon Twp. bonds. Denom. \$250. Int. M. & N. Due one bond of each issue each six months from May 15 1916 to Nov. 15 1925, incl.

**BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 3 the \$13,950 4 1/2% Campbell Twp. road bonds (V. 101, p. 234) were awarded, it is stated, to Miller & Co. of Indianapolis for \$13,962.50 (100.09) and int.

**WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Fayette County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 9 the two issues of 5% 5 1/2-year aver. street-improvement bonds, aggregating \$29,000, were awarded to the Fifth-Third Nat. Bank of Cincinnati for \$29,267 (100.92) and int., a basis of about 4.82%—V. 101, p. 234. Other bids were: Well, Roth & Co., Cin. \$29,253.00; R. L. Dollings Co., Hamilt. \$29,100.00; Davies-Bertram Co., Cin. \$29,248.00; Prov. S. B. & Tr. Co., Cin. \$29,078.30; Seasongood & Mayer, Cin. \$29,224.00; Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Sidney Spitzer & Co., Tol. \$29,201.00; Cincinnati, \$29,055.10; Tillotson & Wolcott Co., Otis & Co., Cleveland, \$29,021.00; Cleveland, \$29,147.00; Comm'l Bk., Wash. C. H. \$29,000.00.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Sept. 8 by N. K. Pugh, Twp. Clerk (P. O. Armstrongs Mills) for \$10,000 5% 5 1/2-yr. (aver.) road imprt. bonds. Auth. Secs. 7033 to 7052, incl. Gen. Code. Denom. \$500. Date June 15 1915. Int. semi-annually. Due \$500 each six months from Dec. 15 1916 to Dec. 15 1925, incl. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 5 days from time of award. Cert. check for 5% of bonds bid for, payable to the Twp. Trustees, required.

**WATERLOO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Marshfield), Athens County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 10 the \$1,200 6% 1-yr. aver. school bonds were awarded to F. M. Barker & J. Banham for \$1,280 (106.666) and int.—V. 101, p. 315. There were no other bidders.

**WATONWAN COUNTY (P. O. St. James), Minn.—BOND SALE.**—C. O. Kalman & Co. of St. Paul have been awarded the following coupon ditch-construction bonds: \$13,000 4 1/2% Judicial Ditch No. 9 bonds. 6,000 5% Judicial Ditch No. 5 bonds. 6,000 5% Judicial Ditch No. 8 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Date July 1 1915. Principal and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable at the First Nat. Bank of St. Paul. Due July 1 1925.

**WELLSVILLE, Allegany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—Geo. B. Gibbons & Co. of New York were the successful bidders for the four issues of 4 1/2% 16 1/2-yr. (aver.) water and light bonds, aggregating \$241,500, offered Aug. 9.—V. 101, p. 473. The price paid was par.

**WELLSVILLE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—No bids were received for the \$60,000 4 1/2% 20-year municipal electric-light-plant bonds offered on Aug. 7.—V. 101, p. 234.

**WEST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.**—According to newspaper reports, the residents of West Aurora at a special election, held July 24, voted 145 to 11 to issue \$45,000 10-year school-addition bonds.

**WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—The Town Treasurer on Aug. 12 awarded \$25,000 4% coup. gas and electric-light bonds to N. W. Harris & Co., Boston, at 101.58. Denom. \$1,000. Date Aug. 15 1915. Principal and semi-annual interest (F. & A.) at First Nat. Bank, Boston. Due yrly. on Aug. 15 as follows: \$2,000 from 1916 to 1920 incl. and \$1,000 from 1921 to 1935 incl. Other bids were:

Table with columns: Bidder, Amount. Includes entries for C. D. Parker & Co., E. C. Potter & Co., Estabrook & Co., Jackson & Curtis, Curtis & Sanger, Fernald & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Millet, Roe & Hagen, Adams & Co., Blake Bros. & Co., W. L. Raymond, E. M. Farnsworth & Co., Blodgett & Co., Merrill, Oldham & Co., Hornblower & Weeks, Cropley, McGarage & Co.

**WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—No bids were received for the \$2,614.45 5% ditch bonds offered Aug. 7.—V. 101, p. 315.

**WHITE RIVER SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Winchester), Randolph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 7 the \$8,000 5% 3 1/4-yr.

(aver.) school warrants (V. 101, p. 315) were awarded, it is stated, to E. M. Campbells Sons & Co. of Indianapolis for \$6,148, equal to 102.466.

**WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Williamsburg), Ky.—BOND SALE.**—On July 1 \$150,000 5% coupon road and bridge bonds were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Chicago at 100.50, int. and blank bonds. Denom. \$500. Date July 15 1915. Principal and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank, N. Y. Due on July 15 as follows: \$21,000 1920, \$5,000 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924; \$5,500 1925 and 1926; \$6,000 1927, 1928 and 1929; \$6,500 1930, 1931 and 1932; \$7,000 1933, 1934 and 1935; \$7,500 1936, 1937 and 1938, and \$8,500 1939 and 1940. Total bonded debt \$150,000. Assess. val. 1914, \$6,506.779; actual val. (est.), \$12,000,000. Using newspaper reports, we stated in V. 101, p. 315, that the amount of bonds sold to E. H. Rollins & Sons was \$250,000.

**WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.**—On Aug. 12 the \$50,000 4 1/2% 23 4-5-year aver. coupon (with priv. of registration) sewer bonds were awarded, it is stated, to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York at 106.01, a basis of about 4.10%.—V. 101, p. 393.

**WINDSOR, Weld County, Colo.—DESCRIPTION OF BONDS.**—The \$11,000 5% refunding water bonds awarded at par on Jan. 25 to Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. of Denver bear date of May 1 1915 and due May 1 1935; redeemable May 1 1925.—V. 101, p. 473. Int. M. & N.

**WINDSOR FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Windsor), Hartford County' Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Aug. 28 by the Bd. of Comms., for the following 4 1/2% gold coupon (with privilege of registration) bonds voted July 2.—V. 101, p. 155: \$152,000 water fund bonds. Due Oct. 1 1945, redeemable at any interest date after Oct. 1 1925.

33,000 general fund bonds. Due \$2,000 yearly Oct. 1 from 1916 to 1930, incl., and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1931.

Denom. \$1,000. Date Oct. 1 1915. Principal and semi-annual int. A. & O. at Windsor Tr. & Safe Dep. Co., Windsor, or at the Irving Nat. Bank, N. Y. Cert. check for 5% of bid, required. These bonds will be certified by the Windsor Tr. & Safe Dep. Co. and Robinson, Robinson & Cole of Hartford will pass upon the legality of the issue. H. R. Turner is Dist. Clerk.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

**XENIA, Greene County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Proposals will be received until 12 m. Sept. 7 by C. F. Logan, City Aud., for the following 5% coupon Third St. paving bonds: \$24,000 assessment bonds. Due \$1,500 March 15 1917 and \$2,500 yearly March 15 from 1918 to 1926 incl.

5,000 city's portion bonds. Due \$500 yearly March 15 from 1917 to 1926, incl.

Denom. \$500. Date Sept. 15 1915. Int. M. & S. Bonds to be delivered and paid for within 10 days from time of award. Cert. check for 3% of bonds bid for, payable to the City Treas., required. Purchaser to pay accrued int. and furnish the bonds without charge to the city and subject to the approval of City Solicitor.

**YOUNG'S COULEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, La.—BONDS VOTED.**—A newspaper dispatch from Abbeville says that \$21,000 bonds were voted in this district July 27.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. Aug. 23 by Dan Jones, City Aud., for the following 5% coup. or reg. (option of purchaser) bonds:

- \$100,000 water works ext. bonds. Due \$5,000 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1936, incl.
- 6,000 South Side park ext. bonds. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 1918, 1919 and 1920.
- 4,000 public health bonds. Due \$2,000 Oct. 1 1918 and 1919.
- 6,770 Glenhaven St. paving bonds. Due \$1,354 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 8,850 Oxford Ave. paving bonds. Due \$1,770 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 8,185 Powersdell Ave. paving bonds. Due \$1,637 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 5,080 Henry St. paving bonds. Due \$1,016 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 4,015 Ohio Ave. paving bonds. Due \$803 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 1,340 Commerce St. paving bonds. Due \$268 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 7,160 Arlington St. paving bonds. Due \$1,432 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 2,160 Burnett St. paving bonds. Due \$432 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 2,260 Highview Ave. paving bonds. Due \$452 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 5,100 Scott St. paving bonds. Due \$1,020 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 2,330 Kensington Ave. paving bonds. Due \$466 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 12,560 Lexington Ave. paving bonds. Due \$2,512 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 11,900 Broadway sewer and paving bonds. Due \$2,380 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 7,290 Madison Ave. repaving bonds. Due \$1,458 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 2,010 Balsam Alley paving and sewer bonds. Due \$402 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 740 Robinwood Ave. grading bonds. Due \$148 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.
- 950 Japan St. sewer bonds. Due \$190 yrly. on Oct. 1 from 1917 to 1921, incl.

**NEW LOANS**

**\$26,000**

**CITY OF POLSON, Flathead County, Montana 6% WATER BONDS**

State of Montana, County of Flathead, City of Polson.

Pursuant to the authority of Ordinance No. 105 of the City of Polson, of the County of Flathead, State of Montana, passed and approved August 2nd, A. D., 1915, authorizing and directing the advertisement and sale of certain bonds of said city, namely:

Water bonds of the City of Polson, of the County of Flathead, State of Montana, to an amount aggregating the principal sum of \$26,000.00, comprised of twenty-six bonds numbered consecutively from one to twenty-six, both numbers inclusive, of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, and all due July 1st, A. D., 1915, absolutely due and payable July 1st, 1935, but redeemable at the option of the city as follows:

Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of said bonds numbered from one to five, both numbers inclusive, on and after the first day of July, 1919; Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of said bonds numbered from six to ten, both numbers inclusive, on and after the first day of July, 1923; Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of said bonds numbered from eleven to fifteen, both numbers inclusive, on and after the first day of July, 1927; Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of said bonds numbered from sixteen to twenty, both numbers inclusive, on and after the first day of July 1931; and Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) of said bonds numbered from twenty-one to twenty-six, both numbers inclusive, on and after the first day of July, 1935.

Bearing interest from their date until paid at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the last days of January and July, respectively, in each year, both principal and interest thereon payable at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Polson, State of Montana, or, at the option of the holder, at the National Bank of Commerce in the City and State of New York, U. S. A.

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the bonds aforesaid will, at the office of the undersigned Clerk, in said city, on **THURSDAY, to-wit: THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1915,** at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at public auction, be sold to the bidder offering the highest price therefor.

At said public auction the successful bidder will be required to deposit with the undersigned Clerk a certified check payable to his order in the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, which check shall be held by the City and forfeited to it should the purchaser fail to take up and pay for said bonds when presented to him.

By order of the Council of the City of Polson, of the County of Flathead, State of Montana, made this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1915.

J. W. CLARK, Mayor.  
Attest H. S. HANSON, City Clerk.

**John I Cole, Son & Co.**

EXPERT BANK EXAMINERS AND ACCOUNTANTS  
Auditing, Examining, Systematizing  
701 BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY

**NEW LOANS.**

**\$400,000**

**City of Bridgeport, Conn., 4 1/2% Stratford Ave. Bridge Bonds**

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at the office of the Mayor, Room 30, City Hall, in said Bridgeport, until **SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1915,** at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purchase of \$400,000.00 4 1/2% per cent Stratford Avenue Bridge Bonds, \$1,000.00 each, serial in form, and maturing as follows: \$8,000.00 each year commencing July 1st, 1916, and ending July 1st, 1965, inclusive. Interest payable on January 1st and July 1st each year. Principal and interest payable at the office of the Treasurer of said city, in gold coin of the United States, at the present standard of weight and fineness. The bonds are subject to full registration, or to registration of principal only, at holder's option, on presentation to City Treasurer.

The bonds will be prepared and certified by The First National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts. Legal opinion by Messrs. Ropes, Bray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, Mass., that the issue is a valid obligation of the City of Bridgeport.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check on an incorporated bank or trust company, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Bridgeport, for one per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

The total gross debt, bonded and temporary, of the City of Bridgeport, this issue of bonds included, is \$3,750,600.00

The net debt, after deducting the sinking fund applicable, is \$3,145,926.06

The assessed value of property, as per last perfected grand list, is \$115,154,912.00

The legal debt limit is five per centum of the grand list, or, based on

above grand list, \$5,757,745.00

The entire present tax rate is \$18 per thousand.

CLIFFORD B. WILSON, Mayor.  
BERNARD KEATING, City Auditor.  
MOSES W. MANWARING, Treasurer.

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New York, January 26th, 1915.

The Trustees, in conformity with the Charter of the Company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1914.

The Company's business has been confined to marine and inland transportation insurance.

Premiums on such risks from the 1st January, 1914, to the 31st December, 1914.....	5,026,461 10
Premiums on Policies not marked off 1st January, 1914.....	654,783 26
<b>Total Premiums.....</b>	<b>5,681,244 45</b>
Premiums marked off from January 1st, 1914, to December 31st, 1914.....	4,687,279 32
Interest on the Investments of the Company received during the year.....	330,292 43
Interest on Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies, etc.....	42,065 85
Rent received less Taxes and Expenses.....	141,098,74
	<b>513,417 02</b>
Losses paid during the year.....	2,253,324 09
Less: Salvages.....	242,315 69
Re-insurances.....	372,200 31
	<b>614,516 00</b>
	<b>1,638,808 69</b>
Returns of Premiums.....	138,873 43
Expenses, including officers' salaries and clerks' compensation, stationery, advertisements, etc.....	562,724 57

A dividend of interest of Six per cent on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the second of February next. The outstanding certificates of the issue of 1909 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday the second of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment, and canceled.

A dividend of Forty per cent is declared on the earned premiums of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1914, which are entitled to participate in dividend, for which, upon application, certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday the fourth of May next.

By order of the Board, G. STANTON FLOYD-JONES, Secretary.

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ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
United States and State of New York Bonds.....	670,000 00	Estimated Losses, and Losses Unsettled in process of Adjustment.....	2,162,711 06
New York City, New York Trust Companies and Bank Stocks.....	1,783,700 00	Premiums on Unterminated Risks.....	993,966 13
Stocks and Bonds of Railroads.....	2,723,912 00	Certificates of Profits and Interest Unpaid.....	277,510 45
Other Securities.....	357,095 00	Returns Premiums Unpaid.....	104,976 84
Special Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies.....	500,000 00	Reserve for Taxes.....	47,993 70
Real Estate cor. Wall and William Streets and Exchange Place, containing offices.....	4,209,426 04	Re-insurance Premiums.....	209,323 59
Real Estate on Staten Island (held under provisions of Chapter 481, Laws of 1887).....	75,000 00	Claims not Settled, including Compensation etc.....	122,813 07
Premium Notes.....	941,068 28	Certificates of Profits Ordered Redeemed, Withheld for Unpaid Premiums.....	22,556 64
Bills Receivable.....	775,688 06	Income Tax Withheld at the Source.....	1,264 40
Cash in hands of European Bankers to pay losses under policies payable in foreign countries.....	149,249 82	Certificates of Profits Outstanding.....	6,296,620 00
Cash in Bank.....	1,756,535 26		
Loans.....	70,000 00		
	<b>14,101,674 46</b>		<b>10,929,734 62</b>
Thus leaving a balance of.....	3,171,939 84		
Accrued interest on the 31st day of December, 1914, amounted to.....	36,725 45		
Rents due and accrued on the 31st day of December, 1914, amounted to.....	28,122 89		
Re-insurance due or accrued, in companies authorized in New York, on the 31st day of December, 1914, amounted to.....	158,649 70		
Unexpired re-insurance premiums on the 31st day of December, 1914, amounted to.....	33,421 71		
Note: The Insurance Department has estimated the value of the Real Estate corner Wall and William Streets and Exchange Place in excess of the Book Value given above at.....	450,573 96		
And the property at Staten Island in excess of the Book Value, at.....	63,700 00		
The Insurance Department's valuation of Stocks, Bonds and other Securities exceeds the Company's valuation by.....	1,439,952 10		
On the basis of these increased valuations the balance would be.....	5,383,085 11		

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